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New band to play
A new Pampa band "Oblive" will perform in concert at 7 p.m., Friday, May 31, at the Pampa Optimist Club, 601 E. Craven. Also playing will be the band "Upperroom." Admission is \$2. T-shirts and refreshments will be available at the concert.

LOTTERY
AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-8-14-25-39-44.
Estimated jackpot: \$12 million.
Number matching six of six: 0.
Matching five of six: 56. Prize: \$2,332.
Matching four of six: 3,127. Prize: \$103.
Matching three of six: 65,703. Prize: \$5.
Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.

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Economy factor in school closing

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

WHITE DEER — "It's an emotional time for everyone — both White Deer and Skellytown," White Deer Independent School District board member Linda Hawley said this morning in response to White Deer Independent School District's decision Tuesday night to close the Skellytown campus.

Hawley said the declining economy

conditions in the Texas Panhandle have caused a loss in population in the small communities resulting in a drop in school enrollment in rural schools across the area.

"This was a total economic decision," she said. "It was not White Deer versus Skellytown."

Danny Ferrell, White Deer school superintendent, said he plans for the changes to work as well as possible.

"I want the transition to be as smooth as possible," he said.

The 5-2 vote Tuesday night went down geographical lines. Sherry Kramer and Vance Griffith, both of Skellytown, voted against closing down the Skellytown campus.

Voting to close the Skellytown campus were Kent Kelp, Joe Freeman, Terry Lewis, Gary O'Neal and Hawley. Hawley said all are residents of White Deer with the exception of O'Neal who lives on a farm in Carson County near the county line.

Hawley said the wives of both Kelp

and Lewis were raised in Skellytown and Freeman has relatives living in the small community.

"It has never been personal," she said. "It's been hard for everyone."

She said that when she first went on the school board in 1999, a reconfiguration committee composed of both Skellytown and White Deer residents along with the principals from the two campuses worked on recommendations concerning the future of both (See SCHOOL, Page 3)

County meets Friday

A short agenda is on tap for the Gray County Commission when they meet in special session at 9 a.m. Friday in the temporary Gray County Courtroom, 315 N. Ballard.

Consideration will be given on a bid for property in Letors.

Commissioners will also consider a letter of support for Pampa Independent School District grant application, budget amendments and line item budget transfers.

Salaries and payment of bills, approved by the County Auditor, are also listed on the agenda for Friday's meeting.



(Courtesy photo) Hampton volunteers repaint the famed Cadillac Ranch in Amarillo Wednesday as part of the hotel company's ongoing roadside restoration program. "Explore the Highway with Hampton." Volunteers worked with the 25-year-old statue's original artists to bring the 10 caddies back to their signature colors.

Body work

AMARILLO — Cadillac Ranch, one of the most bizarre yet widely known landmarks on Route 66, will finally receive some long-awaited bodywork.

The ranch, created in 1974, features 10 ravaged and graffiti covered Cadillacs buried nose down in an Amarillo wheat field.

"Explore the Highway with Hampton Save A Landmark" program has adopted Route 66 as a national cause which includes restoring some of the highway's most impressive and unusual landmarks. (See BODY, Page 3)

CRMWA seeks rehearing on pumping permits

By BETSY BLANEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

A Texas Panhandle water authority has requested a rehearing on permits issued to T. Boone Pickens and other landowners to pump water from the Ogallala Aquifer.

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority wants the permits for Mesa Water Inc. to include wording that would allow the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District to regulate pumping levels by monitoring

the aquifer's water level and not by using modeling, said Kent Satterwhite, the authority's general manager.

"We don't want to have to worry about that," he said. "So we're concerned about it now, again."

The water authority filed a protest in June of Pickens' permits with the district, claiming that Mesa had not provided enough information in its application about its planned well field, and that the proposed operation could infringe on the water authority's ability to serve its 11 member cities in

the Panhandle and South Plains.

In August 2001, Mesa landowners sued the water authority, claiming its new wells in Roberts County would infringe on Mesa's property rights.

The protest and the lawsuit were dropped in April.

C.F. Williams, the district's general manager, said that the water authority's permits did not contain the language it wants in Pickens' permits.

"What they're really after is some language that would prohibit us from using modeling," he said. "I think

they're asking for something that's out of bounds for these permits. What we don't want to do is give up our right to regulate in the future. We could use modeling to regulate."

Satterwhite said that if the request is denied, the water authority could file an appeal.

Pickens said the water authority's move is "making this very expensive for the taxpayers who pay his lawyers and for me also. All it is more of the same — stalling tactics, gobbledygook." (See PERMITS, Page 3)

Truck driver facing trial

A truck driver indicted here recently for criminally negligent homicide charge in connection with a fatal accident faces trial in Arkansas on August 13 on four counts of manslaughter in connection with a multiple-fatality accident there.

Vartan Allahverdi, 47, of Tujunga, Calif., entered a plea of not guilty Tuesday in Crittenden County, Ark., in connection with the Good Friday accident in a construction zone on Interstate 40 in West Memphis. A discovery motion in the case will be heard on August 6.

In Gray County, Allahverdi stands charged in a March 2000 accident in which his rig rear-ended a small truck on Interstate 40, killing one Mexican national and critically injuring three others. He was indicted earlier this month.

Allahverdi is free on \$10,000 bond in the local case and on \$40,000 in the Arkansas crash.

In Arkansas, Allahverdi's 18-wheeler rear-ended a Toyota Camry carrying a family of four who burned to death, investigators said.

At Risk Youth Forum



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

More than 50 people from a wide array of agencies that function in Gray County were on hand Wednesday at the Community Building for an At-Risk Youth Forum. Eight of those present were from Austin and represented agencies ranging from the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services to the Office of the Attorney General Juvenile Crime Intervention. Listening to a speaker, from left are Lesley Gershmel, PISD; Carla Landwerth, Texas Panhandle MHMR; David Alexander, Pampa ISD; Sharron Braddock, Genesis House; and, in background, 31st District Attorney Rick Roach.

Pampan surprises burglars

A Pampa man, who surprised two burglars inside his home this week, was threatened at knife point before the pair fled, said Pampa Police Col. Terry Young.

The incident happened about 12:15 a.m. on Monday when Lucio Armendarez entered his home at 1214 S. Barnes, Young said.

When Armendarez arrived, he noticed that a television was already missing from the house, police said. One of the men took a boom box on his way out.

It appears entry was gained by breaking a glass door, the officer said.

The pair fled in a dark colored pickup truck.

Detectives continue to work the case today.

Col. Young said calls to Crime Stoppers (669-2222) from anyone who may have information "will be greatly appreciated."

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OBITUARIES

RICHARD I. BRAY 1916-2002

LOVELAND, Colo. — Richard I. Bray, 85, died Wednesday, May 29, 2002, at Loveland, Colo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bray was born Nov. 2, 1916, in Gloucester, Mass. Growing up in Gloucester, he had a love of the sea and boats, which continued throughout his life. He received a B.S. degree in chemistry from the University of Massachusetts. He married Eugenia Phelps on April 14, 1946, in Pampa, Texas. She preceded him in death on June 29, 2001.

He had been a resident of Pampa from 1937-1948, and again from 1964-1977. He worked for Cabot Corp. in Pampa, retiring as a production manager after 37 years of service.

He had been a resident of Rockport, Texas, from 1977 until 1999 when he moved to Loveland, Colo.

He was a member of the American Chemical Society for 60 years. He was an amateur astronomer and built his own telescope. He

loved following weather, charting hurricanes and recording tides.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church while in Pampa and was currently a member of the Good Samaritan Village Church in Loveland, Colo.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, David and Kathy Bray of Cypress, Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Steve Stientjes of Loveland, Colo.; three grandsons, Kyle Bray and Adam Bray, both of Cypress, Texas, and Scott Stientjes of Loveland, Colo.; a granddaughter, Tracy Stientjes of Loveland, Colo.; two sisters-in-law, Billie Phelps of Pampa, Texas, and Ruth Phelps of Lubbock, Texas; and eight nephews, Bill Phelps, Mike Phelps, Steve Phelps, Paul Phelps, Rob Bray, Kerr Bray, Stan Bray, and Jon Bray.

The family requests memorials be to Loveland Good Samaritan Alzheimer's Unit, Attn: Randy Davis, 2101 South Garfield Ave., Loveland, CO 80537.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m., on Friday at Carmichael-Whately Funeral Home in Pampa.

CONNIE LANGWELL 1980-2002

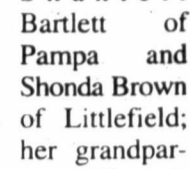
Connie Langwell, 21, of Pampa, died Tuesday, May 28, 2002. Services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Doug Yates, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Ms. Langwell was born Dec. 14, 1980, at Bremerton, Wash. She moved to Littlefield, Texas, from Hampton, Va., in 1998 and graduated from Whitharral High School in Whitharral in 1999.

She moved to Pampa in 2001 and was employed at Pampa Nursing Center as a certified nurse's aide.

Survivors include her father and stepmother, Randy and Debbie Langwell of Pampa; her mother and stepfather, Diana and Don Lindbloom

of Hampton; a brother, Johnnie Langwell of Danville, N.C.; two sisters, Shantell Bartlett of Pampa and Shonda Brown of Littlefield; her grandparents, J.B. and Shirley Langwell of Pampa and Skip and Mary Sailor of Hampton; and her grandmother, Shirley Ann Langwell of Bremerton.



The family requests memorials be to Pampa Nursing Center, 1321 W. Kentucky, Pampa, TX 79065.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, highs around 90, light and variable winds becoming northeast 5 to 15 mph by afternoon. Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 60. East winds 5 to 15 mph becoming variable late. Friday, mostly sunny with highs in the lower 90s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 60. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. Saturday evening, partly cloudy. Sunday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs in the lower 90s. Monday and Tuesday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs around 90. Tuesday and Wednesday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. Highs in the middle 80s.

STATEWIDE

Fog shrouded parts of North Texas early Thursday while scattered showers and thunderstorms moved across the panhandle and western parts of the state.

The storms were moving south across the eastern panhandle. Low clouds and fog formed overnight across the eastern third of North Texas, reducing visibilities to less than one-half mile at Paris and Tyler.

More fog developed across parts of Central and Southeast Texas.

Elsewhere, mid- to high-level clouds covered the western third of North Texas.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from 55 degrees at Marfa to 77 at Del Rio.

Other readings included 61 at Marfa, 62 degrees at Denton and Mineral Wells, 76 degrees at Fort Stockton and 68 degrees at Dallas Love Field, Killen and Tyler.

Winds were light and variable, but generally northerly to northwesterly at 5 mph or less, except for easterly to southeasterly conditions in the south.

Skies were mostly clear across the Big Bend and far west.

More fog was expected in eastern sections of North Texas. A slight chance of showers was forecast in the west, along with a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the east.

Scattered thunderstorms will continue across the eastern panhandle and plains. Afternoon thunderstorm development may occur for one more afternoon near the southwestern mountains.

Highs through Friday will be mainly in the low 80s to 90s, with near 100 degrees across far West Texas, the Trans Pecos and along the Rio Grande.

Overnight lows will be mainly in the 60s, with a range from the mid-50s to mid-70s across the Big Bend region.

Indigency hearing postponed for convicted Houston mom

HOUSTON (AP) — Defense attorneys for convicted child killer Andrea Yates have postponed a scheduled court appearance in which they had planned to claim she is too poor to pay for a court transcript of her trial.

The attorneys late Wednesday decided to indefinitely postpone the early-morning hearing Thursday to declare her indigent.

Yates, 37, was sentenced to life in prison for the drowning deaths of three of her five children in March.

While she remained unable to afford the \$50,000 transcript of her trial, her defense attorney, George Parnham, said he spent Wednesday trying to come up with the money. He said earlier that he had hoped to avoid the 9 a.m. CDT hearing and keep his client from having to take the stand.

"I need the transcript," Parnham said. "I don't care about my fees. I just want to be able to prepare the appeal."

The transcript compiled by a court reporter is required to appeal Yates' two capital murder convictions. Jurors rejected a death sentence for the former nurse turned stay-at-home mom on March 15.

Parnham said he wanted to avoid the indigency hearing because Yates may be required to take the stand, something he says she isn't healthy enough to do.

Yates claimed she was insane as she drowned each of her five children in June

2001. A jury rejected her insanity defense after hearing 17 days of testimony, which included viewing gruesome photos of the children's lifeless bodies and videos of Yates recalling her children's pleas as she held each of them face down beneath the surface of the murky water that filled the family's bathtub.

"We're making some arrangements," Parnham said of the transcript. "We are going to buy it ourselves. We just can't put her on the stand."

Shortly after her conviction, Yates signed over movie and publication rights to her life story to Parnham.

State District Judge Belinda Hill had earlier issued a bench warrant to bring Yates back for Thursday's hearing.

Yates has been at the Skyview Unit, a psychiatric prison near the East Texas city of Rusk, since her conviction.

According to Texas law, an inmate's financial condition is all that can be considered in determining if the inmate is indigent. The financial conditions of relatives and family members may not be considered.

Yates called police to her home June 20 and then led officers to the bodies of her four youngest children, which were found wet under a sheet on a bed. The oldest child's body was later discovered floating face down in the bathtub.

Retired pastor in Cut and Shoot pleads guilty to sexual assault

HOUSTON (AP) — A retired pastor of the New Bethlehem Baptist Church in the town of Cut and Shoot has pleaded guilty to molesting two children.

The Rev. Cohelia Jones, a pastor at the church for 18 years, pleaded guilty Wednesday to aggravated

sexual assault on a girl and indecency with a child involving a boy.

Jones, 71, was scheduled to be sentenced Aug. 2. He faces a maximum penalty of life in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Montgomery County Assistant District Attorney

Robert Bartlett said he will recommend that state District Judge Suzanne Stovall sentence Jones to prison, but he had not decided on the severity of the sentence he will request.

Bartlett said the female victim had tape-recorded a conversation in which Jones admitted molesting children, the Houston Chronicle reported in Thursday's editions.

Stacey Schorn
April 7, 1980 - May 30, 1999

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ON RECORD

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, May 29

7:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of South Somerville and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

8:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Duncan and transported one to PRMC.

9:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Veterans Administration Medical Center in Amarillo.

12:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky; no transport.

5:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported one to PRMC.

POLICE

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

Tuesday, May 28

Shining Star Day Care Center at 708 W. Prairie reported the theft of a tricycle valued at \$350.

Credit card abuse was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart.

Pollie's Greenhouse, 529 N. Hobart, reported the theft of a \$195 water fountain and \$100 in plants.

Wednesday, May 29

An attempted suicide by a 48-year-old woman was reported in the 1700 block of North Duncan.

An assault involving juveniles and minor injuries was reported in the 500 block of North Sloan.

Two blue bicycles were stolen in the 200 block of Miami.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	2.52
Milo	3.21
Corn	3.69
Soybeans	4.06

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

Occidental	30.11	-0.05
Fidelity Magell	95.64	-0.56
Puritan	17.66	-0.02

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

BP	50.50	-0.75
Celanese	23.44	+0.34
Cabot Corp.	24.94	-0.15
Cabot Oil Gas	23.50	+0.05
Coca Cola	54.25	+0.10
VLO	38.93	+0.51

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department received no emergency calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrest.

Thursday, May 30

Clinton Austin Hancox, 22, 909 Barnard, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

City Briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

KENT STUDIO- Open House for Cow Calling. Sat. 9-5, 206 E. Commercial (Hwy. 60) Miami, Tx. Etchings, Lithographs, Paintings.

3 FAMILY Garage Sale, 109 E. 27th Ave., Fri. 8-1 p.m., guitar, tv, kitchen, misc.

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GARAGE SALE Tommy Hill Fund Raiser, Lone Star Machine Bldg., 2308 Alcock st. Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-2.

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PAMPA FINE Arts Association's Summer Art Program, June 24-28. Watch for registration form and description of classes on Sun. June 9th, in the Pampa News.

TOP O Tx. Masonic Lodge #1381 Pancake Breakfast, Sat. June 1st, Chaney's Cafe, 6-10:30 a.m. Taking donations.

REFUNDS ON Gray County History Book, from The Pampa News, will be mailed, May 31st.

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Mexican officials say most of stolen poison found

HONEY, Mexico (AP) — About 70 blue drums marked with skulls and believed to contain cyanide were found dumped in a gully in rural Mexico, ending weeks of fears that they might have been stolen by terrorists targeting the United States.

A policeman stumbled across the drums on Wednesday near Honey, Mexico, 80 miles north of Mexico City and about 420 miles south of McAllen, Texas.

Police said they now believe a hapless gang of thieves, not terrorists, were behind the May 10 hijacking of the truck carrying the sodium cyanide. Twenty other drums in the truck were recovered earlier.

"When they realized what the drums contained, they apparently dumped them off the back of a truck, because they had no use for the substance," Manuel Mendez Marin, the head of the Puebla state investigative police, told Mexican media.

"That reinforces our theory that these were people who didn't know what they were doing," Mendez said. Sodium cyanide is used in gold and silver mining. If inhaled or ingested, it attacks the nervous system and can cause a person to suffocate

within minutes.

Workers sealed off the area around the drums to begin cleaning up the poison, some of which had spilled out. Water supplies were cut off in the mountain village as a precaution against possible contamination.

"Two or three of the drums are open, and there's a kind of white substance coming out," said policeman Victor Perez Cruz, who found the drums during a morning patrol in search of a rape suspect.

Television footage showed the plastic barrels jumbled one atop another in a gully, making it hard for officials to get a clear count of them. The initial estimate of 70 drums — plus the 20 already recovered — left as many as 6 unaccounted for.

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SCHOOLS

campuses.

After receiving the committee recommendations, she said the board members didn't feel it was feasible to update the Skellytown-based facility.

"With the school building being so old, the expense of construction which needed to be done would be way too high," she said.

Ferrell said the current building program at the White Deer campus is financed by a \$623,000 maintenance tax note.

He said the multi-purpose facility is being constructed. Included is a new cafeteria, cafeteria storage, records management and storage and a new physical education facility.

Also a gym is being renovated. "The library space will be doubled and two computer labs will replace the outdated ones along with new wiring. Also to be included will be a teachers lounge," he said.

Ferrell said the rooms which are currently housing these departments will be freed to be used as classroom space.

He also said no decision has been made on the future of the Skellytown school building. "It's possible the bus barn along with the school building there could be sold or given to the community," he said. "There is nothing concrete. It could be decided in late July - if not sooner."

"We decided three years ago time to take it (the future of the Skellytown campus) year-by-year," she said, "to see how the enrollment went in the district."

She said the projected enrollment at the Skellytown campus for the 2002-2003 school year was 42 students. "Nine of those students were pre-kindergartners who were being bussed from White Deer to Skellytown," she said. "Pre-K and kindergartners have been bussed to Skellytown the past two years."

Surveys were compiled 30 and 40 years ago to study the future of the school district, she said. "Recommendations were made many years ago to combine the students on one campus because of the projected economic and population decline."

"We will be running two busses to Skellytown so we don't have prekindergartners riding on the same bus with high school students," said Hawley. "However, we really don't have that many high school students that ride the bus because most of those who have a drivers license have a car."

"This past year we had a monitor on the bus as well as a camera in an effort to cut down on any problems," she said.

She said for many years the junior boys taking boys athletics were bussed to Skellytown for their sports workouts. "For many, many years the two campuses shared junior high teachers," she said. "The teachers were traveling back and forth between the campuses on a daily basis. When we decided to bus the junior high students, it did away with that."

Hawley also said there are some White Deer children have been bussed for many years to school, also. She described one family, the Zumsteins, who live at the far end of Carson County and the WDISD. "They have three children who have been bussed, and the third one is in elementary. That child is the first one on that route to get on the bus - at 6:30 a.m. - and doesn't arrive at school until 7:30 a.m. In the afternoon, he arrives home around 6:30 p.m."

She said there are positives to a rural school atmosphere. "I feel my child has received a much better education because of being in a smaller school," she said. "The administration and teachers make a very comfortable learning atmosphere for every child in the district-whether they are from White Deer or Skellytown."

Hawley thinks the conflicts between the two communities need to cease. "If you take a bus load of White Deer kids and a bus load of Skellytown kids, and mix them together, you don't know which is which. And they get along," she said. "If this bickering keeps on the only ones that are going to be hurt are the kids."

Not a native of either White Deer or Skellytown, Hawley said she has seen the conflicts between the two communities since she moved to the area 19 years ago.

"It's been hard on everyone," she said. "All the board members have fought this battle together. There's not one who doesn't care. It's a bad deal all the way around. I would just like to see the district survive. I would rather see students bussed nine miles (from Skellytown) than 20 miles into another district."

Expressing concern about the future of all rural school districts, she said, "I hope we get to keep our White Deer School District."

Ferrell said there have been no discussions by WDISD of a proposed consolidation with Groom ISD. He said the enrollment in the district is 'holding steady.' The tax valuation in WDISD was \$400 million 20 years ago, he said. "In 2001, it was \$212 million. This year it has gone back up to about \$250 million."

Groom ISD also has been plagued by loss in enrollment and funding, and has faced a scale down in many school programs during the upcoming year. Band and the agriculture program have both been eliminated along with several staff positions.

Kevin Noack, superintendent, also said there has been no consideration of consolidation with any other district, including White Deer ISD. "We have not even discussed it," said Noack.

Hawley said she sincerely hoped Groom can make it. "We're all hoping and praying that Groom can pull this out," she said.

"What I've learned, since being on the school board the last three years, going to all the seminars and meetings, is that the state has figured it saves money to close and combine rural districts. Then they can put money into the metroplex schools," said Hawley.

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BODY

donating historic Route 66 signs; and highlighting 66 "Points of Interest" on the eight-state route.

With summer road trips expected to increase this year, Cadillac Ranch is likely to experience a higher number of visitors. Today, Hampton hotel volunteers will work alongside "Ant Farm" - the collective group of original Cadillac Ranch artists - to re-tire, scrub, prime and re-paint the famous row of classic cars. It is the first landmark on Route 66 to be refurbished this year as part of the Hampton effort.

"Cadillac Ranch is the hood ornament of Route 66," said Doug Michels, co-founder, Ant Farm. "We knew that when it was finished, it would be the image heard around the world."

For 25 years, Cadillac Ranch has entertained gawking motorists traveling Route 66, who wondered how the sculpture was created, as well as provided a de facto canvas for vandals who wanted to leave their mark on the renowned American landmark.

"Having lived in Texas for many years, I have always been intrigued by this unusual landmark in Amarillo, which has captured the imagination of Route 66 travelers from everywhere," said Judy Christa-Cathey, vice president-Hampton. "It's a great privilege for us to be working alongside the Ant Farm artists in restoring these cars to their original colors."

A plaque describing the history of Cadillac Ranch and declaring it one of the favorite stops on Route 66 also was unveiled at the site today.

Fond farewell



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Justin Lemons, Pampa High senior, expresses his appreciation to the school board for their assistance and support while he served as state president of the Family Career and Community Leaders in America. Lemons traveled throughout the state representing PHS and Pampa during his year-long tenure. He graduates June 1 and will leave June 2 to begin college at Texas A&M at College Station.

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PERMITS

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Mesa's permits, approved May 15, allow for as many as 124 wells. The wells will be monitored regularly to ensure Mesa meets a district requirement that at least 50 percent of the aquifer's volume in 1998 remains in 2050.

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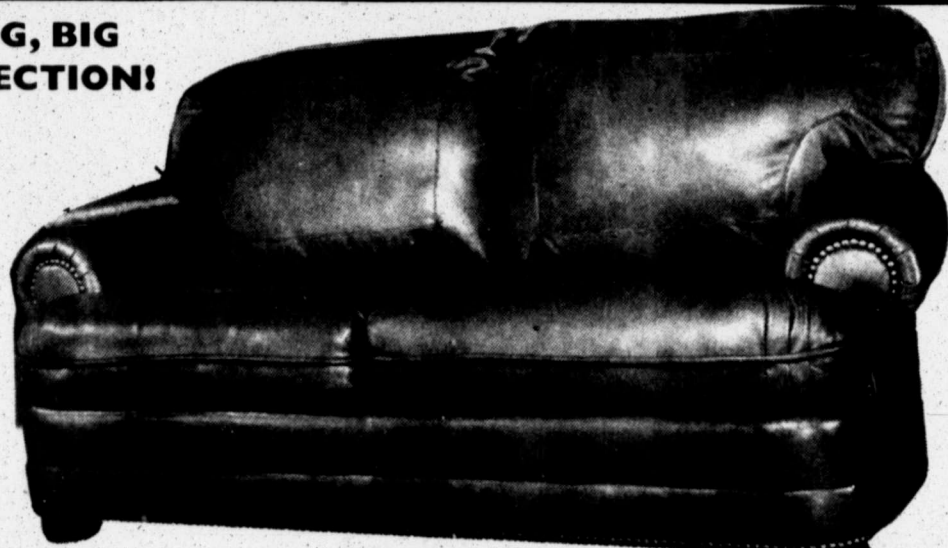
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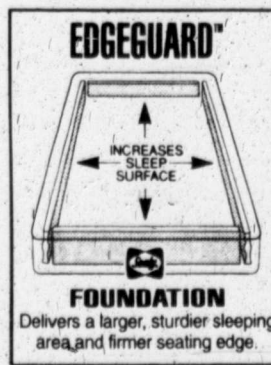
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VIEWPOINTS

Say goodbye to common sense

As I was in deep, deep thought trying to decide just what I was going to write in my column this week, the answer suddenly appeared. It was in the form of an e-mail from a friend from my high school days, and the author is unknown.

Titled the 'Obituary of Common Sense,' it describes just the way I've been feeling. Hope you enjoy it.



NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

language, and "new math." But his health declined when he became infected with the "If-it-only-helps-one-person-it's-worth-it" virus.

"In recent decades his waning strength proved no match for the ravages of well-intentioned, but overbearing, regulations. He watched in pain as good people became ruled by self-seeking lawyers. His health rapidly deteriorated when schools endlessly implemented zero-tolerance policies. Reports of a six-year-old charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, a teen suspended for taking a swig of mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student only worsened his condition. It declined even further when schools had to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student but could not inform the parent when a female student was pregnant or wanted an abortion.

"Finally, Common Sense lost his will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses, criminals received better treatment than victims, and federal judges stuck their noses in everything from the Boy Scouts to professional sports. Finally, when a person, too stupid

to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot, was awarded a huge settlement, Common Sense threw in the towel. As the end neared, Common Sense drifted in and out of logic but was kept informed of developments regarding questionable regulations such as those for low flow toilets, rocking chairs, and stepladders.

"Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. He is survived by two stepbrothers: My Rights, and Ima Whiner.

"Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone."

There are a couple of things that I think were accidentally omitted in the obituary. When hospitals and medical facilities became "businesses," compassion began dwindling. Then schools began to be operated so bureaucratically. The funding of the schools seems to have developed a new breed of school people.

Instead of educating the students, some are seeking the latest info on how to manipulate the system to get the most for their district. Maybe it's okay. The Man upstairs will decide. Hopefully, the legislature will make corrections in school finance in Texas during their next session which will help both wealthy and poor school districts. If not, before long we'll probably have a UIL-sanctioned state title for creative financing.

(Nancy Young may be reached at nanceyoung@hotmail.com)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Athletics above academics?

I am writing in support of Clint Staj, the Spanish teacher at Lefors High School. As a professional educator, I cannot believe that anyone in a supervisory position in education such as a superintendent or principal would consider falsifying the grades of a student for any reason, especially such a weak reason as to make that student eligible to play in a game.

We educators have an awesome responsibility in the trust placed in us by the general public. In addition to teaching the subject matter of our classes, we are to instill values in our students. Paramount of those values is the value of honesty. Additionally, we are to inculcate the value of acceptance of the responsibility for our own actions.

As a new teacher, Mr. Staj felt he could trust his superior. That trust was grievously violated. This is shameful. Such behavior on the part of a school administrator is not to be tolerated and should result in disciplinary action. I question a husband-wife team in the positions they occupy. Isn't this bordering on nepotism?

This summer I will be attending the 40th anniversary of my own graduation from good old LHS. I now teach Spanish in another state and keep abreast of the happenings in your area through the Internet. I find this episode to be nothing more than a continuation of the history of questionable and egregious conduct in placing athletics above academics in this school.

I enthusiastically invite Mr. Staj to apply at my school for a position as Spanish teacher to join the four of us already teaching Spanish when an opening occurs. An individual of such high professional standards would most heartily welcome to help us educate our student body of 1,800 students.

Don A. Elliott, M.Ed.
Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Some people need to get a life

I, too, live in Skellytown. It is to my amazement of how sad that our little town has had all of the flack of a party saying that they represent all of Skellytown. I thought that as a city, we, the people, had a choice. Also that our city fathers were to look out for our rights. That as a city, we were of the people, by the people, for the people. Not a clique of people who had their own interests and for some strange reason do not want the truth to come out. The truth will set you free.

Going door-to-door to have a petition signed is, to me, the same as soliciting. Some of the people that signed the petition have not been told all the facts.

My question is, are all of these people registered to vote? Then have they voted?

Most of our city problems are between the city and the fire department. We did not vote as a town for the fire department to be on their own or to give the fire department all the fire equipment. We did not vote for a city secretary to become a city manager. Just a few people has knowledge of what property is up for sell. But don't you know, that we, the people, by the people, and of the people, are the last ones to know anything.

Our dear mayor is doing the very best of her knowledge to get the problems solved. She stepped up to the plate and has been playing ball. The problem was already here. Who ever takes her place will also have to play ball.

I, as a citizen of the United States of America, feel that talk is cheap. My family supports the mayor 100 percent. I am sure that there are more citizens that also feel the same as I do.

Some people here need to get a life.
Lillian Bishop
Skellytown

For answers, ask the constable

To Bill Reeve, who wrote a letter to the editor raising concerns about the Constable position: pay, authority, supervision, etc., Bill, try calling the Constable's office here in Pampa. I am sure he would be glad to answer your questions.

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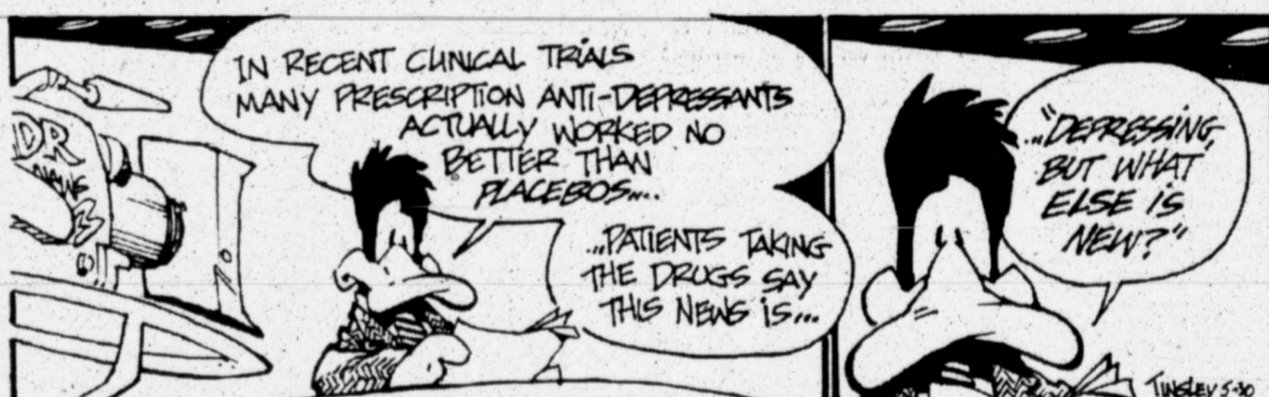
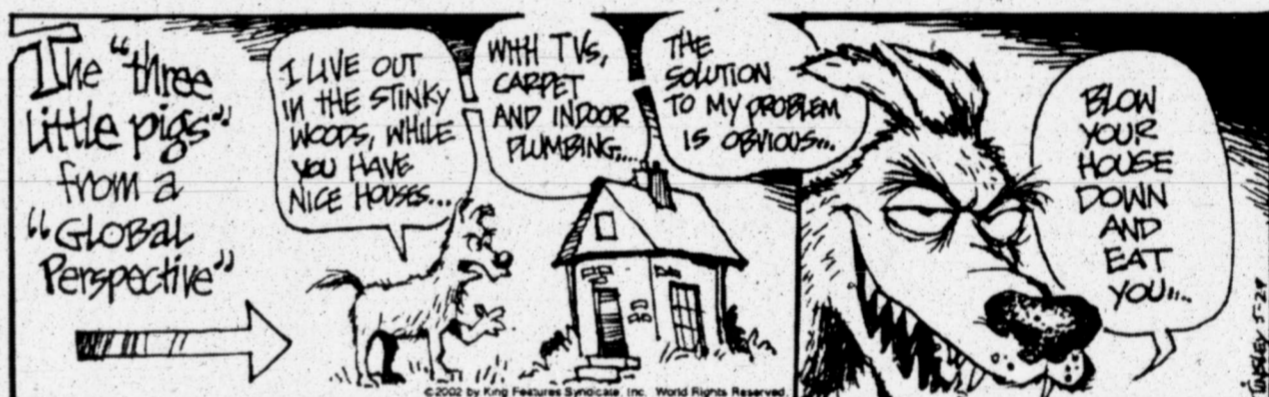
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"Today we mourn the passing of an old friend, by the name of Common Sense. Common Sense lived a long life but died in the United States from heart failure on the brink of the new millennium. No one really knows how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He selflessly devoted his life to service in schools, hospitals, homes, factories, helping folks get jobs done without fanfare and foolishness.

"For decades, petty rules, silly laws, and frivolous lawsuits held no power over Common Sense. He was credited with cultivating such valuable lessons as to know when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, and that life isn't always fair. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn), reliable parenting strategies (the adults are in charge, not the kids), and it's okay to come in second.

"A veteran of the Industrial Revolution, the Great Depression, and the Technological Revolution, Common Sense survived cultural and educational trends including body piercing, whole

Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley



Barter system comes naturally

Several years ago, I was invited to deliver a lecture in Porto Alegre, a beautiful city in southern Brazil. Before my lecture, I did a bit of window-shopping and visited a couple of computer supply stores. Everything in the store sold for two and three times the prices for the same items in the United States — computers, printer cartridges, fax machines, cables, etc.

In a dinner conversation with friends from Venezuela, I was told that it was cheaper to make a call from Caracas to Maracaibo, roughly 400 miles away, by using a credit card to call a telephone number in New York that would route the call through to Maracaibo. In the case of Brazil, the ordinary citizen was being ripped off through tariff restrictions written to protect local suppliers from competition. In the case of Venezuela, it was the state telephone monopoly that was ripping off the ordinary citizen.

Prompted by these and similar observations, I felt compelled to comment to my lecture audience in Porto Alegre that the stifling economic measures imposed on Brazilian citizens couldn't happen by random; it must be design. There had to be a government office in Brasilia, the capital, whose members met at least once a week to figure out ways to deliberately make the country poorer.



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

Hernando de Soto, in his "The Mystery of Capital," documents government-created barriers to upward mobility in poor countries. Clark S. Judge reported on de Soto's findings in "Cultural Power," printed in the December 2001 issue of Policy Review. It takes 168 steps and 13 to 25 years to gain a formal title to urban property in the Philippines; 77 steps and 6 to 14 years to do the same in the desert lands in Egypt; and 111 steps and 19 years in Haiti. If you wanted to open a one-worker garment shop legally in Lima, Peru, it would take you 289 days, working 6 hours a day, to obtain the business license.

One result of these government restrictions is the development of a large, illegal underground economy, or what's sometimes called the "informal sector." In Venezuela, over 50 percent of the workforce is employed in the underground economy. In Brazil, 60 percent of new rental housing is in the underground economy. In Egypt, 92 percent of urban

dwellers and 83 percent of rural dwellers live in homes without clear legal title.

This large informal sector is good news in the sense that people are going out and earning an honest, albeit illegal, living and consumers are being provided with valuable goods and services. Those goods and services come at a stifling cost, however. The very fact that people are engaged in illegal activity makes them subject to bribes and extortion by government officials. It makes it all but impossible for them to obtain insurance and hence increases the overall risk of capital formation.

The fact that people go to such lengths to earn a living, in the face of oppressive government regulations...proves, something that I've always said: If left to their own devices, people's natural tendency is to truck and barter, and become capitalists. Hernando de Soto estimates that the informal sector real-estate market alone in the Third World and former communist countries has a value of at least \$9.3 trillion, or "very nearly as much as the value of all the companies listed on the main stock exchange of the world's 20 most developed countries."

Once again, it's that same old tune: Governments are not only the enemy of personal liberty but economic prosperity, as well.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**
- In 1854, the territories of Nebraska and Kansas were established.
- In 1883, 12 people were trampled to death when a rumor that the recently opened Brooklyn Bridge was in imminent danger of collapsing triggered a stampede.
- In 1911, Indianapolis saw its first long-distance auto race; Ray Harroun was the winner.
- In 1539, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto landed in Florida.
- In 1824, Spain became NATO's 16th member.
- In 1943, American forces secured the Aleutian island of Attu from the Japanese during World War II.
- In 1958, unidentified soldiers killed in World War II and the Korean conflict were buried at Arlington National Cemetery.
- In 1971, the American space probe Mariner Nine blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Fla., on a journey to Mars.
- In 1982, Britain's Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson were granted an uncontested decree ending their ten-year marriage.
- Ten years ago, President Bush ordered the seizure of Yugoslav government assets in the United States after the United Nations imposed sanctions in an effort to force Yugoslavia to observe a cease-fire in Bosnia-Herzegovina.



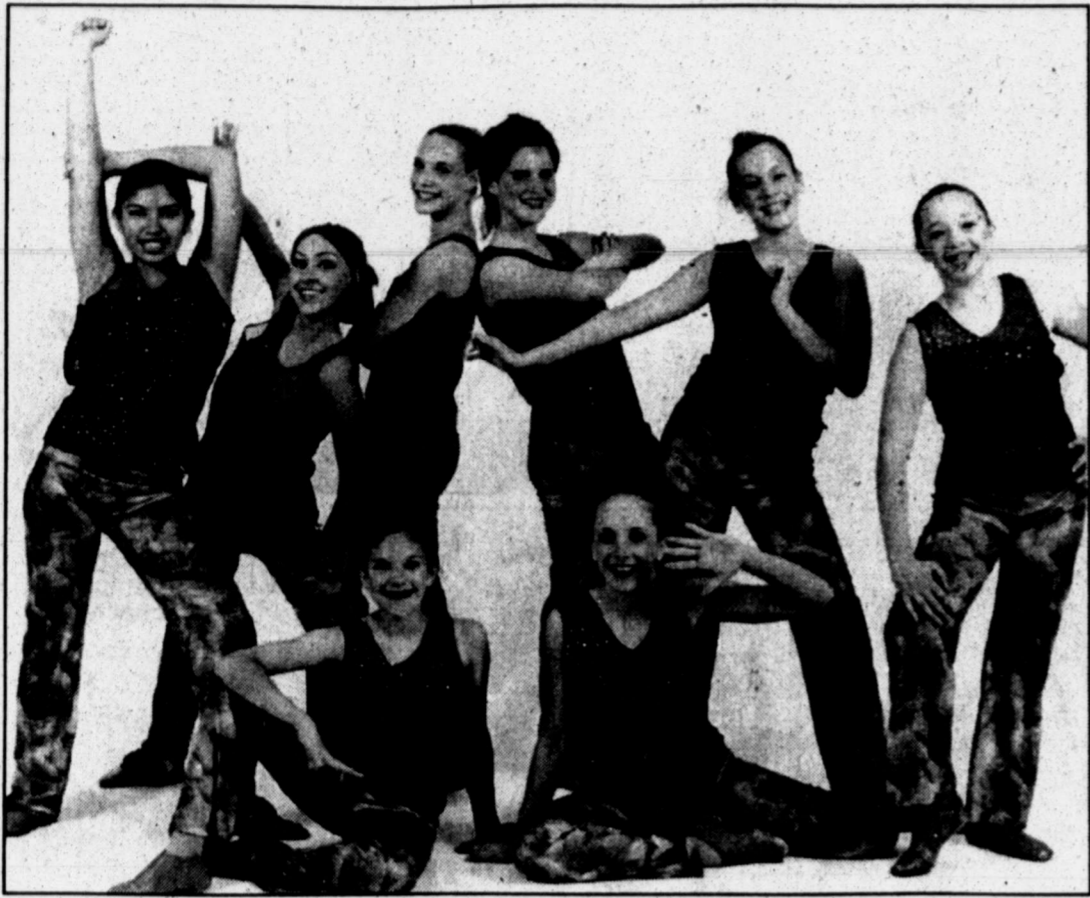
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Dance recital



(Courtesy photo)

Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center of Pampa will present its annual spring dance recital at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 31, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. This year's event is entitled "United We Dance." Above: (front row) Monica Schepp, Annie Chumbley; (back row) Angel Villarreal, Shalyn Garner, Heather Wiley, Rachel Wicker, Lauren Denney, and Jacklyn Cargill.

DRILLING INTENTIONS

Intentions to Drill

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & ALPAR PEARSON Brown Dolomite) BP America Production Co., #73 Coyron Ranch 'B' Unit 13, 1300' from North & 300' from East line, Sec. 51.R.AB&M, PD 3700'. Rule 37

Application to Plug-Back HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & S.W. CANADIAN Upper Morrow) Chevron U.S.A., Inc., #4-215 B. Jarvis & Sand, 2000' from South & 660' from West line, Sec. 215.C.G&MMB&A, PD 11851'. Amended Intentions to Drill

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) St. Johns Operating, L.P., #7 Wright, 2087' from North & 1133' from East line, Sec. 122.41.H&TC, PD 8000'. Amended to change well location

Gas Well Completions

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #3 Zybach '66', Sec. 66.M-1.H&GN, spud 1-25-02, drlg. compl 2-6-02, tested 4-26-02, potential 3625 MCF, TD 11610', PBTD 11570' —

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) El Paso Production Co., #2A Jones Trust '24', Sec. 24.1.G&M, spud 2-23-02, drlg. compl 3-2-02, tested 4-6-02, potential 2805 MCF, TD 7505', PBTD 7505' —

Plugged Wells

CARSON (PANHAN-

DLE) Walls Energy, Inc., #1A Burnett-Heydrick, 380' from South & 330' from East Lease line, Sec. 51.5.I&GN, spud unknown, plugged 4-4-02, TD 3400' (oil) —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Bradley Operating Co., #4W Cab 'A', 1320' from North & 990' from West Lease line, Sec. 15.A-9.H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 4-8-02, TD 2551' (inj) —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Bradley Operating Co., West Morse 'WF', Sec. 15.A-9.H&GN, for the following wells:

#72, 660' from South & 2772' from West Lease line, spud unknown, plugged 4-16-02, TD 2596' (oil) —

#73, 990' from South & 2640' from West Lease line, spud unknown, plugged 3-25-02, TD 2563' (inj) —

#74W, 990' from South & 1980' from West Lease line, spud unknown, plugged 3-22-02, TD 2554' (inj) —

#76, 1650' from South & 2640' from West Lease line, spud unknown, plugged 3-9-02, TD 2646' (oil) —

#77W, 1650' from South & 1980' from West Lease line, spud unknown, plugged 3-14-02, TD 2650' (inj) —

#81, 2640' from South & 1650' from West Lease line, spud unknown, plugged 4-1-02, TD 2878' (inj) —

#84W, 0' from South & 1930' from West Lease line,

spud unknown, plugged 4-2-02, TD 2498' (inj) —

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Milton Carpenter, #A-1 Carpenter, 300' from North & West Lease line, Sec. 37.25.H&GN, spud 8-1-33, plugged 4-17-02, TD 2892' (oil) —

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Amoco Production Co., #1219 Billy Jarvis & Sons, et al, 567' from South & 890' from West Lease line, Sec. 219.C.G&MMB&A, spud 4-30-73, plugged 11-7-01, TD 7500' (gas) — Form 1 in Diamond Shamrock

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT West Canadian) W.C. Payne, #2-138 Mahler 'A', 2440' from North & 467' from West Lease line, Sec. 138.42.H&TC, spud 3-22-02, plugged 4-13-02, TD 10656' (dry)

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) SNW Operating Co., Johnson 'K', Sec. 70.46.H&TC (oil) — Form 1 in Dr. Sam G. Dunn, for the following wells:

#7, 330' from South & West Lease line, spud 4-20-54, plugged 4-12-02, TD 2702' —

#8, 1263' from South & 330' from West Lease line, spud 3-11-54, plugged 4-19-02, TD 2795' —

WHEELER (ALLISON PARKS Douglas) Kenneth Wischkamper, #104 Lee, 467' from South & East Lease line, Sec. 4.RE.R&E, spud 7-18-83, plugged 4-10-02, TD 9010' (oil) —

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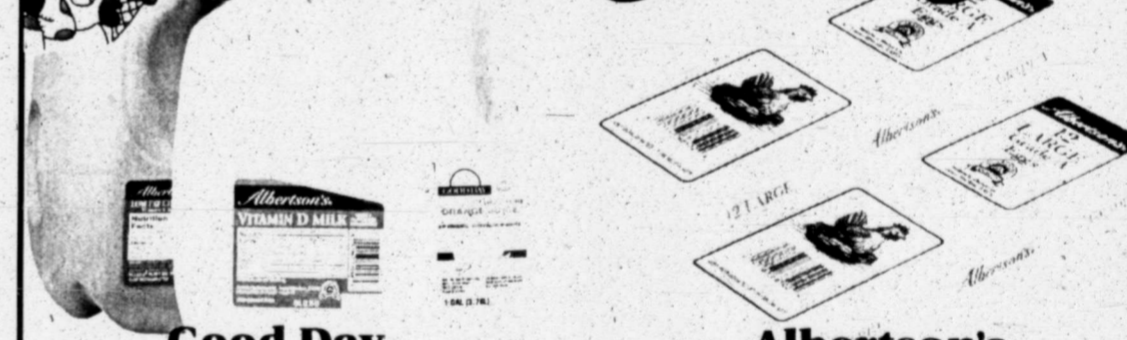


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Agency on Aging to hold 'Grandparents Day Out'

AMARILLO — The Area Agency on Aging, along with Trinity Fellowship Church in Amarillo, is sponsoring "Grandparents Day Out" from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., June 27 at Trinity Fellowship in Amarillo with guest speaker Judy Leitner of Generations United.

The free event targets all grandparents raising their grandchildren in the 26-county area of the Texas Panhandle.

Grandparents Day Out will kick-off with registration and community booth displays from 10-11:30 a.m., followed by a complimentary catered lunch from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., complete with local entertainment.

Leitner will address the gathering from 12:30-2 p.m. She will discuss various issues facing grandparents raising grandchil-

dren in today's world.

Complimentary child-care will be provided for children under 12. Reservations are required. For more information, call (806) 372-3381 or 1-800-642-6008.

Girl Scouts to host Harry Potter party

AMARILLO — Texas Plains Girl Scout Council will host "Exploring the Magic of Harry Potter" from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, June 1, at Hastings on Georgia in Amarillo.

Participants must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to join the festivities. Non-members may learn about joining the local Girl Scouts and be eligible for other summer activities including camping, swimming parties, bowling, and skating.

The event is being sponsored by Miller Paper Co. and Hastings. For more information, call (806) 356-0096.

Moose Lodge to celebrate 53rd anniversary

The Pampa Moose Lodge - the oldest active lodge in Texas - will celebrate its 53rd anniversary Saturday with an Open House for the public featuring free food and entertainment.

Festivities begin at the lodge hall at 401 E. Brown at 4 p.m. Among the activities will be a pool tournament.

From 8-12 p.m. The Liberty Brothers, Mike Sinks and Mo Youngquist - will play for the dance.

The Pampa Lodge of the Loyal Order of the Moose was formed May 23, 1949 with 50 members. The Women of the Moose was formed February

16, 1950, with 54 members. The Loyal Order of the Moose is a national fraternal and charitable organization. They sponsor Mooseheart, a children's home in Illinois, and Moosehaven, a retirement home in Florida.

In February, 1953, the Pampa Moose Lodge began its sponsorship of a team for the Optimist baseball program and the team continues today. Yearly, both the LOOM and WOTM members decide on local charities, such as Tralee Crisis Center and the Children's Shopping Tour, which they help.



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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Star Known As Screen Heavy Had Light Touch In Real Life

DEAR ABBY: "Reminiscing in Reno" shared a memory of Edward G. Robinson's generosity to servicemen during World War II. I would also like to add a memory I have of that kind human being.

Sixty years ago, when I was 11, my 9-year-old sister and I were flying home to Dallas after visiting our grandparents in California. We were traveling alone.

Our plane got caught up in some turbulence, and I became extremely sick, throwing up all over the place. The next thing I knew, this lovable man had me in his lap, while he held a barf bag and gently wiped my face with a damp towel. He kept assuring me, "Everything is going to be OK."

When we landed in Dallas, the man carried me down the ramp and took my little sister by the hand to our waiting parents. My mother almost fainted when she saw it was Edward G. Robinson. It has become a treasured family story.

DOTTIE IN HOUSTON

DEAR DOTTIE: It's understandable that you never forgot him. Ironic, isn't it, that such a caring Samaritan became famous for playing "heavies" on screen. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Reminiscing in Reno" wrote about his World War II experience as a guest in the home of Edward G. Robinson. I have another story to tell.

Mrs. Edward G. Robinson was very active with the USO, organizing visits of young women to vari-

ous military camps around Los Angeles in the early days of the war. My mother was one of those college girls who volunteered to socialize with the uniformed men before they shipped out.

On a given weekend, they took a chartered bus and went to dances or "socials" with the boys — giving them someone to talk to. The girls were fully chaperoned and had their own lodging for the night, until their return to Los Angeles the following day.

Mrs. Robinson wrote a small book about this group, called "The Desert Battalion," and gave one to each of the volunteers. Mom loaned her only copy to someone else in the battalion and has never found a replacement, much to her dismay.

She says it was a great experience and felt she had helped in her own way with the war effort on the home front.

This was one of those unique local activities that happened in response to World War II. I hope the memory of these efforts can somehow be preserved. There are so many inspiring stories about life at home and abroad during World War II that my generation unfortunately may never know.

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DEAR DAVE: You're right, there are. And since you brought up the subject of inspiring stories, "War Letters," the extraordinary collection of historical

correspondence from the Civil War to the present (collected by Andrew Carroll, published by Washington Square Press), is now in paperback and available in bookstores. I recommend it.

DEAR ABBY: I am planning to be married. This will be my third trip to the altar. My question: Would it be proper for me to wear white? If not, what would you suggest?

CHERYL IN CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MICH.

DEAR CHERYL: Although white no longer symbolizes virginity, it does signify a first-time bride. Consider wearing a long or short dress in a pale pastel color, off-white or white with color in the trim and accessories. An afternoon dress (long or short) or a dressy suit would also be appropriate.

Congratulations on your forthcoming marriage. I hope the third time is the charm.

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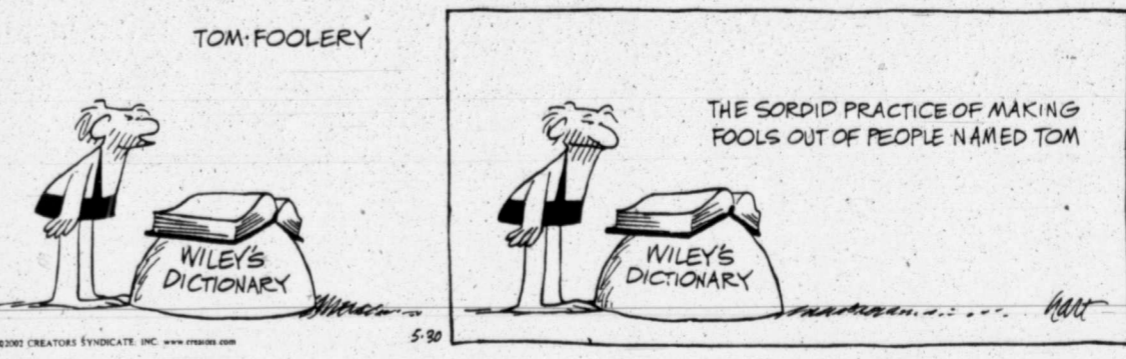
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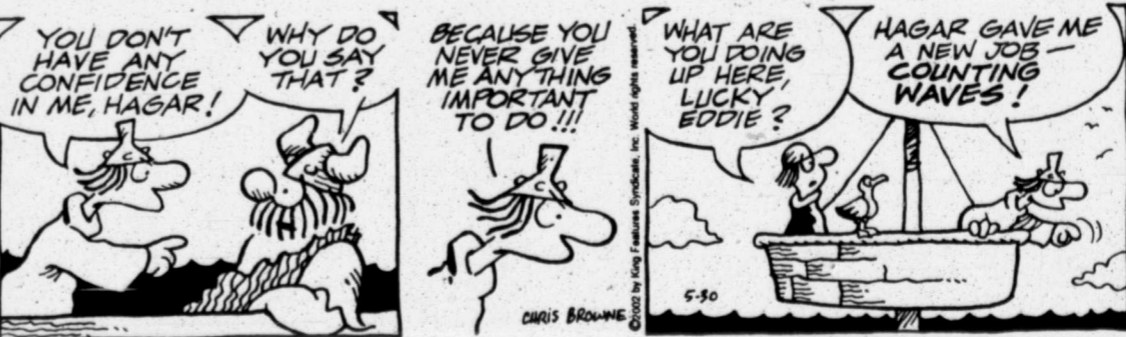
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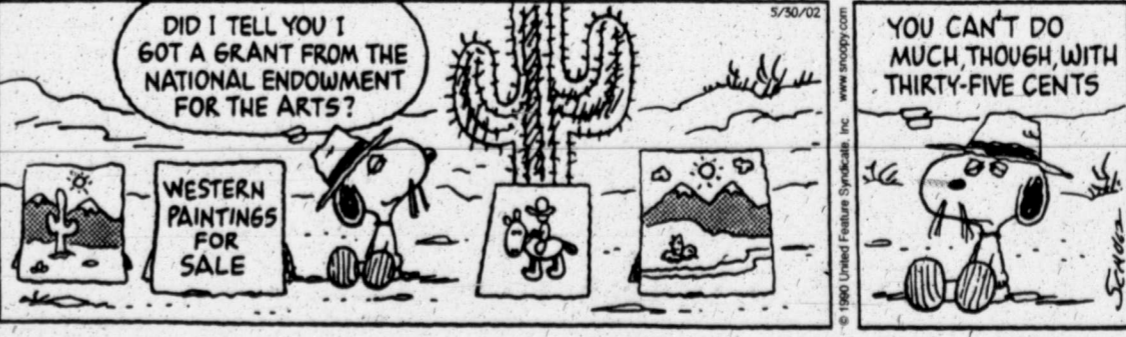
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SPORTS

Northcutt, Burns to play collegiate soccer

PAMPA — The Pampa High girls' soccer team, which reached the playoffs this season under first-year head coach Jimmy Patulea, continues to be rewarded. Seniors Misti Northcutt and Jessica recently signed letters-of-intent to play at the collegiate level.

Burns and Northcutt played for the Lady Harvesters four years and both were starters and impact players.

They played on teams that went to the regional semi-finals twice and the Area championship game twice, making a sweeping four-year playoff run while accumulating six playoff trophies.

Burns was the first Lady Harvester to accept a soccer scholarship, signing with Navarro Junior College.

Converted from forward to midfielder, Burns was a scoring threat from both the outside and



Misti Northcutt
center of the field with her agility and speed.

"Players can be taught skill, but speed is the difference between high school and college soccer. Jessica's natural speed as well as her attitude and work ethic made college coach-



Jessica Burns
es take notice. Navarro is looking to Jessica as an immediate impact player," said coach Jimmy Patulea.

During her Pampa career, Burns was among the top three in goals (36), assists (41) and points (113).

She was the team's most valuable player as a junior and captain as a senior. She was an all-district selection all four years and was named to the 2001 Amarillo Globe-News 4A-5A Super Team as a junior midfielder.

Northcutt will be continuing her career at NCAA Division Two West Texas A&M, which advanced into the playoffs after winning the Lone Star Conference title in 2001.

Northcutt should fit right into the Lady Buffs' future plans.

"Misti was a midfielder turned sweeper for Pampa," Patulea said. "Her skill, strength, speed and vision were unmatched, and made her a top player in the state."

Northcutt led the Lady Harvesters in scoring three years and leads the program in

career goals (67), assists (78) and points (212).

She was a three-year captain, gaining the honor as a sophomore, while winning the team MVP award three straight years.

After helping lead the team through four consecutive playoff berths, she was first-team, all-district selection four years, being named district MVP in 2002.

She was selected TASCO 4A all-region as a sophomore, junior and senior, and was invited to play in the TASCO all-star game.

She was named to the TASCO 4A All-State Team this season.

Northcutt also made the all-tournament teams at Duncanville, San Angelo, Midland and Dallas Highland Park tournaments.

She plays club soccer for the High Plains Drifters in Amarillo.

NOTEBOOK

HOCKEY

DENVER (AP) — Brendan Shanahan broke out of his scoring slump just in time to save Detroit's season.

Shanahan scored his first goal of the series and Dominik Hasek stopped 24 shots as the Red Wings beat the Colorado Avalanche 2-0 to force a Game 7 in the Western Conference finals.

BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Alex Rodriguez doesn't deny giving umpire Greg Gibson an angry glance as he ran off the field minutes after a disputed call, but the Texas shortstop is still miffed about why that got him ejected.

Rodriguez said that the explanation he got for being thrown out of Tuesday's 11-4 loss to Minnesota was because of an intimidating look.

TENNIS

PARIS (AP) — Jennifer Capriati won a contest of struggling servers to reach the third round of the French Open, while Andre Agassi advanced when his opponent quit with an injury.

Capriati, the defending champion, lost her serve six times, but was able to beat Amy Frazier 6-4, 6-3 Thursday.

Fourth-seeded Agassi had a 4-6, 6-2, 6-1 lead when David Sanchez of Spain retired in the second-round match.

Between the second and third sets, a trainer taped Sanchez's right foot. Late in the third, Sanchez was unable to run down shots from Agassi and after losing the set, he said he could not continue.

No. 11 Juan Carlos Ferrero — a loser to Gustavo Kuerten in the semifinals the last two years — hoped to play Thursday against Nicolas Pietrangeli after spraining his ankle in practice.

Frazier held serve just once and was broken eight times in her error-filled match against Capriati at center court of Roland Garros.

After Capriati held in the opening game of the match, there were 11 straight service breaks. Frazier had a 3-2 lead in the second set before Capriati won the final four games, holding to clinch the match.

"It was making me a little mad that I couldn't hold my serve. We were going back and forth in the first set," Capriati said. "In the second, I held my serve a little bit more."

Frazier, ranked 61st, finished with 53 unforced errors and Capriati 39, while each player had seven double faults.

Kuerten won his second-round match Wednesday and then took a lap around the court, slapping high-fives with fans who had cheered him as he pulled out another emotional victory at the French Open.

Marat Safin did not ignore the fans, either. In a fit of anger, he tossed his racket into the seats and got it back after a mild apology.

Flashback

1991: Canadian defeated Boys Ranch 34-20 in a high school football game.

Running back John Sam Krehbiel ran for three touchdowns and 125 yards on 20 carries to lead the Wildcats.

Nets closing in on first trip to NBA finals

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — After 26 years of struggle, turmoil and bad basketball, the New Jersey Nets are almost there.

They are one victory from their first trip to the NBA Finals.

Jason Kidd had six points and three assists in a 20-1 fourth-quarter spurt Wednesday night, helping the Nets fend off another Boston comeback for a 103-92 win and a 3-2 lead in the Eastern Conference finals.

New Jersey can advance to its first championship round since its ABA days with a win in Game 6 in Boston on Friday or, if necessary, in Game 7 in New Jersey on Sunday.

"The big thing is that we are not in the finals and the hardest thing is to end the series," said Kidd, who finished with 18 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists.

The Nets won 26 games a year ago and had been to the playoffs only once since 1994. Even after the acquisition of Kidd, virtually no one expected this kind of turnaround.

"It's indescribable," guard Lucious Harris said. "You want to go out and play tomorrow. You're one game away from your dream — to get to the finals. When Friday comes we've got to play the way we did tonight."

The Celtics have to change.

In the past three games, they have fallen behind by double-digits in the first quarter and played catch up.

It worked in Game 3 as Boston staged the biggest

fourth-quarter comeback in NBA history, rallying from a 21-point deficit.

Instead of letting that loss crush them, the Nets have shown a resiliency the last two games. They have jumped to big leads, taken Boston's best counter punch and refused to lose.

"Game 3, as crazy as it may seem, may have been the best thing that happened to our ballclub. It showed us that no lead is safe," Nets coach Byron Scott said.

"Everything happens for a reason. We blew a 21-point lead, but I think we matured a lot from it," the second-year coach added. "That was a defining moment for this franchise, and we came through with flying colors in Games 4 and 5."

Scott actually made the key decision in the fourth quarter of Game 5, switching to a zone after the Celtics wiped out all but one point of a 17-point halftime lead.

After two free throws by Erick Strickland cut the Nets' lead to 74-73, the Celtics missed two chances to take the lead when Rodney Rogers missed a shot underneath and threw away a pass on a fast break.

Kidd then came off a screen and hit a jumper. He would also score on a drive and a rebound follow, and assist on baskets by Keith Van Horn and Harris and a 3-pointer by Vah Horn.

The 3-pointer by Van Horn gave New Jersey a 94-74 lead and the players started celebrating, knowing the game was over.

The pressure now swings to the Celtics.

If they want to get back to

the championship round for the first time since 1987, they will have to win two straight.

"This is what basketball is all about," said Antoine Walker, who had his first off night of the series, scoring 13 points on 5-for-20 shooting. "We're a team that loves to play with our backs to the wall. We're not worried about the pressure of that. We'll come out Friday and play a lot better, hopefully get the win and bring it back here."

Rangers notch wild win over Twins

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Todd Greene had already taken a couple of hits before hitting an RBI single in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Texas Rangers a wild win over Minnesota.

Greene got the game-winner on a line drive down the left-field line as Texas won 9-8 to snap a five-game losing streak.

Greene's hit came off J.C. Romero (3-1), who had allowed just one run in his previous 29 1-3 innings this season.

"It's a fun thing. Every player wants to be in that situation," Greene said. "It was a sinker, and I just got the bottom of it to get it over third base."

Rafael Palmeiro led off the ninth with a single and Juan Gonzalez, who also homered in the game, followed with another single. Carl Everett was intentionally walked to load the bases with no outs before Greene's hit that scored pinch-runner Calvin Murray.

The Rangers had lost 11 of their previous 13 games, including a 2-9 road trip before losing the first two games to the Twins.

Former Net Kenny Anderson said there is no quit in the Celtics.

"This isn't over," he said. "We have to come at it on Friday, but we can't dig a hole for ourselves like we've been doing all series."

The Nets showed a lot of depth in winning on Wednesday. Van Horn and Kenyon Martin each had 19 points, while Kerry Kittles had 12 of his team-high 21 points in helping the New Jersey take a 31-16 first-quarter lead.

Paul Pierce led the Celtics with 24 points, but he did not score in the final quarter. Rogers added 20.

"They have outplayed us probably 16 quarters in this series," Celtics backup guard Tony Delk said.

"We've had a couple of good quarters in the third and fourth, but you can't keep letting a team get confident and that's what we've been doing early on. We have to take away that comfort zone."

"We just kept on fighting. It is a sign of what this team is capable of doing," said Mike Lamb, who had three hits and scored three times for Texas. "It feels good to be rewarded."

Gabe Kapler also had three hits for the Rangers.

Romero hadn't allowed a run in his previous 14 appearances. He was the sixth Minnesota pitcher.

"It was just one of those nights. He got 0-2 on Raffy and got a pitch up in the zone, and then got a ball up to Gonzalez," said Twins manager Ron Gardenhire. "We decided to load the bases and see what happened."

Hideki Irabu (2-3), the sixth Texas pitcher, pitched a scoreless ninth.

Greene was involved in two odd plays before his winning single, getting hit both times. The Twins tied it at 8 — and almost took the lead — on a wild play in the eighth. Doug Mientkiewicz drew a one-out walk and Torii Hunter followed with a drive to deep center.

Mientkiewicz scored on the double by crashing through Greene at the plate, knocking the ball loose. Hunter kept run-

ning and tried to score on the plate, but Greene recovered to get the ball to pitcher Rudy Seanez for the out. Television replays, however, appeared to show that Seanez never actually tagged Hunter.

"I tried to smother it and hopefully hold on to it," Greene said. "I don't know if I dropped it before he hit me or after."

Texas had taken the lead on a crazy sequence in the fifth. Greene had a one-out single and then scored on a ball that didn't leave the infield. Third baseman Corey Koskie went to his left to snag Lamb's grounder, but his throw pulled Mientkiewicz off first base.

Lamb got an infield hit, and Greene ran to the open base at third. Greene scored when Mientkiewicz's throw ricocheted off his helmet and into the dugout. Lamb was given third and scored on a groundout for an 8-7 lead.

Lamb also hit a two-run homer, on the first pitch thrown by Matt Kinney in the second inning after starter Rick Reed had to leave because of a stiff neck that was causing him headaches.

Astros pound Cardinals

HOUSTON (AP) — Daryle Ward saw a hole in the St. Louis Cardinals' defense.

"They overshifted right. I was surprised that they did that," Ward said. "I would think with the bases loaded you want to play regular baseball, but they chose to go with the shift."

Ward, a left-handed hitter, hit a three-run double over third base to lead the Houston Astros to a 10-5 victory Wednesday night, ending the Cardinals' four-game winning streak.

"I don't even know how I made contact. I just looked up and saw it had hopped over the bag. I saw it was fair and I started running. Sometimes when you get that lucky hit with men on base it gets everybody going."

Julio Lugo hit a three-run homer and Jose Vizcaino drove in two runs as the Astros prevented St. Louis from sweeping them twice in the last nine days.

The Astros won despite a short outing from Wade Miller. Sidelined since April 12 because of a pinched nerve in his neck, he was activated from the disabled list to face the

Cardinals. But Miller had to leave after four innings because of a stiff upper back, allowing three runs on four hits and three walks. The Astros said this injury was not related to his previous problem.

"I'm fine. My back tightened up a little after we had a couple of long innings, but since I came out of the game it feels pretty good," Miller said.

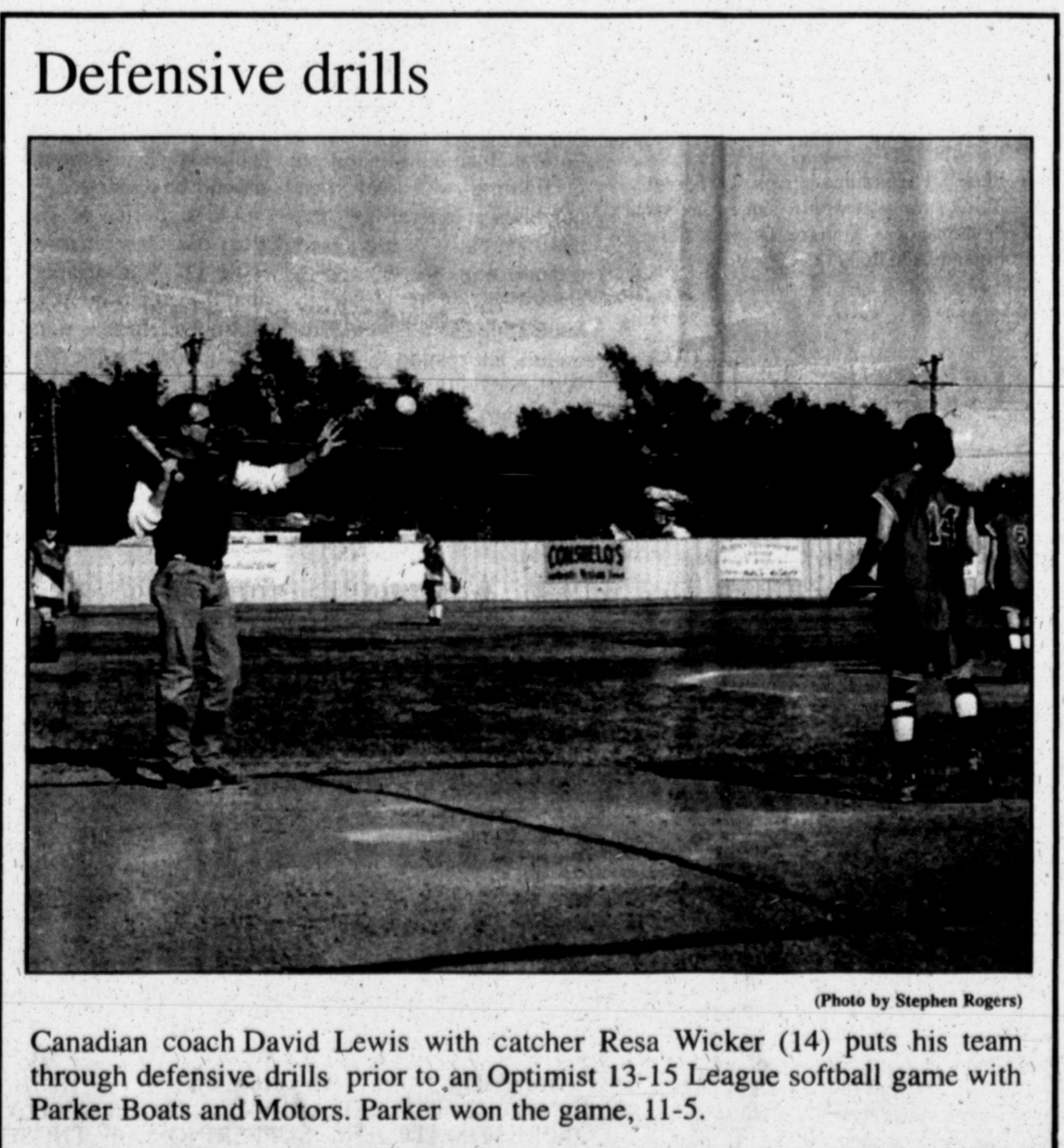
"It felt great to be back. I think that I threw well the first three innings, but the last inning I didn't hit my spots."

Tim Redding (3-2) relieved Miller in the fifth and pitched two-plus innings for the win.

Garrett Stephenson (1-4) lasted 2 1-3 innings and gave up six runs on six hits and three walks. It was his shortest outing of the season.

St. Louis manager Tony La Russa was disappointed with Stephenson.

"He's not right. I'm concerned. If you have watched him when he is normal you know he's not right. He's a three-pitch major league pitcher who has to hit his spots and he's not doing that."



Canadian coach David Lewis with catcher Resa Wicker (14) puts his team through defensive drills prior to an Optimist 13-15 League softball game with Parker Boats and Motors. Parker won the game, 11-5.

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Mon Corp wins against J&M, Clifton ballteams

PAMPA — Mon Corp won its sixth game of the season last Friday, defeating J&M Machine with some solid defense and good hitting. Defensively, Mon Corp was led by pitcher Reid Miller, first baseman Cole Engle, second baseman Latigo Collins, shortstop Rhett Roden and third baseman Ian Smith. These five players would combine to throw out five runners. Offensively, Mon Corp had 21 singles in the game, a triple by Roden and two doubles by Miller. Mon Corp's seventh win of the season came against a scrappy Clifton team which led off the first inning at the plate. Collins and Engle would combine for the first out and the next two batters would go down on strikes. Engle, Smith, Miller, Collins and Pedro Castillo got things started for Mon Corp with each player getting a hit. Smith lined a shot down the third base line for a triple to plate Engle. Smith and Miller would later score. Clifton could not manage any runs in the second with Miller and Engle combining to throw out the first two batters. Kade Morse would single, but the next batter went down on strikes. Mon Corp had a big second inning, scoring nine runs with Oliver Cabralas, Bryce Parker, Jesus Cabralas, Roden and Coban Rhoads each hitting for singles. Engle, Smith, Miller and Castillo each contributed a double. Collins and Sheldon Reeve each collected an RBI with solid hits. Pitcher Hunter Hucks and catcher Conner Brown of Clifton would combine for the first out of the inning and the next two would come by way of strikeout. Clifton got something going in the third on offense with Hucks, Zach Hernandez, Ty Hutto, Ryver Nunn, Ryan Holt and Brendon Burrell each getting a hit. Hucks, Hernandez, Hutto and Holt would later score for Clifton. Mon Corp's Rhett Roden got the first out of the third inning and the next two would come by way of strikeout. Hucks made the play of the game on a flyball to get the first out of the third inning against Mon Corp. However, Mon Corp would send another eight batters to the plate in the third and add six more runs to their total. Clifton got more chance in the fourth, sending seven hitters to the plate and scoring one run when Conner Brown crossed the plate. The game ended with Roden and Collins combining for the third out on Clifton. Mon Corp is a 7-8 year old team competing in The Pitching Machine League at Optimist Park.

Glavine, Thomas are open to steroid testing in big leagues

By The Associated Press Tom Glavine doesn't think steroid use is as prevalent as Ken Caminiti says it is. Frank Thomas wants baseball to find out. Caminiti estimated that at least half the major leaguers use steroids, and he told Sports Illustrated he was on them when he was the NL MVP in 1996. Glavine, the Atlanta Braves left-hander who has served as the team's representative to the players' union since 1990, doubts the problem is that widespread. "Fifty percent is a lot, and if I'm going to sit here and look at 25 guys on my ballclub and think 12 or 13 are on steroids, then no, I don't believe it," he said Wednesday. "But if I look at 700 players overall, there might be some teams who have more than 13. I don't know." Thomas wants baseball to start testing for steroids, saying he feels "cheated" by other players are using drugs. "I don't know who's on and who's not on," the two-time MVP with the Chicago White Sox said. "There is definitely more activity in the weight room nowadays. I was hoping that it was just old guys working hard in the weight room. I really think it's time for testing. Glavine said the union may have to address the issue, but he's not sure how. "It's easy for me to sit here and say I don't care about drug testing because I don't take steroids and don't take drugs," he said. "It's not a big deal to me, but obviously there is much greater cause for concern that goes into why you would or would not agree with doing that." Baseball officials said following an owners meeting in Chicago they would like a program to deal with steroids and testing. The NFL and NBA prohibit steroids and test for them. The NHL and major league baseball have no policy regarding their use. "We've made a comprehensive proposal to the players' association to deal with the issue of steroids and testing for steroids at the major league level, and we're hopeful that it's an issue that will be resolved in the bargaining process," said Rob Manfred, baseball's top labor lawyer. A ban in baseball, or even testing players on 40-man rosters, would have to be bargained with the players. The union has resisted such a plan. "The association regards the issue as a serious and complicated one and will treat those discussions accordingly," union spokesman Greg Bouris said. Recently retired slugger Jose Canseco went even further than Caminiti, saying 85 percent of players use steroids. New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine thought those estimates were overblown. "Only if it's in the water or there's some way players are ingesting them without knowing it," Valentine said before his team's home game against Philadelphia. "I think it's a total exaggeration unless you're saying some of the stuff like MetRx mix and the blender stuff is a steroid, then I stand corrected. "As far as something injected or prescribed, I think it's preposterous to say 85 percent." There may be rumors about certain players, but Yankees manager Joe Torre said that's all he's ever heard — rumors. "I'm not sure how widespread this problem is," Torre said. "I've seen players go from tall, skinny guys to tall, strong guys. Sure, you can say he's got to be doing something, but I've never had anybody tell me for sure that, 'This person is doing this.' It's always, 'I heard this guy is doing it.'"

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 31, 2002. Research and travel easily play a significant role in your year. If you are a lawyer or writer, you'll find that your mind often is on your work. A foreigner could play a role in your year. Still, you might be overly serious, needing to learn how to detach from trying experiences. Often you might feel as if someone is pushing your buttons. If you are attracting power plays, there must be something in you that needs them. If you are single, others will find you attractive and unusual. After July, someone quite special will enter your life. You will have an unusually good time from this period on. If you are attached, learn to avoid black-and-white situations through detachment and understanding. Work on communicating. AQUARIUS is a buddy. 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) ***** Understand someone better. Pretend to be him or her. A long-term goal becomes an even greater possibility if you're willing to walk past some of your mental blocks. Listen carefully to another before you make a major decision. Tonight: Follow a friend's suggestion. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Not everyone agrees with your ideas, especially those about an important venture. If you are looking for a consensus of opinion, you might as well forget it. A partner asks you to join him or her later on. Is there any reason to think twice about this? Tonight: Go for together-ness. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Though you might not realize

it, it is obvious that your mind isn't at work. If you were really honest, you would walk out the door and head into the weekend. Summer folly seems to pre-occupy your mind. Make travel plans in the near future. Tonight: Use your incredible imagination! CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Another clearly has a different agenda than you. Reorganize your schedule if you must. Express your agreeable and considerate nature. You might feel as if another could be pushing you past your natural resistances. Tonight: Accept an invitation. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Others know how to spark your interest. Promises might be one thing, but for now, you still have to get your work done. A friend will wait, as will a loved one. Do one thing at a time, making sure you won't have to go back to it. Tonight: Skip on out the door. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Don't take procedure for granted. Take your time as you clear out additional work. Double-check everything you do. Someone around you might be vague or somewhat witty. You might need to fill in for this person's errors. Tonight: Buy a favorite treat on the way home. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** An early-morning call or idea could be most distracting. You might, as a result, need to reorganize your schedule so it works for you. Ask a co-worker to chip in. After all, you, too, would like to start the weekend. Tonight: Play away. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** You might be inspired, but it is also important to keep a matter hush-hush. Listen more often to a boss, even if at times you find this person to be downright disagreeable. Schedule some work that can be done alone, if possible. Tonight: In your thoughts,

Scoreboard

Table with baseball scores for National League, American League, and Transactions. Includes columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB and game summaries.

Government seeks dismissal of lawsuit by wrestling coaches

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is fighting a lawsuit that contends a federal law that has greatly increased opportunities for women in school sports is unfair to male athletes. In a response filed Wednesday in federal district court, the administration argued the lawsuit brought by the National Wrestling Coaches Association is flawed on technical legal grounds and should be dismissed. A supporter of the 30-year-old law, known as Title IX, was disappointed that the government's filing did not include a statement of support for the statute's underlying intent: to ensure equal educational and athletic opportunities for men and women. "The jury is still out about whether this administration is going to stand behind Title IX," said Marcia Greenberger, co-president of the National Women's Law Center. "The administration strongly supports Title IX," said Brian Jones, the Education Department's general counsel. "Title IX has opened up opportunities for young women in both academics and sports."

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR IS LONGFELLOW. One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different. 5-30 CRYPTOQUOTE. AGJJTGBW VTUU MGYQ. NTYGLLWGW KIUWYY TQ TY. UTATQWN YQJTDQUX QF. FIUX FIW QF G DKYQFAWJ. — F.G. HGOQTYQG. Yesterday's Cryptoquote: HIGHTONED *HUMANITARIANS CONSTANTLY OVERESTIMATE THE SUFFERINGS OF THOSE THEY SYMPATHIZE WITH. — H.L. MENCKEN. Padres 11, Rockies 3. SAN DIEGO (AP) — Rookie reliever Jason Middlebrook pitched seven shutouts in and San Diego Padres beat the Colorado Rockies 11-3 Wednesday night. The victory was tempered by injuries to third baseman Phil Nevin and starting pitcher Brian Tollberg. Nevin hit a two-run single in the sixth, then left the game in the seventh after landing hard on his left arm as he made a diving stop on Todd Zeile's one-hop grounder. The Padres third baseman bruised his rotator cuff. Tollberg was removed in the third inning with a sprained right elbow after throwing a curveball to Zeile.

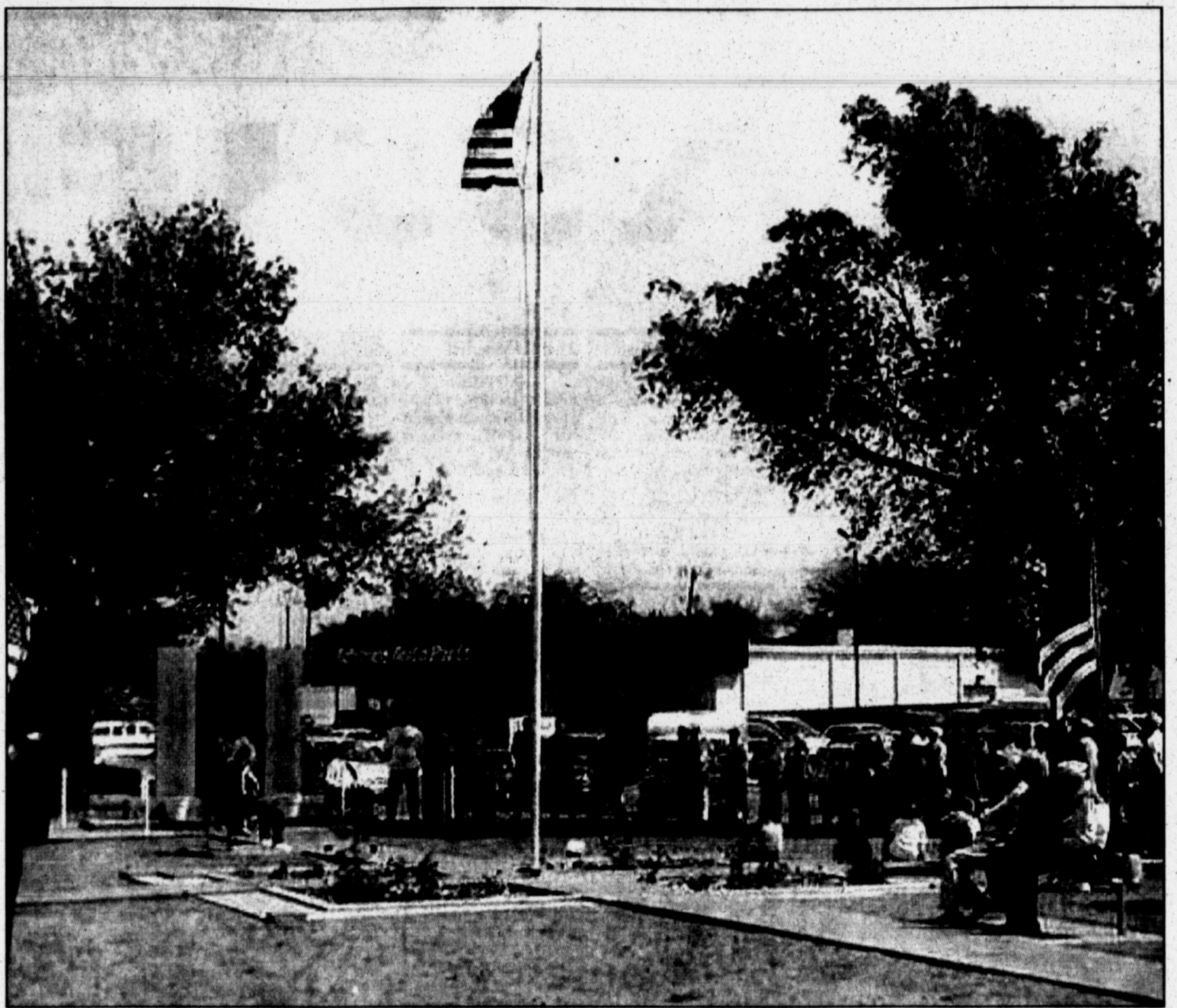
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Flags fluttering behind him, Jason Jones plays "Taps" at the conclusion of the memorial service.



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The community gathers to remember at a Memorial Day service Monday at the Veterans Monument.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)
Cub Scouts Kade Morse of Pack 414 and Dale Montgomery, Pack 404, return the flag to half mast in honor of veterans who gave their lives.



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Members of local Boy Scout Troop 413 and Cub Scout Packs 414 and 404 march out for the "Presentation of the Colors" as a retired Army tank silently stands guard.

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Frank and Mary Conner of Pampa read the names engraved on bricks in the Veterans Walkway. A VFW member, Conner served in the 119th Infantry during World War II.

Tornadoes sweep through Weslaco

WESLACO (AP) — Tornadoes swept through the Rio Grande Valley on Wednesday evening, leaving behind a path of wind damage, minor accidents and power outages.

No injuries were reported. One tornado was reported in Willacy County near Lasara and another was spotted near Weslaco.

Another funnel cloud was reported about 4 miles east of Rio Hondo at about 8:15 p.m., with some roof damage sustained to a home, according to National Weather Service meteorologist Jim Campbell.

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