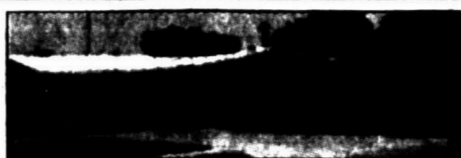
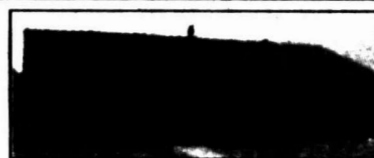




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Dress code meeting

The administration of Pampa High School will conduct a public meeting at the Pampa High School library at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 25, to discuss the student dress code for the 2002-2003 school year.

Free health fair

A free mobile health fair will be held in Pampa on Tuesday, June 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis.

Local community service booths planned for the health fair include Area Agency on Aging, Experience Works (formerly Green Thumb), and Panhandle Council for the Deaf.

For additional information, please contact Amarillo College, Division of Nursing, at (806) 354-6010.

DEATHS

- Michael Leon Hinds**, 20, PHS graduate.
- Thomas Huff**, 78, businessman.
- Aaron Killough**, 24, grandson of Pampan.
- Gilbert E. Morris Jr.**, 77, World War II veteran.
- Kenneth Earl Sutton**, 59, engineer.

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Pampa firefighters tried in vain Sunday night to save a fire-engulfed home at 1226 S. Sumner. From left are Firefighters Jeremy Lymon, Tom Hoover and Keith Arnzen. This morning, the fire scene is outlined with tape, left, as Fire Marshal Gary Stevens investigates the cause of the conflagration.



**Fire destroys
 Pampa home**

Family of six loses everything

**BY DEE DEE LARAMORE
 EDITOR**

A single mother and her five children today pick up the pieces of their lives and search for somewhere to live, while fire officials continue to investigate the cause of the blaze that destroyed their home at 1226 S. Sumner Sunday night.

Donna Estes, a Pampa News inserter, and her five children escaped injury Sunday night when their home went up in flames, but wonder today how they'll replace all that was lost in the blaze. Meanwhile, Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens remained at the fire scene at press time today searching for a cause of the fire that destroyed the carport and back half of the home and severely damaged the front portion of the structure.

The Pampa News was unable to reach Stevens for

comment by press time.

"Right now they're looking for a place to live," said Ferrell Miller, Estes' mother, this morning. Estes and several of her five children took refuge with Miller after the fire. Estes' sister provided a place to sleep for the others, Miller said.

"Thank God, they weren't inside," she added.

Estes has five children — Stormy, 11; Amanda, 10; twins Skylar and Spencer, 7; and Samantha, 5.

Still in shock from the events, Estes said this morning that she and the children had gone swimming Sunday afternoon. When they returned that evening, her boys asked if she would put up a tent so they could sleep outside.

"We were putting up the tent and had come in so the boys could take a shower," she said.

When they came in, she

(See FIRE, Page 3)

Pig protestors mail signatures to Austin

**BY NANCY YOUNG
 MANAGING EDITOR**

Environment versus economy
 Opponents to National Pig Development of North Carolina locating a 50,000-head swine facility in Gray County are attempting a last-ditch effort to stop the company from expanding their operation to 11 miles east of Pampa.

More than 400 local and area residents went to the Lovett Memorial Library Sunday to sign a motion to overturn, urging the Texas Natural

Resource Conservation Commission to review the ENRCC Executive Jeff Saitas' decision.

Dr. Louis Haydon said Monday morning many local residents feel strongly about the environmental damage which could occur if the facility is allowed to come into the area.

"This is a chance for people to express themselves," he said of the drive to ask for a review of Saitas' decision.

He cited fears of water contamination, amount of water usage, air and odor, and soil contamination as among

the reasons for the concern.

More than 400 local and area residents signed four separate motions to overturn the decision rendered by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission on Sunday afternoon at the local library, said Dr. Haydon.

Haydon, a retired Pampa chiropractor and advisor in ACCORD, said several local residents have several individually-written motions to overturn urging the ENRCC Commission take action.

The motions must be in the TNRCC

office in Austin by July 3, he said. He said the original and 11 copies will be mailed Monday afternoon to the state agency to ensure the July 3 arrival date. He said another copy will be mailed to NPD General Manager John Carter, as it is required in the procedure.

He said other individuals still seek signatures to get the commission to review the decision.

If the TNRCC Commission does not act on the motion to overturn within the required time frame of 45 days

(See PROTEST, Page 3)

School board to eye policy

**BY DEE DEE LARAMORE
 EDITOR**

Pampa School Board President Lee Porter today said that the board intends to review a policy that outlines disciplinary action for "improper conduct" by a student leader or one involved in extracurricular activities.

"The board is going to review the entire policy, probably by our next meeting, and we'll be soliciting public input," Porter said.

At their meeting last week, the school board heard an

appeal of student's suspension from two sports events next fall for receiving a ticket for a minor in possession of alcohol (MIP).

After meeting in closed session with the student and his parents, the board reconvened and agreed to overturn the school's disciplinary committee's decision, citing a "flaw" in the policy.

"The policy is about student's improper conduct," Porter explained. "In it there's a suspension for a first offense and then for a second offense, there's a more severe suspension. In this case, a second MIP was the issue. However, without going into detail, (the second MIP) had been dismissed as if it had never happened and our policy does not allow for that."

"The discipline committee acted properly in what they had," he said.

One of the problems with the policy, he said, was the fact that it contains the same consequences for all activities.

"When it's sports and you have 30 games in a season, two suspensions isn't that

(See POLICY, Page 3)

Pampan dies in wreck

Services for Michael Leon Hinds, a 2000 graduate of Pampa High School where he played on the Harvester football team, will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa.

Hinds, 20, died Friday shortly after the 1991 Isuzu truck he was driving southbound on Texas Highway 70 near Dickens, veered to the left, crossed the center line, went off the road and struck a culvert, a Department of Public Safety spokesman in Lubbock said.

Hinds' vehicle made a forward roll after hitting the culvert and came to rest upright, the DPS said. He was not wearing a seat belt when the wreck happened shortly before 11 a.m.

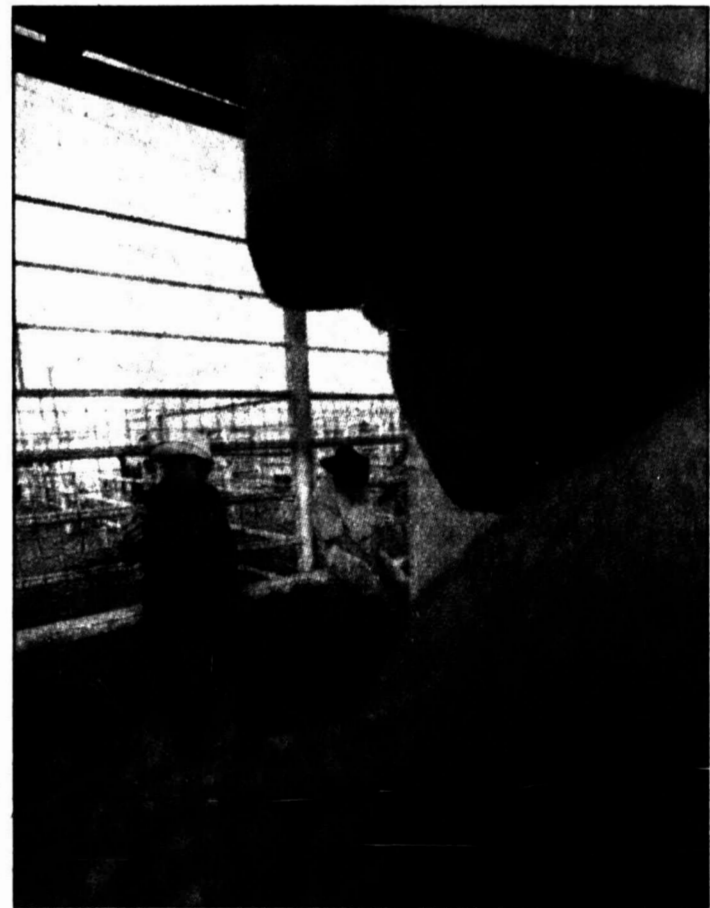
See obituary on Page 2.

Man accidentally shot

A Colorado man narrowly escaped serious injury Saturday when he reached into a waist pouch and accidentally discharged his Smith and Wesson .357 revolver, said Sheriff Lt. Randy Langwell.

Deputies were notified of the mishap by personnel at Pampa Regional Medical Center where Jerry Walker, 41, of Arvada, Colo., went for treatment of powder burns on his left hand.

Rodeo Bible Camp



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Behind the chutes, Jimmy Cleveland of Mangum, Okla., an instructor at Pampa's Rodeo Bible Camp, talks to participants including Brian Flanders of Amarillo, right. The third annual Rodeo Bible Camp is scheduled throughout the week at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena.

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FIRE

said her oldest son Stormy said he smelled smoke outside.

"I went to the carport and when I opened the door, I saw flames. It must have started outside," she said. "We just started running."

The family was able to get out of the home, but were unable to save any of their belongings.

"Everything's pretty much gone," Estes said, adding that she had no insurance.

Pampa Fire Department was dispatched to fire about 9:40 p.m., sending two fire trucks and seven personnel. The fire chief, deputy chief, and fire marshal also responded to the scene.

Because of the size and intensity of the fire, five more firefighters were called in to relieve the others and a booster truck was needed to help transport the firefighters and bring more

oxygen tanks and other equipment to those who were battling the blaze, said Capt. Mike Day.

Firefighters were called back to the scene this morning to extinguish a mattress smoldering underneath part of the roof that had caved in, he said.

A spokesman for Hobart Baptist Church, where the Estes family attend, said the church is accepting donations "of all kinds" for the family.

Clothing sizes for the children, she said, are boys size 14, girls size 8, boys size 7, and girls size 5.

Pastor Jim Powell said the donations can be dropped by the church at 1100 W. Crawford, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, on weekdays.

Local Red Cross officials did not know of the fire until this morning, but said they would contact the family this morning and offer assistance, also.

Bomber arrives



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

An aircraft maintenance crew guides a vintage B-25 bomber in for a soft landing today at the Freedom USA Museum. The nose and tail sections of the World War II bomber arrived in Pampa from Quantico, Va., by truck Sunday. A crew, including Ray Brown of Ocala, Fla.; Cris Furguson of Evansville, Ark., and Chuck Mosely of Weirsdale, Fla., began unloading the twin-engined plane about 7:30 a.m. today. A second truck, carrying the mid-section of the plane, is expected to arrive this afternoon.

Rodeo banners — going, going ...



(Courtesy photo)

Nell Bailey, Susan Ferguson, Debbie Cochran, Lana Miller and Shirlene Topper, left to right, spread out one of the rodeo banners now being sold by the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association for display during the Top O' Texas Rodeo and Kid Pony Show, July 7-13. Persons wishing to display one of the banners, can contact the Rodeo Office at 669-0434 for details.

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PROTEST

after June 10, then the motion shall be, deemed overruled, according to Castanuela.

On May 31 the TNRCC gave approval to NPD to build the genetic pig facility. The emotion-charged issue has been a main topic of conversation in Pampa and the Texas Panhandle for almost a year.

In September 2001, a petition containing more than 1,700 signatures asking for a vote to dissolve the PEDC was presented to city officials.

Two PEDC board members resigned soon after.

Pampa voters voted 1,786 to 1,404 in the November general election to do away with the economic development group.

Many supporters of the dissolution said the impetus to do away with the group was the pig controversy, but said there had been other issues.

The remaining three board members resigned soon after the election.

Pampa City Commission then appointed five new PEDC board members to oversee the dissolution process which is currently under way.

A copy of the TNRCC response regarding the NPD permit application issued by Jeff Saitas' letter following his decision to grant the registration application was sent to more than 400 individuals and groups who had previously requested notification about two weeks ago.

A letter from LaDonna Castanuela, chief clerk of the TNRCC, announcing the state agency's decision giving NPD permission to go ahead with their plans, accompanied the response.

Both pro and con comments made by citizens prior to the Jan. 8 deadline and at a public meeting that night in Pampa regarding the swine industry were included in the response. According to the TNRCC, approximately 250 persons

commented on the facility.

Jean Pieper-Voshell, media representative with the TNRCC, said the public response was quite heavy and resulted in an almost five-month wait for the state agency's decision.

Protesters to locating a swine facility near Pampa organized soon after a July 10 public meeting in Pampa.

NPD officials appeared in a public meeting sponsored

by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation to answer questions about the project.

Active Citizens Concerned Over Resource Development in Ag, Inc. (ACCORD) formed locally a few weeks after the announcement.

The organization bases their objections to the swine facility on environmental issues.

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POLICY

much. But when it's band or choir and they only have three or four competitions a year, two suspensions can mean a lot," he said.

"The real question is, should a school district ..., what level of involvement does the school district have when (the improper conduct) is not on school property or it's not a school function," he said.

"We're going to try to get a broader perspective on this," Porter said, adding, "At some point in time, the parents have a role in this."

"It's something I think that the community as a whole needs to have a say in," he said.

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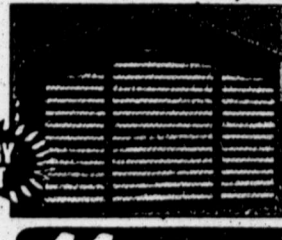
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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Camp Directors Need Parents' Support To Help Keep Kids Safe

DEAR ABBY: I have been a camp director for 14 years. I strongly disagree with one of the suggestions offered by "Frustrated in Georgia" to parents when selecting a camp for their children.

She suggested that if parents "drop in" on a session and are not permitted to see their little camper in action, the parents should ask why they cannot be allowed to meet their children, wherever they happen to be at the time.

Security is a big concern. To limit intruders, everyone must check in at the office. Also, it has been my experience that if kids see their parents — or even other kids' parents — it can trigger homesickness.

The rest of the advice to parents was excellent, but I would like to add two more suggestions:

First, make sure that your camper is never allowed to wander without supervision.

Second, encourage your camper to follow safety rules, even if you don't agree with the rules.

Example: We ask our campers to wear socks and closed-toe shoes because of the terrain. Tops with sleeves are also a requirement, in order to limit sunburn at high elevations.

You would be amazed how many parents don't agree with these rules and let their children know it! Those are the kids we have the hardest time keeping safe.

We've had parents scoff because we limit desserts, try to serve healthy food, and ask each child to drink water instead of soda pop at every meal. Parents send bags of candy with their kids and instruct them not to tell the counselor. Abby, near our campsite, there are bears that love candy.

Please let parents know that most camp employees are dedicated to keeping their children safe and healthy, but we need their support. CALIFORNIA CAMP DIRECTOR

DEAR CAMP DIRECTOR: When everybody knows the rules in advance and follows them, a lot of confusion and misunderstanding can be avoided. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I worked at a camp for several summers and would like to add further suggestions for parents:

(1) Check to see if the camp is accredited by the American Camping Association. I had to go through a couple of the accreditation visits, and they are rigorous. Plumbing and sleeping facilities are thoroughly checked, and random interviews with counselors take place to ensure that everyone is well versed on safety precautions and procedures.

(2) If you have a problem with the camp, let the camp director know. Those in charge may be unaware of the problem, and there is no way to remedy it if they are not notified.

Thanks, Abby.
FORMER CAMP COUNSELOR

DEAR FORMER CAMP COUNSELOR: Thank you for bringing this organization to my attention. The ACA accredits more than 2,000 camps, all of which must comply with up to 300 standards for health, safety and program quality. Its mission is to educate camp owners — particularly in the area of health and safety — but also to assist the public in choosing camps that meet both industry-accepted and government standards.

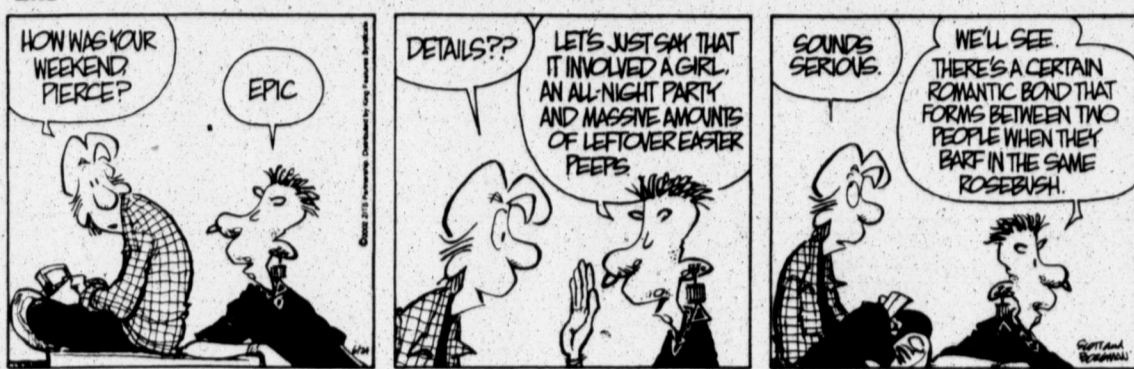
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Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 89440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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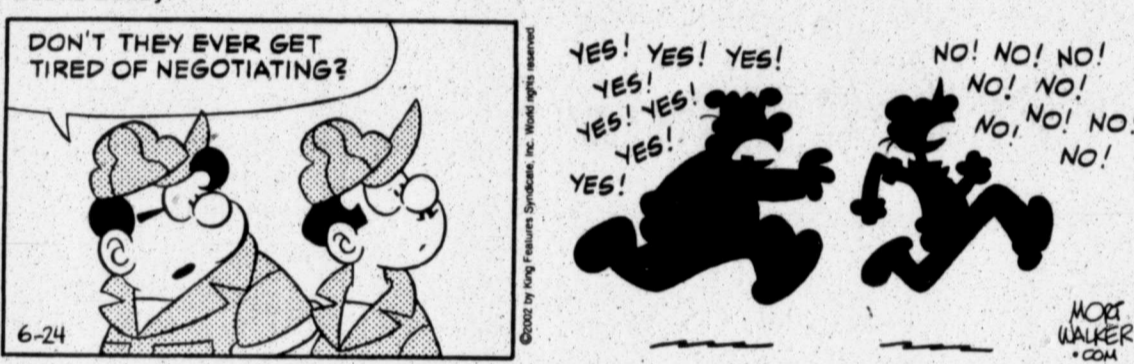
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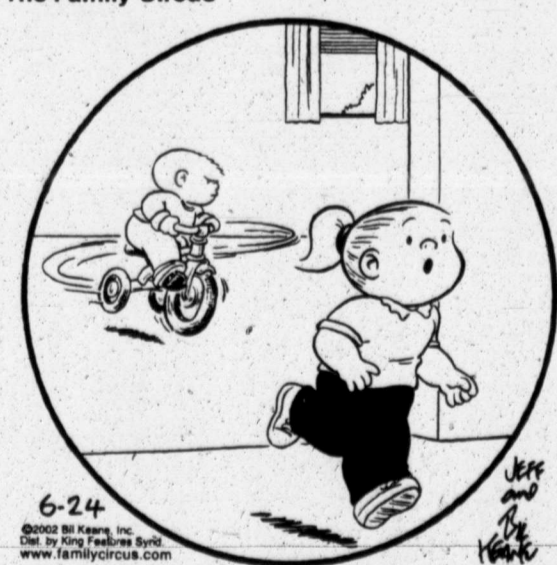
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Pampa meets tonight in pool play.

BASEBALL

CHICAGO Kile of the St. Louis Cardinals likely died from coronary artery, chief medical examiner says.

An autopsy of the 35-year-old pitcher revealed three narrowings of the coronary artery," Dr. Edna said. He said the likely cause of Kile's death was a heart attack.

Kile was fouling out in the bottom of the ninth inning of a game against the Miami Marlins.

Castillo's streak since Paul Molitor's 1987, 10th-longest in the major leagues.

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GOLF

PITTSBURGH Karrie Webb, three shots with three holes to go, faltering Mi Hyon stroke when she bogeyed the first hole.

Webb finished par 68 and a 12-12. She won \$180,000 in career earnings.

HOCKEY

TORONTO NHL draft provisions. The real intrigue is the free agency allowing general managers to tend to immediate needs.

The candy you don't know you buy," St. Louis Pleau said.

Last summer helped the Detroit Red Wings win the final pieces of the Stanley Cup team — sign Brett Hull and Luongo.

Teams expect summer include Rangers, perennial free-agent front-runner Hull a year re-sign goaltender and Toronto, who search for a goal.

The Red Wings learn if defenseman will re-sign or retire or come back year.

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Critics fear new leadership in Hong Kong

BY HELEN LUK
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

HONG KONG (AP) — In Hong Kong's biggest shake-up since its return to China, Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa named a new Cabinet of political appointees on Monday and pledged they will govern even better than the old British-style civil service.

Tung, who is backed by Beijing, will gain more power under what he called the "dawning of a new era for the governance of Hong Kong." Critics say Tung pushed his plans through without adequate debate.

The former shipping tycoon brushed aside charges he was undermining the civil service system, which has a reputation of being free of

politics and corruption.

"In pursuing any reform, I will not allow the integrity and stability of the civil service to be compromised," Tung told a news conference. "On the contrary, I intend to strengthen these core values."

Tung calls the new arrangement an "accountability system," but critics say the new government chiefs will be accountable only to Beijing.

Although Hong Kong is now part of China, it maintains a separate economic and political system and Western-style civil liberties remain in place under an arrangement dubbed "one country, two systems."

Tung remains highly unpopular among ordinary

Hong Kong residents, who view him as beholden to Beijing and big business. The deep economic troubles faced by Hong Kong since it reverted to Chinese rule haven't helped.

Tung's new team will be in place for the start of his second five-year term on July 1, the fifth anniversary of the handover. Tung was re-elected — without opposition — in an unusual process that gave votes to just 800 people,

mostly pro-Beijing figures and special interest representatives.

Tung's new lineup contains many officials who worked their way up through the ranks of the old system. His top three deputies — Chief Secretary for Administration Donald Tsang, Financial Secretary Antony Leung and Justice Secretary Elsie Leung — will keep their jobs.

However, as political appointees, they would be

easier to fire if Tung becomes unhappy with their work.

Tung also named 11 political appointees to serve as secretaries in charge of government bureaus. Six came from within the government and five are outsiders.

The lineup was approved by Beijing over the weekend.

The political opposition has complained that Tung's appointees will not even be vetted by Hong Kong lawmakers. Local rights activists

fear the government will become more politicized, and more likely to crack down on activists, who criticize Beijing.

Tung's spokesman, Stephen Lam, has dismissed such charges as groundless.

He says Hong Kong is preserving the best attributes of its apolitical civil service, a holdover from British colonial days that many view as one of Hong Kong's enduring strengths.

Cal Farley's Family Program to host 10th anniversary picnic

BORGER — Fun, food, and games are planned for the Cal Farley's Family Program "Family Picnic" slated for 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, June 29, at the facility located four-miles east of Borger on Highway 152.

The celebration is in honor of the Family Program's 10 years of helping children and families.

"The reason for the celebration is to renew friendships with alumni, children, and staff, and to weave the history of the Family Program and Girlstown together," said Family Program Campus Administrator Roy Wooten.

Before 1992, the Family Program campus was operated at Girlstown, U.S.A., as a residential treatment center for girls. Amelia Anthony founded Girlstown in 1949.

The public was invited to the "Family Picnic." In addition, a

special invitation is extended to all current and former Girlstown and Family Program residents and staff.

Guests will enjoy food, live entertainment, horse-drawn wagon rides, a dunking booth, a rocket bouncer, and face painting. An alumni luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., in the Gloria J. Glide Dining Hall.

Cal Farley's Family Program is a residential basic-care home for pre-school through sixth grade boys and girls. The Family Program provides a safe, healthy, Christ-centered environment for children for a short term while helping parents focus their priorities.

Today, the Cal Farley organization cares for more than 320 boys and girls at its three campuses — Cal Farley's Family Program, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, and Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A.

PPHM exhibit to celebrate Jazz Age

CANYON — On June 30, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will kick-off "Flappers and Fads: Fashions of the Jazz Age," an exhibit featuring clothing and accessories of the 1920s.

Labeled "The Jazz Age" by novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald, the 1920s were a time of change and revolution. Also referred to as the Roaring 20s, the era is marked by prosperity and reckless optimism, youthful exuberance, prohibition and bootleg liquor, consumerism, radicalism, and bohemianism.

Business boomed and the stock market soared, setting the stage for the devastating economic crash of 1929. The oil and gas industry of the Texas Panhandle developed during the 1920s, sparking a period of growth and development.

Fads such as sitting atop flappoles and dance marathons swept the nation. Jazz music was celebrated by some as the new American music while others denounced it as barbaric and primitive. A new style of decorative art known as Art Deco gained popularity and influenced everything from



(Courtesy photo)

This velvet cloche hat will be on display at the end of June in an exhibit celebrating the Jazz Age at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. "Flappers and Fads: Fashions of the Jazz Age" will showcase clothing and accessories of the 1920s.

product packaging to furniture and textiles.

Glamorous movie stars became style leaders as fashion became increasingly

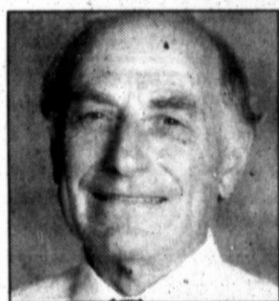
accessible to people at all socioeconomic levels. Racy young women known as flappers bobbed their hair and wore short skirts that

moved or "flapped" as they danced the Charleston.

A typical dress of the 1920s might be a knee-length silk chemise with short sleeves and possibly some decorative beadwork. Close-fitting cloche hats and costume jewelry were essentials.

"A young woman in Amarillo might wear clothes similar to those seen in New York or Chicago," concluded Assistant Curator Susan Denney. "Several of the pieces in this exhibit were worn in the Texas Panhandle."

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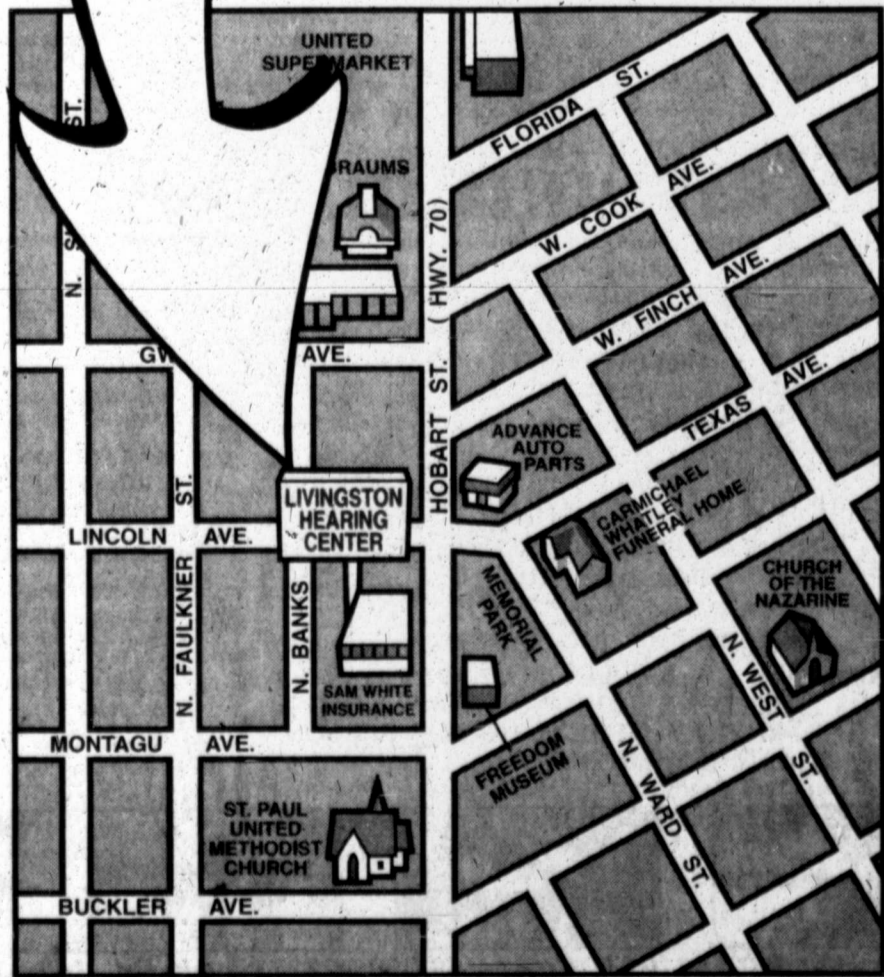
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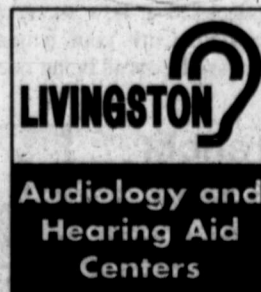
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