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County Commission plans special meeting

PAMPA — Gray County Commissioners are to meet in special session at 9 a.m. on Friday, June 27, in the second floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse. The special meeting has been called so that commissioners can meet in closed session to discuss pending litigation against West Texas Health Care Association (WTHCA). At this month's commission, commissioners hired Pampa attorney Ken Fields to represent the county in its efforts to end the self-funded insurance plan. The county is expected to pay almost \$100,000 in outstanding medical claims by county employees. Employees covered by the plan insurance carrier have had difficulty in getting their pay by WTHCA for the past year. The county board health insurance plan effective Jan. 1, 2000.

Man receives ten-year sentence for car scam

HOUSTON, CAP — A man was sentenced to ten years in prison for swindling \$1.1 million in a scam that involved buying luxury cars and faked checks. District Judge Jim Heston gave Stephen E. Heston, one of the six theft charges, he pleaded guilty to. A prosecutor Marie Heston told Saturday's edition of the Houston Chronicle.

Heston was arrested in March 1998 and in 1999. Heston ran the scam from Houston, Thornton. The victims included people from Houston and Austin residents.

Heston would place ads on the Internet and in newspapers for all luxury cars such as BMW and a Porsche.

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Ranching: It's all in the family

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

MCLEAN — It was the beginning of a new century, a new era. James Samuel Morse wanted to raise cattle in the Texas Panhandle. John N. Haynes hopes his grandchildren will continue the family tradition.

A century ago, J.S. Morse and his uncle, W.A. Morse, rode into what is now Gray County. They bought four sections of land and leased another nine along the North Fork of the Red River. W.A. Morse returned to Roger Mills County, Okla., to take care of other business interests, leaving

his 23-year-old nephew to run the ranch. On Nov. 3, 1903, Sam Morse married Martha Ellen Bogan, from Willow, Okla. A year later, he bought out his uncle and began building his own ranch, branding the Triangle high on the left hip of their cattle. (See RANCH, Page 3)



Sam A. Haynes and Bob Sherrod, both of McLean, and Sheri Haynes of Lubbock wait for the fire in the branding barrel to heat up the brands.



John Ruel Haynes, 10, of McLean holds the heels of a calf during spring branding at the Haynes Ranch, 11 miles north of McLean, near the North Fork of the Red River.

'Wee beasties' can make or break case

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

In this day of scientific advances, 31st and 223rd District Attorney John Mann says that evidence such as DNA is gaining importance in the criminal justice system, both to convict the guilty and to exonerate the innocent. "The average investigator outside of major metropolitan police offices do not realize, primarily because of lack of funding, the amount of wee beasties that every crime scene contains," Mann said. "Every

crime scene contains many different types of what I call wee beasties." He said investigators look for obvious signs of apparent magnitude and never think about what they're not seeing and can't see. "DNA has probably done more to bring to everyone's attention the fact that there are so many wee beasties at a crime scene that are not visible to the human eye than anything we've had," Mann said. "You can see DNA, but you can swab it and get it and you can prove things happen by what you get off the swab."

He said that in the past investigators might not see, or even look for, a dog hair or cat hair or stick, but they are now more conscious of DNA and other microscopic clues and are paying closer attention. "If we pay attention to these small things that you can't see with the naked eye," Mann said, "you can learn as much from them as you can from DNA." Generally speaking, he said, if the investigator doesn't see the fiber or hair on the clothing of the deceased at the crime scene, no further search is made. Occasionally, he said, the pathologist's office will make an effort to locate such

clues, but that's not their job. "I don't think scientific evidence has even been tapped with regard to how much information it can provide," Mann said. "It all goes back to lack of training because of lack of money, he said. Mann said that DNA testing by itself is probably the most important technical break through since the use of fingerprints, but this is only the beginning. "Who knows where we'll end up," Mann said. "Who would have thought (See BEASTIES, Page 2)

Miami ISD board members add four teachers to school staff

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Four new teachers will join the staff at Miami Independent School District this fall, school officials announce. All four were hired following the June 12 meeting of the Miami ISD board of education, said Allan Dinsmore, school superintendent. Barbara Gray will be teaching math and biology at the middle school and high school level. Gray graduated high school at Bay City. She graduated magna cum laude from Wayland Baptist University. Charita King of Capulin, N.M.,

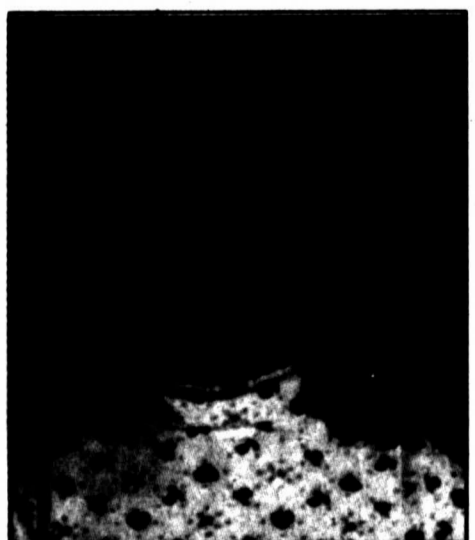
has been chosen to teach English and to coach girls sports for the school district. She graduated from West Texas A&M University at Canyon in May where she was a member of the Dean's Honor Roll. Danny James will serve as head football coach for Miami. He will also be teaching social studies. A teacher since 1975, James graduated from Paducah High School and University of Texas-Permian Basin. He is currently working toward a master of education degree from Sul Ross University. James came to Miami from Three Way ISD where he served as principal and coach. He served as head coach since 1989.

Three Way is a combined school district at Maple, northwest of Lubbock. While at Three Way, James coached two district runner-up teams. He has also coached at Whitharral where his team rose to the state quarter finals and were twice named as district champs. He has also taught at Guthrie, Follett and Motley County. James' wife, Lonita, has also been hired as home economics and speech teacher. She is a graduate of Spearman High School and Abilene Christian University. She has taught home economics at Guthrie and Whitharral and served as a substitute teacher at Three Way.



Bismark Blackstone Sr., drops his vote into the ballot box at the Gray County Courthouse, was one of more than 400 people who voted early in the Republican Primary race for 31st District Attorney in Gray County.

Sunday Snapshot



Name: Britnee Ledbetter.
Occupation/activities: Sixth grader.
Birth date and place: Aug. 22, 1988.

Pampa.
Family: Mom, dad, brother.
When I grow up I want to be: A doctor.
My personal hero: Jesus.
The best advice I ever got was: Do your best.
My classmates think of me as: Funny.
The best word or words to describe me: Thoughtful, funny.
People will remember me as being: Helpful.
The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: Jesus, Britney Spears, Mom, Dad.
My hobbies are: Swimming.
My favorite sports team is: Dallas Cowboys.
My favorite author is: Dave Sargent.
The last book I read was: "Hank the Cowdog."
My favorite possession is: Family.
The biggest honor I've ever received is: Roller skates.
My favorite performer is: Britney Spears.
I wish I knew how to: Sing.
My trademark cliché or expression is: "What's up."
My worst habit is: Biting my fingernails.
I would never: Say never.
The last good movie I saw was: "Bicentennial Man."
I stay home to watch: "Smart Guy."
Nobody knows: And nobody will know.
Someday I want to drive a: GTS silver Viper.
My favorite junk food is: Gum.
My favorite beverage: Dr. Pepper.
My favorite restaurant is: Lamplighter Restaurant.
My favorite pet: Lady, a German Shepherd.
My favorite meal is: Steak and baked potato.
I wish I could sing like: Britney Spears.
I'm happiest when I'm: With my family.
I regret: That I wouldn't get to play in band.
I'm tired of: Too much rain.
I have a phobia about: Spiders, snakes and thunder storms.
The electrical device I couldn't live without is: Radio.
The biggest waste of time is: Homework.
If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: Buy my dad a big home.
If I had three wishes they would be: Long life, happiness, sharing things.
If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: Put in more restaurants and more shopping areas.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

No services for tomorrow were reported to *The Pampa News* by press time Saturday.

Obituaries

No obituaries were reported to *The Pampa News* by press time Saturday.

Police report

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

Friday, June 23

Roy Robert Huff, 35, 1309 Garland, was arrested on two warrants for theft and failure to appear.

Paula Ruth Puckett, 40, 1024 S. Faulkner, was arrested in the 200 block of West Kingsmill on a traffic warrant.

Joe Ervin Kilgore, 44, 544 Oklahoma, was arrested at Thut and Somerville for possession of a controlled substance, resisting arrest, and two outstanding warrants.

Rene Alexander Granillo, 21, 1041 Huff, was arrested at Thut and Somerville for a traffic warrant.

Jason D. Ellis, 17, 544 Oklahoma, was arrested at Thut and Somerville for disorderly conduct - language, failure to appear, minor in possession of alcohol and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Waymon D. Wedgeworth, 21, 715 Sloan, was arrested at Thut and Somerville for no driver's license, no insurance, and hindering apprehension.

Accidents

No accidents were reported by the Pampa Police Department by press time Saturday.

Sheriff's Office

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

Friday, June 23

Jerry Hicks, 34, 109 N. Wynne, was arrested for issuing bad checks.

Robert Joseph Collom, 39, McLean, was arrested for aggravated assault on a public servant.

Daniel Hoffman, 40, Los Alamos, N.M., was arrested for driving while intoxicated, bond surrendered.

Johnny R. Wildcat, 29, 1204 Darby, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated - first offense.

Ambulance

Rural Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m., Saturday.

Friday, June 23

9:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky on a lift assist.

9:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC) for a patient transfer to the 800 block of West Francis.

11:10 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a patient transfer to BSA-West, Amarillo.

3:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transferred one to VA Medical Center, Amarillo.

5:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and transported one to BSA-West, Amarillo.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department received no calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

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we would have ended up here?" He has been working with a new type of DNA testing, a more finely tuned procedure of DNA testing than has been used in the last six or seven years.

"Who knows where we go from here?" he said.

The important thing to remember, Mann said, is that it can provide evidence of not only guilt but also of innocence.

"If there is somebody sitting in prison that is not guilty and we have the means to either affirm his guilt or prove his innocence, which ever it may be, we should do it," Mann said. "Especially since technology is getting faster and faster and faster and less expensive all the time."

Mann said he's looking forward to the day when there will be DNA laboratories within 50 miles of every sheriff's office and police department.

"Now that we've learned about what it is and how to do it," he said, "let's get people trained to do it and let's make it available on an economical basis and use it just like we do fingerprints."

It doesn't take much time or money, he said, to take a fingerprint and examine it.

When electronic calculators

first came out, they cost several hundred dollars. Now, they're so inexpensive, they're given away for promotions. The same thing is going to happen with DNA technology, Mann said. The more accessible it becomes, the less expensive it will be.

"Let's use it to our advantage," Mann said.

Mann said DNA evidence helped put a Pampa man on Texas' death row.

Henry "Hank" Watkins Skinner, 37, is on death row awaiting execution after being convicted in 1996 of murdering Twila Busby, 40, and her two sons, Elwin Eugene "Scooter" Caler, 22, and Melvin Randolph Busby Jr., 20, on New Year's Eve, 1993, in Pampa. Busby was beaten to death while the two boys were stabbed.

Officers discovered the grisly murders after one of the sons made his way to a neighbor's house before collapsing on the neighbor's porch shortly before midnight, Dec. 31, 1993. Police followed a trail of blood back to the Busby home where they found the boy's mother in a pool of blood on the living room floor and the other son lying in his blood-soaked bed.

Opponents of the death penalty point to DNA evidence as a

way of exonerating wrongly convicted prisoners on death row.

At the center of the argument are two New York defense lawyers, Barry Scheck and Peter Neufeld, who founded and direct the pro-bono Innocence Project which seeks the release of wrongly convicted people through DNA testing.

District Attorney John Mann said he has no objection to DNA testing. DNA testing helped put Skinner on death row. He said he it is the job of law enforcement to find the guilty party not to just clear a case.

"It can assure us that we got the right man or it can tell us we've got a real problem here," Mann said.

Law enforcement is about justice, not just locking people up.

"The current panic over DNA is 180 degrees in scope from the applicability of DNA in the Skinner case," Mann said. He said DNA assisted in putting Skinner in the house in which Busby and her two sons were killed.

"The way it did that was it showed that blood of two of the victims was on his clothing," Mann said. "In other words, DNA tied him to the scene and the murder as opposed to exonerating him."

Navy to resume Vieques bombing

VIEQUES, Puerto Rico (AP) — The U.S. Navy said Saturday it was ready to resume bombing on Vieques island in the biggest exercise since a fatal accident prompted a yearlong occupation of the target range.

Protesters vowed to block the exercises, and a general assembly of citizens was convened for Saturday afternoon outside the gates to the range's Camp Garcia to discuss strategy. Protesters will be chosen to trespass onto the range, but only after the bombing has begun, said activist Hector Perquin. He said organizers didn't want a spontaneous demonstration that could put lives in jeopardy.

Insiders at the camp, police and military guards could be seen.

"It's the duty of every Puerto Rican and Vieques resident to go inside (the range) and stop the bombing," said protester Miguel Gonzalez Rodriguez.

The Navy was to give at least two hours' notice to fishermen on the outlying island to stay clear of the Atlantic Fleet bombing range, said Lt. Jeff Gordon, who added that all permits were in place for the exercises. The warning was to be broadcast by radio and posted at Vieques' U.S. Post Office, Gordon said.

Five warships will fire up to 600 rounds at the

range and aircraft will drop between 550 and 830 dummy bombs — including 500-pound and 1,000-pound bombs — during two to five days of exercises, according to plans filed by the Navy. The plans called for bombing to start Saturday, but Gordon refused to say when it will begin.

Opposition has mounted since news was published last week of plans for the biggest exercise yet since an April 1999 bombing accident killed a civilian on the range. That accident led to an occupation of the range before federal officials evicted the protesters last month. Since then, more than 200 demonstrators have been arrested for trespassing on the range.

Islanders say five decades of live bombing have caused environmental damage, contaminated water supplies, stunted tourism, destroyed fishing grounds and led to a high cancer rate.

The Navy says Vieques is the only place its Atlantic fleet can hold simultaneous land, air and sea exercises using live fire before deploying abroad.

President Clinton has ordered the Navy to use dummy bombs instead of live munitions and to abandon Vieques by May 2003 if the island's 9,400 residents vote to expel it in a referendum expected next year. If the Navy wins, it gets to use live munitions again.

Four wounded in Israeli gunfire

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli troops opened fire Saturday on a Jordanian delegation visiting the Lebanese-Israeli border, wounding four people, the head of the Jordanian Doctors Association said.

Tarek Tahboub said an official delegation of 14 Jordanian associations was visiting the Fatima gate when Israeli soldiers opened fire and wounded three Jordanians and a Lebanese. Tahboub was part of the delegation.

In Jordan, Saleh Armouti, head of the Jordan Bar Association, said Israeli troops fired rubber bullets at the Jordanian unionists, whom he

said were chanting anti-Israeli slogans at the border.

The three wounded unionists are "in good condition and they will leave a South Lebanon hospital within one hour," Armouti told The Associated Press in Amman.

Israel's army radio said Israeli soldiers opened fire at three Lebanese who were trying to cut the border fence near Fatima gate, wounding one of the three. According to the radio report, it was not clear to the soldiers whether they fired on them trying to cross the fence to carry out an attack.

Saturday's incident was the most serious since Israel com-

pleted its troop withdrawal from south Lebanon on May 24. Fatima gate, near the Lebanese town of Kfar Kila, has been a popular gathering spot for the curious and the angry, who have regularly let loose at the Israeli outpost 15 feet across the border.

Four others have been wounded there in shootings since the withdrawal.

Among the wounded was Ali Abu Sukar, secretary-general of the Engineers Union in Jordan, Tahboub said in an interview from Marjayoun hospital, where the wounded were being treated. He also denied the Israeli army's account of the events.

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly cloudy Sunday with a 20 percent chance of showers and a high in the mid-90s. Winds from the south at 5 to 15 mph. Sunday evening, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms and a low of 65. Pampa received .04 inch of rain during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Monday, partly cloudy with a high of 80 to 85. Monday night, partly cloudy, a chance of thun-

derstorms, and a low in the 60s. **STATEWIDE** → Skies across most of Texas were partly cloudy early Saturday with temperatures expected to remain warm through the weekend, forecasters said.

In North Texas, temperatures early Thursday were in the 70s and 80s with winds at 15-25 mph.

Skies were clear in extreme West Texas and portions of the Panhandle. Clouds however were expected to move in later

this weekend, bringing a chance of thunderstorms.

In South Texas, a high pressure system is expected to remain in the area, keeping temperatures warm under humid conditions.

At 4 a.m. Saturday, extremes in South Texas ranged from 72 at El Paso to 86 Laughlin Air Force Base.

The forecast calls for isolated thunderstorms in far western portions of South Texas, with highs Sunday ranging from 90 along the coast to 100 elsewhere.

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Rick Roach says he doesn't have a criminal record. If you're not afraid of the truth, call 254-559-3151, the District Clerk's Office in Breckenridge, and ask if it's not true that the District Judge refused to expunge the theft charge from Mr. Roach's record.

This whole situation is most unfortunate. I don't like running a campaign like this. If you recall, I said nothing about Mr. Roach during the last campaign other than the fact that he had never prosecuted even a single case during the ten years he's been in office as county attorney in Roberts County. Then, there were so many untruths and half-truths printed about me and my office that I was forced to defend myself.

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RANCH

The young Morse built the ranch to 21 sections by the middle of the century. He leased four sections to an oil company in 1923, for a test well. Midway through the century, there were more than 100 producing wells on the ranch.

In 1930, Morse bought a 65-section ranch in New Mexico, bringing his holdings to 86 sections in two states and a herd of 6,000 cattle. But the 1930s were haunted by drought, and Morse sold the New Mexico operation after four dry years in the Land of Enchantment.

The 1940s weren't much kinder to Morse. His son, S.B. Morse, and a nephew, were killed during World War II.

Morse's daughter, Minnie, and her husband, John C. Haynes, a Pampa oil wholesaler and banker, moved to the ranch in 1944, with their two sons, John M. Haynes and Samuel A. Haynes. The Morses moved into McLean.

Over the century, they had upgraded their herd, first with Herefords, then with Angus. While experimenting with a feedyard on the ranch in the 1960s, they settled on a herd of Angus and Charolais crossed cattle. They also dabbled with a hog operation.

When the Morses died, the ranch was divided among the two grandsons and a cousin. His grandmother, granddad and mother all died within 18 months of each other.

"We paid inheritance tax three times on this

thing," Haynes said. "It liked to have done us in, but we got her paid off."

Today, John and Joyce Haynes run a cow-calf operation on nine sections along the North Fork of the Red River. The feedyard and hog operation have gone by the wayside. The Haynes still work other cattle. John Haynes has dealt with a Texas Longhorn operation and still has some Watusi cattle from Africa.

Haynes talks about his cattle as a rancher, a businessman who makes his living raising calves, but he beams when he talks about his horses.

His love of horses goes back to his grandfather. J.S. Morse used to raise horses for the Army's remount program. Up through the 1930s, the cavalry would put Thoroughbred stallions out to ranchers with bands of mares and then buy colts from the ranchers with the Army's stallions thus ensuring a steady supply of good horses for the cavalry.

In the early 1900s, the ranch was home to some 100 mares. Today that number is down to about seven, but Haynes still takes pride in his brood mares.

"I raise them primarily for my grandkids," Haynes said.

The Haynes children, four boys and one girl, have moved away and have careers of their own, but Haynes takes delight in his grandchildren, especially when they come to the ranch to help work cattle. Although not yet teenagers, more than one has expressed an interest in ranching.

"Now if we can only figure out how to pass it along to them," Haynes said wistfully.



(Special photos by Mike Haynes)

In the photo at left, Maria Haynes, 3, of Lubbock sits on the lap of her grandmother Joyce Haynes and watches the activities during spring branding at the Haynes Ranch. In the photo at right, Thacker Haynes takes a break from the work to share jokes with Bob Sherrod of McLean.

Passenger at airport dies of meningitis

NEW YORK (AP) — A sick passenger on an El Al flight that landed at Newark International Airport has died of meningococcal meningitis, the Port Authority says.

Joseph Ferraro, of Rochester, N.Y., died Friday evening, about two hours after he arrived in Newark, N.J., on flight 17 from Tel Aviv, said Steve Coleman, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Port Authority police took Ferraro, 20, to Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark — where he died — after being notified that he needed assistance, Coleman said.

Meningococcal meningitis is a bacterial infection of the membranes around the brain and spinal cord. The symptoms include fever, neck stiffness and headache.

The Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention in Atlanta was notified of the cause of Ferraro's death, as were the state health agencies of New York and New Jersey, Coleman said.

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- 5, 6, & 8
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JUSTICE IS FOR ALL VICTIMS!!!

NOT JUST A SELECT FEW!!!

Supporters of my opponent are singing his praises on a local radio station for the work he did in a recent high profile case. *He did nothing more than the job he is paid to do.* The problem is, he does his job *only* when it will benefit him politically.

Have you wondered about the hundreds of victims in our district who are being neglected because they are not in a position to help Mr. Mann politically? **I can assure you other crime victims are not getting the red carpet treatment from our part-time DA.**

My opponent boasts of his trial ability. Yet, in the last 208 weeks he has tried only 8 cases in the 31st District. Of those, one was thrown out, one defendant was acquitted and two (2) were reversed on appeal to be tried again at taxpayer expense.

The sad truth is that as of May 31, 2000, the District had a backlog of 321 felony cases, some over 8 years old!!!

What about these victims?

County	# of pending cases
Gray	190 - drug offenses (50); indecency with child (3); felony DWI (9); attempted murder (11); burglary (11); <i>some over 6 years old.</i>
Wheeler	70 - drug offenses (16); indecency with child (1); felony DWI (4) - <i>some over 7 years old.</i>
Hemphill	42 - sexual assaults (2), burglaries (6), thefts (11); felony DWI (1) - <i>some over 8 years old.</i>
Roberts	4 - theft (2); felony DWI (1) - <i>some over 6 years old</i>
Lipscomb	15 - indecency with child (3); drug offenses (2); felony DWI (1);
Total	321

Ask yourself this? Do you want a *part-time DA* who is willing to do the job *only when it will help him politically?*

OR

Do you want a *full-time DA* who applies the law *equally for the benefit of all the people.*

If you want *justice for all crime victims* and if you are concerned about the safety of your family and the future of Pampa and the 31st District please cast your vote on June 27 for **Richard J. "Rick" Roach.**

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Inside the Beltway
 with
Rep. Mac Thornberry

Why trade imbalances aren't evil

With the recent demonstrations against international trade in Windsor, Canada, and Washington, D.C., not to mention the violent protests in Seattle, one might get the impression that trade — particularly trade imbalances or deficits — are evil. Let's look at it.

I go to my grocer and buy \$100 worth of merchandise from him. Should I or anyone else be upset? You say: "What's the beef, Williams? People do that every day!" Yes, but can't you see there's a trade imbalance? I buy more from my grocer than he buys from me. That's just as bad as the Japanese. Americans buy more from the Japanese than they buy from us. Shouldn't Congress step in to do something about the Williams/grocer trade imbalance?

Actually, there's no more of a trade imbalance between my grocer and me than there is between the citizens of Japan and U.S. citizens. Here's the story about my grocer and me. Prior to entering his store, there was \$100 in my capital account (money) and zero in my current account (goods). After the grocery purchase, my capital account fell by \$100, but my current account rose by \$100. My account is balanced. What happened to the grocer's accounts? When he sold me the groceries, his capital account rose \$100 and his current account fell by \$100. His account is also balanced.

Here's a question for you. Would the essentials of this transaction be any different if,



Walter Williams
 Syndicated columnist

instead of making purchases from the grocer down the street, I made purchases from a grocer across town? What about in another county, another state or another country? Your answer ought to be: There'd be no trade imbalance no matter where transactions are made.

Why do people trade anyway? The only answer has to be: both parties to any voluntary exchange benefit. I value the \$100 worth of groceries more than keeping the \$100 in my pocket. Similarly, the grocer values getting the \$100 more than keeping the groceries. But if everyone gains from trade, how come tariffs, quotas and embargoes and other trade barriers are erected? The simple answer is that trade barriers permit the few to gain advantages at the expense of the many.

For example, my grocer and his employees might want higher profits and wages. They might create a political action committee to lobby and make campaign contributions to

Pennsylvania legislators in an effort to get restrictions against Pennsylvanians shopping for groceries in New Jersey and a ban on New Jersey grocery imports. That way, Pennsylvanian grocers could charge higher prices, allowing them and their employees to earn higher profit and wages. Clearly, they would benefit. Pennsylvanian grocery shoppers would lose.

Politically, the grocery lobby couldn't get away with those restrictions if they made their true agenda known. They'd have to conjure up something for public consumption. They might sponsor advertisements saying things like: "New Jersey's human rights record is despicable. Look at how they treat their children and pets. They don't enforce seatbelt laws. Their senior citizens have to choose between food and having prescriptions filled. Plus, we just want a level playing field."

Any excuse for the restrictions will do except one: We want to prevent New Jersey grocers from coming into Pennsylvania so we can charge higher prices and earn greater profits and higher wages. Rarely, and understandably so, do we see coalitions of consumers lobbying for trade restrictions and against lower prices.

If the political jurisdictions such as Pennsylvania and New Jersey used in my example were changed to Japan, England, Russia and, yes, China, the essentials of the argument wouldn't change one iota.

U.S. is vulnerable to missile attack

The United States is known throughout the world for its military strength. Americans have the best and brightest people in the world working to protect us, and most of us go to bed each night feeling secure that our military will be able to rise and meet any challenge.

What many people do not know is that there is a gaping hole in our ability to defend ourselves. While our military is able to mobilize and mount an attack anywhere around the globe, it may surprise you to know that we have absolutely no defense against an incoming missile attack here at home.

The first function of the federal government is to keep our nation secure, and it would be unforgivable if we don't do everything we can to protect our citizens at home.

That's a scary thought when you consider the countries that are developing missile technology. Russia is no longer the only country capable of launching a missile that could reach our shores. China and North Korea now have the capability, and countries like Iran, Iraq, Libya and Syria

may have it before the decade is out. Ronald Reagan first proposed a shield to protect us from missiles 17 years ago. But it wasn't until last year that Congress overwhelmingly passed a resolution making it a national priority to develop a missile defense system. The House of Representatives passed a defense spending bill which includes \$4.6 billion to help turn this resolution into reality.

There has been and will continue to be much discussion on the best methods and technology to use and whether or not we should seek treaties with other nations before we implement our methods. There seems to be no end to the excuses that some people use to argue that we should not try to defend ourselves.

However, to me, one thing is clear. The first function of the federal government is to keep our nation secure, and it would be unforgivable if we don't do everything we can to protect our citizens at home.

From our files

1960
 A patriotic pageant, band concert, two specialty acts & a 30-minute fireworks display will be the features of this year's Fourth of July celebration at the rodeo arena.

Burglars shattered two windows at a service station across the street from City Hall and made off with \$33 Friday night.

The last of a contingent of 83 officers and men boarded buses here Saturday for a trip to North Ft. Hood and two weeks of intensive training at the annual Texas National Guard encampment.

1975
 Eighteen contestants already have entered the Top O' Texas Beauty Pageant Aug. 8 in the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

Administrative review of departmental requests for Pampa's operating budget in fiscal 1975-76 today was in its third day at City Hall.

Entry blanks for contestants in the motorbike contests to be run in connection with Pampa's Independence Day program at Recreation Park are available at local motorcycle dealers, according to Chamber of Commerce officials.

1990
 As the current heatwave wears on through the summer, paramedics with Rural/Metro-American Medical Transport are warning that prolonged exposure to the sun could bring on a stroke or heat exhaustion.

When country up-and-comer Becky Hobbs talks about how much she loves her audience and being in Pampa, you could easily dismiss it as another dose of P.R. fluff. But see her on stage, delivering 90 minutes of high energy, no-holds-barred musical dynamite and you wonder if she might not just be telling the truth.

Pampa High School students can register for an all-expense paid trip for two to Padre Island by donating blood this summer.

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, June 25, the 177th day of 2000. There are 189 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On June 25, 1950, war broke out in Korea as forces from the communist North invaded the South.

On this date:
 In 1788, the state of Virginia ratified the U.S. Constitution.

In 1868, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina were re-admitted to the Union.

In 1876, Lt. Col. George A. Custer and his Seventh Cavalry were wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians in the Battle of

the Little Bighorn in Montana.

In 1942, some 1,000 British Royal Air Force bombers raided Bremen, Germany, during World War II.

In 1951, CBS transmitted a one-hour special from New York to four other cities in the first commercial color telecast.

In 1962, the Supreme Court ruled that the use of an unofficial, non-denominational prayer in New York State public schools was unconstitutional.

In 1973, former White House Counsel John W. Dean began testifying before the Senate Watergate Committee.

In 1975, the People's Republic of Mozambique came into being, ending

Portuguese rule.

In 1988, American-born Mildred Gillars, better known during World War II as "Axis Sally" for her Nazi propaganda broadcasts, died in Columbus, Ohio, at age 87. (Gillars had served 12 years in prison for treason.)

In 1998, the Supreme Court rejected a 1997 line-item veto law as unconstitutional, and ruled that HIV-infected people are protected by the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Ten years ago: African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela met with President Bush at the White House.

Five years ago: Warren Burger,

15th chief justice of the United States, died in Washington of congestive heart failure at age 87.

One year ago: During a news conference, President Clinton said the people of Serbia had to "get out of denial" about the atrocities blamed on Slobodan Milosevic and decide if he was fit to remain president of Yugoslavia. The San Antonio Spurs won their first NBA title as they defeated the New York Knicks, 78-77, in game five of their championship series.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Sidney Lumet is 76. Actress June Lockhart is 75. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eddie Floyd is 65. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Willis Reed is 58.

Book tells truth about the Civil War

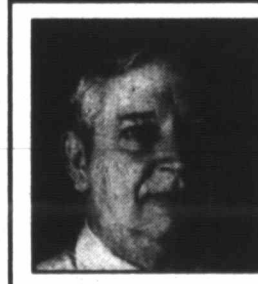
Here we are still in the middle of tedious debate over the Confederate battle flag, and along comes a Yankee historian who knocks the wind out of those who claim the war was about slavery.

Charles Adams is best known for his books on the history of taxation, but his latest work, "When in the Course of Human Events" (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers Inc.), takes on the subject of what really caused secession and the war that followed.

Adams amasses considerable evidence that the war was about the usual — control of territory, resources and revenue.

Among many others, Adams cites the English novelist Charles Dickens, an astute observer of human affairs, who in 1861 said, "Union means so many millions a year lost to the South; secession means the loss of the same millions to the North. The love of money is the root of this, as of many other evils. The quarrel between the North and South is, as it stands, solely a fiscal quarrel."

Adams is no romantic neo-Confederate. He has harsh words for politicians both North and South whom he accuses of deceiving their people. He argues, for example, that secession to protect slavery made no sense at all, even though some Southerners so claimed, because slavery was secured by the Constitution, by the Supreme Court, and even by Abe Lincoln's public promises that he had neither plans nor desire to interfere with it.



Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

The quarrel was, Adams argues, about money. Northern manufacturers had demanded protective tariffs, which were a double blow against Southerners, many of whom exchanged cotton for European manufactured goods. This meant that they would pay twice — once to get the goods, and a second time, the high tax levied by the federal government.

Adams says in his introduction: "We northerners like to read about Lincoln the martyr and the dying god, but do we want to know about Lincoln the dictator who circumvented the Constitution to wage war on the South? His best generals would have a difficult time avoiding conviction by a war crimes tribunal according to the laws of war at that time for their plunder of Southern civilization."

Adams says he believes the American people are ready for a truthful account of the war instead of the sanitized version dictated by the winners. Some are; some aren't. I wouldn't

count on the NAACP dropping their campaign against all things Confederate, because that's the only thing they can think of as an excuse to raise money.

Adams is certainly right about the war crimes. Much was made at the time about the Iraqi soldiers fleeing Kuwait who had stuffed their cars with stolen merchandise. The goods stolen from homes and churches by Gen. William Sherman's army required a wagon train 5 miles long to haul it back north — nose to tailgate. The deliberate burning of civilian cities and farms, the deliberate destruction of livestock, food stores and tools were plain and simple war crimes.

For those of you who are leftists, he even quotes Karl Marx, who said: "The war between the North and the South is a tariff war. The war is further, not for any principle, does not touch the question of slavery, and in fact turns on the Northern lust for sovereignty."

There is something in this book we can all argue about, even if we are on opposite sides. Adams does not write especially kindly of any of the politicians, North or South, though he is, like practically everyone, captivated by Robert E. Lee, that rare combination of military genius, Christian humility and great wisdom.

It's a short book (229 pages), and I believe those of you who still have brains undamaged by television will enjoy the stimulation it provides.

Calendar of events

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

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

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

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

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS
The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 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 1:00 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.

SUMMER STORY HOURS
Lovett Memorial Library Summer Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. Monday and Tuesday in the library auditorium through July 25. Shanla Brookshire, children's librarian, is in charge of the free program. No registration is required. Groups interested in participating in the program may contact Brookshire to arrange dates and times. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM
Registration for the Summer Reading Program at Lovett Memorial Library is currently underway for children of all ages. Participants may read or listen to books read to them by parents or other family members. The registration packet will include a reading log and a bookmark. A star will be added to the children's room bulletin board each week they read. After reading three hours, they may select a book. The library will keep track of minutes read and participants will be entered in a drawing for gift certificates. The library will accept entries in the bookmark contest until June 26. Two winning bookmarks from Pampa will be printed by the Texas Panhandle Library System and used next year at the library.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB
Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club will hold its monthly luncheon from 11:45-1 p.m., Thursday, June 29 at Furr's Cafeteria. Visitors are welcome. The group will have a guest speaker.

NOEP CONFERENCE
The Nurse Oncology Education Program and Amarillo College will present a "Growing Up With Cancer: A Family Focus" conference from 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. July 14 at Amarillo College, West Campus Lecture Hall. The event will be worth 7.7 Type I contact hours for nurses and 0.6 CEUs for social workers. Early registration is \$45 plus a \$10 student registration fee which must be postmarked on or before July 7. To register, bring a copy of student ID. On-site registration will be \$60. For more information call 1-800-515-6770.

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Frontier Regiment will hold a 60th anniversary celebration July 1 at Lake McClellan, 25-miles south of Pampa off Interstate 40. The group, a newly formed reenactment of the 1800s, is seeking U.S. Cavalry, infantry and buffalo burgers to participate in the celebration and will be cooking actual buffalo patties with all the fixings at an authentic 1870s military camp. Other activities will include live bands and Indian dancers.

LAKE McCLELLAN IMPROVEMENT INC.
Lake McClellan Improvement Inc. will sponsor a 60th anniversary celebration from 9 a.m. until the fireworks display at dark Saturday, July 1 at the lake. The event is open and free to the public from 9 a.m.

until the fireworks display at dark and will include the following activities: games, prizes, drawings, horseshoe tournament, kiddie rides, pony wagon rides, Route 66 Cloggers, Madeline Graves Dance Student, live bands fishing tournament, 4th Calvary with buffalo burgers, mountain men, food, crafts, Indian Jewelry and a no fee talent show. Deadline for entries is June 28. The fishing tournament will be open to youth 4-12 years of age and will be held from 12 noon-4 p.m. Entries for the tournament are due by 11:45 a.m. July 1.

CROWN OF TEXAS HOSPICE
Crown of Texas Hospice will host "Sunshine Lunch," a Dutch treat bereavement luncheon, from 11:30-1 p.m. Monday, July 24 at Texas Rose Restaurant in Pampa. The luncheon is a social time for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. For reservations or for more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP
Frank Phillips College in Borger will host a Livestock Judging Camp July 26-29 at the college campus. FPC Judging Coach and Ag Instructor Buddy B. Curry and the FPC Livestock Judging squad will provide all camp instruction. The camp is designed to teach participating 4-H and FFA students the fundamentals of Livestock Evaluation. Cost of the camp will be \$100 and will include lodging, meals, T-Shirt, cap, judging manual and notebook. Deadline for preregistration is July 1. For more information, call Curry at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 790.

GREEN THUMB
Green Thumb is launching a search to identify and recognize outstanding employers of America's senior workers. GT will honor three outstanding employers representing small, medium and large businesses during its National Prime Time Awards activities Oct. 3-6 in Washington, D.C. The deadline for nominations is July 30. Details and on-line applications are available at www.primetime2000.org. Eligibility criteria: 1) employers who hire older workers 65 and over for 20 or more hours of paid employment per week at minimum wage or higher (this does not include older workers whose employment is subsidized through local, state or federally-funded programs); 2) nominations for affiliates, franchises, partnerships and divisions should be consolidated and submitted through corporate headquarters if possible; 3) business size - up to 50 employees (small), up to 1,000 (medium), and over 1,000 (large); 4) winners must be willing and able to travel to Washington for the 2000 event. Applications may be mailed to (if not submitted on-line): Diane Long, Green Thumb, Inc., 2000 N. 14th St., Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22201.

BISON EXHIBIT
Palo Duro Canyon State Park is currently exhibiting "Environmental Resources Protection at Pantex Plant," a display of artifacts recovered near the shore of Playa Lake on the site of a Pantex plant in Carson Co. The artifacts are approximately 650 years old and point to human activity involving the processing and usage of bison. For more information, contact Heather Lanman at (806) 488-2227, ext. 49. Palo Duro Canyon State Park is located 12 miles east of the city of Canyon on Hwy 217.

BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM
Clarendon College-Pampa Center will host free brown bag lunch seminars at 12 noon each Thursday throughout the month of June with Ben Watson of Edward Jones. The first two presentations will be "Investment Basics" on June 1 and "10 Investment and Financial Risks" on June 15. The presentations are free and open to the public.

TFS APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM
Texas Folklife Resources is currently accepting applications for its Apprenticeship program. The Apprenticeships in the Folk Arts program encouraged the continuation of Texas traditional arts by providing master artists funds for training qualified apprentices. Texas traditional arts or folk arts are those art forms learned informally, often passed from generation to generation. Deadline for application is Sept. 1. All participants must be residents of Texas. For more information or for an application, contact Caroline Herring, program coordinator, at Texas Folklife Resources, 1317 South Congress, Austin, TX 78704; or call (512) 441-9255.

JULYFEST
The Moore County Chamber of Commerce will host Julyfest June 30-July 4 in Dumas. Activities will include arts, crafts, food, fireworks, 3-on-3 basketball tournament, volleyball and softball tournaments, talent contest and much more. Booths are still available for the event. For more information about the talent contest, basketball and volleyball tournaments or booth space, call (806) 935-2123. Call (806) 935-4855 for more info about the softball tournament.

HPEA NO BULL CLASSIC
Amarillo Country Club and Hoffbrau Steaks in Amarillo will sponsor a "No Bull Classic," a fund-raiser for the High Plains Epilepsy Association, July 24 at the country club. The four-person elimination scramble will kick-off with registration at 11 a.m. Practice range is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. and the shotgun start is set at 1 p.m. For more information, call (806) 352-5426, (806) 374-5077 or (806) 358-6595. Proceeds will go towards a scholarship fund enabling area children to attend Camp Spike 'n' Wave in Burton, Texas.

YMCA SOCCER CAMP
YMCA of Amarillo will offer Soccer Camp July 10-14 at YMCA Kiwanis Ballfield, 1901 Lindberg in Amarillo with instructors from Britannia Soccer U.S.A. Participants may choose a 9 a.m.-12 noon camp or the 5-8 p.m. camp. Deadline to register is June 26 and is due at the Downtown YMCA, 816 S. Van Buren. Cost of the camp is \$90. An additional \$10 will be charged to those registering after June 26. For more information, call 1-800-888-8076 or the Downtown YMCA at (806) 374-4651.

ALL-FAITH WORSHIP SERVICE
Palo Duro Canyon State Park will host "All-Faith Worship Services" beginning at 9 a.m. June 4, 11, 18 and 25 at the Cottonwood Day Use Area. In case of inclement weather, the services will be relocated to the Old West Stables. Park fees will be waived for the service only. For more information, contact the park at (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

TEXAS PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
Texas Photographic Society is sponsoring its Ninth Annual Governor's Exhibition, an amateur and professional photography contest featuring both color and black and white prints, Sept. 15 in Austin. Deadline for entries is July 15. Photographers must submit five slides for a nonrefundable \$20 fee. Up to five additional slides may be submitted at a cost of \$3 per slide. For more information, contact TPS President D. Clarke Evans, c/o the Texas Photographic Society, PMB 174, 6338 N. New Braunfels, San Antonio, TX 78209; phone, (210) 824-4123.

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Lake McClellan 60th anniversary celebration is slated July 1 with vendors, performers, children's activities, food and fire works. No permit is required.

USHER/USHERETTE PROGRAM
Lone Star Ballet is seeking teens to participate in its Ushers and Usherettes program. The program is open to area teens who will be in ninth-11th grades during the 2000-01 school year. For more information or for an application, call LSB business office at (806) 372-2463. Deadline for application is June 30.

GED TESTING
Clarendon College-Pampa Center conducts GED

testing the fourth Monday and Tuesday of every month except for May and June. Test dates for these two months are May 22 and 23 and June 19 and 20. Those taking the full test must attend both days. Preregistration is required. For more information, call Jana Wesson-Martin at 665-8801.

CC CLASSES
Clarendon College will offer Minor in Possession classes June 12-13 in Clarendon and June 19-20 at Pampa. The classes will be held from 7:30-10:30 p.m. To participate in the MIP courses, students must arrive by 7 p.m. For more information, call the college at (806) 874-3571.

NATURE HIKES
Palo Duro Canyon State Park will offer several nature hikes throughout the month of June. The following hikes are scheduled: June 3, "Wildflower Tour," at Paseo Del Rio trail head; June 10, "Botany Basics," and June 24 nature hike, both at Givens, Spicer and Lowry Running Trail; and June 17, Sunflower Trail hike, Sunflower Trail. Each hike will begin at 9 a.m. Participants are urged to bring water, a hat, bug spray and good walking shoes. For more information, call the park at (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

CWA ART SHOW
The Cooperative of Women Artists is accepting entries in the annual National Multimedia Juried Art Show slated Oct. 6-Nov. 3 at Katy & E. Don Walker Educational Center Sam Houston Memorial Museum in Huntsville. All interested artists may submit up to three slide entries by the Aug. 1 deadline. Awards will be given for best of show, first, second, and third places with four honorable mentions. Entries must be original art not done under supervision or from kits: including painting, printmaking, drawing, sculpture, fiber, clay, assemblage and photography. MaryRoss Taylor, independent curator and consultant, will be this year's juror. For more information or for an entry form, contact Jane Boulding, 630-B Old Phelps Rd., Huntsville, TX 77340, (936) 295-7916. CWA is a non-profit organization with support from Huntsville Arts Commission and Sam Houston Memorial Museum.

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS
Texas Historical Commission, Friends of THC and The Hogg Foundation Library will sponsor a two-day workshop and four-day workshops July 10-15 in Austin. The two-day workshop is limited to 35 participants and will cost \$150. The four-day workshops are limited to 20 participants and will cost \$300. For more information or to register, visit www.thc.state.tx.us on the Internet or contact Kimberly Gamble at (512) 463-6092.

WRCA RODEO
Working Ranch Cowboy Association will hold its fifth World Championship Ranch Rodeo Nov. 9-11 in Amarillo. Cowboys from working ranches across the Northern Hemisphere will compete for the title of Best in the World.

NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION
The National Arbor Day Foundation is offering "What Tree is That?", a 72-page tree identification guide book. The book is free of charge and may be obtained by sending your name and address to: "What Tree is That?", The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

VOTERS ... My opponent's asserted trial skills are apparently available only to those victims who can help him politically. Not everyone gets the same treatment from our part-time D.A. Following is a letter published in area newspapers which gives true insight into the way ordinary victims of crime are treated by Mr. Mann.

Letter to the Editor,

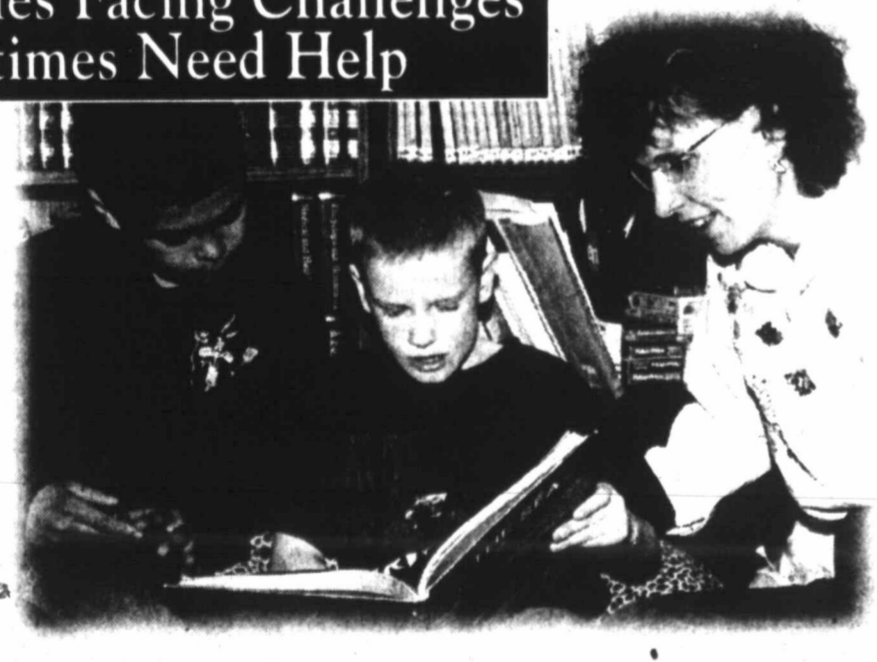
My name is Melissa Reynolds and I am the mother to two of the victims in the sexual molestation case, with a signed confession in Lipscomb County. I am disputing against remarks given by District Attorney John Mann in last week's paper. If any one has facts in this case, it would be me. I have fought to stay on top of this case since the sheriff's office finished its investigation the end of June 1998. I was with my now ex-husband, when he gave his confession on June 12, 1998, at the sheriff's office in Lipscomb. At that point I gave a written statement for what I had learned. All the girls involved, including one more, were taken to Amarillo, Texas to the "Bridge" for taped interviews on June 17th, 1998. I even had one of my daughters examined by our pediatrician on June 18th, 1998. I was at the court house the day the indictment was handed down, but John Mann wasn't there. He sent his assistant, Matt Martindale to do the work and see my tears. I was told by many that John Mann didn't usually mess with doing this part of the cases. I found out through the next several months that John Mann doesn't answer or return phone calls or seem to really care. Many people thought that this case was over and that no punishment was or would be given. I finally quit calling the District Attorney's office and started calling Matt Martindale. He was pretty good to answer my calls. I believe it was in the early fall, 1999, Matt stated to me that all the Lipscomb County cases had been turned over to him to be handled and that he would try to act quickly to my case. He said he would send his investigator out to get all the information. I was beginning to wonder what John Mann did and why he had such a hang-up dealing with crimes in Lipscomb County? As the many months went by, I often wondered why I hadn't been contacted by the DA's office investigator? As we read in the paper last week, John Mann stated he had the case in August 1998. Guess what? I was finally contacted by investigator Bill McMinn on February 23, 2000. Look at the time frame here. This case is now 20 months old. I hate to tell John Mann but he is not going to play politics with my family. He has not been there for me or my daughters over the last 20 months so why the sudden interest? ELECTION YEAR!! He down plays the Lipscomb County Sheriff's office stating they don't do proper investigations. Well, I disagree with Mr. Mann. He hasn't cared until now. Any district attorney who upholds five counties and really wants to stay on top of the crime needs to give 100 percent if not more for the safety of the citizens. If he isn't willing to do this then he should get out of the way of the candidates that will!

I may not be a citizen of Texas anymore, but I can guarantee that my voice will be heard from town to town, house to house, and city to city. I don't ever want a person (single mother) to go through the many months of heartache and frustration that John Mann has allowed me to suffer, as well as the citizens left for many months with drug abusers, child molesters, domestic violence, etc., walking around the neighborhood, driving by the schools, living next door, just awaiting the next crime or victim.

I am a nurse who deeply cares for my patients. They are all important and take priority. If we waited for election year to fix them medically or surgically, then many would die or suffer. That is not a good practice, right? Please think about the facts to the one of many cases neglected by your District Attorney, John Mann.

Sincerely,
Melissa Reynolds,

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States face dilemma: Expand DNA use for convicts as well as police?

By ROBERT TANNER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — DNA is that proverbial sword: a tool to free the innocent wrongly convicted, a weapon for police to use against the guilty.

In the past 10 years, states have moved swiftly to give authorities the power to take the DNA of convicted criminals, collecting samples in hopes of solving more crimes. It works: DNA evidence has helped solve thousands of cases.

Even as prisoners are freed from death row and questions about the death penalty enter the presidential race, states are slower to guarantee inmate access to DNA testing to prove claims of innocence.

"It's just a matter of elemental fairness," said Barry Steinhardt, associate director of the American Civil Liberties Union. "If we're going to have DNA testing be an integral part of the criminal justice system, it needs to be available to not only the police and prosecutors, but to the accused as well."

Four states this year passed laws that grant inmates the right to DNA testing, bringing the national total to seven. But at least seven more rejected the idea. California is still debating, as is Congress, where lawmakers could create a national model for states.

This year the DNA dragnet also expanded for police.

In 1989, Virginia passed the first law authorizing DNA sampling of convicted sex offenders. All states soon followed and often included violent felons. Laws passed this year in Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, New Jersey and West Virginia go further, authorizing DNA samples from even a broader range of convicted criminals.

A few states already take DNA from all convicted felons; some states even take samples from those convicted of misdemeanors. Louisiana allows DNA samples upon arrest, just as fingerprints are taken. New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani is among officials endorsing such an approach.

Critics who worry about Big Brother say it is wrong to compare a DNA sample to a fingerprint.

"Unlike a fingerprint, there is private medical information about me and my family and other relatives," said Valerie Small Navarro, with the ACLU in Sacramento, Calif. She sees the risk of an intrusive search that could reveal physical or mental illness — and the risk that information that could find its way to employers or insurers.

More than 700,000 DNA samples have been collected nationally. Each one is now a digital ID, not unlike a bar code at the market. It's the DNA sample kept in government labs that raises privacy concerns across the political spectrum.

"The problem of keeping DNA records of suspects is it casts too broad a net," said Art Croney, director of the Committee on Moral Concerns in California. The group opposes abortion rights, gay rights, gambling and legalized drugs.

All people, he noted, leave DNA wherever they go: on the grocery shopping cart, at the laundry's

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change machine. That could provide half a DNA match. The other half could come from a police registry of a sample taken after a youthful arrest, even one that never resulted in conviction.

DNA, Croney warned, could shift the burden of proof from innocent-until-proven-guilty to what's-your-alibi?

"This would be a good way to clear a lot of crimes," he added. "Unfortunately, it would be a good way to get the wrong guy."

Police and prosecutors dismiss the worries as overblown, and point to the nation's success with fingerprinting on arrest.

"I don't think it's that much an invasion of privacy," said Joshua Marquis, district attorney in Clatsop County, Ore. "Yes, there can be abuses, but there can be from your credit card, from using the Internet."

So far, courts have consistently allowed authorities to take DNA from convicted criminals. The ACLU promises a fight when it comes to suspects.

And DNA is now intertwined with a broader debate: Could such tests save an innocent person from death row?

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Many prosecutors oppose broadly expanding inmates' rights to DNA tests. "Our system of law has a theory of finality. At a certain point, it's over and done with," said Jim Polley, executive director of the National District Attorneys Association.

Worries of unnecessary delays were on the minds of Texas judges who recently denied a DNA test for a death row inmate. Gov. George W. Bush, while campaigning for the presidency, granted 30 days to allow convicted rapist-murderer Ricky McGinn to pursue DNA testing.

Prosecutors acknowledge that some cases call out for retesting the evidence. They argue that the existing system, where prosecutors and judges decide on DNA tests, already provides enough opportunity. And they want this safeguard: no more delays in a backlogged system.

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(Pampa News photo by David Bower)

Flanked by Dean Carson, left, and Perry L. Choate, right, Pampa Mayor Bob Neslage signs a proclamation recognizing the heroism and sacrifice of those who fought in the Korean War. Sunday, June 25, is the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of the war.

Neslage signs proclamation honoring Korean War veterans

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Today is the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. The war broke out in 1950 in Korea as forces from the communist North Korea invaded South Korea.

The United States suffered 140,000 casualties in the Korean War. Under a defense treaty, Washington still keeps 37,000 troops in South Korea to guard the world's most heavily fortified border.

Two local men, Perry Choate and Don Emmons, served in the Korean War.

Choate served in the National Guard of Oklahoma from 1947 until June 28, 1952. His outfit was Company K, 179th Infantry Regiment, 45th Division.

"My outfit was mobilized into active duty August, 1950, right after the Korean War broke out in June," said Choate.

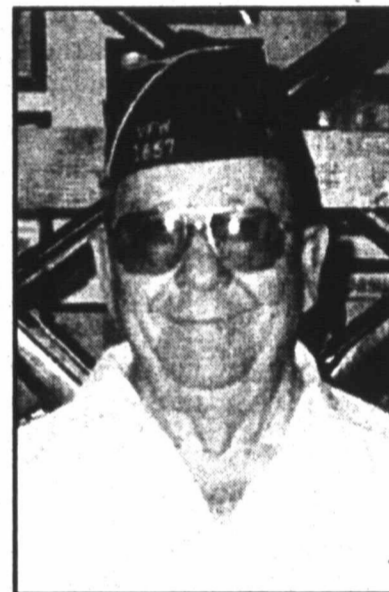
"I was sent to Kokkaido, Japan, early 1951, while at Camp Polk, La., and our outfit replaced the 1st Cavalry Division in North Korea on Dec. 17, 1951. I saw action on Old Baldy Hill, T-Bone Hill, Outpost Eerie and The Chorwon Area, North Korea." He was rotated home and discharged June 28, 1952, at Fort Sill, Okla.

Following the Korean War, Choate received the Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal with one bronze star, the Japanese Occupational Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Medal, United Nations medal, Korean Presidential Citation medal and just recently he was awarded the Korean War Service medal.

"All this for a police action that was never declared an actual war. A lot of American citizens may have forgotten about the Korean conflict, but rest assured I, and all my comrades of that war have not and will not ever forget," he said.



Perry L. Choate



Don Emmons

Emmons was with the 82nd AAA Battalion, Second division all the way to the Yalu River which is the border of China.

"I was stationed at Ft. Lewis Washington with the 2nd Infantry Division when the Korean War started," said Emmons. "We were put on standby and shortly started to load our tanks and half-tracks and other equipment on cargo ships."

"About the middle of July of 1950 we loaded onto a world war liberty ship and set sail for Korea. We arrived on Aug. 1 and saw combat three days later. I was awarded the Bronze Star for action on the 10th of August."

Emmons said he served in Korea for 10 months, at which time he had been in five major battles, including the Battle of Kunu-Ri where the 2nd Division lost 4,940 men.

"I returned to the states in June, 1950. I crossed the International dateline on my 21st birthday, so I had my birthday twice," he said. "I am very proud to have served my country."

He was also awarded the following medals: Korean Service, United Nations, Korean War, National Defense, Good Conduct, Bronze Star and five battle stars.

Many American military veterans have traveled to South Korea to participate in ceremonies to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of the war. Numerous veterans participated in a ceremony Thursday to dedicate a plaque recalling the Inchon landing in Sept. 1950 lead by U. S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur and to honor comrades slain during the Korean War.

While North and South Korea are still divided 50 years later, a summit was held last week. U. S., Japanese and South Korean officials will meet in Hawaii on June 29th and 30th to coordinate their North Korean policies in the aftermath of the summit, according to the South Korean Foreign Ministry.

Following the summit, Washington eased economic sanctions against North Korea while North Korea said it was ready to normalize ties with Japan.

Jobless rate remains low, dips to 4.4 percent

AUSTIN — The Texas labor market continued to grow in May, as the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.4 percent from the previous month's rate of 4.5 percent, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

"This is a remarkable time for the Texas labor market," said TWC Chair Diane Rath. "We've added 288,100 jobs since May 1999, while our unemployment rates have remained low. Texas employers are hiring at a rapid pace."

Seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment gained 49,800 jobs in May, with particularly significant gains in two sectors.

"The Goods Producing Sector gained 2,800 jobs, despite losing 800 in Construction," said Commissioner Representing Labor T.P. O'Mahoney. "That's the first drop for Construction in 11 months."

"Government gained 31,500 jobs in May, due primarily to hiring by the U.S. Census Bureau," said Commissioner for Employers Ron Lehman.

The lowest unemployment rate among the Metropolitan Statistical Areas was 1.5 percent in Bryan-College Station. Austin-San Marcos was next at 1.9 percent followed by Lubbock at 2.4 percent, and Dallas and San Angelo tied at 3.0 percent.

The highest unemployment rate was 12.5 percent in the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA followed by El Paso at 8.5 percent, Brownsville-Harlingen at 8.4 percent, Beaumont-Port Arthur at 8.2 percent and Laredo at 6.9 percent.

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Rick Roach says there are some old cases (years old). Yes, but those are cases where the defendant has never been apprehended. I could just dismiss the cases and have good statistics, but that wouldn't be doing my job, would it?

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American Angus Association to hold conference, tour

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The American Angus Association has announced the 2000 National Angus Conference and Tour will be held Sept. 25-27 at Lexington. "Angus-Setting the Pace for the Beef Industry," is the theme for the three-day event, which includes a 1 1/2-day tour and one-day conference program. Some of the beef industry's most respected speakers will be featured on the conference program, including a keynote address by Dr. Gary Smith, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo. Smith will address "Where Angus Genetics Fit the Beef Industry," and challenge both registered and commercial producers to produce consistent, high-quality beef products for consumers.

"We've done our best to bring producers a top-quality program that will offer them industry insight and challenges," says Richard

L. Spader, executive vice president of the AAA. "The tour will be a great opportunity to look inside some of the country's most prestigious Angus herds, explore Kentucky's horse racing industry and see some of the most popular sights in the Bluegrass State."

In addition to Smith, speakers on the conference program will focus on Angus genetics in crossbreeding and the option for straight-bred commercial herds, the business of commercial beef production and increasing profit through industry coordination. From selecting genetics to ensuring consumer satisfaction, the conference program will target all areas of the beef business.

The tour, which will depart from Lexington both days, will showcase both registered and commercial Angus operations in central Kentucky. The first afternoon will include a

visit to the Central Kentucky Angus Association Sales Pavilion, Danville, Ky., and the Anderson Circle Farm in Harrodsburg, Ky., where attendees will tour the registered Angus herd and commercial progeny-test herd. The group will enjoy dinner and an evening speaker at Anderson Circle.

Day two will start at Brookview Farm, Winchester, Ky., a commercial beef herd, followed by Labrot and Graham Distillery, Versailles, Ky. Lunch and a facility tour will take place at the University of Kentucky Animal Research Center at Versailles followed by an afternoon at Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, Ky. The day will conclude with a tour of the registered Angus herd, dinner and entertainment at Bittersweet Station in Lexington.

Two great learning opportunities also will be available to attendees of the conference and tour. Scott Johnson, director of Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) will offer a workshop on AIMS version 2.0, Thursday, Sept. 28. Angie Denton, director of Web marketing for Angus Productions, Inc. (API), will offer a workshop on API Web marketing services, at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 25. Johnson and Denton will also be available to discuss AIMS and Web marketing with indi-

vidual breeders during the conference. For more information, call (816) 383-5100 or contact Johnson at scottj@angus.org or Denton at adenton@angusjournal.com.

The National Angus Conference and Tour is hosted by the American Angus Association and Kentucky Angus Association, along with major partner Pfizer Animal Health.

Registration cost for both the conference and tour, which includes transportation and most meals, is \$50 per person before Sept. 1. Anyone registering after Sept. 1 or on-site will be charged \$65 each. For registration materials, contact Linda Campbell at the American Angus Association at (816) 383-5100 or lcampbell@angus.org, or go to www.angus.org.

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel reservations and can do so by calling the Holiday Inn Lexington-North at (606) 233-0512. A rate of \$79.95 will be offered to all attendees, so mention you are attending the National Angus Conference and Tour. Reservation deadline is Sept. 1.

The American Angus Association is the world's largest beef breed organization with headquarters in St. Joseph, Mo. It provides programs and services for thousands of commercial producers and more than 34,000 adult and junior members nationwide.

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Loan Deficiency Payments available through 1996 Reform Act, FSA says

The Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 continued the authorization for commodity loans and loan deficiency payments, the local Farm Service Agency and the USDA has announced. Some producers may be eligible for a direct payment on crop year 2000 harvested wheat, barley, oats, corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, upland cotton, rice and other commodities which are eligible for CCC commodity loans. These direct payments are called Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs). FSA in Texas issued more than \$322 million in LDPs to producers for 1999 produced crops.

LDPs are directly related to commodity loans but producers have a choice of either taking a commodity loan or taking the Loan Deficiency Payment. Daily Posted County Prices (PCP) are calculated for each commodity except upland cotton and rice and if these PCPs are below the county loan rate, the difference would be the direct LDP payment to you.

The LDP rate is paid on the production producer's include on the LDP application, not to exceed total 2000-harvested production. The LDP rate can change daily on grains and oilseeds. For upland cotton and rice, the Adjusted World Price (AWP) is announced weekly and is used to compute LDPs and market repayments on loans.

Certain eligibility and other LDP requirements must be met which include:

- wheat, barley, oats, corn, upland cotton, rice and grain sorghum production must be from a farm(s) with a production flexibility contract;
- soybeans and other oilseeds are eligible. The production flexi-

AgriPartner Report

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service weekly AgriPartner Report is as follows:

Heavy infestations of western corn rootworm larvae have been reported from some fields of continuous corn. Infestations of 2- to 10-larvae per plant may require a rescue rootworm insecticide application. Adult western corn rootworm beetles have been reported both in the Dalhart and Dumas areas.

Corn borer moth activity continues to decline. First generation borer infestations have generally been below economic threshold.

Corn earworm and fall armyworm moths continue to be caught in pheromone traps. Offspring from these moths will cause some leaf and whorl damage; however, insecticide applications to control the worms seldom can be justified.

Heavy thrips infestations are reported in soybeans. Insecticide applications to control thrips in soybeans rarely can be justified.

Heavy thrips infestations in cotton continue to be reported. Thrips control may be justified when the average number of thrips per plant is equal to the number of true leaves at the time of inspection.

bility contract is not a requirement;

—acreage reports for the commodity must be filed in our office;

—compliance with applicable conservation and wetland protection requirements commodities harvested as hay, silage, ensilage, or forage are eligible for LDPs;

—commodities fed during harvest are generally eligible provided the CCC-709 LDP request is filed at the county FSA office prior to harvest;

—LDP production evidence must be provided with the application or the application is subject to a spot check.

The properly and fully completed CCC-666 LDP application must be filed in the County FSA Office after harvest and before feeding the commodity or prior to grain sale or other loss of beneficial interest.

Any CCC-666 or CCC-709 faxed to the county office must be complete or it will not be considered eligible for LDP.

An important point to remember is that the LDP must be requested prior to losing beneficial interest or title to the grain. If you will be losing beneficial interest in the grain at harvest time, protect yourself by filing a CCC-709 Field Direct LDP Application, prior to harvest.

Other items to keep in mind are:

—if you will be selling grain as it crosses the scale - complete the CCC-709 Field Direct LDP application at the county FSA office before harvest;

—owners, do you sell grain at harvest to your tenant? If so, complete the CCC-709 Field Direct LDP application before harvest;

—do you have any type of sales contract on the grain which causes you to lose title or control of the grain when physical delivery occurs - if so, complete the CCC-709 Field Direct LDP application before harvest;

—discuss with whomever you deliver grain the terms of open storage and what you must do to put grain in open storage to assure you maintain title to and control of the grain.

—be aware you may not have beneficial interest in the grain even if you can price it later. Discuss these options with your local FSA office.

—will the commodity be processed when physical delivery occurs? If so, complete the CCC-709 Field Direct LDP application before harvest;

—Do not trade production with your owner, tenant, or anyone. Traded production makes the production ineligible for an LDP. Make the LDP request before trading production.

—production must be delivered to the buyer or storage location in the same name(s) as carried in the FSA office or it will be ineligible for LDP, the production evidence must reflect the name of all producers who share in the commodity.

Contact the Gray County FSA office for more information.

Nitrogen fertilizer meters work well in tests

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Nitrogen fertilizer is both a bonus and bane to society, improving crop yields to make food more plentiful but also threatening the environment.

If farmers use too little nitrogen on crops such as corn, the harvest is smaller. But too much fertilizer is a waste of money, and excess nitrogen can also contaminate water supplies.

How do farmers know how much nitrogen is enough?

Until recent years, farmers could eyeball their corn fields for signs of nitrogen deficiency: pale green leaves and poor growth.

Or farmers could get their soil tested. The Soil Testing Laboratory at South Dakota State University tested a record 20,000 samples last year. Most soil samples came from farmers, and they paid \$10 for each test. Garden samples cost \$13 to test.

However, nutrient testing also is possible with instruments that instantly estimate the nitrogen in the tissue of corn plants, allowing farmers to precisely apply fertilizer in response to changing weather and crop conditions during the growing season.

Two such meters were found to work well when tested at the SDSU research farm. One instrument

measures plant chlorophyll, or the green pigment in plant cells that is related to their nutrient content. The other meter measures nitrates, or the fertilizer content of plants.

Walt Riedell, an SDSU plant scientist, said the chlorophyll meter worked the best.

"It's a lot easier to use, and it did a nicer job of predicting the nitrogen level in the plants," he said.

"Nitrogen is an important input for corn production, but it's also one of those things that shows up as a pollutant. So it's important to monitor how much nitrogen is put on corn."

The greatest need for nitrogen in corn is about 30-45 days after plants first sprout.

The chlorophyll meter that was tested costs about \$1,400. The nitrate meter runs about \$360. Riedell said both meters are worth it.

"For farmers who are interested in conserving their nitrogen and putting it down only as the crop needs it, they're a good tool."

"The value of the nitrogen meters, especially the chlorophyll meter, is that they allow you instant readings on whether you need to add nitrogen or not to your corn," Riedell said. "A lot of farmers use soil tests, but these meters give you more real-time data."

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It is apparent that my opponent will say or do anything to purposefully deceive the public in his desperate attempt to win the District Attorney position.

My opponent knows full well that I have **NO CRIMINAL RECORD**. The Railroad Commission's very own records show there was no crime committed. He is also aware that a person with a criminal record cannot be licensed to practice law. I have been a licensed, practicing attorney for nearly 22 years with no reprimands or disciplinary actions.

You will recall that Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison was indicted in a political vendetta. Did this keep her from becoming a U.S. Senator?

I strongly urge all of the voters in the 31st district to consider these facts and not be deceived by misinformation and my opponent's desperate attempt to reclaim the DA position.

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Visitors Sarah Etherton, Pat Stewart and Tom Guthrie perform during last year's Chautauqua in a tribute to folk singer Woody Guthrie. Guthrie made his home in Pampa from 1929 until embarking on his musical career in 1936. The Chautauqua 2000 free stage will be open from 9-4 p.m. during the annual festivities slated Labor Day in Central Park.

Crafts booths, entertainment in offing at Chautauqua

By DARLENE BIRKES
Pampa Fine Arts Association

Free stage entertainment along with exhibits, arts and crafts and a variety of food booths will again be staged at Chautauqua in Pampa's Central Park Labor Day, Sept. 4.

There are openings for craft booths, art displays, stage participants and exhibits. Sales and food booths charging a fee must pay a \$20 non-refundable deposit by July 19 to Pampa Fine Arts Assoc., Box 818, Pampa, 79066-0818. All profit will be donated to the city parks department for park

improvement. For additional information, contact the Pampa Fine Arts office from 9-11:30 a.m., Monday-Friday, (806) 665-0343.

The festival will kick-off at 8 a.m. with the traditional 5K and Fun Run sponsored by Pampa Regional Medical Center. The pancake breakfast will begin at 7 a.m.

The family-oriented arts festival was organized 19 years ago by Pampa Fine Arts to provide a time when the community and area could come together to visit, learn about new trends and experience stage performances in the tradition of the first Chautauquas that

began before the turn of the century at Lake Chautauqua in New York.

The free stage entertainment begins at 9 a.m. Booths must be erected before 9 a.m. to avoid interference with the stage. Sun shades or tents are advised, and there can be no nailing to trees.

Chairman of this year's family festival is Gina Kane, 665-5352. Assisting her will be Charlene Morriss, food, 665-4866; Kay Crouch, arts and crafts, 665-4624; Susie Wilkinson, exhibits and displays, 665-2833; Lorelee Cooley, stage, 665-7321. Kane will also direct the children's game section. Food booths are

limited to non-profit organizations. Returning organizations are entitled to the food item they sold last year.

The first Chautauqua was formed as a Methodist camp meeting in 1874 and expanded rapidly. President Ulysses S. Grant was the first of seven presidents who spoke at Chautauqua during their summer events. Spin-offs included thousands of reading circles throughout the U.S. and traveling Chautauquas that expanded into all phases of education with prominent orators, actors and musicians. There were traveling tent Chautauquas in this area until 1930.

Economic, investment mood shifts often crazy

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — Watch out for economic and investment mood shifts and treat them with the disrespect they deserve.

With the economy in transition and its outcome uncertain, the stock market volatile and apt to go any which way, and the views of political candidates wavering with the wind, mood shifts can be terribly misleading.

An example from the stock market:

A few months ago an analyst's downgrading of a stock might be ignored, while an upgrading might lead to a burst of buying. Today, the downgrading might drop a price \$10 but an upgrading might raise it by only \$2.

The mood, that is, has chilled like a winter's day. Optimism has been replaced by squeamishness, while the underlying factors have remained the same. The environment hasn't changed that much; the view of it has.

Massive mood shifts, more numerous, volatile and capricious than the marketplace itself, have become almost daily events, shaking investors to the extremes of optimism or pessimism, then passing on as if nothing had occurred. That is, nothing more than massive changes in portfolios.

It isn't always easy to anticipate such mood shifts, which can shake the economic foundations on the basis of a simple government statistic, and it is equally difficult to ignore them.

You can take the long run view of things and calm your nerves by trying to believe that one day's negatives become tomorrow's positives, but to do so is risky. Those mood shifts may have little basis in reality, but they have the same real effect on the prices of your stocks.

Some critics have sought to explain the phenomenon with the explanation that we have too many "experts" analyzing too many economic specks. And, by the way, being paid big bucks to do so.

The result is a range of views that sometimes coalesce in one day to a hugely pessimistic view of the economy, one that is viewed as heading toward a crash and then, two days later, gliding toward a soft landing.

These opinions cannot be stopped, because viewpoints are not offered solely to guide you in your thinking but, more likely, to impress you with an economist's wisdom and encourage you to buy or not to buy his company's product. In short, they are part of the modern merchandizing process.

A service economy especially lends itself to peddling points of view, and the process is intensified when political goals are involved. The selling of fear or woe is a basic ingredient, like flour in bread.

Consider two viewpoints on one subject, the housing of America's families.

Positive: The housing boom — the building, buying and improving the housing stock and raising the level of home ownership to the highest in the postwar era — is a testament to American ingenuity.

While prices have risen, benefitting existing owners, affordability also has risen because of more and better-paying jobs. Ownership has risen especially sharply among minorities, some of them brand new immigrants.

Negative: Rents have risen, especially among the poor, in some instances consuming most of their take-home pay. And while minority ownership has risen, the gap between whites and minorities remains.

Much depends on the points of view, and those points change more swiftly than ever before. Statistical studies, relied on more than ever by economists and governments, lend themselves to varied interpretations.

That accounts for some of the phenomenon. The selling of opinions by corporations, brokers, academics and think tanks accounts for more. And the willingness of people to absorb other people's ideas for still more.

Since it isn't likely to go away, you might just have to bear with, try to detect which is based in reality, which floats free of any anchors and which is likely to cause a mood shift, and take the long-term view.

The long-term view is that it all cancels out in time.

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DNA

"We've been doing it judge-by-judge and case-by-case here in Virginia," said Paul Ferrara, director of the state's forensic division. "That seems to have worked out very well."

Defense attorneys scoff at that notion. Each wrongful conviction is a struggle to get evidence to test for DNA, said Peter Neufeld, one of the founders of

The Innocence Project. The pro bono group has helped overturn at least 63 convictions.

Currently, 33 states bar adding any evidence on appeal that was not introduced at trial unless it's presented within a few months of sentencing, according to this group. But defense attorneys argue that DNA testing, which has improved greatly in recent years, should at least be applicable in the cases of convicts prosecuted before the technology was available.

Arguments in favor of giving inmates more access to DNA testing won out in four states: Arizona, Oklahoma, Tennessee (only for those receiving sentences of death or life imprisonment) and Washington state (death sentences).

Seven states rejected broader DNA access for convicts claiming innocence: Delaware, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, South Dakota.

Despite the defeat, the Maryland bill's sponsor still sought a legislative remedy for criminal justice errors.

"If in fact the tools are going to be used not only to convict people but to emancipate people, then it's fair," said Tony Fulton, a Democratic state legislator. "We make a lot of mistakes, and this is one we can correct."

On the Web: National Commission on Future of DNA Evidence: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/dna/>

Innocence Project: <http://www.cardozo.yu.edu/innocence-project/>

Texas Cattle on Feed up 11 percent from last year

AUSTIN — Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.80 million head on June 1, up 11 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was up 5 percent from the May 1 level. Producers placed 720,000-head in commercial feedlots during May, up 16 percent from a year ago, and up 62 percent from the April, 2000, total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 565,000-head during May, up 12 percent from a year ago. Monthly marketings were up 7 percent from the April, 2000, total.

On June 1, there were 2.31 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the

Northern High Plains, 82 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was up 11 percent from last year and up 6 percent from the May total.

May placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 602,000-head, an increase of 66 percent from the April total. Marketings were up 10 percent from last month, to 458,000-head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 10.93 million head on June 1, 2000. This inventory was 9 percent above the 9.99 million head on June 1, 1999.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.30 million head, 12 percent above 1999. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600

pounds totaled 382,000-head; 600-699 pounds totaled 470,000-head; 700-799 pounds totaled 794,000-head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 658,000-head. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.17 million head, 9 percent above May 1999, and 11 percent above 1998.

Feeders in the historical seven monthly states with feedlots having a capacity of 1,000 head or more reported 9.41 million head on feed June 1, up 10 percent from last year and 13 percent above June 1, 1998.

May placements totaled 2.00 million head, 15 percent above both 1999 and 1998. Marketings during May, at 1.88 million head, were 10 percent above 1999 and up 11 percent from 1998.

L.D. Cox

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.

We would also like to thank everyone for your calls, love, food & support during this time of loss, Carmichael-Whitley for your very caring and professional help and to Rev. Jim Teeter for his words of comfort.

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Yellow watermelon farmer keeps family business alive

By JIM McELHATTON
Beaumont Enterprise

BEAUMONT, Texas — The last of five generations of farmers fights Houston commuter traffic the best he can, plodding east on Interstate 10 in a blue pickup and a mound of green-skin, yellow-gut watermelons in back.

The heap will disappear with the day. But at 6 a.m., it stands 2 feet above the sides of Sylvester Smith's 1987 GMC truck bed. The 71-year-old placed each melon just so. Not a single one falls, he says, shrugging off the idea of a tarp.

Smith departs his country patch in Hempstead and drives three hours to his city street corner in Beaumont.

Each melon is still just so when Smith pulls into a lot at an abandoned gas station at Avenue A and Washington Boulevard.

On this day, Smith will have to share his street corner with a man who sells umbrella-shaped hats. The hats and melons both go for \$5.

Smith unlocks the tailgate, sets down one of his 300 watermelons and slices it through the middle with a 6-inch carving knife.

Black seeds and watery juices fall onto his old brown moc-

casins. He splits the fruit open and it becomes clear: Smith's is no ordinary melon.

"The meat in here's yellow," he tells a potential customer at a stoplight. The woman has never heard of such a thing as a yellow watermelon.

"It's sweeter."

The customer pulls into the lot and buys one. Smith says the trip to Beaumont is worth it. "Houston's too competitive," he says.

Yellow-meat, or yellow-gut, melons only make up about 5 percent of the total watermelon crop. Most watermelons are red inside.

The yellow kind hasn't really caught on in most places. In northern states, for example, people are scared to eat them, said William Watson, spokesman for the National Watermelon Board.

"They see a yellow one up there and they think it's a red one gone bad," Watson said. "They basically taste the same, but there are some small niches where the yellow-meat is popular."

One place for certain, besides Avenue A and Washington, is

on the Smith family farm in Hempstead, a town of 4,000 located 50 miles northwest of Houston.

"I like them yellow," Smith says. "I always have. They're supposed to be better for cancer, but I don't know. I'm not a doctor."

Smith is a farmer.

He always has been, except for a short stint in the military. His lifeblood must have seeds in it.

Smith's 117-acre farm is where his grandfather and his grandfather's grandfather grew yellow melons before him.

Smith said the only thing about the job that hasn't changed since then is the hard work and low wages.

"It's something you did to survive," he says.

But now when he looks at his children and grandchildren, Smith doesn't see any more watermelon farmers on the family vine.

Smith has five sons. Each became a preacher. He has one daughter. She's a schoolteacher. None of his grandchildren seem too anxious to get into farming, either.

"It's hard work," says Smith. "And the hardest part of farming is getting the money to farm with."

"And you got to get out and sell. And you got to know people who know you sell."

But Smith isn't worrying too much about who will carry on when he's plucked up and put in the big melon patch in the sky.

His grandfather was 92 when he died.

Smith, only 71, feels fine, doesn't need to take any pills and plans to keep farming at least as long as his grandfather did.

"I'll never get sick if I never get sick of them," Smith says, pointing to the mound of melons in his truck - although by 4 p.m., most of them are gone.

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RRC offers safety tips for outdoor cooks

AUSTIN — As backyard barbecue cooks roll out their propane grills this summer, Railroad

Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams, commissioner

Charles Matthews, and Commissioner Tony Garza today offered Texans some simple safety reminders.

"While it's easy to remember the steaks and hamburgers for backyard cookouts, there are basic propane safety rules that must come first," said Williams. "These simple precautions will make it easier and safer to enjoy this year's barbecues."

"It's estimated that 4.5 million Texans use propane bar-b-que grills," noted Matthews. "Propane is less expensive,

faster and cleaner burning than other fuels, but as with any energy source, precautions must be made to ensure that it is used safely and correctly to get maximum results."

"As Texans prepare to fire up their grills, there are some basic safety tips to keep in mind," added Garza. "By using clean burning Texas propane and following these tips, backyard chefs can grill safely and concentrate on the most important part of any cookout - the food."

Williams, Matthews, and Garza advised Texans not to use a propane gas cylinder if it shows signs of internal damage such as dents, gouges, bulges, corrosion, leakage or excessive rust.

Outdoor cooks should also

make sure the propane cylinder is secured to the grill as directed by the manufacturer before starting any cookout.

Other safety tips to remember include:

—Always open the grill hood before lighting and light according to the manufacturer's instructions.

—Never use gasoline or kerosene to start the fire.

—Always grill in a well ventilated area. Don't grill indoors or close to the side of a building.

—Use foil or a drip pan to catch juices and help avoid grease fires.

—To see how much propane is left in your cylinder, run a wet finger down the side. The wet streak will evaporate faster over

the empty part of the cylinder.

—Since a hot grill is easier to clean than a cold grill, clean with a wire brush or scraper immediately after cooking, then wash off.

—To turn the cylinder valve on and off, remember "rightie tightie, lefty loosey."

—After grilling, the cylinder must not be stored indoors or within any enclosed space.

The Railroad Commission of Texas' Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division (AFRED) can provide consumers with basic safety tips, as well as additional propane uses and rebates by calling toll-free, (800) 64-CLEAR (800-642-5327).

Created in 1991 by the Texas Legislature, the Alternative Fuels Research and Education Division of the Texas Railroad Commission is charged with researching and educating the public about propane and other environmentally beneficial fuels that can help reduce air pollution in Texas.

In addition to researching propane as a clean-air fuel, the division develops marketing, technical training, advertising, and information programs to increase public awareness about the fuel. Funding for the division comes from an industry fee paid on each gallon of propane sold in the state.

Shamrock Sailor is damage control specialist aboard USS Paul Hamilton

With its Aegis weapons system, the USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) is capable of defending any naval battle group or troops ashore against attacks from hundreds of potential targets. If the Paul Hamilton is the heart of this sophisticated defensive shield, then Sailors like Dennis E. Hogan are its lifeblood.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Hogan, the 22-year-old son of John and Xandra Hogan of Shamrock, is a damage control specialist on board this Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer based in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Hogan combines his skills, to fight fires, flooding and any other damage to the ship or crew, with the other 335 crew members to forge a highly trained team ready to defend U.S. interests around the world as directed by the president.

With time spent from home training and being forward deployed on routine six-month deployments, Hogan has found reward in the job he volunteered for more than three years ago.

"The most rewarding aspect is traveling around the world and meeting new people," said Hogan, a 1996 graduate of Shamrock High School.

At 505-feet long, the Paul Hamilton packs a lethal punch with over 90 missiles in its vertical launching system, two guided-missile launchers for the Harpoon anti-ship missile, and two triple torpedo tube mounts capable of deploying MK-

46 and MK-50 torpedoes. The vertical launching system alone is capable of rapidly firing missiles against air, land, and underwater targets.

In order to put these weapons to use, the Paul Hamilton relies on Aegis technology with the AN/SPY-1D multifunction radar. This advanced weapons system is designed to simultaneously collect, evaluate, and display combat information; launch and guide missiles to their targets; and share information with other ships and aircraft.

The name "Aegis" is derived from the shield of Zeus, who is the powerful mythical Greek god. Aegis technology on board Navy ships was designed to provide a shield of protection for battle groups or any ship with which they are sailing.

The training and skills Sailors receive while serving on board ships like Paul Hamilton are the best the Navy has ever provided. The lessons learned from such an experience are not just limited to technology as Hogan has discovered.

"The best life lesson I've learned is responsibility," Hogan said.

With Sailors like Hogan as crew members, Navy ships will continue to ensure the readiness of their most advanced weapons platforms. Trained and ready, they will be prepared to protect U.S. interests off of any nation's coast anywhere in the world.

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LETTERS

Harold Courson has ties to Pampa ...

To the editor,
The article you published on Harold Courson in the June 18 Pampa News had one error and at least

two omissions.

Courson is not a native of Perryton. He was born in Pampa on Nov. 9, 1933.

He is a 1952 graduate of Pampa High School. He was a major financial contributor to the Pampa Branch of Clarendon College.

Curt Beck
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(Editor's note: The article referred to in the letter to the editor by Curt B. Beck was submitted to The News by the Texas Historical Commission.)

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I sat quietly, knowing what I wanted to do with the case and how I wanted to do it. I refused to let politics dictate the disposition of the case. Finally, I was able to get the defendant and his attorney into court. Once they realized the chips were down, the defendant plead guilty to not one, but three 15 year sentences. He is in prison where he belongs. The mother of the children now realizes that she was "misinformed" by the Lipscomb County Sheriff who's actions were probably not vindictive in nature, but rather the result of being new to law enforcement and the criminal justice system.

In sum, I did the job I know how to do. I put the bad guy in prison for three, separate 15 year sentences. Rick Roach does not know how to do the job. He has now prosecuted his first case in his 10 year history as Roberts County Attorney. In that case, tried in Miami only a few weeks ago, the accused defendant represented himself. Roach, the prosecutor, lost the case after the jury deliberated for only 10 minutes. I'm glad he wasn't trying the child molester in Lipscomb County - or worse yet, Henry Watkins Skinner.

I ask for your vote on Tuesday, June 27, in the Republican run-off election.

Respectfully,
John Mann

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Book for African-American parents tackles tough topics

By GRACIE BONDS STAPLES
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — When all is said and done, Carolyn Roberts will likely measure how well she did as a parent by the life-span of each of her two sons.

That isn't to say that the life of her daughter, Mocha, doesn't matter. It does.

But for Roberts, it's the difficult mother-to-son talks she has had to have with Malcolm and Marcus that she believes may mean the difference between life and death. No sooner did the boys' voices begin to change from tenor to bass than she sat them down and detailed for them exactly what to do — and not do — should they ever be stopped by police.

"It really grieved me to have to do it, but they've had those instructions since junior high school," said Roberts, an administrative assistant for the city of Fort Worth. "It's better to be prepared and alive than not prepared and in prison or dead."

Roberts' need to talk with her sons about racial profiling — defined in a recent Gallup poll survey as when "police officers stop motorists of certain racial or ethnic groups because the officers believe that these groups are more likely than others to commit certain types of crime" — is a unique challenge that the Fort Worth single mother shares with minority parents

across the country. The teen-age years for most parents and their kids are trying under the best circumstances. But for parents of African-American boys, those years can be particularly overwhelming when coupled with discrimination and racism. Racial profiling is just one of the issues that must be faced.

To help parents maneuver through these singular challenges, psychologists Nancy Boyd-Franklin and her husband, A.J. Franklin, have written a 250-page survival guide, "Boys Into Men: Raising Our African-American Teen-age Sons," released recently by Dutton, addresses everything from strategies to help build strong racial identity to signs for recognizing a possible substance-abuse problem to pointers on how to talk to your children about matters like racial profiling.

"We feel very strongly that a worried parent could pick this book up and use it as a resource," said Nancy Boyd-Franklin in a recent telephone interview from her home in Princeton, N.J. "It covers drugs, gangs, violence, sex, media influences, racial profiling."

But Boyd-Franklin said the book goes beyond how-to advice. "Boys Into Men" also focuses on the importance of spirituality in the African-American community and sends

the message that parents can make a difference in their boys' lives and, when necessary, take them back from the street.

Boyd-Franklin believes the guide is long overdue. The issues it addresses, particularly racial profiling, have been around for generations.

"It was a big issue when I was growing up," Boyd-Franklin said. "It's like *deja vu*. Our youngest is 16, and these issues have not gone away."

"Racial profiling is a serious issue in our communities," she said. "In the northeast we have a saying — 'Driving While Black' — and DWB happens all the time. (Racial profiling) happens in urban areas, suburban areas and even rural areas, so you really need to prepare your sons so that they're not caught unaware, so that they know what to do."

Carolyn Roberts says that both of her sons — Malcolm Roberts, now a 21-year-old cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, and Marcus, a 20-year-old pre-law student at Morehouse College in Atlanta — have been stopped by police on several occasions.

Roberts said that even though she has had talks with her sons about how to respond to these police encounters, she still worries about what might happen. When driving home from Morehouse, Marcus must always stop to call home, and he must stop often.

"I tell them I need you to call me," she said. "I need to hear your voice as you're coming through those states, and they do that."

If Roberts may seem a bit overwrought, Boyd-Franklin and other experts say that given the racial climate, parents can't be overly concerned about their children's safety — particularly if they are raising African-American males.

Dr. Alvin Poussaint, a professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and Judge Baker Children's Center, said "Boys Into Men" is an excellent resource for black parents trying to guide their sons through the high-risk teen-age years. Poussaint, co-author, with James P. Comer, of "Raising Black Children" (Plume, \$14.95), said the Franklins' book is important because it focuses specifically on black males and the special issues they face, like racial profiling.

"These are high-risk situations for black men, as we've seen repeatedly in New York City," he said. "Black men generate a lot of fear of being muggers, being rapists and murderers, and people respond to them that way."

Such stereotypes, he said, are damaging to black males on a lot of fronts and might explain why they are disproportionately represented in special-education classes. Teachers and administrators, he said, often misread them,

give up on them. "They have to overcome more obstacles than even black girls do," said Poussaint.

This is why it is so important for parents, Boyd-Franklin said, to teach their sons to remain proud, hold onto their own dignity and not do anything foolish in these situations.

"It's sad and it's infuriating for many, many of us as parents, but we can't allow our sadness to stop us from taking action, from doing what we need to do to keep our kids safe," said Boyd-Franklin.

She said parents shouldn't worry too much about putting undue pressure on their children by raising issues of race. It's far better to inoculate them against racism rather than leave them vulnerable.

"We have to let our kids know that racism exists, and we have to do it in such a way that they don't end up being bitter or having a negative attitude toward themselves," said Boyd-Franklin.

As a single parent, Roberts said not having "the talk" with her sons would've done greater harm to them.

"Not educating them about what I know is out there about the greater disservice," she said. "Black children don't have the luxury of thinking life is great, that the playing field is always even. I couldn't lie to my children like that."

Keeping their children safe, and not just from police, is the No. 1 concern Boyd-Franklin and her husband hear from African-American parents in their practice. The second, she said, is education, followed by peer pressure, and drug and alcohol abuse. The authors, both of whom are college professors, devote chapters to each of those concerns in "Boys Into Men."

Boyd-Franklin said that parents are finding out that they really have to be vigilant about their sons' education, that they can't just put them in school and hope for the best.

In addition, she said, parents are struggling to counter the message from peer groups that "to be smart is to be white." "We really have to pass on the message that they can be a proud black man and be smart."

The book ends with a chapter that encourages parents to seek support from other parents and surround themselves with people of faith.

"I do not know where I would be as a parent if I did not have a deep spiritual belief and hope," said Boyd-Franklin. "We feel very deeply and strongly that it takes spiritual strength to raise our children. You have to hold onto hope, really keep believing in your kids no matter what they are showing you at the moment. Keep believing you can make a difference and they are going to be OK."

Environmentalists sue Hawaii over tourist traffic

By JEAN CHRISTENSEN
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU (AP) — The sandy cove and turquoise, reef-patched, shallow waters of Oahu's Hanauma Bay are rimmed by palm trees and volcanic cliffs.

It is just the image that draws millions of vacationers to Hawaii each year, making tourism its No. 1 industry.

Below the surface, precious corals which grow an average of an inch a year are being crunched by reef-hopping snorkelers who leave behind balding coral heads, a sign of coral death. Tanning oils slicken the sea. And radiant reef fish are outnumbered by larger, duller varieties fattened by years of feeding by humans.

To the Sierra Club, Hanauma Bay is just one of many natural island treasures in danger of being enjoyed to death.

The San Francisco-based conser-

vation group wants the Aloha State to consider that danger before launching an aggressive marketing plan aimed at luring more visitors than the nearly 6.9 million that came last year.

In a unique lawsuit before the Hawaii Supreme Court, the group wants the state to assess the environmental impact of taxpayer-funded tourism campaigns.

"Overcrowded beaches, strained natural resources, clogged roadways and overburdened natural areas — these are the tangible effects of increasing visitor arrivals," said Jeff Mikulina, director of the club's Hawaii chapter.

A Sierra Club victory could deliver a staggering blow to Hawaii's economy and spawn similar lawsuits against the federal government, the other 49 states and countless municipalities, observers say.

Several mainland industry

groups — including the National Tour Association, the American Hotel and Motel Association, the Travel Industry Association of America and the Western States Tourism Policy Council — have formed a coalition opposing the lawsuit.

"If the Supreme Court rules in favor of the Sierra Club, then virtually every other major tourist attraction that is a public resource is subject to identical scrutiny," said Thomas Tait, executive director of Nevada's Commission on Tourism.

Tait said 38 states and the federal government have environmental protection laws like the Hawaii statute cited in the Sierra Club lawsuit, although Hawaii's is more stringent than most. The federal law could be used to try to curtail public access to the more popular national parks such as Yosemite, the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone and the Florida Everglades, he said.

Hawaii tourism, an \$11.6 billion-a-year industry, generates a third of the state's gross product and creates a third of its jobs.

At issue is a three-year, \$117 million contract the Hawaii Tourism Authority awarded in October to the nonprofit Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau to market the Aloha State. The authority's \$60 million annual budget is funded by hotel room taxes.

The lawsuit accuses the authority of ignoring a state law requiring government agencies to go through an environmental review

process, complete with public hearings, before spending public funds.

Coming at a time when Hawaii's economy shows signs it may finally awaken from a nine-year slumber, the lawsuit has struck a sour note with the visitor industry and its supporters in state government.

The state is struggling to regain visitors it lost during the Asian financial crisis. The annual visitor count fell from 6.9 million in 1997 to 6.7 million in 1998, even while the humming U.S. economy boosted arrivals from the mainland. Arrivals rose slightly last year to 6.85 million.

"Our economy has bottomed out and we're moving forward," said Robert Fishman, the authority's executive director. "This has the potential to hurt that recovery."

Any suspension of marketing activities would cause Hawaii to lose vacationers to other popular spots such as Mexico and the Caribbean, Fishman said. An environmental impact study also could cost millions of dollars and be an unwieldy undertaking, he said.

The lawsuit is generating discussion of an important issue.

"People are feeling quite tender right now on the subject, at all ends of the spectrum, because a lot of people earn their basic livelihoods from this and they're not all millionaires," said Richard Baker, president of Friends of Hanauma Bay.

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Volunteer David Cooper helps Pampa Nursing Center Nettie Bradley see the sights during a recent PNC field trip.

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Much-decorated major general fights battle of a lifetime

By BEN TINSLEY
Arlington Morning News

ARLINGTON — Fred Clifton Sheffey Jr. is a born fighter. He's battled foes abroad and at home — but each time he's prevailed.

The retired U.S. Army major general now faces another tough battle — he's fighting his third bout with cancer.

Gen. Sheffey, who was one of a handful of black generals on active duty in the Army before his retirement, drew encouragement from his family and friends while being cared for recently at Arlington Memorial Hospital.

"He's fighting it," said Jane Sheffey, the general's wife of 48 years. "We're trying to get him to fight — like all the other fights he fought."

The general, spent from his chemotherapy treatments and the progression of lung cancer, rested with his family, chatting and watching television.

"He talks off and on. He is resting a lot, and we hug him and give him a kiss and all the rest of it," said Alan Sheffey, the general's 44-year-old son who lives in the Washington, D.C. area.

The family declined to allow Gen. Sheffey, a DeSoto resident, to be interviewed. They cited his failing health.

The much-decorated military officer spent nearly a month in Arlington Memorial Hospital but was released this week. His family is seeking hospice care.

Alan Sheffey said his father possesses an indomitable spirit and refuses to give up.

"His spirits are high," he said. "He remains optimistic as we all do.... He's not in much pain anymore."

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"That was the very defining point," Mrs. Sheffey said. "When that happened, there were telegrams and reports came from everyone. We couldn't sit down because they called so much."

Between July 1950 and August 1976, he was promoted up the ranks from second lieutenant to major general.

After he retired in August 1980, Gen. Sheffey moved to Dallas to work for the LTV Corp., now Lockheed Martin, one of the nation's largest industrial corporations. He retired from Lockheed on Jan. 1.

During his career, Gen. Sheffey was honored in 1982 by then-Washington D.C. mayor Marion S. Barry for being one of less than 100 African-Americans who had achieved the rank of general or admiral.

In May 1997, Gen. Sheffey participated in a General's call in Dallas where tribute was made to Buffalo Soldiers and other Americans who helped develop the old West.

Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk — the city's first African-American mayor and the great-grandson of a Buffalo Soldier — said contributions from black military men such as Gen. Sheffey are invaluable.

"My father served in the military but that generation more than anything wanted to prove we could lead and we wanted to show our patriotism," Mr. Kirk said. "To me, that generation is all the more special because on one hand they fought side-by-side with other soldiers to preserve the freedoms and democracies in this country that in many cases weren't available. I think that takes a pretty extraordinary human being to fight for a principle, a privilege he is denied in his own homeland."

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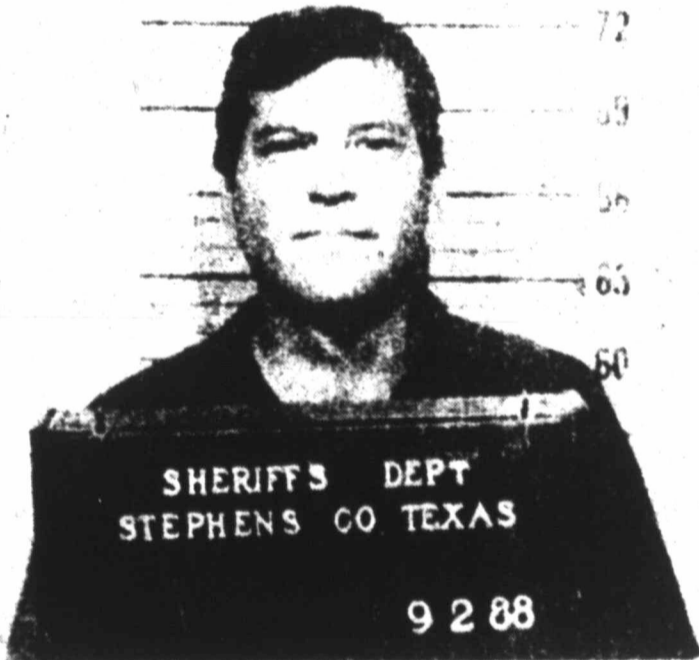
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Pampa Nursing Center resident, Pansey Cargile, enjoys watermelon at a picnic following a recent outing with other PNC residents.

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'Boot Camps' prepare entrepreneurs for start-up battlefield

By ALAN GOLDSTEIN
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Aspiring entrepreneurs toiling away in their garages and spare bedrooms increasingly are concluding that they need more than a terrific business plan to strike it rich with the Next Big Thing. They need to get noticed. The appetite of investors for high-tech start-ups has never been greater, but the flood of new businesses seeking backers is overwhelming the system. Everyone, it seems, wants to be the next dot.com billionaire.

For many, the first step is boot camp.

That's the tag applied to a new type of business conference aimed at start-ups trying to join the "new economy."

From cram sessions on navigating the pitfalls of e-commerce to introductions to investors, the events help provide a formal infrastructure to the traditionally unstructured world of young high-tech companies. And they do it the speed that has become indispensable in this new environment.

"Everything's moving so fast that if they miss the opportunity, they become irrelevant," said Gary L. Thompson, executive director of the Austin-based Texas Electronic Commerce Association.

Many of the sessions at boot camps focus on technology and on evolving Internet business models.

Also on hand are big-name venture capitalists and successful dot.com executives who tell their own war stories.

"The public offering is not the be-all and end-all," said Sunny Vanderbeck, chairman and chief executive of Data Return Corp., speaking at StartCamp2, an all-day event held on a recent

Saturday. Irving-based Data Return enjoyed a highly successful initial public offering in the fall, but its stock price has since taken a dive along with other Internet-related companies.

"It's not an exit strategy," Mr. Vanderbeck warned. "You need to think through that."

Opportunity to interact

Entrepreneurs packed an auditorium at Cityplace in Dallas for the conference, with many arriving in time for a networking breakfast that began at 7:30 a.m. They paid up to \$125 each to be there. The next event in the series, StartCamp3, is expected to be held in the fall.

The attendees dressed in business casual, many with cell phones and electronic organizers hanging from their belts were strongly encouraged to schmooze as much as possible with the heavyweights.

Timothy Miller, president of digitalmusicandvideo.com, a Plano start-up, said StartCamp2 appeared to be a mad scramble by service vendors to meet promising entrepreneurs, and by start-ups to meet venture capitalists.

Another entrepreneur at the conference, Patrick Kerwin of Speedtraining.com Inc. in Dallas, which offers online instruction programs, said he came to learn about the whole process, with the hope of eventually getting funded.

Mr. Kerwin said he has been working with Startech Business Development LLC, a for-profit company based in Richardson that helps early-stage start-ups develop their business plans and get rolling until they receive their first round of funding. Startech also organizes events like StartCamp2.

"We're going down the path together, and I'm not sure where

it leads," Mr. Kerwin said.

Startech is one of a growing number of organizations that seeks to bridge the gap between entrepreneurs and the professional investor community.

Another company, Garage.com, which is based in Palo Alto, Calif., held a two-day boot camp in Austin this month with a similar agenda to StartCamp2.

Last year, Garage.com hosted more than 2,000 attendees at three boot-camp events two in California's Silicon Valley and the third in Boston. This year, Garage.com plans to hold eight events, including upcoming conferences in Boston, northern Virginia and Europe.

Seedstage.com in Austin, which guides early stage start-ups largely through its Web site, organizes events it calls Fast Pitch Previews every week, usually on Monday mornings, in which entrepreneurs have the opportunity to hone their presentations.

"In our experience, within two or three minutes, an investor presses either 'brilliant' or 'bozo,'" said Craig Fryar, vice president for business development at Seedstage.com.

By putting the entrepreneurs through a gauntlet of tough questions, he said, the goal is to help them create "unique, defensible, big-idea business models" that can provide big enough returns to attract the interest of a venture capitalist.

Navigating the network

Startech which calls itself a "high-tech business accelerator," emphasizing the industry's obsession with speed assists start-ups through a network of stakeholders, mentors and member start-ups.

Founded in 1997, Startech works with the venture-capital community to get its program companies funded. Austin Ventures, InterWest Partners, Sevin Rosen Funds and other leading VC firms are all investors in a Startech seed fund. Individual investments in the seed fund range from \$100,000 to \$900,000 per company.

Some start-ups use the organization as an incubator, sharing space and staying in close prox-

imity to the Startech management team. The company is opening an Austin office to serve start-ups there.

Matthew Blanton, Startech's founder, chief executive and managing partner, said he hoped his event helped would-be entrepreneurs in the Dallas-Fort Worth

area overcome their fears of getting started.

"There's a mental block," he said, contrasting the region with Northern California, where risk-taking with start-ups is much more deeply ingrained in the local culture.

In Silicon Valley, there are no

penalties for job hopping, taking risks and even failing, said Stephen Bowsher, a general partner at InterWest Partners, a venture-capital firm with offices in Menlo Park, Calif., and Dallas. That mentality is starting to develop in Dallas, he said.

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"Farm Bureau — Your Host" was presented by Vernie Glasson, Texas Farm Bureau Executive director, after the students were welcomed to Angelo State University.

"Coleburn Davis (TFB field representative), Traci Gohmert (1999 Miss TFB), and Kelli Stuart, the 1999 TFB Speech contest winner, presented "Farm Bureau Scholarship Opportunities."

The students also participated in a program called "Congressional Insights," which allowed them to simulate a Congressional office and election.

Other speakers at this year's seminar and their subjects were as follows: David Vernon, Lubbock Christian University, "Basics of Free Enterprise"; Ronald Trowbridge, Hillsdale College, "The Constitution"; and Clebe McClary, a motivational speaker, "Press on Regardless."

In addition, the students participated in a panel discussion led by Ron Trowbridge and David Vernon followed by a question and answer session on "Our Rights, Our Freedom, Our Responsibility."

The students were entertained by Sky Shivers, a cowboy storyteller and western humorist and recipient of the Will Rogers Award for Storyteller/Humorist of the Year, which is presented by the Academy of Western Artists.

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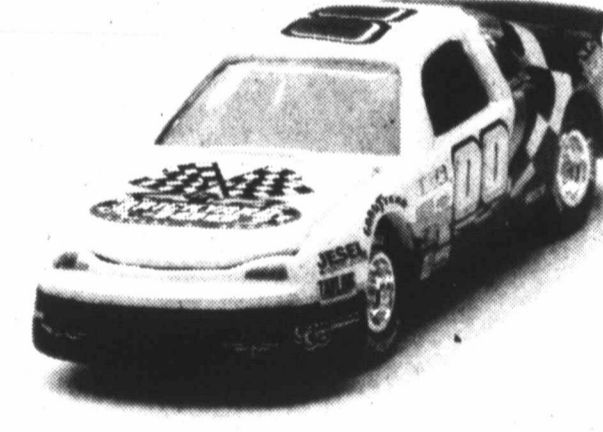
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Letters to the editor

Inmate tries to inform public, do civic duty

To the editor,
Do you step out your front door and wonder if the stranger you see walking down the street is a psychiatric patient? You may not have to worry about that now, but if the rumors are true coming from the Rufe Jordan Unit here in Pampa, Texas, then you may have cause for concern.

Correctional officers here on the Jordan unit have told me that starting in July they will begin training on how to handle psychiatric offenders. This officer has expressed the desire to transfer or quit if this comes to pass. Another rumor on this subject is that over a period of three years TDCJ will replace most of the offender population here with psychiatric patients.

Officers have expressed their concerns about this because they say that there is not much they can do to those type of offenders for they are not responsible for their actions. If they were to start rioting, then there is not much they could do but try subdue them before they caused to much damage or escaped.

Now if it is true what I have heard, that TDCJ wants to increase the security level of this unit from a minimum to a medium facility. If this is correct then TDCJ would be breaking their agreement with the city of Pampa. I have been lead to believe that TDCJ and the City of Pampa have an agreement in which TDCJ would lease the land this facility sits on, plus other things, but that this would be a minimum security unit housing minimum security offenders with some working outside the facility for the city or surrounding area. If such an agreement was made and TDCJ change the security level of this facility then they would be violating their agreement. Now this may not cause you concern, but what measures will TDCJ institute to insure the public's safety, and can they guarantee.

I do not know if TDCJ must tell the city council of Pampa of any changes to this unit, but if you would like more information about psychiatric patients being transferred to the Jordan Unit then you might contact your councilman or this unit for that information. As citizens you have a right to know what is happening in and around your city, because you never know who that person on the street may be.

Many people do not like the articles that I have written in the past voicing my complaints of this unit treatment of offenders; thinking that I am

complaining because I am in prison but if so, think of this. I will one day be released and go home, I would want to know if such people under psychiatric care were being housed near my family so that I could be prepared for the unlikely. I only bring this rumor, which may not be true, to your attention like I have tried to bring other things that affect your welfare to your attention. You can choose to ignore this as just another inmate complaining or you can try to discover for yourself if any of this is true. For I believe that I have done my civic duty by bringing to your attention. But may be you should lock you doors and windows just in case this is true.

Bobby Burghart
Jordan Unit

Will Pampa dry up and blow away?

To the editor,
I would like for somebody to explain why we can't have more businesses in this town. I hear shop Pampa first. Well, how do you shop Pampa when there is no businesses that handle what you need? So I go to Amarillo and Borger.

Well, you know I went into a laundromat recently to wash my husband's greasers. Well, I was told it would be 30 minutes so I sat there and waited and I left and came back. Twenty minutes later the clothes stopped and were still in the washer, so I left and came back and was told that I had to wait a long while to use the one greaser washer that was working and the other broke down.

I got mad. I had a choice to drive to Borger or wash them out by hand. Needless to say I washed them out by hand and was not happy about it. I feel this town needs another laundromat here with washers that work. And it needs a mall and more places to eat and, most of all, we need things for these kids in this town to do instead of finding trouble and tearing peoples' property up.

Pampa is nothing like it used to be. It is going down hill and I wonder why people left Pampa — because there is no jobs and nothing to do but be bored or get into trouble. I watched my sister take her kids off to Michigan and those kids are doing more in school and out without costing a lot of money and staying out of trouble.

This town will dry up and blow away unless something is done.

Jamie Carpenter
Pampa

Family feels upheaval once again ...

To the editor,
This letter is in response to your recent front-page article entitled "Local man eludes police" about Marshall Clayton Johnson. The way in which you felt you had to remind everyone about the recent tragic death of an innocent child was shameful. There was absolutely no ethical reason to mention him other than for your own rewards.

We, the child's family, were deeply saddened to have our memories of that accidental death brought to life again just as the healing was starting. Our hearts once again had to bury him, and our tears of anger towards your paper for bringing in the connection between he and Marshall Clayton Johnson are probably wasted entirely. And there are the other children left in the wake of recent events.

We don't want your sympathy. Try to see it from our point of view. Please leave the children out of your reporting on this case. To you, the children are only more names written in ink on a bunch of paper you need to sell, but they have hearts, souls and very confused feelings about handling and understanding all of this in their tender lives.

They have a lifetime ahead of them, and their shoulders are not large enough to carry all of the burdens that you are piling on by fanning the flames through this kind of reporting. Would you please stop.

Marshella Johnson Kersh
Tyler

Police risk their lives to protect and serve

To the editor,
I want to thank all the drug dealers in and around Pampa for helping finance our brand new car and luxury home. Get real! I have heard some pretty wild rumors while living in Pampa, but none as hurtful and incredibly untrue as the one I read in Ms. Salazar's letter about Pampa's drug problem.

I am not a law enforcement officer, but I am the wife of one. My husband and I work very hard to pay our bills each month and hope that we have a little money left over to save as do many people in our struggling community. But, Ms. Salazar, we are not an exception. Yes, it is very tough living on a

peace officer's salary, but I can assure you that the peace officers in Pampa are not paying their bills with drug money.

Apparently, Ms. Salazar, you do not read the paper because if you did you would know that just a few months ago several arrests were made during an early morning drug bust. You would also know that a not so routine stop yielded, I believe, 13 crack rocks and landed three of Pampa's finest in jail. Yet, instead of being happy that there were 13 less crack rocks on the street, people were angry because two officers stopped the threesome for walking in the middle of the street. And, yes, it is legal to stop people in the middle of the street for being a hindrance. I have seen it in the law book with my own eyes. You can also look under the Sheriff's Report and the Police Reports and see that someone is arrested for possession at least once a week.

Ms. Salazar, before you go accusing our law enforcement agencies of accepting "payoffs" from criminals in exchange for their ignorance, you ought to do a little research. You will find that bringing down a major drug dealer requires more than calling Crime Stoppers and collecting your \$100. Do you know how many thousands of dollars it costs to bust a drug operation? With some research, you will also learn that our peace officers are not crooks but that they are just doing the best they can with the resources they have.

I certainly hope that my husband would not let me lay awake and wonder if he is going to make it home each night if these "payoffs" were actually happening. If they were happening, I certainly wouldn't have anything to worry about now would I? Yet, my husband and his fellow officers go to work every day to protect this community because it is far from being criminal free. When you find a town that doesn't have rapists, drug dealers, murderers and child molesters, please let me know. I am tired of worrying all the time.

Please consider one more thing, Ms. Salazar. Those "crooks" leave their families each day ready and willing to give their lives in order to protect yours and the lives of the people spreading this rumor. I thank God that I am not in their shoes because I don't think I would give my life for someone who has no faith in me. Just keep in mind, they would.

Oh, honey, if we are getting extra income why am I still driving my tin can on wheels?

Revenna Rushing
Pampa

P.S. No one paid me to write this even though the extra money would be nice.

(See, LETTERS, Page 9)

PFAA summer classes



(Community Camera photos by July Elliott)

Pampa Fine Arts Association recently conducted its summer arts courses. Under the direction of Kay Crouch, six classes were taught — beading, watercolor, pottery and drama for youth and basketweaving and photo coloring for high schoolers and adults.

Left: (left-right) Shea Lewis and Allie Juhl watch as pottery instructor Linda Nowell demonstrates how to use the pottery wheel. Right: Instructor Madeline Gawthrop, center, discusses a basketweaving technique with Kathy Gist and Linda Nowell.

FACTS FOR THE VOTERS

After 10 years as Roberts County Attorney, Rick Roach finally prosecuted his first jury case - "illegal quail trapping" (a misdemeanor). The defendant in the case, knowing his innocence, chose to decline professional legal counsel and represented himself in court. After listening to a very poorly prepared case, it took the jury a mere 10 minutes to find the defendant **NOT GUILTY!!**

Is this the quality of prosecutor we want trying Justin Sober? Would this utter lack of competency have gotten a conviction and death sentence for Henry Skinner, murderer of Twila Buzby and her sons? Would Blaylock now be serving 99 years in prison for the murder of an innocent 13 year old Pampa boy had the "quail trapping" prosecutor been trying the case? And would the now publicized child molester in Lipscomb County be facing "3 consecutive 15 year terms" in prison had a totally unqualified prosecutor tried his case?

This is not a beauty contest!! This is an election about qualifications and competency. **JOHN MANN** has a record of being a tough, competent prosecutor while his opponent has a record of "1 loss and 0 wins"! There is only one qualified prosecutor in this race - **JOHN MANN!**

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FACTS FOR THE VOTERS

Two individuals are vying for the office of 31st Judicial District Attorney, so lets run a comparison and see how they stack up.

John Mann

- 12 Years Experience In Felony Prosecution
- And Impressive Win Record Second To None
- Requested By District Judges Statewide To Prosecute Felony Cases In Their Courts
- Put Justin Sober Behind Bars For 12 Years
- Put Henry Skinner, The Murderer Of Twila Buzby And Her Sons, On Death Row
- Put The Murderer Of A 13 Year Old Pampa Boy Behind Bars For 99 Years
- Put The Child Molester Of Recent Notoriety In Lipscomb County Behind Bars For Three Consecutive 15 Years Terms

Rick Roach

- Never Prosecuted One Felony Case
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This is not a "beauty" contest, but rather a matter of who has done the job and who has the experience and record to continue to get results!

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SPORTS

Notebook

BASEBALL

CLARENDON — Pampa downed Clarendon 8-4 in a West Texas League game last week.

Infielder Adam Wright led the Pampa attack with three runs batted in on a double and sacrifice fly. Michael Galloway and Jared Snelgroves each had run-scoring singles. Wes Martin, Shawn Strate and Randy Tice each had RBI groundballs.

The winning pitcher was Kyle Keith, who went the first five innings of the six-inning contest. Tice held Clarendon scoreless in the sixth.

Pampa hosts Palo Duro in a doubleheader, starting at 1 p.m. Saturday at the high school field. Pampa has a 6-5 record.

GOLF

PAMPA — The BSA Hospice 10th annual Pampa Golf Scramble offers a day of fun, food and lively competition — all to benefit area hospice patients and their families.

The Hospice Scramble is set for Saturday, July 15 at Hidden Hills. Proceeds will help provide quality hospice care to local patients and their families, regardless of their ability to pay.

BSA Hospice invites area golfers to enjoy a great day of golf while benefiting their community. A registration fee of \$40 per player includes green fee, cart, prizes, food and refreshments. Four-player teams will sign-in at 7 a.m. and tee off at 8 p.m. Teams will be flighted according to handicap by the Hidden Hills golf pro. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place scores in each flight.

Special prizes will be planned for Longest Drive and Closest to the Hole.

Golfers should contact David Teichmann at Hidden Hills Golf Course (806-665-6677) or Gayle Allston, BSA Hospice in Amarillo (806-212-8787).

Through sponsorships, the BSA Hospice Scramble provides an excellent opportunity for local business and industry to contribute to the community. By sponsoring a hole for \$50 or a cart for \$25, participants will help provide quality hospice care in the local area and showcase their company or service.

Those interested in becoming a sponsor should contact Janet McCracken, BSA Hospice in Pampa at 806-665-6677 or Gayle Allston, BSA Hospice in Amarillo at 806-212-8787.

BSA Hospice in Pampa is a not-for-profit agency committed to providing compassionate in-home care for the terminally ill. Serving six counties of the Northeast Texas Panhandle — Carson, Donley, Gray, Hutchinson, Roberts and Wheeler — BSA Hospice also provides grief and bereavement counseling to family members and loved ones.

EDMOND, Okla. (AP) — Shawn Kelly of Sacramento, Calif., shot a 4-under-par 67 for a share of the second-round lead in the 33rd PGA Club Professional Championship.

Kelly's tournament-best round tied him at even-par 142 with Tim Thelen of Pasadena, Texas. Thelen shot a 70.

Mark Brown of Brookville, N.Y., was a stroke back after a 73.

HEXHAM, England (AP) — Lee Westwood sustained the form that earned him a fifth-place tie last week in the U.S. Open, and took control of the European Grand Prix.

Westwood carded a second straight 4-under-par 68 to take a three-shot lead at the halfway mark over unheralded Swede Fredrik Jacobson, who carded a 70.

Hidden Hills claim 7-9 girls' softball title

PAMPA — The Hidden Hills girls' team ended their season with a celebration as they wrapped up first place in the Optimist 7-9 Softball League.

Hidden Hills, which finished 9-1-1, had to come back and play league-leading CST the next day after the two teams had their game interrupted and then postponed the night before because of lightning. CST held a half-game lead in the standings.

In the crucial contest, Hidden Hills defeated CST by a score of 14-6 as they scored in every inning. A strong hitting attack in the fourth by Amber Ebencamp, Hayley Steger, Mikala Flores, Paige Alvey, Peyton Alvey and Kelby Doughty helped lead the team to victory.

Hidden Hills had several outstanding defensive plays.

In the second inning, Carlyn Teichmann caught a pop fly in front of first base. In the fourth inning, Ashley Facio made a double play in the fourth inning by catching a pop fly at shortstop, then alertly throwing to Kamie Doughty for the out at second base to end the inning. Ashley Facio also had a grounder hit to her at shortstop in the first inning, which she threw to Carlyn Teichmann at first base for the out. Brooklyn Barker and Whitney Wade split the catching duties and both did an excellent job.

However, Hidden Hills wasn't through yet as they had to play a tough Culligan team right after finishing the fourth inning against CST.

It was a must-win situation and Hidden Hills came away with a hard-fought 16-12 victory.

Culligan held Hidden Hills scoreless in the first inning as Shelby Watson, Libby Dyson and Cassie Denton worked hard by getting three outs in Hidden Hills first five at bats.

Culligan came out hitting with Andi Hutto, Libby Dyson, Holly Winegeart, Rikki Beasley and Cassie Denton all delivering big hits and coming away with three runs.

But in the second inning it was Hidden Hills' turn to hit. Paige Alvey started the rally that led to eight runs. Hidden Hills got lots of help from Ashley Facio, who

had three big hits for the night, as did Yesenia Flores, Amber Ebencamp and Kelby Doughty. Carlyn Teichmann ended the inning with a double that brought in two runs.

Hidden Hills' intensity was building as they delivered three outs against four batters as Culligan made an attempt at a comeback.

Another good defensive inning by Culligan came in the third as

they held Hidden Hills to two runs. Pitcher Shelby Watson and first baseman Libby Dyson had all three outs.

But the hitting of Yesenia Flores, Whitney Wade and Kara Stephens helped Hidden Hills put more runs on the board. Hidden Hills held Culligan scoreless again in the third inning with three outs in four at bats. But Culligan held Hidden Hills scoreless in the fourth

inning with the work of Watson and Dyson again.

Culligan came out in the fifth inning with big hits from their entire lineup, scoring eight runs.

Some good defensive plays by Hidden Hills came from shortstop Ashley Facio, who had two throws to Carlyn Teichmann at first base in the first and third innings of play for outs.

Kamie Doughty also scooped a grounder at second base and

threw to Carlyn Teichmann for an out in the second inning. Kelby Doughty tagged two players coming home in the fourth inning to save runs from getting on the board.

In the fifth inning, Brooklyn Barker playing first had a long stretch and scoop as pitcher Kara Stephens threw to her for the out.

The 16-12 win against Culligan clinched first place for Hidden Hills.



Hidden Hills team members are (front row, from left) Mikaela Flores, Haley Steger, Kelby Doughty, Kara Stephens, Kamie Doughty and Peyton Alvey; (second row, from left) Paige Alvey, Carlyn Teichmann, Amber Ebencamp, Yesenia Flores, Brooklyn Barker, Ashley Facio and Whitney Wade; (back row, from left) Coaches David Teichmann, Jimmy Barker and Bino Facio.

Prado wins all-star jockey event at Lone Star Park

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas (AP) — Edgar Prado didn't bother doing the math. He knew he was in the ballpark to win the all-star jockey championship and he figured the only way to come out on top was to win the last event.

Prado pushed We Are Family from third to first on the home stretch to indeed win the fourth race of the competition, then benefited from some good luck behind him to capture the fourth annual event at Lone Star Park.

Prado's victory gave him enough points to tie hometown favorite Donnie Meche. He won the championship — and an \$18,000 prize — by virtue of a higher finish in the last event.

"I was on a mission," said Prado, who was drenched by water in the winner's circle courtesy of fellow jockey Kent Desormeaux. "I was trying to aim between horses first and that didn't work out, so I had to go for the railing."

This was Prado's second jockey championship. He also won an international event in Japan in 1994.

Prado's victory paid \$19.80 and Meche paid \$7.60 to show. Both had 8-1 odds.

Mike Smith, who went off at 16-1, finished third and paid \$21 to show.

The exacta came in at \$241.20 and the trifecta paid \$6,082.60. The event drew 15,315 to Lone Star Park.

The event, sponsored by the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, offered a well-rounded test for the field of 12 jockeys.

Running at four lengths and on two surfaces, the jockeys rode four different horses rated from A (best) to D (worst). A win was worth 12 points, second was six, third was four and fourth was three.

Prado was shut out in the first race, on his B horse, then got on the board by finishing fourth in the second race. Then came a third-place showing on his D horse, putting him mathematically in contention — but barely.

To win, Prado needed to finish first and Meche, who had been first, third and fourth in the first three races, had to be shut out.

"When I was going out, I saw

the pole list and seven points, so I knew I had a chance," Prado said.

Craig Perret led going into the final stretch of the final race, and would've been the champion had he held on.

But Prado bolted along the rail and Pat Day passed Perret on the outside. Meche was never in contention and finished seventh in the race.

Meche's second-place was great considering that at 25 he was the youngest rider and had the fewest career victories. However, it was

disappointing because he was on top of the standings after one, two and three races.

Meche got into the field because he was the top rider at Lone Star this season. He almost had to drop out because of a shoulder injury suffered 10 days ago while on a tube being pulled by a boat.

After staying out of competition more than a week, he won his first race Wednesday night and rode twice more. He sat out Thursday then showed he was in good shape Friday by winning a non-

championship race to open the night.

His victory in the first championship race, aboard Dix Carat d'Or, marked the first time a local rider has won a leg of the championship.

Earlier Friday, Lone Star Park president Corey Johnson announced that the all-star event will remain at the track where it began through 2003. Purses will be raised to \$161,000 next year, \$185,000 in 2002 and \$200,000 in '03.

Guerrero is new Bucks' head coach

WHITE DEER — Ruben Guerrero has been named to as the new head football coach and athletic director at White Deer High School.

Guerrero replaces Ralph Samaniego, who will be the offensive line coach at San Antonio O'Connor. Samaniego coached the Bucks' for five years and had a 23-29 record.

This is Guerrero's first job as a head coach. He has been an assis-

tant at White Deer the past five years, serving as defensive coordinator the last two years. He graduated from River Road in 1983 and Tarleton State in 1988.

In addition to football, Guerrero has also coached powerlifting, track and junior varsity boys' basketball. He will also teach high school government and history.

The Bucks open the 2000 season Sept. 8 at home against Boys

Ranch. Their first district game is Oct. 13 at Gruver.

White Deer was dropped to Class 1A in the latest University Interscholastic League realignment and will play in District 1-1A with Wheeler, Gruver, Claude, Shamrock and Booker.

Samaniego resigned two weeks ago and the White Deer school board promoted Guerrero to the head position at a Monday meeting.

Hernandez pitches Giants to 10-3 win over Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Livan Hernandez has turned his season around, winning six times in his last eight decisions after opening the season with four straight losses.

"He's got a real good string going," San Francisco manager Dusty Baker said after Hernandez pitched the Giants to a 10-3 victory over the Houston Astros on Friday night.

Hernandez (6-6) beat Houston for the second time in six days, scattering nine hits in eight innings and allowing two runs. He struck out six and walked one while recording his first road victory since Aug. 21 of last season at

"I started slow, but I'm making a comeback. I'm throwing better now," Hernandez said. "I didn't

change nothing. I knew my day would come."

The key to pitching well in Houston's cozy Enron Field is keeping the ball down, Hernandez said.

"I threw the ball down. My slider was down and it was working good. In a small park like this, you have to keep the ball down," Hernandez said.

Hernandez has earned the respect of Houston's Jeff Bagwell.

"He didn't make any mistakes. He changed speeds real well. He changed speeds with his curve and slider, that's what Livan does," Bagwell said.

In less than half a season, there have been 120 home runs hit over Enron's short fences, two more than were hit last year at the Astrodome.

"The ball I hit to right wouldn't have gone out of any other ballpark in baseball," Barry Bonds said after hitting his 27th homer of the season in the third inning. "I'll take this ballpark over the Astrodome any time. I just can't believe Bagwell's not leading the league in home runs. After being short-changed in the Astrodome all those years, here if you get the ball in the air it will go out."

Bonds left the game in the sixth inning with mild cramping in his right hamstring. He expects to play Saturday.

Marvin Benard, who went 4-for-6 with a lost his 11th straight decision and gave up two homers, increasing his league lead for home runs allowed to 24.

"He has pitched some good games lately, but he went back to

his old problem," manager Larry Dierker said of Lima, who tied the Astros' record for consecutive losses, set by Dick Drott from May 26-Sept. 4, 1963. "He was leaving pitches up and over the plate."

"He did that in the Astrodome and it hurt him, but it'll kill him here."

The 10 runs scored by the Giants are the most runs scored at Enron Field since April 27, when the Chicago Cubs defeated Lima 12-3.

J.T. Snow's bases-loaded walk put San Francisco ahead in the first, and Bonds connected in the third, leaving him tied with Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals for the major league lead in home runs.

It was the first homer off Lima in 22 1-3 innings.

Benard hit a two-run homer in

the fourth, but Glen Barker's RBI grounder made it 4-1 in the fifth.

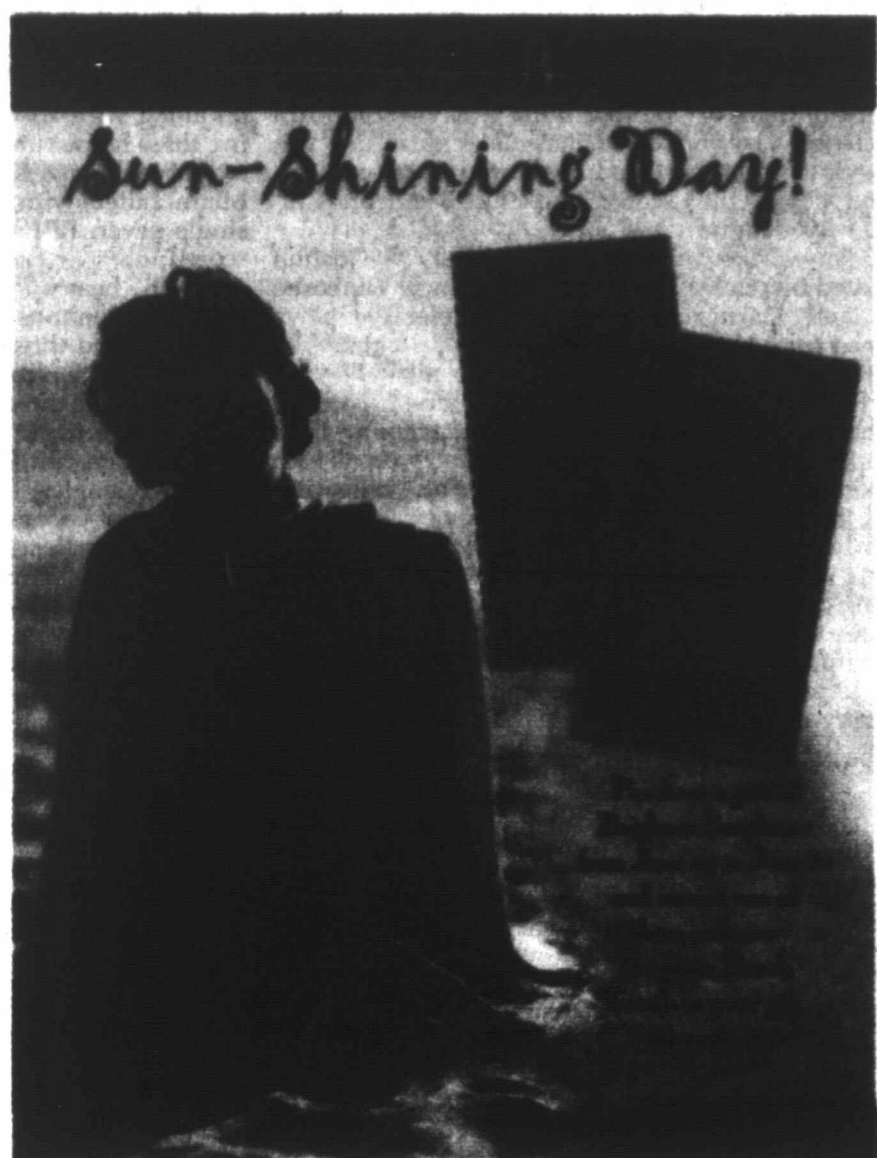
Bobby Estalella homered in a three-run sixth that also included Ellis Burks' two-run single.

Houston rookie Chris Truby hit his first major league home run, a solo shot in the ninth.

"Truby's first major league home run was our only bright spot," Dierker lamented.

Notes: Craig Biggio's single in the third inning tied the club record for career hits with 1,937. His next hit will surpass Jose Cruz's career total, set from 1975-87. ... Biggio left in the eighth with a bruised right shin after colliding with Lance Berkman on a pop fly. It was ruled a two-base error by Berkman. Biggio went to Methodist Hospital for precautionary X-rays.

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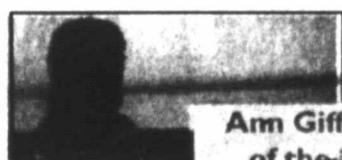
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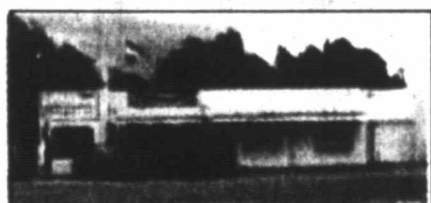
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English as Second Language students at Woodrow Wilson Elementary enjoy the Lovett Memorial Library story hour each week at the library. The students participate on Tuesday afternoons at the library. From left, front, are Mikaela Flores, Yesenia Flores, Thania Gayton, Jacqueline Mendez and Francia Gayton.

Summer readers read their way to success

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Over 300 Pampa children are experiencing many adventures this summer as they read their way to knowledge during the Lovett Memorial Library Summer Reading Program.

These young readers have already read over 38,000 minutes since the program began a few weeks ago. Opening their minds to many new worlds around them, the youngsters are reading rapidly to reach the goal of 60,000 minutes.

Special summer programs include story hour for the young children. Crafts and sidewalk chalk are also two popular children's activities.

Local day care centers bring the children for the activities, and elementary summer school students in the English as a Second Language program in the Pampa public school system are participating.

During July, special Wednesday programs will include construction of time capsules, rockets and UFOs, as well as an invention convention. Also, Viola Moore of the Square House Museum in Panhandle will present a trunk show of early history of the area.

Also, the top five readers in the summer reading program will receive gift certificates at the conclusion of the summer program.

Additional information about the summer reading program may be obtained by contacting the library.



The 300 participants in the Summer reading program at Lovett Memorial Library are striving to read 60,000 minutes. The young children have reached more than half their goal during the first three weeks of June. Middle, front left, Sarai Soria, Horacio Flores, Vianey Melendez, Adrian Hernandez, Jesus Solis, and Aaron Alvidraz.



Adrian Ramos listens intently to the stories being read to the children during the story hour at the Lovett Memorial Library.



Elementary students in the summer school program at Woodrow Wilson Elementary listen as stories are read. Front, left, Raul Lara, Eddie Castillo, Ernesto Ramirez, Juanis Garcia, Daisy Silva, Omer Soldierna and Omar Carrasco. Sylvia Flores; Middle, Fernando Castillo, Mario Rivera, Johana Jimenez, Oscar Sanchez, Pedro Sanchez, Pedro Castillo, Ramon Portillo.

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Menus

June 26-30

<p>Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Pancakes, syrup, sausage patty. Lunch: Pizza or breaded pork cutlet on a bun, green beans, peaches.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy. Lunch: Oven-fried chicken or breaded pork cutlet on a bun, whipped potatoes, corn, fresh fruit, hot rolls.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, sausage patty. Lunch: Cheese nachos or breaded pork cutlet on a bun, refried beans, tossed salad, spiced apples, cornbread.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Cinnamon toast. Lunch: Hamburgers or breaded pork cutlet on a bun, French fries, ranch style beans, pears.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage patty. Lunch: Corndogs or breaded pork cutlet on a bun, corn, blackeyed peas, pineapple.</p> <p>Senior Citizens MONDAY Chicken fried steak or chicken/broccoli casserole, mashed potatoes, fried squash, spinach, beans, carrot cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>TUESDAY Baked chicken or beef enchiladas, cheese potatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, strawberry shortcake or vanilla</p>	<p>pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, beans, devilsfood cake or lemon icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>THURSDAY Chicken strips or meatloaf, sour creme potatoes, carrots, English peas, beans, hurricane oatmeal cake or peach/pineapple cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>FRIDAY Fried cod fish or Frito pie, potato wedges, California mix, beans, red/white/blue cake or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, garlic toast or cornbread.</p> <p>Meals On Wheels MONDAY Shepherd's pie, lima beans, candied carrots, pears.</p> <p>TUESDAY Chicken and rice casserole, tomatoes, mixed vegetables, peaches.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy, pineapple.</p> <p>THURSDAY Oven-fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, zucchini and tomatoes, vanilla wafers.</p> <p>FRIDAY Chopped sirloin, sliced potatoes, peas, fruit cocktail.</p>
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Mr. and Mrs. James Ray

Ray anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. James Ray celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 24, 2000, in Knights of Columbus Hall of Pampa. Children of the couple hosted the reception.

James Ray and Mary Jane Luttrell were married June 24, 1950, at Claude. The couple have lived in Pampa for 12 years and have been Gray County residents for 40 years.

They are retired from ranch work and belong to First Baptist Church of Pampa.

Children of the couple are Jerry Ray of Amarillo, Tom Ray of Pampa, Carolyn Furr of Plano and Michael Ray of Lefors. They have nine grandchildren.



Dusty Eckhardt and Johnny Desmond

Eckhardt-Desmond

Dusty Eckhardt and Johnny Desmond, both of Lander, Wyo., plan to wed July 1 at Hart Ranch Hideout Resort at Lander.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Chip and Shannon Eckhardt of Lander, formerly of Wheeler. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1999 and plans to attend beauty school in Casper, Wyo.

The prospective groom is the son of Lola and Kelly Proctor of Lander and John Desmond of Riverton, Wyo. He graduated from Lander Valley High School in 1996 and plans to attend farrier school in Casper.

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Amber Michelle Fair and Matthew Scott Bell

Fair-Bell

Amber Michelle Fair of Lubbock and Matthew Scott Bell of Amarillo were wed May 20 at the Monterey Church of the Nazarene in Lubbock with the Rev. Lee Young, of the church, officiating.

The maid of honor was Candy Smith of Lamesa. The bridesmaids were Kristen Bell, sister of the groom of Pampa, and Mona Barrera of Lamesa. The flower girl was Noelani Parker, cousin of the groom of Aptos, Calif.

The best man was Derek Parker, cousin of the groom of Canyon. The groomsmen were Jacob York of Odessa and Danny Bowman of Albany. The ring bearer was Jamie Meeks, cousin of the bride of Canyon.

The ushers were Corey Fair, brother of the bride of Lubbock, Cody Martin of San Angelo and Derek Studebaker of Alanreed.

Music was provided by Beth Gwinn who played keyboard.

A reception was held following the service in fellowship hall of the church with Mandy McCoy and Courtney Martin, both of Lamesa, and Mindy and Carrie Parker, cousins of the groom of Canyon, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Robert Fair Jr. of Lubbock and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shubert of Coahoma and William Robert Fair, Sr. of Clifton, Colo. She graduated from Lamesa High School in 1998 and is a junior at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She is currently employed by United Supermarket in Amarillo.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bell of Pampa and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Parker of McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Louie Bell of Andrews. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1996 and is currently attending West Texas A&M University with plans to graduate in August.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Dallas and Arlington and intend to make their home in Amarillo.



Mika Autumn Clark and Daniel John Smith

Clark-Smith

Mika Autumn Clark of Pampa and Daniel John Smith of Amarillo were wed May 27 at First Christian Church of Pampa with Barry Loving, of the church, officiating.

The matron of honor was Keitha Clayton, sister of the bride of San Antonio. The bridesmaid was Becky Smith, sister of the groom of Amarillo. The flower girl was Autumn Gilmore, daughter of the bride.

The best man was David Smith, brother of the groom of Pampa. The groomsmen were Mike Clayton, brother-in-law of the bride of San Antonio. The ring bearer was Dayton Nelson of St. Louis, Mo.

The candlelighter was April Beaty of San Antonio.

Registering the guests was Ashley Laycock of Pampa.

Music was provided by Mike Clark, father of the bride, and Brad Hadley of Borger.

A reception was held following the service in the parlor of the church with Kim Black and Tamara Keranen, both of Amarillo, and Jennifer Clark and Tanya Elms, both of Pampa, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Sandy Clark of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1994 and attended Texas Tech University where she belonged to Tri Delta Sorority.

The groom is the son of Mike and Jennifer Smith of Borger. He graduated from Borger High School in 1995 and is currently employed as a route salesman at Plains Dairy.

The couple intend to make their home in Amarillo.

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The United States Achievement Academy recently announced Pampa High School students **Ashleigh Burns, Phillip Aaron Smith and Kevin Andrew Smith** were named All-American Scholars. Burns will be a senior at PHS in the fall. Phillip and Kevin graduated from PHS this spring. USAA established the All-American Scholar program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. To be eligible for the honor, students must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted. USAA All-American Scholars are named in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, published nationally. Burns was also named a USAA National Award-winner. She is the daughter of Dale and Marie Burns. Phillip and Kevin are the sons of Billy M. and Debra N. Smith of Pampa and are the grandsons of Richard Allen and Jerry Lynn

Armstrong of Dallas and W.O. Smith of Bonham. The United States Achievement Academy recently announced United States National Award Winners from the area. The following Pampa students were chosen USAA award winners in various categories: **Michael Eskridge**, Pampa High School, "Honor Roll"; and **Federico Sanchez**, PHS, "Leadership and Service." The Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students. The PHS students were nominated for the award by counselor Starla Kindle. All USAA award-winners will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, published nationally. The Academy selects USAA winners based upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citi-

zenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability. Eskridge is the son of Bob and Colleen Eskridge of Pampa and is the grandson of Pat and Donna

Whalen of Sharon, Pa., and Billye Ellis of Frederick, Okla. Sanchez is the son of Catalino and Maria Sanchez of Pampa.

CLARENDON — Clarendon College recently announced its President's and Dean's Lists for the 2000 spring semester. To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: **Kimberley A. Dalton, Lori Beth Hendricks, Monica Lynn Ledford and Molly Williams**, all of Pampa; **Dara D'Ann Whatley** of Groom; **Melissa Denise Krueger** of McLean; and **Laura Alethia Copeland, Krissy Renee Ryan and Jesse Robert White**, all of Shamrock.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.6 GPA while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: **Teresa Jan Clark,**

Teena Jane Cox, Stacy C. Hamilton, Donna Joy Hathcoat, David Clarence Smothermon and Margaret B. Stevens, all of Pampa.

PORTALES, N.M. — Eastern New Mexico University recently announced its Dean's Honor Roll for the 2000 spring semester.

To be eligible for the honor roll, a student must maintain a 3.25 grade point average while enrolled in 15 or more semester hours. Students named to the list

include: **Amanda Diane Wells**, a biology major of Pampa.

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. — Gardner-Webb University recently announced its Dean's Honor Roll for the 2000 spring semester.

To be eligible for the honor roll, a student must maintain between a 3.2 and a 3.7 grade point average while enrolled in 15 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: **Janetta Nicole Watson** of Pampa.

Card of thanks for my special son, Tyler. I would like to thank all the people for their thoughts and prayers during my time of grief. Special thanks to Renee Steel, Barbara Bruce and the Parsley family. I deeply appreciate everything.
Jennifer Cochran Johnson
Tyler Johnson's Mother



Misti Ann Stanton and Joe Frank Atkinson

Stanton-Atkinson

Misti Ann Stanton and Joe Frank Atkinson, both of Llano, plan to wed July 8 at Lakeside Pavillion in Marble Falls. The bride-elect is the daughter of Linda Stanton of Lefors and is the granddaughter of Nellie Stanton and the late Troy Stanton of Lefors. She graduated from Gallup High School at Gallup, N.M., in 1992 and from Tarleton State University in 1997. She is currently employed by Llano School District. The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Atkinson of Marble Falls and is the grandson of Cruz Atkinson of Marble Falls. He graduated from Marble Falls High School in 1993 and from Tarleton State University in 1998. He is currently employed by Newmark Homes in Austin.



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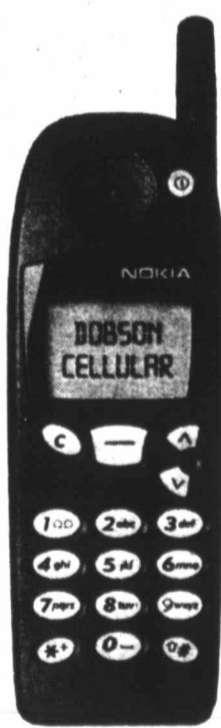
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"The greatest thing to get over that is more local success stories," Mr. Blanton said.

Providing role models

One such role model is Data Return, which hosts Web sites for corporate customers. "Visa and MasterCard were our early angel investors and venture capitalists," Mr. Vanderbeck told the rapt audience. But given the chance to do it all over again, Mr. Vanderbeck said, he would've taken venture-capital money earlier instead of running up credit card balances.

Entrepreneurs typically seek out money from VCs for the valuable advice and connections they may receive. "We might've been farther along than we are today," Mr. Vanderbeck said.

Another role model at the conference was i2 Technologies Inc., a Farmers Branch software company now considered a leader in creating online marketplaces for businesses. Sanjiv Sidhu, a native of India who arrived in the United States in 1980 and was 59th on Forbes magazine's list of billionaires last week, founded the company in 1988 after quitting his job in the artificial-intelligence laboratory at Texas Instruments Inc.

"Sanjiv's idea was to add

intelligence to manufacturing," said Pallab Chatterjee, i2's chief operating officer.

But a great idea alone doesn't guarantee success these days, said Jeff Frick, director of Net Markets for Asera Inc., which helps businesses market, sell and support products over the Internet.

"Killer ideas are a dime a dozen," he said. Speed differentiates the winners. The greatest cost, he said, is lost time in implementing the idea.

People starting businesses should be encouraged about the opportunities, speakers said.

"There's never been a better time to be an entrepreneur," Mr. Bowsher said. "That doesn't mean it's easy."

Planning is crucial

Mr. Bowsher discouraged entrepreneurs from dreaming up ideas without identifying a "pain point" that they will seek to address. "The key is to go where the demand is," he said. "Don't sit back with a blank sheet of paper. If there's no market validation 1/8 and 3/8 if there's no research, it just doesn't resonate with investors."

Entrepreneurs were told they also should attack only markets that are big enough to attract the interests of venture capitalists. Typically, that means a business that holds the potential to have \$100 mil-

lion in annual revenue and a \$500 million market capitalization within a few years.

"Don't start a company just to start a company," Mr. Bowsher said.

H. Berry Cash, InterWest's Dallas-based partner, said the single biggest sin entrepreneurs can commit once they have attracted potential financing is to ask for too little. Costs may end up growing greater than expected, he said, and the worst time to ask for more money is when conditions have taken a turn for the worse.

Mr. Thompson of the Texas e-commerce trade group, who was attending StartCamp2, said one of the most important messages entrepreneurs can take away is that they can learn from the mistakes of others.

"We don't know every aspect of what contributes to the success of a company in the Internet economy, but at least we know what contributes to failure," he said.

Finally, entrepreneurs were told they shouldn't conclude from the drop this year in technology stock prices that the best ideas are all taken and that the battle to become a leader in e-commerce is over.

"This thing is just getting started," Mr. Frick said. "There aren't even two outs in the first inning."

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Texas: Around every corner something different, unique

BY TED ANTHONY
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Let's dispense with this right away: It's big. Really big. But you already knew that.

And this, too: Those cowboys, that whole taming the American frontier thing? It's certainly true, albeit a tiny bit of the truth. And the oilmen, the wildcatters who built empires and legends with their loose money and large living? Same story. One small sliver of one big — really big — picture.

Texas the legend. America knows it like no other state.

Texas the reality. America barely knows it at all. Whatever you think Texas is, there's always something different, something more. For every fifth-generation cattle rancher, there's a first-generation dot-com executive. For every Midland oilman, there's a Vietnamese shrimper in Galveston Bay. For every college-educated, let's-eat-out-again-tonight Metroplexer, there's a destitute, can't-afford-dinner immigrant family. For every parched patch, there's a lush lake.

Texans like to call their state a small country. And, in fact, it was once a sovereign nation. But it's more than that. Size and culture, geography and attitude have come together to form a unique beast — something that contains much of what America is, and much of what it's becoming.

Describe Texas? Texas defies that at every turn. But since George W. Bush, the guy who may end up running our country, is now running Texas, it's certainly worth a try.

"I don't say, 'This is what Texas is like,'" says Larry McMurtry, used bookstore proprietor and, more famously, author of Texas novels like "Lonesome Dove." Instead, he says, "I let them look for themselves."

So let's look.

"Texas — a conflict of civilizations."

— "The Book of Texas," 1925.

He wears a pair of Wranglers, chestnut boots and a maroon baseball cap bearing the name of a livestock carrier. His office is an endless stretch of mesquite and prairie on the outskirts of Gonzales, a ranching town of 6,500 souls that his great-granddad helped settle 60 miles south of Austin.

She, too, sports bluejeans — on casual Friday, at least — along with a T-shirt displaying her company logo. She occupies a corner suite in a 40,000-square-foot building in a burgeoning commercial zone in northwest Austin.

His business is cattle. Hers is computers. Both are Texans, born and bred, and both have the twang to prove it. Beyond that, Bryan Denman and Georgia Jones are as different as a Panhandle winter and a Houston summer — as diverse and divergent as Texas itself.

In most every respect, Texas is one place that contains many places — cultures, attitudes and

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people all thrown into the same pot to coexist under one American state government.

"From the outside looking in, you can't understand it. And from the inside looking out, you can't explain it," says Joe White, director of the East Texas Oil Museum in Kilgore.

There are pine trees in East Texas, plains out West. There's Guadalupe Peak, the state's highest point at 8,749 feet, and the beaches of South Padre Island. There are cotton fields and cattle ranches, orchards and oil wells. Tornadoes and hurricanes, floods and drought. The mansions of Houston and colonias of Laredo. Dallasites in furs, Austinites with pierced noses.

"I don't think there's a way to describe it without there being an exception," says Ron Tyler, director of the Texas State Historical Association and editor of the Handbook of Texas, an encyclopedia of state history, geography and culture.

"Whose story am I going to tell? The story of the East Texas sharecropper or the Hispanic barrio resident or the high-tech developer who's just sold his company and retired young?" he says. "Every story is different."

At the beginning, Texas was agricultural and rural. Cotton and cattle were king, and less than a quarter of Texans lived in cities. By 1981, 80 years after oil was discovered, the petroleum industry accounted for more than one-quarter of the state's economy. In 1991, after the oil bust and savings-and-loan collapse, that number was halved.

Today, technology is the new dean of the Texas economy, employing 411,000 people, compared with 184,000 in oil and gas drilling and petroleum refining and 210,000 in agriculture and food products. And the land itself has changed, too: The state ranks fifth in the nation for toxic chemicals released into the environment, and Houston has surpassed Los Angeles as the nation's smoggiest city.

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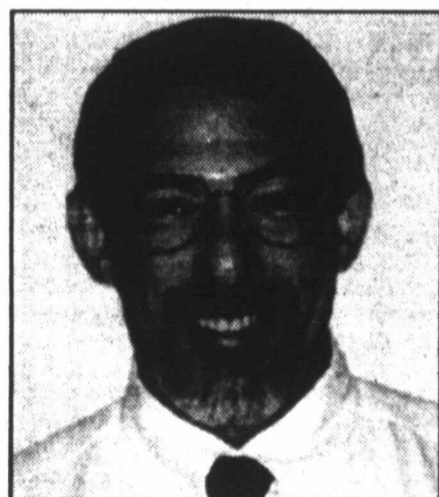
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Stompers/Teresa Dyson, 97 miles, 395 total; Sweaters/Janie VanZandt, 99.5 miles, 312.5 total; and the Wilderness Walkers/Joan Gray, 43.7 miles, 394.25 total. This gives a grand total of 3,152.4 miles walked in six weeks.



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July 1 through July 4, Dr. Harrow will be moving into his new office. New and current patients may contact him during this time him by calling 669-8296 and having him paged. He will return the call as quickly as possible.

After July 5, Dr. Harrow can be reached by calling the new clinic location telephone number 665-6600.

As always, Dr. Harrow encourages current and new patients to use these numbers 24 hours a day if they have a medical problem that requires immediate attention.

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Calendar

FREEDOM MUSEUM, USA, 600 N. Hobart is open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Lovett Memorial Library Summer Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays.

Center. For more information, contact Carolyn Smith, 665-5158. FIRST PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH hosts "Second Sunday Singing" from 2-4 p.m. the second Sunday of each month.

month. For more information, call Ann, 669-1131. MEALS ON WHEELS Garage Sale, 900 N. Frost, will be every Monday throughout February and April.

Russell. For more information call Sharon King, 665-2818. AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

MEALS ON WHEELS Garage Sale will be every Monday through April at 900 N. Frost. For more information, call Cindy Gindorf at 669-1007. HIDDEN HILLS Women's Golf Association will hold its "Play Day" at 6 p.m. each Monday from May-September.

ENTERTAINMENT

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. "Be With You," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
 2. "Try Again," Aaliyah. Blackground.
 3. "I Turn To You," Christina Aguilera. RCA.
 4. "I Wanna Know," Joe. Jive.
 5. "The Real Slim Shady," Eminem. Web/Aftermath.
 6. "Everything You Want," Vertical Horizon. RCA.
 7. "It's Gonna Be Me," 'N Sync. Jive.
 8. "Breathe," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Nashville).
 9. "You Sang To Me," Marc Anthony. Columbia.
 10. "There You Go," Pink. LaFace. (Gold)
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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. "The Marshall Mathers LP," Eminem. Web/Aftermath.
2. "Oops!... I Did It Again," Britney Spears. Jive. (Platinum)
3. "Riding With The King," B.B. King & Eric Clapton. Duck/Reprise.
4. "The History Of Rock," Kid Rock. Lava/Atlantic.
5. "No Strings Attached," 'N Sync. Jive. (Platinum)
6. "When The Smoke Clears Sixty 6, Sixty 1," Three 6 Mafia. Hypnotize Minds.
7. "Human Clay," Creed. Wind-up. (Platinum)
8. "Mad Season," matchbox twenty. Lava/Atlantic.
9. "Crush," Bon Jovi. Island.
10. "Supernatural," Santana. Arista. (Platinum)

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Hot Adult Contemporary

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

1. "Breathe," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
2. "You Sang To Me," Marc Anthony. Columbia.
3. "Amazed," Lonestar. BNA. (Gold)
4. "I Knew I Loved You," Savage Garden. Columbia. (Gold)
5. "I Need You," LeAnn Rimes. Sparrow/Capitol/Curb.

6. "Taking You Home," Don Henley. Warner Bros.
7. "Show Me The Meaning Of Being Lonely," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
8. "That's The Way It Is," Celine Dion. 550 Music.
9. "Back At One," Brian McKnight. Motown.
10. "Someday Out Of The Blue," Elton John. DreamWorks.

Top Gospel Albums

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

1. "Thankful," Mary Mary. C2/Columbia.
 2. "Mountain High... Valley Low," Yolanda Adams. Elektra.
 3. "Purpose By Design," Fred Hammond & Radical For Christ. Verity.
 4. "WoW Gospel 2000 — The Year's 30 Top Gospel Artists And Songs," Various Artists. EMI/Wor. (Gold)
 5. "Spiritual Love," Trin-i-tee 5:7. B-Rite.
 6. "Alabaster Box," CeCe Winans. Wellspring Gospel.
 7. "The Nu Nation Project," Kirk Franklin. Gospo Centric. (Platinum)
 8. "God Is Working — Live," The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir. M2 Communications/Wor.
 9. "Family Affair," Hezekiah Walker & The Love Fellowship Crusade Choir. Verity.
 10. "Battlefield," Norman Hutchins. JDI.
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Mainstream Rock Tracks

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

1. "I Disappear," Metallica. Hollywood.
2. "Kryptonite," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
3. "With Arms Wide Open," Creed. Wind-up.

4. "Sour Girl," Stone Temple Pilots. Atlantic.
5. "Judith," A Perfect Circle. Virgin.
6. "Godless," U.P.O. Epic.
7. "Satellite Blues," AC/DC. EastWest.
8. "Otherside," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.
9. "Last Resort," Papa Roach. DreamWorks.
10. "Leader Of Men," Nickelback. Roadrunner.

Modern Rock Tracks

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

1. "Kryptonite," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
2. "With Arms Wide Open," Creed. Wind-up.
3. "Sour Girl," Stone Temple Pilots. Atlantic.
4. "Wonderful," Everclear. Capitol.
5. "Judith," A Perfect Circle. Virgin.
6. "Adam's Song," Blink-182. MCA.
7. "Last Resort," Papa Roach. DreamWorks.
8. "Take A Look Around," Limp Bizkit. Hollywood.
9. "Promise," Eve 6. RCA.
10. "Change (In The House Of Flies)," Deftones. Maverick.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

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

1. "Yes!" Chad Brock. Warner Bros.
 2. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack (w/Sons Of The Desert). MCA Nashville.
 3. "Couldn't Last A Moment," Collin Raye. Epic.
 4. "The Chain Of Love," Clay Walker. Giant.
 5. "Unconditional," Clay Davidson. Virgin.
 6. "The Way You Love Me," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
 7. "I'll Be," Reba McEntire. MCA Nashville.
 8. "Some Things Never Change," Tim McGraw. Curb.
 9. "Prayin' For Daylight," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street.
 10. "What I Need To Do," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
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Top Country Albums

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1. "Fly," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
 2. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack. MCA Nashville. (Gold)
 3. "Breathe," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
 4. "Latest Greatest Straitest Hits," George Strait. MCA Nashville. (Platinum)
 5. "Come On Over," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Platinum)
 6. "A Place In The Sun," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
 7. "Lonely Grill," Lonestar. BNA. (Platinum)
 8. "Wide Open Spaces," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
 9. "Under The Influence," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
 10. "She Rides Wild Horses," Kenny Rogers. Dreamcatcher. (Gold)
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Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Singles and Tracks

(Compiled from a national

sample of sales reports and radio playlists)

1. "I Wish," Carl Thomas. Bad Boy.
 2. "Where I Wanna Be," Donell Jones. Jones. Untouchables/LaFace.
 3. "Separated," Avant. Magic Johnson.
 4. "Let's Get Married," Jagged Edge. So So Def.
 5. "Dance Tonight," Lucy Pearl. Overbrook/Pookie.
 6. "Wifey," Next. Arista.
 7. "I Wanna Know," Joe. Jive.
 8. "He Wasn't Man Enough," Toni Braxton. LaFace. (Gold)
 9. "Big Pimpin'," Jay-Z (feat. UGK). Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam.
 10. "Try Again," Aaliyah. Blackground.
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Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums

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

1. "The Marshall Mathers LP," Eminem. Web/Aftermath.
 2. "When The Smoke Clears Sixty 6, Sixty 1," Three 6 Mafia. Hypnotize Minds.
 3. Soundtrack: "Shaft," Ghet-O-Vision/LaFace.
 4. "I Got That Work," Big Tymers. Cash Money.
 5. "My Name Is Joe," Joe. Jive. (Platinum)
 6. "Dr. Dre — 2001," Dr. Dre. Aftermath. (Platinum)
 7. "Goodfellas," 504 Boyz. No Limit.
 8. "My Thoughts," Avant. Magic Johnson.
 9. "J.E. Heartbreak," Jagged Edge. So So Def/Columbia. (Platinum)
 10. "Lucy Pearl," Lucy Pearl. Pookie.
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Hot Rap Singles

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

1. "Flamboyant," Big L. Rawkus.
 2. "2...", Too Short. Short.
 3. "Flowers For The Dead," Cuban Link. Terror Squad/Atlantic.
 4. "...Country Grammar," Nelly. Fo' Real.
 5. "So Flossy," Midwest Mafia (feat. Phatty Banks). Buchanan.
 6. "Hot Gal Today (Haffi Get De Gal Yah)," Sean Paul & Mr. Vegas. 2 Hard.
 7. "One Four Love Pt. 1," Hip Hop For Respect. Rawkus.
 8. "Whistle While You Twurk," Ying Yang Twins. ColliPark.
 9. "I Like Dem Girlz," Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz. BME.
 10. "Bounce," Miracle. Major Turnout/Sound Of Atlanta.
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Hot Dance Music — Club Play

(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)

1. "I'm Not In Love," Olive. Maverick.
2. "With You," Nomad. Rasam.
3. "Love Is What We Need," Ann Nesby. A&M.
4. "Don't You Want My Love," Rosabel (feat. Debbie Jacobs-Rock). Tommy Boy Silver Label.
5. "Dreaming," BT. Nettwerk.
6. "Flash," Green Velvet. F-111.
7. "Don't Give Up," Chicane (feat. Bryan Adams). Xtravaganza/C2.

8. "Don't Call Me Baby," Madison Avenue. Vicious Grooves/C2.
9. "Woman In Love," Ariel. Xtreme.
10. "Chocolate Sensation Rides On Time," Loleatta Holloway. Salsoul.

Hot Latin Tracks

(Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)

1. "Muy Dentro De Mi (You Sang To Me)," Marc Anthony. Columbia.
 2. "A Puro Dolor," Son By Four. Sony Discos.
 3. "Entre El Mar Y Una Estrella," Thalia. EMI Latin.
 4. "Secreto De Amor," Joan Sebastian. Musart.
 5. "Te Hice Mal," Los Temerarios. Fonovisa.
 6. "No Me Dejes De Querer," Gloria Estefan. Epic.
 7. "Solo Me Importas Tu (Be With You)," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
 8. "Volver A Amar," Christian Castro. Ariola.
 9. "Yo Se Que Te Acordaras," Banda El Recodo. Fonovisa.
 10. "Que Alguien Me Diga," Gilberto Santa Rosa. Sony Discos.
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The Billboard Latin 50: Top 10 Albums

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

1. "Alma Caribena — Carribean Soul," Gloria Estefan. Epic.
 2. "Son By Four," Son By Four. Sony Discos.
 3. "Desde Un Principio-From The Beginning," Marc Anthony. Sony Discos.
 4. "Entre Tus Brazos," Alejandro Fernandez. Sony Discos.
 5. "Buena Vista Social Club Presents Omara Portuondo. World Circuit/Nonesuch.
 6. "Secreto De Amor," Joan Sebastian. Musart/Balboa.
 7. "Arrasando," Thalia. EMI Latin.
 8. "Voy A Enamorarte," Gisselle. Ariola.
 9. "All My Hits — Todos Mis Exitos Vol. 2," Selena. EMI Latin.
 10. "Por Encima De Todo," Limite. Universal Latino.
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Video best-sellers

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Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission:

Top Music Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Two Against Nature," Steely Dan.
2. "Memphis Homecoming," Bill & Gloria Gaither.
3. "Time Out With Britney Spears," Britney Spears. (Platinum)
4. "Hell Freezes Over," The Eagles. (Platinum)
5. "Oh, My Glory," Bill & Gloria Gaither.
6. "Tales From Margaritavision," Jimmy Buffett.
7. "Whitney: The Greatest Hits," Whitney Houston.
8. "A Farewell Celebration," The Cathedrals.
9. "50 Years," The Happy Goodmans.
10. "N The Mix With 'N Sync," 'N Sync. (Platinum)

Top Video Rentals

(Compiled from a national sample of rental reports)

1. "American Beauty," Home Entertainment.
2. "Man On The Moon," Universal Studios Home Video.
3. "Being John Malkovich," USA Home Entertainment.
4. "Dogma," Columbia TriStar Home Video.
5. "Sleepy Hollow," Paramount Home Video.
6. "The World Is Not Enough," MGM Home Entertainment.
7. "Fight Club," FoxVideo.
8. "The Eye Of The Beholder," Columbia TriStar Home Video.
9. "Girl, Interrupted," Columbia TriStar Home Video.
10. "Boys Don't Cry," FoxVideo.

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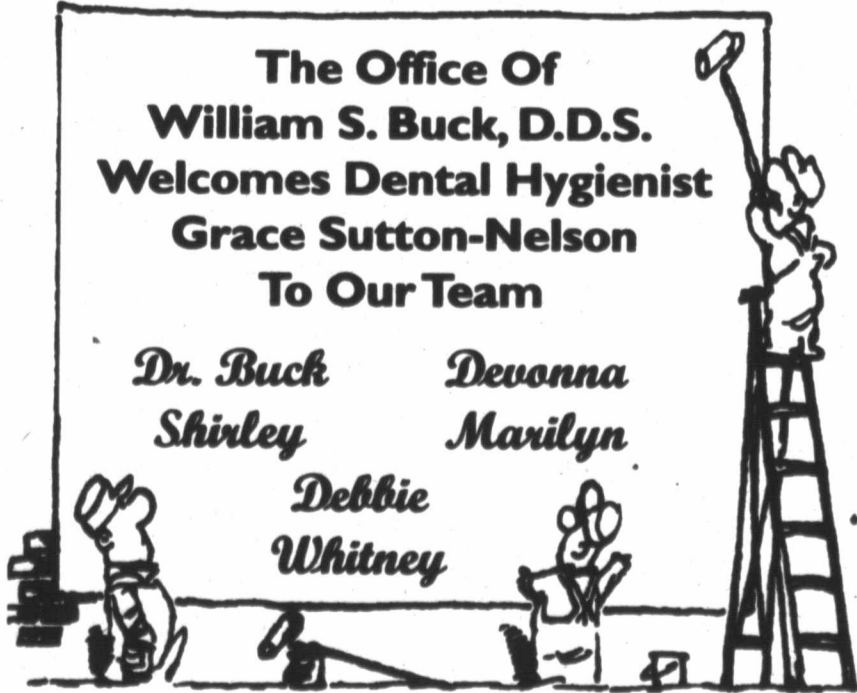
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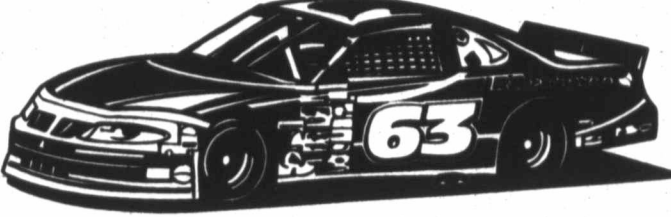
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DEAR ABBY: I was bicycling through the park when I noticed a young woman dressed in black picking lilies along the side of the path. I stopped and asked her why she was picking flowers. "I am going to a funeral today," she replied. I told her that while I understood why she was picking the flowers, she was still wrong to do so, because no one else going through the park would be able to enjoy them.

Abby, now I feel guilty that I confronted her. Didn't she have enough to worry about? After all, she was going to a funeral! Although I still feel that I did the right thing, was there another way of handling this?

CIVIC-MINDED BUT CONFUSED

DEAR CIVIC-MINDED: Your direct approach was appropriate at the time you first noticed her picking the flowers. Black is a popular fashion choice, and you couldn't have known she was on her way to a funeral.

You were right. She should not have been picking the flowers, and your comment should give her food for thought. However, I suspect you'd be feeling less guilty right now if — once she told you about the funeral — you had expressed your condolences for her loss and then quietly gone on your way.

DEAR ABBY: My sister and I are married to brothers whose wealthy aunt invites the family for



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Easter dinner every year. This is a potluck meal, and she requests that we each bring double recipes. This year, my sister was asked to bring two cakes and another guest to bring pies. After our main course was served, the table was cleared and out came thin slices of pie. There was no sign of my sister's cakes!

After the meal, this aunt was busy in the kitchen putting away all of the leftover food. No one was offered anything to take home. Do you think my sister should have asked for her two cakes that were not served? She has a large family, and those cakes would have been enjoyed by them.

This is not the first time this has happened. By the way, there are only 12 adults at this gathering. What do you think of this?

DISGUSTED IN DETROIT

DEAR DISGUSTED: I think your hostess takes the cake! For a hostess to solicit double portions for a potluck dinner, and then to hoard the goodies for another occasion, shows poor

manners, worse judgment, and creates abysmal family relations. It would have been entirely appropriate for your sister to ask for at least one of the cakes to take home to her family. Next year, suggest to this aunt that any food not served be split among the guests.

DEAR ABBY: Please help me. My roommates are ruining my life. I'm a female freshman in college and live in South Carolina. I am living with three guys. Most of the time they're great — until I bring home my dates.

They all have great social lives, so I see no reason why they feel the need to take apart my car, hide my clothes and scare my dates. They say it's for my own protection, but at this rate, I'll be an old maid forever.

What can I do to stop their foolishness before they scare away Mr. Right?

DATELESS AND HOPELESS

DEAR DATELESS: Your roommates may regard their behavior as funny, or brotherly and protective. However, their methods are heavy-handed, intimidating, and an indication of their immaturity.

Make other living arrangements and get out of there as quickly as possible. And next time, share accommodations with female roommates.

own pace; don't push. Your leadership brings laurels later in the day. Caution goes a long way in preventing an error. Tonight: Arrange a meeting or get-together with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** You make the call now, and you succeed. You intuitively know what to do; follow your sixth sense. You might need to process and go over a decision again with the same person. He isn't getting it. Make calls to those who are far away. Tonight: Work late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** You don't like what you hear from a partner. Tap into your ingenuity and find a way around a problem. Quit tackling major obstacles head-on. Discussions prove to be fruitful later in the day, when another can hear you. Detach; refuse to let anyone push your buttons. Tonight: Take a drive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Others clearly hold the cards. Let them play out their hands, then take your turn responding. The highest form of control is being in control of yourself. One-on-one relating helps you win allies and mobilize your energy. Brainstorm with a trusted pal. Tonight: Togetherness works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Get into work, and you'll quickly accomplish a lot. Listen to your sixth sense with a co-worker who often surprises you. Don't attempt to regiment another. Instead, discipline yourself. Schedule meetings for later in the day. Others respond. Tonight: A favorite ballgame.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Fiery and dynamic, you might

do the unexpected and jolt others. Use the unconventional to support your work and life, not to detour from them. Take a new friend to lunch or treat a loved one. Emphasize creativity, even at work. Follow through on a good idea. Tonight: A favorite summer sport.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Make family a higher priority. Shift your emphasis away from work. You pull the financial wild card; ask for advice. Creativity and energy merge. Make time for something you love. If single, allow more fun into your life. Tonight: Another knock on your door.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Throw yourself into your work. Return calls; get into a work project that involves your social skills. You read others clearly; make headway and remove any blocks. Don't allow another to intimidate you. Stand your ground; remain secure. Check out a new item for your home. Tonight: Put your feet up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Deal with finances head-on. Your intuition might be at cross-purposes with what needs to happen. Ask questions; seek out experts. You have the ingenuity to come up with answers that work. Stop and buy a card for a friend or loved one who will love it. Tonight: Visit with a pal.

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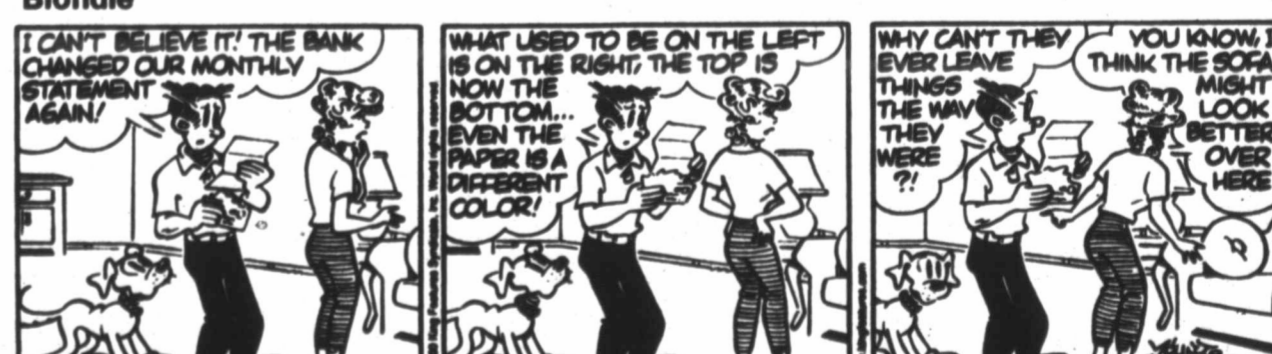
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Horoscope

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Your subconscious works overtime; be sensitive to ideas that seem to pop up from out of the blue. You see a new path to a long-desired goal. A friend supports your productivity and ingenuity. Check out financial implications before giving the OK. Tonight: Shop on the way home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** You might not like what you see, but muzzle yourself for now or you could regret your words. Gather information; attempt to understand where another is coming from. A boss continues the roller-coaster ride at work. Hold on; walk in his shoes. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Aim high, but listen to your inner voice. You might be picking up on something that you haven't quite verbalized or even formalized in your mind. Break past self-imposed restrictions, especially in your thinking. Think through a suggestion. Tonight: Vanish into your own world.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

** Don't rush into any commitments or projects. Do needed research. Others expect you to take charge. Follow your

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's answer

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Marmaduke



"Our kite will never get off the ground if Marmaduke doesn't stop catching the tail."

The Family Circus



"Michelangelo drew pictures on the walls and ceiling of the Sixteen Chapel at the Batican."

STUMPED?

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Dandelion has many uses

By GEORGE BRIA
POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — It may shock a lawn lover to learn that people actually buy dandelion seeds and plant them. It's a fact that the dandelion, despised by some as a pesky weed, is valued by others as food and even cherished as a lovely flower. The yellow blossoms brightening the landscape in spring gladdened the heart of the 19th century American poet, James Russell Lowell.

In "To a Dandelion," he rhapsodized "thou art more dear to me than all the prouder summer blooms may be."

Liking it as food, I start in April looking for the sharply serrated leaves that gave it the name "dent de lion" (lion's tooth) in French, hence dandelion. I find it best-tasting in salads or to add to sandwich when the leaves are young and tender.

The flavor leans toward the bitter, so perhaps it's an acquired taste. But adding to the enjoyment is the knowledge that dandelions are dramatically nutritious. They contain more than three times as much iron as spinach, plus Vitamins A and C, potassium, calcium, thiamin, riboflavin and fiber.

The French also have another accepted name for dandelion, "pissenlit," which translates into "wet the bed," testifying to the diuretic power of its root.

I'm not bothered by its presence in the lawn since mine is country turf, rougher and wilder than the velvety greensward of suburbia.

Also, I like an assortment of varicolored wildflowers amid the green. The lore of the dandelion is probably best told by wildflower historian Jack Sanders who devotes four pages to it in his acclaimed "Hedgemaids and Fairy Candles" (Ragged Mountain Press, 1993, \$14.95 paperback).

Calling it probably the "most common" of all the thousands of wildflower species, Sanders pins its worldwide presence on its puffs of seeds that the wind spreads like wildfire. He notes their popularity with children who years ago "used to tell the hour of the day by counting the number of times they had to blow before all the seeds would separate from the head."

As an edible, Sanders says "animals also find the dandelion a tasty treat. Birds eat the seeds, as do small animals such as mice. Rabbits, pigs and goats enjoy the entire plant. While cows usually shun the plant because of its rather bitter-tasting juice, it has been said that when cows eat dandelions, their milk production will increase."

"For bees and dozens of other kinds of insects, the dandelion is an important supply of food, not only because it produces abundant nectar, but because it blooms at the edges of the season when other flowers are scarce."

If you shun them in the lawn, but are attracted by their nutritional value, you can grow them in the vegetable garden.

Actually, that's a safer way because they won't be exposed to the chemicals you may be using to create that perfect lawn. You'll find seeds for sale in catalogs. You can get a packet of 100 seeds for \$1.90 from Johnny's, Foss Hill Road, Albion, Maine, 04910, Tel. 207-437-4301.

Cultivated dandelions look like the wild ones, but are larger and perhaps less bitter. The seeds are sown one-half inch deep and will grow in any good soil. You can get an early start by sowing them indoors in flats under lights in winter and transplant them to the garden when the soil is workable.

A fall crop can also be obtained by planting in late summer. If you want to protect the purity of nearby lawns, you should harvest them before they flower and form their white seed puffs.

Dandelions are grown commercially for the greens market, especially around Vineland, N.J., known as the dandelion capital of the world. But greens are only one of many dietary uses. The plant's deep taproot is ground up and roasted to make a caffeine-free beverage.

Some gourmets stir-fry the crowns, finding them sweet, meaty and crisp. Dandelion wine is well-known, but fewer people are acquainted with dandelion sausage, which also contains leeks, mushrooms and pork.

EDITOR'S NOTE: George Bria retired from the AP in 1981 after 40 years that included coverage of World War II from Italy.

TEXAS

Yet those who live here believe outsiders still see the Texas of lore: wildcatters and cattle barons, farmland and dusty plains, tobacco-chewing bubbas.

"They still tend to think of Texans as barbarians — rude, crude, loud, rip-up-their-shirts, show-you-their-scars and do all kinds of crazy stuff," says Texas humorist and political pundit Molly Ivins. "That's true, but it's not as true as many people think."

"Texas is not one-half of what people say it is."

— Alfred E. Means, "Texas As It Is Today," 1925.

The brochure by the Motel 6 front desk outside Dallas is glossy and enticing, beckoning tourists to come visit a piece of Texas: Southfork Ranch, home to the fabled Ewing family of ranching and wildcatting fame. Troubled is, the family never existed — except on the set of "Dallas."

For Texas, such fictions are both bane and salvation. The state has long been caught in an elaborate dance of myth and reality, exploiting the former while complaining that nobody pays attention to the latter.

Start with Davy Crockett at the Alamo, and you're off. Want cowboys and Indians? Watch John Wayne in "Red River." Looking for the "true story" about how oilmen built Texas? Rent "Giant" and see Rock Hudson and James Dean amass their empires. Hankering for a torrid tale about the high plains? Larry McMurtry's dying-town epic "The Last Picture Show" is \$7.99 in paperback.

That's but the briefest smattering. In every corner of American pop culture, there's a boot-wearing, big-talking, cash-tossing, metaphor-abusing Big Guy who just happens to be from the Lone Star State. It can wear on a Texan.

"Where does the myth stop and the reality begin? In many ways, you can't separate the two," White says as he walks through the East Texas Oil Museum, which chronicles both fact and legend.

It doesn't hurt — or help, depending on your perspective — that Texas seems to produce outsized events and outsized people.

Kennedy, of course, was killed in Texas, creating a reputation that Dallas has yet to live down. Texas also produced JFK's successor, Lyndon B. Johnson, one of the most outsized Texas politicians of all. And no look at big-talking Texas politicians can exclude Ross Perot, one of the biggest talkers of all. And sports? The Dallas Cowboys are arguably the biggest team of all time. In Texas, even high-school football takes on a decidedly tribal fervor.

Each of these figures, each of these events is reality — and fodder for the ongoing myth as well.

The elaborate dance endures today, albeit more subtly. Fox's cartoon series "King of the Hill" deadpans its way through a Texas suburb — complete with sprawl, superstores, a paranoid militia type named Dale Gribble and an obnoxious neighbor from Laos. Eric Bogosian's "subURbia" chronicles Gen-X malaise in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Chuck Norris' "Walker: Texas Ranger," is heir to the shoot-'em-ups.

Texas' reputation is a living museum that travels the nation by word of mouth, disseminating antiquated notions until they become more familiar than the truth.

"I thought I'd see a lot of cowboys. I've seen maybe one," says Amanda Willis, a junior at Texas Lutheran University who moved to Texas from Tennessee in January.

Some Texas myth vs. Texas reality, then:

—A land of wide-open spaces? True, but not like it once was. Three million people lived in Texas in 1900. The state is now the second-most populous behind California, with more than 20 million people.

—Rural? In 1900, only 17.1 percent of Texas' population lived in cities. Today it's 85 percent. The state's 27 metropolitan areas accounted for more than 91 percent of its growth in the 1990s. And among the fastest-growing areas are towns on the Mexico border.

—White? Not hardly. Hispanics will account for two-thirds of Texas' growth and are expected to outnumber Anglos by 2025. Asians are taking up residence all over metropolitan Texas.

—Cattle ranchers and wildcatters? They're still around, but Texas also ranks second behind California in high-tech

employment and growth. It added more than 132,000 high-technology jobs from 1993 to 1998, and tech companies employ 56 of every 1,000 private-sector workers.

—Arid scrub and frontier desert? Yes, but also 370 miles of coast and 80,000 miles of rivers. Raft the Guadalupe River under a thicket of cypress, sycamore, willow and elm. Or drive the twisting peaks of the Edwards Plateau — Texas Hill Country.

—And the "Yellow Rose of Texas"? Not even that. The state flower is the bluebonnet.

"The 'Typical Texan' has been cavorting around now for more than 100 years, telling his windies, charming the ladies and fanning his pistols at come what may. Where did this character come from, anyway?"

— Joseph Leach, "The Typical Texan: Biography of an American Myth," 1952.

It was the summer of 1836 in the fledgling Republic of Texas. The new nation had declared independence from Mexico after the Alamo's fall months earlier. The war was in full swing, and Texas' leaders were considering joining the United States.

In 17 municipalities, stretching from the Red River to the Rio Grande, lived 30,000 Anglo-Americans, 3,478 Mexican-Americans, 14,200 Indians and 5,000 slaves. A "typical Texan" was an immigrant from the southern United States. "Typical Texas" was white, rural and wild — a 251.6-million-acre expanse that included parts of New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming and Oklahoma.

In 2000, a typical Texan is Senate security guard Victor Sanchez. Or Sally Tilley-Cuevas, a Spanish teacher at a San Antonio high school whose husband is from Mexico City. Or Lynn Smith Jr., a rancher who wears a cowboy hat, tucks pants into boots and still says "ain't."

Typical Texas? Try Haltom City near Fort Worth, where just one block contains Mariachi's Home-style Mexican Food, Marvin's Ol' South restaurant, the Little Saigon Mall and Arby's.

From the Caddo and Atakapan Indians to the Germans who settled in New Braunfels, from the Czechs who settled in the town of West to the Chinese who worked on the railroad in El Paso, Texas has

always been a cultural mix of people looking for land, opportunity and new lives.

"With New York or LA, what comes to mind for many Americans is an area with lots of culture, lots of people from different parts of the world," says Texas demographer Steve Murdock. "That's the reality here in Texas, but it's not as well understood."

From 1900 to 1930, the number of Tejanos, Texans of Mexican descent, rose from 71,062 to 683,681 as Mexicans streamed across the border looking for agricultural work.

Today, 6.3 million Texans, about one in three, are Hispanic, most of them Tejanos. Texas has the country's third-largest population of blacks, the fourth-largest Asian and Pacific Islander population and the eighth-largest American Indian population. And other minority groups are growing rapidly.

"You can drive across Houston and see a Southern Baptist church and a temple that could be in India," says John L. Davis, a historian at the Institute of Texan Cultures. "If I wanted to convey all of Texas, I would ask for a visit. You have to walk the land."

"We will not thoroughly comprehend the United States, and especially the great Southwest, until we know and understand Texas — the greatest state in the greatest republic of the whole world."

— Nevin O. Winter, "Texas the Marvellous," 1916.

Inside Larry McMurtry's bookstore in the north-central dust speck that is Archer City, the Texas section reaches nearly 15 feet into the air and stretches the length of four horses.

Some volumes are poetic. Some are ribald. Some are blunt, some subtle, some ridiculous. Some reinforce the Texas stereotypes; others knock them down. Each tells a story, but not the entire story — just like Texans themselves. And therein lies the big picture.

This is the state led by George W. Bush, the governor pushing to become our second President Bush. He likes to talk about Texas' size, its diversity, its being a model. About how if he can lead Texas, with its cultures in transition and its economic balancing acts and its balanced-budget requirement, surely he can lead the nation.

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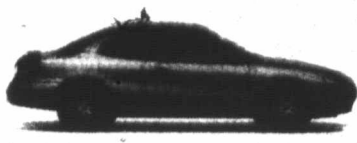

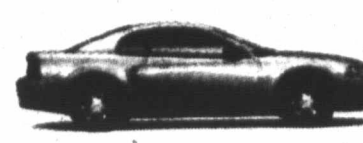
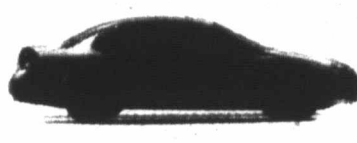
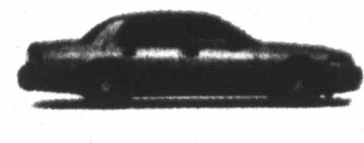




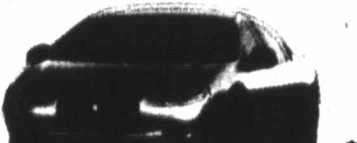
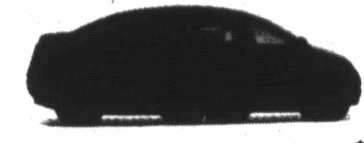
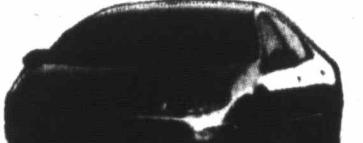
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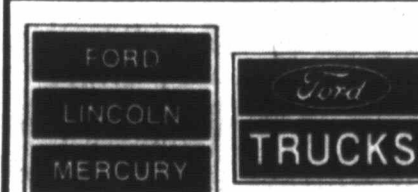
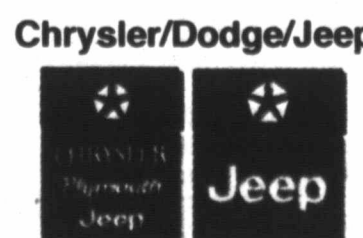
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