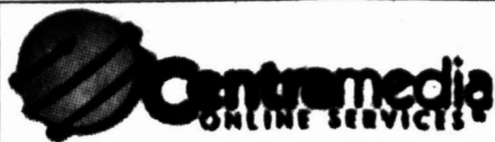


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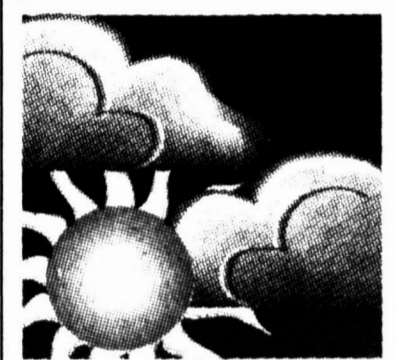
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PAMPA -- The Talking Book Program may be one of the state's best kept secrets, said Lovett Memorial Librarian.

But Lovett Memorial Library and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission want to change that by raising awareness of this free library service for Texans with disabilities who cannot read standard print text.

The Talking Book Program includes a collection of more than 80,000 book titles and 80 national and regional magazines on cassette, and in large print and Braille. The books and the equipment needed to play them are delivered free-of-charge via the U. S. mail to the patron's home.

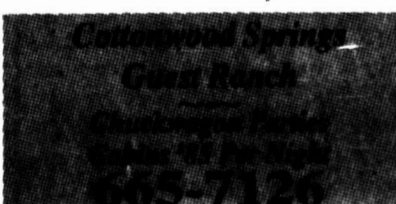
Currently, the Talking Book Program serves only nine percent of the estimated eligible population. Disabilities such as low vision (due to cataracts, glaucoma, and macular degeneration), blindness, arthritis, stroke, Parkinson's, paralysis, and dyslexia prevent many Texans from participating in the joy of reading.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Lovett Memorial Library at 669-5780 or the Talking Book Program toll-free at 800-252-6905.

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PISD program trains children before they reach kindergarten

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Tots-n-Training is an innovative program in the Pampa Independent School District which is preparing local preschoolers to learn before they even get to kindergarten.

Education seems to begin as soon as a baby is born, and the learning early is necessary for children to succeed in school.

"Every parent is a child's first

teacher and their impact during these first five years is critical," said Sue Thornton, program director.

Experts believe children have developed most of their language skills by three years of age and nearly all of their intelligence by the age of five.

The local program is designed to help each child achieve their full potential in school subjects and life. The children who are three, four or five who have not

yet entered kindergarten are targeted for participation in the program. It is funded by Title I.

The young students do not attend school on a daily basis. The program is designed to help parents to provide a positive learning environment for the children at an early age.

One of the objectives of the program is to provide services to the parents that will support them as they get their children ready for the formal instruction

of the school environment. Tots-n-Training began in the fall of 1993.

Participation includes being met weekly at a distribution site in the neighborhood of a Title I school. An employee is available at a specified time for parents to pick up materials and communicate progress or ask questions. The school representative also maintains contact with the families who participate through calls or notes as necessary.

On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays local representatives of the program are in businesses distributing materials explaining the program and how it works to parents of prospective students.

A newsletter is given to parents to provide guidance to them in the use of the materials (scissors, discipline techniques, nutrition information and safety data) are included in the newsletter. (See CHILDREN, Page 2)



MORNING COFFEE -- Lyda and Les Darcy, Gray County ranchers, take a break to pour a cup of cowboy coffee from the camp fire during this weekend's World Championship Chuckwagon Roundup 2001 in Amarillo. The Darcys have participated in chuckwagon cook-offs and roundups in Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. The chuckwagons are judged on authenticity.

Rodeo Assn plans annual Kid Pony Show

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association has once again invited the boys and girls from Cal Farley's Family Program in Borger to participate in the Kid Pony Show, July 8, 9 and 10.

However, the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association needs the assistance of the people of Pampa and the surrounding area. Sponsor donations are now being accepted at the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard.

The donations are to pay the entry fees for these children. Fees range for \$8 to \$16 per cent per child and any donations is greatly appreciated.

The generous support of the Texas Panhandle people allow these children the opportunity to participate in the Kid Pony Show. The boys and girls who have come in the past were excited and very appreciative of the caring donations that enabled them to participate and rodeo directors hope to provide the same opportunity this year.

Anyone wishing to make a donation may contact the rodeo office at 669-0434 or come by 200 N. Ballard.

Pampa emergency planners to improve warning system

Tornadoes swirling north of Pampa this week was an important reminder of the need for a better emergency warning system throughout Gray County.

Ken Hall, Emergency Management Coordinator for Pampa and Gray County, said this week that Pampa sits at the edge of the National Weather Service's emergency warning radio broadcast area from transmitters in Amarillo and Perryton, but much of Gray County can't pickup the emergency signals that would warn them if a tornado was threatening their homes and lives.

When a severe storm is located by the weather service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

broadcasts an immediate warning. They have the capability to broadcast a coded tone that turns on emergency weather radios, then they broadcast the warning over the radio.

Each county, Hall said, has a coded address so the weather service can alert local areas as needed.

The problem Pampa and Gray County faces, Hall said, is that Pampa is on the edge of the warning system out of Amarillo.

The voice message that is broadcast reaches out about 50 miles, he explained, but the broadcast tone that turns on emergency weather radios only reaches out about 30 to 35 miles.

A new emergency broadcast system transmitter in Perryton

reaches only to about Pampa. "The rest of the county, Lefors, McLean and rural residents, are out of reach," Hall said.

Hall is working on a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant that will pay 75 percent of the cost to build a tower and associated structure for a broadcast warning system.

"We need a 300 to 500 foot tower," Hall said.

He is hoping to find someone with such a tower that will donate space on it suitable for an emergency warning system antenna.

Such an in-kind donation, he said, would supply 25 percent of the system so the city can apply for the USDA grant. (See TORNADO, Page 2)



NEW CHIEF DEPUTY -- Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland, left, welcomes his new Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing, a veteran law enforcement officer in the area. Rushing will assume his new duties on July 1.

Sunday snapshot

Family: Wife, Brenda.
If I had a different job, I'd be a: Race care driver or owner.

My personal hero: My dad.

The best advice I ever got was: "Be yourself and do what your heart tells you."

People who knew me in high school thought: I was a "go-getter."

The best word or words to describe me: Down-to-earth.

People will remember me as being: A go person.

The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: My mother and father, Van Gogh and Linda Daniels.

My hobbies are: Art of all kinds.

My favorite sports team is:

NASCAR.

My favorite author is: Kipling.

The last book I read was: "Computers for Dummies."

My favorite possession is: My art tools and my home.

The biggest honor I've ever received is: The birth of my children.

My favorite performer is: Willie Nelson.

I wish I knew how to: Fly a plane.

My trademark cliché or expression is: "Happily life is a happy wife."

My worst habit is: Smoking.

I would never: Do a person wrong.

The last good movie I saw was: "Mummy II."

I stay home to watch: Car racing.

Someday I want to drive a: BMW.

My favorite junk food is: Burgers.

My favorite beverage: Coke.

My favorite restaurant is: Whatever is good.

My favorite pet: Dog.

For my last meal, I would choose: A big plate of gravy and biscuits like my mom made.

I wish I could sing like: Willie.

I'm happiest when I'm: With artists and family.

I regret: Not going to a good art school.

I'm tired of: U.S. government not doing their jobs.

My biggest fear is: Not being a good person and a good artist.

The electrical device I couldn't live without is: None.

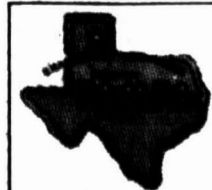
My most embarrassing moment: More than I can list.

The biggest waste of time is: Trying to be something you're not.

If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: Take care of my family and friends.

If I had three wishes they would be: 1) Live to be 100; 2) become a great artist; 3) be a good dad and husband.

If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: Wake up the people and stop talking about doing and get it done.



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Obituaries

ZELLA MAE PRESCOTT GRAY

Zella Mae Prescott Gray, 87, of Pampa, died Saturday, June 9, 2001. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Glen Walton, minister of Bell Avenue Church of Christ in Amarillo, officiating. Mrs. Gray, a Pampa resident since 1938, was born May 3, 1914, in Harmon County, Okla. She married Elmer Prescott in 1931 at Dill City, Okla.; he died in 1968. She later married C.R. "Chief" Gray on Nov. 13, 1969, at Pampa.

She owned O&Z Dining Room, Town House Cafe in Pampa for many years and was involved in direct sales for several years as well.

She was a homemaker and a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, C.R. of Pampa; two daughters, LaHoma Davis of Pampa and Joan Bowling of Mesa, Ariz.; four brothers, U.L. Smith of Dill City, Valton Smith of Modesto, Calif., Herbert Smith of San Antonio and Everett Smith of Spring; three sisters, Lois Linn of Dill City, Frances Mullins of Dumas and Clea Haney of Chickasha, Okla.; five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, 1342 Mary Ellen, Pampa, TX 79065; or to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

WALTER E. ROGERS

Walter E. Rogers, a member of Congress who investigated the 1964 Northeast Blackout and the rigged quiz show scandals of the 1950's, died Thursday, May 31, 2001, in Naples of a heart attack. He was 92. Walter Rogers was born in Texarkana, Ark., just two blocks from the Texas state line, but was raised in McKinney, Texas, where his family moved shortly thereafter.

After attending the University of Texas Law School, in 1936 he moved to Pampa and opened a law practice there. He became city attorney in 1940 and subsequently was elected district attorney from 1944-47.

In 1950, Mr. Rogers ran for the Congressional seat vacated by the appointment of the incumbent to the Federal bench. So did some 20 other aspirants, so that there was an additional primary run-off election before he finally got over 50 percent of the vote and was then able to run in and win the general election.

At that time, the 18th Texas Congressional District covered some 22 counties, including all of the Texas Panhandle, an area the size of Ohio, in an era before the television, and campaigning by himself on a shoe-string, he drove 20,000 miles in three months to reach every town in the District. He served eight terms in Congress and was a participant in many of the most dramatic events of his day.

Shortly after coming to Congress in 1950, when Puerto Rican nationalists fired gunshots from the visitors gallery onto the floor of the House of Representatives, he was one of the first to realize what was happening. A Congressman next to him, hearing a "pop, pop, pop" sound from the gallery and seeing a large Puerto Rican flag unfurled, stood up and said, "It must be some kind of celebration. They're setting off firecrackers." The Texas Congressman immediately replied, "Hell no! That's gunfire. They're shooting at us," and dragged the other Congressman down between the seats. Another Congressman, sitting only a few feet away, was shot and badly injured. Meanwhile, other members of the same Puerto Rican organization were attempting to assassinate President Harry Truman, then living at Blair House across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House, which was undergoing extensive renovations.

As Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications, he was very prominent in the Congressional hearings on the rigging of popular television quiz shows such as "Twenty

One" Using skills he had developed as a young district attorney in Pampa, he cross-examined many of the witnesses, shredding their justifications for what they had done.

In November 1964, he was conducting regulatory oversight hearings which were very unpopular with the television industry. Accompanying President Kennedy on his swing through Texas, he was greeted by the President that morning with a wry smile and a teasing "How's it going Broadcaster?" Later that day, he was in the third car of the motorcade in Dallas when President Kennedy was shot and was also at Parkland Memorial Hospital when the President was pronounced dead.

After the 1964 power failure in the Northeastern United States, better known as the New York Blackout, he chaired the House Special Committee investigating it and the management of the power grid.

One of his proudest accomplishments in Congress was to finally obtain construction of a dam on the Canadian River, which not only effected water conservation and control, but provided unique new recreational opportunities on Lake Meredith behind the dam. In an area which had been part of the 1930's Dust Bowl, farmers and ranchers now had boats parked in their driveways.

He served in Congress until 1966 when he said he had had enough and simply decided not to run again.

He was subsequently President of the Interstate Natural Gas Association, representing the largest gas pipeline companies in America. IN 1973, he retired for good. Thereafter he was a very active member of Burning Tree Country Club where he was widely known and well liked. In retirement, he continued to be a popular speaker who could regale listeners with his fund of stories about his days as a district attorney and a Congressman. He later served as Secretary of Burning Tree Country Club and in 2000 was elected a member emeritus for life.

In 1991, he moved with his wife Jean to Naples. Then in his 80s, but not content to sit home, for several years he and his wife delivered charitable Meals on Wheels to the housebound elderly in the Naples area. Many of these elderly were quite surprised to have a deliverer older than they were.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, the former Catherine Regina (Jean) Daly; and their six children, John Edward Rogers of New York City, Walter Edward Rogers, Jr., Thomas Kelly Rogers and Susan Daly Healy of Washington, D.C., Robert Peter Joseph Rogers of Seely Lake, Mont., and Samantha Cutter of Boca Grande, Fla.; as well as 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one brother.

Services were held June 9 in St. William Catholic Church of Naples. Interment was in Naples Memorial Garden.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24 hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, June 8

Jamey Michelle Mehaffey, 26, no address given, was arrested after being accused of giving a false statement to a police officer.

William James Shipp, 22, no address given, was arrested on a warrant charging him with assault.

Patsy Jean Morgan, 50, no address given, was arrested on a warrant charging her with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Saturday, June 9

Kimmel Renald Gatson, 30, no address given, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault.

Derrick Shevar Williams, 17, no address given, was arrested on a warrant charging him with failure to appear.

Texas round up

Allison remnants return to inundate Houston area

HOUSTON (AP) — Hundreds of people were out of their homes Saturday and scores of others abandoned their cars on freeways that became lakes as the remains of Tropical Storm Allison swamped the Houston area with torrential rains.

At least 200 people had been forced from flooded homes, many of them rescued in large dump trucks, buses or fire trucks.

"We have a number of subdivisions ... we are evacuating," Danny Smith, an assistant fire chief, said at a post-midnight news conference.

Although no serious injuries were reported, nearly every major freeway in the city, including Interstates 10 and 45, was blocked by some flooding.

"The biggest problem is on the streets of our city," Mayor Lee Brown said. "I-10 is like a parking lot. No one is moving."

Rio Grande Valley location wanted for proposed cemetery

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Veterans groups are looking for a site for a proposed 100-acre cemetery to serve veterans in the Rio Grande Valley.

"We would prefer donated land," Hidalgo County Judge Eloy Pulido told members of the Hidalgo County Advisory Committee on Veterans Affairs on Friday. "We want to be inclusive and open this up to all cities from Brownsville to Roma."

Groups have been trying to get a veterans cemetery for the

region for more than two years. Once the committee selects a site, it will submit the proposed location to the Texas Veterans Land Board for approval.

The proposed cemetery would have about 20,000 plots over a 30-year period. Plots are free for veterans, their spouses and disabled dependent children. More than 37,000 veterans live in the Valley and there are thousands of Winter Texans veterans.

Scott Haviland, a member of the committee, said the cemetery could bring more than \$30 million to the local economy.

Construction company responsible for mold, suit says

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — Students and workers at Texas State Technical College are suing a construction company they say is responsible for mold contamination at the college.

Sixteen individuals have filed the suit against Peacock Construction Co., alleging health problems as a result of shoddy construction.

"We allege that there is a defective design, construction and maintenance of the heating and cooling ventilation system," Harlingen attorney Michael Kiesel said. "A certain level of moisture is present in there all the time that has caused mold and mildew to grow and flourish. That's what's making these people sick."

The lawsuit states the college's "environment has been contaminated with pollution, mold, mildew, bacteria, fungus, and/or

other toxic materials, some of which have not yet been identified, which was caused by negligent construction ..."

Student Stephanie Garcia is one of the students who is included in the suit against Peacock Construction Co.

Johnson asked Thurgood Marshall to become top government lawyer, tapes show

AUSTIN (AP) — On 18 hours of tapes released Friday, President Lyndon B. Johnson can be heard trying to persuade Thurgood Marshall in 1965 to accept the post as solicitor general — the first black to hold the post.

The president said he was offering the position to Marshall because he wanted to continue to further civil rights.

"I want to do this job that Lincoln started and I want to do it the right way," Johnson said.

Marshall's responses couldn't be heard.

The president said he thought Marshall should accept the position "for the people of the world" and for other reasons.

Cliburn piano competition mixes old with new

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Classical music lovers don't have to be in Fort Worth this week to hear the world's best pianists.

The entire 11th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, the biggest in terms of prizes and visibility, can be accessed on the Internet via live, CD-quality audio stream through WebCasting.com.

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CHILDREN

Each week a book is given to the children for them to keep which will allow the children to build a library of books at their home.

Children and their parents participate in a reading contract on a monthly basis. Any child who reads at least four days a week and returns the calendar at the end of the month is able to draw from a "treasure chest".

Parents are empowered in their role as teachers as they use the materials which are distributed. Completely funded by Title 1 the program has been in the PISD for seven years.

Surveys and interviews are used to evaluate the growth of

the student and the parent response to the program.

The TNT program is founded on the premise that reading aloud to preschool children will help children to achieve high standards in school. Research proves that reading aloud to children enriches language and develops vocabulary, stimulates the imagination, introduces and passes on literature of previous generations, provides new experiences, helps children to develop an appreciation of literature, and offers unlimited enjoyment which will encourage children to become lifelong readers. A bonding between parent and child will naturally occur as the parent reads aloud to the child.

The newsletter provided to the participants includes age appropriate activities that will help parents know what to look for

and expect as the child grows and develops. It also provided guidance in fostering the child's language, cognitive, social and motor skill development. This timely information will increase parental involvement in developing the prerequisite skills the child needs to be ready for school.

Finally, the parents build an early positive relationship with the public school as they meet and interact with friendly, caring distributors. These positive attitudes toward the school will result in open communication and better parent participation as the child enters public school.

Children ages 3, 4, and 5 (who have not entered kindergarten) who live in the Wilson and Lamar attendance areas are eligible to participate in the Tots-n-Training Program.

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TORNADO

"I've been working with some local companies," Hall said, "but there's been no positive response yet."

If tower rental space can be donated, Hall said the broadcast

warning system can be built without having to rely on funds generated from taxes.

When the system is in place, the National Weather Service in Amarillo could call the Pampa tower over a telephone line and broadcast both the tone to turn on emergency weather radios

and the voice warning as soon as their radar or spotters sight a storm threatening Gray County.

"They can wake people up in the middle of the night if they need to," Hall said.

The emergency weather radios are available at a variety of stores in the area, Hall said.

Bush tax plan boosts conservation easements

By JOHN HEILPRIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the nation's frequently used tools for protecting land from development is being expanded under a provision of the tax law President Bush signed this week.

People can now donate conservation easements anywhere in the United States to a land trust or government agency after their death and qualify for an estate tax benefit.

The tax law eliminates a requirement that a qualifying conservation easement be within 25 miles of a metropolitan area, national park or wilderness area or within 10 miles of a national forest that is near a big city.

That requirement had left ineligible much of rural America, including areas of the Great Plains and parts of 44 states such as northern Maine and north-central Pennsylvania.

Interior Secretary Gale Norton, the nation's chief steward of public lands, said Friday the new law "helps more families contribute a legacy of conservation and environmental protection that will live on for generations."

Helen Hooper, congressional affairs director for the Nature Conservancy, said the new provisions would make a big difference.

"People who are going to pay an estate tax will now have an incentive to put a conservation easement on their land," she said. "It'll be a good incentive for people who are elderly."

Russell Shay, public policy director for the Land Trust Alliance, said the new provisions represent a modest advancement by making a conservation tool available to more people.

"Extending these conservation easement benefits will make more landowners eligible to get a benefit for donating development rights," he said. "It may be a modest advance for land conservation, but it really is a matter of fairness."

The pre-existing benefit lets donors and heirs cut estate taxes by up to 40 percent of the value of land covered by a conservation easement. But that 40 percent cannot exceed \$400,000 this year or \$500,000 next year.

The new provisions apply to estates of people who died after Dec. 31, 2000.

About 1,200 land trusts exist in the United States. Along with government agencies, they help protect several million acres under conservation easements across the nation.

An easement has permanent restrictions on use or development of land, although restrictions can vary depending on the land, state law and the protecting group.

Rather than risk having to sell or develop land to pay costly estate taxes, a person can lower the value and retain the land for heirs by deeding development rights to a land trust or government agency through a conservation easement.

Normally, the Internal Revenue Service would tax a farm not on its value for agriculture but at the price a developer would pay for it as a site for a subdivision. By permanently donating those development rights to a land trust, the farmer's land would be valued as a farm.

Conservation easements generally are granted if they adhere to IRS regulations and provide some public benefit for outdoor recreation or public education, protect open space or the natural habitats of fish, wildlife and plants, or preserve historic land or buildings.

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Mostly sunny skies today will bring warm temperatures.

A high of 95 is expected for Pampa and the surrounding areas with south winds 10 to 20 mph.

The low tonight will be about 65 degrees with clear skies.

Temperatures Monday and Tuesday should be in the 90 to 95 degree range with lows of about 70.

There is a chance of thunderstorms returning Wednesday or Thursday.

The clouds will bring cooler temperatures. The highs are expected to be in the 80s and the lows in the 60s.

STATEWIDE — While skies were sunny in Dallas and most of North Texas early Saturday, conditions in Houston and parts

of southeast Texas were altogether different.

A wide area of more than a dozen counties awoke from torrential downpours and other counties close in to the city were flooded after rains Friday

topped more than 10 inches in some areas, some of the accumulations in only a few hours.

The deluges Friday and Saturday were the continuation of rains spawned by Tropical Storm Allison, the new Atlantic hurricane season's first named storm, which sloshed ashore on the Texas coast from the Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday.

Elsewhere, it was mostly cloudy east of a line from Texarkana to Waco to Austin to Laredo and west of a line from Alpine to Lubbock to Childress.

There were isolated thunderstorms in the El Paso area. In South Texas, temperatures

at 5 a.m. Saturday ranged from a low of 64 at Guadalupe Pass to a high of 81 at Brownsville and Port Isabel.

In North Texas, readings ranged from the upper 60s to mid-70s.

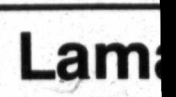
The forecast for North Texas calls for partly cloudy skies west. Mostly cloudy skies should prevail elsewhere with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs should be in the mid-80s to the lower 90s.

In West Texas and the Panhandle, skies should be mostly sunny, with highs near 90 and a slight chance of evening thunderstorms northwest. Otherwise it was mostly clear with lows near 65.

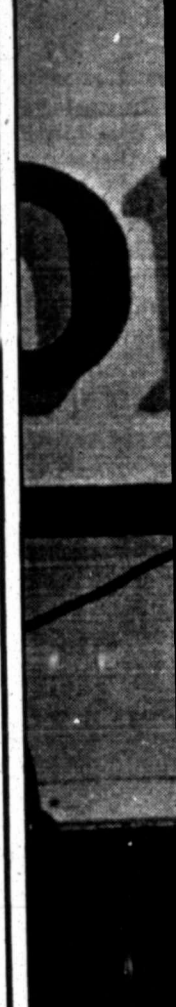
Sunday should be partly cloudy with highs 90 to 95. Sunday night should be clear with lows near 65, forecasters said.



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A seriously Texas Panhandle woman represented by Amarillo Attorney Jack Hazlewood and his Dallas Co-Counsel awarded \$8.2 million Jury Verdict in Products Liability lawsuit against major automobile manufacturer (Case No. 93-10141, 116th District Court, Dallas County). Results obtained depend on the facts of each case.

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Lamar perfect attendance winners



(Special photo)

Lamar Elementary second-grader Adrian Rivera and fifth-grader Ashley Brown display compact disc players they won while participating in a drawing open only to students achieving perfect attendance during the spring semester. Fifty students were eligible for the drawing.

TABCC to conduct annual symposium

AUSTIN — To keep businesses up-to-date with the latest rules and regulations, Texas Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce (TABCC) is hosting its 23rd Annual Employment Relations Symposium on July 20-21 in San Antonio.

"This annual event remains the best employment law seminar in Texas, from both quality and economic standpoints," noted TABCC Employment Relations Chairman Jeff Londa, a partner in the Houston law firm of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.

Every day, decisions are being made at businesses that can result in stiff penalties and lawsuits if mishandled.

"As a former small business owner, I know only too well that it only takes one uninformed decision to bankrupt a company," said Bill Hammond, TABCC president. "This symposium is the best and the most cost-effective insurance you can buy for your business."

Among the topics to be studied during

TABCC's Employment Relations Symposium are:
— "U.S. and Texas Anti-Discrimination Laws";
— "Mandatory Arbitration Plans: Are They Right For Your Company";
— "Privacy in the Workplace";
— "Reductions in the Force"; and
— "Employee Benefit Plans: Common Mistakes in 401 (k) Plans."

The State Bar of Texas will accredit the Symposium with continuing legal education and ethics. CPA's may also obtain CPE credit towards licensing with the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy.

Reduced registration fees are available to members of TABCC and individuals who are members of their own local Texas chamber of commerce.

To register or to receive more information about the 23rd Annual Employment Relations Symposium, call TABCC State Headquarters in Austin at 1-800-856-6721, or visit TABCC's Internet site at <http://www.tabcc.org>. The deadline for registrations is July 17.

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas:
 Odessa American on Iraqi policy shift a good idea:
 After President Bush ordered stepped-up attacks along Iraq's no-fly zone in the early days of his administration, some feared the new president might have a policy toward Iraq that was even worse than the policy pursued by the Clinton administration.

It seemed like a clampdown on Iraq was coming, especially since some top Bush advisers are notoriously hawkish toward Saddam Hussein. Fortunately, the fears have subsided, especially after recent news reports that the Bush administration was backing British calls for a lifting of economic sanctions. Another good sign, reported on WorldNetDaily by the Stratfor Global Intelligence organization, is that U.S. generals have called for reduced air patrols along the no-fly zones America and Britain maintain over Iraq.

For 11 years following the Gulf War, in which the United States and its allies pummeled Iraq after it invaded neighboring Kuwait, the U.S.-dominated United Nations Security Council has enforced a virtual embargo on the nation, something that has caused widespread misery for the Iraqi people. United Nations reports have put the figure at 5,000 deaths of children each month caused directly by sanctions, notwithstanding an inadequate oil-for-food program that allows Iraq to import some items. Meanwhile, the Iraqi dictator has been as strong as ever, which is reason enough for the Western powers to rethink their strategy.

The first Bush administration, which had assembled the Gulf War coalition, was unwilling to soften its position toward Iraq. Yet even throughout the eight years of the Clinton administration, U.S. policy never softened, even after it became clear the policy was counterproductive.

For instance, Iraq booted U.N. weapons inspectors out of the country and most of its neighbors have defied U.N. sanctions. Truckloads of goods cross the borders every day, yet the United States and Britain had maintained the fiction of sanctions.

The new proposal to the Security Council doesn't go far enough for Iraq, and drew some skepticism from Russian officials, who have backed Iraq in its call for a complete end to economic sanctions. Specifically, the plan would end sanctions on civilian items, though maintain stiff sanctions on military-related items. The U.N. would still maintain control of the money Iraq earned from its oil sales.

The proposal isn't perfect. Why should the United Nations exert control over Iraq's oil proceeds? And items that have primarily civilian uses often are called military-related items under the sanctions regimen. Others argue that the loosening proposal may be a way for the Bush administration to get control of sanctions before they collapse as nations worldwide ignore them.

That may be so, but the shift in policy is welcome. Its time to put sanctions and the no-fly zones on the table and look for productive ways to check any of Saddam's aggressive ambitions without punishing the Iraqi people and violating a nation's sovereignty.

From our files

40 years ago

Sunday, June 11, 1961. Gray County Civil Defense Organization was put on an active basis at the second of a series of meetings held Friday night in the county courtroom of Gray County Courthouse.

Monday, June 12, 1961. Wayne Denson, president of the Pampa Key Club, today called public attention to the fact that Wednesday is Flag Day and requests that residents and business firms display Old Glory.

Friday, June 16, 1961. Pampa's Culligan Soft Water Service Company plant, 314 S. Starkweather, will hold its grand opening tomorrow and Sunday.

25 years ago

Thursday, June 10, 1976. Ronnie White, head baseball and assistant football coach for the past three years at Pampa High School, resigned today to accept similar positions at Kermit, 40 miles northwest of Odessa.

Friday, June 11, 1976. Artist Robin Gantz called it an "experiment in democracy" as she gathered children with different ages and different backgrounds to paint a display for a downtown window.

Monday, June 14, 1976. Awards were handed out at the Chamber of Commerce Friday to winners of the recent membership contest.

10 years ago

Monday, June 10, 1991. Special Olympics athletes met for a banquet on June 4, at First Christian Church.

Tuesday, June 11, 1991. LEFORS — The Lefors City Landfill will be closed Aug. 31, according to a vote taken Monday night at the Lefors City Council meeting.

Wednesday, June 12, 1991. Pampa city commissioners gave approval Tuesday to what amounted to a franchise agreement with BFI for use of the city's landfill during their meeting at City Hall.

Gator act reminiscent of Jaws

Last week at the end of my column I said I didn't have enough room to tell the alligator story that I'd heard while in Arkansas last month.

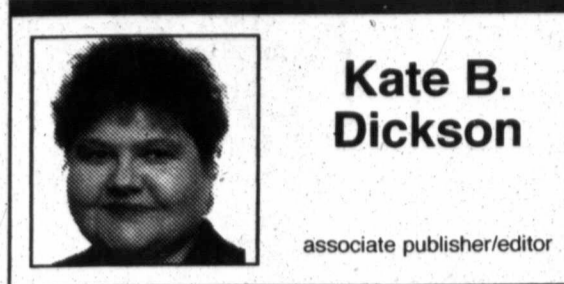
That's not all together true. As editor, I can usually come up with some room if I really need or want it. Probably closer to the truth is I thought it was a good way to end that column and I didn't really plan to write about the alligator.

But lo and behold, one of my readers asked me when I was going to write about that reptile ... that 12-foot-long beast of the Delta.

My friend Christie related the alligator story to me as we walked around her backyard looking at her plants, quaint seating areas, etc. Well, I'm here to tell you that one piece of yard furniture isn't in any danger of showing up in Southern Living magazine. It's a chair her father made for her, lovingly I'm sure. But I think it looks like the Florida electric chair and Christie's nephew, John Erik, thinks it resembles a barber chair.

But that's another story. Christie gestured to the ditch behind her house and allowed that the alligator, if the water was up, could have landed in her backyard by swimming through a series of field drainage ditches. I looked over to the ditch and focused on the little bridge her nephews use to go back and forth between houses.

As best I can recall, Jimbo (a deputy prosecuting attorney who lives back in the sticks)



Kate B. Dickson

associate publisher/editor

saw some goose feathers that didn't look just right around his pond. Christie said the feathers didn't look like leftovers from a coyote. I'm not quite sure leftovers from an alligator-one-in-goose differ from those left by a coyote ... I didn't ask. I didn't want to ruin a good story.

Having Jimbo involved made it more interesting. He's a character but he certainly wasn't ever a good news source. He wouldn't talk to me for years and generally had a distaste for reporters. We each had some friends who weren't, shall we say, mutual. I remember when he won a Memphis Magazine "Kudzu Award" for being quoted as saying he didn't remember the case when asked about the man who was shot at and caught the bullet in his teeth. And in true Arkansas fashion, Jimbo's son, also an attorney, is called Little Jimbo.

But all that's another story. Jimbo began investigating, so it goes. I don't know exactly how, but Jimbo ended up seeing

the gator. "A whole bunch of folks," as Christie tells it descended upon the pond. Arkansas wildlife people mostly.

Also arriving was a game official from Louisiana who "back in the 70s" had brought some alligators to that part of Eastern Arkansas and turned them loose somewhere not far from Jimbo's.

"Who wanted them?" I wondered aloud. I still don't know the answer to that one and figure if you don't have alligators to begin with then why in heaven's name would you import some and turn 'em loose?

So, the hunt was on and the alligator was snared with one of those loop things. He fought and fought and fought ... or so the story goes. Finally he tires and is tied to a motor boat. It seems that while heading to shore, the gator balked ... so much so that it stopped the boat. (Jaws anyone?)

Once finally landed, the Louisiana wildlife officer prepared the gator for a trip someplace where there are other big boys like himself. Presumably not to be made into high-dollar cowboy boots for some Texan.

The officer said the alligator, due to its large size, had to be one of the original gators he had turned loose.

Christie said some fellow, no doubt with a bit of hope against hope evident in his inflection, posed the question, "Do you think there could be any more around here?"

"Yep," the man replied.

Nashville Sally needs helping hand

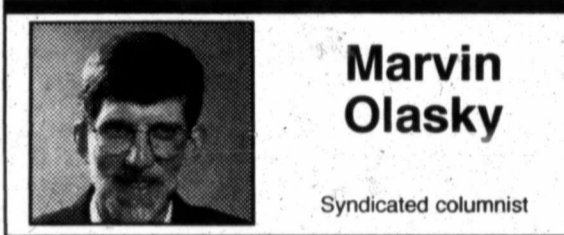
Just on the other side of the Cumberland River from downtown Nashville, Tenn., sits a Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center that the Clinton administration punched in the mouth in 1998. That's when the U.S. Department of Agriculture used its regulatory authority to take away the center's 23-year-long authorization to participate in the Food Stamp program.

According to a 1999 letter from Shirley Watkins, then a USDA undersecretary, the center lost use of food stamps — worth \$70,000 per year — because the USDA wants participating drug or alcohol treatment programs to be state-certified. Center administrator Ken Merrifield, however, says that during the previous 23 years, the center was not certified and should not be, because the Salvation Army is a church and it's not the role of government to be certifying churches.

The ruddy-complexioned Major Merrifield, who has a military bearing and a thick thatch of silver hair, says he welcomes reporters and others to come and look around. His center, with its white cinderblock walls and clean linoleum, has 86 beds that are generally filled, and a cafeteria with silk daffodils on 20 four-man tables and silk ficus trees on the floor. Immaculate hallways sport pictures of flying ducks and a recreation room features a widescreen TV, pool table and two Coke machines.

The Sally — as homeless folks often refer to a Salvation Army post — is not a bad place to be for those who have been down and out. It's also not a place designed to enable residents to stay at the bottom. "This is not an entitlement program," says Merrifield. "The men have to work."

The center's work and self-help orientations



Marvin Olasky

Syndicated columnist

are clear: Residents "have to go out and hunt for a job, visiting three places or more per day, and they need to get a real job, not one from some Fast Harry who gets them some quick bucks but nothing lasting." The center's religious teaching is not segmented from other parts of the program: "We are what we are 24 hours of the day. There is no separation of religion from rehabilitation."

Two-thirds of the men who enter the center's 90-day transitional program finish it with a job in hand and a slowly growing bank account. Merrifield, speaking of food stamps received, says, "The government thinks it's doing us a favor but doesn't compute how much we are saving government, or what kind of havoc there would be if we weren't here."

The USDA did create some havoc at the center when it cut off food stamps, forcing the major to lay off one of his two counselors. "I'm from the government, and I'm here to hurt you," is the lesson homeless men absorbed.

Correspondence from the USDA's Watkins indicates that the cutoff was discretionary, not mandated by legislative action. At one point in the process, Salvation Army officials thought the USDA action was a response to legislative changes within the food stamp program, and that to regain food stamp use it would have to

set up 80 separate cookies facilities for the men at the center.

Not so: Watkins' complaint was lack of certification. The Clinton USDA did not seem to care that the Nashville Salvation Army, while opposed to certification, had entered into a letter of agreement with the Tennessee Department of Human Services, by which it always complied with requests to make records or information available for USDA audits.

Besides, the long-respected Salvation Army is not likely to let one of its posts sully its reputation; internal quality control standards kick in when things go wrong. Nor is this center a financial high-flyer. Merrifield wears the regulation Salvation Army black tie, and the brown wood-like paneling, blue industrial carpet and pressed board desk of his office — furniture on sale in the adjacent Salvation Army store is nicer — suggest a barebones operation.

The Nashville center is not the only one hit. Major Larry White, a Salvation Army commander for 15 Southeastern states, reports that the Army — standing by its religious liberty, no-certification position — lost use of food stamps and surplus food at other centers during the Clinton administration: Atlanta, Fort Worth, Houston, Jacksonville and Miami were among those cut off.

"They are punishing us," he said, referring to Washington bureaucrats. "We've tried to get help with this, but it hits a dead end, and we've never made very much progress."

But a new administration is now in place, and it's exactly this type of harassment that the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is designed to stop. We'll watch what happens.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, June 10, the 161st day of 2001. There are 204 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 10, 1935, Alcoholics Anonymous was

founded in Akron, Ohio.

On this date: In 1801, the north African state of Tripoli declared war on the United States in a dispute over safe passage of merchant vessels through the Mediterranean.

In 1865, the Richard Wagner opera "Tristan und Isolde" premiered in Munich, Germany.
 In 1922, singer-actress Judy Garland was born in Grand Rapids, Minn.
 In 1940, Italy declared war on France and Britain; Canada

declared war on Italy.

In 1942, the Gestapo massacred 173 male residents of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, in retaliation for the killing of a Nazi official.
 In 1946, Italy replaced its abolished monarchy with a republic.

The pitfalls of abstract thinking ...

Edmund Burke, in his Reflections on the French Revolution, warned that human rights should never be considered in the abstract. The reason is simple. No human being on Earth exists in the abstract, nor, for that matter, does any thing such as human rights.

That is a good rule of thumb for all subjects. Talking in the abstract can often lead to unrealistic expectations. Failed expectations, whether realistic or not, often produce great frustration and bitterness.

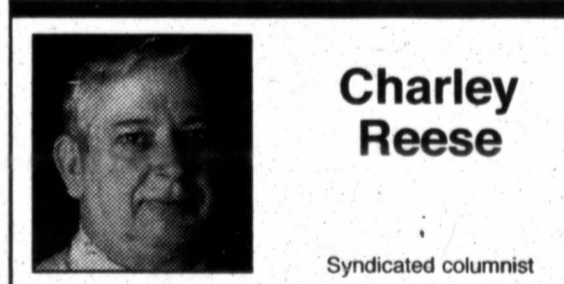
James Foreman, one of the civil-rights leaders of the 1960s, once explained why there had been riots in the North after the successful passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

High expectations were realized in the South because the act suddenly allowed blacks to do things they had previously been forbidden to do. In other words, it had a tangible effect on their lives.

In the North, however, blacks had always been able to do the things the act covered, such as using integrated facilities. Their high expectations were frustrated because, for them, nothing changed. They still had no jobs or poor jobs. They still lived in poor housing. All of the expectations created by a lot of rhetoric came crashing down and produced a lot of anger, Foreman said.

So expectations, when disappointed, can have tangible and negative results. That's why political operatives will try to "lowball" expectations about their politician's speech. It's far better for a speech to be perceived as better than expected than as less than expected.

But unrealistic expectations aren't the only bad thing that can come from dealing with subjects in the abstract. Lots of times, such conversation amounts to nothing more than blowing smoke into the air. Nothing can be accomplished because everything discussed is patently unrealistic.



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

The Brazilian rainforest, for example, is Brazil's responsibility. There's nothing much we can do about it nor do we have a right to do anything about it. The ancient rule of minding one's own business is often ignored these days by people whose intellectual lives are lived in the abstract.

It's not uncommon for people who don't live in a city to show up at city council meetings to complain or lobby for some action that involves only the city and its residents. People who think of themselves as environmentalists are particularly prone to this bad habit.

The environment itself does not exist in the abstract. It exists as a complex matrix of specific plots of public and privately owned property that sprawls across many political jurisdictions.

The abstract thinker would like to dismiss all of these encumbrances of ownership and jurisdictions and simply decree some solution that suits his or her fancy. That's why such thinkers tend to be people who favor powerful central governments and who are, in general, enemies of private-property rights.

Unfortunately, the essence of a free society consists of laws that properly protect property rights and a system for fairly enforcing contracts. Whenever a society strays from either of these, there inevitably will be both

political and economic problems.

Politicians invariably will talk in the abstract about non-specific solutions to non-specific problems. I knew one, quite successful, who employed a sort of Hubert Humphrey technique.

If you asked him, for example, how he planned to vote on a specific welfare bill, he would launch into a long speech in which he would detail various social problems, recount the history of social reforms, discuss the difficulties inherent in the legislation and finally express the greatest possible sympathy, bordering on anguish, with the poor and downtrodden.

If you were still awake, and you asked him, "Yes, but how are you going to vote? Yes or no?" he'd say, "I haven't decided yet."

I have to admit in all fairness that the press is partly responsible for the modern politician's habit of generalizing and being evasive. When normal people talk, they will sometimes make a poor choice of words. A decent reporter, in the old days, would give a person a chance to reconsider by asking another question, such as, "What exactly do you mean by that?" In more recent times, reporters resorted to the game of gotcha. An innocent slip of the tongue would make big headlines.

The result is that politicians are now advised to think carefully about what they wish to say, to say that and nothing else. Only a fool would indulge in a give-and-take conversation with a journalist. Of course, political discourse suffers when it is turned into a show with the reporters playing Mr. District Attorney and the public officials forced into the role of a cautious defendant.

The more we stay down to Earth, firmly rooted to particular problems in particular contexts, the more successful we are likely to be. After all, the French Revolution started out with abstract good intentions and ended up a bloody nightmare.

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This may not sound like kid stuff, but it will be for four days in June at West Texas A&M University.

Excellence5 Encounter© 2001 is an academic camp June 27-30 on the University campus for students headed into their sophomore, junior and senior years of high school. Presented by WTAMU's chapter of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) and the University's Office of Business Services, the camp will focus on five E-terms relevant to today's business climate — Entrepreneurship, E-commerce, Ethics, Etiquette, and Everyday Financial Skills.

"Today's high school students are being taught how to become employees," David Terry, director of the camp and of client services at the Office of Business Services, said. "The intent of our camp is to teach them how to become entrepreneurs."

Participants will be exposed to a heavy-hitting slate of guest speakers that includes, among others, Roger Crawford, an internationally renowned professional speaker and best-selling author who has appeared on "Good Morning America," and Dave Roever, founder and president of the non-profit Roever Educational Assistance Programs.

Terry and Don Taylor, executive director of the Office of Business Services, teamed with WTAMU instructor of finance and SIFE adviser Jean Walker to develop Excellence5 Encounter©. The copyrighted concept includes a challenging new real-world start-up simulation game, Business-in-a-Box©, which the creative trio developed especially for Excellence5 Encounter©. Campers will be divided into teams for Business-in-a-Box© and be given boxes containing objects for creative stimulus, basic business objectives, assignments that coincide with elements of the camp curriculum, judging criteria and specific deadlines.

Campers will be given time each day to develop business ideas, create plans and prepare a brief presentation. A panel of judges will listen to the presentations and determine the prize winners.

Taylor, whose internationally syndicated business column, Minding Your Own Business, reaches two million readers each week, will deliver the keynote address during the camp's opening assembly scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 27 in the Ballroom at the Virgil Henson Activities Center (VHAC).

Crawford, who was born physically challenged but whose remarkable accomplishments demonstrate that optimism and resilience can triumph over personal and professional obstacles, will be keynote speaker for the Power Lunch from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday, June 29 at the Alumni Banquet Facility. A recipient of the National Speaker Association's Speaker Hall of Fame Award, Crawford's message is titled "How High Can You Bounce?"

Roever uses his experiences of loneliness, war, peer pressure, disfigurement and pain to address the underlying causes of problems in students' lives with a message of hope. Since 1976, he has spoken face-to-face with millions of students in public schools across the nation. His message as keynote speaker for the closing assembly at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 30 is "Tragedy to Triumph." The closing assembly will be in the VHAC Ballroom.

Ten additional presentations are planned for the four-day Excellence5 Encounter©, most of them to take place at the VHAC, and Team Time is scheduled twice each day so that campers can work on their Business-in-a-Box© projects.

Cost of the residential camp is \$400 and includes a comprehensive Excellence5 Encounter© workbook, a copy of Roger Crawford's book *Playing from the Heart*, and a copy of Don Taylor's *Solid Gold Success Strategies for your Business*.

Reservations at the camp are limited. To register or to obtain more information about the camp, contact David Terry at (806) 374-9777 or dterry@mail.wtamu.edu

Letters to the editor

Donley County VFW Post to begin Saturday night Bingo

To the editor,

Donley County Memorial Post 7782 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is a organization that looks out for the welfare of our veterans, but we do so much more.

We volunteer in our community and offer many programs that teach patriotism and loyalty to our citizens and give scholarships and Savings Bonds to our students. Last year alone this small post donated over 2,990 hours to the community and some \$6,000 for various programs and events.

The reason for this letter is simple, we are asking organizations like yours to "Get the word out" on our new Bingo Session starting Saturday nights at 7 p.m. We will hold this bingo every Saturday night with the doors opening at 6:15 p.m. starting Aug. 4. Since we are just starting out we have no operating budget at this time; however, we do expect to spend around \$200 a month on area advertising in the future, if the budget allows.

As you may know this VFW bingo is a charity bingo that provides our VFW Post with the needed operating funds to continue supporting our veterans and the community alike. A minimum of 35 percent must go to charity according to the Bingo laws established by the Charity Bingo Section of the Texas Lottery Commission.

We are asking if you could, notify the public as to this event as a donation to your veterans, and if you wish, we can supply you a donation letter for the advertising. Any consideration would be greatly appreciated with respect to the advertising of our New Bingo Sessions.

William A. Holden, post quartermaster/Bingo operator
Donley Co. VFW Post 7782

Do you know where your children are?

To the editor,

I had written a letter to the editor over a year ago, complaining about the old Sexton's Grocery Store next door to me. The building is not structurally safe as it is bowing off of its foundation and the fact that it harbors wildlife such as squirrels, stray cats, birds and rodents.

I have contacted the Texas Department of Health, in hoping that something could be done about this old building. You see, I am a mother and a grandmother, and I have probably at one time or another ran your kids or grandkids out of this building.

So, what am I complaining about, you ask? Well, since you asked, here are my concerns.

1) The building may collapse at any given time, without any warning. (God only knows how I have held my breath in just the sheer anticipation that it would!)

2) The fact that with the escalation of rabies in the area, that one of your precious babies may get bitten, and that since rodents like to breed in this building, their feces may contain the Hanta Virus, which can kill by affecting the pulmonary/respiratory system.

3) This old building contains asbestos, which in itself, can cause respiratory problems, i.e. asbestosis pneumonia, ect.

4) Where in the world are the owners of this property? It appears this person has dropped off the face of the earth. But there are personal belongings in this building, so you know, *somebody* must know where to find them.

5) I have been informed that the City of Pampa cannot do anything about this situation, because: a) they cannot find the owners; b) the building has personal belongings in it; c) it contains asbestos, and a HAZMAT crew would have to remove the asbestos before the building could be demolished; and d) it would cost too much to have the building demolished because of the cost to the taxpayers.

HELLO! We are the taxpayers in this town!

So your telling me you don't have the funds to tear down a building that is a danger to anyone who enters it, but *somehow* there is money for the public golf course north of town?

Hmmm...

Just wanted to inform you that my family and neighbors who live around this building will not let this matter rest until we get some results!

Jill Moxon
Pampa

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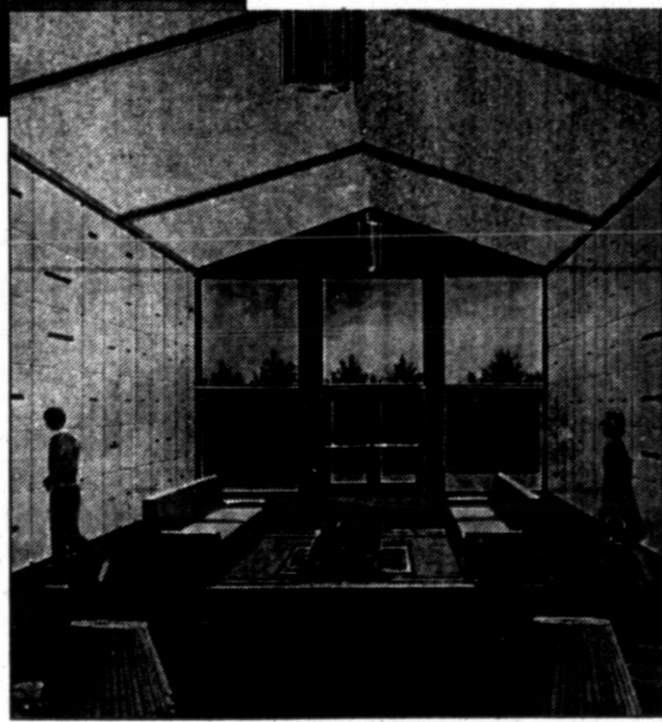
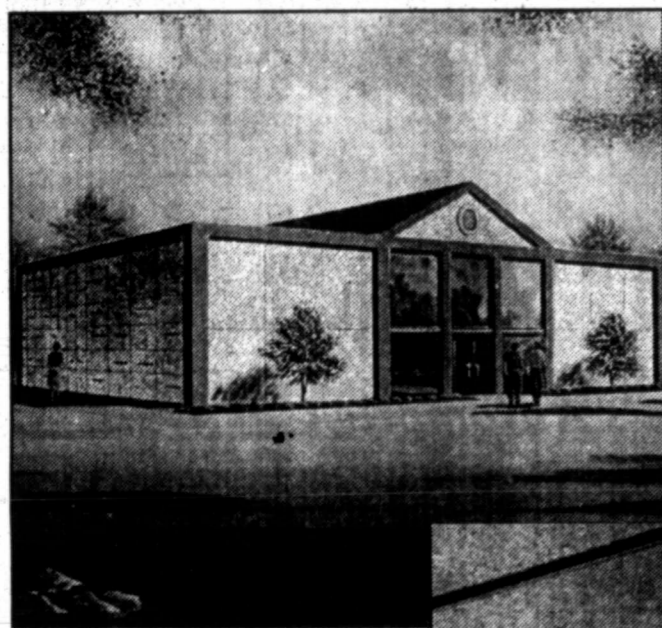


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Veterans Q&A ...

The following questions and answers were provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs Dallas Regional Office.

Q: VA recently said it would give benefits to the children of Vietnam veterans with leukemia. What kind of benefits? How do I apply?

A: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is in the early stages of putting together a package of benefits for victims of a rare form of leukemia whose parents served in Vietnam. No one knows what those benefits will be. It will take several months before veterans can begin applying for the new benefits.

But two things are clear: First, the parent must have been physically present in Vietnam during the war. Second, the child must have a certain kind of leukemia, acute myelogenous leukemia (AML).

This is not the most common form of leukemia. The Institute of Medicine reported April 19 it has evidence that AML is more common in the families of Vietnam veterans than among their peers who served elsewhere during the war years. Researchers believe the disease in children

was caused by a parents exposure to Agent Orange and other toxins in the combat zone.

Q: I got a certificate of eligibility from VA to buy a home using my GI Bill benefits. Then the deal fell through. Do I have to get another certificate when I try to buy another home? Is there an expiration date?

A: The "certificate of eligibility" is the form that VA provides to show a veteran is eligible for the home loan benefit. Veterans can obtain the application for a certificate and information about where to send it by calling the VA at 1-800-827-1000.

Generally, the certificates are valid until used. However, a certificate issued to a person while on active duty is only valid while the person remains on active duty. For persons qualifying based on service in the reserves or National Guard, eligibility expires Sept. 30, 2007.

Q: Does VA still sponsor the Golden Age Games for senior athletes?

A: Absolutely. The games will be held outside

Dallas in Duncanville, Texas, June 10-15. The games are open to all veterans 55 or older, who are currently receiving care at a VA medical facility.

Jointly sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the games allow participants to compete in swimming, bicycling, horseshoes, bowling and much more. For information, contact your local VA medical facility.

Q: I saw a news program on television that says veterans graves are going unmarked. When did VA stop giving headstones to veterans.

A: Since the Civil War, the federal government has provided headstones or markers for the graves of veterans. There has always been a catch, which news organizations recently focused upon. VA gives the headstones or markers only if the veterans grave doesn't already have a marker. In this case, a marker is defined as something with the veterans full name, date of birth and date of death.

If a veterans grave already has a marker, feder-

al law says, in effect, that VA cannot provide a headstone or marker. Some lawmakers and survivors of veterans are working to persuade Congress to change this law.

Q: There hasn't been much said lately about VA benefits for the children with spina bifida. Where does that program stand?

A: Since Dec. 1, VA has offered health-care insurance and an allowance ranging from \$221 to \$1,317 a month to some people with spina bifida. They must be the children of veterans who served in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Congress authorized the benefits because of evidence linking the illness to a parents exposure to the herbicide Agent Orange.

VA recently created a toll-free number where people can receive information about the spina bifida program. The number is 1-888-820-1756.

For further information about VA financial payments, call 1-800-827-1000, for information about VA health care, call 1-877-222-8387, or visit VAs web-page at <www.va.gov>.

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Families of C.B. Bernard, Robert Williams helped pioneer Pampa



(Photos courtesy of White Deer Land Museum)

C.B. Barnard home at 221 N. Somerville, ca. 1910.

When they arrived, Pampa was a small village with a 10-pupil school at 513 E. Francis and one water well. Water was hauled in barrels from the single community well located in the 100 block of North Gillespie. Supplies came by train from Amarillo and clothing by mail order from Sears

Roebuck and Montgomery Ward. Robert Williams worked as blacksmith, carpenter and contractor. Later he was elected justice of the peace and then served as county judge of Gray County in 1911-12.

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Museum Mementos

Eloise Lane
White Deer Land Museum



Charles Berkley Barnard (1865-1939) came from Kentucky to Texas in the late 1800s and settled temporarily in Hill County where he married Alton Virginia Fox (1869-1935). Later they moved to Henrietta, Texas, where they managed a small hotel or rooming house.

After living several years in Clay County, they came to the panhandle in the late 1890s and began to grow wheat on a farm near the town of White Deer.

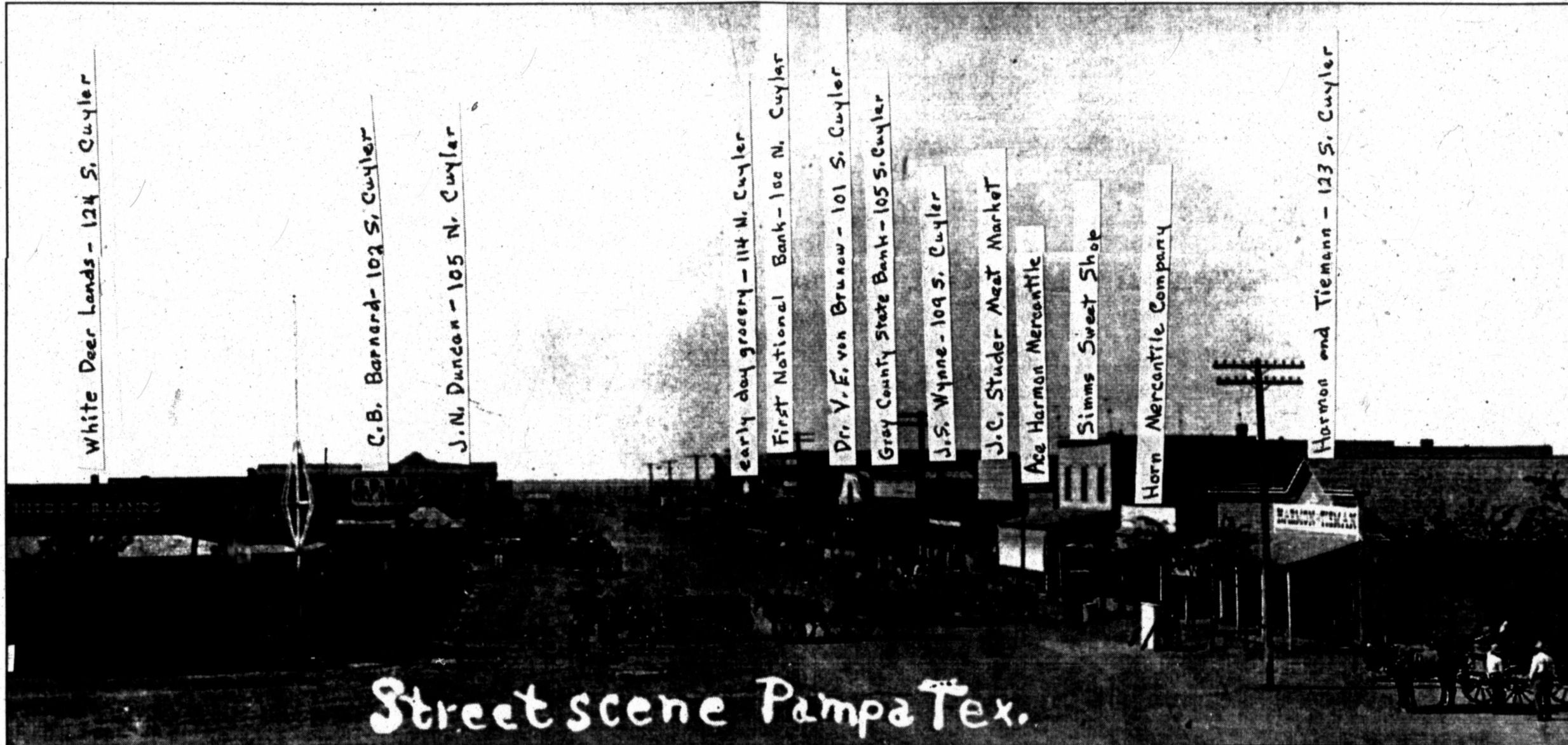
During the next 20 years, C.B. Barnard enlarged his farm and built a combination dry goods and

grocery store in Pampa at 102 S. Cuyler. He was among several local citizens who were instrumental in starting the first bank at Pampa. The C.B. Barnard home in Pampa was at 221 N. Somerville.

The children of C.B. and Alton Barnard were Thomas Harrison Barnard (1891-1961); Anna Bell Barnard (1901-82), who married M.A. Graham; and Eunice Barnard (1904-88), who married B.O. Lilly.

Robert Eugene Williams, born in 1870, and Martha "Mattie" Essary, born in 1874 in Decatur County, Tenn., were married on Christmas Day in 1892. Their first home was at Nimrod where he farmed and operated a grocery and hardware store.

With two other families, they loaded their belongings on a chartered railroad car and moved to Pampa in 1905. The three families shared a three-bedroom home until each family could build its own home.



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

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

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

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

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS
The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

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

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING
First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

CLASS OF 1961
Pampa High School Class of 1961 will hold its 40th class reunion this year. Anyone interested in helping plan and organize the event should contact Zip Swaney at 665-5532.

BEEF AMBASSADOR CONTEST
Top O' Texas CattleWomen is seeking youth between the ages of 15-19 to compete for the Beef Ambassador Award. For more information, contact Amy Brainard at (806) 323-6397.

AMERICAN RED CROSS
Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers from the community to respond during times of crisis in Pampa and other parts of the county. As well as personal satisfaction, volunteers learn how to protect themselves and cope with disaster by planning ahead, particularly essential during tornado season. In addition, ARC is willing to deliver informational dis-

ussions on disaster preparedness to area church or community organizations. For more information, call (806) 669-7121.

STORY TIME
Lovett Memorial Library will offer story time for children 18-months to six years of age at 10 a.m., Monday's and Tuesdays, throughout the month of June.

ARC SWIM LESSONS
Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor swim lessons June 4 through Aug. 3 at M.K. Brown Outdoor Pool. The classes will include Levels I, II, III, IV and V and will be offered in four sessions: June 4-15, June 18-29, July 9-20 and July 23-Aug. 3. Cost is \$35 and all fees are due prior to the session. Participants are encouraged to register now. For more information or to enroll, contact the local ARC office, 108 N. Russell, at 669-7121.

ALANREED HOMECOMING
The annual Alanreed Homecoming celebration will be held Sunday, June 10 in Alanreed School Gym. The event will kick-off at 11 a.m. with registration. The program will be held at 12 noon to be followed by a basket lunch. Current and former residents and their guests are invited to participate in this special event.

BUSINESS EXPO AND DIARY FESTIVAL
The annual Business Expo and Dairy Festival will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 16 at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. The deadline for entries is June 8. For more information, contact Pampa Chamber of Commerce at 669-3241.

CROWN OF TEXAS HOSPICE
Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a "Sunshine Bereavement Lunch" at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 27 at Furr's Cafeteria. Cost of the meal will range between \$5 and \$8. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

MEEK REUNION
The Meek Family Reunion will be held June 30 on the grounds of Old Mobeetie Jail in Mobeetie. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Participants must RSVP for the noon meal by June 7. Family stories should be mailed to Mike Childers at 2700 Acorn Lane, Sand Springs, OK 74063; (918) 245-0174; e-mail nwchilders@meek.com.

LONGAN AWARD CONTEST
The Sharlott Hall Museum in Prescott, Ariz., is once again sponsoring its annual Longan Award for Southwest Women Writers. The grand-prize winner will receive \$1,000 and will be recognized Nov. 3 to honor Sharlot M. Hall, one of Arizona's earliest, leading women writers. Applications must be postmarked on or before June 30. For details, contact www.sharlot.org on the Internet or write Longan Award Committee, Sharlot Hall Museum, 415 W. Gurley St., Prescott AZ 86301.

COOP OF WOMEN ARTISTS
Cooperative of Women Artists is seeking participants for its 2001 annual National Multimedia Juried Art Show slated Oct. 5-26 at the Katy and E. Don Walker Education Center, Sam Houston Memorial Museum in Huntsville. The entry deadline is Aug. 10. Cash awards will be given in various categories. For more information, call Golda Rich at (936) 295-5377 or write: CWA Multimedia,

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RSVP ADVISORY COUNCIL
An exciting opportunity is on the horizon for a Pampa-area resident who: 1) Would like to volunteer his/her services for the betterment of their community; and 2) can travel to Amarillo once a month to attend scheduled meetings after 5 p.m. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, or RSVP, a national organization with an office in Amarillo, has an opening for an Advisory Council position to represent the Pampa community. Pampa has been represented since 1992, and a lot of positive things have been done, including increased volunteer participation and the addition of more volunteer stations (locations where the volunteers work). Gray Co. is but one of 11 counties served by RSVP's Amarillo office, and representation from our own area is important. The Advisory Council term would be for two years, starting at the end of March, and is not limited to someone who is 55-years-old or older. Interested in senior volunteerism? Interested in improving Pampa's social services? For more information or to receive an application, call Amarillo RSVP Director Nova Neuhaus toll-free at 1-877-373-8389.

DIALOGUE
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 p.m. this month. 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.

PATHWAYS
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer "Pathways," a four-part support series for those who have lost a loved one, from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesdays throughout the month. 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.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, Hib (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., May 16, Harvest House, 736 Cuyler, Pampa; and 12 noon-4 p.m., City Hall, 6th and Main, Canadian.

FIT
Foundation for Intercultural Travel is seeking host families for high school foreign exchange students due to arrive in August 2001. For more information, call FIT toll-free at 877-439-7862.

TEXAS VACATION PACKAGES
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Ballet, American Quarter Horse Association and much more. The packages include hotel/motel accommodations, dining in the best western tradition and one-stop shopping. For more information, call 1-800-655-2181 or visit www.texasmusicdrama.com on the Internet.

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL
First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit http://www.heifer.org on the Internet.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING
Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is seeking volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsman program. For more information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Tanya Mock, Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: June 11, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, and June 26, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, Pampa; June 6, 20 and 21, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; June 6, Family Care Center, Shamrock; June 11, Parkview Hospital, Wheeler; and June 13, First Baptist Church, White Deer. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

ACT
ACT, Inc., education and career planning organization has announced the following do-it-yourself college planning resources on the Internet: www.act.org, www.c3apply.org, www.collegenet.com, www.finaid.org, www.ed.gov/finaid.html and www.fafsa.ed.gov (financial aid sites), and www.bls.gov/oc/home.htm (career planning).

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TABLE 1 - FEBRUARY TEXAS TOP TEN OIL AND GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

COUNTY	CRUDE OIL (BBL)	COUNTY	TOTAL GAS (MCF)
1. GAINES	2,726,742	1. ZAPATA	25,632,031
2. YOAKUM	2,255,568	2. WEBB	25,266,531
3. ANDREWS	2,238,190	3. HIDALGO	24,816,753
4. HOCKLEY	1,910,187	4. PANOLA	19,847,001
5. ECTOR	1,865,530	5. PECOS	19,765,231
6. UPTON	927,708	6. FREESTONE	13,571,764
7. MIDLAND	925,129	7. CROCKETT	10,110,569
8. CRANE	911,238	8. STARR	9,538,804
9. PECOS	900,419	9. WISE	8,821,910
10. HOWARD	628,306	10. HARRIS	7,862,015

TABLE 2 - APRIL TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICT

RAILROAD COMMISSION DISTRICT	PERMITS TO DRILL OIL/GAS HOLES	OIL COMPLETIONS	GAS COMPLETIONS
(1) SAN ANTONIO AREA	31	9	15
(2) REFUGIO AREA	100	11	53
(3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS	95	31	41
(4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS	154	9	121
(5) EAST CENTRAL TX	56	4	51
(6) EAST TEXAS	83	5	53
(7B) WEST CENTRAL TX	64	18	8
(7C) SAN ANGELO AREA	122	29	48
(8) MIDLAND	142	61	5
(8A) LUBBOCK AREA	77	35	2
(9) NORTH TEXAS	100	25	29
(10) PANHANDLE	56	6	45

RRC posts oil, gas statistics

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 1,080 original drilling permits in April 2001 compared to 822 in April 2000. Total drilling permits for 2001 year to date is 4,527, up from 3,555

recorded during the same period in 2000. The April total included 841 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 37 to re-enter existing well bores, and 202 for re-completions. Permits issued in April included 283 oil,

316 gas, 442 oil and gas, 29 injection, and 10 other permits. Texas preliminary February 2001 crude oil production averaged 1,045,321 barrels daily, down from the 1,133,144 barrels daily average of February 2000.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for February 2001 is 29,268,978 barrels, a decrease from 31,419,717 barrels reported during February 2000.

In April 2001, operators reported 243 oil, 471 gas, 12 injection, and five other completion, compared to 241 oil, 315 gas, 26 injection and four other completions during April 2000.

Total well completions for 2001 year to date are 2,886, up from 2,539 recorded during the same period in 2000. Operators reported 398 holes plugged and 115 dry holes in April 2001 compared to 652 plugged and 166 dry holes in April 2000.

Nominations sought for Country Doctor of the Year Award

DALLAS — Dr. Howard Clark works about 100 hours a week, treating many patients free of charge. The Morton, Mississippi, physician earned Country Doctor of the Year honors in 2000.

Dr. Paul Maddox of Campton, Kentucky, scheduled patients around his daily chemotherapy treatments when diagnosed with cancer. He won the award in 1999.

Yes, country doctors still make house calls. They sometimes accept payment in the form of watermelons or jars of molasses. Many like Clark and Maddox devote themselves to their community and profession. And Country Doctors save lives every day.

The Country Doctor of the Year Award, now in its seventh year, recognizes the work of America's top rural physicians. While 20 percent of all Americans live in rural areas, only 10 percent of all doctors practice in small communities—typically working longer hours for less pay than their urban counterparts.

Staff Care, Inc., a Dallas-based temporary physician staffing firm, sponsors the annual award, presented to a physician who best exemplifies the spirit, skill, and dedication of America's rural medical practitioners. Last year Staff Care received 501 nominations from people in 43 states. They now seek nominations for the year 2001.

"Anyone can nominate a worthy physician—patients, friends, colleagues, anyone," says Joe Caldwell, executive vice president of Staff Care and a member of the award committee. "One year we received a nomination from Senator Strom Thurmond."

Nomination forms may be requested by calling (800) 685-2272. Forms must be completed and returned by Oct. 5, 2001. The award will be presented in December.

Award Criteria:
A selection committee comprised of Staff Care executives (Caldwell and Dustin Koger), country doctors (including former award winner Elton Lehman), and healthcare leaders (like malpractice insurance expert Mary Stone) will judge nominations based on the following criteria:

—Scope of care. Nominees must provide primary care to patients of all ages.

—Continuity of Care. Nominated physicians must have served their communities for a minimum of five years.

—Rural location. Nominated physicians must practice in a community of 25,000 people or less.

—Dedication. Nominees must have demonstrated extraordinary dedication to their patients and community, both during the year and over the course of their career.

"We've discovered a tremendous nationwide interest in the country doctor, their work, and their stories," says Caldwell.

Rural medicine needs all the positive recognition it can get, according to Caldwell. "Managed care and technology are the healthcare topics of the moment," he says, "and people rightly worry about the number of older doctors retiring. But the problem of access to physician services in rural areas has never gone away." Close to 460 rural hospitals have closed since 1980, further increasing the burden on country doctors.

Accelerated Reader Store



(Community Camera photo)
Pat Johnson, of Pampa Altrusa Club, recently totaled points for Lamar students Meghan Asencio and Ashley Akins (seated) at the Accelerated Reader Store in Lamar Elementary.

SAFELY HOME

I am home in Heaven, dear ones; oh so happy and so bright. There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light. All the pain and grief is over, every restless tossing passed. I am now at peace forever, safely home in Heaven at last. Did you wonder I so calmly trod the valley of the shade? Oh, but Jesus' love illumed every dark and fearful glade. And he came himself to meet in the way so hard to tread; and Jesus' arm to lean on could I have one doubt or dread? Then you must not grieve so sorely, for I love you dearly still. Try to look beyond death's shadows. Pray to trust our Father's will. There is work still waiting for you, so you must not idly stand. Do it now while life remaineth, you shall rest in Jesus' land. When that work is all completed, He will gently call you Home. Oh, the rapture of that meeting! Oh the joy to see you come!

The Family of Boise "Dude" Griffin wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends, neighbors, loved ones and Briarwood Full Gospel Church who were so kind to us during our recent bereavement, and to express gratitude for the prayers, food and beautiful floral offerings.

MUSEUM

Both Robert and Martha Williams helped to build the First Baptist Church building at 120 W. Kingsmill, which was dedicated on Sept. 12, 1915. He donated his labor to erect the concrete brick structure, and she helped to stage many ice cream suppers and bazaars.

After the death of Robert Williams in 1927, Martha operated a shop in Pampa for several years before she moved to Decatur to live with her daughter, Lillian Barnard. When Martha died, at the age of 105, her body was brought to Pampa to be interred beside her husband in Fairview Cemetery.

Thomas Harrison Barnard, son of C.B. and Alton Barnard, and Lillian Williams, daughter of County Judge and Mrs. Robert Williams, were married in 1912. At that time, T.H. "Harry" Barnard was working as a pharmacist at the Pampa Drug Store at 107 N. Cuyler. Their home was at 420 W. Kingsmill.

During the 1920s, T.H. Barnard operated the Pampa Electric Co. at 109 1/2 N. West and raised wheat on a small farm west of Pampa. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Pampa.

Lillian Barnard belonged to the First Baptist Church and the Eastern Star at Pampa. In later years, she served as Worthy Matron of Texas in 1944-45.

In 1931, T.H. and Lillian Barnard moved to Lubbock to operate the Blue Bonnet Laundry. They retired in the 1940s and moved to Decatur, Texas. After the death of T.H. Barnard, Lillian married Col. Stanton Parker and moved to Fort Worth.

The children of T.H. and Lillian Barnard are Wanda Stone, Pauline Greene, Ruth Collins, Aleta Burris, Marie Lilly and Berkeley Barnard.

(From information sent to the White Deer Land Museum in 1981 by Wanda Stone.)

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SPORTS

Glo-Valve Service new Optimist Cal Ripken 11-12 League Champs

Glo-Valve Service, the newly crowned Optimist Cal Ripken 11-12 League Champions, ended the regular season Friday by thumping Duncan, Fraser and Bridges Insurance Agency 10-1 to avenge an earlier loss.

Triangle Well Servicing Co. tightened its hold on second place by outdistancing Pampa Cyber Net 10-3 in the late game.

Glo-Valve's season record is 12-2. Triangle is second standing at 9-4. DFB slipped to fourth place with a 7-5-1 record. Celanese, a 13-12 winner over Rotary Club on Thursday, stepped up to third place with a 7-4-1 record.

Brett Ferrell was the man of the hour for Glo-Valve Friday. He struck out 10, allowed one hit and one unearned run. He walked two in five innings. He homered in the first inning and wound up with three hits, two runs scored and two RBIs. Jonathan Carr closed out the sixth inning for Glo-Valve, allowing no runs or hits.

Matthew Trusty went all the way for DFB. He struck out nine and walked eight. He permitted 10 hits and eight earned runs.

With two outs in the bottom of the first inning, Ferrell slammed the first pitch to him on a line over the right field wall. Robbie Dixon followed with a single and took

second when the throw from the outfield got by the infielder. He went to third on a passed ball and scored on a sharp single by Aaron Carr.

Travis Marsh led off the second inning for Glo-Valve with a solid triple to left field. LeKeith Towles singled him home. Jonathan Carr attempted to sacrifice Towles to second, but the throw to second was too late to get the speedy Towles. Both runners moved up on two passed balls with Towles scoring on the second one.

Ferrell's infield single scored Carr. Glo-Valve led 5-0.

In the third inning, DFB managed a run. Mitch Kelley walked

to open the inning. He was forced out at second by Chris Smith. Brandon Crook was safe on an error. A line shot by Trusty was dropped by the fielder, allowing Smith to score.

Glo-Valve came back in the bottom of the third with a vengeance. Craig Crowell was safe on an error. He moved to third when Marsh slammed a double for his second extra-base hit of the evening. An attempt to pick Crowell off at third got by the third baseman, allowing Crowell to score. Marsh moved to third on the play and scored on a passed ball. Jonathan Carr, Ferrell and Dixon walked in succession, setting

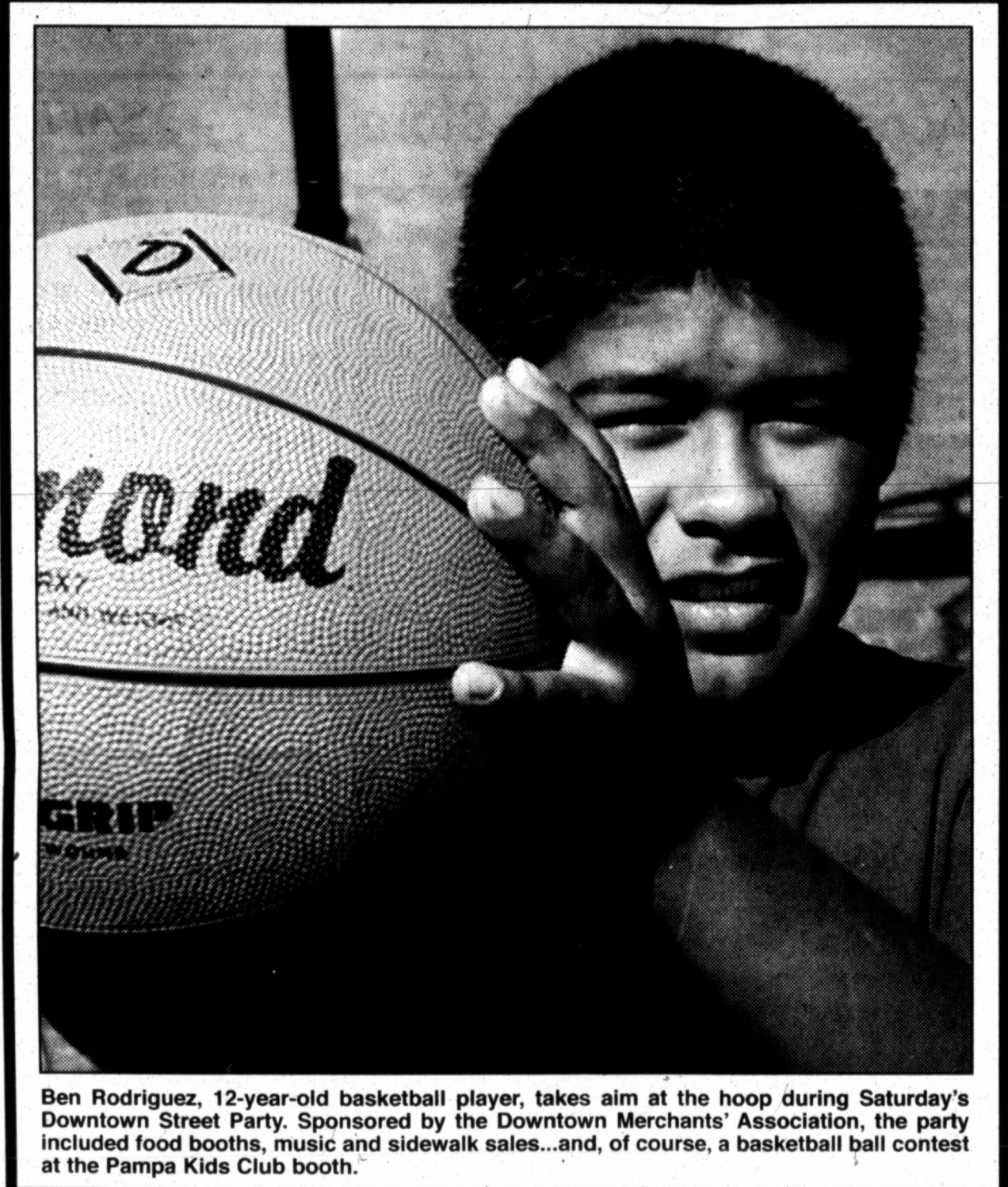
up a two-run single by Aaron Carr. Dixon later came home on a passed ball, ending the scoring.

DFB had the defensive plays of the game. Smith threw to Trusty to get a runner trying to take home a passed ball. Luke Raber, who got the only hit off Ferrell, snagged a line drive and completed an unassisted double play at first base.

The City Tournament began Saturday with all eight teams playing. Every team plays every day this week. The top four teams from the first round will square off in a double-elimination second round for the City Championship beginning June 18.

Notebook

BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Optioned RHP Steve Shields to Salt Lake of the PCL. Recalled C Jamie Burke from Salt Lake.
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Signed RHP David Crouthers, C Dustin Whiteside, LHP Richard Salazar, LHP Brad Edwards, OF Cory Keylor, OF Adam Thomas and RHP Jeffrey Montani to minor league contracts. Agreed to terms with OF Damon Buford on a minor league contract and assigned him to Rochester of the International League.
BOSTON RED SOX—Placed C Jason Varitek on the 15-day disabled list. Called up C Marcus Jensen from Pawtucket of the International League.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP Kris Honel on a minor league contract. Placed INF Jose Valentin and INF Herbert Perry on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled OF McKay Christiansen and 3B Joe Crede from Charlotte of the International League.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Activated 2B Carlos Febles from the 15-day disabled list. Designated OF Raul Ibanez for assignment.
OAKLAND A'S—Activated INF Mario Valdez from the 15-day disabled list. Placed OF Adam Piatt on the 15-day disabled list.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with INF Tony Fernandez, RHP Jason Colson, LHP Ryan Costello, 1B Ernesto Durazo, RHP Brendan Fuller, 3B Aaron McEachran, RHP Darren Heal, LHP David Gassner, SS Nick Tempista, C Timothy Whittaker and RHP Benjamin Quick on minor league contracts.
National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Signed RHP Daylan Childress, 3B Dave Molitor, SS Jeff Bannon, OF Justin Davis, C Jesse Gutierrez, RHP Jay Adams, and 2B Dominique Lewis to minor league contracts.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Signed OF Jason Frome, OF Cory Sullivan, RHP Kip Bouknight, RHP Levi Frary and LHP Jeffrey Cruz.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Activated OF Gary Sheffield from the 15-day disabled list. Designated C Angel Pena for assignment.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Judd Richardson, C Jeffrey Eure, RHP Daniel Kolb, RHP Chris Saenz, C Matt Serafini, CF Corry Parrott, C Chris Haggard and 3B Erik Torres on minor league contracts and assigned them to Ogden of the Pioneer League.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Recalled OF Eric Valant from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre of the International League. Agreed to terms with LHP Vinny DeChristoforo, OF Chris Roberson, RHP Matt Sweeney, 1B Mario Delgado, RHP Ryan Hutchinson, RHP Ben Ally, LHP Matt Squires, LHP Kris Lammers, RHP Carl Dawson, RHP Jason Bernard, RHP Joshua Miller, RHP Marlon Glasser, 3B Sean Walsh on minor league contracts.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Justin Pope and 2B Dan Kantrovitz on minor league contracts. Optioned RHP Alan Benes to Memphis of the PCL. Recalled LHP Bud Smith from Memphis.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL—Suspended Jacksonville Jaguars WR R. Jay Soward for the first four games of next season for violating the NFL substance abuse policy.
DENVER BRONCOS—Released DL Robert Brannon.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed RB Derrick Blaylock to a three-year contract. Released LG Jeff Blackshear.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Waived QB Ben Leard.



Ben Rodriguez, 12-year-old basketball player, takes aim at the hoop during Saturday's Downtown Street Party. Sponsored by the Downtown Merchants' Association, the party included food booths, music and sidewalk sales...and, of course, a basketball ball contest at the Pampa Kids Club booth.

Laila Ali edges Jacqui Frazier-Lyde in majority decision

By JOHN KEKIS
AP Sports Writer

VERONA, N.Y. (AP) — She didn't float much like a butterfly, but Laila Ali stung just hard enough like a bee.

The youngest of Muhammad Ali's seven daughters earned a majority decision Friday night over Jacqui Frazier-Lyde. The fight, held at Turning Stone Casino and promoted as Ali-Frazier IV, was a slugfest from start to finish. The daughters of two of boxing's greats tried for the one-punch knockout their daddies never mustered against each other in their three memorable fights in the 1970s.

This was no "Thrilla in Manila," but it easily was the toughest bout for either woman in their brief careers. And it was fought at a fierce pace, with both slugging it out in the middle of the ring almost incessantly.

"I really didn't know what she could take or what to expect," Ali said. "I know I wasn't doing what I was supposed to do, so I had a lot on my mind. It was rough. You guys just don't know. It tells me I need to get back in the gym."

Frazier-Lyde stormed after Ali in the first round, intent on scoring the knockout she had promised. Ali withstood the barrage, abandoning her strategy, and countered with several shots to Frazier-Lyde's head.

Joe Frazier and his wife, Florence, were at ringside, but Muhammad Ali had a prior com-

mitment and couldn't attend. He had plenty of advice for Laila, nonetheless.

"I talked to him before the fight," she said. "He told me to use my arm distance, jab, drop the right hand, move, and don't get into a brawl with her. 'I know he's going to be like, 'That Laila, she did everything I told her not to do.'"

The second round produced more of the same, and it ended with both slamming each other while standing toe to toe.

In the third, Ali stunned Frazier-Lyde with two hard lefts to the head, knocked out her mouthpiece and finished the round with a six-punch combination that staggered Frazier-Lyde some more.

But even though Frazier-Lyde, a 39-year-old mother of three, appeared winded at the end of each round, she answered the bell every time with enthusiasm.

"I thought it could go either way," Frazier-Lyde said. "I have to look at it to see. I wasn't surprised. She was very aggressive and had a lot of heart, basically what I was expecting."

Ali landed a series of rights to Frazier-Lyde's head near the end of the fourth round and in the fifth began dancing as her father once did. She even stopped and stared for a few seconds at her tiring foe, then landed a good left with 30 seconds left as she began assuming some control.

The sixth and seventh rounds were just about even, and Frazier-Lyde, her left eye

swollen, again tried gamely for that knockout in the eighth, even wobbling Ali briefly with a hard left hand.

"She's wild," the 23-year-old Ali said after upping the record of her 20-month pro career to 10-0. "It's always a little surprising when you're actually in the ring with the person fighting them. I know she had feeling behind this fight."

When the decision was announced, Joe Frazier entered the ring and hugged his daughter. It was her first loss after seven straight knockouts, and she was already thinking about Ali-Frazier V.

"The Ali camp did not want a rematch called, but maybe public demand will change that. Let's get it on," Frazier-Lyde said. "I feel fantastic. My family is here and I feel like a winner."

Judge Frankie Adams scored the fight 79-73 for Ali, Tommy Hicks had it even at 76, and Don Ackerman had it 77-75 for Ali, who weighed 160 3/4 pounds. Frazier-Lyde, who has lost nearly 50 pounds since she began boxing, weighed 164.

The bout attracted a great deal of attention worldwide, with more than 300 media credentials issued. It took place in an 8,000-seat tent promoters erected on a parking lot behind the casino, and just about every seat was filled at fight time.

All the attention also helped produce a nice return for the two women. Each was guaranteed a six-figure payday.

FirstBank Southwest defeats Miami, 5-4

FirstBank Southwest ran its record to 12-0 with a hard fought 5-4 win over Miami. The game saw a total of 31 strikeouts.

Lane Douglas and Chris Benge teamed up for 17 strikeouts for Miami and Heath Skinner and Brett Powell had 14 for the Bank.

Hayden Skinner scored two runs on three walks. Heath Skinner scored one run after being hit by a pitch, and Brett

Powell scored a run on an error by the second baseman.

Cragar Swarb scored the winning run in the sixth inning after walking, then stealing second, third and home. Johnathan Smith and Freddy Rameriz had a hit each for Miami. This was the last week of the regular season and the post season tournament for the 9-10-year-old league will start Tuesday, June 12, and will finish up the next week.

Capriati wins French Open

PARIS (AP) — Jennifer Capriati survived a marathon third set to beat Kim Clijsters 1-6, 6-4, 12-10 in the French Open final on Saturday and move halfway to that rarest tennis achievement — a Grand Slam.

Capriati closed out the 1-6, 6-4, 12-10 victory with a forehand winner down the line that her opponent could not reach.

The Australian Open champion climbed up into the stands to hug her father, Stefano, after claiming the title.

"I'm so happy, I can't even describe it," Capriati said.

Next up in her Grand Slam quest is Wimbledon this month, followed by the U.S. Open later in the summer.

Only three women have won the Grand Slam, with Steffi Graf the last in 1988. Capriati is the first woman to capture the year's first two majors since Monica Seles in 1992.

In the lengthy final set, the fourth-seeded Capriati served for the match three times but was broken by her opponent the first two.

At 7-6, she lost serve on an error. At 10-9, she lost serve in a 16-shot rally that Clijsters ended with a forehand passing shot that bounced off the net cord.

Capriati finally closed out the error-filled match on her third try, and on her second championship point.

Clijsters, 18, was playing her first Grand Slam final.

The victory fortifies Capriati's credentials as one of the most dominant players on the women's tour and underlines a comeback from drugs and burnout that once threatened to end her career.

But now — stronger, focused and more emotionally grounded — she has proved she can beat the best the tour has to offer, defeating former U.S. Open champion Serena Williams and top-ranked Martina Hingis en route to the title match.

The match was long if not arduous.

Clijsters had 76 unforced errors during the match, three fewer than Capriati, who also served eight double faults.

"She just made less unforced errors than me at the end," said Clijsters.

The 25-year-old Capriati won her first Grand Slam title at the Australian Open last January. In her first Grand Slam event, she reached the semifinals at the French in 1990 at age 14. Since then, she hasn't advanced past the quarterfinals until this year.

Capriati held serve in the opening game, then quickly crumbled as Clijsters began a seven-game winning streak.

The American recovered her composure to take the second set, sending the match into a decisive third.

On Sunday, Gustavo Kuerten will try to win his second straight French title when he faces Alex Corretja, the runner-up in 1998 in Paris.

That was the Spaniard's best showing in a Grand Slam event. For the next two years, he failed to get past the quarterfinals at Roland Garros or any of the Grand Slam tournaments.

"It's great for me to realize that I was a finalist in 1998," said Corretja, seeded 13th. "We are 2001, and I'm again in another big final, able to be again top 10."

The clay-court specialist defeated No. 10 Sebastian Grosjean of France 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-4 in the semifinals on Friday. It was his fifth consecutive straight-set win of the tournament.

Kuerten, a two-time champion in Paris, swept Juan Carlos Ferrero, one of the top players on tour this year, in straight sets in the semis.

The top-seeded Brazilian has won the last four of his six matches against Corretja, including a quarterfinals victory at the Italian Open last month. Corretja's last three losses to Kuerten took place in Rome.

"This is Roland Garros," Corretja said. "I hope it's going to be a different story."

Stanford, Cal State-Fullerton win CWS openers

By DENNIS WASZAK JR.
AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The odds were stacked against Cal State-Fullerton.

The Titans were facing a team that had won 50 games, a pitcher who hadn't lost since February and a partisan crowd clearly rooting against them.

But the top seed at the College World Series thrived as the underdog.

David Bacani hit a go-ahead homer in the fifth inning off Shane Komine, and Cal State-Fullerton held off Nebraska 5-4 Friday night in the Cornhuskers' first College

World Series appearance.

"Obviously, the environment was everything we thought it would be," Titans coach George Horton said. "And somehow, we came out and beat a very tough pitcher."

The Titans (47-16) scored three times in the first inning against Komine, who looked shaky despite a crowd dominated by fans clad in the Huskers' red and white in attendance.

Komine (14-2) allowed five runs — four earned — and seven hits as his 14-game winning streak ended. He hadn't lost since his first appearance of the season, against Georgia Tech on Feb. 11.

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Lakers host trio of games starting tonight

By JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rick Fox wore a look of disbelief as he considered the absurd concept of a quadruple-double in the NBA Finals.

Shaquille O'Neal almost made it happen. "Can you believe that, nearly a quadruple-double?" Fox wondered. "Wow!"

Wow, indeed. And the Los Angeles Lakers needed nearly every one of O'Neal's 28 points, 20 rebounds, nine assists and eight blocked shots to beat the Philadelphia 76ers 98-89 on Friday night to even the finals 1-1.

So the 76ers got a split in Los Angeles as they go home to host the next three games, starting Sunday night.

Had they made some free throws in the fourth quarter, when they went 6-for-16, the 76ers might have taken a 2-0 lead home.

"Yeah, I think this was a must win," said O'Neal, whose eight blocks tied the finals record held by Bill Walton, Hakeem Olajuwon and Patrick Ewing. "Now, we just need to go to their place and get one or two games. I think we can do that."

The Lakers appeared safely ahead at 86-73 when O'Neal picked up his fifth foul and took a seat with 6:38 remaining. Then things got a little dicey, and O'Neal spent barely a minute on the bench before being rushed back into the game.

For a while, it didn't do much good. Six points by Eric Snow and four by Dikembe Mutombo sparked a 13-3 76ers run, cutting the Lakers' lead to three points with plenty of time left.

Then came the biggest basket of the game, Derek Fisher's 3-pointer from the top of the key off O'Neal's ninth assist with 2:09 remaining.

The outcome wasn't in doubt after that.

"He's a great post passer," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "We knew that if they're going to play that kind of pressure up against the bodies, trying to body the ball, body the passer, once the pass is released,

we're going to have cutters available, because that's part of what you give up."

Philadelphia coach Larry Brown called O'Neal's final assist the most important play of the game.

"I told my team we could have won that game," Brown said. "We had chances to win that game."

O'Neal and the Lakers' backcourt made sure they didn't.

Kobe Bryant, held to 15 points in a 107-101 overtime loss in Game 1, had 31 points, eight rebounds and six assists.

And Fisher, held scoreless in the opener and taken apart by Allen Iverson on the defensive end, scored 14 points and harassed the MVP into a 10-for-29 shooting performance.

"Did he play me well? Man, you can't take nothing away from Fish," said Iverson, who finished with 23 points after scoring 44 or more in his three previous games.

"I think tonight I was more active," Fisher said. "He made some tough shots in Wednesday's game, which he is capable of doing. Some of the looks at the basket just didn't fall for him."

Iverson appeared frustrated at times, and at one point late in the third quarter, he slapped Fisher's hand away when the two were far from the action.

Iverson left the game with 19 seconds to go and spent the rest of the time yelling at the Lakers, mainly Bryant.

"With Allen, he's doing whatever he can to inspire his team and fire them up," Bryant said. "But I really don't care. We're here, we're the world champions, and no matter how inspired your team may be, the championship has to come through the city of Los Angeles."

When asked about what happened, Iverson replied: "Ask him. It's basketball, man. I mean, come on, man, we're just talking. Just basketball. We're out there having fun."

Mutombo had 16 points and 13 rebounds; Aaron McKie scored 14 points; reserve Todd

MacCulloch added a career playoff-high 13; and Snow had 12 for the 76ers.

The Lakers went ahead for good with five minutes left in the third quarter on a dunk by Robert Horry off an assist from O'Neal, snapping a 61-61 tie and triggering a 16-6 run to finish the period.

"We played two good quarters in the first game and three in this one," Horry said. "We need to play four."

Fisher's steal and breakaway dunk and 3-pointer highlighted the spurt, and then his tight defense contributed to an air ball by Iverson on a 3-point attempt as the quarter ended.

The Lakers didn't go inside much in the first 18 minutes, and trailed 40-33 before changing their strategy.

Ten points by O'Neal helped them outscore the 76ers 16-7 during the remainder of the half for a 49-47 lead.

Iverson finally attempted his first free throws with 10:31 left in the game, but missed both. He also missed his final pair with 3:04 left when two makes could have cut the Lakers' lead to three.

Iverson made 135 of 169 foul shots (79.9 percent) in his previous 18 playoff games this spring.

Fox, who refused to cut his hair during his team's 19-game winning streak, which ended Wednesday night, trimmed about an inch.

The Lakers tied the finals record for most blocks in a game with 13, accomplished previously by five teams. The Lakers outrebounded the 76ers 52-42. Iverson and O'Neal were called for a double-technical between the third and fourth quarters.

Ron Harper, a member of three of Jackson's championship teams in Chicago and a starter on the Lakers' title team of last season, played seven minutes and scored five points, including a basket with 1:19 to play. Harper missed the final two months of the regular season and had played a total of 17 minutes in three previous playoff games.

Hog Man Golf Scramble this month in Canadian

CANADIAN — Big men of the football field, both recent and past, will have an opportunity to strut their stuff on another turf during the First Annual Hog Man Golf Scramble slated June 20 at Canadian Country Club.

According to Coach Jim Hand, who is helping organize the scramble, the tournament is for "poor unsung heroes of the grid-iron."

Rules are as follows and will be strenuously enforced:

—Participants must weigh over 200 lbs.;

—Participants must have played an offensive or defensive lineman in high school, college or at the professional level;

—Participants must use a golf cart;

—Only nine holes will be played.

The entry fee is \$25 and includes a burger, trophies and possibly a T-shirt. This non-profit event is being staged as a scholarship fund-raiser for graduating linemen. For more information, contact Coach Hand, Head Hog and former lineman, at (806) 323-9456.

Four IRL drivers shuttle from Texas to Michigan

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Greg Ray, who has his worst starting spot since 1997, made up some speed in practice Friday.

A lap of 215.730 mph by Ray was the third-fastest in the final practice before the Casino Magic 500. That is more than 6 mph faster than his qualifying run of 209.249 Thursday.

"We've made some improvements, but there are still a lot of things we need to change," Ray said. "We're OK on speed, but we're not really happy with the car. We've got a lot of changes to make."

Ray, the king of Indy Racing League qualifying with 11 career poles, starts 20th at Texas Motor Speedway. It is the farthest back in the field he will start in 33 races, since also starting 20th in the final race of his first IRL season.

Ray had started in the front row the first four races this year. He is the only driver with two poles this season.

The previous two seasons, including his 1999 IRL championship season, Ray started in the front row 14 of 19 times and was in the second row four other times.

Before racing in the Casino Magic 500, polesitter Mark Dismore, Buddy Lazier, Eddie Cheever Jr. and Al Unser Jr. will participate in an International Race of Champions race at Brooklyn, Mich.

The IROC race begins eight hours before the IRL event Saturday. The quartet flew to Michigan on Friday night, and are scheduled to get back to Texas on Saturday about 3 1/2 hours before the IRL race.

IRL officials have excused Dismore, Lazier, Cheever and Unser from the drivers' meeting they will miss while traveling back to Texas. Such a miss normally would result in their cars being forced to start at the back of the field.

Cheever is doing the double for the second straight year. He won the IROC race in Michigan last year, then got a break when the Casino Magic 500 was rained out that night and run the following day.

"I think I'll do well. I like to go to Michigan. The open-wheel guys used to go down there as a fodder for the NASCAR guys," Cheever said. "Now it is kind of a free-for-all. It was kind of funny (last year) when I got out of the car. It was very quiet. I think it is a lot of fun."

Astros 5, Rangers 4, in hard fought game

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The stands were packed and the pregame festivities set a nice, Texas tone. Then the Houston Astros and Texas Rangers kept things interesting for 11 innings.

Moises Alou put Houston ahead for good with a leadoff homer in the top of the 11th, then Mike Jackson capped a strong outing for the bullpen by striking out Rusty Greer with two men on base, giving the Astros a 5-4 victory Friday night.

"It was a really hard-fought game," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "It was a war."

Houston trailed 1-0 after one inning, then led 2-1 on a two-run single by Richard Hidalgo in the fourth. Texas scored three runs on consecutive homers by Rusty Greer and Ivan Rodriguez to go up 4-2 in the fifth, but Houston tied it in the seventh.

While both teams used five relievers, the Astros' bullpen did the better job, allowing only one hit in six innings. The lone blemish was a two-out single by Andres Galarraga in the 11th off Octavio Dotel (3-4) after he'd walked Ken Caminiti.

So in came Jackson, one day after his first save since September 1999. The first batter was Greer, whom Jackson remembered from his days pitching in the AL.

"I know he dives for the ball away," said Jackson, Houston's closer now that Billy Wagner is on the disabled list. "I got ahead, then threw a backdoor slider."

Greer struck out, sending Texas to its fifth straight loss and seventh in eight games.

The Rangers are 20-39, tying the worst start in franchise history — even though their 92 homers are 12 more than their previous high at this point in the season. Texas is 19 games under .500 for the first time this season.

"It was a well-played game, a good game. We just didn't win it," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said.

Alou was in the lineup as the designated hitter only because he'd injured his left quadriceps Wednesday against Colorado.

Although he prefers being in the outfield, he agreed this was the best way to have his bat in the lineup while preserving his leg.

He started slowly, flying out to left, then striking out with runners on second and third. He blamed that on adjusting to the

hitting backdrop at The Ballpark, not the lack of activity that comes with sitting in the dugout while his team is on defense.

Once comfortable at the plate, Alou singled in the sixth and eighth, then hit his eighth homer, off Tim Lincecum (0-4).

"For a guy who doesn't like to DH, he did a pretty good job," Dierker said.

The All-Texas series was the only regional rivalry interleague play failed to produce in its first four years. The lack of rotation among interleague opponents was altered this year to create the Astros-Rangers matchup.

During pregame ceremonies, a giant Texas flag was draped across the outfield and hundreds of yellow balloons were released in tribute to "The Yellow Rose of Texas." U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey

Hutchison threw out the first pitch.

This was the first game for new Texas pitching coach Bobby Cuellar. He had been the bullpen coach until Thursday, when Larry Hardy told manager Jerry Narron he thought the staff would be better off with Cuellar. Hardy moved back to the bullpen, where he coached before getting promoted when Dick Bosman was fired late last season.

A crowd of 47,120 at The Ballpark was sprinkled with Astros fans, some wearing rainbow jerseys and many rooting for the visitors.

Texas became the eighth state to have major league teams play each other, joining California, Florida, Illinois, Missouri, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

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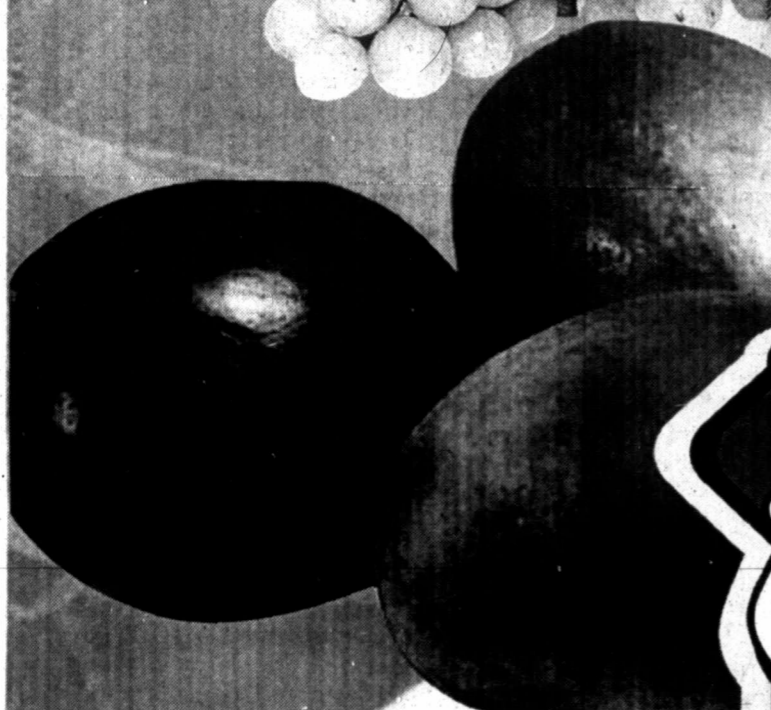
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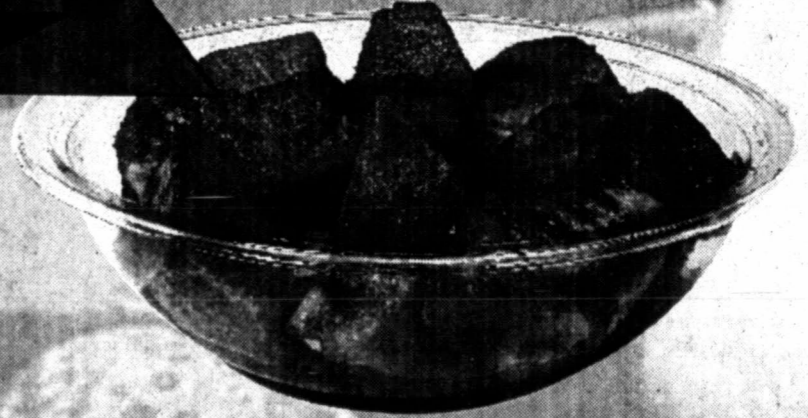
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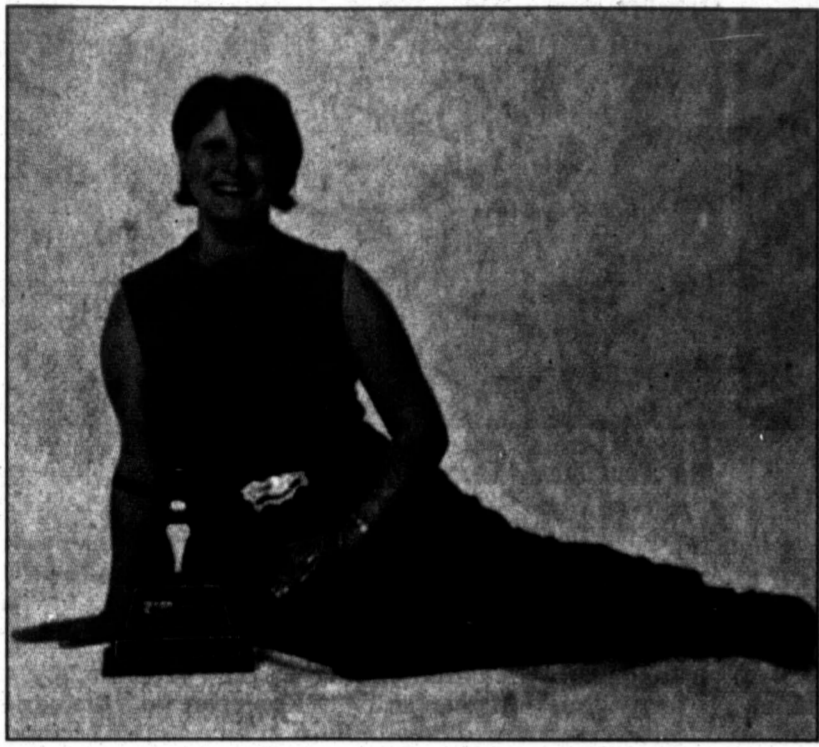
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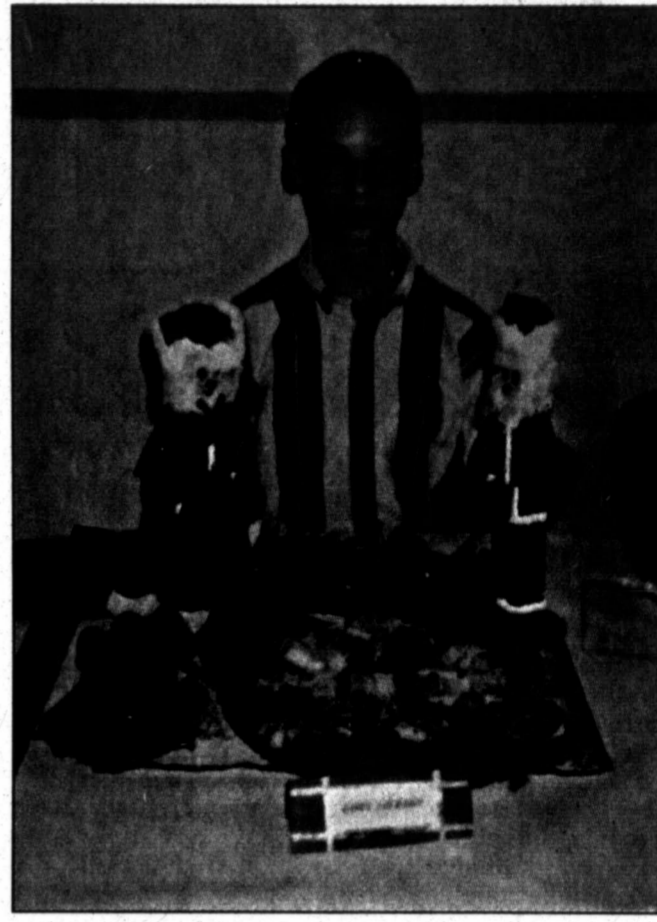
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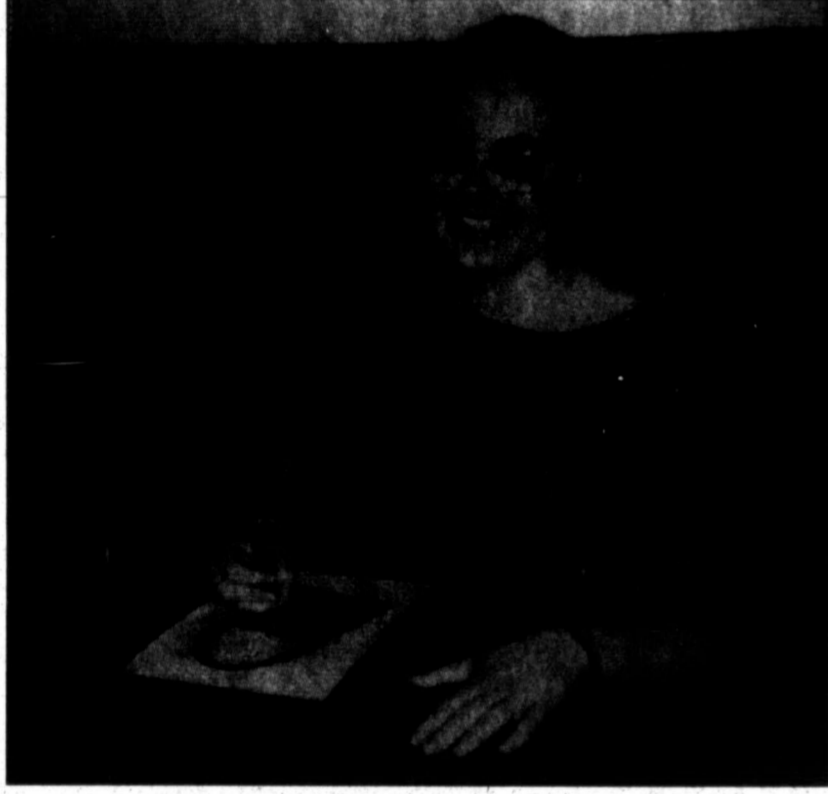
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From left, Tom Davenport, Bobby Brummett, and Coy Devoll.
Rifle Team (Photo by 4-H student photographer Dustin Neef.)

By JUDY ELLIOTT

Seven area 4-Hers will call Texas A&M University at College Station home this week as they join approximately 200 other Texas students in competing at 4-H State Roundup.

Lori Stephens, Megan Coutts, Sarah Schwab, Cory Jackson, Tom Davenport, Coy Devoll, and Bobby Brummett will represent Gray County in six of the 38 contests conducted at Roundup.

4-H State Roundup is an educational event in which 4-H members participate in leadership and life skill developing competitions. The event has been held for more than 60 years. More than 3,000 people are expected to attend Roundup June 11-15.

This is the fifth year that 2001 Pampa High School graduate Lori Stephens will compete at State Roundup. She represents Gray County in two competitions this year in Fashion Show (construction/dressy) and Consumer Life Skills Demonstration. Stephens has been in 4-H ten years and partic-

ipates in the Breads, Clothing and Textiles, and Public Speaking projects. She is president of the Sew Fine 4-H Club and delegate-at-large on the Gray County 4-H Council. She was the 1998 I Dare You Award recipient and the 2000 recipient of the Gold Star Award. Stephens also received the Gray County Extension Education Council 4-H Scholarship. She will attend the University of Oklahoma in the fall majoring in meteorology. She is the daughter of Larry and Kay Stephens of Groom.

Megan Coutts makes her first trip to State Roundup as a finalist in the Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship Program. The 2001 Pampa High School graduate is competing for a scholarship of no less than \$1,500 and possibly as much as \$15,000.

The scholarships are awarded based on a student's 4-H experience, academic record and financial need.

Coutts plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall, majoring in animal science. This

is Coutts' ninth year in 4-H. She has been involved with the Beef, Swine and Judging projects. She is president of the Prime Time 4-H Club and chairman of the Gray County 4-H Council. She was the 1998 Gold Star Award recipient for Gray County. She is the daughter of Joe and Cheryl Coutts of Pampa.

This is Sarah Schwab's third year to compete at State Roundup. The Lefors High School junior will compete in Fabric and Fashion Design (Accessory). Schwab has been in 4-H for seven years, participating in the Clothing and Textiles, Nutrition Quiz bowl, Breads and Photography projects. She received the 2000 I Dare You Award and is first vice president of the Sew Fine 4-H Club. She is the daughter of Robert and Mary Schwab.

2001 marks the first year for Cory Jackson to compete at State Roundup. His Unfried Chicken recipe will compete in the Food and Nutrition (Main Dish). Cory is a junior at Lefors High School and has participated in 4-H for eight years. Besides Foods and

Nutrition, he also is involved with the Horticulture, Photography and Swine projects. He is the 4-H council delegate for the Lefors 5-H 4-H Club. Cory was the 1994 Rookie of the Year and received the I Dare You Award in 2000. He is the son of Barry and Lendi Jackson of Lefors.

A Rifle team of Tom Davenport, Coy Devoll and Bobby Brummett will compete at State Roundup. This is the third year for Davenport, second year for Devoll and first year for Brummett to compete at the state level.

Davenport is a senior at Miami High School. This is his tenth year in 4-H with highlights as the 1993 Rookie of the Year and the 1999 I Dare You Award winner. He is the son of Roger and Shari Davenport of Miami.

Devoll, a junior at Hillcrest Academy, is in his fourth year in 4-H. He is the son of Vernon and Twila Devoll. Bobby Brummett, a freshman at Pampa High School, is in his first year in 4-H. He is the son of A. L. and April Brummett.

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LIFESTYLE



Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Hoover

Hoover anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Hoover celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a trip to Fort Worth recently, courtesy of their children.

Dannie Hoover married Angie Peppers on June 7, 1972, in First Presbyterian Church of Guymon, Okla., with the Rev. Harland Collins officiating. The Hoovers have lived in Pampa for 18 years and are the children of Gilbert and Mary Lou Peppers of Guymon and the late Leo and Lorene Hoover.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hoover graduated from Guymon High School and from Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

Mr. Hoover, a State Farm Insurance agent here in Pampa, received his master's degree from Oklahoma University. In addition, he earned a superintendent's certificate and completed 60 hours towards his doctorate degree at OU.

Mrs. Hoover is a teacher at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School. Children of the couple are Christy Hoover, Danette and Ruben Rivera, all of Fort Worth, and Jared Hoover of Pampa.



Mr. and Mrs. Ray Babb

Babb anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Babb will observe their 50th wedding anniversary this month.

Ray Babb and Roberta Silcott were married June 3, 1951, in Pampa. They have been Pampa residents for 24 years and previously lived in Dalhart, Fairview, Okla., Enid, Okla., and Liberal, Kan., for a total of 26 years.

In 1984, Mr. Babb retired as meat sales manager from Ideal Food Stores in Liberal. After retirement, he returned to Pampa and opened Babb Portable Buildings along with his son, Curtis Babb.

Mrs. Babb is a homemaker and has worked as a Realtor with Quentin Williams, Realtors for 14 years.

Children of the couple are Susan Ratzlaff and Curtis Babb of Pampa. They have three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Terry Garner

Garner anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Garner recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Las Vegas, Nev.

Terry Lynn Garner and Melissa Rae Helm, both lifelong Pampa residents, were married June 11, 1976, at First United Methodist Church in Pampa.

Mr. Garner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Garner. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1975 and was formerly employed by Arthur Brothers. He is currently employed at Celanese.

Mrs. Garner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Helm. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1976 and currently works as a substitute teacher.

Children of the couple are Heather Garner of Amarillo and Shalyn Garner and Teryn Garner, both of Pampa.

Newsmakers



Jessica Williams

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced Pampa High School student Jessica Williams was named an All-American Scholar.

USAA established the All-American Scholar program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines.

To be eligible for the honor, students must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted. USAA All-American Scholars are named in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, published nationally.

Williams was nominated for the award by PHS Counselor Starla Kindle. She is the daughter of Johnny and Laura Williams of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Bill and Valeria Jay of Elk City, Okla., and Tom and Deaton Williams of Sayre, Okla.

CANYON — West Texas A&M University recently announced students named to its President's and Dean's List for the 2001 spring semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 3.85 or better grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: Candi Terry and

Kimberly A. Clark, both of Pampa, and Heather Garner.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.25-3.85 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: Angie Downs and Linda S. Schwab of Pampa. Downs qualified with a 3.7 GPA while carrying 18 semester hours.

Downs, who is currently enrolled in both summer sessions at WT, plans to graduate in the spring of 2002 and intends to volunteer in the summer Reading Readiness Program at Lakeview Elementary.

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. — Gardner-Webb University recently announced students named to its Honor Roll for the spring 2001 semester.

To be eligible for the honor roll, a student must maintain a 3.2-3.7 grade point average for the semester. Students named to the list include: Janetta Nicole Watson of Pampa.

Kenneth Knowles, owner of Central Bail Bonds, was guest speaker at the 15th Annual Texas Jail Association Spring Conference held recently in the Adams Mark Hotel in San Antonio. He spoke on the do's and don'ts of jailers under statutory law.

Knowles, president of Professional Bondsmen of Texas, is a certified bail agent, the highest educational recognition for a bail bondsman.

The Texas Jail Association has a membership of over 700 jailers and other law enforcement officers.

CLARENDON — Clarendon College recently announced its President's Honor List and Dean's Honor Roll for the 2001 spring semester.

To be eligible for the President's Honor List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the honor roll include: George Glen Eggleston, Karen Denise Joiner and Marcia K. Julian, all of Pampa; Carol Dene Archer and Ian S. Jones, both of Allison; and Alice Annette Birchfield and Melissa Denise Krueger, both of McLean.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.6 GPA while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the honor roll include: Rebecca Jane Aderholt, Barry D. Bowman, Sharon Kaye Cook, Kimberly Darlene Grice, Alicia Gayle Ingram, Gregory B. Logan, Jeremy Lee Nicholas and Evelyn E. Noble, all of Pampa; and Marinda Leigh Carter, Cecil W. Gaither and Cassie D. Lax, all of Shamrock.

Some Panhandle businesses will have a new face at the water cooler this month when teachers from 15 school districts participate in the Summer Teacher Internship Project, experiencing the business world first-hand. Rosemary Schiffman of Pampa High School and Cathy Cota of Pampa Workforce Center will represent Pampa in the project.

Teachers will spend time touring businesses, interviewing employees, job shadowing and completing short-term projects to learn "real life" applications of the subjects they teach. Curriculum development workshops will coincide with the work-based learning activities to complete the internship experience.

For more information on the fourth annual Summer Teacher Internship Project, contact the Panhandle Tech Prep/School to Careers Partnership at 1-800-470-3558.



Mary Lee Adamson and Chad Clardy

Adamson-Clardy

Mary Lee Adamson and Chad Clardy, both of Pampa, plan to wed July 28 in First Baptist Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Bill and Roxanne Giles and Ray and Jeannetta Adamson, all of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1998 and is currently employed at Albracht Chiropractic of Pampa.

The prospective groom is the son of Dwayne and Lea Nan Sparks of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 2000 and is currently employed at Dunlap Industrial Engine and Compressor Service.

Anyone wanting to reserve a Sunday gallery page in the lifestyles section should contact Nancy Young at *The Pampa News*. Reservations for pages are taken a year in advance for many of the Sunday gallery pages. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Young at 669-2525.



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Ridding flower beds of grass



Kathy Davis Morris
GARDEN WISE

In the pale moonlight, she scratched the soft earth by the dog house. Three of her friends watched in reverent, uncharacteristic silence. When loose, cool soil suited her, she rolled joyously in it. Laying her chin on a mound of dirt, she closed her eyes for a nap.

Lucky, her fierce protector, sat quietly behind her. Satchel, the monstrous Pyrenees, shielded her nest with a mountain of fur. Ashes guarded the gate. Comforted by her friends, Sugar, the old gray Schnauzer, quietly breathed a final breath.

Ashes and Satchel paid their respects to Sugar with light nudges and gentle snorts. Lucky licked her soft gray ears and perpetually tangled beard. Then, with sad eyes and cocked heads, they watched their master weep.

As the crying ends, memories flood to mind. She was a big dog in a small dog suit, tenacious, curious and tough. Attacked by wild dogs (who were in her yard eating her dog food), she survived a week in an incubator and six months of bandage changing.

Sugar danced on hind legs, twirling in loopy circles. She loved sweets. Once, she sneaked into the den, jumped on the coffee table, tossed all the nuts and fruits out of the Christmas candy dish, unwrapped the candy and ate it.

This dog was a gardener's

nightmare. I stomped, cursed and ranted over what this feisty little dog dug out of the ground. A plant's worthiness to live in the garden required at least one frenzied uprooting. In typical Schnauzer fashion, she could dig more holes faster, bigger and deeper than I could refill.

Sugar clipped the Bermuda grass around the fence. She ran it into the ground or dug it up trying to get out. I applauded this little habit of hers. I despise Bermuda grass.

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I miss Sugar. The backyard is too quiet. I know now who led the bark chorus.

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"The trouble with loving is that pets don't last long enough..." —Unknown

Club news

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

PPQG
Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met May 24 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Five guests were among those present. The following business was conducted and

announcements made:

—Seven members participated in "Show-and-Tell."

—In the voluntary quarterly block exchange, butterfly appliqué blocks were turned in. Fifteen blocks were returned, and the winner was Mary Bandy.

—The program was a trunk show by Donna Myers whose specialty is hand-appliqué with machine quilting.

—Liza Harrison and Toni Martinez cleaned their sewing rooms and kindly shared free fabric with fellow members.

—Members were asked to bring a favorite dish to the June meeting for a potluck dinner honoring new board members to be installed during the meeting. Susan Carter volunteered to bring paper plates, cups, napkins and cutlery.

The PPQG door prize was won by Mindy Reeves and the Sand's Fabric & Quilt Corner door prize was won by Colleen Eskridge.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, June 28 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. For more information, call (806) 779-2115.

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Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
Lunch: Taco Bell burrito or macaroni and cheese, green beans, mixed fruit.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Waffle sticks.
Lunch: Breaded pork cutlet on a bun or macaroni and cheese, western beans, fresh fruit.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, flour tortillas.
Lunch: Chicken fried steak or macaroni and cheese, whipped potatoes, salad, pineapple, rolls.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Cinnamon toast.
Lunch: Chicken fajitas or macaroni and cheese, refried beans, flour tortillas, sliced apples.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
Lunch: Sub sandwich or macaroni and cheese, French fries, lettuce and tomatoes, peaches.

Senior Citizens

MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chicken Louisiana, mashed potatoes, green beans, beets, northern beans, German chocolate cake or cherry creme pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Barbecue beef with onion rings or ham salad, potato salad, corn, spinach, baked

beans, rainbow chip cake or lemon icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, California blend, squash, beans, spice cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or Swedish meatballs, curly fries, brussels sprouts, carrots, beans, lemon pudding cake or butterscotch cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Catfish and hush puppies or frito pie, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, pinto beans, brownies or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, garlic toast or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels

MONDAY

Hamburgers, tater tots, pineapple.

TUESDAY

Chicken pot pie, pickled beets, corn, pudding.

WEDNESDAY

Eggs, bacon, biscuits, gravy, peaches.

THURSDAY

Corndogs, macaroni and cheese, peas/carrots, vanilla wafers.

FRIDAY

Roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello.

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Billboard music charts

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

- Billboard Hot 100: Top 10**
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Lady Marmalade," Christina Aguilera, Lil' Kim, Mya & Pink Interscope.
 2. "Hanging By A Moment," Lifeshouse, DreamWorks.
 3. "All For You," Janet. Virgin.
 4. "Ride Wit Me," Nelly (feat. City Spud). Fo' Reel.
 5. "Follow Me," Uncle Kracker. Top Dog/Lava.
 6. "My Baby," Lil' Romeo. Soujja/No Limit.
 7. "Fiesta," R. Kelly (feat. Jay-Z). Jive.
 8. "Get Ur Freak On," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott. The

- Gold Mind/EastWest.
9. "Drops Of Jupiter (Tell Me)," Train. Columbia.
10. "Peaches & Cream," 112. Bad Boy.
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- The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10**
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Break The Cycle," Staind. Flip/Elektra.
 2. "Survivor," Destiny's Child. Columbia. (Platinum)
 3. Soundtrack: "Moulin Rouge." Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp.
 4. "Laterals," Tool. Tool Dissectional/Volcano.
 5. "Now 6," Various Artists. Sony/Zomba/Universal/EMI. (Platinum)
 6. "Miss E...So Addictive," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott. The Gold Mind/Elektra.
 7. "All For You," Janet. Virgin. (Platinum)
 8. "Malpractice," Redman. Def Jam.

9. "Weezer," Weezer. Geffen.
10. "Drops Of Jupiter," Train. Aware/Columbia. (Platinum)
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- Hot Adult Contemporary**
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Thank You," Dido. Arista.
 2. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack With Sons Of The Desert. MCA Nashville.
 3. "If You're Gone," matchbox twenty. Lava.
 4. "There You'll Be," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
 5. "Angel," Lionel Richie. Island.
 6. "Only Time," Enya. Warner Sunset.
 7. "This I Promise You," 'N Sync. Jive.
 8. "Nobody Wants To Be Lonely," Ricky Martin With Christina Aguilera. Columbia.
 9. "Shape Of My Heart," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
 10. "The Way You Love Me," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.

- Top Gospel Albums**
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "Live In London And More..." Donnie McClurkin. Verity. (Gold)
 2. Soundtrack: "Kingdom Come." Gospo Centric.
 3. "WoW Gospel 2001: The Year's 30 Top Gospel Artists And Songs," Various Artists. EMI/Wor/Word. (Gold)
 4. "The Experience," Yolanda Adams. Elektra.
 5. "Thankful," Mary Mary. C2/Columbia. (Gold)
 6. "The Storm Is Over," Bishop T.D. Jakes & The Potter's House Mass Choir. Dexterity Sounds.
 7. "We Are At War," James Hall & Worship And Praise. Destiny.
 8. "Awesome Wonder," Kurt Carr & The Kurt Carr Singers. Gospo Centric.
 9. "Mountain High... Valley Low," Yolanda Adams. Elektra.
 10. "Purpose By Design," Fred Hammond & Radical For Christ. Verity.

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

1. "It's Been Awhile," Staind. Flip/Elektra.
2. "Schism," Tool. Tool Dissectional.
3. "Rise," The Cult. Lava.
4. "Greed," Godsmack. Republic.
5. "Your Disease," Saliva. Island.
6. "Crawling," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
7. "My Way," Limp Bizkit. Flip.
8. "Wait," Seven Mary Three. Mammoth.
9. "Duck And Run," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
10. "Hemorrhage (In My Hands)," Fuel. 550 Music.

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

1. "It's Been Awhile," Staind. Flip/Elektra.
2. "Hash Pipe," Weezer. Geffen.
3. "The Rock Show," Blink-182. MCA.
4. "Drive," Incubus. Immortal.
5. "Breakdown," Tantric. Maverick.
6. "Schism," Tool. Tool Dissectional.
7. "Crawling," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
8. "My Way," Limp Bizkit. Flip.
9. "Your Disease," Saliva. Island.
10. "The Space Between," Dave Matthews Band. RCA.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks
(Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Grown Men Don't Cry," Tim McGraw. Curb.
2. "Don't Happen Twice," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
3. "Ain't Nothing 'Bout You," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville.
4. "I'm Already There," Lonestar. BNA.
5. "I Could Not Ask For More," Sara Evans. RCA.
6. "She Couldn't Change Me," Montgomery Gentry. Columbia.
7. "If You Can Do Anything Else," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
8. "When Somebody Loves You," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
9. "Two People Fell In Love," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.
10. "It's A Great Day To Be

Alive," Travis Tritt. Columbia.
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Top Country Albums
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Set This Circus Down," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
 2. Soundtrack: "Coyote Ugly." Curb. (Platinum)
 3. "Part II," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.
 4. Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Platinum)
 5. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack. MCA Nashville. (Platinum)
 6. "TimeSexLove," Mary Chapin Carpenter. Columbia.
 7. "Steers & Stripes," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville. (Gold)
 8. "Born To Fly," Sara Evans. RCA. (Gold)
 9. "Greatest Hits," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Gold)
 10. "Greatest Hits," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
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Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Singles and Tracks
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)

1. "Fiesta," R. Kelly (feat. Jay-Z). Jive.
 2. "My Baby," Lil' Romeo. Soujja/No Limit.
 3. "Peaches & Cream," 112. Bad Boy.
 4. "Superwoman," Lil' Mo. EastWest.
 5. "Get Ur Freak On," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott. The Gold Mind/Elektra.
 6. "Let Me Blow Ya Mind," Eve (feat. Gwen Stefani). Ruff Ryders.
 7. "Missing You," Case. Def Soul.
 8. "Love," Musiq Soulchild. Def Soul.
 9. "Heard It All Before," Sunshine Anderson. Soulife.
 10. "Music," Erick Sermon (feat. Marvin Gaye). NY/LA/Def Squad.
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Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Miss E...So Addictive," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott. The Gold Mind/Elektra.
 2. "Malpractice," Redman. Def Jam.
 3. "Survivor," Destiny's Child. Columbia. (Platinum)
 4. "Part III," 112. Bad Boy. (Platinum)
 5. "All For You," Janet. Virgin. (Platinum)
 6. Soundtrack: "What's The Worst That Could Happen?" NY/LA.
 7. "Put Yo Hood Up," Lil' Jon & The East Side Boyz. BME.
 8. "2000 Watts," Tyrese. RCA.
 9. "Until The End Of Time," 2Pac. Amaru/Death Row. (Platinum)
 10. "(Ghetto Love)," Jaheim. Divine Mill.
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Hot Rap Singles
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled, and provided by SoundScan)

1. "My Baby," Lil' Romeo. Soujja/No Limit.
2. "Who's Gonna Love Ya,"

Bigga Figgaz. King B.
3. "What Would You Do?" City High. Booga Basement.

4. "Oochie Wally," QB Finest (feat. Nas And Bravehearts). Ill Will.
 5. "None Tonight," Lil' Zane. Worldwide.
 6. "All I Wanna Do," The Young Millionaires (feat. Lil' One — The Young Millionaires). Urban Spears.
 7. "Superb," Superb. FY Station.
 8. "Did That!" 812 Souljaz (feat. Whoo Whee). Lay It Down.
 9. "Call Me E.S.," 7L & Esoteric. Direct.
 10. "Angel," Shaggy (feat. Rayvon). MCA.
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Hot Dance Music — Club Play
(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)

1. "Get It Up (The Feeling)," Ultra Nate. Strictly Rhythm.
2. "Dream On," Depeche Mode. Mute.
3. "You're The Worst Thing For Me," Pusaka (feat. Thea Austin). Tommy Boy Silver Label.
4. "Love In Traffic," Satoshi Tomiie (feat. Kelli Ali). Columbia.
5. "Bumpin' & Jumpin' (The Michael T. Diamond Mix)," Kim English. Nervous.
6. "Out Of Nowhere," Gloria Estefan. Epic.
7. "What It Feels Like For A Girl," Madonna. Maverick.
8. "Hide U," Suzanne Palmer. Star 69.
9. "Bang The Drum," Abel. 4 Play.
10. "Survivor," Destiny's Child. Columbia.

Hot Latin Tracks
(Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)

1. "La Bomba," Azul Azul. Sony Discos.
 2. "Azul," Cristian Ariola.
 3. "Abrazame Muy Fuerte," Juan Gabriel. Ariola.
 4. "O Me Voy O Te Vas," Marco Antonio Solis. Fonovisa.
 5. "Y Yo Sigo Aqui," Paulina Rubio. Universal Latino.
 6. "Y Llegaste Tu," Banda El Recodo. Fonovisa.
 7. "No Te Podias Quedar," Conjunto Primavera. Fonovisa.
 8. "Quiero," Jerry Rivera. Ariola.
 9. "Como Se Cura Una Herida," Jaci Velasquez. Sony Discos.
 10. "Yo No Soy Esa Mujer," Paulina Rubio. Universal Latino.
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The Billboard Latin 50: Top 10 Albums
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Mas De Mi Alma," Marco Antonio Solis. Fonovisa.
2. "Shhh!" A.B. Quintanilla Y Los Kumbia Kings. EMI Latin.
3. "Paulina," Paulina Rubio. Universal Latino. (Gold)
4. "Despreciado," Lupillo Rivera. Sony Discos.
5. "El Sapo," Azul Azul. Sony Discos.
6. "Historia De Un Idolo Vol. 1," Vicente Fernandez. Sony Discos.
7. "Live, The Last Concert — Houston, Texas February 26, 1995," Selena. EMI Latin.
8. "Ansia De Amar," Conjunto Primavera. Fonovisa.
9. "Mi Corazon," Jaci Velasquez. Sony Discos.
10. "Contigo Por Siempre..." Banda El Recodo. Fonovisa.

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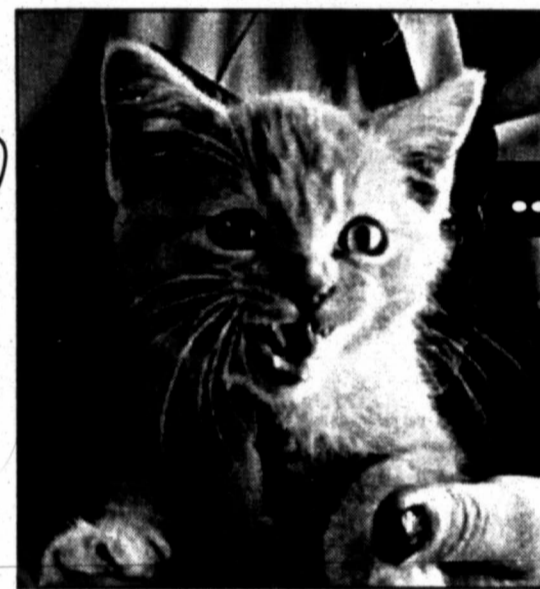
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DEAR ABBY: Do you think it's inappropriate to ask an 18-year-old, part-time female employee to go to lunch with two other men? I'm 36, happily married and have a son. The other men are also happily married. One of them has two kids. It was an innocent lunch at a fast-food joint.

My female manager had a problem with it. She told all three of us never to ask her again. The girl is still in high school and works in the afternoons after class. She has worked with us for six months. She happened to work the full day when we asked her to come with us. There were no other female employees included.

I feel we did nothing wrong, but I'd like your opinion.

WONDERING IN
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DEAR WONDERING: From my perspective, it was thoughtful of you to ask the young lady to lunch. However, I'm not an expert in labor law, so I consulted a prominent Los Angeles labor lawyer, Ann Kane Smith. Here's what she had to say:

"That situation is a catch-22 for both men and women. Men complain they are wrongfully accused of sexual harassment in the workplace — and women complain they are left out of the 'old boys' network.'

"I don't have all of the facts, but the female supervisor may be maternal and overreacting. The situation will resolve itself when the girl graduates from high school and either goes off to college or joins the work

Dear Abby

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force full time.
"There is nothing wrong with colleagues or co-workers of any age and either sex having lunch together, as long as everyone behaves appropriately."

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I recently celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary by hosting a catered dinner for about 100 friends. We arranged music and all that goes with such a grand occasion.

One couple arrived carrying a birthday cake and candles because the husband wanted everyone to know it was his wife's birthday. Abby, they never once spoke to us or acknowledged our occasion. They ignored us during the entire party, but the husband kept whispering to the caterer.

While we were waiting for dessert to be served, he lit the candles on the birthday cake and began

servicing it to guests seated nearby. Then I saw him again talking to the caterer. He said, "If you won't, then I will!" With that, he went to the musicians, stopped the music, and asked everyone to sing "Happy Birthday" to his wife.

At the end of the evening, the husband came over with a slice of leftover cake thrown on a plate and said, "Whoever wants to eat it can." With that, they left.

I was told the wife had a gift for us and would bring it to our home the next day. It's been six months, and we still haven't seen or heard from them.

Many of our guests felt they were rude. We feel we were badly treated. What do you think?
PUZZLED IN FLORIDA

DEAR PUZZLED: I, too, think you were used. By bringing a birthday cake to your celebration and distracting attention from you and your husband without permission, in a sense they hijacked your party. It took a lot of gall. I wouldn't blame you if you crossed them off your guest list permanently.

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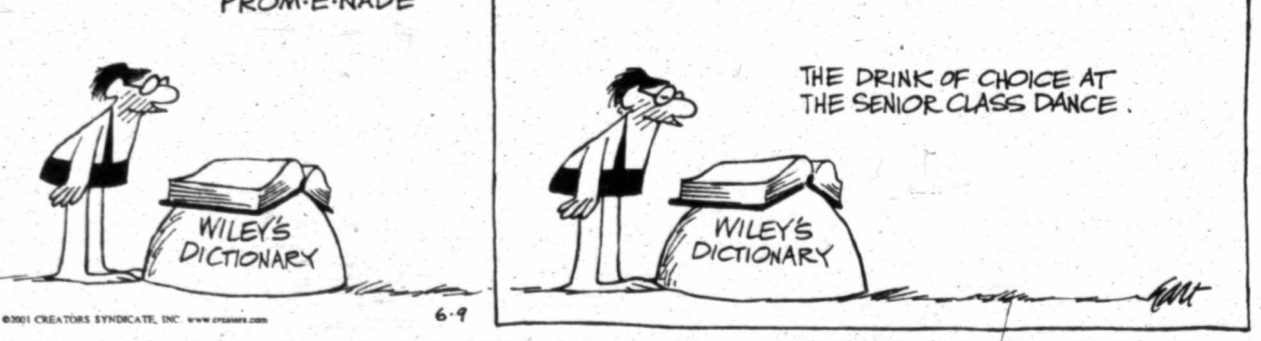
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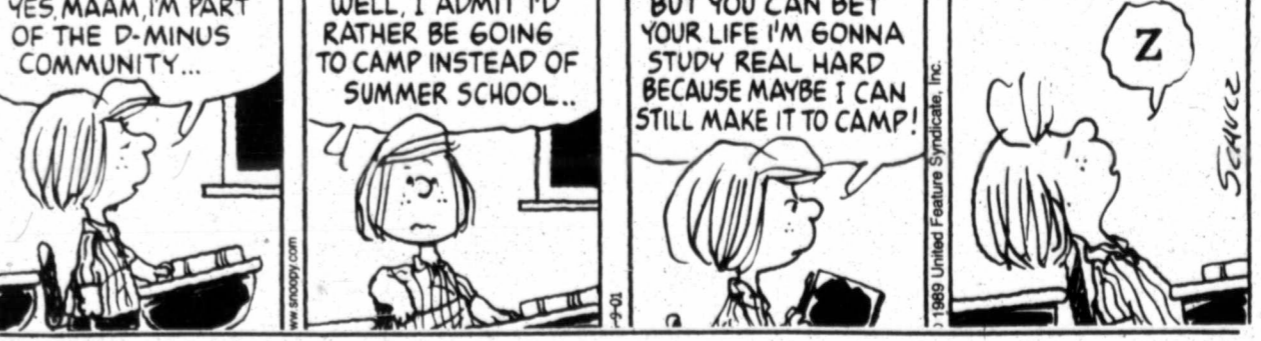
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Moth outbreak spares Texas crops ...

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — North Texas has been troubled by a large number of moths that have occupied the area in recent weeks, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Dr. Mike Merchant, extension entomologist, said a record number of moths have been feeding on weeds and roadside bushes.

"They're a mixture of different kinds of moths collectively called noctuids," Merchant said. "They're a drab-colored brown or light-colored moths, with about a one-inch wingspan."

During the day, the moths are found in bushes, grass along roadsides and in fields. At night they are attracted to streetlights and car headlights.

"Most of these moths will produce caterpillars known as armyworms and cutworms," Merchant said. "Some of them might pose problems for landscapes and gardens, but most feed on weeds and other roadside plants."

Merchant warned producers and home gardeners not to panic if they noticed moths.

"You don't need to spray if you see moths," Merchant said. "Moths simply warn us that in a few weeks there might be a problem with caterpillars."

Home gardeners who notice moths in their gardens should look for caterpillar leaf feeding damage in the next three to four weeks. Infected plants can be treated with a low impact insecticide like Bacillus thuringiensis.

Farmers should scout fields for armyworm damage on a regular basis over the next month, Merchant said.

"Make sure fields get scouted and check them on a regular basis," he said.

For some, distinguishing between a moth and a butterfly may be difficult to do. Merchant said the basic distinction between the two is that a butterfly will fly during the day and a moth will fly at night.

"That's true 99 percent of the time," Merchant said.

There seems to be no single cause for this year's bumper crop of moths. Normally, moths are present all summer at fluctuating levels.

"Insects are really hard to predict, and we don't always have a good reason why some years become outbreak years," Merchant said.

"Certainly we had a colder and wetter than average winter this year."

Dr. Chris Sansone, extension entomologist in San Angelo, reported a large number of mesquite cutworms on mesquite and more than the usual number of moths in West Texas. Sansone said the moths appear to be thinning out, and hopes they will disappear in the next 10 days.

Fortunately, relief should be in sight with warmer temperatures.

Armyworms, Merchant said, don't fair well in hot weather.

"These types of outbreaks normally don't last more than a week or two," he said.

Randy Upshaw, district extension director for North Texas, said there currently is a large moth flight and potential for armyworms.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture is short to adequate. Corn planting is almost over. Some beet armyworm activity continues. Most cotton is planted. Peanut planting is about to finish. Sorghum is 50 percent planted. Soybean and sunflower planting almost complete.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Cotton planting is 40 percent complete. Peanuts almost complete. Soybeans, grain sorghum, and sunflowers planted. Wheat harvest for hay is

complete. Harvest for grain is under way. Corn and peanut fields have hail damage.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture is adequate. More than half of the cotton crop has been planted. Wheat harvest in progress. Peach crop is good. Producers spraying for insects. Pecan crop is fair. Fly populations on cattle are increasing.

NORTH TEXAS: soil moisture is short to adequate to surplus. Spring planted crops look good. Large moth flight. Potential for armyworms exists. Corn beginning to tassel. New crop of grasshoppers. Producers are cutting and baling hay. Blackberries and blueberries look good.

EAST TEXAS: soil moisture is short to adequate. Pastures are improving from rain. Hay potential limited. Cattle conditions are good. Good supply of fresh produce from home gardens. Early peach varieties ready to harvest. Pecans in nut set stage. Light insect pressure.

FAR WEST TEXAS: soil moisture is adequate. Cotton is being planted. Most wheat has been harvested or grazed out. Pasture quality continues to decline due to lack of moisture. All watermelons, cantaloupe and onions have been planted.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture is short to adequate. Corn in good condition. Cotton producers are preparing fields for planting. Oat harvest is complete. Wheat harvest continues with yields above normal. Livestock in good condition. Some insect problems.

CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture is short. Pastures are dry. Warm season grasses are still green but not actively growing. Cattle in good condition. Spraying for casebearer right now. No new planting reported.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: soil moisture is short. Grasshoppers are becoming a major problem. Light corn borer damage reported. Seed oats being harvested. Most sorghum milo has been planted. Soybeans are being planted. Wheat seed harvest has begun.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: soil moisture is adequate. Corn and sorghum are passing critical pollination phases under good conditions. Cotton and peanut crop are making good progress. Harvesting cabbage, carrots, onions and potatoes continues. Melons ready to harvest.

COASTAL BEND: soil moisture is adequate. Hay baling and cultivation occurring. Corn, cotton and sorghum progressing well. Wheat crop is slightly above average. Pastures responding in areas that received moisture. Pecans are progressing well.

SOUTH TEXAS: soil moisture is short. Cotton, grain sorghum and corn progressing well. Some corn harvesting as silage. Cotton in flowering stage. Pasture and range conditions fair to poor. Harvest continues on onions, carrots, cantaloupes and watermelons.

Loan rates for 2001 crops told

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced county loan rates for the 2001 crops of wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, soybeans, minor oilseeds (sunflower seed, flaxseed, canola, rapeseed, safflower seed, and mustard seed), and other oilseeds (crambe

and sesame seed).

The loan rates were determined in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 and are derived from the national average loan rates.

Further information on the county loan rates is available

from Terry Hickenbotham, USDA-FSA-EPAS, Stop 0508, Room 3745, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0508; via phone at (202)690-0733; via e-mail at terry_hickenbotham@wdc.fsa.usda.gov; or via fax at (202)690-2186.

Copies of the rate schedules are available from Thomas Fink, USDA-FSA-PSD, Stop 0512, Room 4089A, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0512; via phone at (202) 720-8701; via e-mail at tom.fink@wdc.fsa.usda.gov; or via fax at (202) 690-3307.

USDA to increase price it pays for butter

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that its Commodity Credit Corporation will increase the price it pays for butter by 19.99 cents to \$0.8548 per pound, and decrease the price of nonfat dry milk by 10.32 cents to \$0.9000 per

pound. The purchase prices for block Cheddar and barrel cheese remain unchanged at \$1.1314 and \$1.1014 per pound, respectively. The 2001 Appropriations Bill extended the price support program through calendar year 2001 at the 2000

support price of \$9.90 per hundredweight of milk with an annual average milk fat content of 3.67 percent. The changes are effective May 31.

The decision to change the butter and nonfat dry milk prices was based on an accumulation of non-

fat dry milk stocks in quantities well above USDA's ability to use the product; the level of expenditures to USDA, and significant market distortions. The Agricultural Market Transition Act permits the USDA to adjust the balance between the purchase prices of butter and nonfat dry milk twice each year under the Milk Price Support Program.

Further terms and conditions for purchases of dairy products will be announced later.

Farmers hope produce labels will help shoppers, protect market share

BIXBY, Okla. (AP) — Little signs identify the source of the produce whose rich scent wafts through Don Carmichael's open-air store: plump melons from Texas, sweet strawberries from California and ripe, red tomatoes from Florida.

Carmichael grows sweet onions and squash himself, but some of his other produce comes from South America and Mexico — to satisfy customers who want fresh fruits and vegetables all year.

Though Carmichael makes sure his customers know where the food is from, he questions a campaign by farmers that would require labels showing the countries of origin on an assortment of fresh foods.

"We're actually so small that labeling would be a big problem to us," said Carmichael, who farms 400 acres south of Tulsa.

A 1930 federal law mandated labels on clothing and other items, but fresh foods were exempt, partly because much of it was locally grown then.

But now, a booming global market has trimmed market share for some U.S. produce as competition heats up from south of the border.

Grocers fret over a potential compliance nightmare if mandatory labeling requires them to be the labelers. Produce growers believe labels could influence more U.S. consumers to buy American and reconsider purchases of foreign produce that might be sprayed with chemicals banned in the United States.

The labels also would distinguish U.S. meats from countries where farmers are battling foot-and-mouth and mad cow diseases.

"We're not trying to cast doubt on growers in other countries as much as we're trying to give consumers a better-informed choice," said Ray Gilmer, a spokesman for the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association.

Produce imports have shot up since the North American Free Trade Agreement was enacted in 1994. Fresh fruit imports rose from about 24 percent to about 33 percent through the 1980s and mid-'90s, according to federal estimates, and the volume was expected to grow by an additional one-third through the end of next year.

Florida's fruit and vegetable growers, who account for rough-

ly 90 percent of U.S.-grown produce in winter, have watched their market share erode, especially since NAFTA. Their portion of the winter tomato market shrank as much as 40 percent, Gilmer said.

Alan Way, who grows strawberries, watermelons and vegetables at Jamberry Farms near Madill in southern Oklahoma, supports labeling so consumers can choose his products over his foreign competitors'. He says his labor costs are higher and U.S. regulations on labor and chemical sprays are more stringent.

"We're at a distinct disadvantage to our competitors in Mexico," he said. "They can produce it cheaper, but they can't necessarily produce it better."

A 20-year-old state law requires Florida grocers to label fruits and vegetables. The association, the National Farmers Union and others support mandatory labeling nationwide.

Three bills are pending in Congress, including one calling for labeling to be done at the supermarket. Compliance might require only a sign showing the origin of produce or meats, Gilmer said.

Since produce is sold in bulk, it

would not be economical for producers to label each piece, he said.

Texas has a labeling law limited to fruit, Gilmer said. Oklahoma's legislature balked at requiring labels this session, but called for a study.

The Oklahoma proposal would have forced grocers to do the labeling. They said it would be costly, time-consuming and potentially impossible because some wholesalers don't label their packages. Federal inspectors at meat and produce plants and border checkpoints already ensure the safety of foods regardless of origin, said Jim Hopper, president of the Oklahoma Grocers Association, which represents independent supermarket owners.

Growers in California and Arizona, where more than half the country's fresh produce is grown, want labels.

"It just really gets down to a consumer's right to know and that's what we have heard from consumers, that they are interested in knowing where the food comes from," said Heather Flower, a spokeswoman for the Western Growers Association in Irvine, Calif.

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Buddy Ebsen finds new career at 93

Famous actor is now a budding novelist ...

By BOB THOMAS
Associated Press Writer

PALOS VERDES ESTATES, Calif. (AP) — At 93, Buddy Ebsen still moves with the smooth grace of a vaudeville hooper, which he once was. With his dancing and acting days over, he has found a new occupation: author.

A voracious reader, Ebsen has published a novel of his own, "Kelly's Quest," which made No. 3 in the Los Angeles Times paperback best-seller list in mid-May, with a little help from bookstore signings in the Los Angeles area. It's a slender volume — Buddy is parsimonious with words — about a feisty young woman named Kelly Ryan who is fired from her movie job and flees Hollywood in search of "a man who will make her feel like a woman." Her journey leads her to a minister, a filmmaker, a bad guy, a millionaire and a cowboy.

Ebsen and his wife, Dorothy, live in a spacious house overlooking a green sweep of golf course in this upscale coastal suburb south of Los Angeles. The house boasts a six-car garage even though the Ebsens have only one auto. The rest of the space is jammed with his books and memorabilia.

The star of TV's "Davy Crockett," "The Beverly Hillbillies" and "Barnaby Jones" still looks every inch the Hollywood celebrity. Flowing, silvery hair, ruddy face, clear eyes. Silk scarf at the neck, black velvet jacket, gray flannel slacks, black loafers. Tall and erect and elegantly thin.

His hearing may not be the best, but his memory is plenty OK; he can recount incidents, including names of people, that happened 75 years ago.

And Ebsen hasn't lost the dancing skill he showed in 1930s MGM musicals and duets with Shirley Temple. He demonstrated how he learned his first tap steps (front, back, step) out of a book his father bought. And he tapped the "shim-sham-shimmy" he had learned in New York from Bill "Bojangles" Robinson.

Speaking of his new career, Ebsen explains that he's been writing since high school. "I've written some plays, and some of them have been staged. But this is the first novel I've attempted. I read 'The Bridges of Madison County,' and I said, 'I can write that well.' So I started to write this notion I'd had for 20 years.

"I have this faculty—or weakness—that when I see a face in a crowd or walking down the street or driving by, I can think about their whole life and what has happened to them. When I was playing in vaudeville, I'd go to a restaurant between shows and look at people and figure out their lives."

He worked out a regimen of rising at 4 a.m. and writing five pages in longhand until sunrise or when the phone started ringing. During the day, he would correct the pages. He discovered as most authors do, that producing a book is not about writing, but rewriting. He admires the spare prose of Hemingway and Fitzgerald, and much of the rewriting was "crossing out words I didn't need."

After his handwritten manuscript was corrected and typed, he showed it to "my teacher about novels," Darlene Jack, who made suggestions for additions or deletions. He followed her ideas, and "Kelly's Quest" was ready for publication.

Then Ebsen discovered another lesson of first-time authors: finding a publisher is harder than writing. Nine publishers rejected "Kelly's Quest," some with sympathetic comments, some with form letters. Buddy was undeterred: "Somebody told me Margaret Mitchell had 23 rejections before 'Gone With the Wind' was accepted."

He decided to self-publish. They used to be called vanity books, but now they have a modern twist. 1stBooks Library, based in Bloomington, Ind., offers to publish books online for \$459. Authors also have the option of having the books printed — either in hardcover or paperback — and made available to bookstores for the additional fee of \$350, plus a charge for each book printed. The company also gets a 20 percent royalty on all books sold. Unlike normal publishers, 1stBooks proclaims that it "does not make value judgments about the literary merit of books, nor edits manuscripts for style or content."

Ebsen seems exhilarated by his new career and is contemplating three other ideas for novels. His last TV series, "Barnaby Jones," ended in 1980, and he last appeared in a movie in 1993 — a clever cameo as Barnaby in the otherwise anemic feature "The Beverly Hillbillies." Does he miss the studios?

"No," he quickly responds. "I was 50 percent in show business and 50 percent in sailing. I really only worked so I could buy better sails to make my catamaran go faster. The studios helped me put both of them behind me. They don't hire anybody of my age anymore, because they have to pay too much (insurance) premium. I don't know how George Burns got away with it, but he did."

Ebsen became a star in every entertainment medium he entered. He and his sister, Vilma, played the New York Palace, vaudeville's Valhalla. They danced in hit Broadway shows, including "The Ziegfeld Follies of 1934." Ebsen went on to Hollywood and appeared not only in musicals but in dramas such as "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

Yet his greatest fame came with television: Walt Disney's "Davy Crockett" (1954-1955), in which he played the frontiersman's sidekick; "The Beverly Hillbillies" (1962-1971), as clan patriarch Jed Clampett; and the title role in the detective drama "Barnaby Jones" (1973-1980). All are among TV's most successful shows.

Jones missed becoming a movie icon, all because of misapplied make-up.

"I was scheduled to play the Scarecrow in 'The Wizard of Oz,'" he recalls. "Then one day Ray Bolger walked on the set with his agent. I said, 'There goes my part!' I had seen Bolger do the Scarecrow dance in vaudeville, and he did it perfectly. They switched me from the Scarecrow to the Tin Man. It almost killed me."

"We rehearsed for two months and shot 10 days. (For the Tin Man makeup) they powdered me with aluminum dust; you breathe some of that and it's no good for your lungs."

One night he woke up screaming. His legs and arms were cramped, and he had trouble breathing. Aluminum dust had coated his lungs. He spent weeks recovering; meanwhile MGM cast Jack Haley as the Tin Man. Sixty-three years later, Buddy Ebsen has something to remember the experience by: a persistent bronchial cough.

Altrusa



(Community Camera photo)

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa recently installed the following officers for the 2001-02 club year: (front row, left-right) Pat Pierce, director; Sue Baker, treasurer; DeLynn Gordzelik, president; Anne Stobbe, vice president; (back, l-r) Brenda Tucker, parliamentarian; Karen Bridges, immediate past president; Dorla McAndrew, director; Billie Sue Evans, corresponding secretary; Jeanne Mitchell, president-elect; and Mattie Norton, director. Not pictured: Darlene Birkes, recording secretary.

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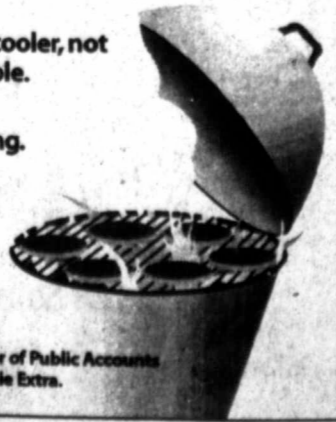
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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Food Safety Tips

As summer temperatures heat up in Texas, so do grills across the state. By following these simple tips, grilled food can be safe and healthy for everyone:

- Scrub the grill grate with a wire brush to loosen stuck-on food particles, then spray it with oven cleaner and rinse thoroughly.
- Thaw meat in the refrigerator or a cooler, not on the counter top or the picnic table.
- Grill hamburgers at 160 degrees Fahrenheit to ensure proper cooking.
- Prevent food cross-contamination by using clean dishes and utensils every time cooked and uncooked food is carried to and from the grill.



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