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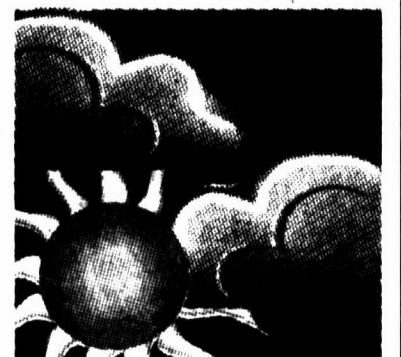
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## County commissioners to meet in new location

Commissioners for Gray County will meet for the first time in their new location at the former Southwestern Public Service building located at 315 Ballard.

Agenda items to be considered on the agenda include location of early voting, a contract with Cellular One for maintenance department phone and intrabudget transfer requests.

Also on the agenda will be the consideration of rental on Bull Barn and approving election judges.

Paying bills and salaries as approved by the County Auditor is also on the agenda.

The commissioners court will meet in the room which was formerly the Reddy Room at the Ballard Street location. Commission meetings will be conducted at that location during the \$5.3 million renovation of the historic courthouse building.

## GCAD sets special meeting

Gray County Appraisal District's board of directors will meet in special session at 7:30 a.m. Monday to consider an agreement with Appraisal Records Services for a web page. The board will meet in the GCAD conference room, 815 N. Sumner. A time for public comments and the chief appraiser's report is also listed on the agenda.

## Mother to be charged

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The mother of a 3-month-old child who died Friday after being taken to the hospital with a fractured skull is being held in a Brownsville jail.

Houston Branch, 88,  
retired Mobile Oil foreman.

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## City wrestles with budget priorities

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Staff Writer

An intense work session lasting two hours Thursday wasn't enough time for Pampa city officials to set priorities for the upcoming budget.

Several weeks ago, Pampa City Manager Bob Eskridge handed out a survey of budget item options for city commissioners to prioritize using a point system ranging from "firmly disagree" to "firmly agree." He presented the results of the survey at the work session as a starting point for the budget discussions.

"This is not written in stone," Eskridge told commissioners. "It gives me some guidelines to go by (when making out the budget)."

Eskridge said he wanted to know what city services the commission felt were most important, adding "This just helps me prioritize. Everything in here is important. Everything in here is important to the department heads."

Among the options before commissioners is forming a centralized fire station. To do this, the north fire station would be closed and personnel cuts are also possible.

Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell presented issues commissioners should consider in establishing a centralized fire station, including the following:

- Greater average response time.
- Pampa Fire Department presently has an average response time of 3.22 minutes. A centralized station would increase

'Everything in here is important. Everything in here is important to the department heads.'

— Bob Eskridge  
Pampa City Manager

response times to some areas of the city, while shortening others.

Fire crews conducted test runs from a proposed central site at Cook and Frost streets with an average response time of 3.78 minutes. Test runs from Central Fire Station in downtown Pampa resulted in

an average response of 3.41 minutes.

- Effect on insurance ratings.

Pampa's ISO rating is 5 on a scale of 1-10. Insurers use this rating to calculate insurance rates for property owners. The location of the station and the response time could have a direct impact on insurance ratings, Powell said. If Pampa's ISO is increased to 6, it would mean insurance costs would rise an average of \$30 to \$40 per year.

- Manpower.

A centralized station would centralize the workforce, which could improve communication and make it easier to manage. A central station would also make training simpler.

- Location.

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## Moving day!

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

They're moving on out.

Clad in levis and t-shirts, Gray County Courthouse employees were definitely working Thursday and Friday. It was just a little different type work than the employees are accustomed to doing on a daily basis.

The \$5.3 million restoration program on the Gray County Courthouse will be getting under way next week. Employees are vacating the historic building to move to temporary office locations during the restoration project.

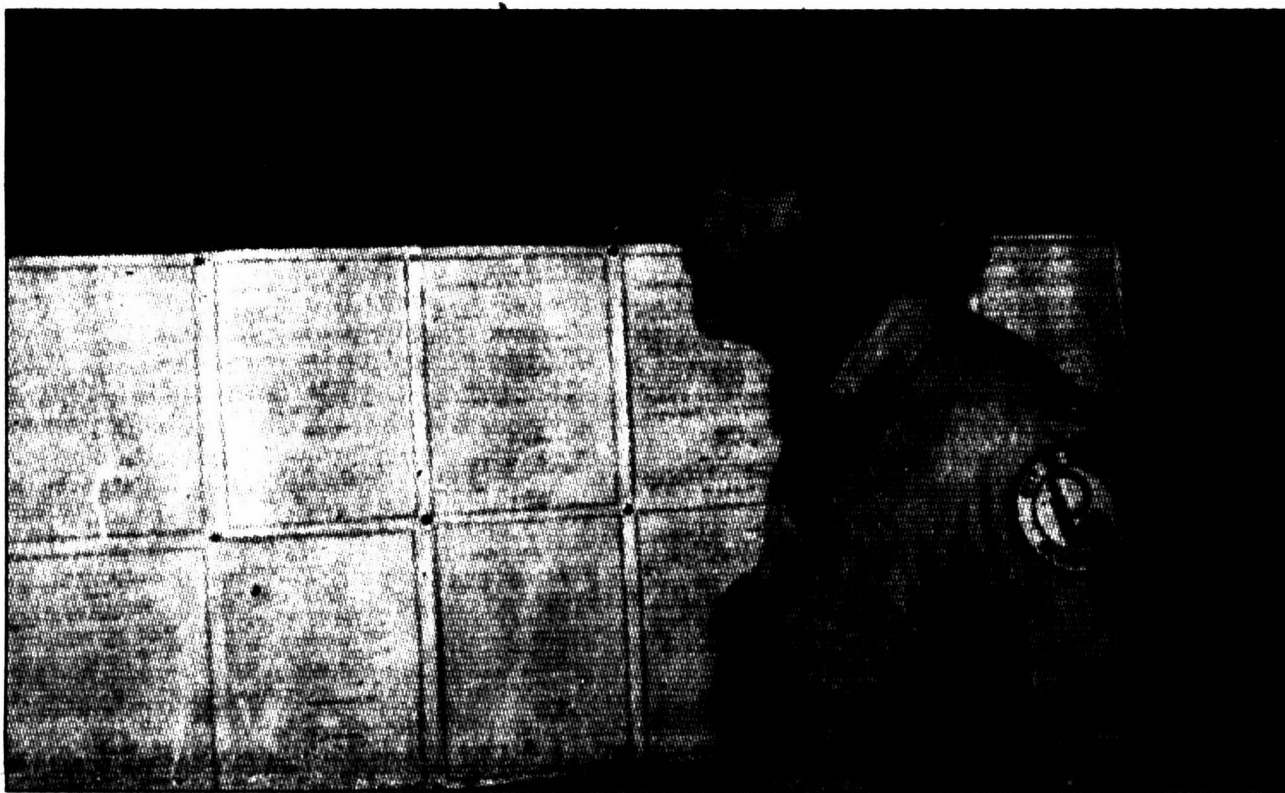
Offices located in the courthouse were closed Thursday and Friday, and will be closed Monday. The office personnel packed up the office contents in the courthouse as the moving companies moved and then

unpacked them at the new temporary locations as they began organizing the offices they will occupy for the next 12-16 months during the restoration project.

County Judge Richard Peet said the moving project hit a snag early Friday when the courthouse elevator broke down. He said later Friday morning that the elevator was repaired and working at that time.

Moving company personnel moved furniture, boxes, file cabinets and countless other office contents. Representatives from shelving companies dismantled shelving units which their companies had originally installed in the courthouse building. The workers then moved the shelving and installed the shelves to house the countless heavy books

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(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)  
Danny Kohler stops to read the legal notices on the newly-hung bulletin board in the Gray County Sheriff's Office. All notices required to be posted in a public location will be on the bulletin board at the local sheriff's office during the courthouse restoration project.

## McLean ISD eyes loan for \$500,000

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

McLEAN — Rural school districts across the Texas Panhandle are experiencing financial pains, and McLean Independent School District (ISD) is no exception.

McLean ISD trustees are considering borrowing up to \$500,000 to get through the current budget year which ends on Sept. 30. McLean Superintendent John Griffin said the budget shortfall was caused because of the shortage in income during the 1999-2000 school year.

"Our school district is not broke," said Griffin. "We're not fixing to shut the school down."

McLean ISD trustees explained to the approximately 25 people appearing at a meeting last week that MISD is establishing a \$500,000 line of credit with the Bank of Commerce in McLean.

"I don't think we'll need the full amount, but we'll have it available if we do," said Griffin. "By doing it this way, our interest will be lower. If we don't need it all, we won't spend it."

School trustees will hold a special meeting Monday, July 16, to take action on the line of credit matter. Griffin said the board trustees will also work on the budget for the upcoming school year.

"Our budget is going down for next year," Griffin said emphatically.

Griffin said he expects the tax evaluation to go up considerably. Gray County Appraisal District Director Pat Bagley said the 1999 appraisal was \$97 million for the McLean ISD. He said while the new appraisals are not completed for the upcoming year he esti-

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(Special photo by Jerry Heasley)  
John Schueneman of Madisonville, brings his steer down for the best time in the steer wrestling competition Friday night — 4.9 seconds. For results of Friday night's performance, see Page 2.

## Sunday Snapshot



Name: Suzzie Sawyer.  
Occupation/activities: LVN.

Birth date and place: Angleton, Texas.

Family: Barney, Bradley, Sarah.

If I had a different job, I'd be: Rich and famous.

My personal hero: God.

The best advice I ever got was: Be honest, have faith in God.

People who knew me in high school thought: Crazy.

The best word or words to describe me: Loud.

People will remember me as being: Sincere.

The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: Gene Hackman, Jack Nicholson, Shawn Connery, Mel Gibson.

My hobbies are: Fishing.

My favorite sports team is: The winners.

The last book I read was: The Bible.

My favorite possession is: My family.

The biggest honor I've ever received

is: Becoming a nurse.

My favorite performer is: Jack Nicholson.

I wish I knew how to: Play a musical instrument.

My trademark cliché or expression is: Yee-haw.

My worst habit is: Smoking.

I would never: Be mean to anyone on purpose.

The last good movie I saw was: "Men of Honor."

I stay home to watch: I don't have time for TV.

Nobody knows: My secrets.

I drive a: Toyota four-runner.

Someday I want to drive a: PT Cruiser.

My favorite junk food is: Chocolate.

My favorite beverage: Dr. Pepper.

My favorite restaurant is: Scott's Oyster Bar.

My favorite pet: Pixie and Goober, my

dogs.

My favorite meal is: Seafood, all kinds.

I wish I could sing like: Reba McEntyre.

I'm happiest when I'm: At home with my family.

I regret: Not going to RN school.

I'm tired of: Politics.

I have a phobia about: Nothing.

The electrical device I couldn't live without is: Washer and dryer.

My most embarrassing moment: To many to name.

The biggest waste of time is: Sunbathing.

If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: I would have a horse ranch.

If I had three wishes they would be: 1) World peace; 2) my children to be successful; 3) three more wishes.

If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: Be more positive.

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**BRANCH, Houston** — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

## Obituaries

### HOUSTON BRANCH

Houston Branch, 88, of Pampa, died Friday, July 13, 2001, at Lubbock. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel with Glen Walton, minister of Bell Avenue Church of Christ in Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Branch was born June 22, 1913, at Goree, Texas. He married Lois Carr on April 6, 1939, at Megargel, Texas. He had been a Pampa resident since 1960 and worked for Mobil Oil Company as a production foreman, a drilling foreman and a completion foreman for a total of 35 years.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving as a master sergeant during World War II, and was a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by a son, Douglas E. Branch, in 1984.

Survivors include his wife, Lois, of the home; two sons, Glenn Branch of Amarillo and Mel Branch of Lubbock; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

## Police report

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

### Friday, July 13

Ricky Allen Basden, 22, no address listed, was arrested in the 1200 block of East Harvester on outstanding warrants.

James Thomas Weatherly, 78, no address listed, was arrested in the 2000 block of Coffee for disorderly conduct - language and gestures.

## Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

### Saturday, July 14

Russell A. Wilson, 55, 2108 Alcock, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

## Corrections

A caption beneath a photograph on page 10 of the Wednesday edition incorrectly identified one of the people. The person in the center of the photograph is Ashley Winton, Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen 2000.

In a July 12 article regarding the Gray County Appraisal District's 2002 proposed budget, Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley was incorrectly quoted as saying taxing entities could "disprove" the proposed budget. The correct term is "disapprove."

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## MOVE

Building, 408 W. Kingsmill; the former Southwestern Public Service Building, 315 Ballard; and the Lovett Building (former Nurses Dorm) at 1146 N. Hobart.

County Courthouse offices will be located at the following locations:

### Hughes Building

Justice of the Peace Precinct One and County Tax Assessor/Collector, First Floor Annex;

County Auditor, County Treasurer, and District Clerk, second floor.

District Judge and District Courtroom, fourth floor.

### Former SPS Building

County Judge, County Clerk, County Attorney and Commissioners Court

### Lovett Building

Adult Probation, Juvenile Probation, Constable Precinct One, Constable Precinct Two, and Justice of the Peace Precinct Two.

### Combs-Worley Building

District Attorney offices, fourth floor

Commissioners Court designated the Gray County Sheriff's Office as the location for the legal notices to be placed during the restoration project. The legal notice bulletin board is located on the north wall of the sheriff's office foyer for the public to view.

The county commission also designated the sheriff's office as the official location of sheriff sales during the time the courthouse building is vacated.

The offices will maintain the same telephone numbers. All offices are scheduled to reopen on Tuesday at their new locations.

## People in the news ...

**PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Britney Spears** wants everyone to know she's not a little girl anymore.

That's the message in her third album, due out Nov. 6, and her live concert special from the MGM Grand in Las Vegas airing Nov. 18 on HBO.

"I really want this to be shocking and edgier," Spears said Friday at the Television Critics Association summer gathering. "This show will be an event. It's going to be to the next level as far as stunts."

The show will include Spears in a duet with her idol Cher on "The Beat Goes On," the old Sonny and Cher hit.

"I want to do things that people have never seen before," said Spears, 19, wearing a clingy purple mini dress. "I don't want to be considered a role model."

Spears has mentioned in magazine articles that she enjoys an occasional drink, even though she is under the legal age of 21.

"I like to celebrate when something comes up," she said, "but I do everything with balance. One drink here or one drink there is fine. I'm growing up. I'm not a little girl anymore. But I never overdo anything. I can't afford to do that."

**JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) —** At first, 13-year-old Cody Clawson didn't recognize the pilot of the rescue helicopter picking him up after a night alone in secluded forest in northwest Wyoming.

It was **Harrison Ford**, who volunteered his helicopter and services to help find Clawson.

"He said, 'Morning,'" Clawson recalled. Ford gave him a handshake and a hug later, he said.

The Huntsville, Utah, boy was rescued Tuesday in a remote area of Targhee National Forest, about 10 miles from a Boy Scout camp he was attending, after wandering off a trail the previous day.

"I just took a wrong turn, I guess, and followed the path and it ended," Clawson said in an interview on CBS' "The Early Show" on Thursday.

He spent the night alone under a rock outcropping.

"I looked for someplace to either build a shelter or find a small cave or something," Clawson said. "I couldn't really find anything to start with, so I had to build it, but it didn't work out so well."

Ford helped search in his helicopter and found the cold, tired and hungry boy in an open area.

Ford is a part-time resident of Jackson, which is about 40 miles south of Yellowstone.

**PHOENIX (AP) — Gov. Jane Hull** had plastic surgery done around her eyes while on vacation three weeks ago, her office said.

The outpatient procedure she chose, a lower blepharoplasty, is a common operation to tighten up droopy eyelids.

Hull, 65, is looking and feeling fine after the operation, the only time she has had plastic surgery, said Hull spokeswoman Francie Noyes. The governor has yet to make a public appearance since.

## Rodeo winding up for 2001

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association has announced results of last night's performance of the Top O' Texas PRCA Rodeo held at the rodeo arena here in Pampa. The results are as follows:

**BAREBACK RIDING.** No qualifying rides.

**SADDLE BRONC RIDING.** B.J. Arnold, Chatfield, first place, 62 pts.

**STEER WRESTLING.** Shawn Smith, Cheyenne, Okla., first place, 4.7 seconds; John Schueneman, Madisonville, second place, 4.9 seconds; Brent Arnold, Coleman, and Sam Koenig, Cross Plains, third place tie, 5.0 seconds; Clay Sciba, Victoria, fifth place, 5.7 seconds; Rowdy Powell, Abernathy, sixth place, 5.8 seconds; Jim Bob Clayman, Georgetown, seventh place, 6.4 seconds; Daniel Adams, Weatherford, Okla., eighth place, 14.1 seconds; Scot Quick, Lubbock, ninth place, 17.0 seconds.

**MUTTON BUSTING.** Krysten Miller, Pampa, first place; Tyler Ramm, Pampa, second place; Jacob Garrett, Midland, third place.

**CALF ROPING.** Matt Carlson, Sweetwater, Okla., first place, 10.0 seconds; Ty Massey, Lookeba, Okla., and Raymond Hollabaugh,

Stamford, second place tie, 10.6 seconds; Sonny Victor, Idabel, Okla., fourth place, 11.5 seconds; Coby Sonnier, Boling, fifth place, 11.9 seconds; Gail Turner, Elgin, Okla., sixth place, 16.2 seconds; Bailey Moore, Mount Vernon, Mo., seventh place, 19.1 seconds; Blake Lauer, Buffalo, Okla., eighth place, 20.1 seconds.

**DOUBLE MUGGING.** Will Daniel, Zack Cobb, Curtis Pritchett, first place, 24.35 seconds; Rob Smets, Pecos Haggler, Randy Stalls, second place, 38.81 seconds; Joel Proal, Roy Creacy, Jimmie Joe Mitchell, third place, 43.46 seconds; Dakota Parish, Danny Ogle, Hank Douglas, fourth place, 44.99 seconds; Frank Newsome, Shawn Sanders, Randy Stalls, fifth place, 49.20 seconds.

**BARREL RACE.** Brandy Wilson, Santana, Kan., first place, 16.80 seconds; Tyra Kane, Canyon, second place, 17.21 seconds; Regina Lewis, Hereford third place, 17.42 seconds; Tiffani Sonnier, Boling, fourth place, 17.65 seconds; Debbie Pate, Hugoton, Kan., fifth place, 17.74 seconds; Gene Ann Dreyer, Dumas, sixth place, 18.69 seconds.

**BULL RIDING.** Chad Costillo, Cedar Point, and Brandon Strelczyk, Edna, first place tie, 70 pts.

## Texas Round up ...

### Sports authority chairman said mediation resolved major disputes with the Rockets

**HOUSTON (AP) —** An agreement between the Houston Rockets and the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority on Friday ends a disagreement over who would manage construction of the planned downtown arena.

The dispute stemmed from the Sport Authority's selection of Hunt Construction Co. as construction manager. The Rockets, concerned about cost overruns, wanted the job to go to Clark Contractors, the lowest bidder at \$16.4 million. Hunt's bid was \$19.1 million.

Hunt remain as the contractor and the Rockets were assured that low bidders would be used during construction, unless both sides agreed otherwise.

Both sides also defined the role of Gerald Hines, a developer who will act as the Rockets' watchdog during the construction and look for potential overruns.

The agreement, reached tentatively by both sides July 3, came after mediation by former state District Judge Alvin Zimmerman.

Approval of the settlement by the authority's board of directors was required before it could be completed. After the vote, both sides downplayed the battle.

### San Antonio's beloved base officially closes

**SAN ANTONIO (AP) —** The Kelly Air Force Base flag was lowered for the last time Friday and the base became history, 85 years after it opened in the height of World War I.

Military officials formally posted the base closing order during a sentimental ceremony. A 21-gun cannon salute rang out.

Throughout the event were flyovers by F-16 and T-38 formations and by a single C-5, all aircraft maintained in whole or part at Kelly.

Brig. Gen. Robert M. Murdock, the final commander of the Air Logistics Center at Kelly, praised base employees, saying the quality of their work remained high until the end.

Belinda Lopez, whose husband Felix Lopez III worked at Kelly before transferring to Tinker Air Force Base in Midwest City, Okla., last year, said seeing the C-5 overhead brought back lots of memories for her family.

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## LOAN

mated the appraisal value would be \$118.7 million.

He added that oil and gas values are up substantially in the area.

Griffin said the board discussed the upcoming year's budget during Tuesday night's meeting as well as approving the financial reports.

The board filled a vacant computer science teacher position and a half time science teacher and counselor position.

Board members approved placing the national motto in the school classrooms.

## Crime prevention

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## Weather focus

**PAMPA —** Sunday, partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs near 94. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night, mostly cloudy with a less than 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 67. Monday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the middle to upper 90s. Tuesday through Thursday, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the upper 90s to around 100.

**STATEWIDE —** Thunderstorms are expected to

move into most parts of Texas on Sunday, bringing slightly cooler temperatures to some parts of the state.

North Texas was to have a 50-percent chance of thunderstorms with high temperatures in the low 90s.

Partly cloudy skies were forecast for the Texas Panhandle, South Plains and the Permian Basin areas with a chance of thunderstorms. Temperatures should range from the mid-80s to the mid-90s in the Panhandle and South Plains. In the Permian Basin, temperatures were to range from the 90s to near the

century mark. Far West Texas was to be mostly sunny with highs near 101. A chance of thunderstorms was expected Sunday afternoon.

South Texas should have partly cloudy skies and a slight chance of afternoon showers or thunderstorms. The highs were expected to range from 95 to 97 in eastern sections and 98 to 102 elsewhere.

On Friday, skies ranged from sunny to partly sunny over South Texas. Temperature extremes, were 104 at Laughlin Air Force Base and 82 at Port Aransas.

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By DEE DEE L Staff Writer

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Station locations directly impact insurance ratings. Commissioners received a letter from Insurance Services Office, Inc. which sets ISO ratings. Written in August 1997 to former Fire Chief Claudie Phillips, the letter states that "Based on our presently adopted Fire Suppression Rating Schedule, the City of Pampa definitely requires two fire stations in service to adequately satisfy first due response distances."

Another factor to be considered would be the availability of land for a central location and cost of building a new fire station.

"You and I know that the only reason to do this is to reduce personnel," Eskridge said. "In my opinion, I'd rather keep those people in a dual role and take over the responsibility of the ambulance service."

"The response times didn't look severe enough to me to warrant a \$2 million building," Commissioner Jeff Andrews said, also pointing out that whenever the city has cut personnel it has been through attrition, rather than laying off employees.

Commissioner Bob Dixon asked about the ISO rating for Canyon where they have a volunteer fire department with some paid staff. Powell said their rating is 2. Borger's ISO is 5, she said, adding that the city has one station and paid staff.

"If we are to get in control of our budget, fire and police are not exempt," Eskridge said. "When you cut back on personnel, you cut back on ser-

vices.

The city manager emphasized that he needed commissioners to give him strong guidance.

"This is really a policy decision," he told commissioners. "What are you willing to pay for? If I have to bring you a balanced budget, I've got to do something to make it that way."

Eskridge said although sales tax figures have increased somewhat, most of the other city revenues were less than estimated. He said this year's revenues are expected to be even less. Expenses, on the other hand, are rising.

City officials had just received a quote on health insurance for city employees that showed a 50 percent increase. In addition, the city must now pay more for water services through the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA), Eskridge added.

"I hope people realize it's a revenue problem, not a spending problem," Eskridge said.

"What do you want me to do? Do you want me to bring you a balanced budget?"

"I believe it's going to be so far out of whack, bring us a budget and bring me some options to make it that way," Andrews said.

Other commissioners also indicated they wanted Eskridge to offer different options for balancing the budget.

Commissioners agreed to meet for another budget work session at 4 p.m., Monday, Aug. 23.

"Don't you think we should set aside three hours? This just wasn't enough time," Dixon said. "If we get finished before three hours, then fine, but I think we should set aside three hours."

## No new rabies reports

### Animal control officials hope outbreak ends

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

No new rabies cases have been reported in Pampa and Gray County since June 26, and local authorities are hoping there are no more reported cases.

During a four-month period, 15 cases of rabid skunks have been confirmed in the city and county. Between March 23 and June 25 the 15 skunks have been located in all areas of Pampa and in the county.

During the June, five striped skunks tested positive for the viral disease.

One skunk was found dead in a yard and had sprayed the dogs before being killed, according to a report issued by the Texas Department of Health Friday.

The report stated another skunk entered a business during the morning and was oblivious to the people inside. Pampa Animal Control had to remove the animal. The third skunk walked up to

the front porch of a house and the homeowner shot it. In another incident, animal control was also called to pick up a skunk that was walking down a residential street. The last report involved a skunk that entered a yard where two dogs were barking at it. The homeowner shot that skunk.

There were no human exposures, said Dr. James Alexander, DVM. He said two dogs were exposed and both were euthanized.

During 2000 a bobcat was the only animal testing positive for the disease.

In Wheeler County, two skunks and one raccoon have tested positive in 2001. One skunk was located in a rural area east of Kellerville while another was found west of Shamrock.

The raccoon was found in a rural area southwest of Shamrock.

The skunk located west of Shamrock appeared to be dead in the corner of a dog's run. The

skunk moved when the dog owner tried to remove it with a shovel from the area. The owner then shot the skunk and took it to the veterinary clinic.

One dog was probably exposed and three others that were penned nearby were possibly exposed. Two of the dogs were euthanized and the remaining two are undergoing the appropriate post-exposure prophylaxis.

No human exposures have been reported in Wheeler County.

The last two incidents occurred on May 30 and June 15. On May 30 a man walking his dog notified his neighbor that there was a skunk sitting under his car. When the animal staggered out from under the car, the man shot it.

A skunk entered a family's backyard on June 15 and would not leave. The homeowner shot the skunk and requested the animal be tested for rabies.

For more information, call Animal Control at 669-5775.

## Miami voters to decide \$500,000 bond issue Aug. 25

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Staff Writer

MIAMI — On Aug. 25, Miami voters will decide on a \$500,000 bond issue to fund capital improvements for the school district.

Miami Independent School District (ISD) school board Monday unanimously voted to hold a \$500,000 bond election on Aug. 25. Early voting begins Aug. 8 and continues through Aug. 21, school officials said today.

If passed, the \$500,000 will be

paid out over a 5-year period, said Allan Dinsmore, school superintendent. The funds will be used to pay for capital improvements, classroom equipment, and a school bus and two Suburbans for student transportation.

The school board members who were present at the meeting voted unanimously to hold the bond election.

Two trustees, Diane Wheeler and Pat Purse, were absent from the meeting, one because of illness and the other was attending a school-related conference,

Dinsmore said.

"They all thought it was a worthwhile endeavor to pursue," he said of the board's decision. "The hardest thing now will be to explain to the public, 'it will save you money.'"

"In most places when you have a bond election, taxes go up. In this case, taxes would go down," he added.

Dinsmore has explained that by using revenue bonds instead of tax dollars to fund the improvements and purchases, the school district would avoid the state's "recapture" and tax-

payers would pay "dollar for dollar" rather than paying \$1.50 in taxes for \$1 worth of improvement to the school district.

If passed, the school district's interest and sinking fund tax would increase by about 4 cents. Maintenance and operating tax would drop approximately 10 cents, he said.

Miami ISD officials proposed issuing bonds to fund needed improvements and major purchases for the school as a way to avoid paying more to the state.

If the school district were to increase taxes to pay for the

improvements, the district would have to send approximately half of the additional revenue to the state as required by law.

In addition to purchasing school vehicles, the proposed renovations to be funded include appliances for the home economics department, classroom furniture, improvements in the science and technology program,

resurfacing the track field, sanding and refinishing the gym floor and additional insulation for the school buildings.

Doug Witt of Southwest Securities, a representative of the bonding agency, attended the meeting to answer questions from the public and the board.

No one from the public attended the meeting or spoke during the audience request period.

## Miami school board reviews '02 budget

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Staff Writer

MIAMI — Miami Independent School District board members reviewed a \$3.7 million budget for the 2001-2002 school year at their July meeting this week.

"It's a smaller budget than the current year," said School Superintendent Allan Dinsmore, explaining that although the current year's budget is \$3.5 million, the actual amount spent on maintenance of, and operations for, the district will be less.

"We will send \$280,000 more than last year to Austin," Dinsmore said.

He explained that higher property values and lower student enrollments account for the higher amount recaptured by the state which will then be sent to poorer school districts.

"It's a bare bones budget," Dinsmore added. "Mostly it covers the costs of teaching supplies, administration and we're expecting higher utility expenses."

The budget also includes state-mandated step increases in

teacher pay, he said, adding that Miami ISD will keep the same number of staff.

Board members accepted the resignation of two teachers at the meeting. Marc Christi, band director, resigned to accept a position at Tulia ISD. Charlita King, English teacher and girl's basketball coach, has also resigned.

Dinsmore said he hopes to have both positions filled by the time school starts in August.

In addition, the board approved an 11-month contract with Jimmie Glenn, agriculture teacher.

A motion was passed to set a minimum bid of \$4,500 and to advertise for bids for a 1990 Dodge extended cab pickup to be sold by the school district. The pickup, formerly used by the agriculture classes, has been replaced with a newer model. The truck's list price is \$6,100, Dinsmore said.

"If somebody needs a good old truck, this is it," he commented.

Board members discussed training opportunities. Pat Purse and Brett Hall attended a summer leadership institute in San Antonio, sponsored by the Texas

Association of School Boards. Tom Grantham is scheduled to attend a seminar on recent legislation that applies to school districts, July 20 and 21. Board President Troy Manley and Tom Grantham plan to go to the state convention, Sept. 21-24, at Dallas.

Dinsmore reported that a request has been sent to Texas Education Agency to designate an area north of the Miami school complex as a hazardous bus route. Students living north of the railroad tracks must cross four sets of tracks to get to school, he said.

Bradley & Stephanie Braddock of Amarillo would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Brianna Faith Braddock.

She was born in Amarillo on June 9, 2001 and was 18 3/4 inches long.

Proud Grandparents, Great Grandparents, and Great Great Grandparents are: Mary and Wayne Cole of Clarendon, Jim & Sharon Braddock of Pampa, Wayne & Sharon Miller of Childress, Doris & Ester Ann of Childress, Dorothy Sims of Clarendon, Bertha Andrews of Childress, Betty Collins of Amarillo, and Mr. & Mrs. Raemon Cole of Earth.

Special thanks to the birth family for sharing a child with us so that we may have a family through the miracle of adoption. May God Bless You Always.



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## Texas Editorials

## By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas: Longview News Journal on Texas tag fees benefit arts: The East Texas area is bustling with activities such as the Texas Shakespeare Festival at Kilgore College, the Great Texas Balloon Race, productions by the Longview Community Theatre and the recent Longview Opera, Symphony and Ballet annual productions to name a few. These are the events that enrich our lives by providing a diversity of quality entertainment.

These activities don't come cheap. It takes a lot of work to raise the funding to put on these productions. And it takes a lot of volunteer work. Just ask any of the organizers of AlleyFest or the Balloon Race. Hundreds of people work behind the scenes to make these events happen.

Unfortunately, Texas has an abysmal record when it comes to funding the arts. The state's contribution comes to a measly 18 cents per resident and makes the state dead last among the 50 states and six U.S. territories. The national median for state funding is \$1.12 per person.

Local arts groups get a small amount of funding that comes back to the city of Longview from hotel/motel taxes. It's never enough. Such groups rely heavily on donations, support foundations and a few grants.

The Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) the state agency responsible for arts education, arts funding, cultural tourism and other community assistance and services for the arts has not been properly funded by the Legislature since its inception in 1965. It needs roughly \$200 million in a trust fund in order to develop a program that would fund arts organizations in Texas. Our lawmakers just can't seem to work that into the states budget, especially now.

But thanks to supporters of the arts who buy the special State of the Arts license plates, the Arts Commission has an additional \$1 million to put into its grants budget for fiscal year 2002. The additional dollars will help the TCA fund 563 direct grants next year, or 98 percent of the eligible applications from artists and arts organizations in 115 cities throughout the state. The total grants distributed by the TCA will exceed \$4.6 million for the year, which represents a 30 percent increase over the past year.

The concept is simple. People who support the arts can buy the special State of the Arts license plate, and the additional proceeds go to the TCA. What's even better is that this plate design is one of the best-looking Texas tags offered. Perhaps that's why more of these are sold than all university alumni plates combined.

The license plate resembles the Texas state flag with a white star embedded in a blue background, the word "Texas" and the five-character license plate number in the white stripe, and "State of the Arts" written across the bottom in the red stripe.

From folk festivals to the arts in schools and cultural tourism programs, Texas offers a wide variety of activities, including visual and literary arts, film and multimedia, music, dance and theater. It's nice to know that we can help enrich these programs by buying the State of the Arts license plates that proclaim our support.

## From our files

## 40 years ago

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 1961. Three top officials of the Cabot Corp. from Boston will be in Pampa this week on an inspection tour of Cabot properties in the Pampa area.

MONDAY, JULY 17, 1961. The Pampa Colts romped over the Laverne, Okla., Oilers 22 to 1 Sunday in a game that was called in the seventh inning shortly after the visitors' third baseman broke his right ankle in a fielding try at a pop fly.

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 1961. George Newberry, manager of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Pampa, today accepted appointment as chairman for the Pampa-Lefors United Fund drive in October.

## 25 years ago

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1976. Although the estimated appraised values of Gray County taxable property is up almost \$7 million over 1975, the commissioners court voted Wednesday to leave the tax rate the same — \$1.25 per \$100 valuation.

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 1976. Sam Line, who will enter Northwest Texas Hospital School of Nursing this fall, became the first recipient of the Highland General Hospital Auxiliary scholarship for students in nursing.

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 1976. Gray County utilized \$239,805 in revenue sharing funds from July 1, 1975, through June 30, 1976, according to the actual use report filed by County Judge Don Cain.

## 10 years ago

MONDAY, JULY 15, 1991. Following recommendations from the Pampa Industrial Foundation and Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, the Texas Board of Criminal Justice voted late Friday to name the new minimum security prison currently under construction here the Rufe Jordan Unit.

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1991. Gray County Commissioners Court on Monday discussed the sale of delinquent tax property among taxing entities in an attempt to establish a policy for such sales.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 1991. More than 40 percent of Pampa High School 10th graders scored below the national average in reading on a standard test measuring ability and knowledge and 36 percent showed deficiency in mathematics, school administrators revealed during a trustees meeting Tuesday night at Carver Center.

## So ... I flunked pigspeak

I flunked pigspeak.

So beat me.

I didn't realize that 3,700 sows from farrow to finish translates into as many as 50,000 hogs at one time if they are shipping out at 250 pounds. That's how the news release from National Pig Development (USA) and the Pampa Economic Development Commission read — 3,700 sows from farrow to finish.

I couldn't figure out if I was that slow-witted, or if I'd been hoodwinked — or if maybe we had been hoodwinked. Never for the life of me did I think 50,000.

But I feel better now. If I was that dumb, I'm in good company because I've had contact with a number of folks who failed pigspeak, too.

After Tuesday night's public meeting I wrote 3,700 sows from farrow to finish on a piece of paper and asked people around the office what it meant. Some were sharper than I at saying farrow means baby or young pig but none I quizzed realized the implication — 50,000 pigs.

And frankly, I don't think I/we would know even now that the maximum pig count NPD wants to seek a permit for is 50,000.

Or should I say, I don't think we'd know today if not for Kathleen Greene's persistent questioning of NPD officials during the meeting. She's the wife of County Commissioner Jim Greene.

I recall when she asked just how many animals the permit will seek there was no prompt response from the pig men. You could feel the tension in the room. She asked it at least one more time before she got the answer — 50,000.



Kate B. Dickson

associate publisher/editor

When I followed up with a question, one of the two primary spokesmen said there was no intention to mislead anyone about the number of pigs.

I hope not. But, frankly, I'll never be sure. I'm skeptical like that. And anyway, with their PR firm and all of that, someone should have known how to make the bottom line understandable to those with limited pig knowledge.

Why didn't the pig people or the PEDC officials just come out and say, "Folks, we're talking about as many as 50,000 pigs?"

Fourteen citizens who took to the microphone Tuesday night are against the pig farm, seven who spoke are for it. In all, there were about 160 people there.

Some expressed worries that if this pig farm goes in more will likely follow. It's sorta like that movie line, "build it and they will come."

I think if NPD gets its permit it'll be only the first of more pig farms to come. If it doesn't get a permit, somebody else is sure to sooner or later. Most likely sooner.

All one has to do is look at the development of pig farming in the panhandle over the past

## A certificate of amnesty and pardon

A measure of accommodation is accorded children because they are not adults and thus not to be held to the same accountability standards. But should that same accommodation be accorded to a race of people?

In the March 2001 edition of The American Enterprise magazine, there's an article titled "The Soft Bigotry of Double Standards." Author Jonah Goldberg's first observation is: "Here's one thing we learned from the post-election Florida fiasco: Black 'leaders' can say anything, and the mainstream press will take it seriously."

Jesse Jackson said, "This is a replay of Selma all over again." He yelled that "Holocaust survivors have been disenfranchised." Jackson spoke of the "blood of blacks and Jews." Not one mainstream news media outlet challenged Jackson to substantiate his claims either at the time of the Florida recount or since. In the midst of the Florida fiasco, despite Jackson's ranting, New York Times correspondent Lynette Holloway wrote, "Mr. Jackson has been careful not to be inflammatory."

Goldberg says that not one of Jackson's allegations — about blocked polling places, "targeted" blacks and Jews, harassed immigrants — was ever brought before an actual judge.

Why? Because they're all lies. Ask yourself whether it is in any way conceivable that a prominent white conservative could invent lies about blacks and stir up white anger without a major investigation and attack



Walter Williams

Syndicated columnist

launched by the mainstream press?

Some years ago, Al Sharpton tried to frame innocent men for a non-existent crime (the Tawana Brawley affair), ruining the lives of the accused. Goldberg says that, despite this, Sharpton is "treated like Gandhi with a Jerri-curl by many reporters because he's the 'authentic voice' of a 'disenfranchised' constituency."

During the presidential campaign, the NAACP ran despicable ads suggesting that then-Gov. George Bush favored the racist murder of James Byrd Jr., a Texas black man. The ad ignored the fact that Byrd's murderers had been sentenced to death. Only Fox News questioned the propriety of NAACP ads.

Peter Jennings of ABC News, suggesting that maybe Gen. Colin Powell was a GOP Uncle Tom, asked, "Do you ever feel that maybe this is the professional wing of the party trying to use you?" For white liberals, and unfortunately too many blacks, black people such as Secretary of State Colin Powell and National Security

10 years. The magnitude just hasn't dawned on many of us because the farms haven't come to our back yards.

But Rep. David Swinford of Dumas had some telling statistics the other night. He said in 1991 the 26-county panhandle produced 10 percent of the pork raised in Texas. And today? That number is 85 percent.

Folks, the pig train has left the station. Like it or not it's chugging right along and heading for Gray County.

(As always, we welcome Letters to the Editor on this or any subject. The deadline is noon each Wednesday for publication the following Sunday. All must be signed and include a phone number for verification purposes. Also, my e-mail isn't working right now, so if you e-mail me anything send it to deede@pan-tex.net)

This is for those of you who read my column about the Arkansas alligator. I wrote that I had no clue why anyone in Eastern Arkansas would want to bring in Louisiana alligators.

Now I know.

My friend Christie, who told me the story to begin with, said it was all due to the high number of beaver in the area. This was in the early '70s I think. It seems the beaver were ... well, you know, busy. Busy damming up the drainage ditches thus causing farmers' fields to flood.

So, someone had the bright idea to start a crop of alligators in hopes they'd eat up all the beaver.

Don't ask me if it worked. I really don't know but if I had to take a guess I'd say not.

Advisor Condoleezza Rice — two eminently qualified Bush appointees — not to mention senior Bush Supreme Court appointee Justice Clarence Thomas, aren't sufficiently black. What might really bother white liberals is that Bush hasn't followed the tradition of appointing blacks to "black jobs."

"Unfortunately," Goldberg says, "it's almost impossible to exaggerate the degree to which the media have adopted the left-wing propaganda that (a) being black means being left-wing and (b) opposing left-wing blacks is racist." Much more racially insulting is the media elite's demeaning attitude toward black people by their failure to hold them accountable to the standards to which they hold whites.

I don't believe white liberals are racists in the sense that Klansmen and neo-Nazis are, but their paternalistic vision, preconception and attitudes are far more debilitating to black Americans than today's Klansmen and neo-Nazis. Black people know Klansmen and neo-Nazis are enemies, but liberals masquerade as trustworthy friends whose counsel is to be believed.

Since many white liberals are driven by guilt about slavery and discrimination, I've written a certificate of amnesty and pardon (available under gifts at: www.gmu.edu/departments/economics). My hope is that if white liberals can stop feeling guilty, they might stop behaving as fools in their relationship with black people.

## Today in history

## By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, July 15, the 196th day of 2001. There are 169 days left in the year.

## Today's Highlight in History:

On July 15, 1971, President Nixon announced he would visit the People's Republic of China.

## On this date:

In 1606, Dutch painter Rembrandt was born in Leiden, Netherlands.

In 1870, Georgia became the last Confederate state readmitted to the Union.

In 1916, Boeing Co., originally known as Pacific Aero Products, was founded in Seattle.

In 1948, President Truman was

nominated for another term of office by the Democratic national convention in Philadelphia.

In 1964, Sen. Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona was nominated for president by the Republican national convention in San Francisco.

In 1965, U.S. scientists displayed close-up photographs of the planet Mars taken by Mariner 4.

In 1976, a 36-hour kidnap ordeal began for 26 schoolchildren and their bus driver as they were abducted near Chowchilla, Calif., by three gunmen and imprisoned in an underground cell. (The captives escaped unharmed.)

In 1985, a gaunt-looking Rock Hudson appeared at a news confer-

ence with actress Doris Day (it was later revealed Hudson was suffering from AIDS).

In 1992, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton claimed the Democratic presidential nomination in New York.

In 1997, fashion designer Gianni Versace was shot dead outside his Miami home; suspected gunman Andrew Phillip Cunanan was found dead eight days later.

Ten years ago: Group of Seven leaders opened their 17th annual economic summit in London, plunging into debate over aid to the Soviet Union.

Five years ago: Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole tapped

New York congresswoman Susan Molinari to deliver the keynote address at the upcoming GOP convention. MSNBC, a 24-hour all-news network, made its debut on cable and the Internet.

One year ago: The United Nations launched a successful military operation to help 222 Indian peacekeepers and 11 military observers break out of a rebel stronghold in Sierra Leone. Lennox Lewis stopped Francois Botha at 2:39 of the second round to retain his WBC and IBF heavyweight titles in London. Former Rhode Island governor and longtime U.S. senator John O. Pastore died at age 93.

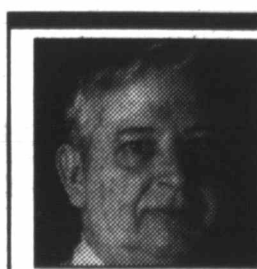
## Modest living should make a comeback

Summer reminds me of watermelon and peach ice cream made in an old White Mountain hand-cranker. In the days before air conditioning, ice-cold watermelon and ice cream were not only politically correct but widely enjoyed.

Another feature of summertime long ago were "dinners on the ground" on Sundays at the church. Some explanation is due our Northern brethren. In the South, we call lunch "dinner" and dinner "supper." And the on-the-ground part is somewhat figurative, because there were often tables set up on the lawn of the church grounds.

Southern women, in those days at least, were great cooks and not above being competitive. Knowing their dish was going to be laid next to those of other ladies, they would usually put their hearts into it. I'm not a gourmet, but I do indeed love old-fashioned Southern cooking. None of those undercooked, crispy veggies for me. I like my vegetables cooked well, with a piece of salt pork for flavoring. And it was well that a hard-hitting sermon preceded the feast, because the sin of gluttony was mighty, mighty alluring.

I'm not inviting you to a nostalgia trip. In fact, my purpose is to call attention to Robert Reich's latest point that, despite our prosperity, most Americans are working more and enjoying it less.



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

In those days (the 1940s), a man could support a family on one paycheck. That seems virtually impossible today, in part because young people have very high expectations. We were content to live modestly, without air-conditioning. Far from getting into a panic at the sight of mosquitoes, we just brushed 'em off and scratched the bites. Sometimes we would spray the house with a Gulf Oil Co. hand sprayer, creating no doubt a fine layer of DDT on everything. Because we're still kicking, I guess that it didn't hurt us.

We were not obsessed with health and appearance, nor did we have an urgent desire — which some of today's baby boomers seem to have — to be immortal. We all knew lots of people who had died or were maimed, and, with a world war going on, we accepted such matters stoically. I cannot imagine anybody sending "grief counselors" — whatever the

heck they are — into a school or town. We all learned how to grieve on our own, and we didn't need anybody's help.

In the South, when someone dies, it's usually the church folks who come over, bearing food. Folks may do that in other parts of the country, too, but I've never lived anywhere but in the South, so I don't know. It's a nice custom, but, of course, you've got to go to church to benefit.

There is another difference. The South has been called the last outpost of Christendom, and I think that's true. Southerners tend to take things personally — not only insults but also religion. Of course, with the onslaught of immigration and modern communications, a lot of these endearing traits of the South are vanishing.

But we all ought to think, instead of accepting the present as a permanent given, how we could live better, how we could spend more time with our families, how we could reduce our desires and stay out of debt, and how we could restore a sense of community.

We should not allow advertising and corporate greed to rule our lives and shape our communities. All of this material stuff, like everything else, will eventually pass away. It's not worth sacrificing a decent life to get it.



# Letters to the editor

## Gray Countians may end up in deep hog doo-doo

To the editor,  
First, I want to thank PEDC and NPD for having the open meeting. However, we were left with some fuzzy answers, and some people had some fuzzy ideas of what this specific operation would do for Pampa and Gray County.

The big question and concern should be: Is this the beginning of an onslaught of hog farms in Gray County? NPD must be expecting and planning for a market for their breeding stock, and there should be a large market in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles, western Oklahoma and parts of Kansas for their product.

NPD stated that they did not know if their operation would bring hog farms to Gray County. According to the Pampa News, the Seaboard Corp. is to start an 88,000 hog operation north of Borger.

Seaboard Corp. is owned by a group from Massachusetts. In Time Magazine, Nov. 30, 1998, vol. 152, No. 22, is an article that tells how Seaboard Corp. got the City of Albert Lea, Minn., in debt and then moved to Guymon, Okla., because Guymon had come up with an even larger corporate welfare package. This left the community of Albert Lea saddled with debt, high utility bills and an abandoned slaughterhouse.

People at the hearing who live close to NPD's proposed site, stated they had not been informed, and if the facility was built there, they would have to move, and their properties would become valueless.

One attendee said that it would improve the value of his home in Pampa and help the real estate market. Fact: Only five or six employees of NPD would command salaries large enough to purchase a home. The rest would be paid much lower wages about \$14,000 and up net per year. It doesn't take a college degree to feed, wash barns and shovel hog manure.

Another person stated that he thought the operation would be good to keep our young people here. I am sure our young people are not going to stay in Gray County to baby-sit pigs for \$14,000 net per year.

Yet another stated that it would be good for our schools, because the schools need more money. I really don't think this person had thought this out, as there was talk about giving tax abatement — no school or county taxes for NPD. In other towns, the influx of pig farms has placed a heavy strain on the school system and other services.

I hope we can find the right answers and stay out of deep hog doo-doo.

Dr. Louis W. Haydon  
Pampa

## National Pig Development: They should pay us!

To the editor,  
After attending the Tuesday meeting of the Pampa Economic Development Commission, National Pig Development (USA) and the people of Pampa, these are my thoughts:

I feel that NPD is the proverbial "foot in the door," and soon, there will be many, many more hog farms in Gray County. Even though this company states that they are only concerned with producing better hogs, it is a fact that, without hog farms, NPD would be out of business.

They want our climate, with its low humidity and low annual rainfall. There is less chance that the waste lagoons might overflow. This has happened on the East Coast, following heavy rains. I also recall that those thousands of acres of land damaged by the overflow could not be reclaimed for any purpose.

They want the pure, deep well water they will have out there in the country. The Lake Meredith mixture that the City of Pampa has to drink is not suitable for genetically superior hogs.

They want to utilize the Panhandle winds because these are so helpful to dry out the hog waste. They call this waste "effluent." What a lovely name for that stuff!

They like our schools, especially if they should be granted tax abatement (which means they won't have to pay any taxes.)

On the other hand, should other hog farms locate here, the people of Pampa will not be shown such kindness when it comes to paying for the problems this will bring.

Their million-plus payroll will leave Pampa in deficit on the deal by the time all is said and done. They should pay us!

Edna L. Haydon  
Pampa

## Citizen concerned no city attorney at Skellytown

To the editor,  
I, as a tax-paying citizen of the City of Skellytown would like to

voice my opinion in regards to some things I have observed at the city council meeting the past couple of months.

For some unknown reason, and no one has gotten a straight answer as to WHY the city is in operation without a city attorney. As I have heard, the old attorney resigned, but WHY? The question has been asked several times from different citizens but no answer has been given. The only response from the Mayor is she had gotten legal advice, but from whom. The Mayor said that she had received bad advice from the old attorney but would not explain or elaborate to what kind of bad advice it was.

The City Council voted on June 12, 2001, to advertise for a new attorney. On June 26, 2001, at a meeting, the Mayor stated there had been no advertisement done but could not and did not explain why. At this same meeting, the Mayor did have each council member read a legal document she had received from some attorney that none of the council members knew, or had approved. No real answer could be provided as to how or why an attorney that had not been hired by the council was giving legal advice.

At the June 12 meeting, the council voted on a verbal agreement on a special project that all felt would benefit all citizens of Skellytown. Two weeks after the fact and most of the project agreement had been finished, the council voted June 26 to have a legal agreement drawn up by an attorney to make sure all the aspects of the verbal agreement were followed. Questions were asked as to how they can have a legal agreement drawn up with no city attorney. Doesn't this sound as if someone put the cart before the horse, and how long will it take to hire a city attorney, much less get a legal agreement drawn up?

At this point and time, all the citizens have heard is she wants to run this city in the most legal way according to law for a city this size. Every meeting "I've talked to the attorney general" is the only response anyone is getting on anything that has been questioned. What kind of civil or criminal liability is hanging over this city's head with no city attorney, and no one to fall back on, no one to contact if a problem arises except in her words, the attorney general? And do you really think the attorney general will fight for this city if anything happens? All of us should wake up, smell the roses, one lawsuit on anything, and it is all over.

All of us live in this town and should be proud to be citizens of Skellytown. We need to get concerned, get involved and start getting answers of where this city is headed. What is really going on, what is the real agenda, and where will this city be in six months to a year? What will the outcome be from bad advice that none of us are aware of because we can't get any straight answers?

Let's all start attending the meetings, asking questions, getting answers and try to get this city headed in the right direction that we all would like to see it headed.

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## Pampa area becoming more rural every day

To the editor,  
I went to the PEDC information meeting at M.K. Brown on Tuesday. It was very informative. I am for economic growth. We live in a rural area and it's becoming more rural every day. We have lost 10,000 people in the last 15 years. Drive around and look at the empty houses and business buildings. I have been to so-called ghost towns with fewer empty buildings.

One of these buildings may belong to you (the reader) and you would like to sell, but under our decreasing population, that may be impossible. You may notice you still get a tax bill every year, and every year the city is trying to tear down some of these old buildings because people quit paying taxes and abandon them. You may value your house now, but if no one buys your house some day, you (or your heirs) will also abandon your house, because it has no value.

I empathize with these landowners in the area of the proposed hog farms. If I owned land in that area, I would do as they are doing. I would do everything I could stop it.

Saying all that, I also empathize with local business merchants who are going out of business because of a declining population.

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# Curanderos say their work is vital to many

By TONY VINDELL  
Valley Morning Star

HARLINGEN, Texas — Feel lovesick? Want to send an unwanted neighbor away? Conquer a fleeing heart, get rid of a bad omen or gain new friends? Perhaps you want to help a son or daughter kick a drug habit.

Happiness, health, fame and even wealth are also among the reasons people seek the advice of curanderos, or folk healers.

Their work, and the existence of yerberias — herb shops — are thriving traditions in the Rio Grande Valley.

They attract growing numbers of faithful from all ages and walks of life, despite the growing health-care industry and opposition from some religious denominations.

Some curanderos said the art of folk healing has more followers today than in years past, and they attribute that to population growth and to Hispanic culture.

The work of curanderos is as diverse as the reasons people seek them. While some of these folk healers like to distance themselves from black magic, the occult and other forms of witchcraft, others go beyond simply giving advice to perform spiritual cleansing rituals.

Regardless of the methods they use, curanderos often prescribe natural herbs, potions and candles for a particular treatment.

Curanderos and experts on the matter estimate that hundreds of folk healers offer their services either from their homes or from consulting offices around the Valley.

Operating hand-in-glove with curanderos, somewhere between 30 and 50 commercial yerberias conduct business in the Valley under names like El Indio, Esperanza, Los Tres Deseos, Mexicana, La Esfinge, Flor de Azahar, Santo Nio de Atoche and Azteca.

Most curanderos' offices have altars adorned with colorful flowers, paintings and portraits of Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary and statues of the folk healers whose techniques they use.

One of the newest yerberias/curanderias in Harlingen is San Carlos on North A Street. In one section of the small house is a waiting room where hundreds of items used for healing — shampoos, candles, perfume, charms, potion and pendants — are for sale.

In the back is another room where 34-year-old Oscar Garcia Jr., a self-proclaimed curandero, gives consultations, reads Tarot cards and advises people on how to cure their illness or solve their problem. Garcia, usually dressed in shorts and sandals, trades his casual wear for a white robe during consultation sessions.

A La Joya resident, Garcia said people have a misconception about what curanderismo means. "The spiritual life is a theme that is widely misunderstood," he said. "People come to us because we deal with them on a person-to-person basis. We don't act as if we were a god."

Garcia said he does not charge for his services, but accepts donations. However, he admits that some curanderos ask for large sums of money up front, a practice that has given the art of folk healing a bad name.

"Stories about people being swindled by curanderos are not uncommon. That has been one of the reasons why some curanderos have left their jobs for something else," Garcia said. But, he continued, there are good and there are bad curanderos.

"I learned the trade from my father, so I know what I am doing," Garcia said. "In fact, I started doing this when I was 17."

Garcia has a regular source of income from the production and sale of products commonly prescribed as part of the healing treatment.

He and his family, under the name of Pluma Blanca Products, make between 20 and 25 products that are

distributed throughout the region.

"Most of these things you see are made in our home in La Joya," he said. "We distribute them throughout the Valley and in northern Mexico."

An average of 35 counseling sessions are held each of the three days Garcia comes to Harlingen each week. Sometimes, he gets as many as 100 clients in one day.

Besides the sessions, some of the herbs, perfumes and candles that Garcia prescribes are sold right there. A candle sells for \$8 and a small bottle of perfume goes for \$3.25. The price for a small bag of herbs is \$1.25.

Garcia's clientele is predominantly Hispanic and from diverse backgrounds. People from as far as California and Las Vegas have walked into the small building seeking help, said Garcia's assistant, Ignacio Vega.

"About 96 percent of them are Hispanics," he said. "The rest are Anglos."

Vega said that on some Saturdays both the alley leading into the house and the consulting room overflow with customers.

Garcia said his mission is to advise people what to do, but he admits that some clients come in with problems that are beyond the scope of his work.

"I had a woman who came in asking me to help get a man she was crazy about. She even brought a picture of the man," Garcia said. "A while later, she came back saying that everything I told her to do did not work for her."

But what the woman did not tell him, Garcia said, was that the man was married with children.

Other curanderos said that most of their clients come seeking help because they want to be cured from unknown illnesses or because they are having personal, marital or work problems.

Dr. Tony Zavaleta, an anthropologist and vice president for external affairs at the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, said the

services curanderos provide are deeply steeped in tradition. "I think that what these people are doing is a tradition that goes back to ancient times," he said. "At one time, the church, the medical world and the supernatural were all the same thing."

But that is not the case today because working as folk healer has become a more discreet activity.

Zavaleta said religious leaders, some U.S. and world presidents, emperors and even the pope have used the services of folk healers, card readers and the like.

"But from my perspective, as an anthropologist, these people referred to as curanderos and curanderas are not into business but are providing a service to their cultural community," he said. "That doesn't make them good or bad, just people helping people."

As to the natural herbs curanderos prescribe, Zavaleta said that has been around since man put foot on the earth.

But when using herbal medicine the most important thing is to be cautious, Zavaleta said. If people are going to a folk healer and are being prescribed to take an herbal medicine and at the same time are taking another type of medicine, that could cause opposite results and cause fast problems.

Rita Weaver Rivera, owner and manager of Yerberia Santo Nio de Atoche in Harlingen, said that although she has been called a witch from time to time, she is not a curandera but a healer.

"I have been doing this for the good part of the past 16 years, and everything I do I do it in the name of God," she said. Weaver said that reading the cards has been part of her business. She also provides a service she referred to as a three-day cleansing.

The first visit includes a consultation and saying three Our Fathers and three Hail Marys.

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## LETTERS

I was disappointed because more people did not speak out FOR the new farm. Every merchant, restaurant owner, automobile salesman, food store, real estate agent — literally every business in town should have spoken in favor of the new business.

Anyone who wants to sell a house or would ever want to sell one or anyone who's in the rental business should have spoken up. Literally everyone in town will some day benefit from an increase in population.

I wonder if 60 or 70 years ago when the oil business was getting started, what would have happened to Pampa if everyone had been against all that population and "oil field trash" who moved in? Of course, then most of the ones who got rich were the landowners. A lot of people objected, to the smells at Celanese when they began production, but it sure smells like money today. Pampa could use a big boost in the economic sector, so maybe some people should rethink their positions.

Calvin Lacy  
Pampa

## We still have the right to have our say ...

To the editor,

The meeting put on by the PEDC on Tuesday the 10th, to inform the residents of Pampa of the proposed pig farm and address issues and concerns of the residents will be deemed a success by the PEDC I am sure.

But in my opinion, it was nothing but a political procedure necessary to accomplish what they want.

The NPD wants to locate here because we have what they want. This whole thing is about "What they want." They are not coming here to do us any favors. They can stand up there and say what ever they want, and we are supposed to take it as fact. The fact is they are going to say what you want to hear.

Keeping track of the folks that got up to have their say, there were far more people against this facility than there was for it.

Whenever CEOs, managers, etc., come down to talk with the work force, or the "little people," and tell them "What we are going to do for you," watch out. They are not going to do anything for you, unless it is for their benefit. And it will benefit them far more than you, if it actually ends up benefiting you at all. By the time you figure out you have been sold a bill of goods, it is too late. By the time the PEDC figures out that the NPD is out for the NPD and not here to help Pampa, it will be too late.

The NPD is very proud of their swine and that is good. But it sounded to me like they would take better care of their pigs than they would their employees. Someone they have convinced members of the PEDC that this would be an odorless pig farm. We are told that the people up north are happy with all their pig farms, and they don't smell. Well, members of the PEDC tell us this. If you talk to anyone else, this is not what you hear at all.

As far as bringing jobs to Pampa, we are all aware of the track record the PEDC has set for itself. Our dairies are not employing all of the people they said they would. They are buying a lot of their necessities elsewhere because they can get them cheaper elsewhere.

So now that the PEDC is all for this proposed pig farm, it makes one wonder if it is a good idea or not. Just whom is it going to benefit? Are there really that many of our kids that want to make a career cleaning up after swine? And it was brought out that the original 3,700 pigs from farrow to finish means there would in reality be 40,000 to 45,000 pigs on this facility.

The NPD says they will employ 45 people. Many of them will be managers, engineers, etc. From the list they put on the screen, there will be approximately eight to 10 working people to care for this 45,000 pigs. Sound's like a big job for the 7.50 per hour they are going to pay for their bottom line help. Do your kids what to do it? Wouldn't it be better to bring in a business that would employ more people in jobs a little more desirable?

The people who live out of town, right next door, or down wind of the proposed site have not even been taken into consideration. The city can put things out here by them without even asking them, but they can't vote for any of the issues in town.

It is hard to get real facts around here, because the people with the real facts are the same people you would be better off not to trust. So you talk with friends, relatives, and acquaintances,

and then draw your own conclusions.

The conclusion I have come to: This is going to be a big mistake for Pampa.

When I asked what could be done to stop this, I was told nothing. I hate to believe that. When Wal-Mart wanted to put a distribution center here, and the city fathers didn't want it, they stopped it. They said it would hurt the small businesses. It was a distribution center, not a store. Plainview has boomed since they went there.

I may not be able to do anything about this proposed facility, but it is a free country and we have the right to have our say.

Tom McCracken  
Pampa

## Stupidity is not something to be proud of ...

To the editor,  
Pampa, be advised!

As I have been slowly passing through my youth and even more slowly moving into my "old," I had just about concluded that few if anything could surprise me anymore. I got that hypothesis shattered this past Sunday, July 8, while driving south on Hobart Street.

As I passed the Freedom Museum USA and our Gray County Veterans Monument, I spotted something attached to one of the highline poles that caused me to nearly wreck my truck. After regaining control of the Dodge, I immediately circled the block to confirm what I perceived as a blatant desecration of our entire Veterans Park area. There on that highline pole was a rather juvenile computer generated poster stating "PEDC We're Watching."

It was unsigned, as cowards usually do, but they had taken obvious pains to make sure their trademark, the despised, un-American "Hammer and Sickle" was predominately displayed. Had someone told me there was a John Birch Chapter here in conservative small-town America, I would have probably believed it. However, the thought that Pampa, Texas, would have an active communist cell operating here was something that never crossed my mind.

Granted, it is probably just a very small group of malcontents, but for them to defile the very area that is commemorated to the men and women who have for years defended this nation, and for that matter the world, against the ravages of communism, was truly offensive to me.

They are obviously opposed to the free enterprise system as well as freedom and democracy, and have decided to make the PEDC one of their targets. Who or what will be next? Maybe local churches, our public school teachers or maybe some of our not all our freely elected officials? They must have visions of being Lien or Mao or Ho Chi Mien and hope to incite the "peasants" out here in the rural areas to rise up against the insidious "good ole boys" who control everything of value.

As they slither around on their bellies under the cover of darkness, I rather doubt that I will ever get the chance to confront them eye-to-eye; however, I sincerely hope those of you who love this nation like the veteran community does will keep a sharp eye out for these misfits. If you get a license tag number or a car make or better yet a good identification, please contact me.

I know bringing them out into the light of day is the last thing these long-haired, dope smoking, self-styled dictators of the 1970s want. Obviously there is no backbone within their cowardly group or they won't continue to crawl around at night desecrating the very areas dedicated to the freedoms we all hold very dearly.

If you see any of these adolescent posters attached to "anything," please take the time to tear them down and use them to line the bottom of your birdcage. Freedom is something to be nurtured, cherished and defended: Stupidity is nothing to be proud of.

John L. Tripplehorn  
Pampa

## Defense theory will be on trial in Houston case

To the editor,

The Black's Law Dictionary defines "stare decisis" as follows: "To abide by, or adhere to, decided cases. Policy of court to stand by precedent and not disturb settled point."

This is a definition that should be given serious consideration by Americans as the nation's pastime — crime and punishment — is offered up a new main event. There's a new "trial of the century" on

the horizon, and it involves a woman who killed her five children. For the purposes of the aforementioned legal definition, however, it involves a whole lot more.

It should come as no surprise that temporary insanity is being considered by the defense attorney. Nor should it surprise anyone that postpartum depression will likely be the cornerstone of that defense. The concern, then, comes with the fact that, as is usually the case with such high-profile court cases, the defendant will not be on trial, the defense theory will be.

If the 12 angry people chosen to sit in judgment in this case convict on capital murder, they will essentially be saying that the issue of postpartum depression was not a factor in the commission of the crime.

While there will no doubt be interviews of jurors in which they will claim that it was not proven that the defendant actually suffered from the disorder, the trial record will likely include ample evidence of its existence by way of expert testimony and the defendant's medical history.

Indeed, it is quite likely that a guilty verdict in this case will involve the total dismissal of such evidence in favor of a prosecutorial theory that the defendant simply murdered her children in a premeditated act with no remorse. And, if such a verdict is handed down, it won't matter whether the prosecution chooses to pursue the death penalty or not. The issue of postpartum depression will already have been executed.

Not long ago, Marie Osmond was making the talk show circuit, publicizing a book in which she discusses postpartum depression. No doubt, while she sat teary-eyed on stage describing the feelings of despair and hopelessness, audience members sat in awe of this dreaded disorder. Soon, there will be 12 who sit in judgment of it. It can only be hoped, therefore, that the jury in this case can give a back seat to the national obsession with revenge and seriously consider the volumes of evidence that will be offered up by the defense as well as the prosecution.

Should such a heinous act be allowed to go unpunished? Of course not. But, if only half of the testimony being given by the defendant's family members is true, then she is suffering a fate far worse than anything the state can impose, and she will likely continue to suffer it for the rest of her life — regardless of where that is sent.

William Chaplar  
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## Railroad crossing accidents up in 2000

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission is urging motorists to be cautious when approaching any highway-rail intersection. The safety reminder came following the release of figures showing highway-rail crossing collisions in Texas increasing for the second year in a row.

According to the final 2000 statistics from the U.S. Federal Railroad Administration, 388 collisions occurred at highway-rail crossings in Texas last year compared to 365 in 1999. Texas once again led the nation in the number of collisions last year.

"We are starting this new century on a discouraging note," said Chairman Michael Williams. "Ironically in our fast-paced, high tech world when it comes to crossing any train track, we must recall the old-fashioned advice our grandmothers gave us — stop, look and listen."

"Texas has almost 12,000 miles of mainline track and 18,000 highway-rail crossings — the most of any state in the nation," said Commissioner Charles R. Matthews. "That's why when crossing a train track, it's important to remember that anytime is train time."

"Even if you see a train miles down the track, it's closer than you think," added Commissioner Tony Garza. "A freight train moving at 55 miles per hour can take a mile or more to stop once the emergency brakes are applied — that's the length of at least 18 football fields. It's a deadly game that the train will always win."

Commissioners noted the 52 highway-rail fatalities recorded in 2000 represented an increase from 41 fatalities the previous year. The state also recorded 164 injuries in 2000, down from 175 injuries in 1999.

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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.

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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 satis-

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

## VETERANS HALL OF FAME

The Panhandle Veterans Hall of Fame is currently accepting nominations for induction into its ranks through July 20. Send all nominations to: Panhandle Hall of Fame, 600 N. Hobart, Pampa TX 79065. Chairman of the organization is John L. Triplehorn.

## 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.

## VBS POLAR EXPEDITION

July 16 through the 20th, Hi-land Christian Church, 1615 N. Banks, will host "Come and Chill Out" vacation Bible school from 6:30-9 p.m. nightly. The VBS is being hosted by Hi-Land Christian, First Presbyterian Church and St. Matthews Episcopal Church. For more information, call Jamie at 669-3371.

## BSA TRAINING

BSA Hospice is sponsoring a volunteer training class from 5:50-8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and again from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, July 16-28. Volunteers are the "heart and soul" of the Hospice team. Volunteers visit patients, work in the in-patient and home care division, help with mailings, transport patients and provide clerical and spiritual support. For more information or to register, call Deborah Andrews, LSW, at BSA (806) 212-8715.

## MASONIC LODGE #1381

Open installation of officers for Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM will be at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, July

17 at the lodge at 1507 W. Kentucky.

## CPC LUNCHEON

The Contract Procurement Center in Amarillo will sponsor a business luncheon for small, minority and women entrepreneurs from 11:45-1 p.m. Tuesday, July 17 at Luby's Cafeteria, 4530 Canyon Dr., Amarillo. The guest speaker will be Taylor Norman, assistant purchasing agent, City of Amarillo. For reservations or for more information, contact Edmond Esparza, (806) 372-3381.

## FBC WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT

The Women's Ministry at First Baptist Church, 203 N. West, will present "Life, Lemons and Lemonade," at 6:30 p.m., July 19 in fellowship hall of the church with Martha Jonas. Her topic will be "This Business of Encouragement." The menu will be turkey croissant, chips, raw vegetables, melon, lemon walnut bars and lemonade. Cost of the meal is \$4. Participants must RSVP the church at 669-1155 by Tuesday, July 17.

## WATER GARDEN TOUR

The Fourth Annual Las Pampas Koi and Water Garden Tour is slated from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., July 21 in Pampa. Admission is \$5 per person. Children under 10 accompanied by an adult are free. Advance tickets may be purchased at Watson's Lazy S Feed and Garden Center, Culberson-Stowers or Pondering Thoughts. For more information, contact Loyd Waters at 665-1665 or 665-6466.

## ACS LOOK GOOD ... FEEL BETTER

The American Cancer Society will present the program "Look Good ... Feel Better" from 1-3 p.m. July 21 at the ACS office at 3915 Bell Street in Amarillo. The program is aimed at helping cancer patients cope with the unpleasant side effects of cancer treatments. Cosmetology professionals will demonstrate techniques how to compensate for hair loss through the use of turbans and scarves. To register or for more information, call the ACS at (806) 353-4306.

## TRI-STATE SENIORS GOLF TOURNEY

Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament will be held July 22-26. The event is being sponsored by Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact the Chamber at 669-3241.

## TEXAS GUN & KNIFE SHOW

The Texas Gun and Knife Show is slated July 28-29 at Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. The show hours will be from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Admission is \$3.50 for adults. Children under 12 are free. Two adults get in for the price of one the first hour of each day. For more information, contact Don or Kim Hill at (830) 257-5844 or visit [www.texasgunandknifeshows.com](http://www.texasgunandknifeshows.com) on the Internet.

## CLASS OF 1991 REUNION

Information and money for Pampa High School Class of 1991 reunion is due no later than Aug. 1, 2001. To request info and questionnaire, e-mail [gtexash@aol.com](mailto:gtexash@aol.com) or pick-up a form from Melissa at Chez Tanz, 2137 N. Hobart, 669-6836.

## 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

writer: CWA Multimedia, 266 Elkins Lake, Huntsville, TX 77340.

## COUNTY CENTENNIAL LOGO CONTEST

Gray County Centennial Logo Contest is currently seeking entries. Deadline is Sept. 15, 2001. Submit design on separate sheet of paper and include name, address, day and evening phone numbers. Mail to Madeline Gawthrop, Route 2, Box 74A, Pampa, TX 79065. For more information, call 665-6345. No entries will be returned without a SASE.

## 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., July 18, Harvest House, 736 Cuyler, Pampa; and 12 noon-4 p.m., July 23, 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

The Musical Drama "TEXAS" is continuing its fall, winter and spring vacation packages showcasing area attractions such as Amarillo Rattlers, Amarillo Opera, Amarillo Symphony, Lone Star 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.texasmusicaldrama.com](http://www.texasmusicaldrama.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.

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## 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: July 9, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster; July 13, Planned Parenthood, 408 W. Kingsmill; and July 24, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, Pampa; July 11 and 25, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; July 26, Family Care Clinic, and July 27, Family Care Hospital, Shamrock; July 9, Parkview Hospital, Wheeler. 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 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](http://www.act.org), [www.c3apply.org](http://www.c3apply.org), [www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com), [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org), [www.ed.gov/finaid.html](http://www.ed.gov/finaid.html) and [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (financial aid sites), and [www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm) (career planning).

## STUTTERING FOUNDATION

Stuttering Foundation of America is offering a free copy of its brochure "The Child Who Stutters at School: Notes to the Teacher." For more information, contact the non-profit foundation by mail: Stuttering Foundation of America, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111; or phone 1-800-992-9392. The brochure is also available at [www.stutteringhelp.org](http://www.stutteringhelp.org) on the World Wide Web.

## TWC WEBSITE

The Texas Workforce Commission recently unveiled its new website located at [www.texasworkforce.org](http://www.texasworkforce.org) on the Internet. The new site is designed to meet the needs of five customer groups — businesses and employers; job seekers and employees; service providers; boards and network partners; and researchers and policy-makers.

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# AGRICULTURE

## Texas cattle raisers take part in quality initiative

FORT WORTH — Beef cattle producers all over Texas are taking advantage of a brand-new program created to reinforce ranchers' abilities to provide consumers with safe, wholesome, high-quality beef.

Since March, 1,150 cattle producers have voluntarily taken time away from their businesses to take an intensive, six-hour training session on the latest ranch-level management techniques that can prevent safety and quality defects in beef. These producers collectively own or manage more than a quarter of a million head of cattle.

"Because Texas leads the United States in cattle numbers in every category, our association felt it was vital to encourage Texas cow-calf and stocker producers to participate in the beef quality assurance movement," says John Dudley, president of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

TSCRA is collaborating with the Texas Beef Council and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to offer this new initiative called the Texas Beef Quality Producer Program.

"While Texas feedyards have had a voluntary beef safety and quality assurance program in place since 1986, there had not been a standard, statewide program in place for the cow-calf and stocker segment of the industry," Dudley says.

Nationally, there are about 47 state programs that use a range of different approaches to involve producers in beef quality assurance, all of which are voluntary initiatives.

Later this fall, producers who have attended a Texas Beef Quality Producer "Level 1" training session will be invited back to attend a "Level 2" training session where they can get more continuing education and the opportunity to

become certified in beef quality assurance.

"BQA certification will involve some basic record keeping to document proper use of animal health products, feed records, pesticide use and other essential management tools," explains Dr. Ron Gill, an Extension livestock specialist in North Texas. Gill was one of three main instructors at the first 13 training sessions.

"Good, thorough records help producers monitor the performance of their herd health program, nutrition and genetics," Gill says. "Plus, documenting the way cattle have been managed gives the consumer confidence in our product."

"The response from producers has been somewhat surprising to me," Gill continues. "I have always known producers were interested in producing safe, wholesome beef. But what surprised me is their apparent willingness

to document their management and share that information with the rest of the production chain."

"I realize that the producers attending these meetings are progressive and open to change and new ideas. But before they attended one of these meetings, many of them did not know what BQA involved or why it's so important to the beef industry."

"I have received more positive feedback and response to these meetings and the concept behind BQA than any program I have been involved with during my 17 years with the Extension Service," Gill says.

"The total quality management approach to the Texas Beef Quality Producer Program is both welcomed and embraced by the ranchers attending the training. These kinds of ranchers are the ones that make you excited and optimistic to be in the beef business."

Producers interested in attending a Texas Beef Quality Producer Level 1 training session will have one more opportunity this year during the annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course in College Station, Texas, on Aug. 7. All registrations for this session will be handled through Texas A&M University.

Early course registration will continue until July 27 at \$100 per person. Late registration and on-site registration is \$120.

For further information or a registration form, go to the Beef Cattle Short Course web site at: <http://animal-science-extension.tamu.edu/beef/shortcourse.html>, or contact Carrie Adams, Hollie Gambino or Loretta Morse at (979) 845-3579 or (979) 845-6931.

More information about the Texas Beef Quality Producer program is available at [www.texasbeefquality.com](http://www.texasbeefquality.com).

## A&M opens field of communication between high-tech crops, farmers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Some Texas Crops of corn, cotton and bell pepper plants are becoming high tech.

Agricultural researchers in two water-short areas of Texas are wiring test fields the same technology used in cell phones that let the plants tell scientists when they're being bothered by pests or stressed by drought.

In the fertile, south-central Texas region that depends on the Edwards Aquifer, a Texas A&M researcher is wiring up fields with sensitive infrared thermometers, modems and cell phone technology that transmits color-coded images into his computer a quarter of a mile away. A colleague is connecting another experimental system that can selectively spray pesticides precisely where they are needed.

"There is tremendous opportunity for cost savings and for water savings, and, when we look at the whole picture with the pesticides, it is very environmentally friendly," said Giovanni Piccinni, an assistant professor at Texas A&M University's research center in Uvalde.

The communications are conducted by measuring plant temperatures, which go up and down, depending on whether the plants are happy or not.

"Plant canopy temperature is like the human body temperature," Piccinni said. "If you get sick, you get hot. If the plant gets stressed, whether from drought or disease, it gets hot, too."

In the South Plains of Texas, James Mahan with the U.S. Department of Agriculture also is using thermometers and cell phones to feed vital signs from cotton and peanut plants into an Internet web site every night.

"Picture a farmer sitting in his kitchen, wearing

pajamas and sipping coffee, downloading information every morning that tells him how his plants are doing out in the field," said Mahan, a plant physiologist with the Agricultural Research Service.

The systems are designed differently. While Piccinni wires the electronics along giant irrigation systems that pivot around a field, while Mahan is mounting thermometers on stationary standards and measuring temperature in a sampling of nearby plants. But both show potential for helping farmers apply the right amount of water at the right time.

The research could be crucial to area farmers, who now must produce their crops within the pumping limits set by the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

Researchers now have to send a human into the field to determine whether water stress or a pest outbreak is the cause of elevated temperatures. But as research progresses, scientists hope to be able to use differences in temperatures or patterns to make the determinations.

Noel Troxclair is testing a new system called Accupulse, that will allow him to target pesticide precisely where it is needed, and skip spraying areas that don't have insect problems.

Both systems are several years away from being available to farmers. Researchers estimated each could cost \$10,000 or more to install, depending on the acreage to be covered.

"Most growers don't want to spend money they don't have to," said Charles Stichler, an extension service agronomist. "They want to know if it works and if it will pay them to use that technology. They have to produce a profitable crop."

## Expectations high for olive's future in South Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Despite claims that it couldn't be done, a South Texas couple has produced enough quality olive trees for Texas' first commercial olive oil enterprise.

About half of the 144 trees on David and Beverley Anderson's ranch are laden with olives, and by late summer, these and other olives being grown in South Texas are expected to produce the first marketable amount of Texas virgin olive oil.

Surrounded by cactus, mesquite and a deer-proof fence, the Andersons' orchard consists of four classic Italian tree varieties: Frantoio, Leccino, Pendolino and Maurino, said Trigg Dealey, director of the Texas Olive Oil Council, formed six years ago.

"After 8,000 years of worldwide olive cultivation history, which produces nature's finest fat, we are announcing and celebrating that we now have olive cultivation established in Texas," he said.

The Andersons jetted to Tuscany last month to order an olive pressing machine for the late-summer harvest. If they're lucky, using the cold process required to produce virgin oil, the Andersons could get about 75 gallons of oil from their orchard, Dealey estimated.

Dallas businessman Jim Henry,

who planted 500 trees from Spain and Italy in nearby Dimmit County, hopes to squeeze 100 gallons of oil from his fruit-laden olive orchards.

Neither grower is in the clear just yet. They could lose their crops to a hailstorm before the fruit matures in late August or September. They could have problems with the harvest, storage or processing of the olives. They won't know until spring whether the trees are annual producers. And there are doubts about how much irrigation and trimming the trees need and how they will fare after their first freeze.

Nonetheless, enthusiasm is running high among Texas olive oil proponents.

Like the Andersons, Dealey wasn't discouraged when a noted tree expert indicated it was foolish to attempt to grow olives on a commercial scale in Texas. Dealey was told the trees require cool nights, but not cold enough to freeze and kill them. He simply discarded the assessment because he saw evidence that olive trees could produce ample fruit in South Texas.

Several trees in Dimmit and Maverick counties have produced fruit for at least 80 years, and in California, European trees imported through Mexico have pros-

pered there since the 17th century, he said.

Beverley Anderson persuaded her husband to attend an olive cultivation meeting in San Antonio in 1996. The Andersons eventually ordered bare-root Italian trees that arrived about 2 feet tall.

He cleared an acre of pasture near the ranch house for the orchard. Once planted in the sandy loam, the trees grew two or three times faster than their cousins in Italy and bloomed two weeks earlier.

"Everybody's interested. This stuff will fly off the shelves. No problem," Dealey said.

## Bad weather hurts Pennsylvania tart cherry crop

ORRTANNA, Pa. (AP) — In the glare of the summer sun, the tart cherries look like rubies on the trees at the Donaldson Fruit Farm.

But as Dave Donaldson moves his harvester from tree to tree, he sees less of that ruby shine than he did last year — and he knows he's shaking less money from each tree.

"We have about half to three-quarters of a crop this year, and that's all," said Donaldson, whose family also grows apples and peaches on their farm about 12 miles west of Gettysburg in Adams County. "This really wasn't a good year."

The Donaldsons aren't alone. The state's tart cherry crop is expected to be just 4.6 million pounds this year, down 25 percent. It's only the second time in 11 years that Pennsylvania's produced less than 5 million pounds.

In 1999, Pennsylvania was the sixth-largest grower of tart cherries in the nation with 7.2 million

pounds. Most of the fruit is processed for pie filling and other baked goods.

Adams County, where most of the state's cherries are grown, has lost some of its cherry acreage to the plum pox virus, a disease that affects stone fruit and has severely damaged Pennsylvania's peach industry.

But the main culprit in this year's shortfall has been the weather.

"We had a frost when these cherries were in bloom, and they just can't tolerate that," said Guy Donaldson, Dave's father and the president of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

The weather also has affected the quality of this year's tart cherry crop, Dave Donaldson said. Thunderstorms in mid-June saturated the ground, and the cherries began absorbing that additional moisture just as the harvest was to begin.

"We got rains about a week ago, and right now the cherries

are just soaking up that water and getting soft," Donaldson said.

"Then we get this hot sun just scorching them. The quality isn't going to be all that great this year."

Production was expected to be up 47 percent in Michigan, the nation's largest producer of tart cherries. That, combined with leftovers from a large crop nationally last year, could help drive down prices when the cherries do make it to market.

"There's 50 million pounds of cherries in the set-aside program from a year ago, and there's carry-in cherries that are in inventory from a year ago," said David Cox, director of the raw fruit department at Peach Glen-based Knouse Foods Inc.

"Overall, there probably will be cherries that won't find a home and won't get paid for."

The Donaldsons were getting just 15 cents per pound for their cherries, down from 29 cents two years ago.

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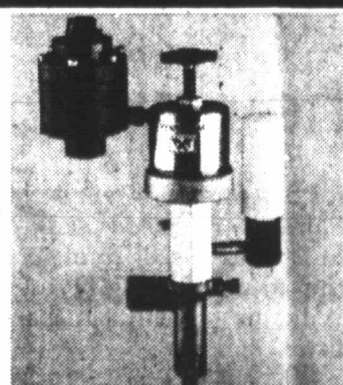
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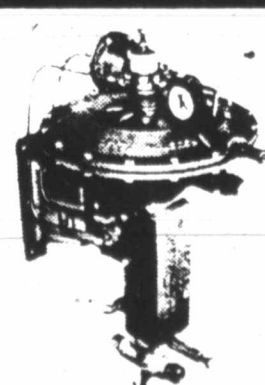
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## SPORTS

## Notebook

## BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Colorado Rockies acquired outfielder Kim Barteel from the Anaheim Angels in exchange for infielder Chone Figgins on Friday night.

Barteel will join the Rockies' active roster before Saturday's game at the Texas Rangers. Barteel hit .275 with three homers and 27 RBIs for Triple-A Salt Lake City.

Barteel will be playing for his sixth organization and has hit .224 with four homers and 32 RBIs in 401 at-bats over five major league seasons.

Figgins hit .220 with two homers and 25 RBIs in 86 games while playing second base and shortstop at Double-A Carolina this season.

The Rockies, who activated left-hander Brian Bohanon from the 15-day disabled list before Friday night's 10-2 loss to Texas, will make another roster move on Saturday to clear a spot for Barteel.

## CORRECTION

Buz Tarpley was second in the second flight at this year's Pampa Country Club Men's Club Golf Championship.

## GOLF

FORT WORTH — Joey Gullion of Dallas captured the Texas State Open by an outstanding nine strokes. Gullion had a four-stroke lead going into the final round, where he eagled the 614-yard, par 5, No. 10 hole. That shot extended his margin to nine strokes. Gullion finished 20-under-par for the week with rounds of 67-68-65-68—268.

Just last week, Gullion flew to Chicago and Monday qualified for the PGA Tour's Western Open. Following rounds of 72-69 in the tournament, he was paired with Tiger Woods in round three. Gullion eventually tied for 37th place last week and won \$16,200.

For his victory this week, he won \$17,100.

The \$33,300 in the last couple of weeks has been really nice," he said. "It's good for my sponsors and golf coach, and everyone has a little chunk coming to them."

PAMPA — Hidden Hills seniors held a four-man scramble Wednesday.

Results are as follows:  
First place: Ralph Baker, Carroll Pettit, John McGuire and Dale Butler, 61.  
Second place: Eldon Maxwell, Ray Covalt, O.K. Lee and Callens George, 62.  
Third place: Ralph Wilson, Harvey Malone, Reece Fields and Lucio Moreno, 63.  
Fourth place: Whitey White, Nathan Lancaster, Bob Brandon and Troy Bennett, 63.  
Closest to the hole: Whitey White, on 16.

## BASKETBALL

PASADENA, Calif. — Bob Knight can be dramatic enough in real life. Now ESPN is producing its first made-for-TV movie on the fiery college basketball coach.

"A Season on the Brink: A Year with Bob Knight and the Indiana Hoosiers" is based on the best-selling book by John Feinstein. It will air March 10.

"We don't have any expectation that he's going to be thrilled with this," producer Mark Brooks said Friday at the Television Critics Association summer gathering.

Especially since Knight no longer coaches the Hoosiers. He was fired in September for violating a zero-tolerance policy. He'll make his debut as coach at Texas Tech this fall.

## Flashback

1980: Fran Wilson and Linnie Schneider shot 62 to win the Pampa Ladies Invitational Partnership at the Pampa Country Club.

Finishing one stroke behind were Marge Austin and Neomi Johnston.

## Oswalt wins again as Astros down Padres

HOUSTON (AP) — Vinny Castilla likes the way things are shaping up for the Houston Astros.

Castilla and Jeff Bagwell each hit two of Houston's five home runs to help Roy Oswalt win his sixth straight decision as the Astros beat the San Diego Padres 11-3 Friday night.

"I think this team is coming together," Castilla said. "We have great defense, great pitching and one of the best offenses in the league. Plus, we have a great atmosphere in the clubhouse. That's the great thing."

Castilla drove in five runs with a two-run homer, a solo homer and a two-run double. Castilla has nine homers.

Bagwell, who homered for the fourth straight game, hit a two-

run shot in the first inning and a solo homer in the fifth to raise his season total to 24 homers. He also hit an RBI single in the sixth to help the Astros beat San Diego at Enron Field for the first time in eight games.

"I know I'm not going to stay on this kind of spurt, but what's happened in the past is I'll hit consistently for two months or more," Bagwell said. "I'm happy the way things are going now. I just want to keep it going."

The Astros got their homers off Woody Williams (6-7), who set a franchise record for homers allowed in a game and now has given up an NL-high 27 homers.

"Weird things have been happening the last month and a

half," Williams said. "I'm just going out there and doing my bit."

Oswalt (8-1) is 6-0 since moving into the Astros starting rotation and the Astros are 7-0 in games that the rookie right-hander has started.

Oswalt pitched seven innings, allowed six hits and tied a career best with eight strikeouts. He was happy to have the offensive support of the Astros, who had 17 hits.

"Actually today, I battled with my control, I wasn't hitting my spots, but I had good results," Oswalt said. "A lot of times, Brad (catcher Ausmus) would set up inside and I'd go outside."

Brad Ausmus hit a solo homer in the fourth inning for

Houston.

Williams, who left after Castilla's second homer, allowed 11 hits, seven earned runs and struck out two over five-plus innings.

Phil Nevin hit a two-run homer for San Diego in the sixth inning, and pinch-hitter Dave Magadan hit a solo homer in the eighth.

Tony Gwynn, eager to return to the lineup to finish out his 20-year career, played an inning of defense for the first time since May 9, going into right field for the sixth.

He singled in the seventh and left the game for pinch-runner Emil Brown. Gwynn is 4-for-6 since coming off the disabled list (strained right hamstring) July 3.

Gwynn got a standing ovation from the crowd.

"This was the first ball park I've been to on the road since I announced my retirement (June 28)," Gwynn said. "It was a wonderful feeling."

Notes: The old Padres record for homers allowed in a game was four, done 13 times. ... Houston's Moises Alou singled in the seventh inning, extending his career-best hitting streak to 18 games. ... It was Bagwell's 23rd career multihomer game, Castilla's 25th. ... The Astros, Padres and Blue Jays are the only teams in baseball with a .500 or worse home record and a winning road record. Houston's 28-18 road record is the best in the NL. The victory even Houston's home record at 21-21.

## Houston wins on Jr. Tour

PAMPA — Daniel Heuston of Pampa shot a 70 to win the 16-18 Boys Division at the Wescott Junior Tour last week at the Pampa Country Club Course.

Chris Brooks was one stroke behind at 71.

Heuston was also the winner at another junior golf tour held at Hidden Hills.

He shot a 72, one stroke better than Dee Alston.

Wescott Junior Tour-Northern Texas PGA

12-14 Girls Division  
1. Whitney Osborne 89; 2. Sarah Kutin 103.

15-18 Girls Division  
1. Rachel Clark 80; 2. Tamara Walcher 80; 3. Katie Plequette 82.

12-13 Boys Division  
1. Daniel Wood 74; 2. Reid Schindler 80; 3. Brooks Bankhead 81.

14-15 Boys Division  
1. Tyler Haynes 74; 2. Jonathan Porter 75; 3. John Lewis 75.

16-18 Boys Division  
1. Daniel Heuston 70; 2. Chris Brooks 71; 3. Bobby Hutcherson 72.

NTPGA Prep Tour Event  
(Friday, at Pampa Country Club)  
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1. Cragar Swarb 47; 2. Jacob Gongora 50; 3. Justin Brosius 53.

10-11 Girls  
1. Carly Osborne 50; 2. Macy Davis 61; 3. Jennifer Williams 77.

10-11 Boys  
1. Cameron Swarb 46; 2. Ben Connors 49; 3. Kelvin Wynn 50.

12-14 Girls  
1. Amanda Hunt 62.

12-13 Boys  
1. Chase Holland 50; 2. Jade Green 58.

15-18 Girls  
1. Marcie Langley 64.

NTPGA Wescott Junior Tournament (at Hidden Hills)

12-14 Girls  
1. Whitney Osborne 90; 2. Sara Kutin 93.

15-18 Girls  
1. Katie Plequette 79; 2. Rachel Clark 81; 3. Heather Stokes 82.

12-13 Boys  
1. Reid Schindler 74; 2. Eric Haney 79; 3. Dexter McFarland 80.

14-15 Boys  
1. Cooper Brazile 71; 2. Tyler Haynes 74; 3. Trey Lantham 74.

16-18 Boys  
1. Daniel Heuston 72; 2. Dee Alston 73; 3. Kent Neal 74.

## Veteran Rangers prove their worth against slumping Rockies

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers' veteran players plan on proving their worth while they still have a chance.

Andres Galarraga and Rafael Palmeiro hit two-run homers in support of Rick Helling's three-hit pitching over seven innings as the Rangers beat Colorado 10-2 Friday night, handing the slumping Rockies their fifth straight loss.

"They've got to decide what direction our team is headed for next season," said Helling. "We could come back with a lot of the same faces or there could be a complete overhaul and there could be only five of us back. Over the second half we have a chance to prove ourselves."

The 40-year-old Galarraga knows he doesn't figure in the Rangers' long-range plans.

"Right now I'm playing for the scouts," said Galarraga, whose \$6 million contract the out-of-contention Rangers have been seeking to dump. "I think I'll be somewhere else (before the trading deadline). They're playing young guys here, so it would be better for them and better for me."

Galarraga got off to a poor start, and he's still only hitting .233 with nine homers and 32 RBIs. But Rangers manager Jerry Narron said he thinks Galarraga has made the adjustment to the American League after spending his entire career in the National League.

"Coming to a new league, some guys adjust to the DH better than others," Narron said. "But I believe he can still hit."

Galarraga's homer, in the second inning, was the 369th of his career, matching Ralph Kiner

for 51st in major league history. Palmeiro raised his season total to 26 and career total to 426 in the fourth inning, tying Billy Williams for 28th on the career list.

Michael Young went 3-for-5 with two homers and had a career-high four RBIs to help the Rangers win for the fifth time in seven games.

Young, getting his first shot at the leadoff spot, had two homers in 129 at-bats all season before Friday.

"I felt comfortable there," Young said.

"But I haven't proven a thing. There's a lot of work left to be done."

Helling (6-8) shut out the Rockies on two hits over the first six innings before Todd Walker's homer leading off the seventh. Helling, who struck out six and walked three, has

won five of his last seven decisions.

"That's a good-hitting lineup," Helling said. "I'll take the way I've pitched lately. I had good command, especially early."

Rockies starter Mike Hampton (9-6) lost his fourth straight decision, allowing seven runs and 10 hits over four innings, his second shortest outing of the season.

(Hampton) is trying to throw a shutout and not give anything up," Rockies manager Buddy Bell said. "That's kind of the way everybody's playing right now. Everybody's playing with a little tension and this game does that to you."

Colorado, which has dropped 10 of 11 games, was without All-Star first baseman Todd Helton. He strained his right hamstring while running the bases

Thursday night and was available to pinch hit Friday. But he didn't play, ending his consecutive games streak at 216.

Young hit a solo homer in the fourth inning and a three-run shot in the eighth.

Notes: Velarde made his first start of the season at third base. It was his first appearance at the position since Sept. 26, 1996, while a member of the California Angels. Velarde opened the season as Texas' starting second baseman, but after spending more than a month on the disabled list, the second base job is now Young's. ... During their five-game losing streak, the Rockies have been outscored 43-16. ... Hampton's shortest start of the season was three innings against Arizona on June 21. ... Young had his first career multihomer game.

## Pampa 13 All-Stars



(Courtesy photo)

The Pampa 13-year-old All-Star Baseball Team recently participated in the West Texas State Tournament. Team members are (front row, from left) Braydon Barker, Jarred Moler, Trevor Day, Weston Teichmann, Michael Graza and Tanner Davis; (middle row, from left) Keenan Davis, Clay Jones, Ryan Hansen, Jake Craig, Eric Kingcade and Craig Stone; (back row, from left) Coaches David Teichmann, Jimmy Barker and Kevin Davis.

## Irwin, Watson lead pack at Senior Players

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — The record books show that Hale Irwin loves playing the Senior Players Championship at the TPC of Michigan.

He won the Senior PGA Tour major here in 1999, was second in 1996 and 1998 and has three top 10 finishes in his other three appearances.

Watching him play the 455-yard, par-4 14th proved he's even more savvy a player here.

Irwin aimed his 5-iron well right of the pin on his second shot. His ball landed on a hill, kicked left and trickled 18 feet away from the hole.

He made the birdie putt to go

8 under, while Allen Doyle bogeyed the hole to go 7 under.

"It's history," Irwin said. "Seeing that pin, seeing the ball do that, why mess around with going at the pin? Why not play it out to the right. That's a shot that comes with experience, having done it before."

Irwin was tied with Tom Watson at 9 under after two rounds at the fourth and final major of the year on the Senior Tour. Irwin shot a 7-under 65, while Watson was 4 under during Friday's second round.

The only problems Irwin had were with a boisterous group of fans in corporate tents near the 17th fairway. But Irwin wasn't

about to let the wine-and-cheese crowd ruin his round.

As fans in corporate tents created a steady buzz of noise, apparently oblivious to golf being played around them, Irwin was bothered enough to merely par the par-5 17th, a hole 26 others birdied Friday.

Irwin regained his composure enough to make a 30-foot birdie putt on 18.

"They need some control up there," said Irwin, who showed his anger on the 17th by tossing his wedge on his bag, shaking his head and staring down the people in the white tents on a few occasions. "It's distracting."

But not enough to spoil a spectacular round.

Irwin made seven birdies, five on the back nine, without a bogey. Six of his birdie putts were from 15 feet or longer.

Irwin said he did not hit the ball well off tees or fairways, but enjoyed a great day on the greens, where he putted just 25 times.

"I had a very hot putter," Irwin said. "I saved some nice pars and when I had a birdie opportunity, just about in every case, I took advantage of it."

Outstanding putting is what helped Watson take a share of the first-round lead with four others at 67.

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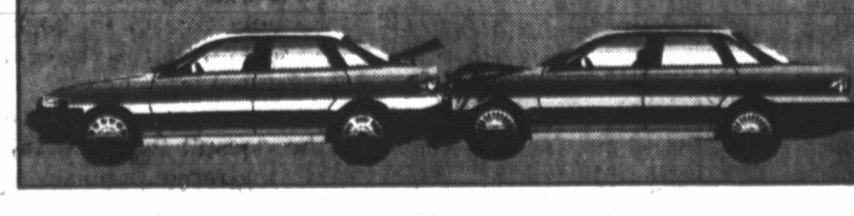
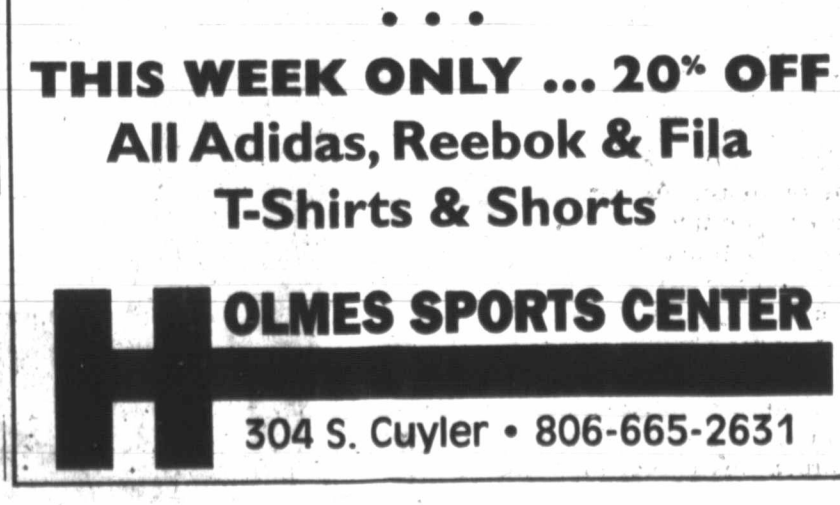
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## Woods returns to the scene where he learned to be a pro





# Colorado City area yields latest mammoth find

By LARRY ZELISKO  
Abilene Reporter-News

ABILENE, Texas — The excavation of woolly mammoth bones at Champion Creek Reservoir near Colorado City has dug up excitement among fossil hunters.

The discovery of the bones at the lake is the latest in a number of significant fossil and archaeological finds beneath the Big Country.

Over the years, mammoth bones have been found in several locations in the Abilene area, which is not surprising since the huge mammals roamed across the continent. Fossils of mammoths have been found on every continent except South America and Australia.

"Mammoths were common in this area, but to find one is still exciting," said Joe Taylor,

■ What's also exciting is the discovery of fossilized bison vertebrae atop the mammoth bones, he said. Because of the discovery of the bison bones, an extra effort is being made at the site. Instead of enlarging the dig area by only three feet from the last bone that was found, which he said is common practice at digs, the site is going to be spread by six feet. Work will resume next week.

director of the Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum in Crosbyton. Taylor is heading up the excavation of the fossils at Colorado City, about 70 miles west of Abilene.

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"We think we'll find more bones," he said. "It's like fishing: you never know what's out there."

It was a couple of fishermen who first found the fossils a few months ago in the drought-depleted lake, he said. The site has been protected so that excavation work can proceed.

Fossils of both bison and mammoth have been found near Colorado City before.

A mammoth tusk on display at Colorado City's Heart of West Texas Museum was found several years ago just south of town.

A more significant find was the discovery of fossilized bison bones in 1924 on a bank of Lone Wolf Creek. Three sharp manmade stone weapons were found with the bones, indicating human beings killed the animal.

That discovery was made two years before a similar finding at Folsom, N.M. Today, Folsom man and Folsom points are famous in the archaeological world. Colorado City could've got the credit, but it didn't even get the bones.

They were shipped off to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science where they are on display. Just last month, a duplicate life-size skeleton of the Lone Wolf Creek bison was put on display at the Colorado City museum.

One of the most significant sites of Folsom artifacts is the Adair-Steadman site north of Merkel. The site was not just a "kill site" where an animal was killed, but a campsite on a prehistoric riverbank. More than 50,000 artifacts have been collected in digs at the site since 1970.

During construction of Lake

O.H. Ivie, south of Abilene, more than 1,000 possible sites of much more recent Indian camps were identified and eight archaeological excavations were conducted. Pottery, arrowheads and shards of tools were found. The Colorado River Municipal Water District, builders of the reservoir, spent nearly \$6 million on archaeological work, according to a history of the water district.

In Abilene, Reporter-News files indicate that woolly mammoth bones were found near the east end of South 7th Street during a Works Projects Administration paleontological survey of Taylor County in 1939.

Marine fossils are quite common in this area, said Dr. Bobby Bammel, head of the geology department at Hardin-Simmons University.

While mammoth fossils and Folsom points are generally considered to date back 9,000 to 12,000 years, the marine fos-

sils are between 40 million and 150 million years old, he said.

Within 10 miles southwest of Abilene, Bammel often takes his classes to a mesa to find fossils.

"Anyone can find them - there's sea urchins and clam shells and several other types of marine fossils," he said.

"You can find them within 10 to 15 minutes."

Geologic evidence suggests there was a shallow mid-continental ocean extending from what is now Texas to Canada and Nevada to Iowa some 100 million years ago, he said.

Taylor disagrees that the earth is millions of years old. Taylor, who is an artist by profession, places the age of the earth at 6,000 years and the age of the mammoth fossils at Colorado City at between 3,500 and 4,000 years.

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## Historical commission convenes for annual meeting in Panhandle

PANHANDLE — The Annual Meeting of the Carson County Historical Commission (CCHC) was held recently in the Hazlewood Arts and Education Building of the Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle.

The meeting was conducted by Mogie McCray, CCHC chairman. During the meeting, programs for 200-2001 were discussed.

It was reported that the historical commission had received the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Historical Commission for its 2000 programs of work.

An application for a historical marker for the Texan Hotel in Panhandle has been submitted to the Texas Historical Commission (THC). The Texan Hotel was built in 1926 during the oil boom and has been in continuous service since that time.

Several buildings in Panhandle are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, and applications are being researched. Among these are the Carson County Courthouse, the War Memorial Building and the Santa Fe Depot, now the Panhandle City Hall.

All Carson County cemeteries are being compiled, along with lists of veterans in the cemeteries.

The historical commission cooperated with the Square House Museum on several projects during the year. These projects included: The submission of the video of Bishop George Quartermaster to the THC for an award which was not granted; the Arbor Day Program which involved the planting of an Austrian Pine in back of the Conway Church; helping to inventory museum collections; assisting with an archeology lecture by Rolla Shaller of the Panhandle Plains Museum and helping to plan and implement museum education programs.

No farms or ranches were

found to be eligible for the Texas Land Heritage Program in 2000. These are farms and ranches that have been in continuous operation on the same land by the same family for 100 years or more.

Only two families in Carson County — the M.G. Walker family and the Clyde Bennett family — have been recognized to this date. Eligible families are urged to contact: Mogie R. McCray, Carson County Historical Commission chairman, P.O. Box 310, Panhandle, TX 79068-0310 or call (806) 537-5237.

## Travis Band awards



(Special photo)

Andrew Roy and Kayla Mendoza were honored as Outstanding Band Students for 2000-01 at Travis Elementary School.

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## CURANDEROS

At the last session, she uses a live chicken in the same fashion she uses the egg. Weaver claims that the chicken can tell where a person is hurting. She then lets the chicken's legs kick the part of the body that is to be cured, either physically or spiritually.

Weaver does not kill the chicken, although other curanderos claim that the job is not complete unless the fowl is sacrificed.

Weaver said her career as a folk healer and card reader has been good overall. Hardly a day goes by without her seeing anywhere from 20 to 30 people at her place of business.

"Curanderos contend they possess a gift that allows them to help people. This is my livelihood," Weaver said. "If my treatment doesn't work, I will gladly return the money to a client."

Alberto Salinas Jr., a curandero who lives east of Edinburg, said some folk healers provide services that a hospital can't provide. A follower of El Nino Fidencio, Salinas has conducted thousands of cleansings during his 23 years as a curandero. Fidencio is one of Mexico's most famous curanderos from El Espinazo, a rural town in the state of Nuevo Leon. Although he died in 1938, his legacy continues.

Salinas' home is the Valley's version of El Espinazo. About 10 altars decorated with pictures, statues and paintings of Fidencio form part of the devotional honoring the Mexican folk healer.

One altar has a wrought iron fence around a tree

similar to a tree found in El Espinazo. People are advised to walk three times around the fence saying the prayer of their choice.

There is also a swing, again similar to one Fidencio used that Salinas uses as one of his healing methods.

Salinas said he has helped people who believe they have been possessed. In other words, Salinas has presided over exorcisms.

"The curanderismo can cure many, many things," he said. "Envy, anger, hate, bad eyes, bad luck at home and at the workplace, family and health problems and many other cultural symptoms a human being has."

Salinas said he has helped people who show up looking in bad shape and leave looking completely different.

"Many of these people seek a cure that conventional medicine does not provide, he said. "Curanderismo cures many of the illness of society produced by man."

Salinas said he was exposed to El Nino Fidencio through his spirit.

"Being a curandero is an art," he said. "It's a different vocation that alleviates the ills of our culture."

Salinas' philosophy is summarized on one of his altars that have pictures of El Nino Fidencio: No son pobres los pobres ni ricos los ricos, solo son pobres los que sufren de un dolor. (The poor are not the poor, nor the rich the rich, it's only those who suffer pain that are poor.)

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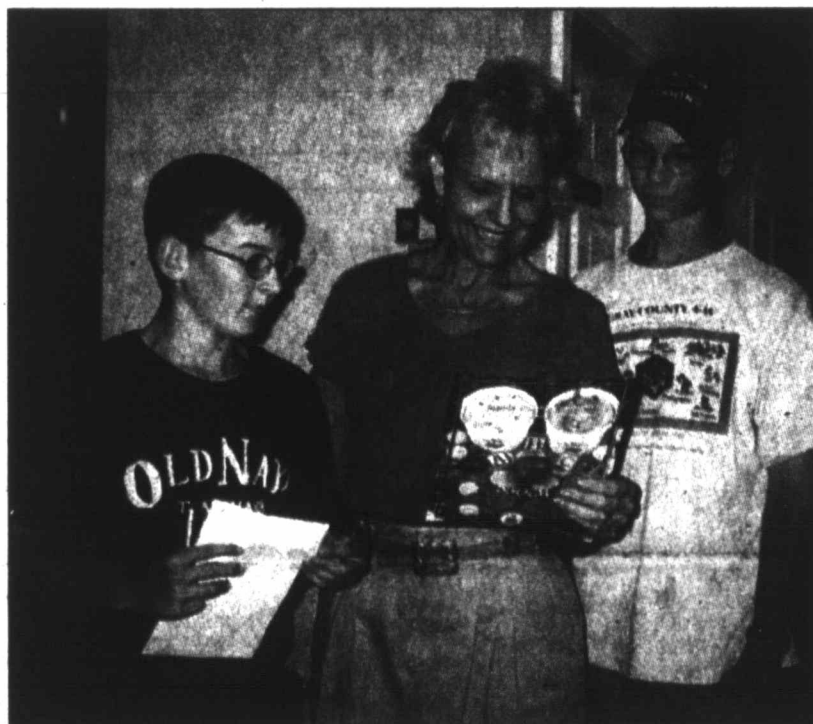
## Gray County 4-H

# 'Wonders of Washington'

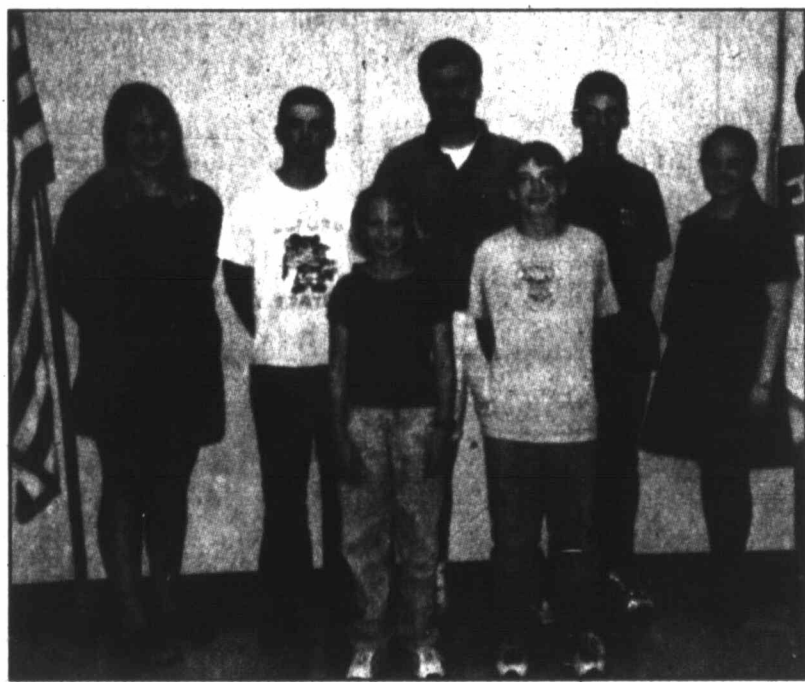
## D.C. or Bust



WOW students and their families hosted a three-day peewee basketball tournament in Lefors in February.



Drake and Cory Jackson recently pitched Lewis Meers employee Joyce Field on buying some Apple Baking Company cookie dough.



Students recently visited with Pampa native J. B. Horton who works in Washington, D.C. for the Small Business Administration. Front, left to right, Emily and Drake Jackson along with Emily Elliott, Nick Miller, Horton, Cory Jackson and Sarah Schwab are pictured.



Left to right, Rachael Stubbs, Emily Jackson, Drake Jackson, Cory Jackson and Lindsey Price braved freezing temperatures at the Victorian Christmas sale in December. The students prepared and sold baked goods, spiced tea, and candy as their first fundraising effort.

By JUDY ELLIOTT

Twelve area students are determined to visit our nation's capital next summer. As participants in the Gray County 4-H "Wonders of Washington" project, they are working hard to earn their way to Washington, D.C.

Members of the group are Sarah Schwab, Lindsey Price, Ryan Lewis, Royce O'Neal and Emily Elliott of Pampa; Cory Jackson, Savannah Smith, Nick Miller, Rachael Stubbs and Drake Jackson of Lefors; and Nicholas Odom and Kevin Smith of McLean.

The WOW program is an educational trip designed and coordinated by the National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The program is a blend of field trips and workshops that highlight the historical, political, and cultural attractions of Washington, D.C., and the surrounding area.

While in D.C., the students will visit the White House, Capitol, Supreme Court, Library of Congress, Smithsonian Institution, Old Town Alexandria, Mount Vernon, Ford's Theater, Holocaust Museum, National Archives, Fort McHenry, Arlington National Cemetery, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials.

WOW members must each raise \$1,500 to make the trip next July. They began fundraising efforts about seven months ago. In December, they sold baked goods and spiced tea at the Chamber of Commerce Victorian Christmas in downtown Pampa. Then they shifted their attention to organizing and hosting a February peewee basketball tournament in Lefors. Teams from all over the Panhandle competed in the tournament. In the spring the students sold flower bulbs, followed by a fund raiser with numerous prizes donated by area businesses.

While many other young people are relaxing and enjoying a restful summer, the WOW students are making the most of their time off from school to raise as much money as possible. They recently sold Apple Baking Company cookie dough and conducted the first of three car washes they have planned for the summer. Upcoming car washes will be July 28 and August 11 at the National Bank of Commerce parking lot.

The group's next big fundraising project is a "Chuckwagon Bonanza and Auction" at the Stokes Barn, east of Pampa, on Saturday, August 25. The evening will feature a steak dinner with all the trimmings, door prizes, and the auction of numerous donated items. The WOW students will begin selling tickets on July 16.

In September, the students will tackle their first fall fund raiser by selling tickets for a chance to win a king-size quilt made and donated by 4-H sewing instructor Judy Livingston of Lefors.

The students recently took a break to visit with native Pampa J. B. Horton while he was in town. Horton works in Washington as a Special Assistant to the International Trade Director of the Small Business Administration.

He shared his experiences of living in Washington and his impressions from recent business travels to Mexico, Egypt and Italy. He also offered to work with the group in coordinating special tours during their stay in Washington.

For more information about how you can help the WOW group achieve its fundraising goal, please contact one of the students or the Gray County Extension Service at 669-8033.



WOW member Nicholas Odom (right) presented McLean resident T. D. Simmons with a \$20 gift certificate, courtesy of Wal-Mart of Pampa. Students sold tickets for a variety of prizes including a whole beef prime rib, home pest extermination, gift certificates, and candles, all donated by area businesses.



Left to right, Lindsey Price and Emily Elliott worked in the kitchen to prepare con queso and chili at the concession stand provided at the peewee basketball tournament in Lefors.



Sarah Schwab, Emily Elliott and Lindsey Price will be working hard to serve guests at the Aug. 25 Chuckwagon Bonanza and Auction at Stokes Barn.



Front, left to right, Savannah Smith, Gabriel Miller, and Kevin Smith along with back, left to right, Rachael Stubbs, Lindsey Price, Emily Elliott, Nick Miller, Cory Jackson, Sarah Schwab, Drake Jackson and Emily Jackson were the hard working crew during the first of three WOW car washes. Two more carwashes are scheduled for July 28 and Aug. 11 at the National Bank of Commerce parking lot.





# LIFESTYLE



Jennifer Lynn Jones and Hugh Mark Cradduck

## Jones-Cradduck

Jennifer Lynn Jones of Early, formerly of Pampa, and Hugh Mark Cradduck of Pampa were wed June 23, 2001, in Calvary Baptist Church of Pampa with Steve Porter of Pampa officiating.

The maid of honor was Denise Venable of Glen Rose. The bridal attendants were Amber Jones, sister-in-law of the bride of Amarillo, Julie Erbeck and Erin Martin, both of Stillwater, Okla., and Faustine Curry of Pampa.

The best man was Garrett Cradduck, brother of the groom of Huntsville. The groomsmen were Rob McAlpine of Valdez, Alaska, and Jason Jones of Amarillo and Jonathan Jones of Early, both brothers of the bride.

Music was provided by organist Donna Caldwell of Sulphur, Okla., formerly of Pampa, flutist Amber Jones performing "How Beautiful," trumpeter Jason Jones performing "Trumpet Voluntary," and vocalist Garrett Cradduck performing "Pie Jesu."

A reception was held following the service in fellowship hall of the church with Nicole Lemons of Lubbock, Tori Street of Pampa, Jamie Kochick of Enid, Okla., and Amy Scott of Stillwater hosting.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Jayne Jones of Early, formerly of Pampa, and is the granddaughter of Pat and Joanne Bell and Steve and Lois Watkins, all of Brownwood. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1997 and attended Howard Payne University. She earned a degree from Oklahoma State University in May 2001.

The groom is the son of Mark and Becky Cradduck of Pampa and is the grandson of Mrs. Willadean Cradduck of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1997 and from Montana State University in May 2001. He will begin Chiropractic School this month at Davenport, Iowa.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to New Mexico and intend to make their home in Davenport.



Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Thornburg

## Thornburg anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Thornburg celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 13 and 14 with family. Children of the couple hosted the celebration.

Leroy Thornburg and Joy Jeneane Worrell were married July 20, 1951, at 1707 Christine Street in Pampa. They have been Pampa residents for the past 50 years and belong to First Baptist Church of Pampa.

Mr. Thornburg formerly owned and operated Farm and Home Supply on Price Road in Pampa and currently raises registered swine.

Mrs. Thornburg taught for Pampa Independent School District for 37 years, retiring in 1999.

Children of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Thornburg Jr. of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grimes of Borger, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Thornburg of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Thornburg of Fairmont, Minn. They have three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

## 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.

### Magic Plains ABWA

Magic Plains Chapter of American Business Women's Association met July 9 at Lovett Memorial Library with President Pat Winkleblack presiding. Thirteen members and three guests were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as printed in the bulletin.

—Ellen Malone installed new Executive Board officers. They are: Pat Winkleblack, president; Evelyn Boyd, vice president; Glenda Malone, secretary; and Eltha Hensley, treasurer.

—Winkleblack and Donna Swindle were voted to represent the chapter at the National Convention in October at Albuquerque, N.M.

—Winkleblack appointed an audit committee consisting of Wynona Seely, chairman, and LaNella Hensley and Jowannah Shackelford. They will audit the books and report at the August meeting.

Executive Board members hosted the meeting. Door prizes were won by Eltha Hensley, Brunetta Stewart, LaNella Hensley, Shackelford, Glenda Malone and Boyd.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m., Aug. 13 at The Coffee Shop.

## Menus

July 16-20

**Pampa Schools**  
**MONDAY**  
Breakfast: Pancakes.  
Lunch: Pizza or steak fingers, English peas, peaches.

**TUESDAY**  
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast.  
Lunch: Charbroiled patty or steak fingers, whole potatoes, salad, rolls, applesauce.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, biscuits.

**THURSDAY**  
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls.  
Lunch: Taco Bell burrito or steak fingers, corn, Spanish rice, sliced apples.

**FRIDAY**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast.  
Lunch: Corn dogs or steak fingers, French fries, vegetarian beans, mixed fruit.

**Senior Citizens**  
**MONDAY**  
Chicken fried steak or parmesan chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, beets, beans, devilsfood cake or banana pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**TUESDAY**  
Taco salad or barbecued sausages with onion rings, boiled potatoes, Spanish rice, hominy, pinto beans, Boston cream pie or egg custard cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, jalapeno corn-

bread or cornbread.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, spinach, cream corn, butter beans, pineapple cake or chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**THURSDAY**  
Chicken strips or Salisbury steak, potato salad, squash, peas and carrots, baked beans, sour cream cake or rice pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, jalapeno cornbread or cornbread.

**FRIDAY**  
Catfish and hush puppies or spaghetti and meatballs, potato wedges, broccoli/cheese sauce, beans, cherry chip cake or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, garlic toast or cornbread.

**Meals On Wheels**

**MONDAY**  
Chicken and rice casserole, tomatoes, mixed vegetables, pears.

**TUESDAY**  
Sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy, apricots.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Shepherd's pie, lima beans, candied carrots, pineapple.

**THURSDAY**  
Oven-fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, zucchini and tomatoes, vanilla wafers.

**FRIDAY**  
Chopped sirloin, sliced potatoes, peas, fruit cocktail.

## Lifestyles Policies

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's), prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted

at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

7. Information that appears on engagement, wedding and anniversary forms will be used at the discretion of the editor. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

## Bridal Registry...

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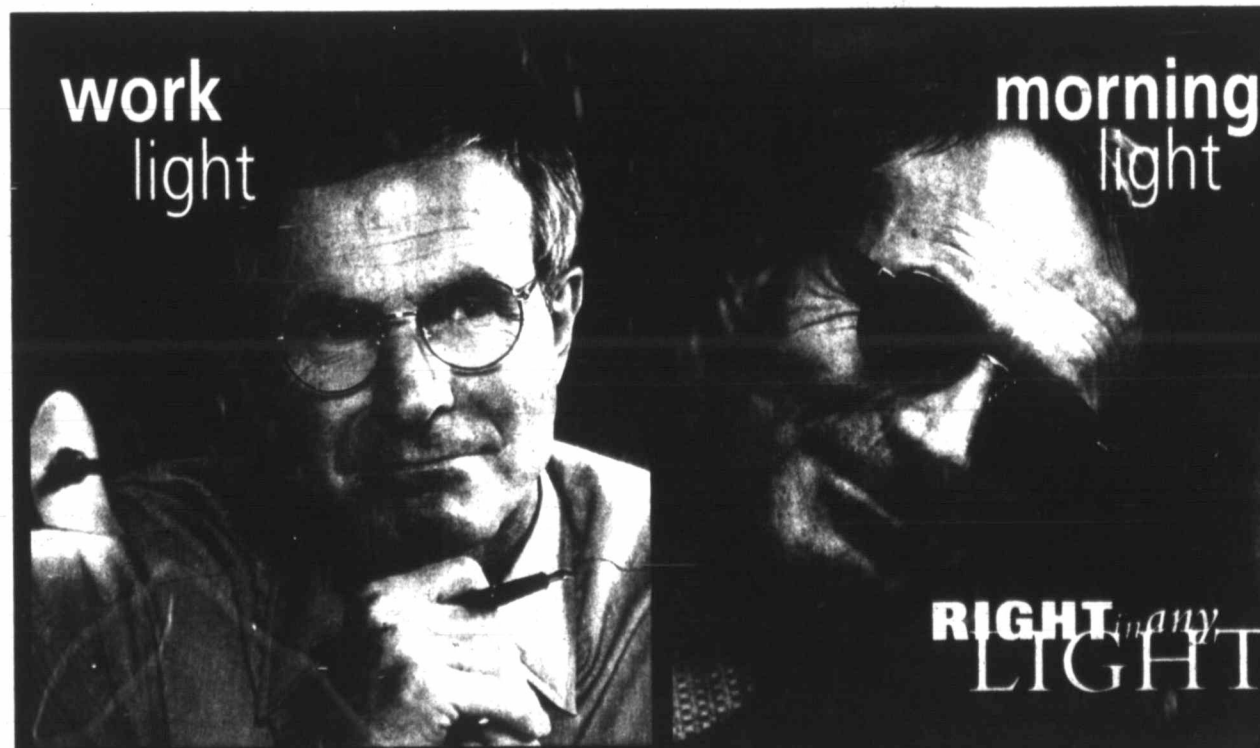
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Amanda Sims and Karl Schoenenberger

## Sims-Schoenenberger

Amanda Sims of Canyon and Karl Schoenenberger of Hereford were wed July 14, 2001, at First United Methodist Church in Canyon with Jon Sims officiating.

The matron of honor was Jamie Morgan. The maid of honor was Deborah Gruhlkey, and the bridesmaids were Karen Paschel, cousin of the groom, and Stacey Mills and Kelley Mills, both cousins of the bride. The flower girls were Tamara Flusche, daughter of Darryl and Janet Flusche, and Mikayla Paschel, daughter of Louis and Brenda Paschel.

The best man was Roy Homfeld. The groomsmen were Chris Mills, cousin of the bride, Ryan Schoenenberger and Brent Schoenenberger, both brothers of the groom, and Chris Morgan.

The ring bearer was Brenden Burrell, son of Robby and Sue Burrell. The ushers were James Short, Brandon Skidmore, cousin of the bride, and Tim Gee and Brent Burns. The candlelighters were Keela Garrett and DeAnn Garrett.

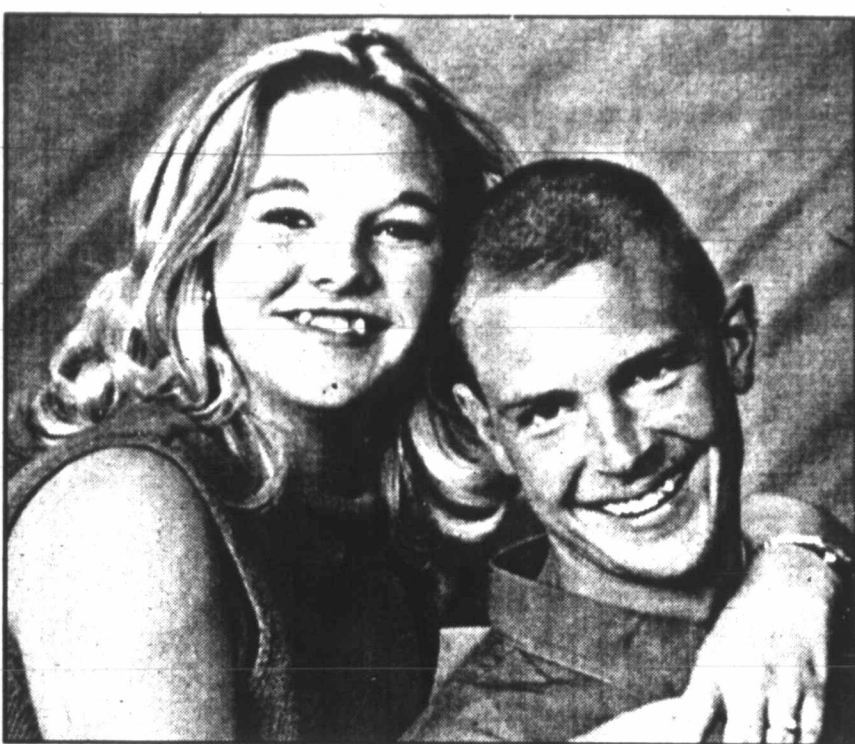
Music was provided by organist/pianist Martha Brorman.

A reception was held following the service in fellowship hall of the church with Hollie Gattis, Stephanie Gattis, Terra Skidmore, Amy Hanes and Jaclyn Paschel serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Mary Sims of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1997 and is currently pursuing a degree in elementary education at West Texas A&M University with plans to graduate in December.

The groom is the son of Albert and Margaret Schoenenberger of Hereford. He graduated from Adrian High School in 1997 and is currently pursuing a degree in ag business and economics at West Texas A&M University.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to San Antonio and intend to make their home in Canyon.



Jessica Hall and Sam Ledford

## Hall-Ledford

Jessica Hall and Sam Ledford, both of Pampa, were wed July 13, 2001, at 1145 Terrace in Pampa with Rick Pearson, of Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa, officiating.

The maids of honor were Jennifer Brewer and Brooke Pyle, both of Pampa.

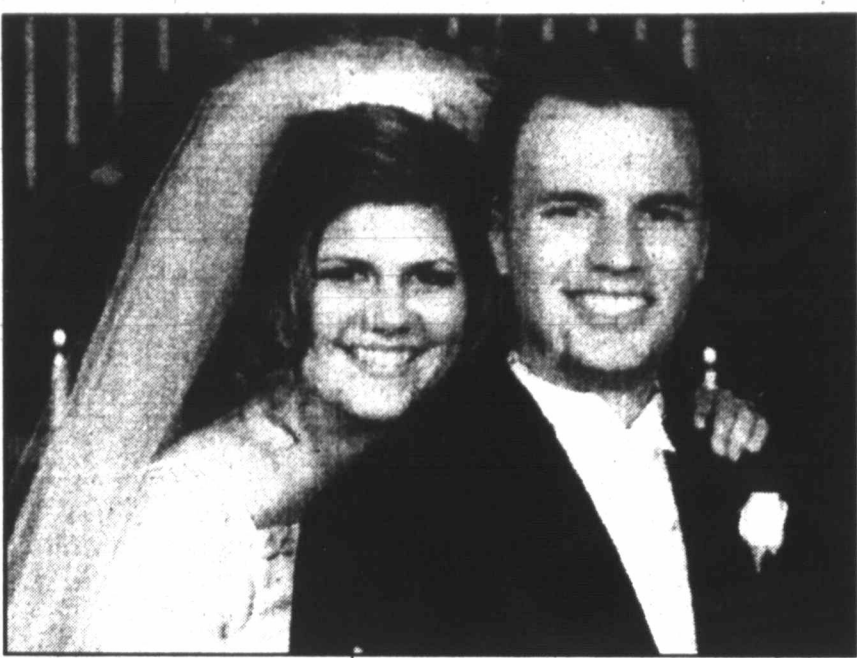
The best man was Danny Orand of Pampa. The ring bearer was Malcome Hall of White Deer.

A reception was held following the service at 1145 Terrace.

The bride is the daughter of Fred and Cheryl Osbin of White Deer and Don and Kristi Hall of Odessa. She graduated from White Deer High School in May 2001 and is currently employed at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

The groom is the son of Teresa Smith of Pampa and Larry Ledford of Deweyville. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1998 and is currently in the military.

The couple plan to make their home at Fort Campbell, Ky.



Amy Braden and Jeffrey Lane

## Braden-Lane

Amy Braden and Jeffrey Lane were wed June 16, 2001, in Christ United Methodist Church at College Station with the Rev. Jay Jackson officiating.

The maid of honor was April Salzmann of College Station. The bridal attendants were Tamara Lane, sister of the groom of Lubbock, Lesley Goehring, cousin of the bride, and Amanda Campbell, both of College Station, and Lauren Goehring, cousin of the bride of Cape Girardeau, Mo.

The best man was John McGrath of Austin. The groomsmen were Kelly Lane, cousin of the groom of Athens, Ken Smith of Pensacola, Fla., and Mark Green of College Station.

The ushers were Billy Castillo and Andrew Thomas, both of College Station.

Music was provided by organist Mark Satterwhite.

Kara Olin of College Station registered guests. An evening buffet, reception and dance were held following the service at the Kyle House in Bryan.

The bride is the daughter of Joy and John Pharis of Keller and is the granddaughter of Virginia and William Cayse of Cape Girardeau and Barbara and Johnnie Pharis of Little Rock, Ark. She holds a bachelor of business administration degree in management and marketing from Texas A&M University in College Station and is the account executive for the ABC affiliate station there.

The groom is the son of Mary Lou and Jerry Lane of Pampa and is the grandson of Christina and Howard Lane of Panhandle. His godparents are Karin and Joe Natowitz of College Station. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in biochemistry from Texas Tech University in Lubbock and is a Cell Biology Research associate in Biotechnology for Prodigene in College Station.

The couple honeymooned at the El Dorado Resort in the Mayan Peninsula and will make their home in College Station.

## Fire: Miracles lie just beneath the ashes ...

Sadness and shock washed over me as I stood in the parking lot at Watson's Garden Center. Before me were the ashes of a business I love. The huge greenhouse, reduced to charred wood and melted metal, once was an oasis of beauty.

Disbelief and fear hammered in my chest when I first heard about the fire. Surely, I misunderstood. The thick smoke that roiled across town turned the awful fear into reality. Thankfully, my friends escaped relatively unharmed. Physically.

Memories of another fire crowded into my head. A few short years ago, Charlotte Watson and I held one another and cried in the middle of Highway 60 after a lightning bolt reduced the original Watson's to cinders.

In a fiery instant, dreams and years of hard work become nothing more than papery ashes. The physical scene is inconceivable; the mental turmoil is unbearable. To witness this smoky nightmare

## Reunion held at Skellytown

Relatives of Adolph and Alta Novotny gathered in Skellytown recently for a family reunion. This gathering represented four children of Jonathan and Mary Snider Smith, Everett Smith, Ora Smith Burden, Ruth Smith Thayer Carter and Alta Smith Novotny.

Those attending from Kansas included: Everett J. and Marilyn Smith, Lebanon; Albert and Lila Thayer, Liberal; Ty and Lori Hiebert, son Rustin, El Dorado.

Those from Oklahoma were: Mike and Moleta King, Owasso; Alice Smith, Garber; Terry and Mitzi Smith, Enid; Bo and Jamie Bowman, and son Samuel, Stillwater; Jessy and Amber McHughes, and daughter Sidnee, Perry; Dorothy Thayer, Baron and Marilyn Thayer, David and Cindy Evetts, Ernie and Mistie Thayer, and children Quinton, Casie, and Cody, and Heidi Thayer, and son Jessie, all of Covington.

Texas relatives included: Deanna Burden, New Braunfels; Shelli Jones and children Jenna, Jason, and Jaron, Amarillo, and Adolph and Alta Novotny, Skellytown.

Relatives of Mr. Novotny included: Lee and Mary Lou Brookshire, Mead, Okla., and Randy Pryor and children Cara and Josh of Pampa.



Kathy Davis Morris  
GARDEN WISE

twice in a lifetime is surreal.

I love the flower business. It is tough, hard work — not a career for the faint of heart. My first day at Watson's (eons ago), I swept the floors. What I thought I knew about flowers had nothing to do with the reality of running a greenhouse. So, I swept and listened. There was much to learn.

When I went to work for Kirk and Bea, my first chore involved pond scum. On bended knees and shoulder-deep in green water, I mucked algae from a pond. From the bottom of a slimy pond, every direction is up. There is still much to learn.

I drove to Watson's again last night. While standing before the burned shell, bitter tears filled my eyes. Somewhere deep inside, though, a glimmer of hope twinkled. I remembered the kind words and works of a community who comforted another stunned family a few years ago.

To Bea, Kirk, Vicki, Candid and Robbie — Miracles lie just beneath the ashes.



Angie Turpen and Justin Barker

## Turpen-Barker

Angie Turpen and Justin Barker, both of Las Vegas, Nev., plan to wed Aug. 4, 2001, in First Baptist Church of Lefors.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ron and Molly Turpen of Lefors. She graduated from Lefors High School in 1996 and served in the U.S. Army for 2 1/2 years. She is currently living in Las Vegas and working at Mountain View Hospital in Radiology.

The prospective groom is the son of Robert Barker of Demming, N.M., and Justina Dawkins of La Mesa, N.M. He graduated from Gadsden High School in Anthony, N.M., in 1995 and served in the U.S. Army for six years. He currently resides in Las Vegas and is employed by Sunrise Airlines as a flight dispatcher.

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Michele Lee Woolman and Gregory Todd Wilson

## Woolman-Wilson

Michele Lee Woolman and Gregory Todd Wilson, both of San Marcos, Texas, were wed June 2, 2001, at the home of the bride's parents in Nashville, Tenn. The couple celebrated with a small group of family and friends in an outdoor ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Milburn and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wilson.

The bride is currently a registered nurse at The Heart Hospital in Austin.

The groom is currently manager of Logan's Roadhouse in San Marcos. The couple intend to make their home in San Marcos.



## Our Bridal Registry

Amanda Sims ~ Karl Schoenenberger

Michelle Wallis ~ Shaun Hurst

Tiffany Dennis ~ Brandon Voss

Callie Babcock ~ Greg Winter

Amy Ware ~ Tanner Winkler

Jennifer Ward ~ Shawn Whiddon

Tiffany Boyd ~ Kasey Garrison

April Marburger ~ Brooks Gentry

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Sunday July 15

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## Summertime Boating Is Easy If Good Judgment Prevails

DEAR ABBY: Summertime is here. That means about 17 million boats are hitting the water. Boating is a terrific family activity. It promotes bonding among generations, teaches kids independence and resourcefulness, and for many becomes an activity that can be enjoyed for a lifetime. It is also one of the fastest-growing outdoor recreations in America.

The National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) represents 80 percent of the recreational boat manufacturers in North America. While new safety advancements are continuously being developed within the industry, nothing can replace common sense and good judgment on the part of boaters. Just as you wouldn't get behind the wheel of a car without driver's education, no one should take the helm of a boat without boating education.

I hope you find these safety guidelines important and share them with your readers:

- BOAT OWNERS:**
- (1) Make sure your boat is in good running condition — including fuel, electrical and engine systems.
  - (2) Check the weather forecast before you head out.
  - (3) Know and watch your boat's passenger capacity.
  - (4) Maintain enough life jackets and personal flotation devices (and the right sizes) for everyone on board. Make sure everyone wears them.
  - (5) Understand and follow federal and local boating rules and regulations. (The U.S. Coast Guard offers refresher courses.)
  - (6) Don't drink and drive, and don't allow anyone who has been drinking to drive your boat.

### Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

the captain speaking — listen up!

DEAR ABBY: I witnessed a theft and told a teacher, who promptly informed the cops. I feel terrible about it — like I've betrayed the friend who did it. What should I do? WONDERING IN FLORIDA

DEAR WONDERING: First, forgive yourself. You did the right thing. While your friend may not appreciate it right now, you may have saved that person from a life of crime. Birds of a feather flock together, so the second thing you should do is find another friend who's less troubled than the first.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

DEAR THOM: Your safety guidelines are important and should be taken to heart by anyone who owns a boat or sets foot on one. Readers, that was

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### Wildwood



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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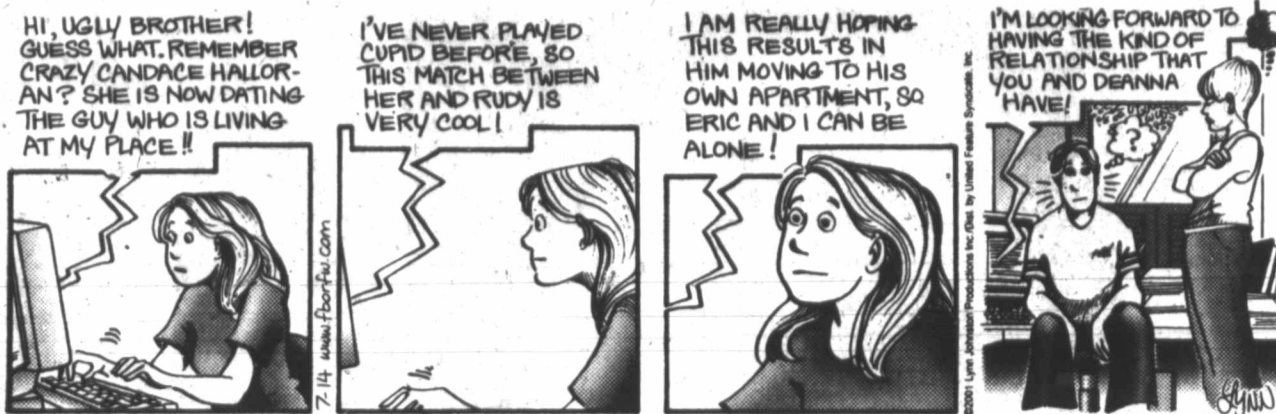
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## ENTERTAINMENT

## Billboard music charts

By The Associated Press

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

## 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. "U Remind Me," Usher. Arista.
2. "Hit 'Em Up Style (Oops!)," Blu Cantrell. RedZone.
3. "Let Me Blow Ya Mind," Eve (feat. Gwen Stefani). Ruff Ryders.
4. "Peaches & Cream," 112. Bad Boy.
5. "Hanging By A Moment," Lifehouse. DreamWorks.
6. "Drops Of Jupiter (Tell Me)," Train. Columbia.
7. "Lady Marmalade," Christina Aguilera, Lil' Kim, Mya & Pink. Interscope.
8. "Bootylicious," Destiny's Child. Columbia.
9. "All or Nothing," O-Town. J.
10. "Drive," Incubus. Immortal.

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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. "Devil's Night," D-12. Shady.
2. "Songs In A Minor," Alicia Keys. J.
3. "Break The Cycle," Staind. Flip/Elektra. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
4. "Jagged Little Thrill," Jagged Edge. So So Def/Columbia.
5. "Survivor," Destiny's Child. Columbia. (Platinum)
6. "Lil' Romeo," Lil' Romeo. Soulja.
7. Soundtrack: "The Fast And The Furious." Murder Inc./Def Jam.
8. "Take Off Your Pants And Jacket," Blink-182. MCA.
9. Soundtrack: "Moulin Rouge." Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp. (Platinum)
10. "Free City," St. Lunatics. Fo' Reel.

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## Hot Adult Contemporary

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

1. "There You'll Be," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
2. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack With Sons Of The Desert. MCA Nashville.
3. "Thank You," Dido. Arista.

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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. "Crawling," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
5. "Your Disease," Saliva. Island.
6. "Days Of The Week," Stone Temple Pilots. Atlantic.
7. "Greed," Godsmack. Republic.
8. "Pain," Stereomud. Loud.
9. "Rexall," Dave Navarro. Capitol.
10. "Be Like That," 3 Doors Down. Republic.

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## Modern Rock Tracks

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1. "It's Been Awhile," Staind. Flip/Elektra.
2. "The Rock Show," Blink-182. MCA.

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## Hot Country Singles and Tracks

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

1. "I'm Already There," Lonestar. BNA.
2. "She Couldn't Change Me," Montgomery Gentry. Columbia.
3. "When I Think About Angels," Jamie O'Neal. Mercury.
4. "Two People Fell In Love," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.
5. "I Could Not Ask For More," Sara Evans. RCA.
6. "Austin," Blake Shelton. Giant.
7. "When Somebody Loves You," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
8. "I'm Just Talkin' About Tonight," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
9. "Grown Men Don't Cry," Tim McGraw. Curb.
10. "Where I Think About Ends," Keith Urban. Capitol.

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## Top Country Albums

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1. Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Platinum)
2. "I'm Already There," Lonestar. BNA.
3. Soundtrack: "Coyote Ugly," Curb. (Platinum)
4. "Set This Circus Down," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
5. "Greatest Hits," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Gold)
6. "Born To Fly," Sara Evans. RCA. (Gold)
7. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack. MCA Nashville. (Platinum)
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9. "Steers & Stripes," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville. (Gold)
10. "Inside Out," Trisha Yearwood. MCA Nashville. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

## Hot R&amp;B/Hip-Hop Singles and Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)

1. "U Remind Me," Usher. Arista.

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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. Soulja/No Limit.
2. "Purple Hills," D-12. Shady.
3. "Bigacts Littleacts," Afu-Ra (feat. GZA). D&D/In the Paint/Fat Beats.
4. "Music," Erick Sermon (feat. Marvin Gaye). NY.LA/Def Squad.
5. "What It Is," Violator (feat. Bust Rhymes). Violator/Loud/Columbia.
6. "Call Me E.S.," 7L & Esoteric. Direct.
7. "Area Codes," Ludacris (feat. Nate Dogg). Disturbing Tha Peace/Def Jam.
8. "Torture," Screwball (feat. M.O.P.). Hydra.
9. "None Tonight," Lil' Zane. Worldwide.
10. "The Sun God," Hi-Tek (feat. Common & Vinia Mojica). Rawkus.

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2. "Jagged Little Thrill," Jagged Edge. So So Def/Columbia.
3. "The Reason," Beanie Sigel. Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam.
4. "Devil's Night," D-12. Shady.
5. "Lil' Romeo," Lil' Romeo. Soulja.
6. "Luther Vandross," Luther Vandross. J.
7. "Free City," St. Lunatics. Fo' Reel.
8. "Based On A True Story," Lil' Mo. Elektra.
9. "Miss E...So Addictive," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott. The Gold Mind/Elektra.
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## Hot Dance Music — Club Play

(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)

1. "Keep Control," Sono. Groovilicious.
2. "Play," Jennifer Lopez. Epic.
3. "Lady Marmalade," Christina Aguilera, Lil' Kim, Mya & Pink. Interscope.
4. "Never Enough," Boris Dlugosch (feat. Roisin). MSU.
5. "Live To Tell," Lucrezia. Logic.
6. "Sweet Surrender," Sarah McLachlan. Nettwerk.
7. "Drums Come Alive," Tomba Vira. Dotdotdot.
8. "I Got My Pride," Barry Harris (feat. Pepper Mashay). Tommy Boy Silver Label.
9. "Bumpin' & Jumpin' (The Michael T. Diamond Mix)," Kim English. Nervous.
10. "Hide U," Suzanne Palmer. Star 69.

## Hot Latin Tracks

(Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)

1. "Azul," Cristian. Ariola.
2. "O Me Voy O Te Vas," Marco Antonio Solis. Fonovisa.
3. "Abrazame Muy Fuerte," Juan Gabriel. Ariola.
4. "Besame," Ricardo Montaner. WEA Latina.
5. "No Te Podias Quedar," Conjunto Primavera. Fonovisa.
6. "Y Yo Sigo Aqui," Paulina Rubio. Universal Latino.
7. "Y Llegaste Tu," Banda El Recodo. Fonovisa.
8. "Me Vas A Extranar," Pepe Aguilar. Musart.
9. "Con Cada Beso," Huey Dunbar. Sony Discos.
10. "Como Se Cura Una Herida," Jaci Velasquez. Sony Discos.

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## Top Contemporary Jazz Albums

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Nice & Slow," Brian Culbertson. Atlantic.
2. "A Twist Of Marley — A Tribute," Various Artists. GRP.
3. "M Squared," Marcus Miller. 3 Deuces.
4. "In Modern Times," Spyro Gyra. Heads Up.
5. "Face To Face," Wayman Tisdale. Atlantic.
6. "Tourist," St. Germain. Blue Note.
7. "The Dance," Dave Koz. Capitol.
8. "Kisses In The Rain," Rick Braun. Warner Bros.
9. "To Grover, With Love," Various Artists. Q.
10. "Cruisin'," Marc Antoine. GRP.

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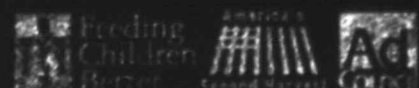
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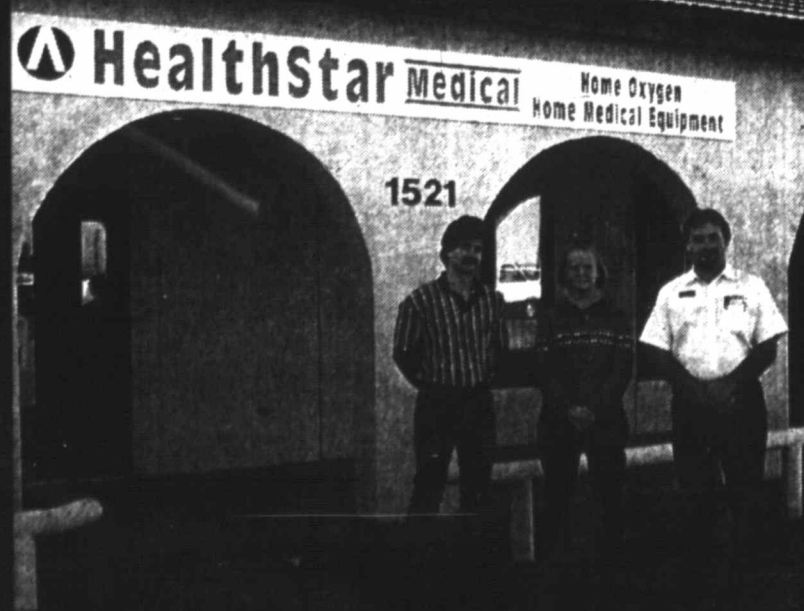
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# The humble cactus: Mexican mainstay packs energy

By LYNN BREZOSKY  
Associated Press Writer

LAREDO (AP) — Nopales. The big cactuses Anglos call prickly pears are everywhere here, growing wild along the highways and on the ranches, friendly looking despite their thorns.

Occasionally you'll see a family stop along the roadway to cut a few, especially if the plants' spiked round fruit, or tuna, is in season. And why not, as both stem pad, and fruit make good, healthful eating.

They don't have much taste by themselves, but the stem pads, which are considered vegetables, add texture, zest and color to dishes, as well as vitamins. Some compare them to okra or green peppers.

So central were nopales to the indigenous culture of what is now the southwestern United States and Mexico that they are the root of Mexico City's Aztec name, Tenochtitlan, meaning "place of the cactus fruit."

In cases of drought, nopales were the lifeblood of ancient cultures here, food for both people and their livestock. They also were used to soothe wounds, stiffen cloth, strengthen mortar and

fence off wild animals. Cattle that grazed on the nopales were said to develop a special flavor in their meat and milk.

The spines, evolution's protection, still are singed off for the cattle, over open flame in parts of rural Mexico and with flame throwers developed by cowboys here in Texas.

"It's funny. The cattle around here know the sound of the pear burner," said Tony Ramirez, a local herbalist who swears by the benefits of nopales. "He's cooking dinner for them essentially."

Mexicans and Mexican-Americans are accustomed to mixing nopales into all sorts of dishes: stir-fried with eggs and shrimp or maybe beef and peppers, tossed into soups, grilled with olive oil, even pickled or made into a salsa for tortillas. In some cases, the recipes have been handed down for generations, since before Texas was Texas.

New recipes are always evolving. Care for a prickly pear margarita?

It's only recently that the nutritional benefits have been getting attention. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the sliced pads, or nopalitos, are low in fat but high in water-soluble

*Uses documented by plant scientist Luther Burbank in the early 20th century include squeezing the sap over cuts, burns and bruises, and grinding and pureeing for use as a laxative.*

fiber, pectin, energy-boosting complex carbohydrates as well as calcium, magnesium, potassium and iron. They weigh in at about 60 calories a cup.

Because they adapt well to hot, dry climates, the nopales have become an important crop in Israel and southern Italy.

Uses documented by plant scientist Luther Burbank in the early 20th century include squeezing the sap over cuts, burns and bruises, and grinding and pureeing for use as a laxative. In Central Africa, the sap from the pads served as a mosquito repellent.

Growing knowledge of the benefits have helped spur demand for the cactus, and retailers are responding. Two of the nation's largest retail grocery chains, Kroger's and Albertson's, stock them in their produce aisles or will stock them on request. Wal-Mart offers them from August through April. Other supermar-

kets make them available for the high-demand Lenten season. The cacti, as well as products made from them, also can be found on the Internet.

Molly Thongthiraj, a 25-year employee of the California Cactus Center in Pasadena, Calif., says she has seen more interest than ever in the cactuses. Hispanic customers say they use it for a variety of ailments, even diabetes, she said. The Mexican Institute of Nutrition in Mexico City is

researching health effects of the plant.

Thongthiraj said she's also seen more Asians buying the plants. "I've noticed people are learning about it," she said. "Then they want to grow it."

An easy task as long as the ground isn't too moist. Adding sand or perlite to the soil helps, she said. "You just lay them on the ground," Thongthiraj said of the pads. "They just root."

Ramirez's family goes way back in these parts. His grandmother was an indigenous medicine woman, and was her mother before that. Now, Ramirez devotes his life to documenting how previous cultures used native plants for well-being.

"She had no formal education, never took her kids to a doctor,

never set foot in a store even," he said of his grandmother. "She always prepared nopales."

As a boy, Ramirez would go out in the brush and gather them for his parents to cook.

Today, he chases leads, usually word-of-mouth, of elderly people who speak of old plant cures, so he can compile and investigate them. He also wants to recapture the indigenous Mexican diet, the one that predates fat-laden, fast-food tacos. Nopales, he said, are a big part of that diet.

He knows of about 150 recipes, including jellies, bread, even a liquor. For a visitor, he prepared them in a stir-fry with tomatoes, onions, garlic, shrimp, olive and sesame oil.

"It's become kind of a trendy food, but I just like it," he said.

## Cooking with cactus ...

By The Associated Press

When choosing pads for eating, pick immature ones so they still will be tender. Use tongs so as not to get spines or glochids (tiny, fuzzy spines) in your fingers. Using a sharp knife or vegetable peeler, remove the areoles (the places where spines develop on the pad). Rinse and then dice, slice or pare as desired.

To avoid contact with the sticky fluid that oozes from the nopales, steam them whole, just long enough for their color to change from bright green to olive drab. Once the color changes, immediately plunge them into a bowl of cool water, then cut on a cutting board. The fluid is meant to be mixed into and enhance dishes.

### Stir-fried Cactus

Add fresh diced or sliced nopalitos to your favorite stir-fry recipes.

They can be cut according to preference; half-inch strips in a hot wok will provide a nice texture in about 90 seconds. The thinner they are cut and longer they are cooked, the more soluble fiber they are likely to lose.

### Salsa de Nopalitos (Cactus Pad Salsa)

**Ingredients:**  
1 c. finely chopped tomato  
1/4 c. finely chopped onion  
1 c. fresh diced nopalitos  
1/4 t. garlic powder  
1/4 t. cumin powder  
1 chopped jalapeno pepper (or chili powder to taste)  
1/2 t. salt (optional, or more to taste)  
1/2 t. finely chopped fresh cilantro  
Blend. Salsa can be used as a side dish or topping. It also can be simmered in a covered pot until cooked, about 15-20 minutes, and served as a warm salsa.

### Nopalitos Con Huevos (Tender Cactus with Eggs)

**Ingredients:**

1/4 c. Salsa de Nopalitos  
1 egg

Saute 1/4 cup salsa, scramble in egg and cook to desired doneness. Salsa can be added to omelets or to top fried or boiled eggs.

### Guacamole Con Nopalitos

Mash one ripe avocado and add fresh or cooked Salsa de Nopalitos to taste. Serve with chips.

### Nopalito Smoothie

**Ingredients:**

1 ripe banana, refrigerated for coldness  
1 cup diced nopalitos, frozen  
Juice of 1/2 key or Mexican lime or 1 T. lime or lemon juice  
1 c. cold orange, pineapple or grapefruit juice  
2 ounces Glorioso herbal tonic or 1/2-ounce Glorioso concentrate (optional, this is a combination of plant extracts that can be found in some health food stores. You can add protein powder or whatever you usually add to your smoothie, or skip this ingredient)  
1 T. honey  
Put ingredients in blender and liquefy until smooth.

Note: Diabetics should use unsweetened grapefruit or pineapple juice and omit the honey.

### Nopal Bread (Cactus Bread)

A favorite is a multigrain bread mix. Using a bread maker makes it easy, but baking bread the old-fashioned way is great. Regardless of what bread recipe is used, reduce the amount of water required by 1/2 cup for a 1 1/2 pound loaf, and add one half-pound of pureed nopal (about 2 cups). With some bread types and loaf sizes, you may have to experiment with moisture requirements. Some recipes will let you add 1 cup pureed nopal without reducing water.

The texture of the resulting bread is not unlike an English muffin. The Ramirezes like to toast it on a "comal" or tortilla griddle, then top it with cream or Neufchatel cheese, jam or jelly.

Source: Tony and Renee Ramirez



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## Family attends college together

By LAURA HENSLEY  
The Bryan-College Station Eagle

BRYAN — Like most college roommates B.D., Toby and Billy have their ups and downs. Dirty dishes and unmade beds cause friction inside the men's three-bedroom apartment. But the trio share a bond that no roommate squabble could break: they are father and sons.

For the past year and a half, B.D. Garrett and his sons, Toby and Billy, have shared the stresses, triumphs and struggles of college life while attending Texas State Technical College in Waco, which is more than an hour away from their homes and loved ones in Bryan.

The Garretts, all of whom said they had physically demanding, dead-end jobs before heading back to school, decided together to make new lives for themselves. If all goes well during the next semester, the Garretts will each walk across the stage to receive their associate's degrees in December and start new lives with a new direction and a better chance at success.

It will be the first time B.D. and his oldest son, Billy, have been handed a diploma. Both were high school dropouts.

"It's going to be emotional for me to graduate," B.D. said. "I'll be crying for sure."

Charles Reed, the dean of student services, said the college has had numerous family pairs who have gone to school together; however, having all three of the Garretts graduating together is unique.

The idea of conquering college together came two years ago when B.D. was injured, out of a job and depressed. With little more than a high school equivalency degree, the man who was nearing his 50th birthday had few career options.

B.D. had been an oil field worker since dropping out of high school at the age of 16. The strenuous work caught up with him when he injured his back while trying to lift a piece of

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heavy machinery.

"My doctor advised me to look at other options," B.D. said. "I was devastated. Working in the oil field was all I knew. I had no clue where to begin. My doctor is the one who told me that I should go back to school."

At the time, youngest son Toby, 22, was working the night shift at a local bakery while Billy, 33, also was working in the oil fields.

"It's a dead-end street for young people," B.D. said about his sons' previous jobs.

"They were tired of it, so we decided to make the change together."

B.D. and Toby packed up a few essentials and made the move to school in December of 1999. They both decided to pursue associate's degrees in environmental health and safety. Billy joined them three months later and began work on an associate's degree in air conditioning and refrigeration technology.

Toby and Billy agree that college life with their father has been an interesting experience. At first, B.D. insisted that his boys wake up early each morning and eat a good breakfast.

But the ritual faded fast when busy schedules, late night study sessions and part-time jobs drained energy from the crew. Every second of sleep is cherished by the students, and a homemade pancake breakfast ranks below a hit of the snooze button for Toby.

The younger Garretts also found out about their father's strict studying habits. Before each morning exam, B.D. wakes up about four hours early to put in extra study time. He said he has been on the honor roll once and the president's honor roll three times during his college career.

"I push myself," B.D. said.

"Not only do I want to pass, but I want to be at the top."

Toby and Billy, however, would never call their father a nerd.

"He always does his homework and his takes good notes," Toby said. "He is just a very good student."

The financial strain of school has forced the Garretts to pick up part-time jobs as they attend class.

B.D. works four to five nights a week as a grill cook at the Cracker Barrel and also mans the math lab on campus with Toby. Billy works at an air conditioning company in Waco.

"This is what we call our sacrifice years while we focus on getting out of school," said mom and wife Malinda Garrett. "But when it's all over, it will be worth it."

Billy's wife, Lori, attends school at Blinn College in Bryan. She balances school with raising the couple's two sons, who are 8 and 11.

The Garretts return home to Bryan every weekend to see their families, relax and, of course, do laundry.

The Garretts said that through their college experience they have learned about the value of education and their father-son relationship has been strengthened.

With support from each other, prayers and encouragement, they have accomplished something together none of them ever dreamed they could do alone.

"I don't think I wouldn't have stuck it out if my sons were not there with me," B.D. said.

"There were many times when I wanted to pack up and come home. But having them there with me helped me get through this."

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## Coronado Healthcare Center



(Left) Panhandle Pea-Pickers Diego Boyd, Dixie Sims and J.B. Duckworth perform during an Independence Day Celebration at Coronado Healthcare Center in Pampa.



(Community Camera photos by Jeanette Jackson)

Not pictured: Lucille Cozart, pianist. Jim Kilburn, administrator at CHC in Pampa, cooked hot dogs and hamburgers during the celebration.

## Federal program offers student loan forgiveness to child care providers

AUSTIN — In the 2001 Consolidated Appropriations Act, the federal government allocated \$1 million to the Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Program. The goal of the program is to attract more highly trained individuals into the early child care profession and to provide an incentive for them to remain in the field. If borrowers meet certain criteria established by the federal government, their federal Stafford loans may be forgiven.

Currently the program is administered on a first-come, first-served basis; therefore, any Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) borrowers who may qualify for this loan forgiveness should contact their lender or Texas Guaranteed (TG) as soon as possible.

To qualify for loan forgiveness under this program, the borrower must have:

- Obtained a FFELP loan on or after October 8, 1998. A borrower cannot have an outstanding balance on another FFELP loan taken out before October 8, 1998.

- Completed a degree in early childhood education, childcare, or any other educational area that the Department of Education deems appropriate. The borrower may have either an associate's or a bachelor's degree to qualify under the program.

- Obtained employment in a child care facility, which could include a home — as long as it's defined as a facility that provides child care and meets applicable state or local government licensing, certification, approval, or registration requirements.

- Worked full time as a child care provider in a low-income community during the two years immediately preceding

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the year for which the determination of eligibility is made. A low-income community is one in which 70% of households within the community earn less than 85% of the state's median household income.

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For more information or for answers to questions about the

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cust.assist@tgslc.org. TG is a public, nonprofit corporation that helps create access to higher education for millions of families and students through its role as an administrator of the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP). Its vision is to be the premier source of information, financing, and assistance to help all families and students realize their educational and career dreams. Additional information about TG can be found online at [www.tgslc.org](http://www.tgslc.org).

## LMNR: Plum Picker's paradise

FRITCH — The abundant rainfall this past spring has produced a bumper crop of wild plums at Lake Meredith NRA. Deer and other wildlife are eating their fill and there are still plums to spare.

While many National Park Service areas prohibit the collection of any fruit or other natural products, visitors to LMNR are permitted to pick wild fruits and greens for personal use and consumption.

This policy is based on the fact natural cycles often produce an abundance of fruit and greens which exceed what is needed by wildlife and for regeneration of the plant species. By limiting the amount that can be picked to personal use and consumption, there should be enough left to satisfy the ecological needs of the Recreation Area.

While picking plums or other seasonal fruit, visitors should beware of ticks, chiggers, wasps, rattlesnakes, poison ivy and other potential harmful plants, insects and animals. In addition, hot temperatures can lead to heat exhaustion and other serious medical problems.

Plum pickers must keep vehicles on established roads. Also, trees and bushes may not be injured in gathering the fruit. The best places to find the wild plums are McBride Canyon and Big Blue Creek.

## Newsmakers

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Army Private Michael M. Brack, 2000 Pampa High School graduate and son of Brenda and William Gardner of Pampa, recently graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus.

The recruits received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history and traditions.

During infantry training, Brack developed basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experienced using various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

SWEETWATER — Texas State Technical College West Texas at Sweetwater recently announced students named to the President's Honor Roll for the 2001 spring semester.

To be eligible for the President's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average throughout the semester. Students named to the list include: Kory Nickell of Pampa.



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## West Texas A&M to take equestrian expertise to England and Denmark

CANYON — There's nothing like good ol' horse sense, and that's exactly what Rebekah Bachman and her entourage are taking with them as they travel abroad later this month.

Bachman, instructor of animal science and coach of West Texas A&M University's equestrian team, and her entourage of students will depart July 17 for England and Denmark where they will lead horsemanship clinics before returning home Aug. 1. The trip marks the second year in a row that Bachman and a group of WTAMU students have conducted clinics abroad, thanks to a grant from the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) in Amarillo.

The AQHA program offers grants to colleges and universities to teach horsemanship clinics around the globe. Last year WTAMU joined Oklahoma State University, Kansas State University and New Mexico State University as the four universities selected to teach the clinics abroad. The WTAMU group traveled to Australia and was the only school to take more students than faculty.

"Last year's trip was a very big success for us so we applied again this year," Bachman said. "We're delighted to get another chance to travel abroad and give our students the opportunity to use skills they have learned here in teaching others. This really says something about the AQHA's high

regard for WTAMU and its equine program."

Bachman's touring entourage will include Rachel Quest, a sophomore agribusiness/equine industry major from Lubbock; Tara Standridge, a junior animal science major from Canyon; Trent Tyson, a graduate student in agriculture from Canyon and Aaron Callahan, a WTAMU graduate who now teaches at Black Hawk College in Illinois. Their first stop will be in England for clinics in Sharpthorne and Lubenham. They will then travel to Denmark for a four-day clinic in Dronningmoelle.

Bachman said the students selected to take part in the trip are those who are comfortable in a teaching role.

"They understand how I teach, and they know what I think is important," she said.

The teaching style Bachman and her group will use is a unique approach to the clinic format. They will follow an established curriculum adapted to the shorter clinic schedule. It will be more information-based and designed to be very fundamental depending on the skill levels of the participants, Bachman said.

Those attending the clinics will learn about western-style riding as well as such things as hippotherapy, horse behavior and horse balance and movement — aspects of riding that many of the participants have never learned before.



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