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Volunteers pick up the meals at Lamar Elementary School at 11:15 a.m., and return left-over items at 12:45 p.m.

To volunteer or for more information, call 665-4042.

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NPD gets nod for swine facility

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

National Pig Development, USA, of North Carolina is another step closer to building a swine facility east of Pampa.

"It's a beautiful day in Pampa, Texas," said John Carter, general manager of NPD. Carter told *The Pampa News* he wasn't aware Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission Executive Director Jeff Santas had

signed the registration application giving his approval on Friday until notified by the local newspaper this morning.

"I knew it was on his desk," said Carter, "but I didn't know it had been signed until you notified my secretary this morning."

He indicated he had confirmed the news prior to returning *The Pampa News*' phone call.

Ironically, Carter was in the Pampa area when the news came. He said he

and Matt Mehlenbacher, nucleus operations manager of NPD, are in the area working on plans for the 50,000-head genetic research facility.

"We dropped by the Pampa Chamber Prayer Breakfast this morning at 6:45 a.m.," said Carter.

"I had a lot of confidence the TNRC would approve the application," he said. "I knew the merits of it would stand up well."

Carter said he knew the application for the facility had been highly scruti-

nized by the state agency.

"They are very professional, and Texas should be proud of this department. I feel good about where we are right now."

The \$15 million facility is expected to have a \$1.5 million payroll, said Carter. He said there would be 45 jobs at the facility.

TNRC's decision was delayed several months by the extraordinary large number of comments the agency (See SWINE, Page 3)

Time to tan



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

Soaking up some rays was the order of the day at M.K. Brown Swimming Pool for, from left, Heather Balay, Jordan Douglas, Brandi Holden, Megan Mojica and Cassy Roe. The pool drew a big crowd Monday as Pampa youngsters enjoy their first week out of school.

Theater to open

Although the last two movie companies closed up shop here, another one, betting the third time will be charm, plans to open Cinema 4 in the Coronado Shopping Center on Friday, June 14.

Heritage Park Theatres Inc., of Altus, Okla., has purchased the theater, according to a company news release. It says the firm has a long, solid history in the theater business.

The owners are Cecil George who has 32 years experience in the business and his son, Robert George who has 10 years experience, the release said. The manager in Pampa will be Timothy Ervin who has 14 years experience.

"We are very much looking forward to serving moviegoers in Pampa and the surrounding areas with first-run movies, a full service concession and a safe, clean, professionally managed environment," a company spokesman said.

A partial remodeling is currently under way and new seats with cupholders will be (See THEATER, Page 3)

Lots of talk, little communication

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

Citizens discuss aquifer's health: Pantex officials expound on perched water

PANHANDLE - The few concerned citizens that showed up at the meeting asked about the Ogallala Aquifer. The Pantex officials talked about the perched aquifer.

There appeared to be a lot of talk and very little communication during the monthly Pantex Groundwater Public Meeting here Monday afternoon.

Pantex officials maintain there is a small aquifer about 240 feet below ground level perched above the Ogallala. The Ogallala in that part of Carson

County is about 400 feet deep.

"They're two separate water-bearing zones," said Dennis Huddleston with BWIX Pantex.

He said some work has been done concerning the Ogallala but not recently.

"We have Ogallala wells, and we do monitor the Ogallala," Huddleston said.

Periodically, Huddleston said, they get an indication of some pollutant in the Ogallala.

"But we're still in the investigative phases of the Ogallala, and we haven't got anything to date in a trend to tell us that we've got a problem with the Ogallala," Huddleston said. "We know

we have one with the perched aquifer."

Using reports made to the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission by Pantex, Ray Brady, a geologist with the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, said Monday afternoon that there is a problem.

"You've got explosives in the Ogallala Aquifer," Brady told Pantex officials at the meeting.

Brady said that, based on these reports, the plant's own data shows the Ogallala Aquifer is contaminated with conventional explosives.

(See AQUIFER, Page 3)

Summer reading project for tots, kids - and adults

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Can you read all the way across Texas? Pampa readers of all ages are getting ready to do just that.

Children ages 18 months all the way to adults will be eligible to participate in the summer reading program this year.

In June, children ages 18 months and older will be able to participate in "Story Times" with stories and crafts at 10 a.m., each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston.

During the following month, the library will have special programs for children from kindergarten and older at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. Story Times will also continue on Mondays

and Tuesdays in July.

Schools, daycare and other groups are also welcome to schedule special times at the library.

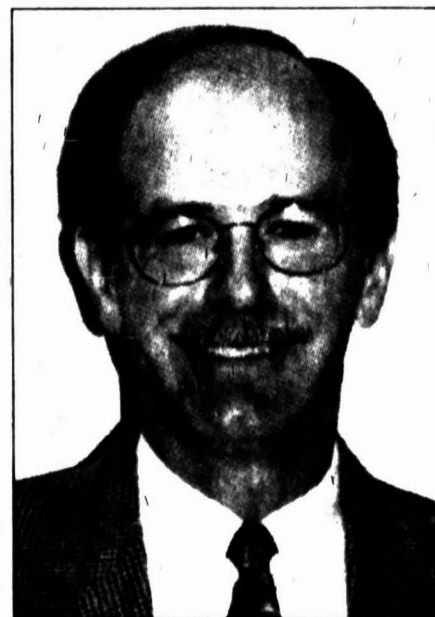
Three teams will be formed for readers. Two teams, Ranchers and Cowboys, will be for children. Chili Peppers is the adult readers' team.

To join a team, register at the library and get a reading log at the library. Children too young to read by themselves may be signed up to be read to.

After children read their first five hours they will get to choose a free book provided by the Pampa Friends of the Library. At the end of the summer all the reading logs turned in will be eligible for the drawings for gift certificates. Ten gift certificates will be drawn for children and two will be

(See PROJECT, Page 3)

Orr to moderate meeting of governor candidates



Dr. Dawson Orr

AUSTIN - Pampa's school superintendent, Dr. Dawson Orr, plans to moderate a joint appearance of Gov. Rick Perry and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez at the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) Summer Conference, June 25, in Austin.

Dr. Orr, TASA president elect, will serve as session moderator for an open forum at 8:45 a.m., Tuesday, June 25, before more than 700 public school administrators expected to attend the conference co-sponsored by TASA, UT Austin College of Education, and the Texas Education Agency.

"This is a historic opportunity for Texas school leaders to hear both Governor Perry and Mr. Sanchez on (See ORR, Page 3)

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Bishops urge crackdown on priests who sexually abuse children

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Roman Catholic Church should defrock any priest who sexually abuses a child in the future, and those who molested one time in the past could continue in the ministry under certain conditions, a church panel recommended Tuesday.

Clergymen who victimized more than one child in the past also would be removed and all such violations would have to be reported to authorities.

The proposals are in a long-awaited report by the Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Abuse, whose plan will be put to a vote when bishops from around the country meet June 13-15 in Dallas.

The committee's report leaves the bishops open to attack from those who want a

sweeping zero tolerance policy, meaning the removal of all past abusers and those caught in the future. Debate over ousting errant clergy will likely be intense at the Dallas conference.

The committee's plan contains apologies to victims and emphasizes the bishops' commitment to reform.

"The sexual abuse of children and young people by some priests and bishops, and the ways in which these crimes and sins were too often dealt with by bishops, have caused enormous pain, anger and confusion," the panel wrote.

"We are profoundly sorry for the times when we have deepened its pain by what we have done or by what we have

failed to do."

A senior Vatican official said the Vatican is not preparing a public response to the committee's recommendation, as it will await decisions by the full bishops assembly at the Dallas meeting. Those decisions will then be sent to the Vatican for approval, said the official, who asked that his name not be used.

Archbishop Harry Flynn, archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and chairman of the ad hoc committee, said, "We now have a very clear agenda from which the American bishops can address the paramount issue of clerical sexual misconduct with minors."

The Rev. Thomas Doyle, one of the most active priests

in aiding victims, said the document's contrition over bishops' misdeeds "is certainly extraordinary, given the way in which church bodies respond to crisis situations."

"It is a new beginning," he said, if the sorrow proves sincere and the charter, especially outreach to victims, is honored. But "there have been so many promises made," he cautioned. If even "one or two bishops" continue to treat victims with hostility or let

lawyers pursue hardball tactics, Doyle said, "that will blow the bottom out of any credibility they wish to restore."

Russell Shaw of Washington, D.C., a layman who was the U.S. bishops' media spokesman for 18 years, said he likes the proposal "a lot more than I expected. I'm really encouraged." He said he feels it's important that the bishops go beyond immediate remedies

to rethink lay members' participation in decision-making and have a commission investigate what went wrong.

The Vatican would be asked to swiftly defrock any child abuser in the future and all offenders with more than one transgression in the past. Currently, defrocking involves cumbersome appeals, and U.S. bishops have been asking Rome to streamline the process for years.

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SWINE

received regarding the pig operation.

Because of the large opposition against the project locating in Gray County, a rare public meeting for Pampa residents was held by the TNRCC in Pampa on Jan. 8 at State Rep. Warren Chisum's request.

Several TNRCC staff members traveled from Austin to Pampa to hear 45 citizens speak on the matter. Verbal comments, both for and against the swine facility, were presented.

Jean Pieper-Voshell, media representative of the TNRCC, said Monday that approximately 250 comments had been submitted to the state agency for evaluation before Friday's action was taken by the executive director.

She said the large volume of comments was the reason the decision wasn't rendered for nearly five months. Pieper-Voshell said the response to comments have been mailed to those who had previously requested them.

A transcript of the Jan. 8 public meeting may be obtained by contacting the TNRCC Chief Clerk's office. Pieper-Voshell said there would be a charge for the information.

Pieper-Voshell said persons objecting to the decision have 25 days to file a motion to overturn the agency's decision.

Rumors were circulating locally in early May 2001 that a swine farm might be located in Gray County near Pampa.

The announcement officially came on July 6, 2001, when Pampa Economic Development Corporation Director Susan Tripplehorn told the Pampa Kiwanis Club at a noon luncheon.

Tripplehorn also informed the Kiwanians that a public meeting would be held on the following Tuesday to answer any questions. She

said the facility was not a PEDC-sponsored project.

On Monday, July 9, public officials from three governing bodies in Pampa and Gray County met behind closed doors in a combined meeting for nearly three hours Monday to discuss economic development negotiations.

The following day, Judge Richard Peet said the officials of the three entities met together in the Gray County Courtroom in executive session to learn about potential economic development in the area.

Gray County Commissioners Court, Pampa City Commission and Pampa Economic Development Corporation joined together to hear a presentation by National Pig Development USA executives.

Peet said the president and executive president made a presentation to the public officials during the closed session outlining the company's history and development.

Carter and several NPD representatives addressed public concerns at a public meeting attended that night by 160 citizens at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

Concerns were expressed about the danger of pollution of the air and water in the area by pig lagoons at the meeting while others were enthusiastic about the possibility of the company locating in Pampa.

A group opposing the facility was formed following the meeting that night. Active Citizens Concerned Over Resource Development in Agriculture, Inc. (ACCORD) was formed to protest the facility about a week later.

Several attempts to reach local members of ACCORD and landowner near the proposed swine facility site for comments this morning were unsuccessful.

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ORR

the same stage," said Johnny Veselka, TASA executive director.

Each candidate plans to give a detailed position on public education issues, including time for participant questions.

In addition to Perry and Sanchez's appearance, lieutenant governor candidates John Sharp (D) and David Dewhurst (R) have accepted TASA's invitation to speak during a special session on Sunday, June 23, at 2:30

p.m. at the Renaissance Austin Hotel where the conference is being held.

The two candidates have been asked to address the current condition of the public education system and present proposals for improving Texas' schools.

"We are grateful that all of these candidates, have accepted our invitation to be part of our conference agenda," Veselka said. "Texas educators will be facing critical challenges in the months ahead, and the perspectives of these candidates are of great interest to our members."

DPS troopers kick-off Roadcheck 2002 today

AUSTIN — Highway safety in Texas will get an extra boost June 4 through 6 when Texas Department of Public Safety troopers participate in Roadcheck 2002, a 72-hour intensive commercial vehicle inspection program.

DPS License and Weight troopers, along with Highway Patrol troopers who have received specialized training in commercial vehicle inspection, will be stopping commercial vehicles to inspect safety equipment, as well as checking driver licenses and endorsements. Troopers also will look for possible drug or alcohol use.

"We are pleased to participate in this international program to promote truck safety," said Chief Charles Graham, head of Traffic Law Enforcement for DPS. "The Roadcheck program continues to make an impact on truck safety in Texas."

Last year, Roadcheck 2001 resulted in more than 2,537 vehicle inspections in Texas. The inspections found that 142 of the drivers and 649 of the vehicles had serious enough safety violations to be removed from service.

The Roadcheck program, which stretches from Mexico to Canada, is designed to reduce commercial vehicle highway fatalities through increased vehicle safety. The Commercial Vehicle Safety

Alliance, which sponsors Roadcheck, reports a significant decrease in the commercial vehicle crash rate in North America since the program's start in 1988.

During Roadcheck 2001, more than 45,000 vehicles were inspected at more than 1,000 locations across North America. Of those vehicles, 24.1 percent were placed out-of-service because of safety violations, and 5.7 percent of the commercial drivers inspected were placed out-of-service for violations of federal safety regulations.

Vehicles passing inspection receive a CVSA decal exempting the vehicle from inspection for a 90-day period, unless they have an obvious safety defect.

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AQUIFER

Pam Allison with STAND, Serious Texans Against Nuclear Dumping, told Pantex officials that there was also radio active material in off-site wells, including a well that provides drinking water to Amarillo.

One off-site monitoring well drilled by Pantex near the northeast corner of the plant shows significantly higher radioactive emissions than monitoring wells on the plant site.

"That well is less than 100 yards from an Amarillo water supply well," Brady said.

Brad Jones with the TNRCC said there are areas in the Texas Panhandle that have radio nuclides occurring naturally.

Dr. Gary Baker, a consultant for BWTX Pantex, told the meeting that some soils in the area have high naturally occurring uranium in them.

Brady countered that the soils with naturally occurring uranium are only about 10,000 year old. The samples taken from the well were from a layer of earth millions of years old.

"We've got a lot of wells that we've gone back and sampled," said Boyd Deaver with BWTX Pantex. "We may get a detection, and we may never see it again."

He said there could be sampling problems or testing problems.

Deaver said EPA requires statistical trending.

"You sample it over and over again and then you establish what your real trend is and then from that you determine if you're cleaning it up," Deaver said.

He indicated that the sample they took from the well was too muddy to be properly tested.

"We sampled one time, but it came back like chocolate milk," Deaver said. "What we had there was a lot of sediment."

He said that when the lab got it, it was like running mud through their equipment.

"There were a lot of naturally occurring metals," he said. "Naturally occurring metals and radio nuclides and things like that."

He said that when they find something one time, they have to go back and look for a trend.

"We don't know if it's a lab problem or some of the other errors that could happen," Deaver said. "Statistically, you've got to have

seven samples before we could even identify a trend."

He said they are filtering the sample they get from the well on the north side.

"You just want to get the sediment out of it," Deaver said. "What we want to do is identify whether it's really a problem with the water or something in the sample."

That sampling began more than a decade ago with the EPA started doing site assessments at Pantex in 1988.

"Right now, we've done preliminary looks at everything out here, turned in reports and all these reports for all these areas were turned in around 1995," Huddleston said. "The TNRCC went back in and reviewed all these reports. They came back around 1996 and up through 2000, they were submitting and giving us comments back."

He said the TNRCC told Pantex to take another look in certain areas.

"What we're doing today is really going back and glearing up areas of concern and responding to comments," Huddleston said.

Huddleston, however, said that some remediation is underway.

They've got a pump and treat system that's actively going in the groundwater on the east side of the plant and a soil vapor extraction system they started in February at the burning grounds on the north side. They have also removed some hot spots from some land fills.

"A lot of the dirt and soil that we've taken out goes to Lone Mountain, Okla., to a permitted facility," Huddleston said.

He said they hope to be beyond the investigative phase in a couple of years. He said they will then be focusing all their attention on technology and additional remediation.

"Right now, our date to complete is 2014," Huddleston said.

Pantex has asked for \$10.5 million for FY 2003 for the cleanup project and another \$13.7 million for each year after that through 2014.

With an accelerated proposal, the Cleanup Reform Account Program, it could be 2008.

"Under the accelerated cleanup, they fund more money in the early stages," Huddleston said.

Even when the cleanup program is complete, he said, they will continue a monitoring program.

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THEATER

installed in the fall, the news release said.

The owners said they intend to show every G-rated movie available and agree not to show any NC-17 movies. The theater will have two

shows nightly and four showings on the weekend.

The movie hotline is 665-7141 and the website address is www.oktheatres.com

Heritage Park Theatres currently operates 18 theaters in Oklahoma with locations in Altus, Weatherford and Chickasha.

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drawn for adults.

Lovett Library will participate in the Texas Panhandle Bookmark contest again this year. Two winners will be chosen and their bookmarks will be printed and used next year.

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Business Review

Residents come first at Pampa Nursing

"The residents are the most important thing at Pampa Nursing Center," said new administrator Vickie Hutton.

Coming to Pampa from Shamrock, Hutton has 22 years experience in the nursing home field. She has been a welcome addition to the PNC staff, according to Terrie Adams, admissions coordinator.

"We have a great atmosphere with a winning team," she said. "All the departments are working together. Our residents are receiving great one-on-one care."

Also, Dawn Lee, R.N., has recently joined the staff as Director of Nursing.

Assistant Director of Nursing is Barbara Patrick. She has been at PNC for 16 years, and has a total of 30 years experience in the nursing home setting.

LaGayle Wheat serves as a physical therapist aide with PNC. Adams said Hutton has an excellent ratio in wound healing.

Numerous activities for the patients are planned by Kristie Fuller who has been Activities Director at the local facility for four years.

Among the many games enjoyed by the patients are bowling, Bingo, dominoes and the penny game. The patients look forward

An 82-bed capacity facility, PNC is home to many residents from Pampa and the surrounding area. A friendly and caring environment is at the local center.

to participating in the numerous activities.

Recently, the residents at Pampa Nursing Center celebrated National Nursing Home Week with a week of many activities.

Residents began the week on Monday with Mardi Gras Day with Bingo in the morning. In the afternoon they had a fun time with casino games, nonalcoholic mixed drinks, and pretzels.

The second day was Rock Around the Clock Day. Residents at the center went bowling that morning and experienced an old fashioned soda shop in the afternoon. It was complete with coke floats, root beer floats, chips and rock and roll music.

On Wednesday, Circus Day was held. Residents enjoyed the clowns as well as balloons throughout the building. Circus music was also enjoyed.

Carnival Time was also a fun activity for the residents. Pick a duck game, fishing pond and cake walk will all be enjoyed by the residents. Traditional circus foods — cotton candy and peanuts — were plentiful.

On Thursday PNC held an Open House along with Western Day. A Roy Rogers movie began the day at 10 a.m. Horses were at PNC in the afternoon and there was a Grand O' Opry Hour for the residents.

A Barbeque Chuck Wagon family cook-out also took place. A western games relay was at 6 p.m. Live country music and dancing concluded the day's activities.

Breakfast recognized France with French toast. A tribute will be paid to England as tea and crumpets are served. Italy will be recognized with an Italian meal at noon.

The Fiesta Dancers from Pampa High School paid tribute to Mexico by presenting several dances for the residents.

Kite flying in the backyard and fortune cookies signified recognition of China.

The residents enjoyed Around the World in a Day on the last day. PNC residents were glad to return to America as they enjoyed apple pie, hot dogs and ice cream. Patriotic American songs led by Adams concluded the week.

The facility houses an occupational therapist and an on-call speech therapist so the residents are able to have therapy without

leaving the building.

Dietary department is headed by Sharon Brown. She said the food is excellent, and explains that Brown makes substitutions for those who prefer different foods.

An 82-bed capacity facility, PNC is home to many residents from Pampa and the surrounding area. A friendly and caring environment is at the local center.

Some of the patients are at the facility temporarily while others are there on a long term basis. Private rooms are available for the patients as are semi-private rooms.

Referrals are followed by on-site pre-admission assessment. Trained professionals will counsel the family and patient through the entire admission process.

Several therapies are among the provided services including infusion, respiratory, music and pet. Services include podiatrist, optometrist, portable diagnostics and spe-

cialty equipment.

Programs offered include pain management, respite care, hospice care, medically demanding orthopedic recovery, pulmonary management, stroke recovery and vascular/wound recovery.

A rehabilitation department, semi-private rooms, sub-acute beds, long term beds, transportation, cable and laundry are all available at PNC.

An on-site beauty salon is also available to provide much appreciated services to the residents.

Adams has information regarding the admitting process, and will be pleased to discuss any aspects of admissions.

Nancy Meers assists families with the financial aspects of nursing home life while Melinda Hillman, LVN, Medicare Coordinator, provides answers to questions about Medicare.

Adams said the local facility has Medicare beds and has the distinction that any beds at the facility are certified as Medicare.

Information may be obtained by calling the staff at 669-2551 or going by the facility at 1321 W. Kentucky.



(Courtesy photo) Dawn Lee, RN, sitting, and Vickie Hutton, standing, both recently joined the staff of Pampa Nursing Center. Lee is Director of Nurses while Hutton serves as Nursing Administrator. Both women invite public input.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young) Pampa Nursing Center staff members Diane Wells, COTA, LaGayle Wheat, LPTA, and Linda Sickler, RA, provide physical therapy assistance for the residents at the facility. Aulsie Scott is one of the residents at the facility who enjoys the therapy provided by the professional staff.

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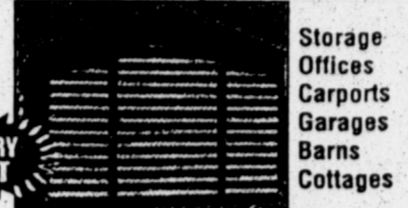
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written by Pauline Phillips and daughter, Jeanne Phillips

Life's Too Short To Waste On One-Sided Friendships

DEAR ABBY: I write a monthly column called "Abilities," for people with disabilities, which appears in the San Diego Union-Tribune. In it I try to enlighten and empower others with and without disabilities. You were right to advise "Confused in Kingston, N.Y." to level with her friend about the cruel comment his fiancée made about her club foot, which caused her to bow out of the wedding party. However, the truth is that life is too short to waste time trying to right every wrong. I don't ignore rude remarks like the one featured in that letter, but in most instances, I consider the source.

Abby, there are many battles to fight in life, but this type of battle is not one I choose to tackle. I believe that each of us has the right to choose whom we want to include in our lives. Cultivating willing friendships is far more gratifying than struggling to salvage those that weren't meant to be.

MARILYN SALISBURY, SAN DIEGO

DEAR MARILYN: While I agree that one cannot force friendships, let's not forget that there was already a well-established friendship — that of the groom and the woman who wrote to me.

When a couple plan their wedding, they usually discuss and agree upon who their attendants will be. If the bride-to-be had an objection, the person to whom she should have voiced it was the groom — which would have saved a lot of hurt feelings. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As a professional wedding coordinator, I must respond to "Confused."

Last year I worked on two weddings held only a month apart. I'll never forget them. The first could have been a layout in a fashion magazine. The bride and groom were gorgeous, their clothing perfect — all five bridesmaids were petite and stunning, and the male attendants looked like models.

Need I tell you which wedding was more beautiful? More meaningful? It had nothing to do with physical appearance.

The groom whose fiancée did not want his friend with the club foot to participate in their wedding should take a long, hard look at his bride-to-be. She is either too immature or too selfish to understand what their ceremony should really celebrate.

JUDY IN TUCSON

DEAR JUDY: I agree. The most important ingredient in a wedding should, above all, be love.

Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

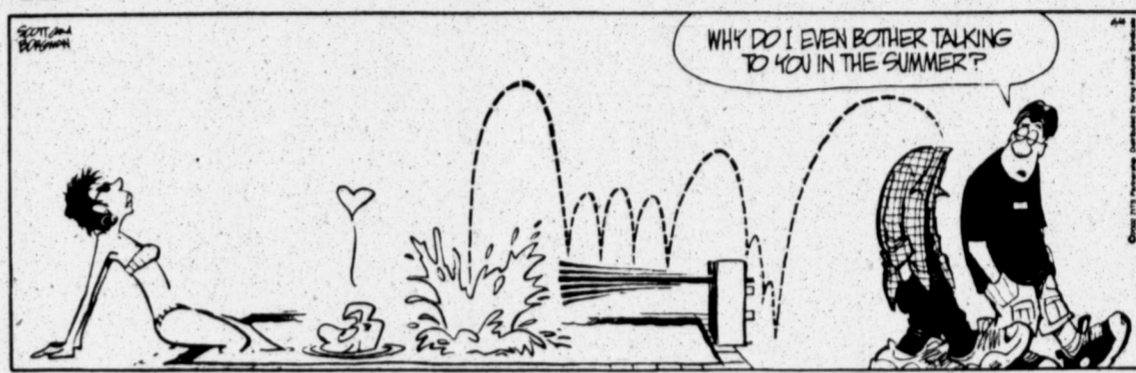
However, the behavior of the wedding party at the rehearsal and ceremony showed that they valued appearance above all else. I later found out that the couple had hired people from their health club to serve as their attendants to assure the pictures would look good. I couldn't help but compare the

experience with the next wedding I coordinated. The bride sat down with me before the rehearsal and told me that her cousin, a bridesmaid, was in a wheelchair and very ill. The bride wanted to be sure everything would be handled with sensitivity. We discussed the procession, ceremony and reception in detail, with the bride's focus on her cousin's comfort. It turned out to be a glorious day. Their love and caring radiated to everyone in attendance. Sadly, one month later her cousin died.

For Better or For Worse



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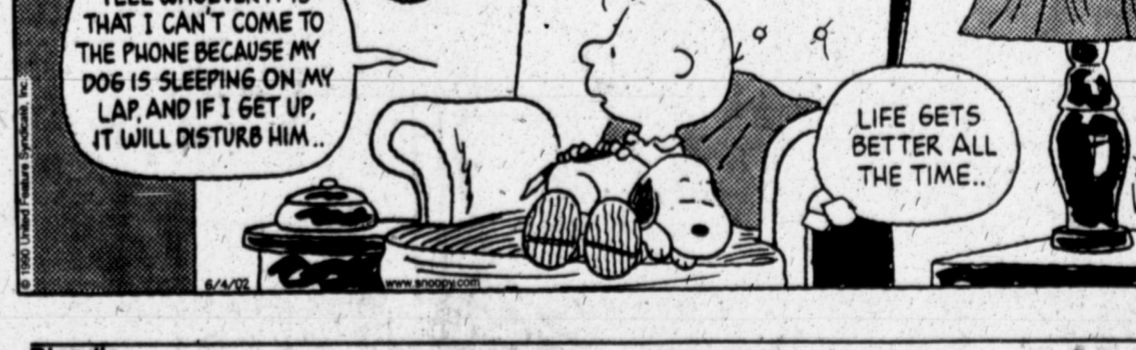
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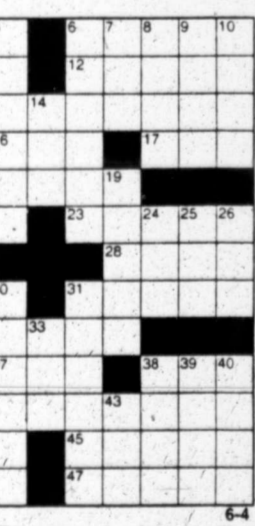
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FOR RELEASE TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2002

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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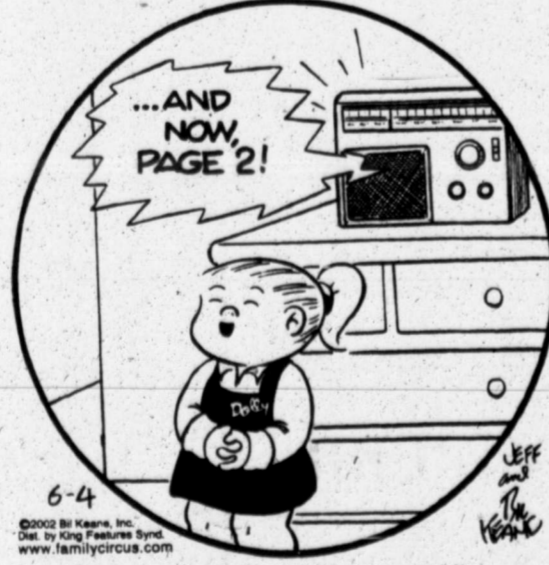


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"When I said you couldn't come in through the door, it wasn't an invitation to come in through the window."

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NOTE

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — Pampa will be host to softball tournament at Recreation Park June 15.

The 10th annual A. Coors League C-D and Divisions.

This tournament qualifier will be awarded.

Entry fee is \$10 p.m.

Contact the Office at 669-5700.

The deadline for Softball League June 7 at 5 p.m. season will begin June 17 at Recreation Park.

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — Lady Harvest Camp will be held at McNeely Field June 15-17.

The camp will be directed by Linda head coach Michelle middle school Kendra Reeve Polasek.

Other instructors former players Camp dates July 15-17 for 6th graders from a.m.; July 15-17 for 7th graders from 4 p.m.

Parents are to pick up camp session. A cost will be available.

The purpose is to help each in volleyball including skills in setting, serving, footwork and tions.

Registration July 1.

For more information to pick up call (806) 669-0669 or (806) 665-0669.

The three-day fee is \$40. The shirt and one-tion.

Checks should be payable to Ken

BASEBALL

PAMPA — Doughty's baseball camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Harvester Field.

The camp is for 5 to 12 year olds. Doughty is the Harvester.

For questions call 6987 or 662-3100.

TENNIS

PARIS (AI) Williams and Serena overpowered opponents groundstrokes serves Tuesday advanced to Open semifinal time.

Because of opposite sides the sisters can't play other until Sat at Roland Garros.

No. 2-seeded Williams pulled Monica Sele while No. 3-seeded beat Mary Pier just 49 minutes.

Venus will play Ed Clarisa Ferrer in semifinal; Serena will play quarterfinalist seeded Jenni and Jelena Dokic.

SPORTS

Houston-area teammates will stay close to TV

HOUSTON (AP) — When Major League Baseball's amateur draft begins, Scott Kazmir and Clint Everts don't plan on wandering too far from their television sets.

That's because the Cypress Falls High School standouts figure to become just the fourth pair of prep teammates selected in the first round since baseball's draft began in 1965.

Both are expected to be among the first players taken when the draft kicks off at noon Tuesday — perhaps among the top five.

Kazmir is a 6-foot lefthander who struck out 172 batters in 75 innings this season and is widely regarded as the best high school pitcher available.

The Cincinnati Reds have expressed a strong interest in drafting Kazmir with the third pick in the draft, according to Tuesday's editions of the Houston Chronicle.

One Reds official said Kazmir had a "dazzling" workout Sunday afternoon at Cinergy Field in Cincinnati. With about 50 club officials and players watching in the home bullpen, Kazmir was consistently clocked at around 96 mph and also showed off an impressive curveball.

Baseball Draft

But the Reds may balk at Kazmir's demand of \$3 or \$4 million signing bonus, several sources who spoke on condition of anonymity told the Chronicle Monday night.

"It's been kind of a roller coaster the last few days," said Debra Kazmir, Scott's mother. "Scott is more relaxed than any of us."

Meanwhile, a league source told the Chronicle that Everts and the Montreal Expos, who own the fifth pick, have agreed to a \$2 million signing bonus.

Everts is a 6-foot-1 righthander who struck out 157 in 81 innings.

Everts has worked out for Expos general manager Omar Minaya, but he's still not certain where he'll be playing next season.

"The team that picks me will be my favorite team," Everts said. "I'll make the best of it no matter where I'm headed. I'm really excited. These have been the longest days of my life, and I can't wait to find out."

The Pittsburgh Pirates have the first overall choice in the draft and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays have the second pick.

Farmboys split games with Randall, Borger

PAMPA — The Pampa Farmboys have opened the summer high school baseball season.

The Farmboys came away with a 14-5 win over the Randall Renegades on Memorial Day.

Threatening thunderstorms and a cold north wind had no adverse effect on the Pampa batters, who finished with nine hits.

Johnny Moore scattered five hits to earn the complete game win.

Leading the Farmboys at the

plate were Hunter Craig with three singles, Ryan Zemanek, a double and single, and Jered Snelgroves, a triple and double.

The following day, Pampa got behind early at home against Borger and, despite a late rally, still came up short 9-5.

Borger's Cody Session pitched well in recording nine strikeouts. Pampa scored all five of its runs in the fourth inning in a game that was called in the sixth inning due to darkness.

Max Simon and Zemanek pitched for Pampa.

Stars hire other coaches

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Stars have filled out their coaching staff, hiring Mark Lamb to be the team's final assistant.

New Stars coach Dave Tippett announced the hiring of Lamb on Monday.

Lamb, 37, spent the last two seasons as assistant coach of development for the Edmonton Oilers. He also played for Tippett with the

Houston Aeros when Tippett was the team's head coach.

Lamb joins Rick Wilson and former Stars goaltender Andy Moog on the Stars' coaching staff.

Meanwhile, the team opened negotiations last week with forward Kirk Muller, one of seven Stars who can be an unrestricted free agent July 1.

Muller, 36, had 10 goals and 31 points.

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The Harvesters' (from left) Evan Miller, Randy Tice and Adam Jones were all-district picks

Three Harvesters named to All-District 3-4A Team

PAMPA — Shortstop Evan Miller and centerfielder Randy Tice of Pampa have been named to the All-District 3-4A first team for the 2002 baseball season.

Pitcher Adam Jones was named to the second team.

Miller led the Harvesters in hitting and batted .525 with 38 runs batted in during the regular season. Tice batted .378 and Jones posted a 9-3 mound record.

The all-district team was voted on by the district head coaches.

All-District 3-4A Team

First Team

Pitchers: Chance Douglass, Randall, senior; Daniel Betancourt, Randall, junior; Candy Medelin, Canyon, junior.

Catcher: Josh Payne, Randall, senior.

First baseman: Michael Crabtree, Canyon, junior.

Infielders: Evan Miller, Pampa, senior; Isaac Valdez, Caprock, senior; Ryan Mercer, Canyon,

senior. **Outfielders:** Randy Tice, Pampa, senior; Dustin Brooks, Randall, senior; Michael Martinez, Caprock, senior.

Designated Hitter: Jose Garcia, Dumas, junior.

Second Team

Pitchers: Adam Jones, Pampa, senior; Michael Rhyme, Hereford, senior; Bryan Bailey, Caprock, senior.

Catcher: Kyle Haymes, Canyon, junior.

First baseman: Craig Howard, Randall, senior.

Infielders: Cody Weatherly, Canyon, senior; Aaron Birtell, Borger, junior; Wade Conner, Canyon, senior.

Outfielders: Steve Contreras, Caprock, senior; Evan Parker, Canyon, junior; Rogello Deandra, Palo Duro, junior.

Designated Hitter: Sam Sessler, Randall, senior.

Player of the Year: Chance Douglass, senior, Randall.

Coach of the Year: Steve Ribera, Randall.

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NOTEBOOK

SOFTBALL
PAMPA — The City of Pampa will be hosting an adult softball tournament at Recreation Park on Saturday, June 15.

The 10th annual U.S.S.S.A. Coors Light Softball Tournament will offer Men's C-D and Mixed C-D Divisions.

This tournament is a state qualifier and State Tournament berths will be awarded.

Entry fee is \$125 per team. Entry deadline is June 12 at 5 p.m.

Contact the Recreation Office at 669-5770 to enter.

The deadline for Summer Softball Leagues is Friday, June 7 at 5 p.m. The summer season will begin the week of June 17 at Recreation Park.

VOLLEYBALL
PAMPA — The 2002 Lady Harvester Volleyball Camp will be held in July at McNeely Fieldhouse in Pampa.

The camp will under the direction of Lady Harvester head coach Mike Lopez and middle school coaches Kendra Reeves and Deanna Polasek.

Other instructors will be former players.

Camp dates and times are July 15-17 for third-fifth graders from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; July 15-19 for sixth-ninth graders from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Parents are required to pick up campers after each session. A concession stand will be available.

The purpose of the camp is to help each girl improve in volleyball fundamentals, including skills such as passing, setting, serving, spiking, footwork and game situations.

Registration deadline is July 1.

For more information, or to pick up an application, call (806) 669-4900, ext. 37, or (806) 665-0491.

The three-day camp fee is \$25 and the five-day camp fee is \$40. This includes a t-shirt and one-on-one instruction.

Checks should be made payable to Kendra Reeves.

BASEBALL
PAMPA — Dennis Doughty's baseball camp will be held June 10-13, from 9 a.m. until noon at Harvester Field.

The camp is for youngsters 5 to 12 years of age.

Doughty is head coach of the Harvesters.

For questions, call 669-6987 or 662-3016.

TENNIS
PARIS (AP) — Venus Williams and her sister Serena overpowered their opponents with hard groundstrokes and big serves Tuesday as each advanced to the French Open semifinals for the first time.

Because they are on opposite sides of the draw, the sisters can't face each other until Saturday's final at Roland Garros.

No. 2-seeded Venus Williams pulled away from Monica Seles 6-4, 6-3, while No. 3-seeded Serena beat Mary Pierce 6-1, 6-1 in just 49 minutes.

Venus will meet unseeded Clarisa Fernandez in one semifinal; Serena faces the winner of Tuesday's last quarterfinal between top-seeded Jennifer Capriati and Jelena Dokic.

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(Courtesy photo) Col. and Mrs. Wheat, center, with fourth graders Matricia Davis, Rachel Turner, teacher, Riky Caballero, Angie Hoover and Angela Hicks, both teachers, and Lariat Lowrey.

Woodrow Wilson fourth graders visit with penpal

Col. Dewey Wheat and his wife, Gayle, were honored guests at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School recently. Woodrow Wilson fourth graders wrote the Colonel while he was stationed in Saudi Arabia commanding the 1st Battlefield Coordination Detachment in support of Operation "Enduring Freedom." This detachment was deployed from Fort Bragg, N.C. Col. Wheat replied to his fourth grade pen pals and came to meet them when he

was home on leave. The Colonel and Mrs. Wheat are both Pampa natives, graduating from Pampa High School in 1969. Col. Wheat attended Woodrow Wilson as a fourth grader and played the trombone in the Pampa Harvester Band. He holds a political science degree from West Texas State University (1973) and was commissioned in the Army as a second lieutenant upon graduation from WTSU. While living in Pampa,

Wheat's father owned and operated Wheat's Jewelry in the 1960s. Mrs. Wheat's father owned Miller's Grocery. Col. Wheat told the fourth graders about his childhood and about Army life and urged the students to study hard, listen to their teachers, and make something of themselves. In addition, he presented the class with a certificate of appreciation for outstanding support of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers of the 1st Battlefield Coordination Detachment.

Harvester Scholarship Foundation

The Harvester Scholarship Foundation is currently selling granite bricks in honor or in remembrance of loved ones who have attended Pampa High School.

The Foundation is also selling 9-inch resin replica statues of the "Harvester" that is erected in the front lawn of the high school.

Proceeds from sale of both items help to provide scholarships for deserving students pursuing their educational dreams.

The Harvester Scholarship Foundation is a liaison between Pampa ISD and its students, teachers, administration, and employees of present and past.

Anyone interested in purchasing a brick, statue, or receiving more information about the scholarship, contact Pampa ISD Administrative offices at 669-4700.



(Courtesy photo) Carissa Michelle Knoll, right, accepts her award of a 9-inch statue replica for creating a brochure that the Harvester Scholarship Foundation will be using to take orders for bricks and statues. Dick Dunham, Foundation chair, presents the statue to Carissa, a student in Business Computer Information Systems 2 at Pampa High School.

Selective Service compliance report: Texas remains steady at 79 percent

WASHINGTON — The Selective Service System recently released its annual state-by-state registration compliance report card, with Delaware becoming the first state to reach nearly 100 percent compliance since the Agency began compiling this data.

Nationally, registration compliance held fairly steady at 86 percent, down a percentage point from last year's high-water mark of 87 percent.

Seven states increased registration rates by 3 percent or more, with Delaware leading the way at 9 percent. Louisiana, which has historically had low compliance, saw a 2 percent increase, from 75 percent to 77 percent, while Texas and Hawaii remained steady at 79 percent and 75 percent respectively.

Localities showing reduced compliance included Vermont (4 percent), Kansas (5 percent), Maine (5 percent), Rhode Island (6 percent) and the District of Columbia (8 percent).

"Although we would have liked to have seen more and greater gains — and certainly no reductions — we are pleased with these numbers overall," said Selective Service System Director Alfred Rascon. "Our outreach efforts to the educational and community-based organiza-

tions that we launched two years ago continue to work, and prove that even with tight outreach budgets and no paid advertising, innovation can yield substantial results."

This marks the third year that the Selective Service System has issued its state-by-state report card, measuring the percentage of eligible men turning 20 who have registered with this independent federal agency.

Federal law requires that virtually all young men living in the U.S. register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. The American people, through their local, state and federal elected representatives, have made Selective Service registration a requirement for securing a number of opportunities, including federal student loans, job training, jobs with the federal government, and U.S. citizenship for male immigrants.

Twenty-nine states and 71 municipalities have similar laws tying education, training or employment opportunities for young men to Selective Service registration. Additionally, some states are making registration a requirement for men seeking driver's

licenses. Failure to register is a felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

"With the events of the past year, Selective Service registration is probably as important now as it has been at any time in our nation's history," said Rascon. "It sends a crystal clear signal to adversaries of the United States that we stand ready to mobilize national manpower, if needed, to defend America in a major crisis requiring reinstatement of the draft."

He noted that in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, young men unequivocally showed their support for registration by deluging Selective Service's on-line registration site with four times the normal traffic. However, he said, like military recruiting and other acts of patriotism, registration numbers quickly declined to their pre-9/11 numbers, where they have remained.

"The post-9/11 spike in registration and the subsequent return to previous levels hammers home to us the point that we must be constantly aware that 5,000 men turn 18 every day in this country," Rascon said.

West Texas A&M to host vendor fair

CANYON — Representatives from area businesses, including historically underutilized businesses (HUBs), are invited to network and discuss bidding opportunities with state-agency purchasing representatives during the Vendor/Hub Fair at West Texas A&M University.

The Vendor/Hub Fair is scheduled from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, June 13 at the WTAMU Event Center, located on the corner of Spur 48 and 4th Avenue. Any vendors who believe their products or services have state-agency appeal are welcome to attend.

"This will be an excellent opportunity for all kinds of vendors to meet with purchasers and give them some idea of the products they sell," Ann Caraway, director of purchasing and inventory services at WTAMU, said. "Quite a few state agencies

will be represented at the fair."

The fair is being sponsored by: Amarillo College; The Agriculture Program — The Texas A&M University System; Texas Agriculture Experiment Station; Texas Department of Criminal Justice; Texas Department of Public Safety; Texas Department of Transportation; Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation; Texas Tech University; Texas Tech University Health Science Center; Texas Transportation Institute; West Texas A&M University; West Texas A&M University Small Business Development Center.

For more information about the Vendor/HUB fair at WTAMU, contact the Office of Purchasing and Inventory Services at (806) 651-2105.

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Citizenship awards



(Courtesy photo) Braydon Barker and Jackie Gerber were chosen as Best Boy and Girl Citizen of Pampa Middle School's 2002 Eighth Grade Class.

Erick museum honors musician

ERICK, Okla. — The Roger Miller Museum, dedicated to the famous musician, recently opened in his hometown of Erick, Okla.

The new facility is home to a variety of memorabilia and materials relating to Miller's life and career. It recognizes Miller's many accomplishments in the entertainment industry.

The museum is located at the corner of Roger Miller Boulevard and Sheb Wooley Avenue in a brick building dating back to the early 1920s.

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