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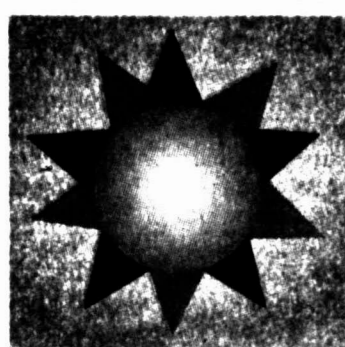
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HOUSTON (AP) — The circus came to town Friday, but many gardeners were more interested in what it left behind.

Gardeners stood in line for hours for the "Mammoth Manure Giveaway" offered by the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus.

The elephant excrement is well-known for its high concentration of nitrogen, phosphorus, calcium and other minerals.

So many people arrived with plastic bags or buckets at Compaq Center, where the circus is performing, police were called to control traffic.

"We have been hearing about its fame for 10 years, but we missed it last year," Noe Armendariz, the first person in line, told the Houston Chronicle. "They told me that it makes the tomatoes grow twice their normal size."

Others agreed that the manure is a hot commodity. "Being a novice gardener, I'm going to try it to see how good it is," said Mike Heyducek. "They told me that your compost will decompose faster with the heat that it generates."

The circus has been giving away elephant manure for 25 years. It is great for organic gardening, said Sydney Greenblatt, vice president of marketing at Compaq Center.

"The animals eat very good food, like apples, carrots and specially prepared food for animals, and the manure hasn't been sprayed with chemicals," Greenblatt said.

- Dixie Danelle Comer, 52, artist, homemaker.
- Norma Lee Lantz, 74, retired Lefors teacher.

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Group seeks to block passage of parking restriction ordinance for neighborhoods

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

(Editor's note: See tomorrow's issue for a story about how other panhandle cities and towns handle the parking of 18-wheelers)

When City Commissioners get together this week for their next work session and meeting they can expect to be joined by truckers, motor home owners and others who don't want to see parking restrictions imposed in Pampa's neighborhoods.

Larry and Jane Chapman say they'll be there to join others who will present commissioners with a petition objecting to a proposed residential parking restriction ordinance.

The meeting gets started at 4 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall when commissioners meet for their work session which is open to the public and precedes the regular meeting at 6 p.m.

Two weeks ago, about 50 people showed up at the work session where they were allowed to speak their piece. Most are against a parking restriction law that would keep certain vehicles and trailers out of city driveways, yards and off residential streets.

But also speaking was Sue Snow who presented a petition

"When they talk about bringing outsiders (representatives of prospective business/industry) here what would they rather them see — homes with campers and trucks or homes with for sale signs out front?"

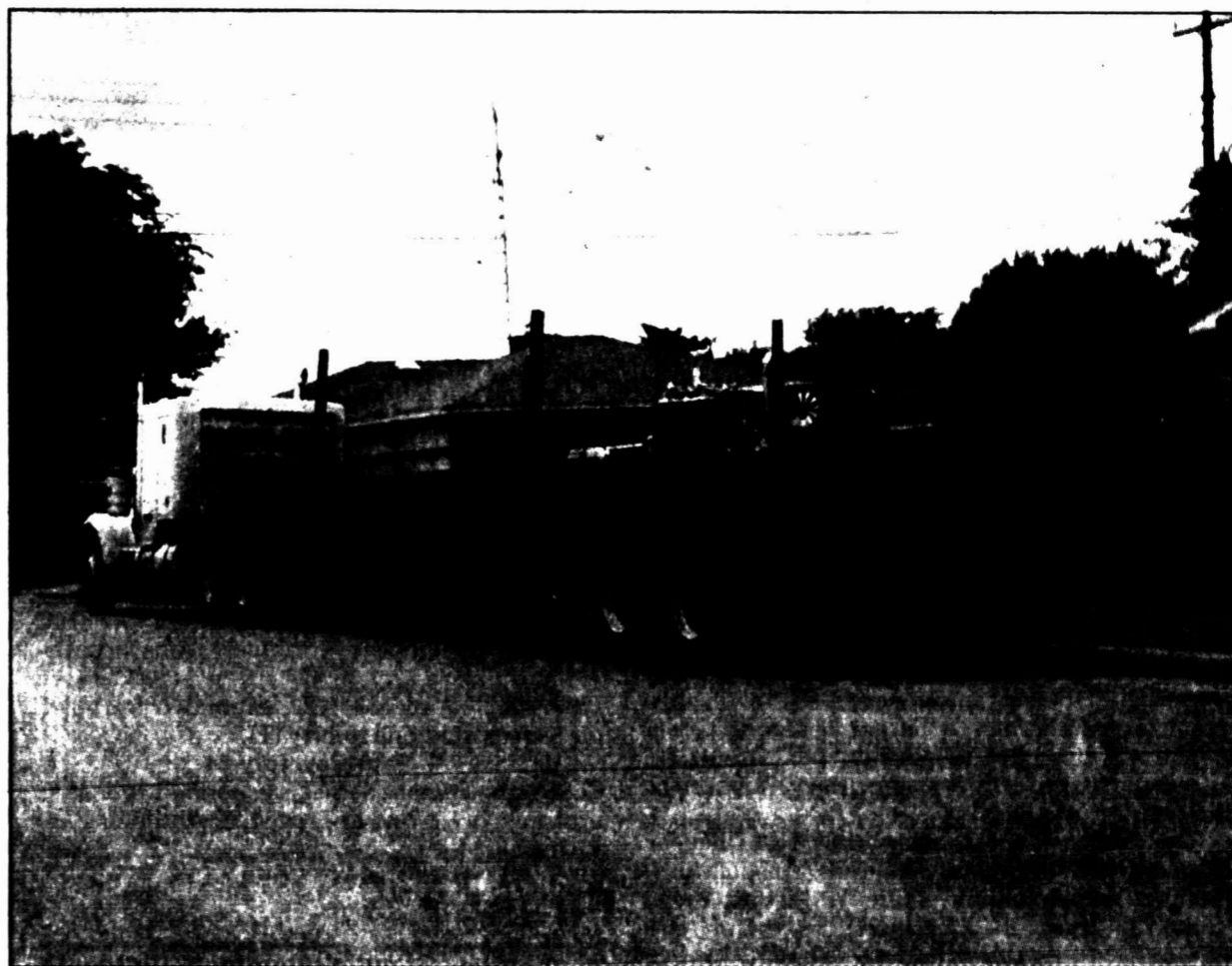
— Larry Chapman
truck driver

asking that a weight ordinance be imposed in order to keep 18-wheelers off city streets.

While a weight-specific ordinance aimed at big rigs could be a separate piece of legislation, the proposed parking restriction ordinance covers truck/tractors and trailers as well.

When agreeing to an interview about the issue and the petition, the Chapmans stressed they are "only part of a group" who comprise "many different types of people."

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Signers of the petition believe homeownership and/or taxpaying gives the right to Pampans to park 18-wheelers and other vehicles in their yards, driveways and on neighborhood streets.

Foreign Trade Zone to give tariff breaks

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

All area businesses who import items to be used in their manufacturing process as well as a warehouse and distribution facility may participate in the formation of a Foreign Trade Zone.

Pampa Economic Development Corporation will join with the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation to form the Foreign Trade Zone. The PEDC is asking any business who falls in these categories to notify the local agency so that all possible manufacturers' businesses may be included.

Inclusion in the zone will cause a substantial reduction in import tariffs to the local producers as well as a delayed payment schedule based on when the product ships from the local facility.

William B. Ready of the PEDC said the reduction in import tariffs can be as high as 70 percent.

He said the affected businesses pay a tax on the finished product.

(See ZONE, Page 2)

PHS parents' meeting focus is school safety

Pampa High School Principal John Kendall announced a parent meeting to discuss school safety issues will be 6:30 p.m. Aug. 9 in the high school library.

Kendall said Pampa High students will be able to bring pack packs to school in the 1999-2000 school year.

He further stated that students wanting to use school lockers will be issued a locker and a school lock. The locks will be a combination lock and the school will have a key to the lock. No outside locks will be allowed.

A \$5 deposit will be required and refundable at the end of the school year. Lockers will have to be locked at all times with a school issued lock, said Kendall.

Complete information regarding safety issues will be available at the safety meeting on Aug. 9.

Rattlers coming Saturday Will host a youth hockey clinic

The Amarillo Rattlers are coming to Pampa July 31 and they need some young hockey butts to help them make the trip a success!

Hockey club members will conduct a free hockey clinic here that day as part of its Summer In-Line Hockey Tour '99.

And all they need to for the clinic are some Pampa boys and girls who want to learn more about the sport.

The action lasts from 10 a.m. — 12 noon in the 300 Block of Cuvler for children 4-14 with Assistant Coach Neil Gondok, Rattler team member Brad Haelzle and Rattler staff.

The clinic will cover drills, rules, stretching, warm-up and passing the puck. A mini game will be held to allow participants to show-off what they learn.

Participants will need to furnish their own rollerblades and tennis shoes are welcome. Those attending are encouraged to bring any hockey equipment they may have as well. The Rattlers will provide jerseys to be returned at the end of the clinic for participants.

For more information, call (806) 374-7825.

The clinic is sponsored by M&H Leasing of Pampa.

It's all part of the Downtown Business Association's Street Party that will be going on from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the 100, 200 and 300 blocks of Cuvler.

There'll be bands playing and about 17 booths — for fun and tood — will line the street where downtown merchants will also have sidewalk sales, contests and games.



The hockey clinic like this one in another panhandle community will be part of the Downtown Business Association's Street Party that will be going on from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday.

Sunday Snapshot



Name: Xavier Alexander Neal
Occupation/activities: Songleader, artist, video critic.

racecar driver.

Birth date and place: June 26, 1997, Amarillo.

Family: Brandie, mom; Adrian, dad; Jojuana, Maria, Daphine, Rick, Herman, Charlie, grandparents; Jeremy, uncle.

My personal hero: My 'Pa's — Rick and Charlie.

The best word or words to describe me: Rambunctious, cute and loud.

The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: Barney, Steve and Blue and Tommy Pickles.

My hobbies are: Drawing, singing and racing Hot Wheels.

My favorite sports team is:

Lefors Pirates.

My favorite author is: Maurice Sendack.

The last book I read was: "I Love You, Stinky Face"

My favorite possession is: My pianosaurus.

My favorite performer is: Barney.

I wish I knew how to: Work the VCR.

My trademark cliché or expression is: Daddy!

My worst habit is: Temper tantrums.

I would never: Sit quietly through church.

The last good movie I saw was: "The Rugrats Movie."

I stay home to watch: "Blue's Clues."

Nobody knows: Where I put Gramma and Grampa's remote.

Someday I want to drive a: A Power Wheels.

My favorite junk food is: Cheese chunks and M&M's.

My favorite beverage: Chocolate milk.

My favorite restaurant is: Chuck F. Cheese's.

My favorite pet: I have a puppy named Pudge, but I don't like him!

My favorite meal is: Happy Meal.

I'm happiest when I'm: Coloring and eating chocolate.

I regret: Pouring Kool-aid all over my bed and covers.

My biggest fear is: The talking Bubba that talks by itself.

My most embarrassing moment: Public diaper changes.

The biggest waste of time is: Grocery shopping — yuck!

If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: Toys R Us shopping spree.

If I had three wishes they would be: 1) Barney at my house; 2) endless M&M's; 3) no more naps.

If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: More 2-year-olds and less grownups.

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Services

Services today
MOORE, Henry Gordon — Memorial services, 3 p.m., B.P.O.E. Elks Lodge, Gallup, N.M.
Services tomorrow
COMER, Dixie Danelle — 2:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, McLean.
LANTZ, Norma Lee — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Memorial Heights Cemetery, Lefors.

Obituaries

DIXIE DANIELLE COMER
 McLEAN - Dixie Danelle Comer, 52, died Thursday, July 22, 1999, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial will be in Alaneered Cemetery at Alaneered under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.
 Mrs. Comer was born April 3, 1947, at Shamrock, to Murray Warner and Dixie Jones. She attended and later graduated from high school at Monument, Colo. She had been a McLean resident since 1987, moving from Montana. She was a self-employed artist and a homemaker.
 She belonged to the Methodist Church.
 Survivors include three daughters, Sasha Fish of Alaneered, Jennifer Terry of Enid, Okla., and Ashley Comer of McLean; two brothers, Tom Jensen of Renton, Wash., and Jeff Jensen of Butte, Mont.; and two grandchildren.
 The family will receive visitors from 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home in McLean and requests memorials be to BSA Hospice.

NORMA LEE LANTZ
 LEFORS - Norma Lee Lantz, 74, died Wednesday, July 21, 1999, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Memorial Heights Cemetery with the Rev. Lewis Ellis officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.
 Ms. Lantz was born March 21, 1925, at Mountain Home, Ark. She was a school teacher for 40 years and mostly taught at Lefors.
 She was preceded in death by her parents.
 Survivors include a sister, Mary Jackson of Elephant Butte, N.M.
 The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to American Diabetes Association, South Central Region, 4425 W. Airport Fwy., Suite 130, Irving, TX 75062.

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Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700
SPS.....	1-800-750-2520
Water.....	669-5830

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls and arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.
Friday, July 23
Rudolph Proby Jr., 38, 900 Octavius, driving while intoxicated.
Donna Lynn Minyard, 46, 1216 Darby, theft/shopping.
Saturday, July 24
 An 18-speed bicycle was found in the 1100 block of North Christine.
 A domestic assault with injury was reported in the 700 block of Zimmers.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.
Friday, July 23
M. Kurt Curfman, 19, 1012 E. Foster, violation of probation (forgery).
Debbie Lynn Jackson, 42, 2111 N. Nelson, seat belt violation, two child restraint violations, failure to appear, expiration of inspection.
Jackie Franklin Smith, 612 N. Russell, driving while intoxicated, evading arrest.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.
Friday, July 23
 8:58 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Baptist St. Anthony East in Amarillo and transported one to a nursing facility.
 9:12 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Reid; no patient was transported.
 10:25 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to University Medical Center in Lubbock.
 1:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.
 5:34 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to N.W.T.H.
Saturday, July 24
 2:28 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.
Friday, July 23
 8:19 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center for a Lifestar standby.
 2:39 p.m. - Two units and six personnel responded to Meredith House during a fire drill.
 9:49 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded on a good intent call two miles west of Gray 2 on Highway 152.

Business highlights ...

Belgian pork exports banned
BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Belgium faced a renewed food crisis Friday as the government closed 200 pig farms and the Netherlands slapped a ban on Belgian pork exports following fresh revelations of contamination by cancer-causing dioxins.
 New Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt sought to allay consumer fears over the latest twist in the three-month food scare, insisting health authorities knew the sources of the newly discovered dioxin-tainted animal feed and were acting quickly to control the situation. "It's not a new form of contamination and there's no new suspected suppliers," Verhofstadt told a news conference.
 However, his government added to public confusion over the new development when Health Ministry statement announcing the recall of a wide range of pork products was later rescinded with officials saying it had been released without authorization from the minister.

PepsiCofiles complaint against Coke
ATLANTA — PepsiCo has acknowledged filing the complaint that prompted a European investigation of charges Coca-Cola is illegally trying to force competitors out of the market.
 While Pepsi refrained from beating up on its rival during Coke's recent contamination scare in Belgium, analysts say the No. 2 soft-drink maker is trying to gain a competitive edge by distracting Coke with regulatory and legal challenges.
 The European Union suspects Coke may have offered rebates to retailers to shut out competition in markets the Atlanta-based company already dominates. The EU confirmed this week that raids were conducted at Coca-Cola offices in four European countries to seize documents from the world's largest soft-drink manufacturer.

AOL changes chat room rules
DULLES, Va. (AP) — America Online has decided that its nearly 14,000 volunteers who lead chat rooms, report violations of Internet rules and answer the questions of puzzled users must be old enough to vote.
 "Hosting chat rooms and monitoring message boards, being a community leader requires certain life experience, certain maturity," AOL spokesman Rich Damato said Friday. He said the age requirement will affect several hundred volunteers who have yet to turn 18.
 Damato said the change was unrelated to a recent U.S. Department of Labor investigation and a lawsuit by seven former volunteers, who claim the volunteers should be paid for their work under federal law.

Gardenburgers have slumping sales
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Slumping sales pulled second quarter earnings for Gardenburger Inc. down 69 percent from the same period last year, when the maker of veggie-burgers achieved record sales following a nationwide advertising blitz that included a spot on the final episode of "Seinfeld."
 The company said it was disappointed with the results it released Friday and scaled back its sales projections for this year and next. It said it lacks the funds for a national television ad campaign for the time being.
 On the news, Gardenburger fell by 20 percent, or by \$1.50, to an all-time closing low of \$5.87 1/2 a share on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Farmers helpless against drought
BALTIMORE (AP) — A growing number of farmers who can only stand by and watch their crops die because of a drought that began last summer.

The worst conditions are in the mid-Atlantic and the interior Pacific Northwest. Drought conditions also exist in the Northeast and California.
 The last time a dry spell continued this long in this region was November 1979 to April 1981. Already, Pennsylvania has declared a drought emergency, which means mandatory restrictions on water use. In New Jersey, the governor has asked people to cut back. Areas of Virginia have been declared agriculture disaster areas. Maryland and Delaware have issued drought warnings, asking the public to conserve.

Pizza-taco store combination new mix
LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Can the Taco Bell chihuahua say, "Personal Pan Pizza?"
 Customers at dozens of Taco Bell restaurants from California to New York can now order the Pizza Hut individual-serving pizzas to go with Mexican fare.
 The pizza-taco combination is the latest experiment by Tricon Global Restaurants Inc., which owns both chains, to offer one-stop shopping for consumers looking for variety. Tricon says it plans to introduce the personal pizzas soon at some chicken restaurants at its third chain, KFC.

Weather focus
PAMPA — Sunny and hot today with a high of 95-100 and south winds at 10-15 mph. Clear tonight with a low of 70. Monday, sunny with a high in the mid-to-upper 90s. Friday's high was 95; the Saturday morning low 72.
STATEWIDE — More 100-degree days are on tap for parts of Texas, as summer finally starts to sizzle.
 Some cities in North Texas

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PARKING

When the Chapmans returned to Pampa after having lived in Houston, they rented a house for almost five years while all the time looking for that perfect home.
 Finally they found it at 2401 Christine on a corner lot that provided the most important thing they were looking for — a place to park Larry's 18-wheeler on the street. He owns his own rig and hauls oilfield equipment on a flatbed trailer.
 The Chapmans believe they are no different from many other Pampans who keep tractor-trailer rigs, motor homes, travel trailers and the like on the property and say it is their right to do so.
 They echo part of the language of the petition which says, "Most of the undersigned own the property where we live. We live where we do as a matter of choice. To impose restrictions on how we use our property is a violation of our rights and imposes a threat to our personal freedom."
 Chapman feels so strongly about the issue, he vows to move from Pampa if his 18-wheeler is banned from the neighborhood. He contends he won't be the only one to leave the city behind.
 "There are lots of retired people here with RVs," he said. "They go to other places around the country then come back to Pampa as their home base. If things get where they can't park their RVs at the houses then what's the reason for them to live here?"
 The Chapmans say they can't predict how many names will be inked on the petitions because a number of people are circulating them and they are also inside some city businesses where customers can sign them.
 "They (Snow's group) only had 310 names out of the 19,000 or whatever the population is here," he said. "We're hoping to get more."
 While taking a turn at circulating the petition, Chapman said after talking with about 100 people, "I only had one turn me down and he didn't want to take sides in public because he has a business."
 The independent trucker said he was a driver for Ingersoll-Rand "until the big layoffs in 1981. Then I went to Fort Worth and Houston and I got tired of the big city. My mother was in a nursing home here and we came back. We started looking for a place where we could park the truck."
 Chapman believes the fact, "I pay taxes" — state, federal and local — gives him the right to park on neighborhood streets — something many of those at the last meeting said, too.
 "Trucking is my job," he said. "If I could find a 9-to-5 job here that pays me what trucking does I would take that instead of being home once every two weeks."
 Jane Chapman says as long as they have parked the

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 rig beside their home. "We have not had one complaint. No one has called us. Not one soul."
 But the couple says children often ask for a ride in the big truck and many, including adults, want to see the inside of the tractor.
 "It has everything in it I have at home ... a television, a microwave ..." Chapman says, adding that he feels his property is safe at home. "When we were renting a house I had to park it away for \$100 a month."
 Others who recently spoke out against restricting parking said they could not afford to pay for rented parking spots where they believe their valuable vehicles and trailers would be the target of thieves and vandals.
 And Jane Chapman fears if the restrictions are passed, the prices to park will be high and worries about "price gouging."
 Chapman said Pampa's city fathers "... want us to live here and pay taxes but they don't want us to park here. Where do they want us to park?"
 And speaking of city officials, Chapman says, "These people brought us a bus place (U.S. Bus) that left owning everybody in town and the dairies they (PEDC) are bringing in are going outside the city."
 Regarding the contention by some that big rigs, RVs, trailers and such detract from neighborhood attractiveness and value, Chapman disagrees.
 "There's a house behind us that has sold for over \$100,000 two times since we have been there," he said. "It sold once due to a death and another time due to a job transfer. Our truck didn't keep anyone from buying the house."
 "When they talk about bringing outsiders (representatives of prospective business/industry) here what would they rather than see — homes with campers and trucks of homes with for sale signs out front?" Chapman said.
 "Pampa is an oil field, farm and ranch town and that's all it's ever going to be," he said. "It's not going to be an Amarillo or a Lubbock."

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ZONE

and with the zone the only tariff paid on the product will be on what is actually used in manufacturing. If manufacturers are making products for a foreign establishment, no tariff is paid on the product when the foreign trade zone is in effect, he added.
 Ready said the inclusion in the Foreign Trade Zone will have a large impact on the profitability of present businesses and will make these businesses more versatile and more attract to expansion pro-

grams by the parent companies.
 "It will make the area much more attractive economically to future industries," said Ready. "We will be able to attract business now that we haven't been able to attract before in the local area," he said.
 Ready said additional information may be obtained by contacting him at 665-5553. He urges any local business who might be interested to contact the PEDC. The information regarding the establishment of this zone must be to the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation* within two weeks.

City Briefs

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Friday hit 100 degrees for the first time this year, and overnight temperatures dropped only to the upper 70s.
 Winds remained light as high clouds covered Southeast Texas, bringing temperatures mostly in the 90s.
 Conditions over the weekend will remain hot — a given in most parts of the state.
 Forecasters say North Texas will be partly cloudy with highs in the 90s and lows in the 70s.
 West Texas should see partly cloudy skies through Sunday along with a slight chance of late-afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms. Highs could be near 105 in the Big Bend.
 The forecast for South Texas calls for fair to partly cloudy skies as a ridge of high pressure continues its hold on the region. Daytime temperatures are expected to reach into the 90s, with parts of far Southwest Texas topping 100 degrees.

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Altrusa Style Show



Cameron McDonald, left, selects clothes from Beall's Department Store to model for the Altrusa Style Show slated Aug. 14 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Meanwhile Kerrick



Horton and Mary-McDaniel, right, collect door prizes to be awarded during the annual event.

(Community Camera photos by Pat Johnson)

Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON
Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

VFW CHARITY BINGO
The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS
The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at Warren Chisum's Office, 100 N. Price Road. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:30 p.m.

and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Clarendon College. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

GRAY COUNTY LATCHKEY
Gray County Latchkey will be pre-enrolling for all four elementary schools from 6-9 p.m., Aug. 3 in Lovett Memorial Library Auditorium. For more information, call Susan Gallagher at 669-7179.

PANTEX MEETING
A Pantex public meeting concerning the status of the Environmental Restoration Program will be from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 27 at the Panhandle Square House Museum, Hwy 207 and 5th St. in Panhandle. This will follow the State Groundwater and PPCAB meetings. All meetings will be open to the public.

MEDICAL ROUNDS

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will see patients for pap smears Wednesday, Aug. 11 at Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo. The clinic is limited to women who qualify for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program grant through the Texas Department of Health. To schedule an

appointment, call (806) 356-1905.

ART SHOW AND AUCTION
The Autumn Classic Invitational Art Show and Auction will be held Oct. 1-2 at CapRock Winery in Lubbock. The fund-raiser will benefit the Neurology Research and Education Center in Lubbock.

DON AND SYBIL HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and BSA Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic July 26 at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency,

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Desk and Derrick Club to meet

The Desk and Derrick Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 27 at Topographic Land Surveyor's office, 2225 Perryton Parkway. The keynote address will be delivered by Lynn Bezner, Johnny Doan and David Youree of Topographic Land Surveyors. They will demonstrate the company's global positioning system and surveying equipment. For reservations, call Linda Slaybaugh by 12 noon Monday, July 26 at 669-3225 or 669-7884.



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Kennedy family gathers to mourn another shortened life

By RICHARD PYLE
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When asked once what he would do if elected president, John F. Kennedy Jr. answered with a dash of his trademark wit.

"I guess the first thing is call up Uncle Teddy and gloat," Sen. Edward Kennedy recalls his nephew saying. "I loved that. It was so like his father."

The sadly familiar scene — Edward Kennedy tenderly eulogizing a life cut short — unfolded Friday at a Gothic-style church, where America's first family of politics paid tribute to its crown prince and his wife of three years, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy.

The memorial came one week after Kennedy's plane crashed off Martha's Vineyard, killing the couple and Ms. Kennedy's sister, Lauren Bessette. A private memorial for the 34-year-old financial executive was to be held today in her hometown of Greenwich, Conn.

JFK Jr., 38, "was still becoming the person he would be, and doing it by the beat of his own drummer," Edward Kennedy said at the private Mass. "He had only just begun."

Among somber mourners were Caroline Kennedy — the last surviving child of slain President John F. Kennedy and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis — President Clinton, and JFK Jr. hero Muhammad Ali.

Authorities say Kennedy may have become disoriented by darkness and foul weather before his single-engine plane plunged into the sea. But friends and family celebrated him as a free spirit who kept his bearings in life, even after the public cast the child who saluted his father's casket as the heir to Camelot.

"He was a boy who grew into a man with a zest for life and a love of adventure," said Edward Kennedy. "He was a piper who brought us all along. ... He had a legacy, and he learned to treasure it. He was part of a legend, and he learned to live with it."

At the close of Kennedy's 10-minute tribute, Caroline Kennedy rose and hugged her uncle, who had fought back tears, those inside said later.

Mourners said Caroline Kennedy read from Shakespeare's "The Tempest" and, with her husband and three children, lighted a candle:

A gospel choir sang "Amazing Grace." Worshipers sang along and tapped their seats with their fingers to "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot." And hip-hop artist Wyclef Jean was the soloist for the reggae anthem "Many Rivers to Cross."

Fashion executive Hamilton South gave the eulogy for Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, a former publicist for designer Calvin Klein. South was a close friend of the couple and had joined them on skiing trips.

Ms. Kennedy's mother, Ann Freeman, read from Henry Scott Holland's meditation "Facts of Faith." Though it was not known which part she read, the piece includes this passage: "Death is nothing at all. It does not count. I have only slipped away into the next room. ... I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner."

Among those filling the red velvet-lined pews in the 126-year-old Church of St. Thomas More were first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Ethel Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Maria Shriver and husband Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maurice Tempelman, the longtime companion of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

After the memorial, the congregation walked two blocks uptown to the landmark Convent of the Sacred Heart for a reception. Several Kennedys, their heads down and their eyes hidden by sunglasses, walked hand-in-hand toward the gathering at the school's James Burden Mansion.

The media-shy Caroline Kennedy, her husband, Edwin Schlossberg, and their children took a limousine to the reception as church bells rang and helicopters buzzed overhead. At one point, she lowered a window and waved to the crowd that had swelled on the sidewalks around the church in the hours before the invitation-only service.

Some onlookers, kept more than a half-block from the entrance to St. Thomas amid tight security, arrived as early as 4 a.m. Dog-walkers, nannies pushing strollers and tourists jockeyed for the chance to bid farewell to the man who grew up in front of a nation's eyes to become a criminal prosecutor, quiet philanthropist, irreverent magazine entrepreneur, and a true New Yorker — one of their own.

"I had to be here today because he did so much for Harlem and poor people," said Juan Ellis, 35, a security guard. "He didn't care he was a president's son. He always acted like a regular guy."

Welcome gift



Valerie Miller of Chez Tanz, along with daughter Chelsea, present a donation to the 1999 Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas pageant. Accepting the gift is former Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Brandy Kempf.

After JFK Jr.'s death, can the Kennedy mystique live on?

NEW YORK (AP) — Eric Saldarriaga was born a decade after President Kennedy was assassinated. He's a little unclear what "Camelot" means. But here he stands amid the freshly laid roses at the site of John Kennedy Jr.'s memorial service, lamenting the loss of an era he never knew.

"JFK Jr. is the last of the Camelots," he said. The Kennedy mystique may have survived Vietnam, Watergate, the Reagan "revolution" and unflattering revelations about the 35th president. But now that another John Kennedy is dead, can the myth endure?

An aura has surrounded the Kennedys for decades because the family's tale has all the elements of a good myth, says John Hellmann, author of "The Kennedy Obsession: The American Myth of JFK."

"A great mythology is a story ... in which people see their highest beliefs and values — along with their greatest fears — mirrored," says Hellmann, an English professor at Ohio State University, in Lima. "If anything, this may enhance it."

At Dealey Plaza in Dallas, 21-year-old Michelle Wells, too, sees the slain president as a subject of study. "My parents really liked him," she says. "Of course you say, 'Oh, sure, I know JFK,' but I don't really know any history."

Bush raises \$650,000 at Kentucky fund-raiser

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — In a state that traditionally supports Democrats, George W. Bush's presidential campaign stop in Kentucky netted the Republican candidate more than a half-million dollars — far exceeding the proposed goal.

The \$1,000-per-plate event raised \$650,000, said Laura Kapfhammer, a spokeswoman for U.S. Rep. Anne Northup, R-Louisville, who helped organize the event.

Bush already had raised \$37 million dollars in the first half of 1999, more than all of his Republican challengers combined and more than President Clinton or Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole did during their entire 1996 campaigns.

Judge orders eye bank to pay family of slain teacher for improperly removing eyeballs

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston eye bank has been ordered to pay \$345,000 to the family of a slain man who allegedly had his eyeballs improperly removed.

State District Judge Sherry Radack on Friday signed an April jury verdict awarding \$310,000 to the family of Levi Perry Jr., and ordered the Lions Eye Bank of Houston to pay an additional \$35,000 in interest.

The money was awarded to the parents and two siblings of Levi Perry Jr., a former school teacher who was killed by gang members at a Houston park on May 31, 1994. The four gang members who participated in the killing have all been convicted, said the family's attorney, George Cire Jr.

Cire said the family first realized Perry's eyeballs were missing the day before the funeral, when one of Perry's sisters, who is an eye doctor, noticed the deceased man's eyes were misshapen when he was lying in the casket. Cire said the sister, Angela Perry, made the gruesome discovery when she opened the eyelids, which were sewn shut.

"Levi Jr. said he wanted to go back to God the way he was put on Earth," Cire said. "If there weren't so many doctors in the family, they probably would have never known this occurred."

Cire said both of Perry's parents, Levi Sr. and Eula Perry, are physicians, as are six of his nine siblings. He said none of the siblings who are doctors wanted to be plaintiffs because "they didn't want to get involved in proceedings against the eye bank."

The eye bank is housed at and staffed by the Baylor College of Medicine and partly funded through the Lions Club civic organization.

Dalton Tomlin, senior vice president and general counsel for the Baylor College of Medicine, said only Perry's corneas were removed and that there is no evidence the eyeballs were removed.

Tomlin said the eye bank did nothing wrong and will appeal the verdict.

Under state law, corneas can be removed from dead people without the permission of the family, unlike other organs such as eye balls, which need the permission of the deceased or family members to be removed. But corneas cannot be removed if the family files an objection to their removal.

Tomlin said an eye-bank employee denied he removed the eyeballs and the Perry family never produced evidence they were removed.

Cire said a mortician and a worker at the Harris County morgue testified the eyeballs were removed. He said family members had signed documents objecting to the removal of the corneas.

Tomlin said the eye bank never received those documents.

He said he believed the jury reached its 10-2 verdict because it was appalled at the law allowing the removal of corneas without permission. He said the law is necessary because there is a very short time after a person dies in which corneas can be removed and still be viable for transplants.

For others, Navy burial at sea can take months

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — When Howard Michael Novak, a Navy veteran of 27 years, died in January, his last wish to be buried at sea by the Navy.

Six months later, his ashes remain — along with those of 35 others who died with the same request — in a room at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Va.

While the USS Briscoe was used to bury the ashes of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and sister-in-law at sea in private ceremonies Thursday, some wondered why their loved ones have had to wait so long for the same respect.

"Here they pick up JFK Jr. yesterday morning and buried him this morning, and they take another Navy ship up there to do it. It's just very upsetting," Novak's ex-wife, Joyce Novak, said Thursday.

"For the last four months the Navy has been telling me no ships were available because all of them were in Yugoslavia, or in a shipyard."

After calling Navy officials again on Thursday, Mrs. Novak said she was told her ex-husband, who retired from the Navy in 1969, will be buried next month, in conjunction with services for two other men.

The burial-at-sea option is available to anyone who left the military with something higher than a dishonorable discharge. Also enti-

led are U.S. civilian personnel of the Military Sealift Command, dependents of members of the military and "other U.S. citizens who are determined eligible by the chief of naval operations ... due to notable service or outstanding contribution to the U.S."

JFK Jr.'s father, President Kennedy, was a Navy veteran. The Portsmouth medical center, one of five Navy sites that handle the remains of individuals who qualify for burial at sea, conducts about 200 services a year.

The Navy does not ordinarily dispatch a ship just to bury a body. It holds such ceremonies generally in the normal course of a ship's departure from port.

"We have fewer ships, and the increase in recent operational commitments provide fewer opportunities for the burials at sea," a Navy spokesman said.

"We do our very best." Under normal circumstances, there is a one- to two-month wait

between the time the hospital receives the remains and when a burial at sea can be scheduled, the Navy said.

In most cases, family members are not present on board for the formal service. Instead, a videotape is sent to the family, along with the flag, a letter from the ship's captain and occasionally shell casings from the ceremonial gun salute.

Attention Kmart Shoppers
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Letters to the editor

Adult supervision is crucial at playgrounds everywhere

To the editor,
My husband and I take our children to the Super Playground a lot. When we go, either myself or my husband follow our 2-year-old everywhere he goes. We haven't had any problems. We don't just do this at the Super Playground. We do it wherever we take him. He is still just a baby.
There are many parks that don't have fences around them. They may not all have water by them, but they do have streets. Are they not dangerous? How many people get hit by a car each year? Should we build a fence around every playground? No, we shouldn't. If you take a small child to a place that has dangers such as creeks and

streets, you should be right there by them. We never ask the older kids to watch the 2-year-old. They are there to play and we are there to supervise.
I believe when an adult takes a child anywhere they are responsible for that child. If you took a child to the grocery store and placed that child in a cart, who would you blame if the child fell out of the cart? The grocery store? No, the adult for not watching the cart and child better.
How can anyone blame the city for accidents at the park? Do they take the children to the park? They seem to feel they built a safe park and it's up to the parents or adults at that park to be responsible for the children they bring. I couldn't agree more!
Mrs. H.L. Arnold
Pampa

Pampans have right to use own property as they see fit

To the editor,
We (the citizens) pay taxes and choose to live in Pampa; therefore, shouldn't we have the right to do with our property what we want within reason? If not, why should we have to pay taxes for some other people to tell us what we can and cannot do? This just doesn't sound right to me and a whole lot of other citizens.
I'll agree there are some problems with different types of vehicles blocking vision from stop signs, etc. This can be solved without causing total havoc around town. Such as no parking so many feet from a stop sign. Enforce that with a fine, and if someone parks out of that

limit, then they deserve to get the fine.
People have been parking their campers, motor homes, boats, trailers (of all kinds) and trucks around here for many years. So why is it all of a sudden such a big deal to some people?
The Pampa officials want to "enhance and improve the physical appearance of the city," right? Good, a lot of people agree. There should be more improvement on the conditions of some streets, and I don't mean the ones on the north side of the tracks (and I do live on the north side of the tracks). Some people think the South side is an eyesore, so why not fix the problem? My mother lives on a dirt road still! Drive on that after a good rain, or try. Or after it snows in winter and starts to melt, lots of fun. It just seems that if some alleys can get paved, then those dirt roads that people live on should get paved. They pay their taxes just like everyone else. Also, there are the buildings and old houses falling down, and vacant lots that are not taken care of. Why can't the city take care of those things? After all, the city does have some of those places due to back taxes not being paid.
Of course there is one other problem that my husband and I have, we drive a truck for a living, shame on us, we're truck drivers! I know there are some officials and other citizens that don't like that. So what are we being told here if you drive a truck you need to move or what? But you know what? We are human and have hearts just like everyone else. We have family, and most all of them live in Pampa, and I wouldn't want to move away because of them, but if this ordinance gets passed, we don't have a place to park. One more empty house in Pampa, one more family moving out, and a lot less money being spent in Pampa. What a waste.
Mrs. B. Medley
Pampa



Ordinance would threaten private property rights

To the editor,
Please people of Pampa are you reading the paper and watching TV? The City of Pampa and a few other people in town are out to get us.
This Residential Parking Restriction Ordinance is not for big trucks only. This ordinance is about the freedom to use our home and property as we see fit. What is next, every house will have to be the same color!
My husband is a truck driver he is gone 28 days a month. He is home maybe three days. His truck is valued at or over \$100,000. He parks right in front of our home with the truck off. We can keep an eye on it, and most of all we get to spend time with him. If you let this ordinance pass where ever the trucks have to park will make it bad on families and the city will have to put a 24-hour guard on duty to keep all these trucks safe. Now for all the people that are not truck drivers this ordinance is about you. Where are we going to put all the motor homes, campers, boats, trailers, overhead campers, etc.? Where are we going to put them all and who's going to watch them?
I love Pampa and all the people here. But when they pass an ordinance like this, all I want to do is move. When I buy a home, I want a place where I can enjoy life, go camping or have my husband park in front and spend time with me and his kids.
And last but not least, Mrs. Snow, on the petition that you had to stop all 18-wheelers from parking in town you failed to finish the petition. It's not just 18-wheelers, it's all recreational vehicles and trailers, boats and camper's.
Please don't let one bad night's sleep spoil the whole town. How would you feel if the ordinance was for everybody to keep all their windows closed at night? What would you say then?
Patty Griffin, a trucker's wife
Pampa

Editorial concerning budget surplus is based on error

To the editor,
The editorial opinion expressed in "Pols will jump on funds like hungry hounds" published Sunday, July 18, is based on an error — the supposition that almost three trillion dollars in surplus funds actually exist.
I see that the Democrats want to save Social Security again, and the Republicans want to refund the excess money with tax cuts again.
Immediately before the Kosovo war, President Clinton said he would save Social Security with his predicted surplus, but he has not mentioned this since he spent more than his predicted surplus each day while bombing Serbs. Now he has "found" an even greater surplus.
The so-called surplus is only the difference in an estimate of income and spending of money to be budgeted for the next few years. It is very easy to create this type of surplus, merely overestimate expenses more than income and pay nothing to reduce the national debt!
The American people were in debt \$5,630,841,220,192.18 at 9:30 p.m., July 18. (Add \$293 million per day interest to update this figure).
The surplus has not yet happened. If by some miracle the three trillion dollar figure does come to pass, remember that we owe, not own the money.
This Pampa News opinion is no better than the ideas of the politicians you complain about.
Wm. J. Ragsdale
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Geraldine Rampy Vocational Award



Kadda Schale, president of Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa, recently presented J.J. Slatten with the Geraldine Rampy Vocational Award in the amount of \$500. Slatten is a nursing student at West Texas A&M University.

(Community Camera photo by Pat Johnson)

Jordan laundry captain, workers to be commended for job well done

By JERRY GUTHRIE
Jordan Unit reporter

AGGHHH — laundry day! Don't you just hate it? It's such a bore. How many loads do you have this week? Four, five, maybe seven, if you're doing sheets and blankets.

Not to worry, coin laundries are an adventure right? There always the newlywed's baby crying. The two-buzzed topped youngsters playing Star Wars. And of course the ever present, overly pregnant young mother, toiling away the afternoon washing clothes just to makes ends meet. Not to mention, you can always find a half-complete crossword puzzle or a three month old People magazine. That's laundry day!

Don't feel bad, really, six or seven loads, that's a piece of cake, unless of course your name is Captain Webb. Who? The Jordan Unit Laundry Captain, that's who. The mere mention of seven loads brings a smile to her face.

Ponder this tidbit of laundry lore. Captain Webb and her dedicated officer staff consisting of Ms. Duvall, Ms. K. Jones, Ms. Nobles, Ms. Lawyer, Mr. Davis, Mr. Stillwell, Mr. Taylor and the great Mr. Marlar, run the prison laundry — no small task.

Each work day, these men and women are responsible for the entire prison population's laundry, an amazing 1,400 men! Naturally this includes pants, shirts, socks, underwear, towels, sheets, blankets, jackets, rags and more! Wow! Can you grasp the dilemma of washing over 20,000 lbs. of clothes in one day! AGGHHH, that's a couple of hundred loads, just imagine her soap and bleach bill!

Captain Webb is a Jordan Unit marvel. She has been able to orchestrate a cast of inmates to compliment her staff. She manages a group of inmates from every social circle and race. A tactical impossibility for most. This is the Captain's forte. She is able to manage the entire work force with a positive attitude and with fair discipline. Combined with her people skills, and the tenacity of her staff, all of the unit laundry needs are met daily.

To gain a clearer perspective of the Jordan Unit's laundry opera-

tion think of socks. Two changes a day for each man, that's an amazing 9,600 socks washed a day! Does the evil and invisible gremlin sock monster have a heyday here! Oh yes, they magically disappear here into never-never land.

I must emphasize the large amount of work which is required

Each work day, these men and women are responsible for the entire prison population's laundry, an amazing 1,400 men!

to run the Jordan Unit Prison Laundry. First, all clothes must be issued in proper size to every inmate. Then collected throughout the day. Once collected they must be sorted, washed, dried and repaired daily! Imagine over 1,400 men all dressed in white, working in the agriculture fields, unit maintenance, playing softball and to her credit, all clothes remain white. Now that would make a great soap commercial!

Captain Webb's skills and abilities go far beyond her required duties. To date, the Jordan Unit Laundry has not missed one day of full operation! Captain Webb and her staff have continually met all of the unit's laundry needs. For that all inmates are thankful!

In 1998, Captain Webb was honored by T.D.C.J.-I.D., for having the most efficient run laundry in the entire Texas prison system, number one! Way-to-go Captain, that is a real achievement!

As in all large facility operations, there is a behind the scenes support group. That holds true here on the Jordan Unit. Foster runs the Necessity Warehouse. She stocks all of Captain Webb's clothing issue. No small task considering the vast number of articles and the plethora of sizes she must contend with. Believe me when I say, Foster is a true shipping and receiving master! She has always met the needs of the unit staff and constantly excels in providing all of the clothes issued to Jordan inmates. She deserves a BIG thank you from all of the inmates here on the Jordan Unit.

Congratulations Captain Webb, you and your entire staff are mod-

ern-day saviors. Each and every day you accomplish a monumental feat and have never let us down. Take a bow, you deserve it — say where's my left sock?!

Pampan attends Camp Sweeney summer camp near Gainesville

GAINESVILLE — Camp Sweeney, east of Gainesville, now has a special meaning for Megan David of Pampa. You see, these young people have diabetes. Each summer, Camp Sweeney offers over 600 young people, between the ages of 6 and 18, a fun and educational atmosphere to help them grow and develop an active, responsible lifestyle to manage their diabetes.

With its 340 acres, including Lake Dealey, this camp offers a lifetime foundation in such vital needs as blood-glucose monitoring, insulin injections, diet and exercise. Around-the-clock medical attention is offered by the 80 member staff including training on the importance of a healthy lifestyle in coping with diabetes.

Camp Sweeney offers many activities including horseback riding, soccer, crafts, swimming and publications. Sweeney operates a radio station at KPFC 91.9 FM and can be found on the worldwide web at www.campsweeney.org.

The camp began as the dream of Dr. J. Shirley Sweeney, an endocrinologist, and has grown since 1950 to meet the ever-increasing demand for its special programs. It has now served over 12,000 young people.

About 95 percent of the campers receive scholarship aid to defray tuition costs. Camp Sweeney is funded from individuals, foundations and the United Way. The camp is operated by the



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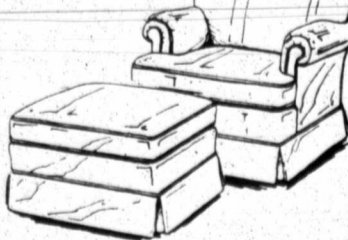
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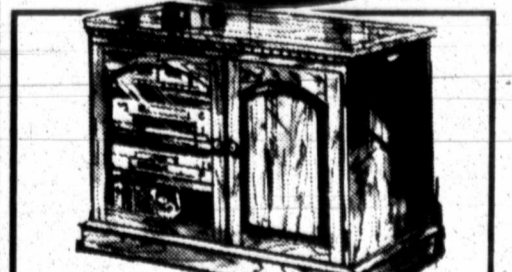


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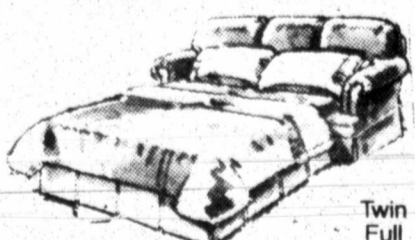
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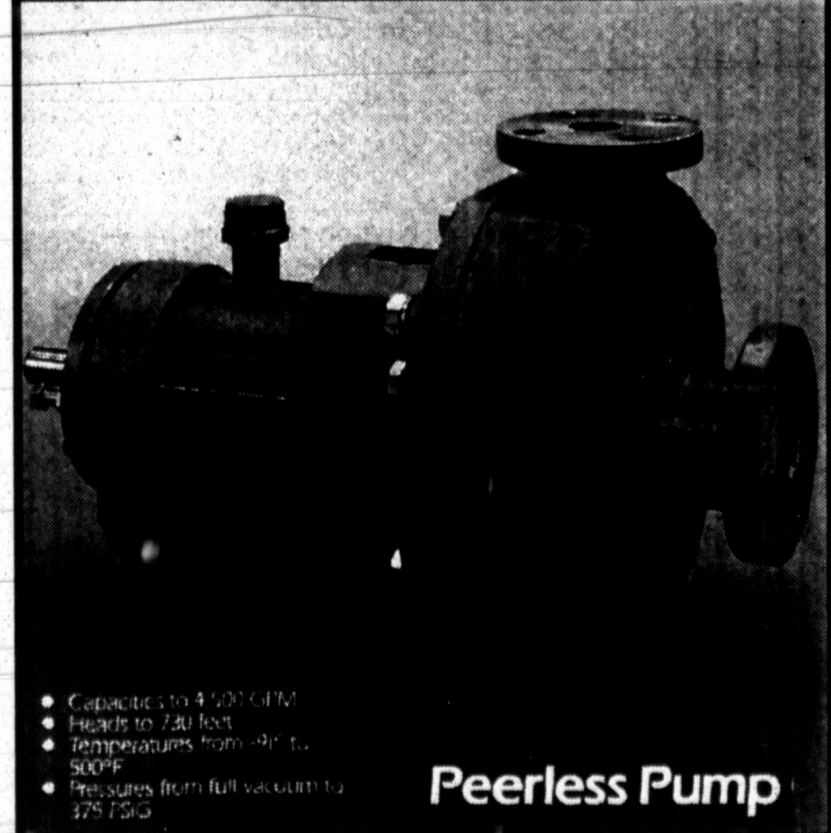
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WASHINGTON — Thousands of proud parents watched their sons and daughters don a cap and gown recently and many may have wondered if their high school graduate is prepared to be on their own in just a matter of weeks. Before they leave the nest, college-bound students need one more lesson from their parents about the facts of life — the financial facts of life. Money Talks, a national education program for parents of college and college-bound children, aims to encourage parents to take an active role in their child's financial literacy and offers advice on initiating a conversation about money. The "Money Talks" brochure, available free to parents and colleges, is designed to open another important communication channel between parent and child.

"Once there's an open discussion, college students will feel comfortable in turning to their parents for future financial advice," said Catherine Cummings, vice president of consumer affairs for MasterCard International which produced "Money Talks" with College Parents of America, the only national association dedicated to helping parents of college and college-bound students.

"Since 94 percent of students say they would seek financial information from their parents, we're helping parents prepare for this important conversation through 'Money Talks,'" noted Cummings,

referencing data from a recent student report.

The same report indicates a majority of students feel they should know more about managing money. The 1999 Youth and Money Survey from the American Savings Education Council shows that 56 percent of students who say they do a "good job of managing money" also think they do not know as much as they should. Nearly 80 percent of students in this survey report they've never taken a personal finance class and one-third say their parents rarely or never discuss setting financial goals with them.

Yet, even when they are on the threshold of sending a child away to college, some parents may still be hesitant to talk about money. "Money Talks" provides the foundation parents need to begin an ongoing dialogue on proper money management skills and practices," said Richard Flaherty, president of CPA. "Preparing and maintaining a budget, balancing a checking account, and placing an emphasis on saving and not overspending will serve students well beyond the college years," he said.

Young adults are a significant group of consumers. A 1998 Campus Monitor Research Series statistic indicates full-time college students control in excess of \$19 billion in annual discretionary spending. Other research shows an overwhelming majority of stu-

dents have a checking account and more than half have a credit card.

"Generally, college students have proven to be responsible in managing their money. But as parents know, novices can easily get into trouble. This is why we believe a continuing dialogue on money management between parents and students can have such a positive influence," Flaherty added.

Developed by CPA and MasterCard, the "Money Talks" brochure can help parents hold an educational conversation with their college-aged children about fundamental financial information. More than 25,000 brochures are now in circulation and also will be available to parents at several college campuses this summer at freshman orientation sessions.

"Money Talks, Helping Your High School and College-Aged Children Master the Financial Facts of Life" is available free by calling toll-free 1-800-999-5136 or by visiting www.collegeparents.org.

Extension to hold annual camp for senior citizens

AMARILLO — Panhandle senior citizens can experience a unique four-day retreat by participating in Senior Camp 1999 Sept. 14-17 at New Beginnings conference and retreat center located between Charming and Dumas.

Senior Camp is an opportunity for senior citizens to fellowship and interact with other seniors from across the panhandle. The camp does have scheduled activities that include entertainment, crafts, speakers, free time and health fair with health screenings. A nominal fee will be charged for craft sessions to cover the cost of supplies.

This year's theme is "Let the 20's Roar." Entertainment will include Bob Clouch, The Texas Twanger. A featured speaker will be Dr. Gary Nall, history professor from WTAMU. He will do a presentation on the '20s. Alby Peters will do a program on "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate" to inform participants on how to distribute non-titled property. Cheryl Brewer, Potter County Extension Agent, will present "Laugh Aerobics."

There will be a variety of quick craft projects and an afternoon tea experience. The activity center will be available for dominoes, card games and movies.

Senior Camp is for individuals, married or on their own, age 50 or older. It is sponsored by the Task Force on Aging Committee of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service Family and Consumer Sciences of Potter and Randall counties,

Amarillo Senior Senior Citizens Association, and related community organizations.

Facilities include a park, a nearby lake, and 42 bedrooms with a double bed and private bath. Rooms are connected by an inside hallway to the lobby, Chapel, conference rooms and dining area. All areas are air conditioned and smoke free. Three meals plus snacks are served each day in the dining room. Special dietary needs can be met if advance notice is given.

Cost of the Senior Camp is determined by the accommodations chosen: one person per room - \$160; two per room - \$140 per person; three or four per room - \$130 per person. There is a day fee for individuals participating during the day and not staying overnight of \$30 per person or \$10 per meal. Cost of the camp includes workshop sessions, programs, room linens, all meals and refreshments.

Camp reservations will be accepted through Sept. 1. Cancellations with full refund will be accepted until Sept. 1. After the first, the registration fee less \$25 will be refunded. Make check payable to: Senior Camp, and mail to Senior Camp, Texas Agricultural Extension Service - FCS, 3301 E. 10th, Amarillo, TX 79104.

For additional information including camp costs, contact the Potter County Extension Service office at (806) 373-0713 or the Randall County Extension Service office at (806) 655-6325. Camp is not limited to Potter and Randall County residents. All panhandle senior citizens are welcome to participate.

Coronado Healthcare Center



Mr. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. McClendon and Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers, families and volunteers at Coronado Healthcare Center, enjoy homemade ice cream recently at the center.

Community Calendar

FREEDOM MUSEUM USA, 600 North Hobart, Open Tuesday-Saturday, Noon to 4 p.m. Revolutionary War to Bosnia. All branches of service are represented.

AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-3988.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-7501.

CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, contact 669-7501.

VFW POST #1657, 105 S. Cuyler. Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-751616469-0.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE CHARITY BINGO every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 E. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-751616469-0.

THE ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP will have regularly scheduled meetings the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc. For more information contact Chrys Smith at 665-0356.

OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES/WIC Program nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information call 665-1182.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS meet the 4th Saturday of each month at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Pot luck supper. For more information contact Kevin Romines, 665-8547 or Jim Greene, 665-8067.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS will meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Family Life Center at First Christian Church at 18th and Nelson from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be a light meal and then play cards and get acquainted. Under aged school children can be taken to the First Christian Church Mother's Day out by calling 665-8689. For more information please call 665-1188.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER in-house support group for victims of family violence. Meetings on Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. and one on Thursdays 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. For more information call 669-1131. All calls are kept confidential.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM will present an exhibit June 1-Sept. 1 on the Red River War to commemorate the war's 125th anniversary. The museum is open to the public from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, 112-116 S. Cuyler. For more information, call 669-8041.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL will meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 North Russell. For more information call Sharon King, 665-2818.

THE LAS PAMPAS KOI AND WATERGARDEN SOCIETY cordially invites anyone interested in the hobby of waterglass or ponds to join us on the second

Monday of every month. For more information call Sharon Andrews, 665-6138.

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL office will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. For more information call 665-2331.

JULY 25 - NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS will meet at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room in Columbia Medical Center Office Building. For more information, call 669-7546.

26 - AMERICAN PARKINSON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION Support Group meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of Columbia Medical Center. For more information, call Eva Mayes, 665-2503.

26 - GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew Episcopal Parish Hall. For more information, call Dale Roth, 665-0280.

30 - LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 111 N. Houston, will present a celebration of the end of the summer reading club from 2-4 p.m. with Joe Weaver, storyteller and librarian at Killgore Memorial Library. For children participating in the reading club and summer programs. The program is free and does not require

registration. For more information, call 669-5780.

31 - DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION Summer Street Party and Flea Market will be from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Come and have fun with 3-on-3 basketball, volleyball, various bands and much more. For more information, call Ken Rheams, 665-2831; ReDonn Woods, 669-2525, ext. 316; or Ronnie Holmes, 665-2631.

AUGUST 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS will meet at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room in Columbia Medical Center Office Building. For more information, call 669-7546.

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SPORTS

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FOOTBALL

PAMPA — Harvester Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Aug. 2 in the Ready Room at the Pampa High athletic building.

Boosters will discuss the Meet the Harvesters night, which is planned for Aug. 7.

GOLF

PAMPA — A seniors 4-man scramble was held last week at Hidden Hills public golf course.

Results are as follows:
First place: Bill Hammer, Howard Musgrave, J.B. Holt and Jim Maher, 63.

Second place: Dale Haynes, Jack Davis, Jerry South and Howard Buckingham, 64.

Third place: John Haynes, Howard Wells, Earnest Barnett and Everett Butler, 64.

Fourth place: Bob Swope, J.T. Lamberson, Calvin Lacy and David Crossman, 64.

Closest to pin: Jerry Davis, No. 15.

PAMPA — Pampa Country Club held its Junior Club Championship on Friday.

Results are as follows:
Boys Champion: Stewart Dodson 68, Daniel Heuston 79 (runnerup).

Girls Champion: Krisi Holman 45, (6 holes).

12-13 Boys: Cooper Brazile 45, Max Vinson 58 (9 holes).

11 Boys: Nikolas Julian 51, Jarrett Kotara 62.

9-10 Boys: Jack Mackie 42, John Haynes 45, Aaron Pepper 46, Dock Mackie 49 (6 holes).

SOFTBALL

GRAHAM — The Pampa All-Stars were defeated by White Settlement 2-0 in the 9-10 Girls Softball Sectional Tournament.

Pampa was held to one hit, a double by Cassy Tice.

Stephanie McVay pitched for Pampa, giving up seven hits and four walks while striking out two.

Pampa was hurt by committing five errors.

Pampa was scheduled to play Plano in the loser's bracket.

CYCLING

FUTUROSCOPE, France (AP) — While holding the Tour de France lead through punishing mountain stages and energy-sapping sprints, Lance Armstrong was looking forward to a final time trial to cement his position.

Armstrong, winner of both time trials earlier in the tour, made no mistakes during Friday's 18th stage of the tour from Jonzac to Futuroscope.

Only a catastrophe in today's 35-mile time trial around a science-fiction park near the town of Poitiers would prevent him from coasting into Paris as an easy winner on Sunday.

There's little chance of that. Armstrong excels in time trials. He won races against the clock in the prologue and eighth stage, so went into today full of confidence.

Following unsubstantiated drug accusations in some parts of the French media, he decided against appearing at post-race news conferences Thursday or Friday, but did receive backing from race director Jean-Marie LeBlanc.

"Did they express doubt about Miguel Indurain's five victories?" LeBlanc told the newspaper *Le Figaro*. "Never! Did they interview him, even one day, with the same impudence with which they are questioning Armstrong? Never."

"Frankly, with the information at my disposal, I find these accusations scandalous."

Armstrong hasn't let the accusations get in the way of his bid to be the first American to win the race since Greg LeMond in 1990.

On Friday, he took no chances, stayed safely in the pack and came in 31st, not losing a second of his lead of 6 minutes, 15 seconds.

911 team



(Special photo)

The 911 Emergency Communications team participated in the Coach-Pitch 7-8 year-old League as part of the Pampa Kids & Youth Club. Team members are (front row, from left) Tye Powell, Mallory White, Amanda Jewett and Jeremy Zellefrow; (middle row, from left) Zachary Robles, Dakota Music, Kade Golleher, Austin Roberts and Tyler Jones; (back row, from left) Shelby Needham, Kathy Aler, coach Chris Robles, Brett Powell and Kayce Whinery.

Rangers outslug Devil Rays, 11-8

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Danny Kolb had no idea what happened.

"There was a little kid down near the bullpen asking for a ball and I was explaining to him we don't give them out during the game," said Kolb, who replaced an injured Mike Morgan and picked up his first major league win in the Texas Rangers' 11-8 win over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Friday night. "The next thing I know, the phone rings and 'You're up.' I was like, what happened?"

Morgan and outfielder Juan Gonzalez were hurt early in the game. The pitcher left after two innings with a bruised forearm after being hit by Bubba Trammell's line drive. Gonzalez sprained his right wrist sliding into third base in the fourth inning.

X-rays were negative and both are listed as day-to-day.

"Hopefully he'll be OK," Texas manager Johnny Oates said about Gonzalez. "We'll just have to wait and see."

Morgan, who ran directly into the Rangers clubhouse after gingerly throwing Trammell out at first base to end the second inning, might make his next

scheduled start. "I'm lucky it didn't hit me in the face," Morgan said. "The guy hit the ball 200 miles per hour back up the middle and hit me flush on the arm. It felt like it broke it (the forearm) in half."

The Rangers, who at 56-40 have their best record ever after 96 games, got home runs from Rusty Greer, Todd Zeile, Lee Stevens and Ivan Rodriguez.

"That's what we work for, to put the ball in play and try to hit hard," Rodriguez said. "We've got a good offense."

The Rangers have gone 8-1, despite homering in just three games, since the All-Star break.

Zeile hit a three-run shot during a four-run fourth-inning. Stevens and Rodriguez added two-run homers and Greer hit a solo blast.

Texas has scored at least nine runs in five games since the All-Star break and has at least 10 hits in five straight.

Kolb (1-0), making his first appearance since being recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma City on Tuesday, worked 4 2-3 inning. The rookie allowed three runs and six hits.

"It's your first major league win. That says it all right there,"

Kolb said. Tampa Bay's Fred McGriff hit his 22nd homer in the second inning. It was McGriff's 380th career homer and second in as many days. He added a two-run double in the eighth.

The Devil Rays have dropped eight of 10 and fell a season-worst 15 games (41-56) under .500.

Devil Rays starter Ryan Rupe (4-5) was chased after four-plus innings and gave up seven runs — five earned — and seven hits. The rookie right-hander has allowed 21 runs — 17 earned — and 29 hits in 19 1-3 innings in his last four starts.

Tampa Bay's Wade Boggs went 1-for-5 and tied Sam Rice for 22nd place with 2,987 hits. The hit was RBI single during a four-run ninth inning. Boggs has just two hits in his last 18 at-bats.

Notes: Oates said closer John Wetteland, unavailable the past four games due to upper back pain, should be ready to pitch tonight. ... The Devil Rays obtained outfielder Jose Guillen and pitcher Jeff Sparks from the Pittsburgh Pirates for catchers Joe Oliver and Humberto Cota. Both Guillen and Sparks will join Triple-A Durham.

Bassmasters hold 24-hour tourney

Fishing

PAMPA — The Top of Texas Bassmasters held a 24-hour tournament July 17-18 at Crowder Lake in Oklahoma. Times were 12 p.m. Saturday and 12 p.m. Sunday with a break from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday for a hamburger

cookout, cake and ice cream. Bill Crook and Rodger Watson placed first with with 10.1 pounds. Second place went to Steve and Maxine Stauffacher (9.01 pounds) and third place went to Mike and Anna Young (6.01 pounds).

Big Bass went to Steve Stauffacher with a 2.22-pound bass. Crowder is a slot lake and no fish between 16 and 22 inches can be weighed in.

"Fishing was slow, but the weather was good and everyone had a good time," said club spokesperson Maxine Stauffacher.

The next tournament will be held at Miller Creek Aug. 28-29. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the SPS office at 101 S. Marie. Anyone interested in joining the club is welcome to attend our meetings and can also fish as a guest for Big Bass.

For more information, contact Bill Crook at 669-2764 (home) or 661-2252 (work). In Amarillo, call Rodger Watson at 379-6202.

biggest names in the world of competitive bass angling are set to compete in the Wal-Mart FLW Tour Championship Sept. 22-25 on Fort Gibson Lake near Wagoner, Okla. They will vie for a share of the \$450,000 purse and the largest first-place cash award in competitive bass angling — \$250,000.

The world class anglers represent the top 50 competitors from the 1999 Wal-Mart FLW Tour's Professional Division and the top 50 anglers from the tour's Co-Angler Division. They will compete in three elimination rounds to determine which bass angler will reign as competitive bass fishing's world champion.

The championship field is comprised of winning professional and co-anglers from the previous six, 1999 Wal-Mart FLW Tour tournaments and the top five professional and co-anglers from the \$1 million Forrest Wood Open. The remainder of the field consists of the top 40 professional and co-anglers, based on a system of accumulated points and pounds awarded during the first two days of competition in the six qualifying tournaments leading up to the championship.

Astros sweep Padres

HOUSTON (AP) — Larry Dierker can't remember the game's first grand slam. He won't forget the second.

More than five weeks after the game started, Dierker and the Houston Astros finished their suspended game against the San Diego Padres, winning 4-3 Friday night. All four Houston runs scored on a grand slam by Derek Bell on June 13.

Dierker collapsed in the eighth inning of the game in the Astrodome. Two days later, he underwent brain surgery to remove a cluster of blood vessels that cause the seizure.

"I was much more alert for the end of it (June 13 game) than I was for the middle of it," Dierker said.

In the regularly scheduled game that followed Friday night, Mike Mieske broke a tie in the eighth inning with another grand slam that rallied the Astros to a 7-4 victory.

Dierker's memory of the game in which he collapsed remains fuzzy, but there was nothing unclear about Mieske's big hit. "I wasn't here when Derek hit his," said Mieske, obtained June

20 from Seattle. "So that makes it kind of neat that we won both games on grand slam homers."

"I am comfortable in those situations. I might have an advantage over a younger guy. When you are young these situations can be tough. You learn to control your emotions. That's the difference at this level of play."

In the second game, Mike Hampton (13-3) pitched his third complete game of the season, allowing eight hits. Hampton has won eight of nine decisions. Donne Wall (6-2) pitched the eighth inning for the loss in the second game.

Dierker was glad to get the suspended game in the books.

"I had this one logged as a win, although I knew anything could happen," he said. "I've been counting this win for about a month now."

Billy Wagner pitched the ninth of the suspended game for his 24th save despite allowing solo homers to Phil Nevin and Ruben Rivera.

Shane Reynolds (11-7) got the victory without throwing a pitch Friday.

Two-thirds of AL ump's appear ready to stay, more replacements hired

NEW YORK (AP) — More than two-thirds of American League umpires probably will stay on the job rather than resign. Nearly all NL ump's still plan to quit.

While four more AL umpires withdrew their resignations Friday, baseball went ahead and hired 10 more replacement ump's from the minors.

So far, 12 of 32 AL ump's have changed their mind about quitting, and 11 never quit in the first place, according to a count by The Associated Press. In the National League, 33 of 36 umpires have resigned, effective Sept. 2.

"This is not one or two. This is a big group out there now who have rescinded their resignations," said Mike Reilly, one of the AL umpires who withdrew Friday.

"My decision was based on my family and what I can do best to support them. I have four kids, 12 to 7."

Following Friday's reversals, 26 of the 68 major league umpires now say they're staying, more than one-third.

The replacements, now totaling 20, are from Triple-A and will be added to the major league staff on a permanent basis starting Sept. 1. In addition to Reilly, Rick Reed, Tim Tschida and Larry Young also withdrew their resignations

Friday, according to several management officials who spoke on the condition they not be identified.

"In light of the difficulties of the last week, we have simply decided to honor the present terms of our contract," Reed, Tschida, Young and Al Clark said in a joint statement after their game in Chicago. Clark withdrew his resignation on Thursday.

Umpires union head Richie Phillips said, "There's a lot of behind-the-scenes stuff going on." Phillips was en route to Cooperstown for this weekend's Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, which commissioner Bud Selig also will attend, but no talks were scheduled.

"The only news I heard today is that dialog could open the whole thing up, when people get off the position that they won't talk to our counsel," NL umpire Bruce Froemming said.

Meanwhile, minor league umpires will ask the National Labor Relations Board to hold an organizing election, Phillips said.

While Phillips has said 220 of 228 minor league ump's voted to form a union, it hasn't been recognized by the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, the governing body of the minors.

R.A. Winborne team



(Special photo)

The R.A. Winborne team competed in the 9-10 League this season as part of the Pampa Kids & Youth Club. Team members are (front row, from left) Jonathan Anguiano, Roper Barr and Adam Anguiano; (middle row, from left) Nikki Jones, Elizabeth McGrath, Brittany Taylor and Juan Ulloa; (back row, from left) Briana Wallum, Levi Cave, coach Danny Martin, Angel Villarreal and Jordan Eakin. Not pictured are Demetrius Johnson, Christopher Jackson and Dustin Neef.

Coach Hale says goodbye to Pampa

Editor's note: Veteran boys basketball coach Robert Hale is leaving Pampa to take the head coaching job at Weatherford High School. In a farewell letter below, Hale expresses his feelings about the community, the school and the people he came in contact with in his 13 years with the Harvesters.

As I reflect over my life and my coaching career in this community, my heart is overwhelmed with thanks. I am writing this letter to all of those whom I owe a great deal of gratitude. As I prepare to leave, I want this community to know how hard it is for me and my family to leave Pampa.

Most important of all, I want to thank the young men who played for us while here in Pampa. They were loyal and dedicated to the Hustler Harvester style of basketball. They truly played hard and with all their heart. Thanks gentlemen.

Some of my assistant coaches while at Pampa have been the very best that any school and community could have. I want to thank them personally for all they did for me and our players. I would like to thank James Trustee, former superintendent, for hiring me and giving me the opportunity to build a basketball program in Pampa, Texas and to be a part of this great tradition and allowing me to be a part of Pampa basketball's great history. Thanks to the administration and school board for continued employment through the years, which gave me an opportunity to be successful.

Allow me to list some thank you's knowing that when I do this, I certainly will leave some out: To Warren Hasse for his support, the merchants for all their financial support, parents for trusting me to coach their children, the community for their great, great fan support and the way they treated me and my family, the student body for their fan support, KGRO radio and Phil Londagin for their broadcasts, the bus drivers that drove us over the years, our wonderful faculty and coaching staff for allowing me to be a part of their team, the Top Of Texas Rodeo Board for allowing an old boy who always wanted to be a cowboy to become one, to personal friends for caring with love and support, the Pampa News and Jerry Heasley, and to the First Baptist Church and the other community churches for their love and support of my players, my family and myself, and again a very special heartfelt thanks to personal friends (and you know who you are) for a lifetime of memories and experiences.

Above all, I know how blessed I've been here. The Lord has truly provided and blessed us with 13 years of basketball in Pampa, Texas. I am so grateful for the student athletes who became heroic players during this period. I will never forget or cease to be amazed at how truly great their performance was. I know the Lord provided all those things.

I also want to thank all of Colby, Clarke and Robin's personal friends for allowing me to be a part of their friendships.

There's only one Pampa and there's not going to be another place like Pampa in my coaching career. My family and I love

this town and we have loved coaching these great kids. My best wishes to the Pampa Harvesters next year and the coming years.



Robert Hale

Coaches say state of Big 12 is strong

DALLAS (AP) — When Texas coach Mack Brown called Oklahoma State "the best 5-6 team in America" Friday, he was trying to illustrate how powerful the Big 12 conference had become in football.

And even though Oklahoma State coach Bob Simmons said he understood his colleague's point, he said he would have preferred if his team wasn't being used as Brown's "Exhibit A."

"I don't like those kinds of compliments," Simmons said. "When we walk on the field, we expect to win."

Judging by the atmosphere at the Big 12's two-day media gathering this week, almost everyone in the conference expects to win these days.

No clear-cut favorite has emerged in the race for the 1999 Big 12 championship, and the league could be as balanced from first to 12th as it has ever been in its brief history.

However, coaches from across the conference insist parity does not equal poor play. In fact, most said they expect the once-criticized Big 12 to be the toughest league in the nation this year.

"Not only do you have balance where any team can win it, you've got balance of power," said Colorado's new coach, Gary Barnett. "You've got four or five teams in there that can

compete for a national championship every year. I don't think that's true of every conference."

Nebraska, Texas A&M, Texas, Colorado and Kansas State are widely considered to have a realistic chance of entering the national title picture this year or in the near future.

But even those teams had problems against the rest of the conference schedule last year, and some coaches don't necessarily see that as a negative trend.

"This conference is as close from top to bottom as I've ever seen it," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said. "It just shows how competitive the Big 12 is."

If the success of the Big 12 continues to grow, the progress will come during a time of widespread transition. Almost every team in the league lost a celebrated senior last year, a list that includes Texas' Ricky Williams, Texas A&M's Dat Nguyen, Kansas State's Michael Bishop, Missouri's Corby Jones and Texas Tech's Montae Reagor.

Coaches say that exodus of talent should be negated by outstanding recruiting classes and the presence of talent already on hand.

"Everywhere you look in this conference, there's a lot of great football players," Brown said. "I don't think we're going to skip a beat."

Chargers' Leaf could be out for season

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Ryan Leaf's season might have ended just 20 minutes into the San Diego Chargers' first practice of training camp.

The quarterback, coming off a troubled rookie season, is scheduled to undergo arthroscopic surgery on his throwing shoulder Monday, and could be out 3-4 months or all season, depending on the extent of the muscle tear.

Leaf, benched after nine starts last year, injured his shoulder in June when he jumped on a fumble during a workout. Twenty minutes into the team's first training camp practice Friday, he complained of shoulder pain when

throwing a deep pass. He was taken for an MRI exam, which detected the torn labrum.

Leaf underwent X-rays after the June injury, but not an MRI.

"It wasn't to the point where I felt like there was something really seriously wrong," he said. "I just threw every day, and it didn't bother me lifting weights. I'm just that type of hard-nosed person that I say I'm not hurt until I guess the doctor says so."

The development came one day after the Chargers added a second veteran, Erik Kramer, to a quarterback corps that already included Jim Harbaugh.

Coincidentally, Kramer was

sidelined for the last half of 1998 while with Chicago after suffering a torn labrum in his throwing shoulder and a knee injury, both of which required surgery.

Kramer said he tried to keep playing after he was hurt last year, but it got progressively worse, and he finally had to shut down. After having surgery in December, he was told his rehab would be four months or longer.

"You can feel the effects of it up to a year," said Kramer, who admitted after the morning practice that he was rusty.

"I wouldn't wish this on anybody," Kramer said. "He'll be fine, but the hard part is coming

in here daily while everyone else is playing and having to rehab and lose time."

Kramer said that while the long-term outlook is bright, "right now, he's got to be bumming because he's losing all this time."

Depending on what they learn Monday, the Chargers will eventually have to decide whether to keep Leaf on the active roster or put him on injured reserve, which means he'd be lost for the season.

"If we were in a position where we needed him at that time and he was healthy and ready to go, I don't see why we couldn't do that," coach Mike Riley said.

Giants edge Reds, 6-5

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Ellis Burks walked twice with the bases loaded, driving in the tie-breaking run in the seventh inning, and the San Francisco Giants beat the Cincinnati Reds 6-5 Friday night.

The win, just the third in the past 10 games for the San Francisco, kept the Giants a half-game in front of Arizona in the NL West.

With the score tied 3-3 with one out in the seventh, Scott Sullivan (3-2) hit Rich Aurilia with a pitch and was relieved

by Dennis Reyes. Barry Bonds and Jeff Kent hit consecutive singles to load the bases and Danny Graves replaced Reyes only to walk Burks, the first batter he faced.

J.T. Snow followed with a sacrifice fly, his second of the night, and after Charlie Hayes reached on third baseman Chris Stynes' error, Servais walked to drive in San Francisco's sixth run.

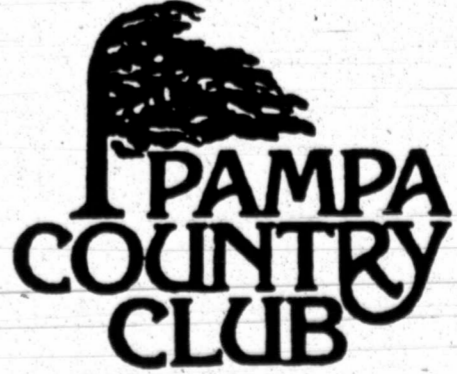
Jerry Spradlin (3-1) threw a scoreless seventh for the victory.

Major League Standings

American League				
By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT				
East Division				
New York	58	37	.611	—
Toronto	54	45	.545	6
Boston	52	45	.536	7
Baltimore	43	53	.448	15 1/2
Tampa Bay	41	56	.423	18
Central Division				
Cleveland	58	38	.604	—
Chicago	45	49	.479	12
Detroit	41	56	.423	17 1/2
Minnesota	39	56	.411	18 1/2
Kansas City	39	57	.406	19
West Division				
Texas	56	40	.583	—
Oakland	49	47	.510	7
Seattle	46	50	.479	10
Anaheim	42	53	.442	13 1/2
Thursday's Games				
New York 5, Tampa Bay 4				
Detroit 9, Kansas City 8				
Baltimore 5, Boston 2				
Seattle 5, Oakland 4, 10 innings				
Toronto 4, Cleveland 3				
Minnesota 3, Chicago 0				
Texas 9, Anaheim 7				
Friday's Games				
Toronto 2, Chicago 1				
Texas 11, Tampa Bay 8				
Detroit 14, Boston 5				
New York 9, Cleveland 8, 10 innings				
Baltimore 1, Anaheim 0				
Minnesota 5, Seattle 4				
Kansas City 12, Oakland 7				
Saturday's Games				
Anaheim (Hill 3-8) at Baltimore (J. Johnson 1-4), 4:05 p.m.				
Cleveland (Langston 1-0) at New York (Iraju 6-3), 4:35 p.m.				
Boston (Portugal 5-7) at Detroit (Weaver 6-5), 5:05 p.m.				
National League				
By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT				
East Division				
Atlanta	59	40	.596	—
New York	57	41	.582	1 1/2
Philadelphia	52	44	.542	5 1/2
Florida	37	60	.381	21
Montreal	35	58	.376	21
Central Division				
Houston	57	40	.588	—
Cincinnati	53	41	.564	2 1/2
St. Louis	48	49	.495	9
Milwaukee	47	48	.495	9
Chicago	46	48	.489	9 1/2
Pittsburgh	46	50	.479	10 1/2
West Division				
San Francisco	53	44	.546	—
Arizona	53	45	.541	1/2
Thursday's Games				
San Diego 49, 47, 510 3 1/2				
Colorado 44, 52, 458 8 1/2				
Los Angeles 43, 53, 448 9 1/2				
Thursday's Games				
St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 5				
Milwaukee 5, Philadelphia 0				
Chicago 5, Pittsburgh 3				
San Diego 8, San Francisco 7				
Colorado 4, Los Angeles 1, 1st game				
Colorado 12, Los Angeles 11, 2nd game				
New York 7, Montreal 4				
Atlanta 6, Florida 3				
Arizona 2, Houston 1				
Friday's Games				
Philadelphia 6, Atlanta 5, 1st game				
Atlanta 3, Philadelphia 1, 2nd game				
Montreal 5, Pittsburgh 1				
Florida 5, Milwaukee 4				
New York 5, Chicago 4				
Houston 4, San Diego 3, comp. of susp. game				
Houston 7, San Diego 4				
St. Louis 6, Colorado 4				
Arizona 10, Los Angeles 1				
San Francisco 8, Cincinnati 5				
Saturday's Games				
Chicago (Trachsel 3-13) at New York (Dotel 2-1), 1:15 p.m.				
San Diego (Clement 5-8) at Houston (Holt 1-9), 1:15 p.m.				
St. Louis (Mercer 3-4) at Colorado (Kile 5-9), 4:05 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Hamisch 9-6) at San Francisco (Gardner 3-8), 4:05 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Schourek 2-5) at Montreal (Powell 0-1), 7:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Smetz 8-3) at Philadelphia (Ogca 5-9), 7:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Peterson 0-0) at Florida (Meadows 7-10), 7:05 p.m.				
Los Angeles (Dreifort 8-8) at Arizona (B. Anderson 2-2), 10:05 p.m.				
Sunday's Games				
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 8-7) at Montreal (Thurman 3-7), 1:35 p.m.				
Atlanta (Glavine 8-9) at Philadelphia (Byrd 11-6), 1:35 p.m.				



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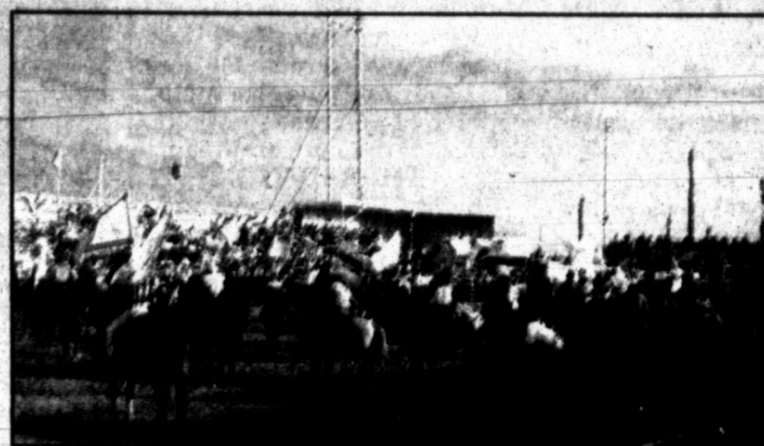
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Final figures are not in but officials predict they will be as good or better than last year.



Menus

July 26-30

Pampa Schools
MONDAY
 Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage patty.
 Lunch: Pizza, corn, apple-sauce.
TUESDAY
 Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
 Lunch: Corn dog, French fries, vegetarian beans, pears.
WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY
 End of summer school.
Meals on Wheels
MONDAY
 Spaghetti, meat sauce, green beans, bread sticks, graham crackers.
TUESDAY
 Ham, okra and tomatoes, northern beans, pudding.
WEDNESDAY
 Tater tot casserole, cabbage, blackeyed peas, pumpkin bars.
THURSDAY
 Polish sausage, cheese grits, mixed greens, fruit cocktail.
FRIDAY
 Barbecue meatballs, baked beans, broccoli, California mix, prunes.
Senior Citizens
MONDAY
 Chicken fried steak or chicken ala King over cornbread, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, northern beans, lemon pound cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
TUESDAY
 Turkey and dressing or Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, yams, pinto beans, coconut creme cake or cherry icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
WEDNESDAY
 Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, creme corn, turnip greens, butter beans, German chocolate cake or peach/pineapple cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
THURSDAY
 Chicken strips or liver and onions, cheese potatoes, squash, brussels sprouts, beans, orange strussel cake or rice pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
FRIDAY
 Fried cod fish or beef enchiladas, potato wedges, broccoli, beans, spice cake or chocolate pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.



Lawana Gayle Payne and Lynn Pulliam

Payne-Pulliam

Lawana Gayle Payne of Pampa and Lynn Pulliam of Vega were wed July 24 at The Wedding Chapel in Amarillo with Dale Dunn, of Lamont Drive Baptist Church of Amarillo, officiating. The matron of honor was Meranda Dawkins of Shawnee, Okla. The bridesmaids were Amy Hulse of Canyon, Michelle Parker of Lubbock and Mylissa Breittling and Corrine Gallegos, both of Amarillo. The flower girl was Ashley Holley of Amarillo. The best man was Dave Edwards of Amarillo. The groomsmen were Doug Fowler, James Frazier, Lance Simpson and Raheem Travis, all of Amarillo. The ring bearer was Tyler Holley of Amarillo. The ushers were Bobby Payne and Leon Travis, both of Amarillo. Registering the guests was Julie Ross of Quitaque. A reception was held following the service in the Wellington Room in Amarillo with Ashley Hanlin and Billie Hazen, both of Canyon, Candall Hannah of Amarillo and Shelley Howard of Pampa serving the guests. The bride is the daughter of Robert Payne of Amarillo and Wana Keahey of Pampa. She graduated from Miami High School and from West Texas A&M University. She is currently employed as an elementary school teacher with Textline ISD. The groom is the son of Wayne and Glenda Pulliam of Vega. He graduated from Vega High School and holds a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University and a master's degree from West Texas A&M University. He is currently a principal for Textline school. The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Winter Park, Colo., and intend to make their home at Textline.



Mindy Dawn Prater and James Mitchell Heard

Prater-Heard

Mindy Dawn Prater of Austin and James Mitchell Heard of Dripping Springs were wed April 17 in First Baptist Church in Dripping Springs with the Rev. Ryan Prater, brother of the bride, Dr. Larry Heard, father of the groom, and the Rev. James L. Bozeman, grandfather of the groom of Hereford, officiating during the ceremony. The matron of honor was Carolyn Prater, mother of the bride of Tulia. The maid of honor was Stacey Shipley of Fresno, Calif. The bridesmaids were Amy Steele, sister of the groom of Tyler, Shawna Prater, cousin of the bride of Guymon, Okla., and Kara Prater, sister-in-law of the bride of Abilene. The best man was Rick Heard, brother of the groom of Midland. The groomsmen were Michael Bownds of Grand Prairie, Mark Adams of Converse, Zeke Harkleroad of Austin and John Gann of Cedar Park. The ushers were Skyler Prater, cousin of the bride of Guymon, Greg Bradford of Dallas, Joe Hall of Houston and Blaine Wright of Austin. The candlelighters were Bambi Kirkwood and Keli Price, both cousins of the bride of Cleburne. Registering the guests was Patti Breen of Dripping Springs. Music was provided by vocalists Carolyn Prater, mother of the bride of Tulia, and Amy Steele, sister of the groom of Tyler. A reception was held following the service in Fair Oaks Manor near Dripping Springs. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Prater of Tulia. She graduated from Tulia ISD in 1990 and from Southwest Texas State University in 1998, receiving a bachelor of science degree. She is currently employed with Texas Dental Association. The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Heard of Pampa. He graduated from Idalou High School in 1985 and from Angelo State University in 1991, receiving a bachelor of business administration degree. He is currently employed with Cooperative Computing Triad in Austin. The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Belize and intend to make their home in Dripping Springs.

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wishes to thank each one who helped in so many ways, for your prayers, kindness, food, flowers and donations. Thanks to Grace Baptist Church Family for "Christ-Like" love and service. Thanks to Pampa Hospice for gentle loving care and compassion. Especially thanks to family and special friends that made our last few days so precious, to honor the life and memory of Pearl.

4-H Futures & Features

Dates
 26 - Horse Project, 6:30 p.m., Arena; Sign-up for Breads Project, 12 noon; 4-H and Adult Leaders Council meetings, 6:30 p.m., Annex
 27 - Breads Project, 2 p.m., Annex
 29 - Beef Project meeting, 7 p.m., Bull Barn; Nutrition Quiz Bowl Orientation, 6 p.m., Annex
 30 - 4-H Points Books due

Breads Project
 The summer 4-H breads workshops will be held again this year in July. All project meetings will be held at 2 p.m. at the Gray County Annex. There will be a cost of \$1.50/per person and anyone interested in attending should call the office by noon the day before each workshop. The July 27 workshop topic is Quick Breads.

Nutrition Quiz Bowl
 A new 4-H project competition is going to be held this year and it is a state qualifying contest! A Nutrition Quiz Bowl is being introduced in District 1 and the top winners will qualify for state. The Nutrition Quiz Bowl is a quiz match between two teams made up of four people. Participants will answer questions by buzzing in and the quiz team with the most points will win. For anyone who is interested, an orientation meeting will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at the Annex.

Council Meetings
 4-H and Adult Leader Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Gray County Annex. Recordbooks, county camp, points' books, achievement banquet and enrollment ideas will be discussed.

Beef Project
 The Beef Project will meet at 7 p.m. July 29 at the Bull Barn. Each member should bring a steer for demonstration. We will have a few clinics and prepare steers that want to go to Perryton on Saturday, July 31. Also everyone needs to be at this meeting to do planning on the upcoming year.

Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.

Altrusa
 Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met July 20 at Pampa Country Club with President Kadda Schale presiding. Guest Cameron McDonald was among those present. Jeanne Mitchell and Mattie Norton served as greeters. The following business was conducted and announcements made: —Pat Johnson introduced J.J. Slatton, recipient of the 1998-99 Geraldine Rampy Adult Vocational Award. —Kerrick Horton, Style Show chairman, reported on final plans for the event including the luncheon menu. —Birthday greetings were delivered by Charlene Morriss, Cinda Jennings, Donna Crow,

Becky Holmes and Nancy Coffee. —Leona Willis delivered the accent which included a Pop Quiz of Altrusa facts. Guest speakers were Donna Slavick, former Mrs. Kansas and Mrs. Southern Charm, Stacey Huddleston, Top of Texas Queen contestant and winner of the Horsemanship Award, and Mandy Poole, 1998 Top of Texas Teen Rodeo Queen. The next meeting will be at 12 noon Aug. 10 at Pampa Country Club.

Newsmakers



Barry Lloyd Brauchi

Barry Lloyd Brauchi, son of Ronald and Donna Brauchi of Pampa, has been awarded a \$5,000 Western Sales & Testing of Amarillo Scholarship through the 4-H Foundation. Brauchi, a 10-year 4-H member, belongs to Prime Time 4-H Club and is a former member of E.T. 4-H Club. His honors, activities and accomplishments include: 4-H Gold Star Award, the highest honor given at the county level; Danforth I Dare You Award; Gray County Teen Leadership Award; State Food Show winner; State 4-H Consumer Life Skills Recordbook Winner; District Method Demonstration Contest winner; District Consumer Decision Making Contest first place team (1997); District 4-H Council second vice president (1998-99) and third vice president (1997-98); (See, NEWSMAKERS, Page 15)

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Holley Ann Reynolds and Jason Lynn Davis

Reynolds-Davis

Holley Ann Reynolds and Jason Lynn Davis plan to wed Aug. 20 at The Wedding Chapel in Amarillo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Rex Reynolds of Fort Sumner, N.M., and Vicki Reynolds of Channing. She is currently attending Clarendon College.

The prospective groom is the son of Hal and Jolene Davis of Boys Ranch and is the grandson of Marvin and Eltha Hensley and LaHoma Davis, all of Pampa, and is the great-grandson of Chief and Zella Mae Gray of Pampa and Bea Gilliam Putman of Pea Ridge, Ark. He graduated from Clarendon College's Ranch and Feedlot Operations Program in May and is currently employed with J.D. Terral Ranch at Fort Sumner.



Angie Michelle Schmitto and William Logal, Jr.

Schmitto-Logal

Angie Michelle Schmitto and William Logal, Jr., both of Dallas, plan to wed Sept. 11 at Addison, a suburb of Dallas.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jerry and Patsy Schmitto of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1992 and from West Texas A&M University in 1996 with a bachelor of arts degree in theatre. She is currently employed as stage manager of Water Tower Theater in Addison.

The prospective groom is the son of William Logal, Sr., and Lynn Aquilino of Buffalo, N.Y. He graduated from Millard Filmore School of Radiography in 1990 and from Buffalo State College in Buffalo, N.Y., in 1988 with a bachelor of arts degree in English. He is currently a medical radiographer for Stat X-Ray of Dallas and Mesquite Community Hospital.



Melissa Hook and Bobby Carroll

Hook-Carroll

Melissa Hook of Pampa and Bobby Carroll of Amarillo plan to wed Sept. 11 at Hobart Baptist Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of the Rev. Harold and Brenda Hook of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Kenneth and Merlie Roberts of Springdale, Ark. She graduated from Higgins High School in 1996 and is currently employed at Country Barn Steakhouse in Amarillo.

The prospective groom is the son of Robert and Carol Carroll and is the grandson of Ferrell and Mona Yearwood, both of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1995 and is currently employed at Host Ice in Amarillo.

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Shauna Kitchens and Greg Epperson

Kitchens-Epperson

Shauna Kitchens and Greg Epperson, both of Pampa, were wed July 10 in First Baptist Church of Pampa with John Glover, of the church, officiating.

The matron of honor was Veronica Van Buskirk of Pampa. The flower girl was Stephany Van Buskirk, niece of the bride of Pampa.

The best man was Chad Epperson of Pampa. The ring bearer was Ashley Van Buskirk, niece of the bride of Pampa.

The ushers were Steve Hoke and Kelly Oxley, both of Pampa. The candlelighters were Tyler Allison and Bruce Ferris, both of Pampa.

Registering the guests was Sacora Belknap.

Music was provided by musician Todd Blackhurst and vocalist Chris Crow.

A reception was held following the service in the parlor of the church with Lorena Epperson Patty Boyd, Theresa Wilson, Karen Doyle and Wanda Eslick, all of Pampa, and April Epperson of Jacksboro serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Betty Kitchens of Pampa and Howard and Louise Kitchens of White Deer. She graduated from Pampa High School and is currently employed at First Baptist Church Day Care.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Epperson of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School and is currently employed with Everson Trucking of Sunray.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Oklahoma City, Okla., and intend to make their home in Pampa.



Karen Thrasher

NEWSMAKERS

Consumer Life Skills 4-H Project; Foods and Nutrition 4-H Project; Wildlife and Fisheries 4-H Project; Leadership 4-H Project; Citizenship 4-H Project; Photography 4-H Project; Pampa High School Superintendent Scholar; PHS Golf Double Eagle Award; First Team All-District in Golf; third place Regional Team in Golf; Co-Most Valuable Player in Golf (1998); National Honor Society; National Honor Graduate; DARE Role Model; PHS Wall of Fame.

Barry was also the recipient of the Gray County Family and Community Education Council's Scholarship in the sum of \$300 awarded each year to a deserving graduating 4-H member.

Barry plans to pursue a degree in family financial planning at Texas Tech University in the fall.

Karen Thrasher, daughter of Ron and Ann Thrasher, formerly of Pampa, and granddaughter of Bob and Lois Thrasher and Sue Christie Preston, all of Pampa, is studying Shakespeare in London, England, this summer. She is attending classes at Richmond College Kensington through a program sponsored by American International Field Service.

She attends class three hours a day and uses her spare time to sight-see.



Dottie Youngblood

Thrasher, a senior English major, will return to academic studies at Texas Tech University in the fall. She plans to graduate in December 1999.

Dottie Youngblood, of Bixby, Okla., was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University for the 1999 spring semester. She is a freshman pre-major at ACU.

To be eligible for the honor roll, a student must maintain a 3.45 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours.

The 1998 Pampa High School graduate is the daughter of Roseann Youngblood-Underwood and the late Skipper Youngblood.

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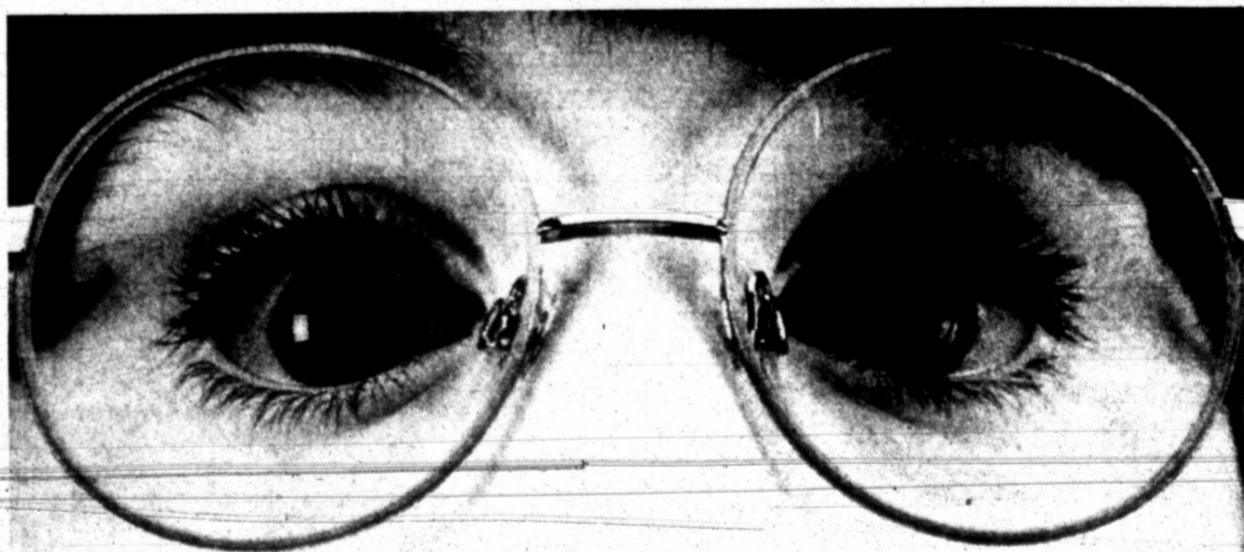
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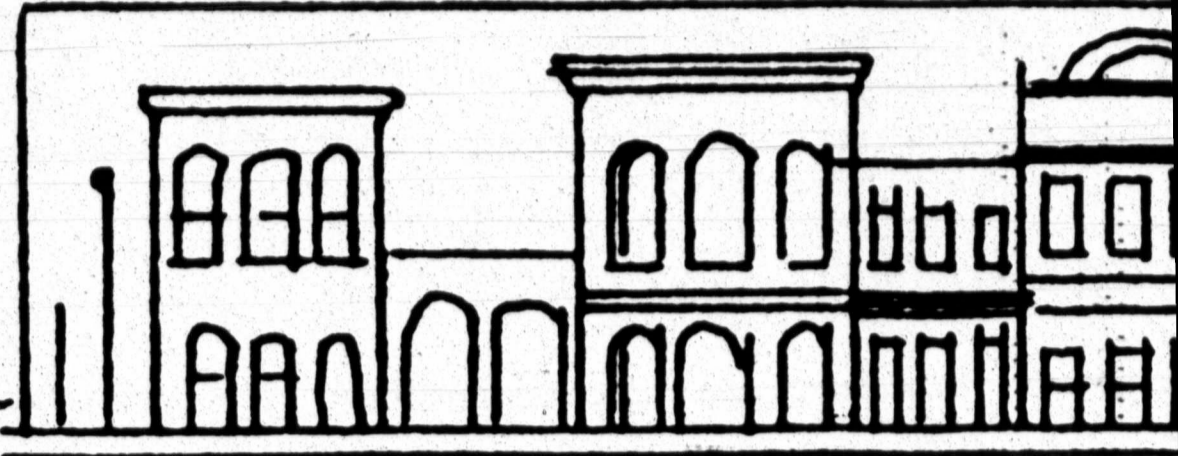
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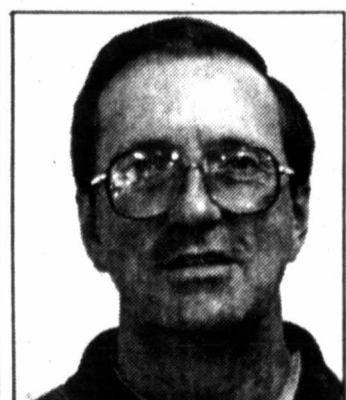
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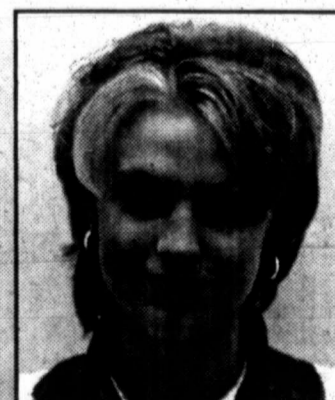
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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I eloped last January. We arranged for a minister, rented the tux, got the gown, printed 300 announcements, and told everyone we were going on "vacation." We planned it for months and told no one. I'm 31 years old and had never been married. After the ceremony, we mailed the announcements and went about enjoying our honeymoon.

We returned home to a house full of gifts and well wishes. Both sets of parents were very pleased, and everyone couldn't have been more supportive — except for two people. Ironically, they are the twosome who introduced us, my husband's friend "Morris" and his live-in girlfriend, "Doris."

They are no longer speaking to my husband and me because they are hurt that they were excluded from our plans. They feel we betrayed them and claim we lied and deceived them.

A few nights before we left for Florida, my husband was out with the "guys." Morris pulled him aside and flat-out asked him if we were going away to get married. Because our plans were private and not meant to be shared until after we returned from our trip, my husband told him "no."

I hate to lose a friendship over something like this. Do you think we were obligated to tell them our plans?

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DEAR WONDERING: No, I do not. Just because Morris and Doris introduced you does not mean they own you as a couple. You were not obligated to reveal your plans to elope.

DEAR ABBY: I am an 81-year-old male senior citizen and would like to comment on the letter that mentioned nude beaches. I am very familiar with them and also with nudist camps.

Nudism must be good for the eyesight because I have never seen a blind nudist. A nudist camp is where married couples air their differences and, when they disagree, they barely speak. As a matter of fact, one married couple broke up because they were seeing too much of each other.

Did you know that nudists peel first and get sunburned afterward?

A lawyer joined a nudist colony, and he hasn't had a suit since. One nudist was picked up as a suspect, but the police had to let him go because they couldn't pin anything

on him. I visited a nudist colony one time and, as I drove in, I stripped my gears. The only other time I had anything to do with nudism was when I stayed at a nudist lodge. (I think it was called the Bareskin Lodge.) There were no clothes closets and all of the rooms had sudden exposure. It was a short vacation. I was soon asked to leave because my breath came in short pants. ED BENDER, ROCHESTER, PA.

DEAR ED: That's better than being asked to leave for displaying your shortcomings.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: "A man who works with his hands is a laborer; a man who works with his hands and his brain is a craftsman; but a man who works with his hands and his brain and his heart is an artist." — Louis Nizer, American lawyer (1902-1994).

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Horoscope

MONDAY, JULY 26, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Though you are determined and are capable of excellent communication, an underlying element of confusion runs rampant, whether you like it or not. Careful steps involving career and money will prevent chaos. Confirm meetings; everything is subject to change at the last minute. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Take a realistic view, and others' confusion won't affect your thinking and decisions. Someone might send off some odd energy when he is in the creative process. Give him space. Take time to yourself; review decisions. Talks with a family member prove to be insightful. Tonight: Browse through your favorite music store.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Questions are necessary, but how they are received depends on your attitude and phrasing. Don't undermine yourself. Know what you want. Take a walk while evaluating a key money decision and new information. Be willing to explore options. Tonight: Say "yes!"

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Making money is a high priority. Brainstorm with a wise and trusted

friend. He sees the situation differently than you do and gives you some sobering but important advice. A partner might mean well, but he only adds an element of confusion. Be an information gatherer. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** You have a lot of ground to cover; focus is necessary. Nevertheless, associates seem to color nearly everything with confusion. Stay clear and directed. A boss appreciates your insights and ideas. Dedication pays off. Tonight: Nose to the grindstone, please.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** You can't avoid certain details in your life, especially those revolving around work and health, but today you'll find a way to play. A child or flirtation could distract you. Understand others' expectations. Talk about feelings, don't just think about them. Tonight: Celebrate!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Focus on security and home. You might feel like a change is in the offing, but now you must prioritize. Creative brainstorming helps you zero in on what you want. Network; reach out for others. Success is yours. Use your excellent self-expression. Tonight: Be a couch potato.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Ask questions; clear up your own and another's confusion. A boss appreciates your insight and directness. Leave no stone unturned in your search for answers. A family member might be vested in keeping you off-balance. Understand that, and you'll understand much more about him. Tonight: Research via phone or the Internet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Communication isn't as good as it needs to be. What you think was said might not even have been verbalized. Others are confused — so are you! Detach and understand why another might want to be vague. Work proves financially rewarding. Consider going for that pay raise. Tonight: Pay bills.

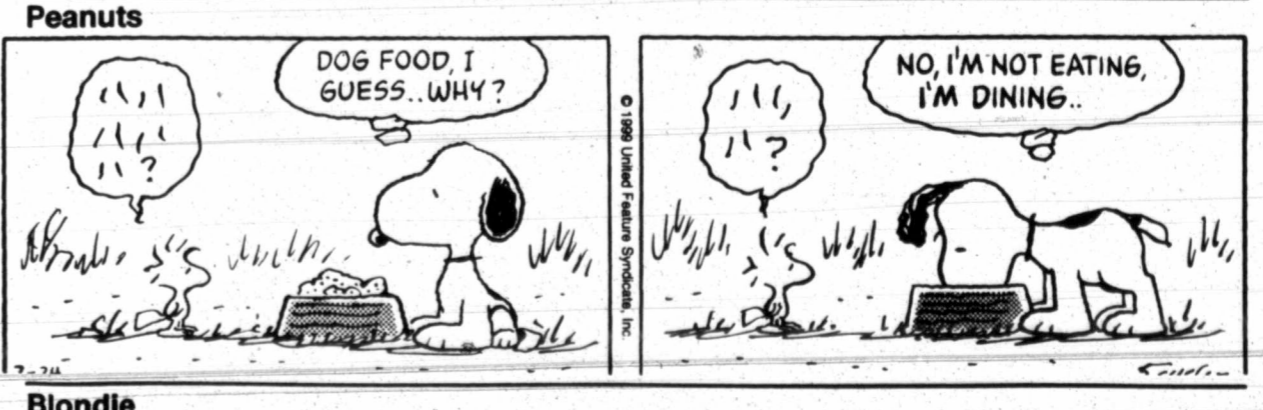
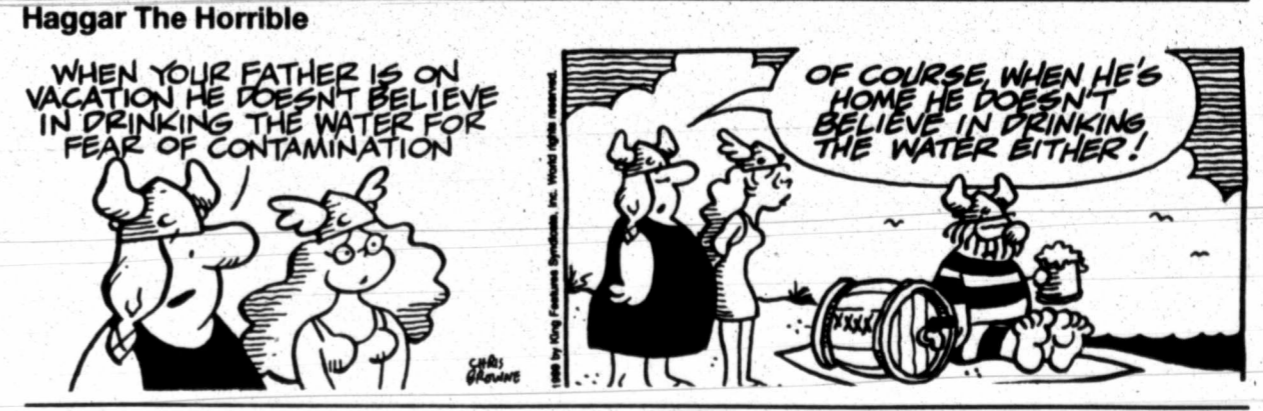
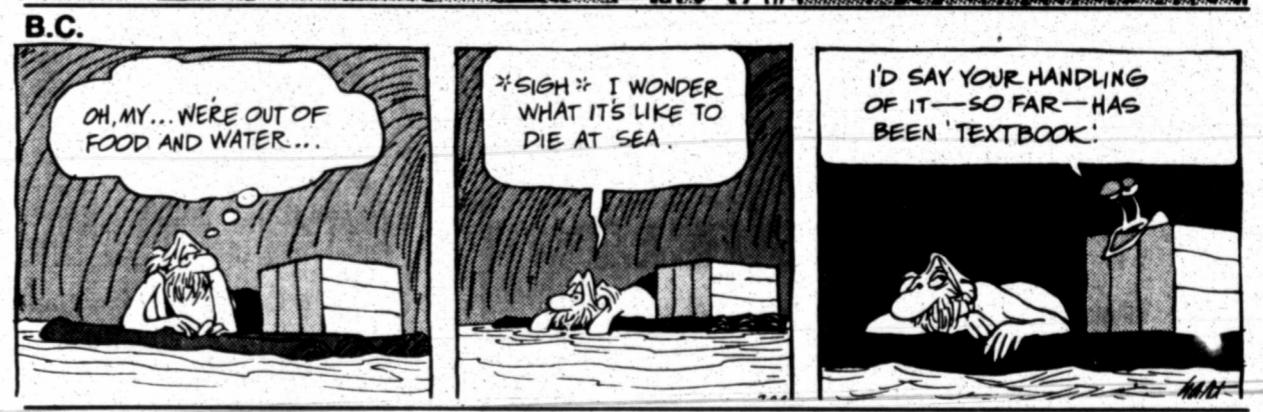
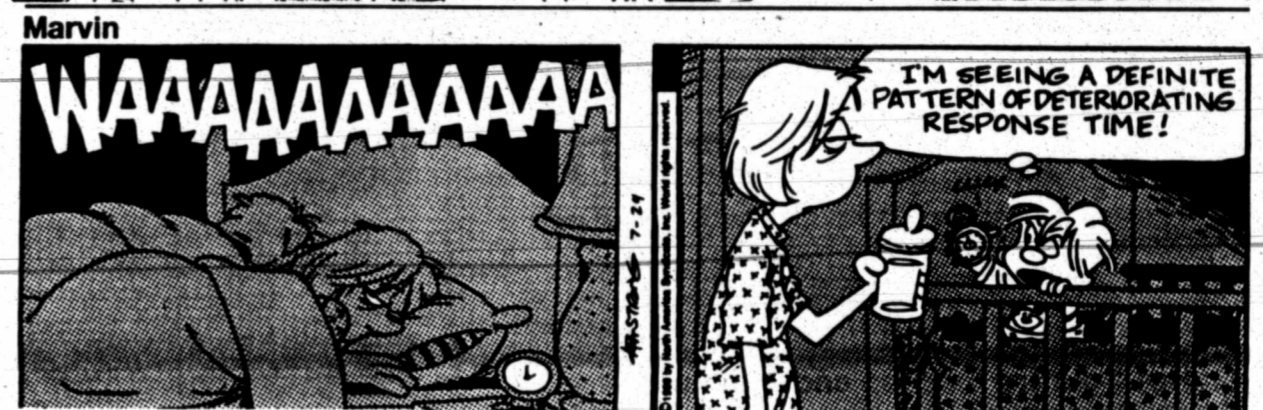
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Let others know your objectives. Finances stay cloudy for now, in that you don't have the whole story. Ask someone who has more money savvy than you do. Feedback could be instrumental in sorting through a problem. Others respond to you, wanting to know you better. Tonight: Let your popularity speak.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Assume a low profile. You might not feel sure of yourself. Others' feedback might reveal confusion on both your parts. A trusted associate comes through for you; be willing to let him control, right now. Home and family remain high priority. Know what you want. Tonight: Do your own thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Build better relationships; remain sure of yourself. Realize that a challenge from a co-worker isn't meant that way. Information proves to be most valuable. Keep communication open; network; be willing to change course. Don't let inertia take away a winning streak. Tonight: Where your friends are.

BORN TODAY
 Singer Mick Jagger (1943), actress Susan George (1950), actor Kevin Spacey (1959)

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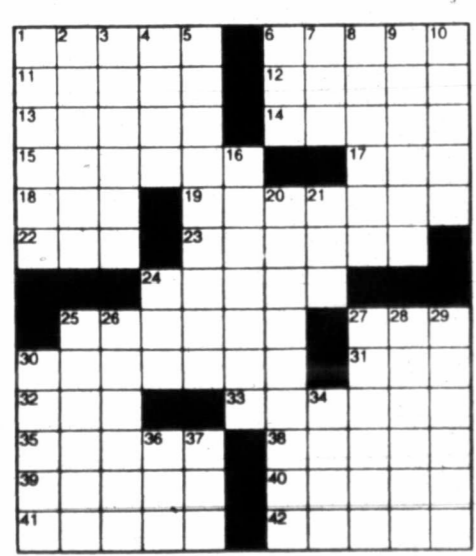


Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 17 Attained
- 18 Pie material
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- 22 Workout site
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- 25 Louise's pal
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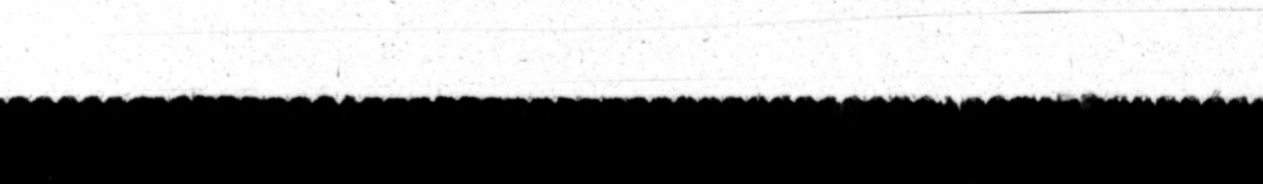


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"... and, Lord, help me pray slower without rushing to get done amen."

Peanuts



ENTERTAINMENT

Billboard music charts

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

Hot Adult Contemporary

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "I Want It That Way," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
2. "You'll Be In My Heart," Phil Collins. Walt Disney.
3. "I Will Remember You (Live)," Sarah McLachlan. Arista.
4. "Kiss Me," Sixpence None The Richer. Squint.
5. "(God Must Have Spent) A Little More Time on You," N Sync. RCA.
6. "The Hardest Thing," 98 Degrees. Universal.
7. "Angel," Sarah McLachlan. Warner Sunset.
8. "Believe," Cher. Warner Bros.
9. "From This Moment On," Shania Twain. Mercury.
10. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden. Columbia.

Mainstream Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Scar Tissue," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.
2. "Promises," Def Leppard. Mercury.
3. "American Woman," Lenny Kravitz. Maverick.
4. "Get Born Again," Alice In Chains. Columbia.
5. "Lit Up," Buckcherry. DreamWorks.
6. "Last Kiss," Pearl Jam. Epic.
7. "Why I'm Here," Oleander. Republic.
8. "You Wanted More," Tonic. Universal.
9. "Nookie," Limp Bizkit. Flip.
10. "Crush 'Em," Megadeth. Trauma.

Modern Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Scar Tissue," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.
2. "What's My Age Again?," Blink 182. MCA.
3. "All Star," Smash Mouth. Interscope.
4. "My Own Worst Enemy," Lit. RCA.
5. "Nookie," Limp Bizkit. Flip.
6. "Last Kiss," Pearl Jam. Epic.
7. "Battle Flag," Lo Fidelity All Stars. Skint.
8. "Someday," Sugar Ray. Lava.
9. "American Woman," Lenny Kravitz. Maverick.
10. "The Kids Aren't Alright," The Offspring. Columbia.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Amazed," Lonestar. BNA.
2. "Lesson In Leavin'," Jo Dee Messina. Curb.
3. "Write This Down," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
4. "God Must Have Spent A Little More Time on You," Alabama. RCA.
5. "Little Good-byes," Shedaisy. Lyric Street.
6. "A Night To Remember," Joe Diffie. Epic.
7. "Single White Female," Chely Wright. MCA Nashville.
8. "Whatever You Say," Martina McBride. RCA.
9. "The Secret Of Life," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
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6. "Faith," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
7. "The Whole Shebang," Shedaisy. Lyric Street.
8. "Cold Hard Truth," George Jones. Asylum.
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Craving for certainty has small screen looking for one right answer, reason

NEW YORK (AP) — If there's one thing we feel certain about, it's that each of us should strive to be certain about everything. After all, information breeds clarity, doesn't it? And in the information age, answers are ours for the taking. Just do it! Doubt is for wimps.

Our craving for certainty is a hunger that TV shares (doubt is difficult to illustrate and TV is a visual medium). TV stirs that appetite within us.

Of this we have been sadly reminded by the nonstop TV coverage of the death of John Kennedy Jr., his wife and sister-in-law. A plane crashed, people died and their bodies were recovered. Their ashes were carried by the wind to the sea. But beyond that and the gruesome details, we needed, and still need, to satisfy the larger why's.

So this past week we viewers looked to on-air commentators who might identify some cosmic reason, some unified theory to explain these familiar mysteries.

Set aside for a moment even more daunting issues of life and death. What about the question, "Are the Kennedys cursed as a family, or aren't they? Yes or no?" If TV people dwell on it persistently enough, the answer will emerge.

Or so we insist. Our faith in the elucidating powers of TV isn't limited to the news it covers.

When we watch most comedies and dramas, we take part in a TV tit-for-tat: By sticking around until the final commercial, we are rewarded with whodunit or a fitting moral or the sight of a reassuring hug.

Thanks in no small part to TV entertainment, "closure" is a buzzword of our time.

Sometimes TV throws us a curve. On rare occasions, people on TV flat-out confess they don't know the answer to the riddle. Sometimes a TV show doesn't tie things up by the final fadeout. Sometimes even the most rudimentary closure is denied us.

During a recent seminar at Manhattan's Museum of Television & Radio, producer-writer Edward Zwick disclosed the most inflammatory issue in his TV dramas. It isn't drugs, sex or violence, said the co-creator of "thirtysomething."

Instead, Zwick declared, the hot-button issue "for which we've received as much vitriol as any conversation about abortion," is ambivalence.

The man and woman of Zwick's upcoming ABC drama, "Once and Again," are divorced parents each trying to reconcile feelings of desire, guilt, fear, responsibility — and beginning to suspect that no quick fix is forthcoming. Ambivalence? Conceding that an answer is beyond your grasp?

"I actually think that that's one of the last great taboo subjects," Zwick said. "I think people, many people, are terrified of the inner conflict."

For many of us, the inner conflict raged in the aftermath (and coverage) of the Columbine High School shootings. The only question anyone could phrase was, "Why?" But the available "because's" were maddeningly varied and often at odds.

Many of us shared a yearning to make those deaths in Colorado emblematic of something meaningful, to find in them a lesson to apply to our own lives.

How can we prevent that tragedy in our community, within our family, we asked ourselves? No remedy — better schools, better parents, better laws, better music — seemed likely to find consensus. Not in the country. Not even, perhaps, within each of us. And we were left as haunted by this lack of resolution as we were by the tragedy itself.

We discounted, or tried to dismiss our jumble of thoughts and feelings that were likely to serve us in no clear-cut way, yet still demanded recognition.

"The test of a first-rate intelligence," wrote F. Scott Fitzgerald, "is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in the mind at the same time."

TV overwhelmingly prefers a different style: survival of the fittest. It's one side waging battle with another, as if there were a single correct answer that, bellowed loud enough, will emerge as the winner.

Just recall a couple of the news-talk programs' titles. On CNBC there's "Hardball" (strike out the opposition!). On CNN there's "Crossfire" (blow the enemy away before he pulls the trigger!).

Maybe it's time someone confronted the final taboo by launching The Ambivalence Channel. It would be a place where more than one answer goes into a solution. Where saying, "I don't know," wouldn't translate as failure.



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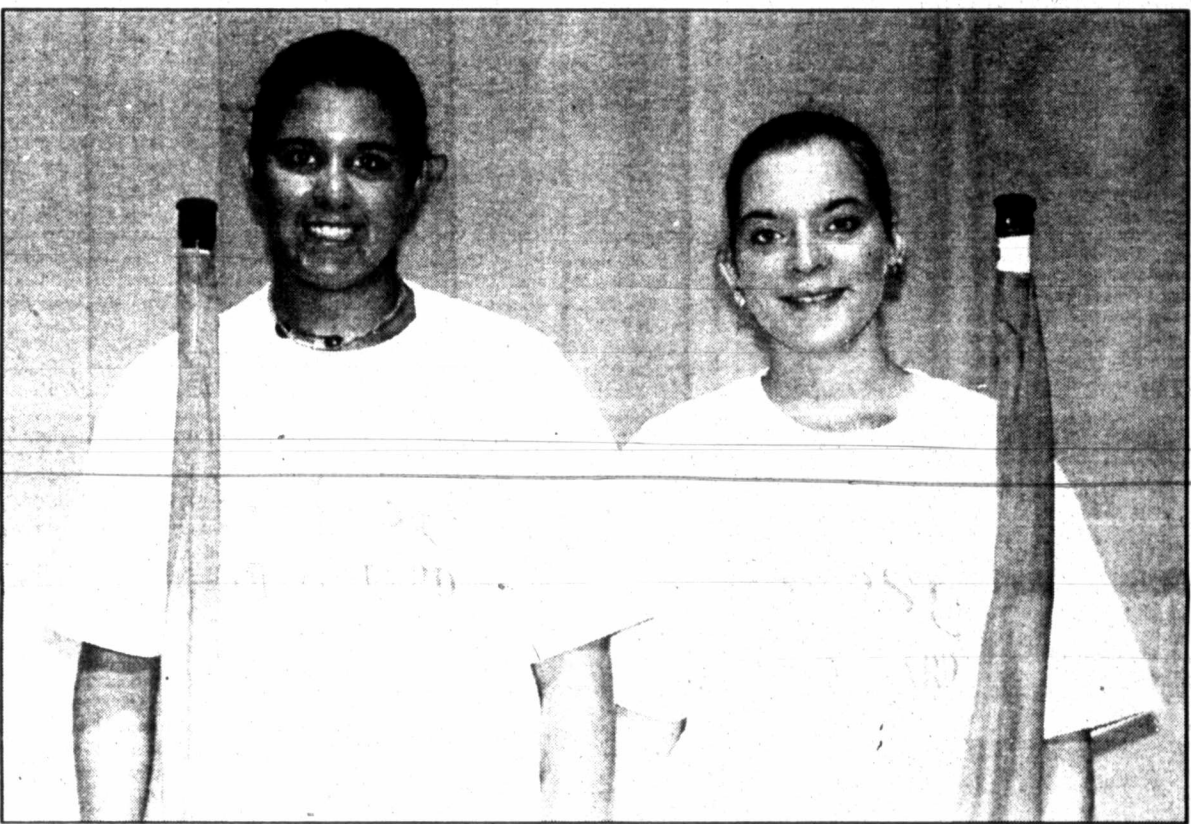
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Eagle Scouts



(Special photo) Troy Carpenter, Britton Carpenter and Chase Carpenter, sons of Rick and Connie Carpenter of Lovington, N.M., and grandsons of Don and Carol Carpenter of Pampa and Troy and Lona Jones of Phoenix, Ariz., each achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. All three earned Cub Scout's "The Arrow of Light" award. Troy and Britton joined Boy Scouts Troop 416 in Pampa led by Dick Wilkerson and Bruce Farris. They completed their Scouting in Troop 393 in Lovington. Chase joined Scouts with Troop 393 and earned his Eagle in Troop 340 in Hobbs, N.M. Only 2 percent of Boy Scouts become Eagle Scouts. Troy received his Eagle award on Sept. 30, 1996, Britton on April 18, 1998, and Chase on March 27, 1999.

SWOSU colorguard camp



(Special photo) The Department of Music at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford recently hosted its annual colorguard camp. Nearly 80 youngsters from three states attended. Among the participants were (left-right) Kimberly Porter and Jamie Clay, both of Pampa.

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