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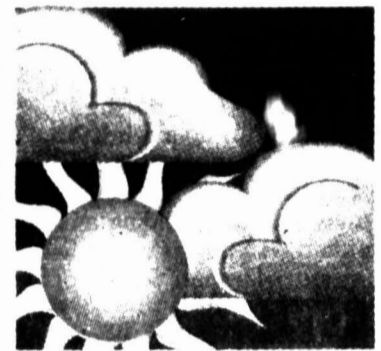
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Officer killed during training
ARLINGTON (AP) — A policeman participating in a school shooting training exercise was shot to death Thursday with a live round fired by another officer. Officer Joey Cushman was shot in the head about 6:10 p.m. and was pronounced dead at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth about three hours later.

- DEATHS**
- Geneva Chapman, 89, homemaker.
 - Martha Louise Farren, 85, homemaker.
 - Oley J. Milham, 99, retired farmer, rancher, carpenter.
 - Rosey Geraldine White, 83, retired grocery store, laundry owner.
 - Harold Hart Williams, 75, farmer, rancher.

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Entry books open for TOT Rodeo

Entries are now being accepted for all events of the Top O' Texas Rodeo to be held July 8-14, 2001 in Pampa.

The Kid Pony Show entry forms are now available at the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard for youths up to age 15. The Kid Pony Show performances are Sunday, July 8 at 4 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday, July 9 and 10 at 7 p.m. nightly.

We are excited that the boys and girls from Cal Farley's Family Program will be participating in the Kid Pony Show again this year, said rodeo secretary Jane Jacobs. Donations for their entry fees are now being accepted in the rodeo office. These children are very appreciative of the opportunity to come to Pampa and participate in our Kid Pony Show. Kid Pony Show entries close at 5 p.m. July 6. No entries will be accepted after that time.

Entries are also being accepted for the Mutton Busting event to be held during the 55th Annual

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is proud to welcome home its very own bull-fighter, Clint Ferguson. Come out and welcome Clint back to his hometown arena.

PRCA Rodeo. Sponsored by CN Ranch, Mutton Busting will be held nightly Thursday through Saturday during the PRCA Rodeo and is open to boys and girls ages 7 and under and limited to six contestants each night. There is no fee for entering this event but participants must be entered in the Kid Pony Show to be eligible to participate and they must furnish their own helmet. Prizes will be awarded to the winners each night.

The 55th Annual Top O' Texas Rodeo performances will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 12, 13, and 14 at 7:30 p.m. Beutler and Gaylord Rodeo Company will produce this year's show with outstanding

National Finals Rodeo stock. They have world champion stock that has provided many challenging thrills to some of the worlds best cowboys. Charlie Throckmorton of Burleson, Texas, will be announcing the fast action again this year.

Double Mugging is a nightly event where local cowboys try their skills. Sponsored by Signal

Fuels, this exciting event allows local cowboys and cowgirls the opportunity to test their skills at a rodeo event. Entry forms are now available at the rodeo office for this event and area residents are encouraged to come out and cheer for the local folks during the rodeo performances.

On Thursday, July 12 starting at 5:30 p.m., there will be free barbecue for ticketholders. Sponsors of this year's barbecue are Mundy Companies, Bowers Ranch, Albertsons and Taylor Petroleum. While eating barbecue, you can watch the ever popular Celebrity Pick Up Race scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

Sponsored by CN Ranch, entries are now being taken for the Celebrity Pick Up Race. This event pairs a cowboy and a "city slicker" for lots of fun and entertainment. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to come by the rodeo office and sign up now.

Friday night, July 13 is Family night so bring the entire family for loads of fun. At 3 p.m., the horsemanship competition of the Queen pageant will be held in the arena. Beautiful young ladies will be displaying their talents during this event. Discounted ticket prices are

(See RODEO, Page 3)

Officials worry because not all pets vaccinated

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Several unvaccinated family dogs in Pampa have been euthanized in recent weeks after the animals bit a child. Because the animals had not been vaccinated, their heads had to be sent to Austin for rabies testing.

Are people realizing the seriousness of the recent rabies outbreak in Pampa, Gray County, the area and the state? If not, why?

"If we could figure it out, we might be able to stop the outbreak," said Dr. James Alexander, Zoonosis specialist with the regional Texas Department of Health in Canyon.

The reported cases of confirmed rabies total is nearing double-digits in Pampa, he said. He said reports of confirmed cases throughout the region and state are climbing as well.

A raccoon in Wheeler County is the latest animal in the area to be diagnosed with rabies.

Alexander said a group of cowboys were working cattle a few miles southwest of Shamrock on May 28 when a raccoon wandered into the barn.

He said the men reported the animal appeared to be oblivious to (See VACCINATED, Page 3)

Bond election talk on agenda

MIAMI — The 2001-2002 budget for the Miami Independent School District, discussion on calling a bond election, adoption of contracts with Region XVI Education Service Center for the 2001-2002 school year and a daily rate for the business manager will be items the school board considers when they meet Monday, June 11.

Also on the agenda for the Monday night meeting are bids for vehicles owned by the district as well as school board training.

Trustees will also receive the list of bills for payment. Financial reports will include fund balances, lunch room, tax collector's and other reports.

McVeigh halts appeals; prepares to die

By STEVEN K. PAULSON
Associated Press Writer

DENVER (AP) — Ending three weeks of legal turmoil, Timothy McVeigh has halted all further appeals and says he is prepared to die by lethal injection Monday morning for the Oklahoma City bombing.

McVeigh's decision, which clears the way for his execution, came Thursday minutes after a three-judge panel of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected his request for an execution delay.

He could have petitioned for the full appeals court to consider his request, taken the case to the U.S. Supreme Court or asked President Bush for clemency. Instead, McVeigh was prepared to die, said attorney Rob Nigh.

Execution set for 7 a.m. Monday

"He has family and friends that he must say his goodbyes to, the kind of introspection and psychological preparation he has to go through only he can know and other people in his position can know," Nigh said outside the appeals court.

At the federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind., McVeigh could be moved as early as Friday from his cell to the execution building, a windowless, two-story brick structure surrounded by a fence topped with barbed wire. He would be the first federal prisoner executed since 1963.

In Oklahoma City, reaction was mixed among bombing victims' relatives and survivors.

"It's kind of like a burden lifted off my shoulders," said Paul Howell, whose daughter was killed in the bombing and who plans to witness the execution at the prison in Terre Haute. "I'm going to start preparing myself mentally for it now."

Jannie Coverdale, whose two grandsons were killed, wants McVeigh to remain alive because she does not believe the full truth has been told about the bombing. She plans to begin writing letters next week to Attorney General John Ashcroft, congressmen and McVeigh's attorneys to try to get copies of court documents.

But first she will go to her grandsons' graves.

"I have to tell the boys the bad man is dead and he can't hurt anyone anymore," she said.

McVeigh was convicted of murder, conspiracy and mass weapons charges in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The blast killed 168 people and injured hundreds more.

He had stopped his appeals this year and was preparing for his May 16 execution when the Justice Department announced in early May that nearly 4,500 pages and 11 CDs of FBI material had been found that should have been given to his attorneys before his 1997 trial. Ashcroft ordered the execution delayed to give the defense time to review the material.

A week ago, attorneys for McVeigh, a (See McVEIGH, Page 3)



Pampa Chamber of Commerce employee Vonda Higgins, left, and Rainy Hopson, office assistant of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association, put up a rodeo poster at the Chamber of Commerce.

Police probe three burglaries

Pampa police today were investigating a string of burglaries since Wednesday.

"We don't know if they are connected," Deputy Chief of Police Terry Young said today, "but they are under investigation."

The House of Blessing, 612 W. Francis was broken into about 3:30 p.m. Thursday and four CDs were taken. The CDs were valued at \$56, according to Nora Lisa Martinez, 27, who reported the burglary.

Sometime between midnight Wednesday and 7

p.m. Thursday, someone broke into a vehicle belonging to Davy Wayne Anderson, 18, at his home, 2001 N. Duncan, and took 16 CDs valued at \$2,000. Burglars also took a carrying case valued at \$20.

A combination television set and video tape player was stolen when burglars broke into Worth the Wait, 400 N. Faulkner, sometime between 7:40 p.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. Thursday. Nancy D. Hasskarl, 40, reported a Samsung television set and VCR was missing.

May permits generate \$3,226 in fees

The City of Pampa issued 27 building permits during May with a value of \$287,788 that generated \$915 in fees.

Other permits include 32 for plumbing jobs, five for mechanical work and seven for electrical jobs bring the total fees to \$3,226, according to a monthly report.

Building permits included relocation/moving, a

mobile home, four demolitions, four garages, four accessory buildings, nine alterations or dwelling additions, two commercial alterations and two driveways/sidewalks.

So far this fiscal year, which started on Oct. 1, permit valuations total \$4,779,739. In the current calendar year through may the valuations of permits totals \$1,763,955.

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RODEO

available on Friday night for Senior Citizens and children when an adult ticket is purchased for Friday's performance.

Saturday, July 14 is loaded with fun for everyone when the Rodeo parade kicks off at 10 a.m. Starting at the M.K. Brown Auditorium lot and winding its way through downtown Pampa and back to the auditorium, this parade is one of the largest in the Texas Panhandle and always provides lots of interesting and unusual sights. Entries are now being taken for anyone interested in participating in the parade.

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is proud to welcome home its very own bullfighter, Clint Ferguson. Come out and welcome Clint back to his hometown arena. Assisting Clint will be former Wrangler Bullfight World Champion Rob Smets from Shamrock, Texas. Barrelman for the rodeo activities this year will be Ted Kimzey. Ted has some fun entertainment planned in addition to his bull fighting assistance.

Special entertainment each night will be provided by Melissa Nevarre and Beth Brown. These young women are highly skilled in trick riding and the art of "gymnastics on horseback." Be sure to come to each performance of the rodeo to see these young ladies display their skill and daring.

The Top O' Texas Rodeo is a Dodge Ram Tough Rodeo thanks to Robert Knowles Dodge. Coors and the North Country Coors Distributorship are also helping sponsor the rodeo performances. The rodeo dance sponsored by Bowers Ranch and Carter Ranch will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights at the "New" Dance Facility being constructed adjacent to the rodeo arena. Hopefully,

weather permitting, our facility will be ready in time. Local band, Flashbak, will be playing for the Thursday night dance. A rising star in the music industry, Cooder Graw, will be performing for the Friday night dance and the Saturday night dance will feature Alvin Crow. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$8 each on Thursday night and \$10 each on Friday and Saturday night.

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is proud to be holding the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Pageant in conjunction with this year's rodeo. Major pageant sponsors include JLB Ranch, Cattle Exchange, Bob Clements, Inc., The Amanda Jacobs Memorial, Clark Carr & Sons Memorial, Pampa Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee, CN Ranch, Mike and Brenda Guess, Ben Watson of Edward Jones Investments, Cabot Corp., Rheams Diamond Shop, Celanese and WO Operating.

Special prizes and a scholarship are given this year by the Amanda Jacobs Memorial. This year's queens, Jodi Seeley and Ashley Winton, have worked untiringly representing Pampa and the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association at many functions. The Luncheon and Style Show for the queen pageant will be held on Thursday, July 12 at 11:30 a.m. at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

Tickets are on sale at the rodeo office and the public is encouraged to attend. The new queens will be crowned during the Saturday night rodeo performance and the public is encouraged to join us as we say "farewell" to our current queens and "welcome" to our new representatives.

Tickets and entry forms for all of the above events are now available at the rodeo office. For more information, contact the rodeo office at (806) 669-0434 or write P.O. Box 659, Pampa, TX 79066-0659.

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VACCINATED

noises and people. Prodding the raccoon with a stick, they got the animal out of the barn and "euthanized" it.

Concerned about the abnormal behavior of the animal, the men contacted authorities and submitted the raccoon for rabies testing, said Alexander.

"We're very glad these men contacted the authorities," said Alexander. "Some people could be euthanizing the animals themselves and not notifying authorities." He expressed concern area residents could be killing suspicious acting animals and not reporting it to authorities.

"These animals need to be tested," he said.

The number of rabies cases has tripled in the area since last year. In the Panhandle/South Plains Region, eight cases were reported to the Texas Department of Health at this time last year. He said 23 cases of rabies have been confirmed this year during the same time frame.

"The problem is definitely building on us," he said. He said all cases reported in the immediate region in 2001 have been of the skunk rabies variant. Alexander said 21 skunks, one horse and one raccoon have been reported this year.

Statewide there have been approximately 595 confirmed rabies cases since the beginning of 2001. "During 2000, there were 830 reported for the entire year," he said. "We're definitely going to outdo last year."

He said through June 5, 2000, there were 418 cases of rabies reported. "Of those, eight were in this region," he said.

Statewide there were 320 skunks, 29 foxes, 30 bats, two coyotes, six raccoons, 13 dogs, two cats, six cows, three horses, five bobcats, one sheep and one goat.

In Pampa, nine rabies cases have been confirmed since March 23. All rabid animals have been skunks. The skunks have been

located in all areas of Pampa.

It has been almost 11 years since a case of rabies was reported in Pampa, said Pampa Animal Control Director Sandy Burns. "In the 21 years since I have been here, there have only been two cases of rabies. The last was a bat on Nov. 15, 1990. The other case was a coyote on Sept. 7, 1989. This situation is serious," she said.

Both animal control and public health authorities are urging all animal owners to get their pets vaccinated immediately as the rabies danger is growing in the area. Any animal over the age of three months should be vaccinated yearly, said Alexander.

"Vaccination of animals is the answer to this," he said. He said Pampa and the area have been fortunate to have not had any confirmed cases in dogs or cats.

He said the wild animals most likely to carry the rabies are skunks, bats, foxes, raccoons and coyotes. He said both skunks and bats are reservoir species and, if they are infected, can transmit the disease many times.

He also said there is serious concern if dogs and cats are attacked by skunks. Exposure to horses and cattle is also a concern. Several unvaccinated family dogs in Pampa have been euthanized in recent weeks after the animals bit a child. Because the animals had not been vaccinated, their heads had to be sent to Austin for rabies testing.

Burns said Pampa Animal Control received 19 reports of animal bites in May. It is double the number of reports in May, 2000.

If an unvaccinated animal has been exposed to a rabid animal the animal shall be euthanized or if sufficient justification for preserving the animal exists, the exposed animal shall be immediately vaccinated against rabies, placed in strict isolation for 90 days, and given booster vaccinations during the third and eighth week of isolation.

In the past 10 days, confirmed rabies cases have been reported in several other cities and coun-

ties. Rabid skunks were found in Littlefield, Hereford, Deaf Smith County and Randall County.

Animal control officers are stressing that skunks are nocturnal animals and are not normally out during daylight. "If a skunk is out in the daylight hours and/or doesn't seem to fear animals," said Burns, "it is cause for extreme concern."

"All the skunks which have tested positive in Pampa have been out during the day and have not attempted to spray us (animal control officers)," said Burns.

She recommends residents keep grass and weeds mowed and remove any junk so that wildlife cannot have a place to live. She also urges all parents to instruct their children to not have contact with wildlife, and to stay away from any animal that might bite.

"If a domestic animal has come into contact with a rabid animal, the domestic animals could have contracted rabies," she said. "The confirmed rabies cases are not in just one area of town. They have been in all areas. This situation is serious."

Longtime veterinarian Dr. Kenneth Roysse said in May the current outbreak is the worst he has ever seen.

"This is the only time in the 40 years I've been in practice that rabies has been this widespread," he said.

According to Texas law, animals must receive rabies vaccine from a veterinarian. Animals are required to be vaccinated against the fatal disease once a year.

The City of Pampa, as well as most area communities, has an ordinance requiring the vaccination. Fine in municipal court is \$99 for not having animals inoculated. Local veterinarians charge \$12 to vaccinate the law. The animals may also be cited for being at large or not restrained.

Burns said traps are available through animal control. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the officers at 669-5775.

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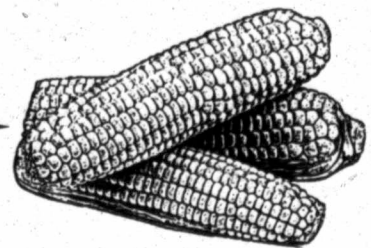
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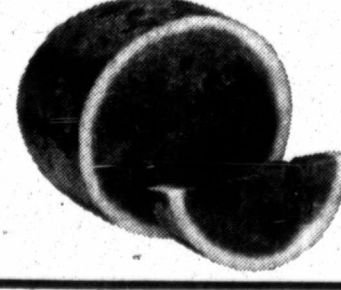
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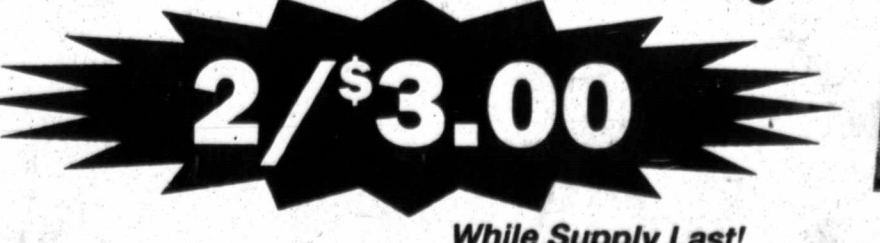
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Gulf War veteran, began an aggressive campaign to delay the execution a second time, alleging in a court brief that the government committed a "fraud upon the court" by withholding documents.

On Wednesday, U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch denied McVeigh's request, saying it was clear he was "the instrument of death and destruction" in the bombing, the worst act of terrorism on U.S. soil.

His attorneys appealed Thursday, but the three-judge panel ruled that McVeigh "utterly failed to demonstrate substantial grounds" why he should not be put to death.

In the book, "American Terrorist: Timothy McVeigh & the Oklahoma City Bombing," McVeigh admitted he carried out the attack to avenge government raids at the Branch Davidian compound at Waco, Texas, and the cabin of white separatist Randy Weaver at Ruby Ridge, Idaho.

McVeigh also said he has chosen his last words: "I am the master of my fate," an excerpt from William Ernest Henley's 19th-century poem "Invictus."

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Aunt's Private-Eye Scheming Could End Up in Public Eye

DEAR ABBY: I recently visited my "Aunt Selma" in North Carolina. I used to consider her a wonderful person until I found out what she has been up to.

One of Aunt Selma's neighbors pays her to follow her husband and a neighbor lady. (I'll call her Nona.) The wife thinks that Nona and her husband are having an affair. My aunt follows them occasionally, and afterward she calls the man's wife and lies to her. She makes up things she thinks the wife wants to hear.

When I asked Aunt Selma why she does this, she said she isn't going to give up good money to tell this woman the truth—that there's nothing between the husband and the neighbor!

I used to think Aunt Selma was a respectable person. Now I see her as a money-grubber. She constantly lies to this woman about things her husband and Nona are doing, when in fact Nona is in the house alone watching television.

I have a feeling Aunt Selma is going to get hurt one day for making up all those stories about the husband and her neighbor.

I know the people involved. Should I tell them what's going on?

STEAMED NIECE
IN THE SOUTH

DEAR STEAMED: I think you should. It could go a long way toward healing a troubled marriage.

When Aunt Selma's vicious money-making scheme comes to an end, suggest that she devote her spare time to taking a creative writing class. With her imagination, she could earn a

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

legitimate living writing romance novels. (Shame on her!)

DEAR ABBY: Would you please put out the word to insensitive people that just because you reach a certain age, it doesn't mean you have to retire? My husband enjoys his job, but is always hounded about when he's going to retire. Because people are 64 or 65 doesn't mean they have to sit down and do nothing. I consider it an insult to be constantly asked when we're going to stop. It's as if they are saying we are old.

I know too many people who sit around waiting to die. Just because a time was set, years ago, for drawing Social Security, that's no reason people have to stop doing what they enjoy. I don't understand why people ask such personal questions. It's a real turn-off. It's as if they're implying that we haven't wisely

managed our finances, planned ahead or invested wisely—which we have. We are active people, younger than our age in many ways. Thanks for letting me get this off my chest. I'd be grateful if you would print this for the world to see.

OFFY: NED IN VIRGINIA

DEAR OFFENDED: You're welcome.

Those who assume that folks in their mid-60s who continue working do so because it's necessary may be not only barking up the wrong tree, but also relying on outdated information. In recognition of the fact that our population is living longer and in better health than a generation ago, there are now financial incentives for people to remain in the workplace until age 70. Also, it shouldn't be lost on anyone that people who are successful in their careers and enjoy what they are doing are often unwilling to "hang it up" simply because they've reached a "magic number."

When people tell me they are planning to retire, my first question is always, "Retire to what?" It's vital to stay mentally and physically active—or old age will set in! That's why I have always considered "retirement" a dirty word.

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THEN WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?

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HOW CAN YOU ENJOY YOURSELF WHEN YOU'VE GOT SO MUCH WORK TO DO?

IT'S A GIFT.

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- Den
- Sly dweller
- Cancel
- Singer
- Fly Now ("Rocky" song)
- Cars
- Keats creation
- Insect-eating plants
- Some computers
- Paris street
- Clipped little devils
- Golfer Ernie
- Cow comment
- Movie pig
- They may capture an
- passant
- Town
- Store VIP
- Folding art
- Eggs
- Fizzy drinks
- "Manhattan" director
- Lock
- Holy one

DOWN

- Nigeria's largest city
- Battery ends
- Skye et al.
- Stocking rodent
- Bridges
- Praise
- Asian nation
- Explode
- Eye surgery aids
- Tennis star
- Arthur
- Deep voice
- Isle
- YIPPEE
- AVE NODICE
- SALMONS NIX
- TRIAL EVADE
- RIDGE DINER
- OASIS PERT
- Yesterday's answer
- Ninnies
- Samovar
- Meadow rodent
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- Fads
- Leg
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YEAH—ONLY PETE MOVED OUT.

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WHAT ABOUT PRIVACY?

NO PROBLEM.

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Zits

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KA-CHUNK!

I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT WAS JUST AN EXPRESSION!

Garfield

YOU KNOW, OPIE...

THE SECRET TO LOOKING GOOD IS TO ACCESSORIZE

Beetle Bailey

SORRY, WE COULDN'T GET A DATE FOR SGT. SNORKEL.

THAT'S OKAY.

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Marvin

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I PUT BEES IN THE HANDLES!

Hagar The Horrible

ISN'T IT TOUGH WEARING THAT SUIT OF ARMOR ALL THE TIME?

YES BUT YOU GET USED TO IT.

WHAT'S THE GREATEST DANGER YOU HAVE TO FACE?

I'D SAY A SUDDEN WEIGHT GAIN

Peanuts

HI, MARCIE... SORRY TO BOTHER YOU AT CAMP BUT I WAS JUST SORT OF WONDERING HOW YOU AND CHUCK ARE DOING...

DON'T STAND SO CLOSE CHARLES AND YOU'RE SQUEEZING MY HAND TOO HARD!

JUST TEASING YOU, SIR...

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Blondie

WE LINGERED OVER OUR COFFEE TOO LONG!

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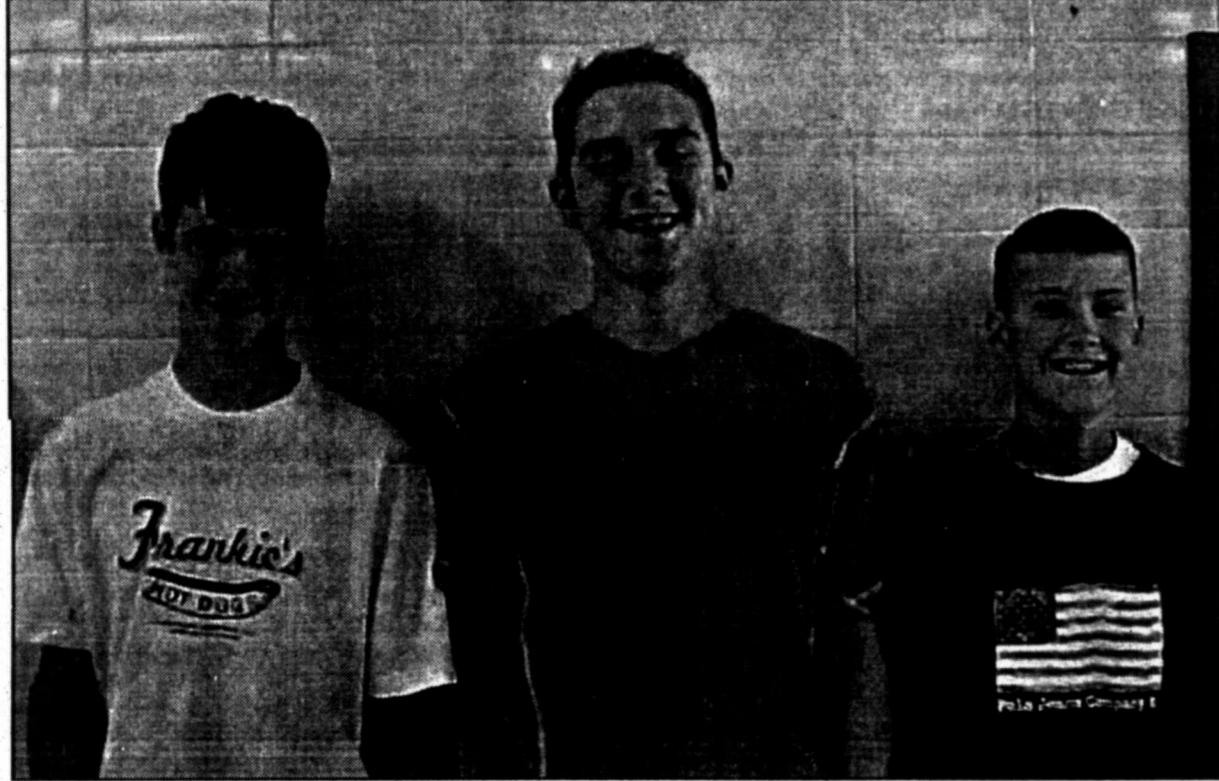
AUSTIN — Commission requires for records, production data and information can now be agency [www.rrc.state.tx.gov] Through a state the Commission Management System computer user connection can regarding the 132 million pages collected for over in 68,000 oil and records kept Commission tracks each Texas oil and "Whether in a state government smart business Railroad Commissioner Michael L. Williams an on-line available records and Railroad Commissioner providing a resource. "No longer do a long distance Austin to obtain the Railroad Commission Texas Railroad Commissioner Matthews. "With the mouse, any records and technical valuable in the production of oil. "We're aiming source for information Texas oil and gas RRC Commission. "The Railroad offering more information for T

Middle school TASS winners



(Special photos)

Pampa Middle School recently recognized students achieving outstanding 2001 TAAS test scores. Each student who achieved academic recognition was eligible to participate in a drawing for monetary prizes, ranging in amount from \$5 to \$100. Top, left: Sixth grade TAAS1 winners were Nicole Clark, left, (\$100) and Alexandra Long (\$50). Top, right: The sixth grade TAAS 2 winner was Brett Ferrell (\$50). Middle, left: In the seventh grade drawing, Nikolas Julian, left, won \$100 and Christopher Smith and Weston Teichman each won \$50. Bottom, left: In the eighth grade drawing, Mario Marin, left, won \$100 and Nathan Carnegie and Wes Brogdin each won \$50.



EMF seeking host families for exchange students

If you have room in your heart and your home for one more person, the Educational Merit Foundation high school exchange program is looking for volunteer families, to host prescreened high school students from Europe, Korea and Japan for five to ten months while they attend a local public high school. EMF students arrive in August for school.

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RRC website provides on-line filing for oil/gas information requests

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission recently announced requirements for oil and gas well records, production reports, geological data and research information can now be made on-line at the agency website (www.rrc.state.tx.us).

Through a service provided by the Commission's Information Management Services (IMS), any computer user with an Internet connection can request information regarding the agency's estimated 132 million pages of documents collected for over one million wells in 68,000 oil and gas fields. The records kept by the Railroad Commission tracks the history of each Texas oil and natural gas well. "Whether in the oil patch or in state government, efficiency is just smart business," said Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams. "By offering an on-line avenue to essential records and information, the Railroad Commission of Texas is providing a vital business resource."

"No longer do you have to make a long distance call or travel to Austin to obtain information from the Railroad Commission," said Texas Railroad Commission Commissioner Charles R. Matthews. "With a simple click of the mouse, anyone can request records and technical information valuable in the exploration and production of oil and natural gas."

"We're aiming to be a one-stop source for information on the Texas oil and gas industry," said RRC Commissioner Tony Garza. "The Railroad Commission is offering more on-line access, making it easier for Texans to get information for all of their business,

research, and education needs."

In addition to well records and data, hearing files from 1920 to the present, including new field designation, statewide rules, docketed hearings, field rules and fluid injection hearings, can be requested via the on-line process.

On-line users can also request proceedings and findings of Commission hearings, as well as the engineering data, well logs, cross-sections, maps, plats and other valuable

support information.

All requests will be processed in the order received. Upon completion of each request, persons will be notified of charges, if any.

While a variety of well data is available, it is important to note that the Commission cannot provide information on leases and royalties, unclaimed property, investment offers, bankruptcy cases or municipalities. Established in 1891, the Railroad Commission of Texas is the state's chief energy agency.

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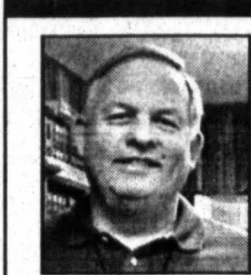
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RELIGION

Minister's musing ...

by MIKE SUBLETT
Hi-Land Christian Church

In your opinion, who was the greatest "forgiver" of all time? Of all the humans who have ever inhabited the earth, who "forgave" better than everyone else? Most people respond, "Jesus Christ." I would completely agree. But would we really like to be as great a forgiver as Jesus was and is?



By Rev. Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian Church

Really? What is the secret to being a great "forgiver?" Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Colossians 3:13 "Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

The first key to being a great "forgiver" is "being forgiven." How can we extend what we have never experienced? God does not expect us to give an unknown, nebulous, vague gift to others. He gives the gift of forgiveness to us in all of its perfection and fullness and then asks us to extend that well-known, specific, well-defined gift to others.

Why? Because they are so worthy of our forgiveness? No, not at all! In fact they may be just as unworthy of our forgiveness as we were of His forgiveness. Worthiness isn't ever the issue. At least we had better hope that it never becomes the issue. The day that worthiness becomes the issue is the day we begin to answer for every single one of our own sins. It will be the day that we lose our Savior and Advocate with the Father, Jesus

Christ, the righteous. Pray that that day never comes.

The second key to being a great forgiver is lots of practice. Now here is the "kicker." How do we get lots of practice forgiving? How do we design a regular workout schedule aimed at exercising our forgiving muscle? There is only one way! How did Jesus' forgiving muscle get so big? That's right! He experienced regular, undeserved injury. If we want to follow in the forgiving steps of Jesus, we must experience regular, undeserved injury.

Not injury brought on us by our own sinful behavior. Not injury aimed at us for being thoughtless and mean. Only injury that is completely undeserved will lead us down the path that Jesus traveled to become the greatest forgiver the world has ever known.

So what would that make those who falsely, undeservedly attack and injure us? That's right! They would be the largest "barbells" in our spiritual weight room. They would be the heavy-duty exercise equipment. That being true, then why do we gripe and cry out so loudly when we are falsely, undeservedly

attacked and injured. We actually ought to thank the Lord for allowing them to come our way.

Recently I found myself preparing a lesson on forgiving one another. On the very day when the lesson was to be delivered, I received one of the most significant injuries that I have ever experienced in almost 30 years of ministry. Funny how things like that work, huh? I am ashamed to say that I found myself filled with extreme anger within just a few moments which grew into bitterness within a couple of hours. As the time for the delivery of the lesson drew near, God crushed me with the irony of the situation. I was so disappointed in me.

The choice was clear. Either forget the lesson and speak on something else or be a hypocrite or forgive! I wish that I could tell you that I always made these kind of choices well, but if I tried to pass that one off as truthful, it would win the "World's Greatest Liar" competition held each year in November at the Bridge Inn in northern England.

I can't tell you how many times since then I have thanked God for leading me to forgiveness. It surely only happened by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. And that evening when I spoke from my heart the things that God had stirred-up in me, I felt like a million dollars and later slept like a baby.

Forgiveness! Try it. Not by your power or your might, but by the power and might of the Holy Spirit of God Himself. Zechariah 4:6



Weekly Word
By Pastor Leland Lewis
First Assembly of God

GOD'S PROVISION

Genesis 22: 1-2 "God tested Abraham, and said to him ... Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering."

Imagine Abraham's feelings when the Lord told him to offer Isaac as a sacrifice. Think of what went through his mind when they climbed Mount Moriah and Isaac asked, "Where is the lamb?" Yet Abraham had faith that God would provide, and he assured Isaac of his confidence. He was right. God pointed out a ram in the thicket. As a result, Abraham called the place Jehovah-Jireh, which means "the Lord will provide."

In the centuries that have followed, God has continued to demonstrate that He provides for His own. Dr. Robert Schindler and his wife, Marian, founded a mission hospital associated with radio station ELWA in Monrovia, Liberia.

In their book, "Mission Possible," they wrote, "For us, it was a continued exercise of faith that we would have the right drugs and supplies at the right time. We recall how much we counted on our X-ray machine, something we take for granted at home. We even had the opportunity to get an extra one when a friend of ours, a doctor with the U.S. Embassy, asked if we could use a portable X-ray machine ... But then as the months dragged out, we knew it must be lost at sea. Then one day our big X-ray machine stopped working. We found it was a major problem which would take several months to fix ... But that very afternoon, the ELWA truck pulled up to the hospital with a huge crate from port. You guessed it! It was the portable X-ray machine! We plugged it in, and it worked! We didn't lose a day for X-rays."

I can tell you that God's provisions are always greater than our problems!

Creation Science seminar Sunday

Central Baptist Church on E. 23rd

Was man created or did he evolve from another species? This question has haunted mankind for centuries.

In order to give people a better understanding of the creation/evolution conflict and to provide answers to some of the questions on this vital subject, Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, will be hosting a seminar with guest speaker Steve Grohman at 10 a.m. and again at 6 p.m., Sunday, June 10, and at 6:30 p.m. nightly Monday-Wednesday.

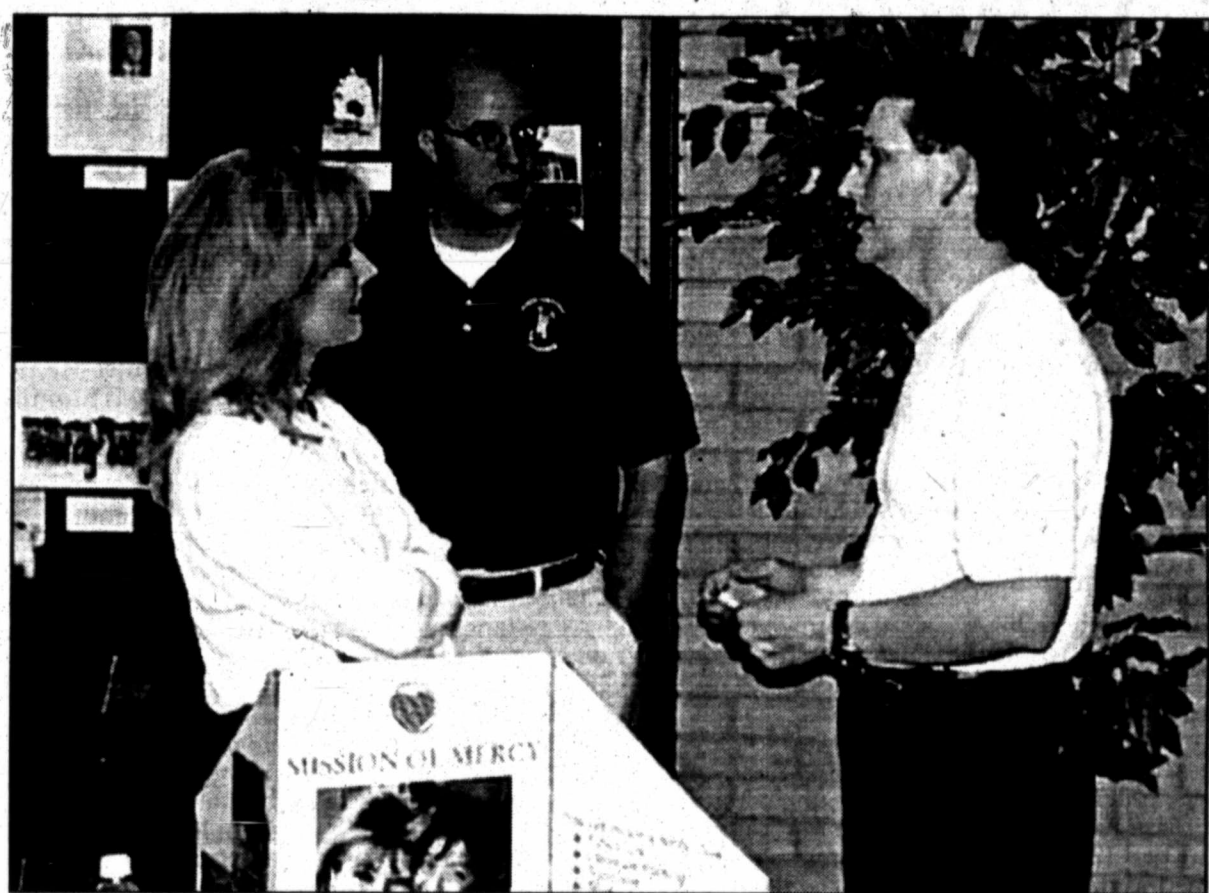
Grohman, a full-time Creation Science evangelist of Dalton, N.H., is a former business owner and paramedic. He now speaks over 450 times a year in public and private schools, churches, youth meetings, TV, radio (including international) and a variety of special forums. The seminar video series are viewed worldwide.

His illustrated seminars, spiced with personal humor, are fully documented Biblically and scientifically and include such topic as: 1) the earth is not billions of years old; 2) dinosaurs did not live millions of years ago but have always lived with man, as mentioned in the Bible and some may still be alive today; 3) the so-called "geologic column" is a hoax which can only be found in textbooks; and 4) the philosophy of evolution strongly motivated the ideologies of people like Hitler, Stalin, Lenin and others.

The seminar will feature abundant displays for young and old alike and a nursery will be provided for children 4 and younger. For more information, call 665-0842.

Christian Science broadcast Sunday

At 9 a.m., Sunday, June 10, KGNC-AM 710 will air "Infinity and Individuality," a Christian Science Radio Broadcast by Laurance Doyle. Doyle, a Ph.D. astrophysicist for NASA, will explore the relationship between physics and metaphysics, between infinity and individuality. The broadcast is being sponsored by Amarillo's First Church of Christ, Scientist.



Pampa Mayor Lonnie Robbins, right, visits with Christian singer, songwriter and author Janet Paschal and her sound engineer at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Paschal performed in a recent concert made possible through Harmony Music Outreach and local donors. Pampa's HMO members come from all denominations and promote reaching people for Christ through Christian music entertainment.

Suit says state violated separation law

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Civil Liberties Union has filed a lawsuit accusing state officials of giving gambling proceeds to religious groups in violation of the constitutional separation of church and state.

The Build Indiana fund's records show \$50,000 was awarded to a Roman Catholic high school; \$125,000 to a private Catholic college; and \$25,000 to a group in Marion that stages an Easter pageant depicting the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the civil liberties group said.

The Indiana Constitution prohibits state spending on "any religious or theological institution."

The lawsuit was filed last month in Marion Superior Court.

State Rep. Eric Turner, a Marion Republican who obtained the money for his city's Easter pageant, saw no problem with the grant.

"I would agree that maybe there needs to be more accountability on how the money is spent, but the people in my community support the pageant and so do I," he said.

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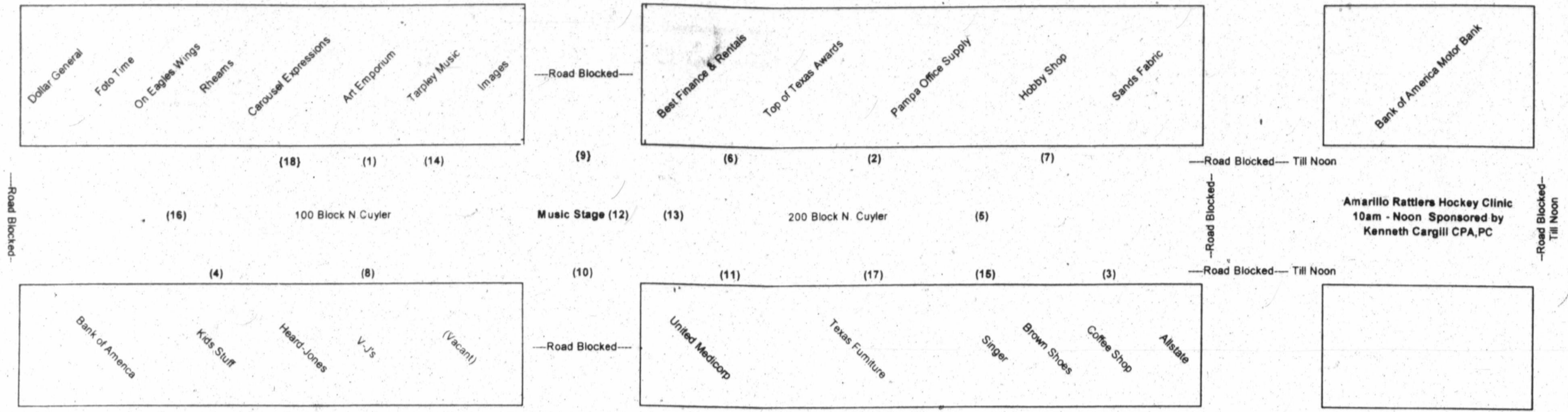
Horoscope

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2001 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) ***** You're inspired to find your friends...

Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency Needs Full or Part Time Registered Nurse for Home Health Agency. Benefits include: 401K, Health Insurance, Holidays, Vacation.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR IS LONGFELLOW One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc.

2001 DBA Street Party



- 1 - Art Emporium Exhibit
- 2 - BSA Hoopie
- 3 - Coffee Shop (Tables)
- 4 - Copper Kitchen
- 5 - Cowboy Taters of Texas
- 6 - HMO - Harmony Music Outreach

- 7 - Hobby Shop
- 8 - In The Breeze
- 9 - KGRO Remote
- 10 - Kids Club (Basketball)
- 11 - Macedonia Baptist Church
- 12 - LIVE Music & Competitions

- 13 - PHS Band - Pie Throwing
- 14 - Ping Pong Ball Drop (1:00pm)
- 15 - Public Radio - Pampa Committee
- 16 - Wiggins Concessions
- 17 - Individuals (Arts & Crafts)
- 18 - Gee Concessions
- ? - (More to be expected.)

* Music schedule: 10-11 a.m., Rick Scott and Friends; 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mojo Filter; 12:30-1 p.m., Contests; 1-2:30 p.m., Jordan and the Jazz Cats; 2:30-4 p.m., upperroom

Free booklet explores student loan repayment options

AUSTIN — College graduation marks a turning point in many lives, a new start with new jobs — or at least that has been the situation in recent years with the booming U.S. economy. However, with the economy slowing down, some new graduates — especially those expecting jobs in high tech fields — may have a harder time finding employment than they expected. Adding to job-hunting stress, many students also face the prospect of entering repayment on their student loans.

Many recent graduates are aware that there is a grace period offered by the Federal Family Education Loan Program's Stafford loan to allow an opportunity to establish a steady income and begin making loan payments. However, graduates are less aware about what options are available if they can't find full-time employment during the allotted grace period.

To help recent graduates understand their available options for student loan repayment, Texas Guaranteed (TG) has published a guidebook entitled "New Directions: A Guide to Repaying Your Student Loan." The publication is available free by calling (800) 845-6267. It may also be down-

loaded from TG's web site: www.tgslc.org.

The free booklet outlines student loan options that can help borrowers through the first few months after graduation and through hardships that can surface later. For example:

- Federal student loans have a built-in grace period before repayment starts (six months for Stafford loans and nine months for Perkins loans).
- Lenders must offer a choice of four repayment plans, the standard plan, in which payments are the same every month, the income-sensitive plan, in which payments vary with the borrower's income; the graduated plan, in which payments start low and gradually increase; and the extended plan, in which the repayment period can be extended beyond the ten-year norm for certain borrowers with over \$30,000 of debt.
- If a student loan borrower experiences economic difficulties after repayment starts, requesting an economic hardship deferment or an unemployment deferment may be a good option. During deferment, a borrower is not required to make payments on loan principal.
- If a borrower does not qualify for a deferment, forbearance

may be another option. Forbearance temporarily permits a borrower to make lower monthly payments or to put off making monthly payments for a short period of time.

The publication also contains a budget worksheet to help borrowers calculate costs and estimate monthly payments and information on consolidating loans.

"The most important thing for new graduates to remember," suggests Shelia Dunlap, TG's assistant vice president for default prevention, "is that there is help available. Over 90% of student loan defaults can be prevented if the borrower just picks up the phone and calls someone — their college financial aid office, their lender, or TG."

Comptroller cuts revenue estimate by \$18 million

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander today reduced the amount of money the Legislature has available to spend in the 2002-03 biennium by \$18 million because lawmakers were unwilling to clarify state tax law.

"The Legislature's failure to pass the tobacco products bill, which would have changed the way the state taxes smokeless tobacco, will cost the state another \$18 million in revenue over the next biennium," Rylander said. "That is money that could have gone to pay for much-needed services in an already tight budget."

She also said she could not increase the revenue estimate because franchise tax returns this past week were right on target and did not exceed the \$1 billion that was expected. As of Saturday, May 19, \$978.5 million had been reported.

"I applaud the accuracy of my revenue estimates, but there are no new dollars," Rylander said. The budget could have been even tighter, Rylander said, but the Legislature is expected to pass S.B. 1689, which clarified state law pertaining to franchise taxation and business loss carry-forward. Failure to pass the measure would have resulted in a \$300 million loss of revenue during the 2002-03 biennium.

Six of the 10 leading economic indicators are worse today than they were earlier this month. "Most disturbing, today marks the first time in

a decade that Texas Leading Economic Indicators composite is negative," she said.

Three significant indicators, initial claims for unemployment compensation, the Texas Stock Index and the help wanted index are all significantly worse since earlier this month.

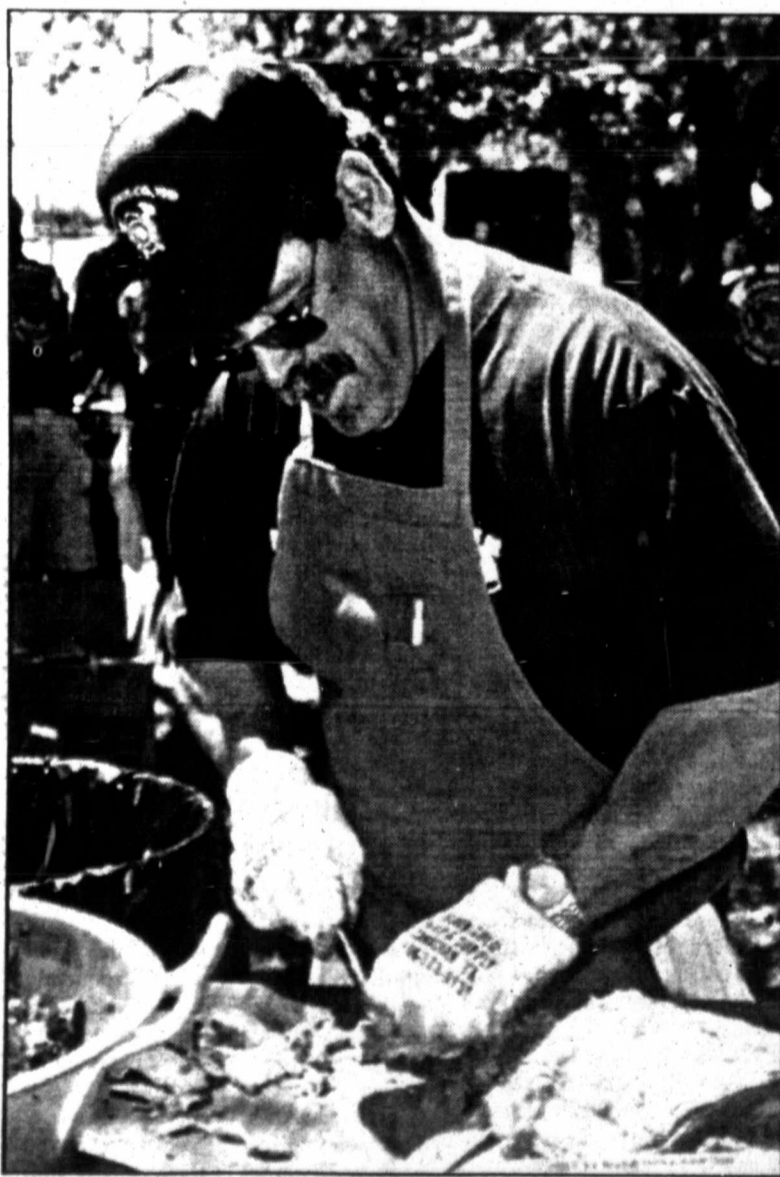
In January, Rylander's Biennial Revenue Estimate gave the Legislature \$5.1 billion in new money to spend in the 2002-03 biennium, \$2.9 billion of which was surplus from the current biennium. However, the Legislature has already dipped into that amount when it passed the supplemental appropriations bill that earmarked \$361.2 million of the surplus to pay for higher-than-expected Medicaid and criminal justice costs.

The Legislature could enact other changes in law this session that could further increase or decrease the available revenue.

"As I have said repeatedly, I'm not going to overshoot the runway," Rylander said. "At the beginning of this session, I said lawmakers had tough choices to make. Those tough choices are still there. There is no Christmas in May."

Today, there is \$193.4 million in the Rainy Day Fund — only enough to run Texas government for about 23 hours. Texas ranks dead last among the 42 states that have a balance in their Rainy Day Funds.

Miami Cow Calling



(Special photo)

Ray Juarez, member of Miami-Roberts County Volunteer Fire Department, prepared barbecue to feed the crowd during the annual Cow Calling Celebration held recently at Miami.