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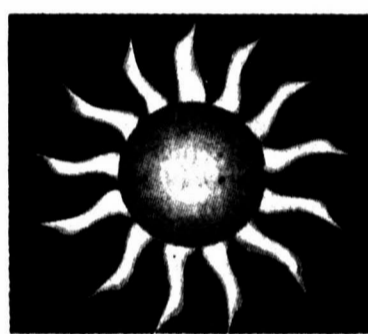
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ANDERSON (AP) — The Democratic candidate for Grimes County sheriff is free on \$17,500 bond after his weekend arrest on charges of injury to a child and misdemeanor assault.

Daniel Martinez, 39, is accused of breaking one of his 12-year-old son's hands and assaulting his wife and her two sons.

Martinez, a former deputy from Richards, won a March primary and is on the ballot to face Republican incumbent Sheriff Don Sowell in November.

If convicted of felony child abuse, Martinez could not legally serve.

Justice of the Peace James D. Harris on Monday signed an emergency protective order against Martinez, requiring him to stay away from his family and home for at least 30 days.

Martinez, now in the private security business, worked as an assistant investigator in Grimes County until September 1998, when Sowell took over the department and terminated Martinez and three other employees as part of a restructuring plan.

Sowell was appointed to the post when then-Sheriff Bill Foster was convicted of misdemeanor perjury.

Richards is about 55 miles northwest of Houston.

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- Wayne C. Allen, 70, retired owner-operator of an earth-moving equipment company.
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Dist. attorney's lawsuit headed for Miami court

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

After facing each other at the polls twice in the race for 31st District Attorney during the 2000 election, candidates John Mann and Rick Roach, Roberts County Attorney, will square off in the courtroom at 9 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Election law violations will be considered at 9 a.m. in the 31st District Court at the Roberts County Courthouse in Miami. Senior Judge John T. Forbis of Childress will preside over the trial.

Incumbent district attorney Mann is contending four of the five counties in the multi-county district had election law violations which could reverse the outcome of the election.

Allegations by Mann include three voters in the Roberts County race were not residents of the county at the time of the election. Mann also alleges the required number of ballot locations were not in place in Wheeler and Lipscomb counties. Allegedly, at least six Gray County voters in the April Republican runoff cast ballots in the Democratic Primary in March which is prohibited by the Texas Election Code.

Hemphill County is the only county in the 31st DA district which

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Traffic stop yields theft ring clue, sheriff says

Dogged police work by area law enforcement investigators and the sharp eyes of Gray County deputies may have broken a theft ring that has been operating in the Texas Panhandle and Western Oklahoma for the past year.

A Gray County man and his Kansas son-in-law are being questioned in connection with the series of thefts over the last nine months.

The duo is being held on traffic charges in Gray County. Burglary and grand larceny charges against the two were expected to be filed in Ellis County, Okla., today.

Asencion Gutierrez Perez, 44, of Gray County, and his son-in-law Hector Urrutia, 25, of Garden City, Kan., are being questioned in connection with a variety of equipment that has been stolen in Texas and Oklahoma since last August.

Sheriff Don Copeland said Gray County Deputies Morse Burroughs and Cary Rushing stopped a pickup Sunday night and

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Teen drowns in lake

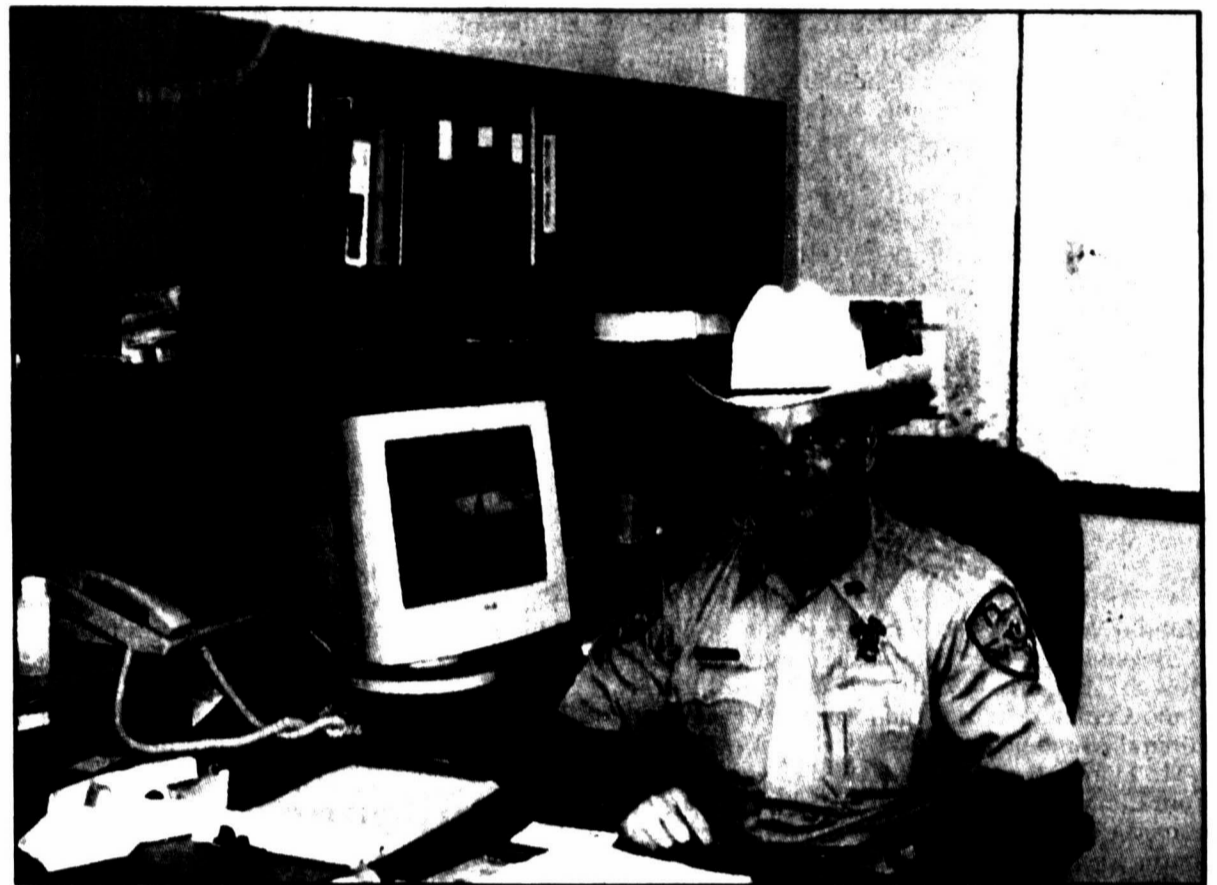
LAKE MEREDITH — Lake Meredith claimed its first life in three years and five months during the Memorial Day weekend when a 16-year-old Amarillo boy drowned in the Stilling Basin below Sanford Dam.

It was the first fatality at the lake since December, 1996, when Amarillo Dr. Robert Britten and his three sons were found dead after a 145-day search. The four had been duck hunting.

Joel Flores of Amarillo was found shortly after 8 a.m. Monday following a 13-hour search by representatives of over a dozen emergency services search and rescue groups from Hutchinson and

(See TEEN, Page 2)

New chief deputy



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

David Russell, chief deputy for Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland, settles into his new position as second-in-command.

County's new chief deputy a 'small town boy' at heart

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer.

David Russell, newly-appointed chief deputy for Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland, wants to work closely with the public in his new role.

"I enjoy the public," he explained. "I never was a law enforcement officer. I'm a peace officer. And I tell you what, this man right here (indicating Sheriff Copeland's office) has that attitude, too."

Russell came to Pampa six months ago after more than 14 years with the Houston Police Department. He replaces former Chief Deputy Jim Scott. Sheriff Copeland said he had no comment regarding the staff change.

For the first seven years at Houston, Russell said he worked as a patrolman. Then he transferred to bicycle patrol, a law enforcement pro-

gram that Russell said "is growing like wildfire all over the U.S."

Russell said his love of people gave him the impetus to volunteer for the patrol.

"I thought it was something I'd enjoy and I did," he said.

Within a year of joining the bicycle patrol, he became a bicycle patrol instructor. Over the next six years, he trained approximately 1,000 bicycle patrol officers, as well as Houston Fire Department paramedics and emergency medical technicians.

Approximately 450 officers volunteer to serve on Houston Police Department's bicycle patrol, Russell said.

Russell said bicycle patrol is similar to working in a police car in many ways.

"The biggest difference is that it's more access-

(See CHIEF DEPUTY, Page 2)

Police: Man loses ear in fight

A 21-year-old Pampa man was seeking medical help in Amarillo today in an effort to have his ear re-attached following a fight in Pampa on Memorial Day.

Gabriel Hernandez, 21, of 1084 Varnon Drive, told Pampa police officers, that he had gone to a barbecue party shortly before 9 p.m. Monday at 449 Denver when a van pulled up, a man jumped out and tackled him.

Officers said today that during the ensuing quarrel, the attacker apparently bit off Hernandez' ear. Hernandez was sent to Amarillo to seek medical help, authorities said today.

Police said they were questioning a 22-year-old Pampa man in connection with the case, but no charges have been filed.

Officers said the quarrel appeared to have been over Hernandez' ex-wife.

Quite frankly... What's the strangest thing you've ever eaten?



"Salt & vinegar chips. They were awful."
— Dalene Hapeman



"Menudo. I couldn't believe it when I found out what was in it."
— Janet Klein



"Guava and papaya while we were in Hawaii."
— Jim Pepper



"Deep-fried rat-tlesnake. It didn't have a lot of flavor."
— Ginger Foster



"Calamari (squid). It was one of the best tasting things I've ever had."
— David Landis



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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

ALLEN, Wayne C. — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Erick, Okla.
HANNA, Wilford — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Amarillo.
LINDSEY, Lige — 2 p.m., Central Baptist Church, Pampa.

Obituaries

WAYNE C. ALLEN
 SHAMROCK — Wayne C. Allen, 70, died Monday, May 29, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church at Erick, Okla. Burial will be in Independence Cemetery at Vincent, Okla., under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Allen was born in Harmon County, Okla., and moved with his family to Perryton in 1945. He married Faye Rush in 1949 at Perryton. In 1975, he moved to Shamrock, building houses and owning-operating an earth-moving equipment company there until retiring in 1993.

He was a Baptist and belonged to Elks Lodge in Perryton.

Survivors include his wife, Faye; three daughters, Debra Kay Allen of Shamrock, Delania Baumann of Sallisaw, Okla., and Donna Sue Allen of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sons, David Wayne Allen of Elk City, Okla., and Douglas Kenneth Allen of Amarillo; a sister, Dena Smith of Perryton; two brothers, Kenneth Allen of Perryton and Bob Allen of Vincent; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

WILFORD HANNA
 AMARILLO — Wilford "W.L." Hanna, 76, died Monday, May 29, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church with Dr. Howard Batson officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mr. Hanna was born in Canadian, graduating from Canadian High School in 1940. He married Lucrecia Cole in 1946 at Clovis, N.M. He was a conductor for Santa Fe Railroad prior to retiring in 1987.

He belonged to Adult 8 Gleason's Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church of Amarillo. Survivors include his wife, Lucrecia; a daughter, Janet L. Hassell of Amarillo; two sons, Richard L. Hanna and Mark L. Hanna, both of Amarillo; two sisters, Vivian Fritsch of Lawton, Okla., and Virginia L. Sellers of Odessa; and nine grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 7-8:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

The family requests memorials be to Buchanan Street Mission in care of First Baptist Church, 1206 Tyler, Amarillo, TX 79101.

LIGE LINDSEY

Lige Lindsey, 77, of Pampa, died Sunday, May 28, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of First Baptist Church of Childress, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Lindsey was born Sept. 15, 1922, in Tulsa, Okla. He married Helen Alexander on Jan. 17, 1940, in Sand Springs, Okla. She preceded him in death on March 21, 1988. He married Drama Roden on July 31, 1998, in Pampa.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. He was a resident of Pampa since 1959, moving from Borger.

He owned-operated Lindsey Furniture Mart in Pampa, retiring in 1989.

Mr. Lindsey was a member of Central Baptist Church, Borger Masonic Lodge and Monday Night Swingers in Pampa.

Survivors include his wife, Drama; three sons, Tom Lindsey, Jerry Lindsey and Bob Lindsey, all of Pampa; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Tx 79065.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....911
 Crime Stoppers.....669-2222

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, May 29

An aggravated assault was reported about 9 p.m. Monday in the 400 block of Denver. Silent or abusive 911 call was reported about 3 p.m. Monday.

A burglary was reported about 10:45 a.m. Monday in 700 block of Denver.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, May 29

Rebecca Irene Drinkard, 18, 321 E. Brown #104, was arrested by Pampa police for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Clayton Marshall Johnson, 34, 1441, was arrested by Pampa police for disregarding a stop sign and not having a valid driver's license.

Hector Urrutia, 25, of Garden City, Kan., was arrested by Gray County Sheriff's deputies for failure to identify himself and not having a valid driver's license.

Ascencion Gutierrez Perez, 44, rural Gray County, was arrested by Gray County Sheriff's deputies for failure to identify himself and discharging untreated waste water.

Sandra Jane Garcia, 42, rural Gray County, was arrested by Gray County Sheriff's deputies for assault by contact.

Sabrina Basden, 21, 104 Neel Road, was arrested by Gray County Sheriff's deputies for assault by contact.

Tuesday, May 30

Vicky Lynn Compton, 39, was arrested by Pampa police for public intoxication.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, May 29

2:08 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to a local nursing facility.

5:15 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Eshom Street; no transport.

9:38 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North Dwight and transported one to PRMC.

Fires

No fires were reported to Pampa Fire Department during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchbery Grain of Pampa.

Coca-Cola	53 13/16	dn 3/4
Columbia/HCA	27 5/8	up 3/16
Enron	70 1/2	up 11/16
Halliburton	48 5/16	up 1 9/16
IBM	9	up 3/16
KMI	30 5/8	dn 3/16
Kerr McGee	57 13/16	up 9/16
Limited	48 1/2	up 1 1/8
McDonald's	36 7/8	dn 7/8
Exxon Mobil	82 1/4	dn 1/8
New Atmos	16 13/16	up 1/4
NCF	34 1/16	dn 5/8
OKF	28 1/16	up 9/16
Pennsy's	17 11/16	dn 3/16
Phillips	54	up 3/8
Pioneer Nat.	14 5/8	up 9/16
SLB	72 5/8	up 1 9/16
Tennessy	7 5/16	up 1/16
Texasco	55 5/8	up 1/8
Ultrasam	26 7/8	NC
Wal-Mart	52 13/16dn	1 3/16
Williams	39 5/16	up 1/2

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Occidental	22 13/16	NC
Fidelity Mageln	124.67	up 1/4
Puritan	18.66	up 1/16

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Amsco	53 3/8	up 7/8
Arco	NA	
Cabot	27 1/8	up 1/4
Cabot O&G	23 9/16	up 9/16
Chevron	91 1/16	dn 5/16
New York Gold	272.25	
Silver	4.93	
West Texas Crude	30.00	

Correction

Kelby Imel's name was misspelled in the Monday March 29 Pampa News. He was mistakenly identified as Kelly Imel. We apologize

for any inconvenience this may have caused.

O'Connor rejects last appeal to block Oregon adoption law

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor today rejected an emergency request to delay an adoption records law from going into effect, allowing adoptees age 21 and older access to their birth certificates beginning later today.

More than 2,200 adoptees already have paid \$15 and filed applications with the state Health Division to get their original birth certificates. Most are eager to know their parents' identities, and many want to know more about their medical histories.

The Health Division has said it will begin mailing birth documents as soon as Wednesday.

The law approved by voters in 1998 allows adopted Oregonians age 21 and older access to their original birth certificates, which can include the names of their biological mothers.

The law had been challenged by attorneys for six women who claimed the law violates the privacy of people who give their

children up for adoption. The Oregon Court of Appeals in December rejected their constitutional challenges to the adoption records law, and the Oregon Supreme Court has twice refused to review that ruling.

Last Tuesday, the Oregon Court of Appeals refused to extend a stay blocking the law from taking effect, leaving the U.S. Supreme Court as the only option for the group of six birth mothers, who filed their challenge anonymously.

O'Connor, who fields emergency matters from Oregon for the nation's highest court, rejected their emergency request to stay the law. Her action means it goes into effect at 5:01 p.m. today, the deadline set earlier by the state Supreme Court.

In 1997, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review a similar open adoption records law from Tennessee.

Tennessee and just three other states — Alaska, Delaware and Kansas — allow adult adoptees

access to original birth certificates, which often have birth parents' names. An adoption records bill in Alabama is awaiting the governor's signature.

Unlike the other states, the Oregon adoption law was approved by voters, rather than by state legislators.

Attorneys for the birth mothers and the state did not immediately return messages seeking comment.

Community Camera

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LAWSUIT

is not accused of election law violations. It is also the home-county of Charles Kessie who is the Democratic candidate for the DA position. He is current county attorney.

Mann was challenged by Roach and Shamrock attorney Phil Pendleton in the March 14 Republican primary. Mann was top vote-getter with 2,408 votes. Roach was second with 1,769 while

Pendleton came in third with 907 votes. As Mann did not get a majority of votes, he and Roach met in a runoff on April 11. A six-vote margin separated the two candidates with Roach receiving 1,263 votes while Mann had 1,257.

The two attorneys engaged in a bitter campaign in the general election in November, 1996 for the office. Mann won by 500 votes in that close election. Mann was a Democratic candidate for the office while Roach was the Republican nominee.

TEEN

Hansford counties. The young boy, who had Downs Syndrome, was on a family picnic near the basin when he disappeared about 5 p.m. Sunday.

Family members reportedly searched for approximately two hours before alerting park rangers at 7:15 p.m. At that time, the park rangers contacted several area search agencies who assisted with the search throughout the night.

The Hutchinson County Emergency Operations Center flew over the area before dark searching for the missing teenager. A helicopter, which is able to fly closer to the ground than the EOC-manned

plane, was not able to respond to the lake area before nightfall and could not fly after dark.

The helicopter lifted off soon after 7 a.m. Monday and located the body shortly before 8 a.m. Members of the Lake Meredith dive team recovered the body at 8:20 a.m. Flores' body was about 20 feet from shore in nine feet deep water.

Flores' 24-year-old sister reported Flores was sitting near a line of orange buoys and reportedly seemed fascinated with them.

The three year and five month record is the longest period at the lake without a fatality in the lake's 35-year history.

Funeral services for Flores are pending at Rector Funeral Home. A memorial fund for the family is expected to be set up with Amarillo National Bank.

THEFT

discovered a welding rig in the camper in the bed of the pickup. A welding rig matching the description of the one in the back of the truck was reported stolen earlier that night from a road crew in Ellis County, Okla.

Copeland said Burroughs and Rushing were on routine patrol about 1 a.m. Monday when they met a westbound black pickup on U.S. Highway 60 on the east side of Pampa. When they saw the pickup swerve widely as it turned south onto Loop 171, they followed the truck, thinking they may have a drunk driver.

"They were out looking for drunks because of the holiday weekend," Sheriff Copeland said.

Burroughs and Rushing stopped the pickup near the intersection of Loop 171 and Texas Highway 273. The officers said they became suspicious when the two men in the truck offered them several different identifications.

The men were taken to Gray County jail. The driver, identified as Urrutia, was charged with not having a driver's license and driving with a defective tail light. The passenger, identified as Perez, was charged with failure to identify himself to law enforcement officers. Authorities said there was also an outstanding warrant against Perez for discharge of untreated waste water.

Sheriff Copeland said that as the deputies inventoried the pickup after the two men were arrested, they found a welder and other equipment in the back of the truck.

Equipment matching the description of that in the bed of the pickup had been reported stolen Sunday night from a road construction site in Ellis

County, Okla. The contractor who reported the equipment stolen came to Pampa about 7 a.m. Monday to inspect the equipment found in the pickup, Sheriff Copeland said today.

Copeland said the equipment reported missing in Ellis County was valued at about \$7,600.

Armed with a search warrant, deputies went to Perez' residence on South Price Road where they said they found about \$7,400 in equipment including saddles, riding lawn mowers and chain saws that matched items reported stolen around the panhandle during the past year.

Copeland said that since August, 1999, a series of thefts of various equipment had been reported in eight counties of the Texas Panhandle and in two counties in Oklahoma. Equipment has been reported stolen in Gray County, Ochiltree County, Donley County, Hutchinson County, Oldham County, Carson County, Roberts County and Moore County in the Texas Panhandle and Ellis and Beaver Counties in Oklahoma.

The thefts, which seem to center on welding equipment, total almost a quarter of a million dollars in tools and equipment.

Texas Ranger Gary Henderson and Kelly Rushing, a field inspector for the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association, have been tracking the case for more than nine months. TSCRA field inspectors carry special law enforcement commissions in Texas and Oklahoma. Henderson credited the Gray County Sheriff's office with a break in the case.

Copeland said the sheriff from Moore County is expected to come to Pampa today to question the two men.

"We're still looking," Copeland said today.

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CHIEF DEPUTY

sible to the public," he said. "And bicycles are able to access areas patrol cars can't, of course."

He said that because a bicycle moves slower, the public sees an officer on a bicycle as more approachable.

"It's unbeatable as a deterrent," he added.

Working from a bicycle is no more dangerous than working out of a patrol car, the new chief deputy said. "You might think so at first, but after you get out there doing it you see it isn't. A patrolman has to get out of the car and walk up to a door," he explained.

In addition to patrolling on bicycles and teaching other officers, Russell said he was active in bicycle competitions.

"It was a hobby, but it also advertised our training program," he said.

Houston's bicycle patrol competed in Police Olympics all over the United States in such categories as 100-yard sprint, relay races, endurance, and obstacles.

"As you might think, police officers are very competitive, but they're always gentlemen," he said. "They try as hard as they can to beat each other, then shake hands afterwards."

Two highlights of Russell's career in bicycle patrol, he said, was being able to escort the

Olympic flame across Houston on its way to the Olympics in Atlanta, Ga., and escorting astronaut John Glenn in a Veteran's Day parade.

"I miss the bicycle officers, but there are different opportunities here," Russell said.

"There are a lot of good people with good, specialized police skills," he said. "They've made me feel at home."

"When I came here as a patrol deputy, I found out right a way that the public is first and foremost. They're number one," Russell said.

"Even though Houston had four million people and was very pro police, it was still hard to be personal. Here you can give more personal attention and I like that."

Russell said he came to Pampa at the urging of his brother, Tom Russell, minister of the Central Church of Christ here.

He said coming to a rural area from a metropolitan area is not as big a change for him as some might think.

"I'm a small town boy," he explained. "There were 47 in my senior class. I'm used to small communities" Russell, a graduate of McLoud, Okla., High School, added.

Russell is the father of three children, Darci, a senior at Tomball High School; Matthew who is pursuing an acting career in California; and Dyana, who plays soccer for the University of Missouri.

Consumer confidence up

NEW YORK (AP) — Consumer confidence jumped sharply in May, approaching the all-time high it reached in January. The rise in the closely watched economic indicator suggested that a series of interest rate increases has not yet slowed down consumer spending.

The Conference Board reported today that its Consumer Confidence Index rose to 144.4 in May following declines.

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PAMPA — Mostly sunny today with a high in the mid 90s and south winds at 15-25 mph. Partly cloudy tonight with a less than a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms and a low in the mid 60s. Partly sunny tomorrow with a high of 90-95. Yesterday's high was 96; the overnight low 66.

STATEWIDE — Mostly clear skies and warm temperatures were expected across much of Texas through midweek, under the influence of a high-pressure system in the region. Early-morning temperatures today ranged from the 60s to 80s. It was 82 degrees at Laughlin Air Force Base near Del Rio, 63 at Dalhart, 77 at Odessa, and 73 at Alice, Conroe and San Marcos.

— Patchy fog developed in Southeast Texas.

Winds were generally southerly to southeasterly at 5 to 15 mph.

With the high-pressure system east of the region, a low-pressure trough over the Panhandle will continue a weak onshore flow of warm moist air across South Texas.

Brief morning low clouds and patchy fog were expected again in the southeast through Wednesday.

Winds should increase with the onshore flow.

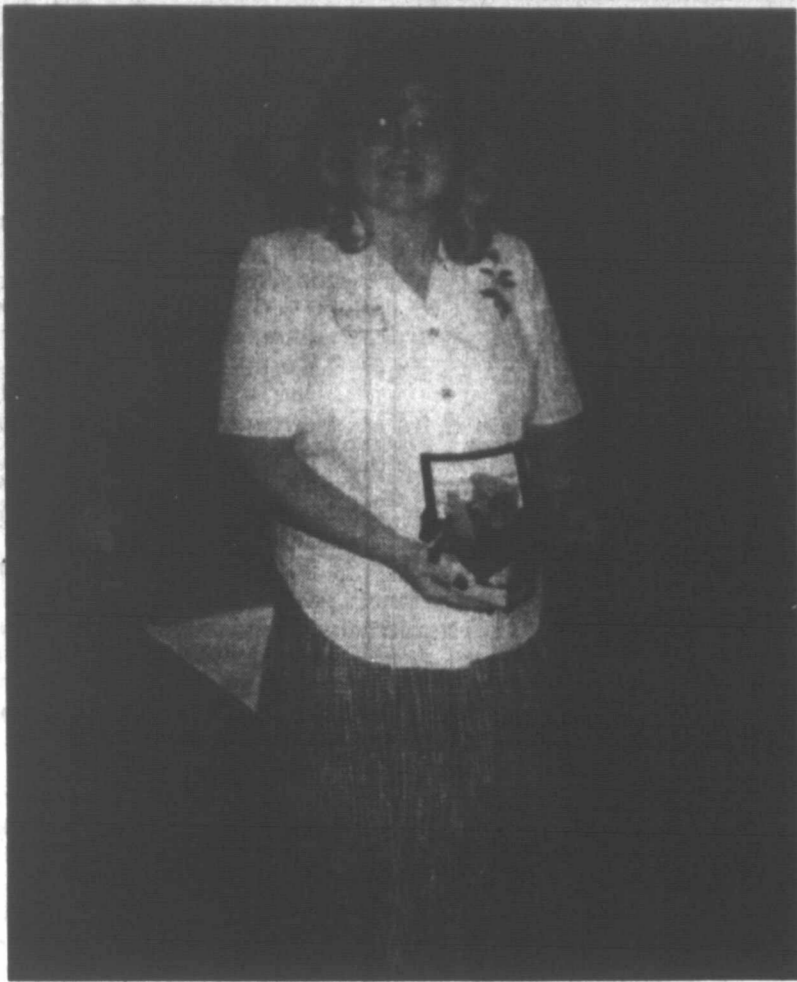
Isolated thunderstorms were expected near the South Texas coast.

Highs should range from the upper 80s along the coast to low 100s in the west and 105 near the Rio Grande valley.

Overnight lows were expected from near 60 in the north to lower 80s in the south.

Winds should be southerly at 5 to 10 mph.

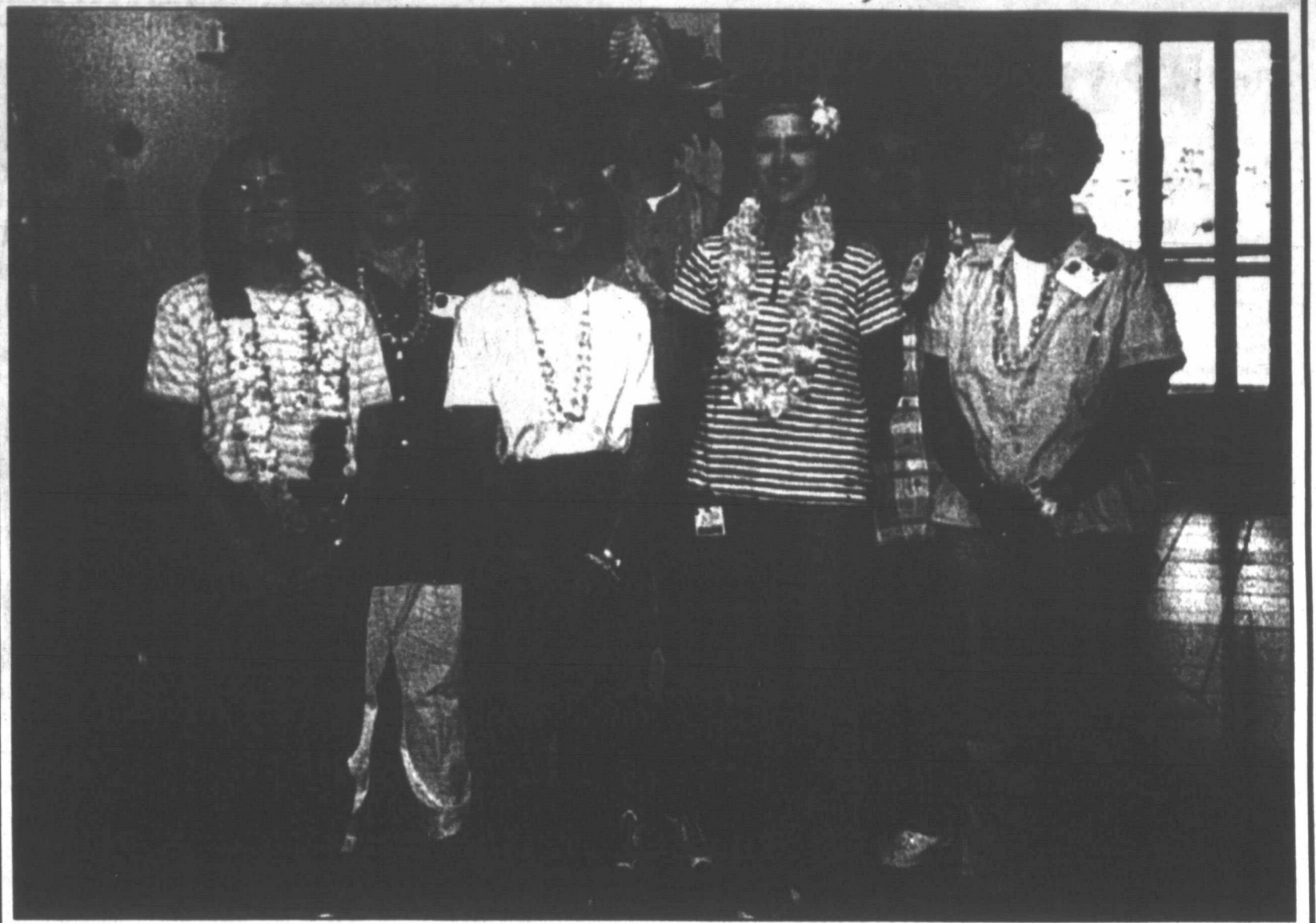
Scholarship recipient



(Special photo)

Frank Phillips College in Borger recently announced Heather Herndon, above, was the recipient of the 1999-00 D. Russell Weston Memorial Scholarship. Herndon is the daughter of Rodney and Jennifer Herndon and Dewayne and Lavon Bogle of Pampa. She is currently pursuing an associate of science degree at FPC and plans to major in chemical engineering at a four-year university. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include: Phi Theta Kappa and TAAS tutor.

ACS benefit dance



(Community Camera photo)

The American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" Hawaiian Punch team will host a benefit dance for the ACS from 8 p.m.-12 midnight June 3 at the Columbus Hall, 318 N. Cuyler. Above are (back row, left-right) Kim Charles, Jason Bljss, Cheryl Powell, (front row, l-r) Jinnifer Hogan, Kristi Coble, Misty Holland and Sharon Rose.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS
The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Furr's Cafeteria.
PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY
The Pampa Prison Ministry

meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B.

Walker at 669-2266.
PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL
A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the

month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, has changed their meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

FPC SUMMER HOURS
Frank Phillips College in Borger will begin observing summer hours May 26. From May 26 through Aug. 11, the college offices will be open from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and from 7:30 a.m.-12 noon Friday.

ROTARY CAMP
District 573 of Rotary International will offer a local camp for children ages 7-14 with diabetes in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico June 12-17

at Ceta Glen Christian Camp in Happy. Activities will include short courses in diabetes control and management conducted by medical school faculty as well as games, sports and crafts for every age and skill level. The camp promotes self-confidence, independence and friendship and fun with other children. Meals and snacks will be planned and supervised by a registered dietitian. Pampa Rotary Club has committed to sponsor a camper from the Pampa area. For more information, call Lee Waters at 669-8014 or Jeff Boyd at 665-8446.

GREEN THUMB
Green Thumb, Inc., the country's oldest and largest provider of mature worker training and employment, launched its statewide search for Texas' Outstanding Older Worker for Year 2000. Texas employers are urged to join this initiative by nominating their outstanding older employees. Nominees must be at least 65, a Texas resident, and work 20 or more hours a week. To nominate a supervisor or co-worker must provide a brief narrative covering the over all contribution to their employer, a description of skills the nominee has learned since beginning of employment, any disabilities the nominee has overcome to perform his/her job and other community involvement. Nominations will be evaluated by a state-wide selection committee and the winner announced mid July. In October the winner will attend the national Prime Time Awards in Washington, DC., in conjunction with Presidentially-proclaimed

Employ the Older worker Week. For more information, call 1-800-880-5292. The deadline for nominations is June 15.

PRMC VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Sign-up for the summer Junior Volunteer Program at Pampa Regional Medical Center is currently under way this month after school at the Volunteer Front Lobby desk at PRMC. Students must be 13 or older. An application must be completed and returned to Nancy Paronto, coordinator of volunteers at the hospital, complete with parents' or guardian's written permission on form. Participants will be notified of all-day orientation in June. Normal schedules during the summer are four to eight hours per week. Learn about health care, accounting, business office, human resource office, dietary department, material management, medical surgical unit, skilled bed unit, information services desk and outpatient desk. Older students may want to try emergency department, surgery department and pharmacy department. For more information, call 663-5577.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:30 p.m. this month (May). For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

Cowboy Roundup USA, ranch rodeo in offing in Amarillo

AMARILLO — Cowboy Roundup USA and Coors Ranch Rodeo will be held June 5-11 in Amarillo. Rodeo performances will be at 7 p.m. nightly June 9-10 at the Tri-State Fairgrounds new Amarillo National Center.

"The two events will team up the week of June 5, 2000 to promote the western lifestyle of the American Cowboy," says Quien Stapleton, who is helping coordinate the cowboy celebration.

Longhorns driven down Polk Street, a Chuckwagon rolling in from the Oklahoma Panhandle, and enough food, dancing and rodeos to fill up a week.

Many regional ranches will be represented at the rodeo, including the world famous JA Ranch from Claude, the Hitch Ranch from Guymon, Okla., and the Bell Ranch from Tucumcari, N.M.

On June 5, the Hitch Ranch Chuckwagon will depart from Guymon. It is scheduled to arrive in Amarillo as part of a wagon train on June 8.

At 5:30 p.m. on June 8, Polk Street in Amarillo will be the site of 50 to 60 Longhorns driven "Col. Charles Goodnight style," accompanied by the wagon train. They will come North on Polk Street to Third and Polk and end up by the Maxor National Courtyard, says Stapleton.

After the Friday night rodeo performance, the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a dance at the Rex Baxter Building on the Tri-State Fairgrounds featuring the band, Cooder Graw.

The "World Championship Chuckwagon Roundup" competition begins on June 9 with check in of wagons representing many of the area ranches as well as from across the country. Crews will cook Chuckwagon style dishes ranging from sourdough biscuits to chicken fried steak and cowboy cobbler all in Dutch ovens over a campfire. The June 10 lunch and June 11, breakfast will be open to the public.

The Western Trade Show and Sale opens June 9 at the Tri-State Fairgrounds Livestock Building. The first horsemanship seminar is also on June 9.

Saturday, June 10, activities will feature campsite entertainment at the Chuckwagon grounds, a second horsemanship seminar and Chuckwagon food judging. "We hand out the Chuckwagon competition awards at the campsite at 4 p.m. ..." says Stapleton, adding that the roundup provides an opportunity for ranch hands and owners to swap a few stories and have some friendly competition, both at the Chuckwagon campsite and at the rodeo.

The Junior Cowboy Roundup USA Roping will also be held on Saturday. Last year's All-Around Junior Cowboy was Brent Cauble representing the JA Ranch. Brent is the son of Rhett and Susie Cauble of the JA.

The awards presentation and dance featuring The Original Cowboy Electric Band will be held after the rodeo at the Rex Baxter Building on the Tri-State Fairgrounds.

Ranch Rodeos differ slightly from traditional rodeos. Expert cowhands, the real "Professional Cowboys," compete in events that are often part of their everyday jobs back on the ranch. Cattle sorting, truly a "western art form," is a popular event. Another is the calf-branding event, saddle bronc riding and one of the crowd favorites, wild cow milking.

"Each ranch brings a team of at least five cowboys who will take different roles in each of the events," says Stapleton. "An All-Around Cowboy and All-Around Quarter Horse will be chosen during the competition." The roundup will end June 11. Cowboy Church will be held at 9 a.m. that Sunday. The Trade Show will also be open Sunday.

Rodeo tickets for Friday and Saturday are \$10, Chuckwagon Lunch tickets for Saturday are \$8 and Chuckwagon Breakfast tickets for Sunday are \$5. Rodeo dance tickets for Friday and Saturday night are \$8. Rodeo tickets are on sale now at Luskey's Western Wear in Amarillo. Rodeo and dance may be purchased at the Tri-State Fairgrounds during the events.

For more information on Cowboy Roundup USA, contact Stapleton at (806) 372-4777.

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Inside the Beltway
 with
Rep. Mac Thornberry

Support for death tax repeal mounts

Day after day American workers and small business owners work long hours, trying to save and build up a successful business or at least a nest egg to leave to their children. It's often called the American Dream.

But the federal government puts some big roadblocks in the way of achieving that dream. One of the biggest is the death tax. Also known as the inheritance tax, Americans can be forced to turn over to the government up to 55 percent of everything for which they've worked. It's just wrong.

Studies show that most family-owned businesses don't make it to the second generation and very few make it to the third. Whether you are in farming and ranching or the dry cleaning business, the death tax can force your children to sell off what you spent a lifetime to build just to pay the tax.

I've been pushing to repeal the death tax since the first day I came to Congress.

In the next few weeks, the House of Representatives will vote on a bill which does just that. I do not expect the president will sign it into law this year, but I am encouraged that fewer people in Congress and in the country try to defend this tax that brings in relatively few dollars but costs our economy so much.

We ought to encourage people to work hard, build, save and try to leave something so their children can have a better life. Laying the death tax to rest once and for all will help.

In the process, it will help make the American Dream become reality for thousands of people.

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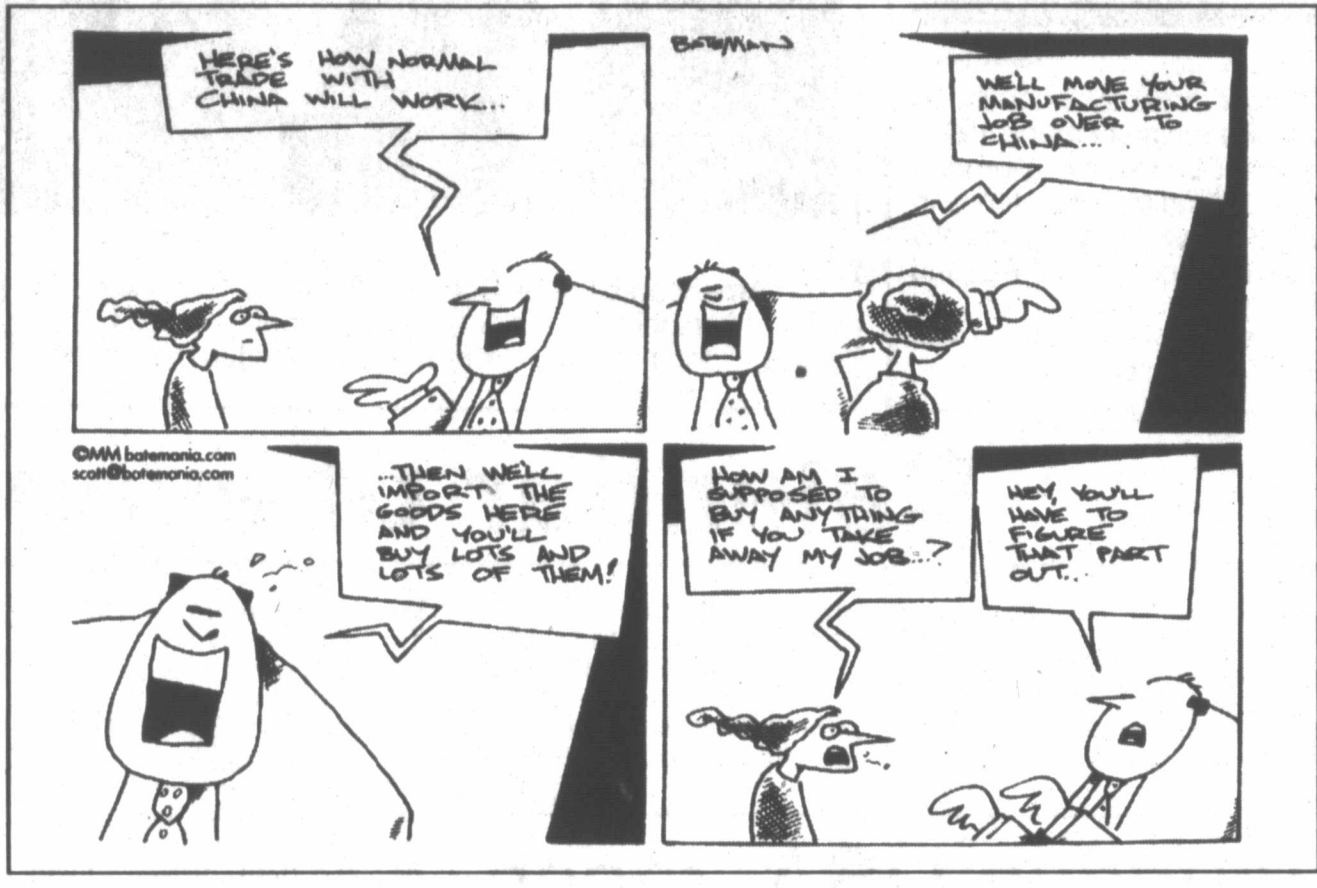
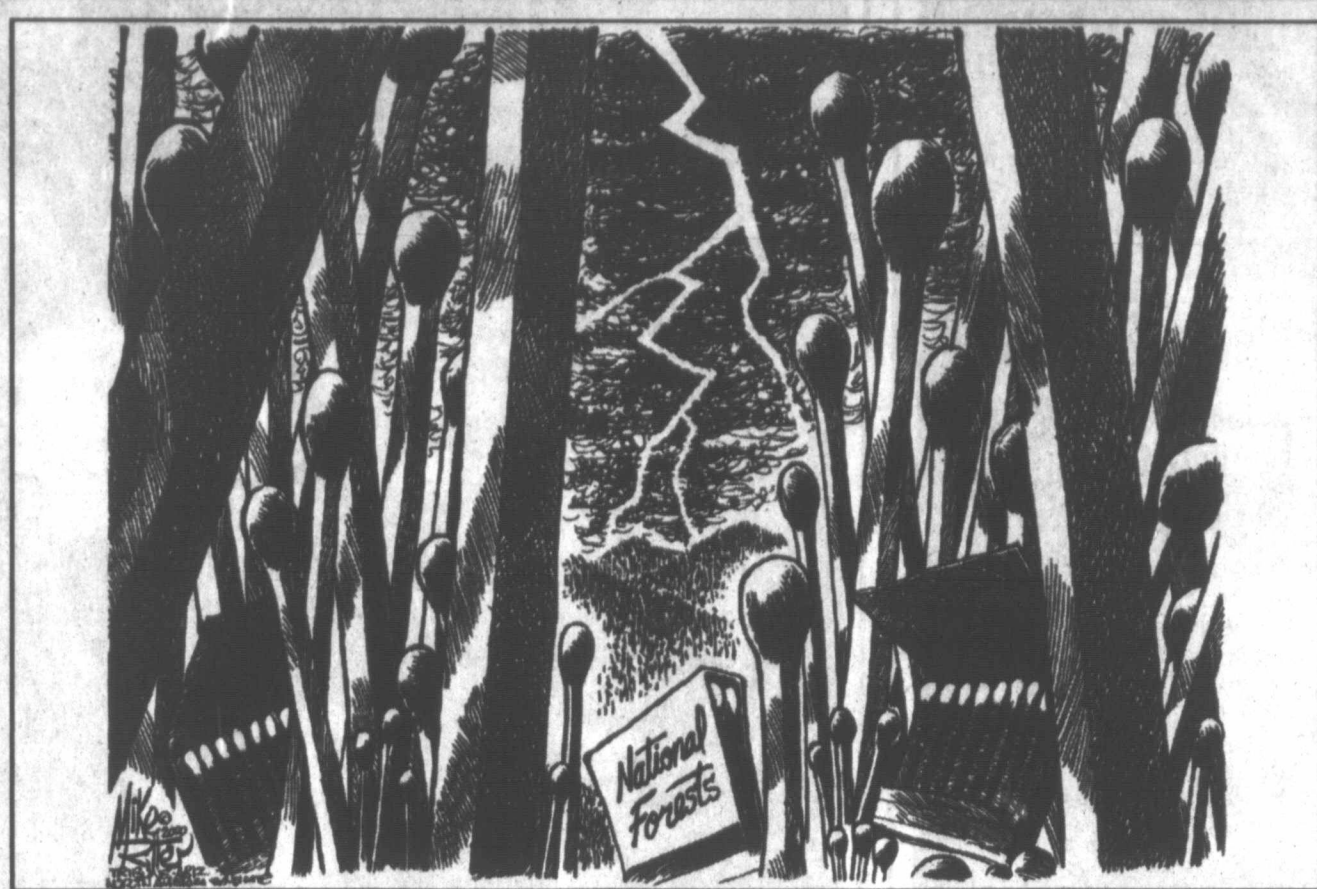
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Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, May 30, the 151st day of 2000. There are 215 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 30, 1431, Joan of Arc, condemned as a heretic, was burned at the stake in Rouen, France.

On this date:

In 1539, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto landed in Florida.

In 1854, the territories of Nebraska and Kansas were established.

In 1883, 12 people were trampled to death in a stampede triggered by a rumor that the recently opened Brooklyn Bridge was in imminent danger of collapsing.

In 1911, Indianapolis saw its first long-distance auto race; Ray Harroun was the winner.

In 1922, the Lincoln Memorial was dedicated in Washington D.C. by Chief Justice William Howard Taft.

In 1937, 10 people were killed when police fired on steelworkers demonstrating near the Republic Steel plant in Chicago.

In 1943, American forces secured the Aleutian island of Attu from the Japanese during World War II.

In 1958, unidentified soldiers killed in World War II and the Korean conflict were buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1971, the American space probe, Mariner 9, blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Fla., on a journey to Mars.

In 1980, Pope John Paul II arrived in France on the first visit by the head of the Roman Catholic Church since the early 19th century.

Ten years ago, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev arrived in Washington for his summit with President Bush.

Five years ago: In a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic demanded guarantees of no further NATO air attacks and de facto recognition of a self-styled Serb state.

Sometimes school ties endure time

"Pomp & Circumstance," the song traditionally played at graduations, still makes my heart swell and my eyes teary. I don't have to be directly involved to feel the emotions swirling through the music. It's there in every note.

Friday I watched all those hopeful young people line up outside McNeely Field House and marveled at the future potential they represented.

If they are like my senior class, they will have successes and failures. The ones "most likely" to succeed may not be so successful. The ones no one expected to succeed will surprise everyone. They will experience the joys and the tragedies we all encounter.

The moment they leave the graduation ceremony, these young people, whose lives have been so intricately intertwined with the thread of public education, will find the thread quickly unravels. From this point on, they are on their own.

Graduation also marks the end of the greatest freedom they will ever experience. When they took off the mortar board, they put on the mantle of adulthood and all the responsibilities that go with it.

Friendships usually change after graduation. Once in awhile, a special friendship manages to endure.

I have one such friendship that has endured for more than three decades. When I talk about her around here, I call her "my friend from Louisiana." Her name is Cindy and she has taught me volumes about sister love and commitment.

Graduation always makes me think of Cindy. I



Dee Dee Laramore

Staff writer

have a memory of us standing on the parking lot of the Dixie Creme in Minden, La., at graduation time. Several of us were standing arm-in-arm talking about all the exciting things going on. I noticed our shadows stretched out on the asphalt and I realized this moment was a turning point in our lives.

Though we were interlocked so closely, I knew this would change in a flash. I knew this for certain because I would be moving back to Texas in a few days. I wondered what was in store for us as the future stretched ahead. It's probably a good thing I didn't know. The adventure that is my life has been something I couldn't possibly have imagined that day.

Through the years, Cindy has been a mainstay. She's the one person who shares my memories of Louisiana, the happiest, most free time of my life. She was my inspiration for the role I played in *Steel Magnolias*. She truly is a "steel magnolia."

She was a bridesmaid in my wedding. I would

have been in hers but I was pregnant. I made my husband drive all night so I could surprise her by being at her wedding. We shared the births of our children, my two and her four. We went through divorces, mine and hers. I regret to this day that I never saw the alcoholism and abuse she endured in her marriage. She was too ashamed to tell even me until it was over.

We went through the tragic death of her ex-husband and her mother. We shared my daughter's marriage and the births of my two grandchildren. Now we're exchanging our experiences as our sons join the military.

Most of all, we are sharing all the things that go with growing older. Fortunately she's two months older than I am so I can tease her until it's my turn to go through another birthday milestone.

This millennium year Cindy and I will turn 45. We're a long way from the innocent 17-year-olds who stood on the asphalt that hot Louisiana afternoon. We never dreamed the turns our lives would take through the years. I never dreamed we would still be friends, even closer friends now with all the shared memories we have.

We discussed these coming birthdays and decided that if we have to be 45, then we'll be 45 Magnums. My husband shot a hole in that, though. He said I wasn't big enough to be a 45 Magnum.

I guess I'll just have to settle for being a 45 Special, a matched pair with my friend from Louisiana.

Ugliness is a by-product of communism

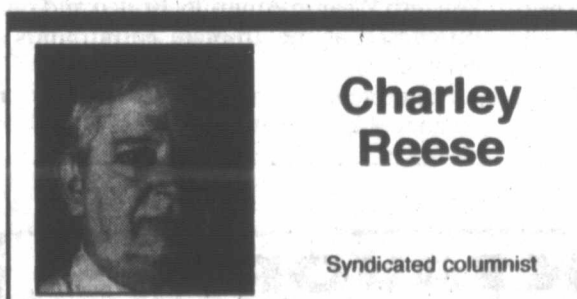
Among the many sins of communist rule, and one of the hardest to get rid of, is uglification. To the small minds that swarm out from under the rocks to become leaders in communist countries, buildings that are simply beautiful or historically significant are just examples of bourgeois decadence.

Here and elsewhere, when the communists ruled, most of these buildings were deliberately neglected and allowed to deteriorate. The communists would build high-rises. They are typical of the ugly Soviet style and equally shoddy Soviet construction. Today, they are a blight on the fringes of every city. They are ugly. They are falling apart.

But trying to make Prague ugly is like trying to make a mountain flat. The beauty of Prague resists everything. At this time of year, with lilacs blooming and chestnut trees loaded with blossoms, the beauty of the old city on Vltava (Moldau in German) River empties the mind of such subjects as politics and economics. It sings one message: Life, life is beautiful, life is reaffirmed.

Prague, of course, is the capital of the Czech Republic, which used to be part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and before that Bohemia.

The second scar, which lingers yet from communist rule, is lack of morality. I don't mean that Prague is some kind of Sin City on the Vltava. The 41 years of communism knocked a



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big dent in religion. (In the Czech Republic and Hungary, only about 17 percent to 20 percent of the population say they are religious.) This, in turn, knocked a big dent in morality, such as telling the truth and not filching from the your employer.

As we can see in Russia, the lying and stealing and bribery, which are necessary means of survival in a communist country, become liabilities when an attempt is made to transition to capitalism. Capitalism itself requires a certain level of honesty to function. Functioning without the restraint of religious morality, capitalism can be as brutal as communism.

Graffiti, a sign of people with no respect for other people or their property, is everywhere, and police seem disinclined to do anything about it. Perhaps ailing president Vaclav Havel would do better to borrow a few cops from New York than to suggest Madeleine Albright as his successor.

But despite that, civilization is definitely making a comeback in Eastern Europe. Though it made no sense for us, being admitted to NATO was a big deal for the Czechs, Poles and Hungarians. They are less nervous about the Russians. They are now eager to be admitted to the European Union.

A decade has passed since communist rule was ended in Eastern Europe. The old and the beautiful are being restored. People once more can see a future. Their economies are beginning to pick up.

It seems to me that it would make more sense for American firms, if they must go overseas, to invest in Eastern Europe than to cut deals with Chinese commissars. And it would make more sense for American evangelists to try to restore Christianity to Europe than to try to convert Muslims who already have a religion and a moral code to live by.

After all, when we look at European faces, we see America. We are part of European civilization. Its long history is also our history, and our shorter history is likewise Europe's history. We are one people, sprouted from a common seed planted in common ground — Europe.

Like us, Europe also has its minorities, including Africans and Asians. But like us, the majority is European. Americans would do well in these times to remember their heritage and who they are.

Amish reach outside group for help with underage drinking

MIDDLEFIELD, Ohio (AP) — It's Saturday night, party night. Dozens of teens are gathered in a town parking lot, eating fast food and joking around. Many leave when they discover the site of a party where beer will be flowing all night. Some leave in their black horse-drawn buggies. The Amish in this northeast Ohio city have long struggled to curb underage drinking in their community. The problem has been serious enough that despite their tradition of avoiding the outside

world, Amish leaders have reached out to police and judges in recent years for help breaking up drinking parties and doling out tough sentences to offenders.

"Some Amish families, while they don't condone it, they overlook it because they want the kids to get this out of their system," said Middlefield police Chief David Easton. The number of alcohol-related arrests appears to be down, but authorities say it remains a problem in this farming and industrial area 30 miles east of Cleveland. Geauga County is home to more than 6,000 Amish — one of the nation's largest settlements.

The Amish live a simple lifestyle and shun modern conveniences such as cars, telephones and electricity. Someone born into an Amish family is not automatically a member — they decide in their late teens and early 20s whether to join.

It's just before that crucial decision that young people sometimes "sow their wild oats" because the partying stops as soon as they join the church, Easton said.

Chardon Municipal Judge Craig Albert said it was after he sentenced three Amish teens to 60 days in jail for violating the terms of their probation for underage drinking convictions that Amish leaders asked him for help.

"After 30 days, the Amish community was begging and complaining. They wanted the kids to go to church and I let them out. It was a real wake-up call," the

judge said.

He and the county sheriff gave a series of speeches to about 1,600 Amish adults and teens on drinking's dangers and penalties. The speeches featured an Amish man who was an alcoholic. After the talks, the number of arrests trailed off until last summer, according to the sheriff's office.

Authorities are quick to note that drinking among Amish youth is not as widespread as it is in the rest of the teen-age population. Albert said the dozens of Amish alcohol-related cases he deals with yearly are a small portion of his caseload. Very few Amish are repeat offenders, the judge said.

The drinking usually takes place during the warm months at bonfire parties that can attract up to 200 youths. Police often rely on tips to find the parties because most are hidden on rural, private farms.

"They don't seem to think they're doing anything wrong. They'll bring the cases of beer out in the open as they unload them," said sheriff's spokesman John Hiscoc.

The problem gained attention last September when a 17-year-old Amish boy passed out in the front seat of his buggy, and his horse trotted home on its own through dangerous intersections. Police weren't able to rouse the teen by blaring their sirens and horns.

After a two-mile, low-speed chase, the buggy hit a police cruiser and overturned, ejecting the youth. His injuries were minor, but the teen was arrested. So was his 21-year-old Amish buddy who bought him the 12-pack of beer for a party.

"This was a serious thing, but people perceived it as being funny but it's not funny," Easton said. "The horse doesn't know when to stop for signs. It was a recipe for disaster."

Officers have been working at cutting off Amish teens' access to alcohol.

In the past, stores often would let Amish buy

alcohol without showing any identification because they don't have driver's licenses, Easton said. Now stores and the town's two bars are supposed to ask for a state identification card for any Amish person who looks underage.

And officials are keeping an eye out for taxi drivers buying large quantities of alcohol because they have been known to sell it to Amish youths for a profit.

Linda Myers has been trying to steer Amish teens away from alcohol through Turning Point, an alcohol awareness class. Juvenile Court Judge Charles Henry orders about 50 Amish youngsters every year to take the class, Myers said.

Most of the county's 39 Amish schools also have Drug Abuse Resistance Education courses. The DARE program teaches students the dangers of drugs and alcohol and how to resist peer pressure.

On the Net: DARE: <http://www.dare.com>
National Center for Addiction and Substance Abuse: <http://www.casacolumbia.org>

LA Police chief's granddaughter shot to death at restaurant

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The granddaughter of Police Chief Bernard Parks was shot to death in a restaurant parking lot by gunman who was apparently aiming for her friend, authorities said.

Lori Gonzalez, 20, was shot several times by a man who walked up and opened fire on the car in the driveway of a Popeye's chicken restaurant in south Los Angeles at 10:15 p.m. Sunday, Lt. Horace Frank said.

No arrests had been made Monday night. Police said they had no information about a possible motive for the attack.

"We're really asking the public's help in bringing this individual to justice," Frank said.

The attacker apparently was aiming for Gonzalez's passenger, a 20-year-old friend, police said.

"He ducked and he was not injured," Officer Jason Lee said.

Detectives have begun examining surveillance tapes from a gas station near the shooting scene in hopes that the camera recorded footage of the killer.

Gonzalez is the daughter of one of Parks' three daughters, Felicia, Lee said. Parks also has a son. Parks and his family were "grieving in seclusion," according to a police department statement. The family was "devastated," Frank added.

Mayor Richard Riordan issued a statement of condolence, saying he and his wife, Nancy, were "deeply saddened by the tragic death."

Her father, Joe Gonzalez, told the Los Angeles Times his daughter was studying English at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, about 60 miles southeast of Los Angeles. She also held two jobs, as a drug store clerk and an operator with Pacific Bell.

Gonzalez described his daughter, who moved in with her father and his family in Mission Viejo two years ago, as "wonderful with people and full of life." She was in Los Angeles visiting her mother, who is divorced from Gonzalez.

Bruce Smith, a resident of the neighborhood where Gonzalez was shot, said safety concerns keep him away from area restaurants late at night.

"Gang problems, drug problems — we have in this part of town. I wouldn't consider it 100 percent safe," he said.

Eddie Van Halen cancer center outpatient

HOUSTON (AP) — Guitarist Eddie Van Halen, co-founder of the rock band that bears his name, was an outpatient at Houston's University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center last week.

The band's Web site said Van Halen, 43, visited the center Thursday and plans to begin outpatient treatment to prevent cancer.

However, MTV's Web site, citing sources it did not identify, reported last week that Van Halen has suffered from cancer of the tongue and already has had surgery to remove part of the organ.

Cigarettes can contribute to tongue cancer. Van Halen is a heavy smoker.

Hospital spokeswoman Jane Brust said the California rocker does not currently have cancer. However, when asked if he has been treated for the disease, Brust declined comment today.

Van Halen, who is married to actress Valerie Bertinelli, founded the band in 1974 with his older brother, Alex, on drums, bass player Michael Anthony and singer David Lee Roth. Roth left the group in the mid-1980s.

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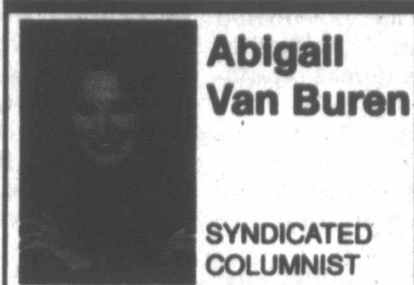
Show of Support Is Welcomed By Down Syndrome Girl's Mom

DEAR ABBY: My letter is in response to "Hurt in Pennsylvania," who wanted her daughter judged on her merits rather than on her Down syndrome.

I, too, am a mother of a daughter with Down syndrome, and I felt bad for "Hurt" — not because her daughter has Down syndrome, but because she failed to recognize those who were obviously attempting to empathize with her, and she is reacting with disdain. I felt that that your response to her was that her letter "said it very well," because I don't share your view. It is not easy to accept a disability in any child. Down syndrome children are similar in many respects; however, that doesn't take away from their individualism. "They" are "all so sweet!"

Most people are afraid of the unknown, and when people try to ease someone's pain or "grieving" (as she put it), they shouldn't be alluded to as "insensitive jerks." Our tolerance for others should not be conditional on our own inability to cope. Perhaps it helps others deal with their obvious discomfort to "share their experiences with individuals who have Down syndrome." I, for one, am grateful for all the many people who come forward and offer their love and support since our daughter's birth, even when the attempts are less than perfect.

My daughter is now 19, has graduated from high school and holds a job. There are still difficult things to deal with, but she has



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

affected more people's lives for good than I would have ever dreamed.

ANNA'S MOM, DIANN STEWART, LAS VEGAS
DEAR DIANN: I'm pleased that your daughter, Anna, has achieved her many successes. However, the message that "Hurt" was trying to deliver is that it's rude to discuss someone's disability during a casual encounter. I printed her letter because I hoped it would cause people to think about how such comments might be received. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: "Hurt in Pennsylvania" should be grateful her daughter wasn't born in the '40s, as was my brother — who is 52 this year and doing just fine, thank you. She is fortunate she has not had people ostracize her for having a "ruined" child, as my parents did. A "Christian" minister to whom they had gone for counseling actually told them they had given birth to this "Mongoloid" boy because they had sinned! Other mothers wouldn't let their children play with my

brother and me for fear they would "catch it."

We were an Air Force family, and in the '50s we were accosted on the street in Wiesbaden, Germany, by a man who told us he didn't want to see this "abomination" on the public streets, and we should immediately have my brother put away! (Well, at least he didn't say "put down"!)

In high school and college, I was told by young men that they would date me, but not to expect anything further (like love and marriage), because they didn't want "retards" for children.

People like me and my family have worked for the last 50 years to educate the public, and if I am approached by well-meaning folks when I'm out with my brother, they are received politely and are liable to get a brief lecture on Down syndrome, along with the fact that, as far as science can tell, it is a tragic genetic accident, and not hereditary. **CHERI THROOP, FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

DEAR CHERI: I hope that during the last three decades the public has learned enough about Down syndrome that no other family has to experience the pain that yours (and I am sure many others) did because of ignorance.

For those interested in learning more about Down syndrome, the National Down Syndrome Society Web page is at www.ndss.org.

favor and makes more possible. Tonight: Where the gang is! **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** *** Keeping up and staying calm could take a lion's share of your energy. Others challenge your decisions and prove to be most unpredictable. Avoid being a fire-fighter, running from crisis to crisis. Concentrate and stay focused. Tonight: Work late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** New information challenges your mind and ideas. Be willing to halt operations for enough time to check facts. As a result, your direction will change. Demonstrate flexibility and openness. Tonight: Try a new type of movie.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** A partner and his actions could jolt you: You flourish with another's feedback. Stay centered. Understand what you should do to stabilize a money matter. Test some of your wilder ideas before you take action. Tonight: Ease up on rigidity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** A family member might baffle you. Understand what it takes to stabilize a personal matter. Recognize what makes another tick. Give a partner space to work through problems. Accept an invitation to join friends. Tonight: Just don't be alone!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Examine your expectations before making a decision. The unpredictable runs rampant through your work and day-to-day communication. Listen to someone at a distance. Pace yourself, and you'll get everything done. Tonight: Be willing to put in the extra hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Money matters could easily get topsy-turvy. A close tie might be urging you to take a risk and evaluate. A creative associate means well, but he might not have the same wellspring of common sense as you do. Tonight: Surprise someone special.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Your unpredictability works with you. However, you unnerve family and those close to you. Build security with those around you. Understanding where others come from helps you soothe their fears and worries. Tonight: Mosey on home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Listen carefully to a neighbor's ideas. Though you might be shocked, work with them. Deal with your own feelings privately. Pace yourself. You could become overwhelmed. Return calls. Touch base with a special friend. Tonight: Talk through a problem.

BORN TODAY
 Actor Clint Eastwood (1930), actress Brooke Shields (1965), actress Lea Thompson (1961)

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Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2000

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) *** Expenses could knock you off-balance. Think carefully about what works for you before launching into action. Network, catch up with friends and share ideas. Mobilize a surprise and use it to draw others together. Tonight: Revamp your budget!

Taurus (April 20-May 20) *** Bosses' quirky behavior gets to you. Be smart and let it roll off you like water. You'll gain if you remain open-minded and look for solutions. If someone is unpredictable, consider that it gives you more freedom to make an important move or decision. Tonight: In the limelight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Make calls. Find others with more expertise if you have a question. You might be surprised at the conclusions you reach. Still, think through a decision carefully. You might not have all the answers yet. Tonight: Mull over recent events.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Knowing what you want helps you direct an associate's instability. Your sense of humor comes out when dealing with others. Focus on positives, not problems. Optimism works in your

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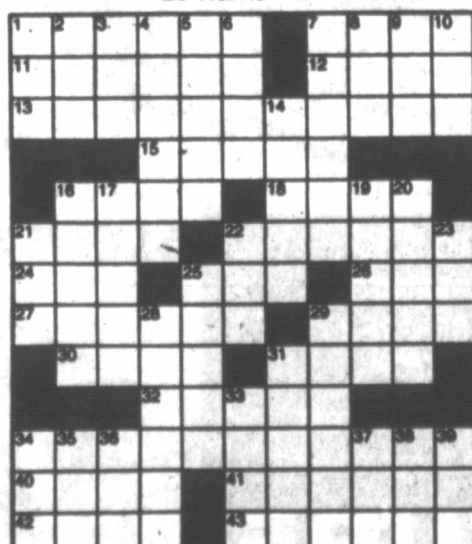
By THOMAS JOSEPH

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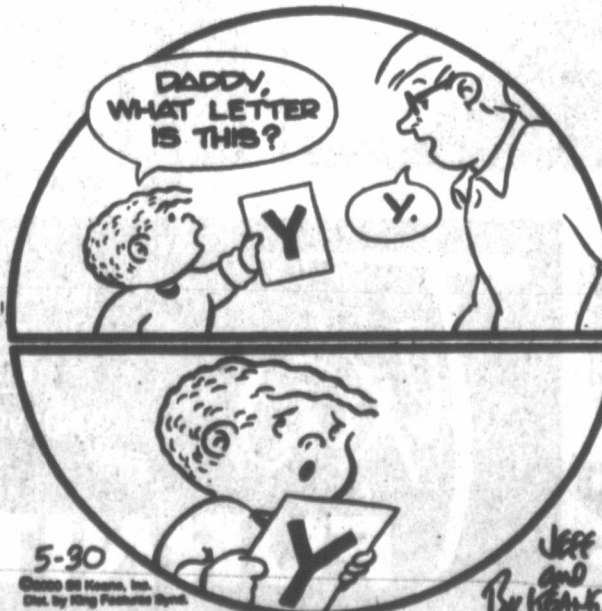
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"You don't have to look for coins. I'll buy your ice cream!"

The Family Circus



"Well, because I was just hopin' you'd help me learn."

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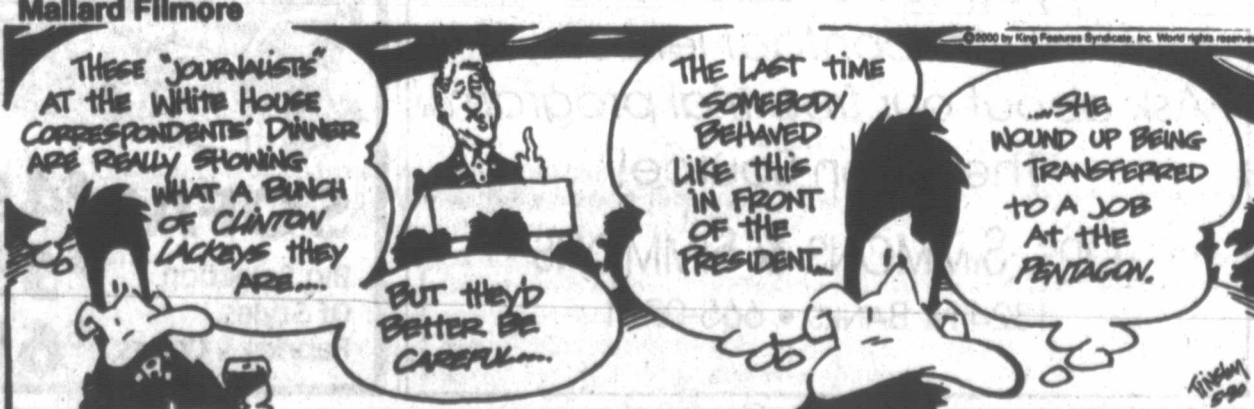
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BASEBALL

PAMPA — Make-up dates for team baseball pictures will be May 31 and June 1 from 5:30 to 8:30 at the Pampa Optimist Club.

The photo session includes teams from all divisions which didn't have their pictures taken earlier.

LIBERAL — Cross Plains ended Shamrock's baseball season with a 14-9 win Monday in a regional semifinal game.

Shamrock's downfall was seven errors, which resulted in eight unearned runs.

John Velasquez had three of Shamrock's 10 hits, including a bases-loaded triple.

Shamrock finished with an 18-3 record. Cross Plains, which reached the state finals a year ago, advances with a 21-6 record.

SOFTBALL

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Lisa Carey tied the school record with her 20th homer, and Jennifer Stewart threw an eight-hitter Monday as Oklahoma beat defending champion UCLA 3-1 to win the NCAA Women's Softball College World Series.

Carey's two-run homer in the third inning gave the Sooners (66-8) a 2-0 lead. Kelli Braitsch's run-scoring single then made it 3-0.

UCLA (46-12-1) got its only run in the sixth inning on Julie Marshall's sacrifice fly.

GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills Seniors Association held a 4-man scramble last weekend.

First place: Travis Taylor, Carl Warner, Howard Wells and Bob Henderson 63.

Second place: Ted Jett, J.T. Lamberson, Bob Lyle and Rex Courter 64.

Third place: Bill King, Jim Bridges, Harvey Malone and O.K. Lee 65.

Fourth place: Darrell Phillips, Bob Swope, Pat Montoya and Troy Bennett 65.

Closest to the hole: Marvin Allison, No. 15.

BASKETBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Once the Houston Comets were able to put aside their emotions, they took care of the New York Liberty.

In a tearful pre-game ceremony, the Comets raised their third straight WNBA championship banner inscribed "No. 3 for No. 10" in honor of point guard Kim Perrot, who lost her fight with cancer last Aug. 19.

When the game started, the Comets weren't ready.

"I don't think we were very aggressive at the start but that's what got us going," Comets coach Van Chancellor said. "I think the emotions got to us early but we turned on the defense and that got us going offensively."

And as usual it was Cynthia Cooper and Sheryl Swoopes who for Houston going.

Cooper became the first player in league history to pass the 2,000-point mark and Swoopes finished with 27 points as the Comets beat New York 84-68 in the season opener Monday.

Cooper entered the game with 1,987 career points. A 3-pointer with 13:25 to play put her over the 2,000 mark and she finished with 19 for a total of 2,006.

"It was good to come back and play hard after that kind of slow start," Cooper said. "We knew New York would come out and play tough and they would be on their game."

It was a rematch of last season's WNBA championship series.

"I'm glad it's over, I was very nervous about this one," Swoopes said. "I knew there were going to be jitters and you could tell that at the start when we couldn't buy a basket."

Woods is a winner again at Memorial

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — Since winning at the Memorial Tournament a year ago, Tiger Woods has won 12 tournaments. And he's not satisfied.

"I'm trying to get better. I'm trying to work on every facet of my game. I'm trying to improve to give myself chances in each and every tournament I play in," Woods said Monday after rolling to a five-shot victory in defending his title at the rain-delayed Memorial Tournament.

Ernie Els shot a 7-under 65 and never got closer than four strokes. He was stunned by the prospect of a new and improved Tiger.

"He's probably as good as we want to see him play," Els cracked.

Of course, no one was surprised that Woods won. After all, he started the day with a six-shot

head start on Steve Lowery. After he birdied three of the first eight holes, the lead was eight and it was just a matter of time until tournament founder Jack Nicklaus handed over the \$558,000 first-place check.

Woods' closing 70 left him at 19-under 269, five shots better than Els and Justin Leonard. It also left him a shot off Tom Lehman's tournament record.

Yet Woods hardly had a triumphal march up the 72nd fairway — adding a whiff of color to an otherwise methodical round on a gray day.

His 7-iron approach from 156 yards took off like a Mark McGwire moonshot, ricocheted off a cart path 30 yards beyond the green and disappeared into the gallery some 50 yards away from the pin. Sheepishly, Woods walked up the hill toward the

clubhouse and hit two wedges to get on the green before making his bogey putt.

Woods left the green shielding his eyes in mock embarrassment. "That was one of the worst shots I've ever seen," Woods said. "I've played in many pro-ams but ... wow! I definitely need some work."

Despite that errant shot, Woods had an impeccable week. He only had four bogeys, including two in the final round when his name had all but been etched on the crystal championship trophy.

With his 19th career victory, he now has won more than \$4.1 million this year, already the second highest in tour history behind the \$6.6 million he stockpiled in 1999.

At the age of 24, he's already the first player to top \$15 million in career earnings. He's won 11 of his last 20 tour events and has fin-

ished in the top 10 in 23 of his last 25 tournaments worldwide.

And it's still not enough. "What you're supposed to do is continue to try and get better," Woods said. "That doesn't mean that you're going to get better, but I'm trying to get better."

Nicklaus, one of only three others to win the Memorial twice,

said there were similarities between the way he and Woods approached the game.

"If I was hitting the ball the way I wanted to hit it, I always felt like everybody else was going to play for second," said Nicklaus, winner of 18 major championships. "And I think he feels the same way."

Dillas slip by Jackson, 6-5

JACKSON, Miss. — Amarillo rallied past Jackson 6-5 Sunday in a Texas-Louisiana League baseball game.

Outfielder Lonnie Maclin had two hits and two RBI for the Dillas. Mike Hardge, Derek Henderson and Matt Dettman also had two hits each.

Perry Miley hit a home run for the losers.

Jason Patrick lifted his mound record to 4-1. He struck out four and didn't walk a batter in eight innings on the mound. Tom Ferguson picked up his third save of the season.

The Dillas (16-6) lead Greenville by four games in the T-L standings. Sixth-place Jackson is 9-13.

Devils relish underdog role against NHL champs

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Waiting to see who would win the Western Conference finals was an enlightening experience for the New Jersey Devils.

It didn't seem to matter whether the defending champion Dallas Stars or the Colorado Avalanche advanced to the Stanley Cup finals, the perception among the so-called experts was that whoever won was going to take the Cup.

The Devils smile when reminded of that, and they'll note how tough it will be to beat the Stars when the best-of-seven finals gets under way tonight at the Continental Airlines Arena.

The Stars have more experience, their defensive style is tough to beat, they have great skill players, in Mike Modano, Brett Hull and Joe Nieuwendyk and goaltender Ed Belfour has allowed only 31 goals on 450 shots, a .931 save percentage. Dallas also won both games in the season series.

New Jersey can match with the goaltending of Martin Brodeur and its defensive system, but it seems to lack star power and experience.

If you know the Devils, that sounds very similar to 1995, when New Jersey met the Detroit Red Wings in the Cup finals.

Everyone picked the Red Wings with their left-wing lock and star-studded cast that included Steve Yzerman, Sergei Fedorov and Mike Vernon.

The result: The Devils swept in winning their first and only Stanley Cup.

"It's a lot like '95," said Claude Lemieux, one of nine holdovers from that team and the winner of the Conn Smythe award as the playoff MVP.

"We don't have their experience but we have youth and guys who have been getting better every round," Lemieux said. "They are only going to get better as they get older and as they play in the finals, they will get more comfortable."

What makes the comparison to 1995 even more remarkable is the way the seasons went.

New Jersey started out strong both years and then faded down the stretch in the regular season, leaving doubts whether it could make a run at a championship. They played very well in the

opening two rounds of both playoffs and then beat Philadelphia in a very hard-fought conference finals, with the difference this year being it took seven games instead of six.

"We feel good about ourselves and we are going to have to play our game," defenseman Ken Daneyko said. "That's what we've done all playoffs, worry about what the New Jersey Devils are doing. If we can execute, we think we have a shot."

Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock isn't buying into the predictions his team is a lock for a second straight title.

"I don't think where they are surprises anybody," Hitchcock said. "I think we should be the favorites because we are the defending champions. That is what makes us the favorites, but that all goes out of the way in the first period."

The series pairs two teams that like to clog the neutral zone and then counterattack. Defensively, both teams can be bruising along the back line.

Devils captain Scott Stevens is a leading candidate for this year's playoff MVP. He has been matched against Pavel Bure of Florida, Mats Sundin of Toronto and John LeClair of Philadelphia in the first three rounds of the playoffs and those players combined for one goal.

Stevens also has been devastating with his checks, turning the tide in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals by knocking out Eric Lindros of the Flyers in the first period.

Stopping Modano and Hull, who share the goal-scoring lead in the playoffs with nine apiece, might be a little more difficult.

Rattlers in Miami

MIAMI — The Amarillo Rattlers in-line hockey tour will be in Miami for a clinic during the annual Cow Calling Celebration on Saturday, June 3.

The Rattlers will be located at Roberts County Park between the hours of 12 noon and 1:30 p.m.

The clinic is free to all participants and everyone gets equal playing time. The clinic is sponsored by the Miami-Roberts County Chamber of Commerce.

Francis signs



(Pampa News photo)

Senior shortstop Jesse Francis of the Pampa Harvesters signs a letter-of-intent to play baseball at Howard College in Big Spring. Francis was a first-team, all-district player for the Harvesters this year. Also shown are his Francis' parents, Dale and Cindy Francis, and PHS head baseball coach Dennis Doughty (standing).

Hurricanes hit road for super regionals

By **DENNIS WASZAK Jr.**
AP Sports Writer

The Miami Hurricanes are going on the road to renew one of college baseball's top rivalries.

Miami's series at Florida State, one of next weekend's eight best-of-three super regionals, will be a rematch of last year's College World Series championship game in which the Hurricanes beat the Seminoles 6-5.

The sites of the super regional series were announced by the Division I baseball committee Monday.

Florida State (49-16), which swept Miami (40-17-1) in Tallahassee, Fla., this season and won four of six overall, leads the series 110-98.

"We discussed this quite a bit when we made up the brackets a few weeks ago and spent some time talking about two teams that played each other in the national championship," committee chairman Dick Rockwell said. "So we sort of anticipated this happening, but I think college baseball will be better for a matchup such as this."

The committee set up brackets at the beginning of the tournament to determine the super regional pairings, and each of the remaining national seeds won bids to serve as hosts.

The other sites and pairings are: Louisiana-Lafayette (45-17) at South Carolina (55-8); Nebraska (50-15) at Stanford (45-14); San Jose State (39-21) at Houston (47-

16); Mississippi State (41-18) at Clemson (48-16); UCLA (38-24) at Louisiana State (46-17); Penn State (45-17) at Texas (44-19); and Southern California (41-18) at Georgia Tech (50-14).

All eight series, which begin Friday, will be played on campus fields.

The winner of each super regional advance to the College World Series, which starts June 9 in Omaha, Neb.

Despite a late-season slump, the strength of Florida State's schedule played a key role in the school hosting a regional and now a super regional.

"They did slide in the polls, but very few schools play a more aggressive schedule than Florida State," Rockwell said.

Rockies' Helton packing a punch at Coors Field

DENVER (AP) — Todd Helton is just as likely to get a hit as make an out at Coors Field this season.

Helton is batting .494 at home and has hit 12 of his 17 home runs in Denver.

Helton's second multihomer game at Coors Field in three days helped the Colorado Rockies defeat the Houston Astros 8-7 Monday. He homered twice Saturday in a 7-6 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"It's my home park. This is where I play 81 games a year. Why not feel great here?" Helton said.

Helton has 11 hits in his last 16 at-bats (.687), raising his major league-leading average to .417.

"He's one of the best players in the game right now," Houston's Jeff Bagwell said. "He's maintaining it and he's done a tremen-

dous job. He's coming through with the big hits."

Helton's offense is replacing that of Larry Walker, the two-time NL batting champion who went on the disabled list May 13 because of a fractured right elbow.

"I don't think I've ever seen anybody swing the bat this long and as consistent as he has," Rockies manager Buddy Bell said. With his fourth multihomer game this season, Helton raises his career total to 12.

"I feel comfortable," Helton said. "It's totally mental. Even opposing teams come here and they know it's a great place to hit, and opposing pitchers come here and they're a little more tentative, and it just snowballs from there."

Astros manager Larry Dierker said he told Jose Cabrera to pitch

Helton carefully.

"The whole idea was not to throw him any strikes," Dierker said. "And we threw the ball right down the middle to him twice. When you are facing the best hitter in the league, you are better off to walk him than to give him a pitch to hit."

The Astros dropped to 2-14 in one-run games this season. Houston's last four games have all been decided by one run, starting with last Friday's win over Atlanta, the Astros' first one-run victory this year.

White (5-0) pitched a scoreless eighth inning and Jose Jimenez survived a two-hit ninth for his eighth save. Colorado has 209 runs in 23 home games, an average of 9.09.

"There's never a safe lead here, and you always have to keep trying to push more runs across,"

Bagwell said. "It's easy to get back into a game here. We scored seven runs — their bullpen pretty much shut us down after that."

Richard Hidalgo went 3-for-3 with a three-run double for Houston, and Bagwell hit a 452-foot, two-run homer in the fourth.

Rockies starter Pedro Astacio allowed seven runs and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings. Houston's Octavio Dotel gave up five runs, 10 hits and six walks in 5 1-3 innings.

After Caminiti's homer off Astacio put the Astros ahead 7-4 in the sixth, pinch-hitter Jeffrey Hammonds hit an RBI single off Yorkis Perez in the bottom half and Colorado tied it in the seventh on run-scoring singles by Tom Goodwin and Mike Lansing off Cabrera.

That set up Helton's game-winning home run in the eighth.

"That's the best case scenario right there: you need a run and Todd Helton's up," Rockies pitcher Gabe White said. "It doesn't matter who's on the mound. ... We need a run, so he says, 'Forget the baserunner, let's hit a home run,' and there you go!"

Lance Berkman's sacrifice fly put Houston ahead in the first. Helton's first homer and Brent Mayne's RBI single gave Colorado a 2-1 lead in the bottom half.

Hidalgo's three-run triple made it 4-2 Astros in the third, but Colorado came right back and tied it in the bottom half on Mayne's two-run single.

Bagwell's two-run homer then gave Houston a 6-4 lead in the fourth.

Velarde turns triple play, but Yankees beat Oakland, 4-1

By The Associated Press

The New York Yankees were thinking about three in a row — just not the type Randy Velarde put together.

Before Monday's game, New York's players received World Series rings celebrating their second straight title. A short while later, the former Yankee turned the 10th unassisted triple play in regular-season history.

Still, the Yankees beat the Oakland Athletics 4-1 behind Andy Pettitte's two-hitter.

"The chances of that happening?" Velarde asked. "You have a better chance of being hit by lightning."

With runners on first and second and a full count on Shane Spencer in the bottom of the sixth, Yankees manager Joe Torre sent the runners and Spencer hit a line drive to Velarde's right.

Velarde caught the ball, tagged out Jorge Posada, who was running from first base, and stepped on second to beat Tino Martinez, completing the first unassisted triple play in the majors since July 8, 1994, when Boston's John Valentin turned one against Seattle.

"I had it played perfectly," Velarde said. "Both guys took off, it was a soft liner. I caught it. Tag, tag, that's it."

Along with the 10 unassisted triple plays in the regular season, there was also one in the postseason — and perhaps the most famous ever.

Cleveland's Bill Wambegans turned an unassisted triple play in the fifth game of the 1920 World Series against Brooklyn.

In other games, Anaheim beat Cleveland 3-2 in 10 innings, Texas beat Detroit 3-2, Seattle beat Chicago 5-4 and Baltimore beat Tampa Bay 5-1.

At New York, Velarde's feat overshadowed the Yankees' World Series ring ceremony before the game. The Yankees, pursuing their third straight championship, are a half-game behind AL East-leading Boston.

"Everybody was very excited about getting the rings and bringing back the memory of last year and how satisfying it

was," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "It was pretty emotional."

Pettitte (4-2) pitched a two-hitter, the fewest he's allowed in 15 career complete games.

Pettitte allowed Jason Giambi's first-inning double and Velarde's ninth-inning homer. Derek Jeter's RBI double in the third off Omar Olivares (3-6) stopped New York's scoreless streak at 14 innings.

Angels 3, Indians 2

Troy Glaus, whose throwing error in the eighth inning helped Cleveland tie it, homered off Steve Karsay (0-3) leading off the 10th. Visiting Anaheim had lost nine straight to Cleveland.

Shigetoshi Hasegawa (4-0), Anaheim's fourth pitcher, got the win and Troy Percival pitched the 10th for his 15th save.

After Sean DePaula became the sixth Cleveland pitcher to go on the disabled list this season, right fielder Manny Ramirez strained his left hamstring running to first in the eighth. Ramirez is day to day.

Rangers 3, Tigers 2

Third baseman Mike Lamb short-hopped Deivi Cruz's hard grounder with the bases loaded and started a game-ending double play at Detroit.

Kenny Rogers (4-5), helped by home runs from Luis Alicea and Rafael Palmeiro, won for the first time since April 30 as Texas stopped a three-game losing streak. John Wetteland loaded the bases before getting his 13th save in 16 chances.

Jeff Weaver (1-5) gave up three runs and seven hits in eight innings.

Mariners 5, White Sox 4

Edgar Martinez drove in a pair of runs at Seattle to increase his major league-leading total to 57, going 2-for-2 with a pair of singles and two walks. His two-run single in the four-run fifth inning tied the game at 3, and Seattle went ahead when Alex Rodriguez scored on a wild pitch by Mike Sirotko (3-5).

John Halama (6-0) allowed four runs, three earned, and six hits in seven-plus innings. Kaz Sasaki pitched the ninth for his seventh save in eight chances.

Orioles 5, Devil Rays 1

B.J. Surhoff hit a three-run homer and Pat Rapp won for the first time since April 25 as visiting Baltimore won for the fifth time in six games.

Rapp (4-2) scattered 11 hits, but allowed only one run in six-plus innings.

Surhoff's sixth homer finished a four-run second off Steve Trachsel (3-5).

American League Leaders

BATTING—E.Martinez, Seattle, .384; Erstad, Anaheim, .380; I.Rodriguez, Texas, .377; Thomas, Chicago, .347; A.Rodriguez, Seattle, .343; Lawton, Minnesota, .340; Dye, Kansas City, .339.

RUNS—A.Rodriguez, Seattle, 52; Glaus, Anaheim, 42; C.Delgado, Toronto, 42; Mondesi, Toronto, 42; Erstad, Anaheim, 40; I.Rodriguez, Texas, 40; Damon, Kansas City, 37; Ramirez, Cleveland, 37.

REB—E.Martinez, Seattle, 57; JaGiambi, Oakland, 51; M.Ramirez, Cleveland, 47; M.Vaughn, Anaheim, 47; A.Rodriguez, Seattle, 46; M.Sweeney, Kansas City, 45; C.Delgado, Toronto, 44.

HITS—Erstad, Anaheim, 82; I.Rodriguez, Texas, 72; M.Vaughn, Anaheim, 66; Lawton, Minnesota, 65; M.Sweeney, Kansas City, 63; G.Williams, Tampa Bay, 63; C.Delgado, Toronto, 62.

DOUBLES—Glaus, Anaheim, 17; Lawton, Minnesota, 17; I.Rodriguez, Texas, 16; Olerud, Seattle, 16; Belle, Baltimore, 16; 6 are tied with 15.

TRIPLES—C.Guzman, Minnesota, 7; Durham, Chicago, 5; Thunter, Minnesota, 4; J.Valentin, Chicago, 4; 9 are tied with 3.

HOME RUNS—M.Vaughn, Anaheim, 18; JaGiambi, Oakland, 17; C.Delgado, Toronto, 17; Glaus, Anaheim, 16; I.Rodriguez, Texas, 16; A.Rodriguez, Seattle, 15; E.Martinez, Seattle, 15.

STOLEN BASES—Damon, Kansas City, 16; DeShields, Baltimore, 16; Mondesi, Toronto, 15; R.Aiomar, Cleveland, 12; A.Kennedy, Anaheim, 11; Febles, Kansas City, 11; McLemore, Seattle, 11.

PITCHING (7 Decisions)—Baldwin, Chicago, 7-1, .875, 3.29; Nelson, New York, 6-1, .857, 1.30; P.Martinez, Boston, 5-2, .800, 1.05; D.Wells, Toronto, 5-2, .800, 3.62; Helling, Texas, 7-2, .778, 3.28; Hudson, Oakland, 6-2, .750, 4.43; 5 are tied with 7.14.

STRIKEOUTS—F.Martinez, Boston, 104; C.Firley, Cleveland, 74; Clemens, New York, 70; Hudson, Oakland, 60; Burba, Cleveland, 60; Nomo, Detroit, 59; Mussina, Baltimore, 59.

SAVES—Percival, Anaheim, 15; T.Bjones, Detroit, 13; Wetteland, Texas, 13; M.Rivera, New York, 12; Koch, Toronto, 10; D.Lowe, Boston, 10; Isringhausen, Oakland, 9; Karsay, Cleveland, 9.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL				National League				At A Glance				
By The Associated Press	All Times EDT	East Division	West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB	
Atlanta	34	16	.680	—	—	—	—	Atlanta	27	24	.529	1/2
New York	28	23	.549	6 1/2	—	—	—	Oakland	26	24	.520	1
Montreal	25	22	.532	7 1/2	—	—	—	Toronto	25	26	.490	2 1/2
Florida	24	28	.462	11	—	—	—	Sunday's Games				
Philadelphia	18	31	.367	15 1/2	—	—	—	Toronto 12, Detroit 7	New Jersey at Dallas, if necessary, 8 p.m.			
								Monday, June 12				
								Dallas at New Jersey, if necessary, 8 p.m.				
TRANSACTIONS												
Holiday Weekend Sports Transactions												
By The Associated Press												
BASEBALL												
American League												
BOSTON RED SOX—Activated SS Nomar Garciaparra from the 15-day disabled list. Placed INF Jose Offerman on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to May 25.												
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed RHP Paul Riggion on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to May 22. Activated RHP Jared Wright from the disabled list. Placed RHP Sean DePaula on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to May 28. Purchased the contract of RHP Jared Camp from Alton of the Eastern League and added him to the 40-man roster. Transferred RHP David Riske from the 15-day disabled list to the 60-day disabled list. DETROIT TIGERS—Activated OF Wendell Magee from the 15-day disabled list and optioned INF Gabe Alvarez to Toledo of the International League.												
NEW YORK YANKEES—Activated SS Derek Jeter from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned OF Quinton Soriano to Columbus of the International League.												
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Placed LHP Mike Magrane on the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Luis Vizcaino to Sacramento of the PCL. Recalled INF Adam Platt and selected the contract of RHP Scott Service from Sacramento.												
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Placed OF Jose Canseco on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to May 25. Recalled OF Randy Winn from Durham of the International League. Optioned OF Quinton McCracken to Durham. Moved LHP Jeff Wilson Alvarez from the 15- to the 60-day disabled list. TEXAS RANGERS—Activated OF Rusty Greer from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Danny Kolb to Oklahoma of the PCL.												
National League												
HOUSTON ASTROS—Traded INF Russ Johnson to Tampa Bay for RHP Marc Valdes and assigned Valdes to New Orleans of the PCL. Recalled INF Julio Lugo from New Orleans. Placed RHP Mike Maddux on the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of Valdes from New Orleans.												
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Placed 3B Andrieu Beltré on the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of INF Adam Melhuse from Albuquerque of the PCL. Transferred LHP Jeff Williams from the 15- to the 60-day disabled list.												
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Activated OF Geoff Jenkins from the 15-day disabled list. Sent INF Kevin Barker to Indianapolis of the International League.												
NEW YORK METS—Recalled RHP Jim Mann from Norfolk of the International League. Optioned INF-OF Mark Johnson to Norfolk.												
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Placed 3B Scott Roth on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to May 24. Recalled LHP Bryan Ward from Scranton of the International League.												
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with RHP Todd Ritchie on a two-year contract.												
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Activated LHP Scott Radinsky and RHP Matt Morris from the 15-day disabled list. Placed RHP Mike James on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to May 26. Recalled RHP Alan Benes and LHP Mike Matthews from Memphis of the PCL. Designated LHP Mike Mochler and RHP Darren Holmes for assignment. Optioned LHP Jose Rodriguez to Memphis.												
BASKETBALL												
National Basketball Association												
Playoff Daily Game												
By The Associated Press												
All Times EDT												
CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7)												
Saturday, May 20												
L.A. Lakers 109, Portland 94												
Monday, May 22												
Portland 105, L.A. Lakers //												
Tuesday, May 23												
Indiana 102, New York 88												
Thursday, May 25												
Indiana 88, New York 84												
Friday, May 26												
L.A. Lakers 93, Portland 91												
Saturday, May 27												
New York 98, Indiana 95												
Sunday, May 28												
L.A. Lakers 103, Portland 91, L.A. Lakers lead series 3-1												
Monday, May 29												
New York 91, Indiana 89, series tied 2-2												
Tuesday, May 30												
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.												
Wednesday, May 31												
New York at Indiana, 9 p.m.												
Friday, June 2												
Indiana at New York, TBA												
L.A. Lakers at Portland, TBA, if necessary												
Saturday, June 3												
New York at Dallas, 8 p.m.												
Monday, June 5												
New Jersey at Dallas, 8 p.m.												
Thursday, June 8												
Dallas at New Jersey, 8 p.m., if necessary												
Saturday, June 10												
National Hockey League												
NHL Day-By-Day Playoff Game												
All Times EDT												
STANLEY CUP FINALS (Best-of-7)												
Tuesday, May 30												
Dallas at New Jersey, 8 p.m.												
Thursday, June 1												
Dallas at New Jersey, 8 p.m.												
Saturday, June 3												
New Jersey at Dallas, 8 p.m.												
Monday, June 5												
New Jersey at Dallas, 8 p.m.												
Thursday, June 8												
Dallas at New Jersey, 8 p.m., if necessary												
Saturday, June 10												

Knicks 91-89 victory over Pacers deadlocks series at two games each

NEW YORK (AP)—Right after Reggie Miller hit a 3-pointer in front of Spike Lee's court-side seat, Larry Johnson answered from in front of comedian Chris Rock's seat.

Funny how quickly the momentum can swing one way and then back the other way.

Miller's 3-pointer made it a one-point game with 6:50 left, but Johnson's 3 umped the lead to four just 28 seconds later. The Pacers never got that close again as they dropped Game 4 to the Knicks 91-89 to fall into a 2-2 tie in the Eastern Conference finals.

"That was the biggest shot of the game right there," Miller said of Johnson's 3-pointer, one of five he hit during the game. Charlie Ward added four 3-pointers, Latrell Sprewell and Marcus Camby played well despite injuries and the Knicks had their highest-scoring quarter of the postseason as they opened a 33-19 lead after one.

No player came up bigger than Johnson, who was flashing his "Big L" gesture and spinning

gleefully in circles after hitting another 3-pointer, this one with 4:25 left for a nine-point lead.

Charlie Ward added a 3-pointer two minutes later to help the Knicks wrap it up.

Repeatedly scoring on isolation plays in the low post against Dale Davis and passing to open teammates when he was double-teamed, Johnson scored 25 points, shot 10-for-16 from the field — including 5-for-5 from 3-point range — and had seven rebounds and four assists.

Allan Houston added 17 points, Kurt Thomas scored 16 and Ward had 16 points, seven assists and six rebounds. New York was 10-for-14 from 3-point range and outrebounded Indiana 41-32.

Game 5 is Wednesday night at Indianapolis, where the Pacers looked so confident just a few days ago after winning the first two games of the series. But it was the Knicks who had that look over the weekend, even as their injuries kept piling up.

New York played again with-

out center Patrick Ewing, who sat out his second straight game with acute tendonitis in his right foot. Sprewell, who broke a bone in his left foot at the end of Game 3, finished with 12 points and held Jalen Rose to 18, while Camby played on a sprained knee and had eight rebounds, five points and three blocks.

Reggie Miller had 24 points for the Pacers, who could never come all the way back after allowing the Knicks to open a 14-point lead at the end of the first quarter and a 17-point lead at halftime.

The Pacers got back into it with a 22-10 run bridging the third and fourth quarters, a large portion of the crowd of 19,763 groaned as Miller's 3-pointer from in front of Lee was in mid-air. It swished through to make the score 77-76, but Johnson answered with a 3-pointer after a scramble for a loose ball under the basket.

"This game was the most I've been open during the series," Johnson said. "They went to double-team and I found myself wide

open."

Miller then missed a 3 from the same spot as before and threw away an entry pass, and Thomas converted a 15-foot jumper to make it 82-76 with 5:12 left. Rose missed a hook shot and Johnson buried another 3-pointer, flashing his trademark "Big L" gesture for a good 10 seconds after the ball went through.

"When the clock is running down and you're playing good D, and all of the sudden they pass the ball to an open threat, it takes a little wind out of you," Indiana's Sam Perkins said. "They were open because we were helping each other out."

Indiana pulled within three on a 3-pointer by Travis Best with 10.5 seconds left, but Sprewell iced the victory by making the second of two foul shots with 4.1 seconds to go. Sprewell actually missed his second attempt, but Rose was called for a blatant lane violation to give Sprewell another chance.

Best scored a meaningless tip-in at the buzzer.

The Knicks improved to 5-1 against Indiana in the playoffs when playing without Ewing.

"Look at the percentage with or without him," Indiana center Rik Smits said. "I hope he comes back."

Ewing, who tested his injured foot during warmups, said he hoped to be healthy enough to play Wednesday.

The Knicks hit 10 of their first 12 shots and finished 14-for-18 in the first quarter to take a 33-19 lead into the second. Sprewell jumped so high for a thunderous dunk in the first quarter that he nearly hit his forehead on the rim.

"Once he got into the free lane, he didn't look like he had a broken foot to me," Rose said.

The Pacers had an 8-0 run early in the second quarter to pull within six, but it proved to be just a brief flash of cohesion. Failing to run the same plays that had been working in the first three games, such as getting the ball to Smits in the low post or clearing out for isolation plays by Rose, the Pacers repeatedly jacked up

jumpers and rarely drove to the basket.

Thomas, Johnson, Houston and Ward all reached double figures by the half, and the Knicks received the thunderous ovation as they walked off the court with a 57-40 lead.

The Pacers kept trying to sustain runs in the third quarter, and each time the Knicks stole the momentum. Two offensive rebounds by Dudley led to second-chance 3-pointers by Johnson and Ward, and another offensive rebound led to Johnson's turnaround jumper for a 67-54 lead. New York took a 73-65 lead into the fourth.

Flashback

1954: Pampa halfback Harold Lewis finished as Class 4A's fifth-leading rusher with 1,074 yards. He averaged 6.1 yards per carry.

Wahoo McDaniel of Midland was the state's No. 1 rusher with 1,250 yards.

Is Colombian Comet headed to Formula One after dominating Indy?

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Juan Montoya doesn't like to talk about the future. One day at a time, one race at a time, that's his mantra.

Still, Montoya could someday be remembered for planning ahead when he drove to a dominating victory in the Indianapolis 500. After all, it might be his one and only chance.

Virtually everyone outside of Chip Ganassi Racing predicts the immensely talented Colombian will be in Formula One next year, following the same path as former CART champions Jacques Villeneuve and Alex Zanardi.

If that happens, Montoya may not get another opportunity to drive at Indy, no matter the outcome of the war that divides American open-wheel racing.

"I would like to race here again," Montoya said Monday, seated on the concrete wall along pit road after taking care of all the

mandatory picture-taking duties that go along with winning the world's richest race. "Sometime, if I get a chance, I'll come back."

Will he get that chance? Certainly not if he jumps to Formula One, which has been his goal since he was racing go-karts in South America.

During two weeks in Indy, Montoya didn't seem all that impressed with the tradition and trappings that are as much a part of the speedway as the race itself. After winning Sunday by more than 7 seconds, he took the customary sip of milk and celebrated with his crew, but was clearly relieved to get it over with.

"We had so much weight on our shoulders," Montoya said, referring to Ganassi's decision to run the 500 — centerpiece of the rival Indy Racing League — in addition to the regular 20-race schedule for Championship Auto Racing Teams.

Montoya led the race for 167 of 200 laps to become the first rookie winner at Indy in 34 years.

Texan A.J. Foyt, a four-time winner who never led during any of his victories for more than 146 laps, applauded Montoya's effort.

"That kid's one hell of a race driver," Foyt told the San Antonio Express-News.

Montoya and his teammate, Jimmy Vasser, both raced Saturday in Nazareth, Pa., making up a CART event that was snowed out in April. After packing up at Indy, Montoya and Ganassi headed to New York for a whirlwind publicity tour today. Then, it's off to Milwaukee for Sunday's Miller 200.

"I'm tired, drained, pooped," Ganassi said.

Montoya, a former test driver for the powerful Williams team in Formula One, was recommended to Ganassi after Zanardi switched

to F1 for the 1999 season.

Zanardi, who captured two straight CART titles, washed out in his lone year with Williams and was replaced by 20-year-old Jenson Button, who has a long-term contract but could be farmed out next year to another F1 team.

Asked recently about his own future, Button said, "The team was always going to be looking at Montoya at the end of the year."

Button isn't the only one who expects Montoya to be racing in Formula One in 2001. After all, he already captured the CART championship as a rookie last year. Now, he's become the first Indy rookie to win since Graham Hill in 1966. What's left to prove in this country?

"It will not be very long before we see Montoya winning Formula One races, and we'll be able to say he raced at Indy," said 1998 Indy winner Eddie Cheever,

an ex-Formula One driver himself.

"People seem to forget that Montoya has been trained for Formula One. He worked with Williams and did probably 8,000 miles of testing. They farmed him out here to toughen him up a bit, and they will be using him again. I guarantee you that he will be in a Formula One car pretty soon."

Montoya brushed off questions about his future plans.

"It's very early in the season to be thinking about that," he said. "I never think about that. I've got to think race by race, day by day."

Montoya and Vasser were the first CART regulars to race at Indy since 1995, the year before speedway president Tony George formed the IRL as a low-cost, oval-based alternative to the older series.

The odds were stacked against Ganassi's team, which competed against 31 IRL drivers after only

five full days of testing in cars that have different chassis and engines. But Montoya made it look easy, leading 167 of 200 laps in the boldest statement yet about which open-wheel series is best. Vasser also led near the end of the race before dipping into the pits for a splash of gas, dropping him to seventh.

Montoya was complimentary of the IRL drivers.

"They're really good, really respectful," he said. "I thought they would be a little more aggressive. But I was happy with the way everyone behaved."

Montoya took a shot at the drivers he'll be facing this weekend in Milwaukee.

"I think it would be good for CART to keep everyone under control a little better," he said. "A lot of people don't respect you very much. Even when you're trying to lap them, they throw their car at you."

Community Calendar

FREEDOM MUSEUM, USA, 600 N. Hobart is open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Revolutionary War to Kocovo. All branches of service are represented. For more information, call 669-6066.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY announces a children's program at 10 a.m. each Tuesday from Jan. 11-May 16. Open to all children ages 18-months to five years. Programs include crafts and stories.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS meet the fourth 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.

RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION meets at 2 p.m. the third Monday of every month at the Senior Citizens Center. For more information, contact Carolyn Smith, 665-5158.

FIRST PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH hosts "Second Sunday Singing" from 2-4 p.m. the second Sunday of each month. Singers and musicians from all over perform congregational singing. The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, call Mina Towey, 665-8529.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM will celebrate its 30th anniversary in the Year 2000. A new exhibit, "A

Season of Change, 1900-200," will go up in January to celebrate the anniversary and the millennium. The exhibit will run from January-September.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM will be selling leaves and rocks to go on the new bronze Heritage which is in the Holland Wing. The items may be purchased all year as memorials and tributes to families, family members and friends.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER support groups for victims of family violence—both women and children—meet every Thursday evening. For more information, call Diane about the adult support groups, 669-1788, and Nita about the children's support groups, 669-1131.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER Coordinating Council meets once a month. For more information, call Ann, 669-1131.

MEALS ON WHEELS Garage Sale, 900 N. Frost, will be every Monday throughout February and April. For more information, call Cindy Gindorf, 669-1007.

PAMPA YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER Water Aerobics class will be from 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-3713, or Lee, Betty

or Liz at Pampa Youth Center, 665-0748.

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL office will be open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. PALC volunteers work with people who need basic reading/writing skills as well as English as a second language. For more information, call 665-2331.

GRAY COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY HEAD-QUARTERS located in the Combs-Worley Building, 120 W. Kingsmill, Suite 202. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 669-1276.

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

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

AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-7501.

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 669-3988.

VFW POST #1657, 105 S. Cuyler. Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open one hour early. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Edgar D. Carson, 669-0853 or 669-1264.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE Charity Bingo every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 W. 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.

MEALS ON WHEELS Garage Sale will be every Monday through April at 900 N. Frost. For more information, call Cindy Gindorf at 669-1007.

MISS TOP O' TEXAS RODEO 2000 pageant entries are currently being accepted. The pageant will be held July 13-15. The deadline for entries is May 30. For more information, call the Rodeo office at 669-0434.

~ Business Review ~



Wendell Shults has many years experience in vehicle body work and has recently opened a new business in Pampa. In his business, Delete Dents, he removes dents caused by hail damage, door dings, minor dents and other sources.

Delete Dents removes hail damage, dings, etc.

Delete Dents is a new business in town which will do just what it says—delete the dents in motor vehicles. Hail damage, door dings and other minor dents are removed by Pampa native Wendell Shults.

Shults says his procedure is paint less dent repair and is less expensive than the traditional method. He said rods and tools are used to massage dents from side panels and underneath the car's body.

An experienced automobile body technician, Shults has done vehicle body work most of his life. His father, Ray Shults, was owner of Ray's Body Shop in Pampa for over 20 years.

He is proud of the skills he learned from his father. He said he was helping his father work when he was younger instead of playing.

That knowledge has paid off as Shults has a growing business. He is also employed with a local car dealership as he builds his dent deleting business.

Shults recently attended a body school at Dent Shop in Lubbock. He said the school was one of the best in the United States for body work.

He said most of the time he repairs a car, he is able to provide one-day service. If the customer is without a vehicle overnight, Shults will provide a rental car.

Wendell Shults is proud of his business and desires to provide quality service to his customers. He welcomes prospective customers to contact him at 663-1842 or fax 665-2889.

He can be reached by e-mail at shults91@nts-online.net.

Proud to be a Pampan, he has continued to make his home in Pampa since he graduated from Pampa High in 1984. He and his wife, Charla, are the parents of a six year old daughter, Madilyn.

His parents, Wilma and Ray Shults, continue to live in Pampa as they enjoy their retirement.

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