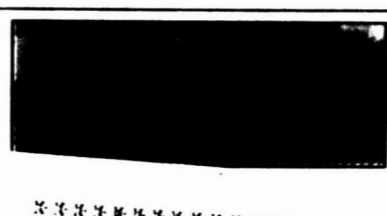


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McLEAN — A free seminar on identity theft protection is set for noon Tuesday at the McLean Senior Citizens Center...

DEATHS
Carl Frederick Anderson II, 58, mechanic.
Nettie M. Bradley, 87, services pending.
Jackie Willis, 58, of Pampa, U.S. Navy, retired.

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Doug Locke addresses commissioners asking them to hire new chief and keep local department.

City fathers asked to keep Pampa Police Department

BY KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Pampa businessman Doug Locke says having both a city police department and a county sheriff's office serves to provide what he calls "a balanced power concentration."
Wearing a black T-shirt emblazoned with the words, Support Pampa Police, Locke made the comments at the beginning of Thursday City Commission budget work session.
Locke is also the father of a Pampa police officer.
There were several others in the audience, officers and non-officers, who wore like shirts. Several police officers in regular street clothes also attended the meeting.
They support keeping a separate police department, not a merger of the city department with the sheriff's department. The feasibility of that prospect is being looked into with an eye

on saving the city money.
Sheriff Don Copeland was praised by Locke who said his support for maintaining the city police department should in no way be a reflection on the sheriff.
Both a sheriff's department and police department are necessary for safety and security, Locke said. He added the city should "go hire a police chief."
The department is without a chief or deputy chief following the retirements of both Chief Charlie Morris and Col. Jerry Young.
Several years ago Locke said a new defunct program that created three separate teams of city officers served to "destroy" the local department due to its "highly competitive nature" that pitted teams against each other.
The actions of a few persons have inadvertently resulted in a cohesive police department once again, Locke said, making reference to (See CITY, Page 3)

Tri-State golfers in town...

The 68th annual Tri-State Senior Golf Association Tournament is scheduled for July 22-28 at the Pampa Country Club course.
Registration is set for today from 1 to 5:30 at the Pampa Country Club with a hospitality hour planned for contestants and wives from 6 to 7 at the Pampa Community Building, 700 N. Ballard.
Golfers will compete in a scramble Monday from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m.
The first round of the 54-hole tournament tees off Tuesday.

The 57-player championship flight will be cut to 16 after the first 18 holes with the remaining players forming the championship flight.
The 68th annual awards banquet will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Pampa Country Club. The Colonel Boyce award will be presented at the banquet in addition to prizes for all the winners.
Former Pampa High golf coach Frank McCullough is the defending champion, setting a new tournament record in his first appearance with a 5 under

708 for 54 holes.
McCullough is the third local golfer to win the title in the past eight years.
Elmer Wilson won twice — 1994 and 1996. Eddie Duenkel won in 1997.
Tri-State Parade of Champions
1935 — R.E. Holmes, Shamrock
1936 — Bob Seay, Clarendon, S.M.
1937 — R.E. Holmes, Shamrock
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(See GOLF, Page 3)

\$9,088 legal bill on PEDC agenda

Pampa Economic Development Corporation board members face a lengthy agenda when they meet at 8 p.m. Monday in the Conference Room at Pampa City Hall.
A \$9,088 bill from the PEDC attorneys generated angry comments from City Commissioner Bob Dixon during the June 24 PEDC meeting. It is on the agenda for the PEDC to discuss it and approve payment.
Other items on the agenda for discussion include U.S. Dept. of Justice Solicitor General's PEDC records and the PEDC 2007 operating budget, disposition of real and personal property and reports due and due (See CITY, Page 3)

Amy Winton — blessed to know her destiny

BY DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

CANADIAN — Few people are blessed to know their destiny.
Most people wander through life, not knowing where they are supposed to be going or what they are supposed to be doing.
Amy Winton is one of the blessed few.
"My primary reason for being is to teach what I know," Winton said.
But that doesn't mean she's less driven than when she was a girl in the forest at her home near New Haven, Conn., or when she moved to the plains of the Texas Panhandle in 1971.
As a girl growing up in New England, she needed red for a painting. She wanted to use her mother's lipstick. It was the right color, but she knew she would get into trouble if she got into her mother's lipstick. Instead, she pricked her finger and used her own blood. It, too, was the right color.
When she first moved to Amarillo, as the wife of a dentist, she could have buried herself in the social swirl. Instead, with the help of artists Bob McKenzie and Ben Konis, she pursued her dreams and pursued them with success. That success, however, was not the end result. It was only the learning, the experience she needed for what she knows now she is supposed to be doing with her life.
Winton said she has now found her place and wants to give back what she has learned, and she's doing just that with her own art academy and gallery in revitalized downtown Canadian.
"Being a landscape painter, I think I will be known most for being a regional artist," she said. "I see something in the land here that maybe being a Connecticut Yankee and being new to the territory and honing my visual skills, I see something here that needs to be on paper that other people will drive right by."
Teaching is not new to Winton. As she worked on her own career, traveling to various art shows and working with different galleries, she also taught. More and more, people would contact her for lessons.
She was living in Amarillo, painting and giving private lessons. One of her students was Janie Hathoot of Canadian, who now has her own studio in Lipscomb.
Winton would go to Lipscomb one day a week and teach.

I loved it, Winton said. "I was good at it, but I found I was good at teaching in Amarillo, too. It supplemented my being on the road and my gallery experiences."
As time went by, she did less traveling because the fine art fairs and festivals were becoming more craft oriented.
"I had a vision of my work being more sophisticated than that," Winton said.
The psychology of where an artist displays his or her art is as important as how good the artist is technically.
As Winton met more of the Russian-Germans in Lipscomb County who wanted their children to be exposed to fine art, she started teaching almost literally out of the back of her Suburban.
She was at an elementary school in Darrowzett one day a week, and at the museum in Canadian another.
"That became difficult to truck my art supplies in and out," she admitted.
Under such conditions, she said she couldn't get her hands on the supplies in a timely fashion to feed the children's creativity.
"Having grown up in a very structured environment," Winton said, "I recognized immediately the need in my own craft to let a child paint a tree in pink rather than green and not superimpose what I did on my students."
She's very passionate about children being exposed to creativity from the inside out, instead of from the outside in.
Winton is also that way with her adult students.
"They had all those years of experience," Winton said of a group of her adult students at Lipscomb. "They just needed guidance."
She instinctively knew that she was to teach, but she didn't know where.
"I kept saying to the universe, my Master Carpenter in the sky, 'Okay, if you really want me to do this, you've got to provide me with the space,'" Winton said.
Nothing happened.
It was through Janie Hathoot that Winton moved to Canadian several years ago.
"I was going to retire," Winton said.
"Everything that's right in life happens effortlessly," she says.
"I came up here to visit her studio, her ranch, to help



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)
Artist Amy Winton in her gallery

her with her art work," Winton said.
That's when Winton found her place, a piece of property up the road from Hathoot.
She ended up restoring an 1898 farm house.
Winton turned to a good friend, Jerry Hopper, a Pampa native, who was a carpenter. Winton and Hopper had been friends for several decades.
Hopper had worked with Winton at Colony Catherine, on a canyon rim south of Amarillo. Colony Catherine was not only the home for legendary artist Bob McKenzie, but a nurturing ground for McKenzie's students.
"He was Bob McKenzie's right hand man, maintenance man, at Colony Catherine," Winton said.
She called Hopper and told him about the house. She also told him that she would only undertake the project of restoring it for her home if he would help.
Winton found out from her 97-year-old neighbor that the kitchen and the back porch area and dining room were the line camp for the Baldwin Headquarters.
"It was built out of caliche rock," Winton said of the house. "The walls are 14 inches thick."
The rest of the house was added on in the 1930s.
Hopper saved every piece of wood to use somewhere in the reconstruction. Few pieces of wood from the house or barn or any of the out buildings went unused.
(See ARTIST, Page 13)

**Did You Know...
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OBITUARIES

NETTIE M. BRADLEY

RUIDOSO, N.M. — Nettie M. Bradley, 87, died Saturday, July 20, 2002. Services are pending with Lagrone Funeral Home in Ruidoso.

CARL FREDERICK ANDERSON II
1943-2002

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Carl Frederick Anderson II, 58, died Thursday, July 18, 2002. Memorial services were Saturday in Roller-McNutt Funeral Home Chapel at Conway, Ark., with the Rev. Bob Branch officiating.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Anderson of Little Rock; two sons, Carl F. "Cal" Anderson III of Nevada and Travis Anderson of Liberty, Texas; three step-sons, Bobby Hale of Mansfield, Ark., and Joey Hale and Galen Sylvester, both of Little Rock; a step-daughter, Michelle Harmon of Damascus; two sisters, Carol Maka of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Roetta Lucky of Indianapolis, Ind.; and nine grandchildren.

JACKIE WILLIS
1944-2002

Jackie Willis, 58, of Pampa, died Friday, July 19, 2002, at Amarillo. The body will be cremated and services scheduled at a later date at Briarwood Full Gospel Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bobby Joe Willis, in 1971; and a sister, Jane Hild, in 1989.

Survivors include his wife, Trudy Ann, of the home; three sons, Raymond Edward Willis, II, and Clayton Benson Willis, both of Medford, Ore., and Jackie Lynn Willis, Jr., of Anchorage, Alaska; a daughter, Elizabeth A.F. Willis of Yuma, Ariz.; seven brothers, Raymond Willis of Truro, Iowa, Earnest Willis and Owen Willis, both of Pampa, Clarence Willis and Donald Hild, both of Inman, S.C., David Hild of Weatherford, Texas, and Fred Hild of Houston; three sisters, Helen Movius of Olympia, Wash., and Julia Willis and grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice of Amarillo, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

Jeb Bush daughter released from jail, goes back to rehab

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Noelle Bush, Gov. Jeb Bush's 24-year-old daughter, was released from jail and allowed to return to a drug rehab center Friday, two days after being locked up for allegedly taking prescription pills from a nurse's cabinet.

Whitehead sent Bush to jail for three days. Jail spokesman Allen Moore said any part of a day was counted as an entire day.

Bush's lawyer, Pete Antonacci, said she tested negative for having taken the pills. He said he did not know what kind of pills they were.

Bush was arrested in January at a pharmacy drive through window after allegedly trying to buy the anti-anxiety drug Xanax with a fraudulent prescription. She was admitted to the treatment center a month later, with the possibility charges would be dropped if she completed the program.

The governor was allowed to visit his daughter in jail for several minutes Wednesday, even though visits are usually limited to weekends.

"She realized there are consequences to her actions and that she has to pay a price," he said. "I respect the judge's decision."

ConAgra beef recall is second largest in U.S. history

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the second largest meat recall in U.S. history, a Colorado company asked Americans nationwide Friday to check their refrigerators, stores and backyard grills and destroy 19 million pounds of hamburger meat because of E. coli concerns.

Seventeen people in Colorado already have gotten sick from beef provided by ConAgra Beef Co. of Greeley, Colo. At least six other cases of E. coli-caused illnesses have been reported in California, Michigan, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming, but none of those cases have been linked yet to the ConAgra beef.

Texas round up ...

Devore, longtime aide to Bentsen, dies
AUSTIN (AP) — Jack DeVore Jr., who spent a quarter century as the spokesman for former Treasury Secretary and Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, has died after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 63.

DeVore, who died in an Austin hospital on Thursday, was a heavy smoker until he quit in 1994 after being diagnosed with lung cancer. He was diagnosed with leukemia last month.

Born in Alexandria, La., on Oct. 20, 1938, DeVore was a former TV news director in El Paso.

In El Paso, DeVore also worked as a ring announcer for professional wrestling matches in the El Paso County Coliseum.

He joined Bentsen's Senate staff in 1972 and spent the next 25 years in Washington, serving first as Bentsen's press secretary and then as an assistant Treasury secretary in the Clinton administration when Bentsen became Treasury secretary.

Tobacco lawyers want judge off case

HOUSTON (AP) — A motion seeking recusal of a judge has been filed by the lawyers who negotiated the state's multibillion-dollar tobacco lawsuit settlement.

Friday's motion was filed on behalf of the five lawyers by their attorneys. The tobacco lawyers want state District Judge Tony Lindsay removed from a case involving their \$3.3 billion in fees because of negative comment, a state senator.

Judge Lindsay, who is married to state Sen. Jon Lindsay, R-Houston, rejected a previous motion to strike her from the case last week.

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn is seeking a court order allowing him to question under oath the lawyers hired by his predecessor, Democrat Dan Morales, to handle the tobacco suit.

The lawyers helped negotiate a \$17.3 billion settlement for the state in 1998 and were awarded \$3.3 billion in fees, which are being paid in installments by cigarette makers.

Second lawsuit filed over lost remains

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — The University of Texas Medical Branch faces a second lawsuit filed by family members of four people whose cremated remains were lost at the facility.

The lawsuit filed Friday alleges negligence in handling of willed bodies and seeks the appointment of an independent monitor or panel to keep track of willed body programs and the Anatomical Board of the State of Texas, the Houston Chronicle reported in Saturday's edition.

The lawsuit is the second one filed since July 1 when UTMB officials disclosed that ashes of some body donors who had stipulated that their remains be returned to family were mixed with the ashes of others.

The problem was discovered during a management audit of the medical center's Willed Body Program that began in March. The audit revealed that records of what had been done with numerous bodies and body parts were in disarray and that some body parts may have been sold for profit.

The findings led to the May 9 firing of Allen Tyler Jr. of Galveston. Tyler, 56, was responsible for the bodies from the time they arrived at the facility until researchers and medical students no longer needed them and he took them to an on-campus crematory. He had worked at the medical center since 1975.

Panel OKs Homeland Security Dept.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's proposal for a new Homeland Security Department is another step closer to reality, even as partisan divisions emerged in a committee vote that produced unanimous support.

The House Select Committee on Homeland Security approved the measure 5-4 Friday night, fracturing the veneer of bipartisanship that had surrounded the issue.

Democratic opposition centered around an amendment delaying this year's deadlines for airports to screen checked baggage for explosives, as well as disputes over whether the new department's chief should have greater flexibility over its work force, and language exempting certain security-related products from lawsuits.

"I believe this product is still flawed," said Rep. Martin Frost, D-Texas.

House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, accused Democrats of playing politics with legislation that should have near-unanimous support.

"It's too bad that this is now becoming partisan," DeLay said.

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WEATHER

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Monday night, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

SHERIFF

Friday, July 19

Chester William Stewart II, 29, 218 Craven, possession of marijuana under two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Holly Dawn Riley, 17, Amarillo, arrested by the DPS for DWI/first offense.

Tonya Brown, 25, 751 Dwight, motion to revoke probation.

Saturday, July 20

Bruce Franklin Redman, 38, 401 N. Sumner, driving while license suspended.

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Factory worker charged in girl's abduction, murder

STANTON, Calif. (AP) — A factory worker acquitted of molesting two girls two years ago was arrested Friday in the kidnapping and slaying of 5-year-old Samantha Runnion, whose abduction sent a chill across Southern California.

Orange County Sheriff Michael Carona said a tip from the public led authorities to the 27-year-old suspect, Alejandro Avila.

"I am 100 percent certain that Mr. Avila is the man who kidnapped and murdered Samantha Runnion," Carona said during a news conference Friday about eight hours after announcing the arrest.

Avila was detained at his mother's apartment in Lake Elsinore, about 50 miles from Stanton and about 10 miles from where the body was found.

No charges were announced against Avila, but Carona said the case was "ready to be handed over to the district attorney's office."

Before his arrest, Avila denied any involvement in the slaying during an interview with the Los Angeles Times and said he told detectives that he was at a mall when Samantha was kidnapped.

He said detectives told him they had found fibers on the body they considered key evidence.

The sheriff credited the speedy arrest to solid forensic and scientific investigation as well as tips from the public and the media's work in spreading news of the abduction and the suspect's description.

Carona became emotional when he described the extent of his investigators' efforts to solve the crime.

"This is a message from me on behalf of Samantha's family to Mr. Alejandro Avila: What you didn't realize when we found Samantha's body and this investigation took place, Samantha became our little girl," he said.

The girl's mother, Erin Runnion, 27, remained in seclusion Friday. Assistant Sheriff George Jaramillo said she was grieving and "arresting the right guy or anybody doesn't change that reality."

Tejano singer dies in South Texas wreck

LA PRYOR, Texas (AP) — Tejano musician and vocalist Santiago "Jimmy" Garcia, whose conjunto foursome had landed multiple awards for its work, died early Friday in a one-car rollover on a South Texas highway.

Garcia, 27, of Eagle Pass lost control of his vehicle after it skidded off U.S. 57 onto a grassy shoulder. The vehicle rolled over several times and Garcia, the sole occupant, was ejected, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

He had been driving eastbound when the crash occurred one mile west of La Pryor shortly after 5 a.m.

Samantha was playing with a friend 50 yards from her front door Monday when she was dragged kicking and screaming into the light green car of a man who had asked for help in finding his puppy.

A 5-year-old playmate witnessed the kidnapping and investigators launched an intense manhunt using her description of the man and the car he drove.

Sheriff's spokesman Jim Amormino said Friday that Avila had access to three light green cars. An acquaintance said Avila was familiar with Samantha's apartment complex because he used to visit someone there a few years ago, before the Runnions moved in.

Avila's mother, Adelina Avila, said her apartment was searched by authorities late Thursday.

"I don't think my son did anything, but I notice he is cooperating," she said. "He hasn't been through this before so he doesn't know what's going on. He doesn't have a record."

Two years ago, according to court records, Avila was charged and found innocent by a jury of molesting two 9-year-old girls and threatening the mother of one of the youngsters. One of the girls was the daughter of his ex-girlfriend.

The allegations surfaced in 1999 when the ex-girlfriend reported her daughter had been molested. The girl lived with her father in the same complex in Stanton where the Runnion family now lives, but spent alternate weekends with her mother in Riverside County.

The ex-girlfriend's foster brother, Lewis Davis, said Avila had visited the girl in Stanton on several occasions in 1998-99.

The father, who has since moved away, said in a telephone interview Friday that he knew Avila through his ex-wife, but declined to comment further.

At the time, Avila told authorities he sometimes baby-sat his girlfriend's daughter and the other 9-year-old girl. He said he had no idea why either would level

charges, the court records show.

Court records also show that Avila's ex-girlfriend sought a restraining order in 1999, claiming he stalked her. It was unclear whether the order was granted.

The Runnions moved to the complex last year, in part to provide a safer place for their daughter.

Emeline Ricalde, the manager of the low-income housing complex, said she saw Avila inspecting a light green car Tuesday.

"He was walking around it and looking at it," she said. "I thought maybe he was trying to steal it."

She said she later learned it was Avila's car.

Samantha's nude body was discovered Tuesday on the edge of a forest, along a highway that connects Lake Elsinore with the suburban communities of Orange County, including Stanton. Authorities said she had been sexually assaulted and suffocated.

Avila has worked since September as an assembler at the Temecula plant of Guidant Corp., which makes pacemakers and similar medical devices. A spokesman said the company was cooperating with investigators.

The arrest was announced after authorities released the 911 tape of the anguished man reporting that he had found Samantha's body.

"I am so scared, it was a little kid. I'm sorry, but I have a 3-year-old son," said the caller, who identified himself as Justin. "It was a baby. I think it might have been the little girl who has been on the news."

In Lake Elsinore, Brianna Barber, 26, stood on her patio watching her 2-year-old child play a short distance from the Avilas' apartment.

"It boggles my mind. I really can't believe he lived right here," Barber said.

On the Net:
Orange County Sheriff's Department:
<http://www.ocsd.org>

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CITY

When word of the meeting leaked, *The Pampa News* interviewed some of those present and an article was published the following day.

"I was a part of initiating this process," Mayor Lonny Robbins said after Locke finished speaking. "In no way were we trying to leave the police department out. When we have something to present to them, we will. It may appear we are trying to lock people out of the circle but that's not the case. When we have something that we think legitimately needs to go further then we will have an open meeting."

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GOLF

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- 1940 - Byron Clancy, Carter, Okla.
- 1941 - John Payne, Edmond, Okla.
- 1942 - Roy Allen, Oklahoma City
- 1943 - Harrison Smith, Oklahoma City
- 1944 - Red Gober, Austin
- 1945 - Red Gober, Austin
- 1946 - Red Gober, Austin
- 1947 - Chick Trout, Lubbock
- 1948 - Red Gober, Austin
- 1949 - Paul Dickinson, Ardmore, 1949
- 1950 - Chick Trout, Lubbock
- 1951 - Chick Trout, Lubbock
- 1952 - Frank Day, Plainview
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- 1954 - Red Covington, San Angelo
- 1955 - J.R. Brown, Amarillo
- 1956 - George Hale, Albuquerque, N.M.
- 1957 - J.R. Brown, Amarillo
- 1958 - A. Pete Edwards, Lubbock
- 1959 - J.R. Brown, Amarillo
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- 1962 - J.R. Brown, Amarillo
- 1963 - Lofton Burnette, Lubbock
- 1964 - Lofton Burnette, Lubbock
- 1965 - Raymond Marshall, Lubbock
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- 1972 - Web Wilder, San Antonio
- 1973 - Harold DeLong, Shawnee, Okla.
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- 1976 - Web Wilder, San Antonio
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- 1978 - Roy Pedin, Kermit
- 1979 - Bob Giese, Amarillo
- 1980 - Bob Giese, Amarillo
- 1981 - J.R. Ferguson, Dallas
- 1982 - Jack Williams, Plainview

- 1983 - Jake Broyles, Lamesa
- 1984 - J.R. Ferguson, Dallas
- 1985 - Bob Giese, Amarillo
- 1986 - Jake Broyles, Lamesa
- 1987 - Ken Bailey, Amarillo
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Who's on first? What's on second? What's going on?

One of the few things about growing old is that one can reflect back on the good old days, and maybe help forget troubles have a laugh or two, but it gets harder for me by each day!

I can remember as a young kid being given 25 cents to go to the LaRita Theater in Dalhart. It cost 12 cents to get in and 10 cents would buy a large sack of fresh popcorn. Before the western movies started there were always newsreels and maybe a cartoon. My favorite was the Three Stooges which everyone has watched over television even today.

Also, there were these two comics — one a short fat fellow named Lou and a tall thin guy named Bud, Bud Abbott & Lou Costello, which had the old comic lines in which Lou says, "Who's on first?" And then Bud asks "Who's on second?" To which Lou responds, "No! Who's on first. What's on second!" Now this goes on and on and I would get very frustrated with both of them for after awhile it's not funny to me any more.

Like the House hearings over television with regards to Enron, Worldcom, etc. I become frustrated because I just want to see someone go to jail for fraud! The Representatives all gathering for hearings ask with great umbrage, "What went wrong?", while at the edge of the TV screen it lists the amount of donations in the thousands made to each House member by Kenneth Lay, former CEO of Enron, or Ebbers, of Worldcom. Both are taking the 5th, refusing to answer such dumb questions put forth with such great outrage. Then they turn on the accountants and auditors who put on a great show of early senility, which makes one wonder if they can still count!

Disgusting, repugnant, offensive, and odious all come to mind as I watch. Hey! Is anyone out there listening? I just want to see those responsible go to jail where they belong.

**John D. Seaman
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Some things just ain't right

One article I read last week said that kidnapping by strangers has always been rare and is probably on the downswing.

That's good to know but sometimes — like now — it certainly doesn't seem so. The high-profile nature of several cases this year has brought the horror into our living rooms ... especially via the black box ... sometimes for days on end.

That's how it's been with the cases of Danielle van Dam — the little 7-year-old in San Diego whose neighbor is currently on trial for her abduction — from her own bedroom — and murder.

Then there's the Utah case of the missing Elizabeth Smart, 14, who has been gone for more than a month. She, too, was abducted at night from inside her own home. I fear she has long been dead.

Then, just last week, a 5-year-old in California who was playing a board game behind her condo with a friend was grabbed up by some pervert who said he couldn't find his puppy. She was found dead about 24 hours later.

As is the case with many things — the publicity can be a double-edged sword.



KATE B. DICKSON
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It's good in terms of alerting people to look for the victims and suspects and be wary but I wonder what it does to children who hear this over and over. How frightened some of them must be.

I remember some years back when Susan Smith in South Carolina drowned her two little boys, Michael and Alex, by leaving them strapped in their car seats and sending the auto into a lake.

Before she owned up to the crime, she said she was carjacked and law enforcement officers and citizens from several states were looking for the culprit. There were even some "sightings."

A friend who lives in North Carolina said publicity there was really heavy ... especially when a "sighting" happened

about 30 miles from her home.

Her little boy was only about 4 then but he was aware of some of the details. It would be hard not to be. TV over and over and, besides, that's what everyone was talking about.

After the truth came out and the boys' bodies came up with the car, the boy — his name also Alex — obviously gave this some thought and came up with at least one frightening possibility.

Just below his home is a lake. He rode by it every day. And he thought about those two little South Carolina boys.

Then he finally voiced his fear. He asked his mother if the next time he was "bad" was she going to put him in the lake, too.

I remember her telling me how she cried as she held him and reassured him.

If he thought that, I wonder how many other youngsters, did too?

And now, they have to worry about someone stealing them from their beds and yards. It just ain't right.

(Kate Dickson can be reached at kbd@pan-tex.net)



Don't throw God out with the bath water

A judge recently decided that God has no place in the Pledge of Allegiance or anywhere else in government. One wonders how people can fall into such foolishness.

We can all be glad that President Bush "sensed" that there was something wrong with this ruling. He tried, but couldn't quite get his tongue on it. Well, it is better to know and not be able to say than to not know in the first place.

Many Americans have a problem with God and government. Basically, I think it is because most are not well-read in British history, nor about the history of the British colonies in North America. Our ancestors were British subjects for about 169 years before they ever thought of becoming Americans.

Also, most Americans seem to think that the American government begins with the First Amendment to the Constitution. Therefore, there is no reason to read the Constitution itself, or heaven forbid, the Declaration of Independence. But that's where you find God sitting — I'm sure these days smugly — in his proper place.

The first problem in setting up a government is to establish authority. If you say the king has the right to rule, you must say why. "Because," it was commonly said for centuries, "it is God's will



CHARLEY REESE
 COLUMNIST

that he should rule." People should have been more honest, perhaps. They might have said because he's the best damned swordsman within a thousand miles and commands the toughest band of followers. But a little verbal honey is rarely turned down by even the bravest of men.

The odd thing is that the process works the same whether the government is to be religious or secular. The party must rule, the Red revolutionaries shout. Why? Because communism decrees that it is so. And if you doubt me, go ask Karl Marx. There really are no atheists around, only competing religionists arguing their cases for their respective gods.

Thomas Jefferson and our other brilliant forefathers were aware of all of this, so the Declaration of Independence, which was to be the explicit stating of the philosophy of the American Revolution, had to address this nagging question of authority.

"All men are created equal ('Who says

so?' cry the people) and endowed with certain unalienable rights ('By whom?' cry the people)." The answer to both questions is as explicit in the Declaration as explicit can be. "All men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights." There's God, sitting right there majestically in the first few words of the Declaration of Independence. Jefferson and his friends substituted the divine right of the people to be free for the divine right of the kings to rule them.

If you try to toss God out of the American system, the whole structure collapses. Try, for example, to defend the proposition that men are equal with no references to God. Try to defend the proposition that men should be free with no reference to God. What are you going to say, "It is convenient fiction that men are equal and for society's sake we should maintain it"? Or "Men aren't really free but they are more docile if we keep them believing that they are"? Or cite the great mantra of sociology, "Studies show that ...?"

Listen, fool (to quote Mr. T), it don't matter what studies show, 'cause they only describe. They ain't an argument for anything.

(Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802)

FROM OUR FILES

40 years
WEDNESDAY, July 25, 1962. Pampa water skiers placed in nine different events Sunday at the annual Rick Shaw tournament at Buffalo Lakes in Amarillo.

THURSDAY, July 26, 1962. Mrs. Bob Callahan, who is moving with her family to Amarillo, was honored recently by members of the Central Baptist Church Women's Missionary Society following a business meeting and program.

FRIDAY, July 27, 1962. Mrs. Virginia Archer, Lefors, was recently appointed Lefors

High School Tax Assessor-Collector.

25 years
SUNDAY, July 24, 1977. Kris Richardson, Pampa, was crowned Miss Top of Texas for 1977 amidst the cheers from a packed M.K. Brown Auditorium at 10 p.m., Saturday.

TUESDAY, July 26, 1977. Six road crew members of the Texas State Board of Insurance arrived in Pampa today to begin the first inspection of commercial buildings in 38 years.

WEDNESDAY, July 27, 1977. The Pampa Babe Ruth

League all-stars moved a step closer to a West Texas Tournament crown with a convincing 7-2 victory over Littlefield at Optimist Park Tuesday.

10 years
WEDNESDAY, July 22, 1992. Coronado Hospital received notification shortly after 1:30 p.m., Tuesday that a tornado had hit Pampa Middle School, causing a roof collapse and injury to an estimated 20 students.

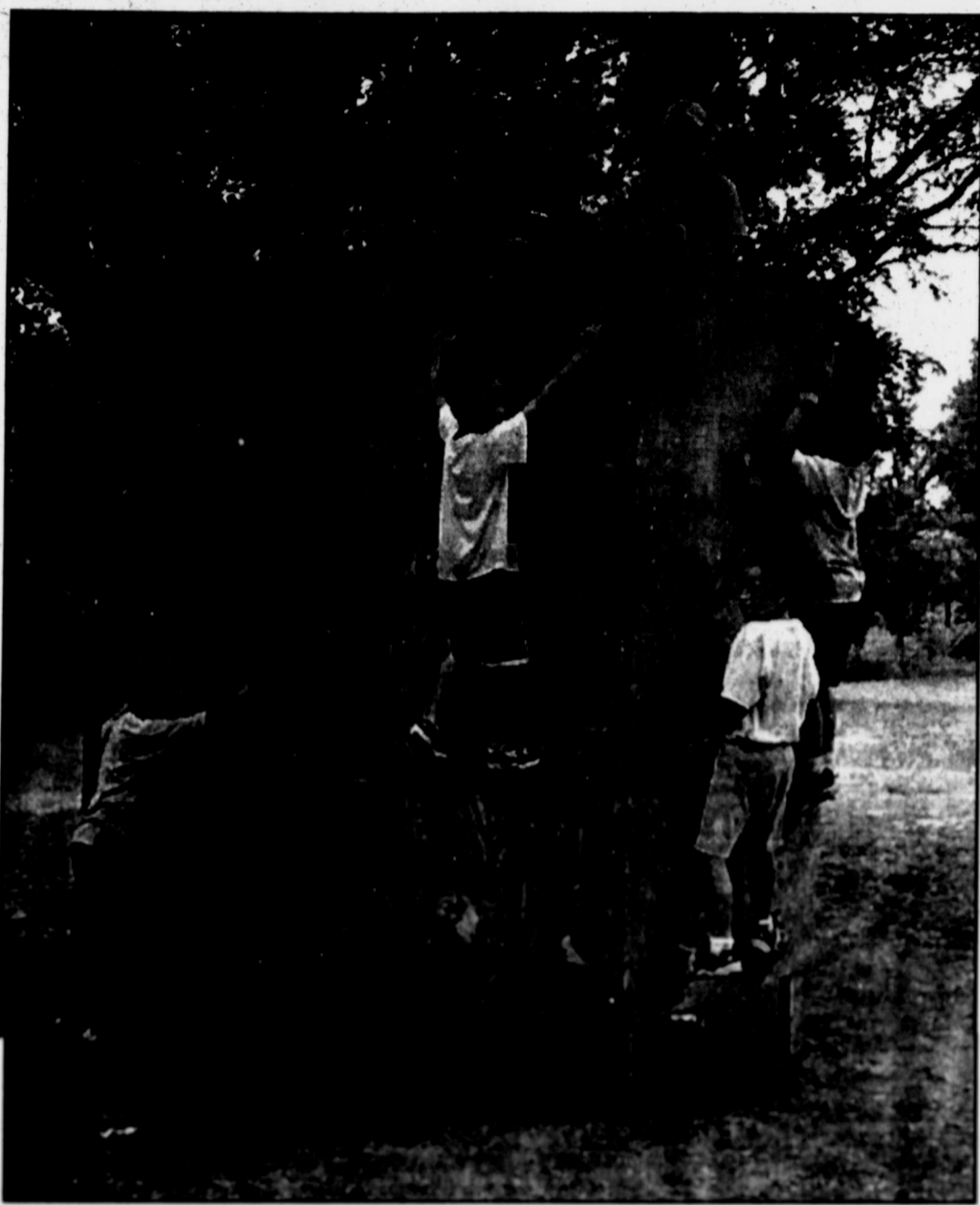
FRIDAY, July 24, 1992. **WHITE DEER** — A standing-room-only crowd watched one of their own excel Thursday

night in the first three performances of the 33rd annual White Deer Amateur Rodeo.

SUNDAY, July 26, 1992. Ann Craig has been named the new social services/discharge planning coordinator at Coronado Hospital.



Cub Scout camp



(Courtesy photo)

Some area Cub Scouts tackled the climbing wall at Santa Fe "Survivor" Day Camp held recently at Camp M.K. Brown. Above: Austin Spinnicle, Olin Boyd, Brenden Rice, and Pierce Holt, all of Pampa, and Bradley Howard of McLean.

Teacher motivates dropouts to make Ivy League students

By ANN WORK
WICHITA FALLS TIMES RECORD NEWS

WICHITA FALLS, Texas — Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth and Princeton are knocking down doors to get to Thomas Urquidez.

So are representatives from school districts, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and education experts nationwide.

The Ivy League universities want his students.

The educators want his secrets.

They're all hearing the news: In his off hours, the Wichita Falls High School At-Risk Coordinator spearheads a personal mission to turn Hispanic dropouts into Ivy League college graduates.

Under his tutelage, Wichita Falls High School students earned \$1.6 million in scholarships to top-flight schools in 2001-2002. His own two sons attend Harvard and Dartmouth with four-year scholarship packages worth more than \$100,000. Urquidez expects more than \$2 million in impressive scholarship offers to rain down on students who earn his recommendation next year.

In three years, the program produced seven National Hispanic Commended Scholars, two National Merit Commended Scholars, one National Merit Finalist and nine Venture Scholars.

"We're producing rarities, and everyone wants one," Urquidez said.

Harvesting the power

His program, "Harvesting the Power Within," couldn't come at a better time. With every census snapshot that shows exploding numbers of Hispanics come other reports that Hispanics under perform in school and rank high in dropout rates. But Urquidez said there's too much money being poured into education nowadays for any student to fail.

"If the president is saying, 'Let no child be left behind,' and the census said we're (Hispanics) going to be 25 percent of the people in the United States, and 85 percent of all Latinos are of Mexican descent — and those are the ones that have the highest percentage of dropouts — we're going to need it big time," Urquidez said.

"If it's not done grass-roots, it cannot get done. We're going

to have to have a partnership with the education system, and the education system has to partner with us."

Urquidez founded the National Hispanic Honor Society and set it down at Wichita Falls High School to complement his "Harvesting" program that begins with a student's own goals and identity.

For years, the Hispanic community has lagged behind other nationalities in income, political clout and vocational opportunities. But he said education is the key to changing all that — and it won't take five generations to do it.

What do they want

"Once you put a worth on yourself, you'd be surprised how far these kids take off to," Urquidez said. "Any student that comes in contact with us, we find out what is their goal, their reality. They perceive themselves differently."

Urquidez asks to see the house they want to live in, the car they want to drive. "Then we say here is the road you want to take. We're just going to give you a path."

He introduces them to students like themselves, already hard at work on similar career paths.

"Hosea here can do it. So can Maria," he said. "We put the cultural competence in there. Help them believe they can do it. Now we have students — sophomores and juniors — already looking at \$26,000 or better in scholarships. The avenues are opening up."

Once their grades improve to Cs, they begin to strive for Bs, Urquidez said.

Soon, college becomes an option and he explains the ins and outs of earning scholarships. "I have kids say to me, 'I didn't know college was that affordable.' They begin seeing things they have never seen before."

Education is the key

To Urquidez, education is

the key that will open the doors for fellow Hispanics to earn higher incomes and exert more influence in their communities.

He knows because it happened in his own family.

When Urquidez was the age of Old High's students, he was a poor student from a family of six children, laboring as a migratory worker in the West Texas fields with his parents and siblings until he was 23. He didn't graduate from high school until he was 20. He struggled so hard to read that he was forced to read books four or five times.

"I had to memorize books to pass tests. I saw people do it easily and I thought, 'These people must be geniuses.' It wasn't until I was 50 that I learned I was dyslexic."

Because of his disadvantaged start, Urquidez knows intimately the uphill battle of the poor kid.

"How do you teach a kid like me? I was a troublemaker. Why was I in trouble? I was big. I was different. I was brown. Brown wasn't in. The worst thing was I was ridiculed because I didn't have my homework."

His parents couldn't help with school tasks because they couldn't read. The Urquidez siblings were forced to help each other. That peer-tutoring concept that would later become the foundation of Urquidez' program worked even then.

Today the Urquidez siblings and their children now serve as principals, county attorneys, school board members, CPAs, doctors, college administrators and consultants. All because they helped each other and made higher education a negotiable.

Teaching poor kids

But Urquidez said today's teachers aren't trained to teach poor kids. (See TEACHER, Page 6)

Drug-sniffing dog miraculously survives shooting earlier in life

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — One look at his X-rays and you know Speed shouldn't be alive. Birdshot is lodged in his head, neck and left hind leg. And there's a slug planted near his spine.

Speed, a black Labrador retriever, has come a long way since getting shot at least three times during his days as a chicken-chasing stray.

Now he eagerly follows his U.S. Customs Service handler through traffic on the Bridge of the Americas, where people are waiting to enter the United States from Mexico. He sniffs fenders, bumpers, tires and anything else in search of drugs.

"His enthusiasm to work is excellent," said Chris Houseman, Speed's handler. "From the first day, he's been a ball of fire."

Speed is one of about 500 dogs nationwide, including 70 in the El Paso area, that dedicate their olfactory talents to the Customs Service.

Many of the dogs are picked up from humane societies, said James Copulos, chief of the U.S. Custom Service's canine operations in West Texas and New Mexico.

"We have officers that scour the United States looking for dogs," he said. "We look for the sporting dog breeds, labs, retrievers. We want a gentle dog that can be worked around the public."

"We're saving them from death row, giving them another chance in life."

Speed, apparently, has had more than a few chances.

Christopher Gamble, a former Customs Service veterinarian, examined Speed when

he arrived at the training center. He determined that Speed had been shot in three separate incidents.

"The dog came in, he was still very active, but extremely skinny," Gamble said. "He had been a stray for a while before he was picked up by the shelter. More than likely he was harassing other people's dogs, other people's chickens."

Gamble said Speed's persistence and enthusiasm — while they almost got him killed — are what make him a good drug dog.

In April, Speed started his new Customs Service job on El Paso's international bridges. Houseman said Speed has been doing as many as 15 "intensive" each day.

In an intensive, a car is pulled out of line so a dog can sniff around the outside, interior, trunk and engine compartment.

Dogs have detected drugs hidden in gas tanks, inside tires and in rear differentials. No technology can match a dog's nose, Copulos said.

"If the odor's available, he'll find it," Copulos said. "Overall, the dog's nose is the most accurate."

Not every dog makes the grade.

Houseman worked with Speed and another dog during a 12-week training program at the service's training center in Front Royal, Va., which also trains dogs for police and other agencies. The other dog washed out, he said.

Speed continues to undergo training, although he treats it mostly like a game. Houseman hides a towel soaked in chemicals designed to smell like drugs. When Speed finds the towel, he gets to play tug-of-war for a few precious minutes. (See DOG, Page 6)

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"They were supposed to teach students who knew how to read and had parents who knew how to help, kids who had a place to do their homework and a family that was supportive. But now we have kids coming into schools that do not know how to read or speak English. How is this good teacher supposed to teach? Who's going to put that link together?"

The students that come into the schools with two strikes against them are the ones Urquidez pursues. He's not looking for the school's best and brightest. The leaders aren't always in the top 10 percent of the class, he said.

"I designed it to teach a person like me."

That student has to be willing to work hard and then turn around and share what he's learned with another kid like himself.

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"If you come to this organization expecting to just take, you won't last long. In this organization, what you learn, you learn to teach," Urquidez said.

The leadership skills that his peer-tutoring volunteer work develops in students is the magnet that attracts Ivy league opportunities, he said.

"The university wants kids that can do something ... They ask, 'What did you do for your community other than serve yourself?' Without that, when you come to the table, you have no bargaining chips. But if you come in and say, 'I have all this

training, I've been mentoring people. These are the students I helped pass the TAAS test...' then (they're interested). That's why they like our students. Our students are the best trained in the nation.

"It boggles the mind the people that call down here. They ask, 'Who've you got graduating this year?' We don't lie. If you don't do the work, you don't get the recommendation. Lots of ethics here," Urquidez said.

Understanding each other
By the time his students sit down with recruiters, they're proven commodities.

"The recruiters (say), 'Wow. This kid is valuable. I don't have to train him.'"

Former Old High principal Mike Ryan has watched Urquidez in action and champions the program.

"If I was a Hispanic in Wichita Falls, I'd be beating down doors to go to Wichita Falls High School. People in Houston are sending kids up to his program."

Ryan said the foundational concept of peer-tutoring is one of the most effective way to teach kids of all ages the things you want them to learn.

"Little kids understand each other's babble," he said.

He's watched Urquidez fill two rooms at Old High during the summer with 45 kids doing SAT prep work. This summer, instead of students slacking off and dropping out of the summer study program, the 30 students who started it grew to 45.

"Now that the program is over, they're asking for more!" he exclaimed.

Four years ago, Urquidez started the program with one student helper: his son, Thomas. The Rider graduate became the first helper in the program while he was still in high school.

During his spring and summer breaks, he headed over to Old High to help teach younger students how to master the SAT. He went on to Dartmouth College, but returned during breaks to continue helping younger students.

Sons help out
Then another Urquidez' son joined in. When Omar, now 20, graduated and went on to Harvard, he continued to return to Old High during school vacations to give the help he received as a student.

Now Harvard pays Omar, considering his work part of an internship with the National Hispanic Honor Society, which Urquidez founded and centered at Old High to under gird his efforts.

During the 2001-2002 school year, a team of peer tutors worked together to send off 22 graduates to some of the nation's most prestigious colleges and universities with financial packages totaling \$1.6 million.

Unbelievably, Urquidez does it all on his own time. "My job description does not afford me this work," he said.

But he's a big believer in serving the community, and he thinks this powerful program will turn the key to opportunities Hispanics have been locked out of until now.

"I have no concept that you cannot do something. Maybe that's what gets me in trouble," Urquidez said. "It has to be part of my trade secret. Even the students who have had the hardest times, it doesn't take long before they start looking at life differently."

He said he begins by preaching the American dream. And then he preaches education.

"I tell them we are in the USA, the greatest country in the world. All men are created equal. But we have to put our portion into liberty and freedom. It doesn't come for free. If education doesn't become part of our system, we will falter."

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DOG

When he smells something suspicious — and he's rarely wrong — he has been trained to scratch and bite at the area of the vehicle where he detects the odor.

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It's too early to determine what Speed's specialty will be; Houseman said. Working the bridge traffic is harder because the fumes deaden the dogs' senses of smell and the distractions are many.

"We'll try to get good at everything," Houseman said. "The more seizures he makes, the better I look."

Houseman said he would like to take the dog home after he is retired, normally after about seven years of service.

"I'll keep him for ... as long as he's working and hopefully, if he retires, he'll come to my house," Houseman said. "He has a combination of everything I like about a dog. He loves to work. He loves to play. He's just a great dog."

Art by Patsy Kisor at Square House

PANHANDLE — Creative and imaginary sculptures and paintings by Patsy Kisor are currently on display through August at Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle.

Kisor enrolled in a sculpture class at Amarillo College in 1983. After studying sculpture for two years at college, she branched out on her own. She is self-taught in both rock and metal, winning a blue ribbon in 1994 with a stone sculpture of two antelopes.

Since then, she has achieved numerous awards in various shows in Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico and is a member of several area art groups.

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ACT

ACT, Inc., education and career planning organization has announced the following do-it-yourself college planning resources on the Internet: www.act.org, www.c3apply.org, www.collegenet.com, www.finaid.org, www.ed.gov/finaid.html and www.fafsa.ed.gov (financial aid sites), and www.bls.gov/ocohome.htm (career planning).

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit http://www.heifer.org, on the Internet.

NESRI BOOKLET

A booklet, "Nuclear, Biologic and Chemical Attack — Survival Resource Guide," is being offered through New Era Survival Research Institute. To receive the free booklet, consumers must send five first-class stamps for postage/handling to: New Era Survival Research Institute, NBC Survival Booklet Offer #NBC0924, P.O. Box 60944, Washington, DC 20039-0944. Additional information is available by calling (202) 882-9000 or via the Internet at www.NewEraSurvival.org.

D-DAY EUROPEAN THEATER REUNION GROUP

Veterans of D-Day and the European Theater of Operations will leave New York May 17, 2002 for a "Reunion Tour" which will include London, Portsmouth, Brighton, Normandy, Paris and more. For more information, contact Sy Canton, executive director, Normandy-European Theater of Operations Reunion Group (WWII), 5277B Lakefront Blvd., Delray Beach, FL; 33484; or call (561) 865-8495.

USS COLUMBUS

USS Columbus Veterans Association is seeking Navy and Marine Corps shipmates who served on the USS Columbus (CA-74/CG-12) 1944-1976 and the USS Columbus (SSN-762) past and present. Contact Alvin S. Lewis, president, 726 E. Covina Blvd., Covina CA 91722-2955; (626) 339-3568; e-mail homepage@lewisengraving.com

82ND AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION

The 82nd Airborne Division Association is seeking new members. Airborne is the only requirement for membership. The Association holds a national reunion each year plus many mini-reunions, picnics and dinner dances. For more information, write AIRBORNE 2001, 5459 Northcutt P, Dayton, OH 45414-3742; or call S.R. Gossett (WWII) at (937) 898-5977.

HOLLINGSHEAD REUNION

The Hollingshead family reunion will be held August 2003 at Moorestown, N.J. The first Hollingsheads arrived in the American colonies around 1700. If you are a descendant or know one who might be interested, more information is available from Brian Hollingshead at HYPERLINK hollingshead@telus.net or write: 2692 Mountview Place, Burnaby, BC, V3J 1E3, Canada.

USABDA

United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association is seeking support for a chapter for beginner social or recreational ballroom dancers in the Amarillo area. If enough interest is expressed, a local steering committee will be formed to guide the project and enroll members. For more information, call 1-800-447-9047; e-mail USABDACENT@aol.com; or write: USABDA, P.O. Box 128, New Freedom, PA 17349.

SHARE!

SHARE! High School Exchange Program, sponsored by Educational Resource Development Trust, is seeking host families for foreign exchange students for a semester or for a year.

The hosts must provide housing and meals. The students are covered by medical insurance and have their own spending money for personal expenses. For more information, call Yvette Coffman at the Southwest Regional Office, 1-800-941-3738.

FSA WEBSITE

USDA's Farm Service Agency has launched a redesigned website located at www.fsa.usda.gov, on the Internet. The redesign includes user-friendly features and easily accessible on-line FSA forms.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance — College Bound is an organization with a listing of over 700 different private scholarship sources for college students. Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; other can be applied towards tuition, living expenses and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4-year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools. For more information, send a SASE (business size, #10) to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

RCIA

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church hosts Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) beginning at 7:15 p.m., Wednesdays at 2004 Williston. For more information, call Aloise Martin at 883-4901 or Peggy Rodriguez at 669-2683.

ST. MARK CME CHURCH

St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

Macedonia Baptist Church

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Jim Greene at 665-8067 and Bill Kidwell at 669-6347. For memorials or donations write Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, P.O. Box 91, Pampa, TX 79065.

PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION

Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building (Chamber building).

SHRINE CLUB

Pampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 7 p.m. every third Friday of each month at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes.

PAMPA TAKEDOWN CLUB WRESTLING

Pampa Takedown Club Wrestling for youth 5-15 years of age. Practice is at 900 N. Frost. Season starts Sept. 25 through February. For more information, call Rick Urganhart at 665-8321.

MAGIC PLAINS CHAPTER ABWA

Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at The Coffee Shop, 220 N. Cuyler. Working business women are invited to attend. For more information, call Pat Winkleblack at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

Lovett Memorial Library will offer a story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday. The free program is open to children 18 months to 6 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

ACCORD

The Gray County Chapter of Active Citizens Concerned Over Resource Development in Agriculture, Inc. (ACCORD INC.), meet the first and third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Lovett Memorial Library. For information, call 665-8516 or 665-7659.

PAMPA WOODCARVING CLUB

Pampa Woodcarving Club meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday of each month at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson. Meetings are open to any individuals interested in woodcarving from beginners to all experience. Projects and

instructors are available. For more information, call 669-3008.

GCAP for Moms and Babies

Gray County Partnership of Moms and Babies meets at 12 noon on the third Friday of each month at Medical Office Building, second floor conference room, in Pampa. For more information, call 665-3631 and leave a message.

MOM MANIA

Mom Mania, a support group for mothers with small children, meets at 6:30 p.m., the last Tuesday of each month in the meeting room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. Come for facts, food and fun. Nursery not included but infants and toddlers are welcome. For more information, call 665-3631.

CPF

Cerebral Palsy Foundation is seeking families with children (birth to age 12) affected by cerebral palsy in an effort to establish a chapter in the area. CPF offers financial and emotional support as well as many free services. For more information, call 1-888-872-7966 toll-free.

GRAY COUNTY ARC

Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross is in need of wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, potty chairs (with pot) and hospital beds for its Loan Closet. For more information or to make a donation, contact the local Red Cross office at 669-7121.

HOSPICE HOPE SERIES

Crown of Texas Hospice is offering HOPE (Healing Our Parental Emptiness) bereavement series for those grieving the death of a child (pregnancy to 18 years) from 10-11:30 a.m., the first Saturday of each month at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. The series is free and open to the public. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

VFW CHARITY BINGO

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open one hour early. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Edgar D. Carson, 669-0853 or 669-1264.

OPEN DOOR AL-ANON

Open Door Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m., Monday and Wednesday each week at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 665-9702.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 2004 Williston. For more information, call 665-6898.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Women's Support Group for victims of domestic violence offers peer counseling, group support and education on issues resulting from family violence and/or sexual assault from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call 669-1131.

GRAY COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION

Gray County Extension Education meets at 1:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Gray County Courthouse Annex.

GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter through the north door of the jail building.) For membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at 669-6294.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #173-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

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OB/GYN Update
by Otoniel Huertas, M.D.
Obstetrics & Gynecology

REASONS FOR C-SECTIONS
Cesarean births, or C-sections, are medically necessary for increasing numbers of women. More women in their 30s and 40s are having babies, and older women generally are poorer candidates for vaginal birth. On average, they gain more weight, have bigger babies, and suffer higher rates of complication such as high blood pressure, and gestational diabetes. Each of these factors can make Cesarean birth necessary. In 1999, a third of women over 40 and almost as many between the ages of 35 and 39 gave birth by Cesarean, compared with just 17% of women ages 20 to 24. Older women are also more likely to undergo infertility treatment, which is also associated with a higher rate of Cesareans.

Times have changed. A Caesarian birth used to be followed by a week (or more) of hospitalization. Through still surgery, better procedures today allow for shorter hospital stays, reduced post-surgical discomfort and complication, and faster recovery times. If you have concerns about the type of delivery best suited for your baby, talk to your obstetrician or other provider. For an appointment for your OB/GYN care, phone my office at 806-273-7771. We are located at 106 S. Bryan, Berger. New patients are welcome.

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West Texas rural hospitals finding it difficult to survive

By LINDA KANE
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LAZBUDDIE. Texas — One minute Ronnie Wilkerson was tending to his cattle in the quiet, vast fields behind his home. The next he was lying on the ground.

"I was just scared. You think, 'Gosh, I sure hope I don't die right here,'" he said.

Showing signs of a heart attack, Wilkerson, 42, was rushed 20 miles from Lazbuddie to the nearest hospital in Muleshoe, and then airlifted to Lubbock.

"I've never flown in my whole life," Wilkerson said. "They said I might not make it to Lubbock if I didn't fly. I was scared to death."

Wilkerson eventually underwent surgery to replace an aortic valve in his heart and is recovering.

His wife, Gina, however, says she worries every day that something might happen again. It's troubling that they live so far from her husband's doctors in Lubbock, she said.

The Wilkersons said they'd like to have health care closer, but it's not realistic in their town of only 500 people, which is 70 miles northwest of Lubbock.

Health care has become scarce in communities such as

Lazbuddie as hospitals and clinics continue to close across rural West Texas.

In the 1990s, 17 hospitals throughout the state closed, including six in West Texas, according to the Texas Department of Health. Another 28 rural hospitals closed between 1984 and 1988.

Most recently, a financial pinch forced a hospital and health care clinic in Hale Center, located 32 miles north of Lubbock, to close in October after more than 50 years. It was one of the last remaining non-tax supported community cooperative hospitals in Texas. Board members were forced to file for bankruptcy after debts grew to at least \$1 million.

F.W. "Ted" Hill, a former board member, said the loss dealt a disheartening blow to the community.

"I think that it's sad that the local people have to travel out of town to get any kind of hospital service anymore," he said. "We couldn't get a tax base, and for a small rural unit, it's pretty difficult to make it without a little tax base."

The hospital board in Post, 38 miles southeast of Lubbock, has faced turmoil since the community's hospital closed in 1996. Garza County Memorial Hospital opened in the 1950s, but the 12-bed facility could not be sustained.

Taxpayers continue to pay about \$300,000 annually to the hospital district to finance a health care clinic that operates during business hours. Covenant Health Systems in Lubbock manages the clinic, but some residents want more.

"The thing that angers the public so much is that we're still paying the same amount of taxes and getting less services," former hospital board member Carol Tobias has said.

The loss of medical services corresponds with declining population in much of rural West Texas.

Population fell in 57 counties in West Texas from 1990 to 1998, making it harder for some communities to support clinics.

"Your health care and the ability of your economy to sustain itself are very much linked," said Dr. Patti Patterson, vice president of community and rural health at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. "You see it all the time. A community will lose its health care, and businesses there will start to move out. When people look at moving to a town, they look at schools and health care."

Of the 108 counties comprising West Texas, 80 are classified as medically underserved and 54 are designated as primary care shortage areas, according to the Office of Rural and Community Health at TTU-SC. Of the 62 counties in the state without a hospital, 37 are in West Texas.

"The hospitals are usually the first or second largest employer in the community, after the school system," said Richard Pope, a vice president at Covenant Health System. "From an economic development standpoint, health care is very important to the future growth of these communities."

Rural facilities get some help from larger companies, like Covenant Health System from Lubbock.

Covenant has lease, management relationships, affiliations or shared-services agreements with 31 hospitals and clinics in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. The relationships with health-care facilities in the region are part of Covenant's mission, according to Jim Bullard, vice president for regional services at Covenant.

"If you have a car accident in West Texas, your chances of surviving are not as good as they would be if you were in

Houston or Dallas, because of the distances involved," Bullard said. "We're so sparse and so spread out that it makes a big, big difference."

Covenant's area network of related facilities helps to improve survival chances, Bullard said.

"We truly believe that with our assistance of helping to

maintain hospitals with emergency rooms in this region, we're adding to the quality of life."

For people like Wilkerson, it's important that officials continue to improve health care in rural communities.

Wilkerson will require follow-up examinations for the rest of his life, he said. At the

least, he'll have to travel to Muleshoe once a month for blood tests, he said.

He'll have to drive to Lubbock periodically, but the inconvenience is better than the alternative, he said.

"It's better than being dead."

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Lefors benefit poker run



(Community Camera photo)

Jennifer Williams recently presented Floyd Lott, Lefors fire chief, with a check from proceeds raised during the "Lost in Lefors" benefit poker run, staged to raise funds for Lefors Fire and Ambulance Services. The poker run, and other activities including a T-shirt sale and celebrity auction, netted \$1,800, according to Jennifer Williams, co-chair of the event. "We've had such positive feedback from this run that we're considering making this an annual event," Williams said.

Bank, museum host Centennial exhibits

As part of the tribute to Gray County's upcoming Centennial celebration, Pampa's civic and study clubs and cultural organizations are exhibiting highlights from their histories at White Deer Land Museum and at Bank of America during regular museum and banking hours now through Aug. 20 and again from Aug. 21 until Sept. 27.

The 11 organizations currently displaying scrapbooks, photos, newspaper clippings, and other historical artifacts are: American Field Service, Beta Sigma Phi, Pampa Community Concert Association, Las Pampas Chapter of DAR, El Progreso Study Club, Heritage Art Club, Top O' Texas Knife and Fork Club, Pampa Piano Teachers' Association, Twentieth Century Study Club, Twentieth Century Cotillion

Study Club, and Twentieth Century Culture Study Club.

From Aug. 21 to Sept. 27, the museum will showcase the histories of the Pampa Home Demonstration Clubs, Kappa Kappa Iota, Pampa Civic Ballet Co., Pampa Environmental Beautification Foundation, Pampa Garden Club, Senior Citizens Center, and Southside Senior Citizens Center.

Two special events exhibits will feature Gray County's 50th, and 80th anniversary celebrations and events from the lives of Woody Guthrie and the late Gray County Sheriff Rufe Jordan.

Currently showing photos and artifacts at Bank of America until Aug. 20 are: Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa, First Pampa Garden Club, Pampa Fine Arts Association, and Schneider

Hotel (75th anniversary).

The Girl Scouts table features badges, crafts, and boxes of the first cookies sold — animal cookies and the famous thin mints. Optimist Club of Pampa shows its many trophies and awards, and Pampa Army Airfield Association shows a cherished 1943 photo of the Pampa Army Air Base with planes flying over the troops in review.

Other groups to exhibit at Bank of America during the first six-week period will be Boy Scouts of America, Desk and Derrick Club, Kiwanis Club, Pampa Art Club, Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art, and Pampa Woodcarvers.

From Aug. 21 to Sept. 27, the bank will be host to tables created by volunteers from American Business Women's Association, Top O' Texas CattleWomen's Association, Civic Culture Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Lion's Club, ACT I, Pampa Retired Teacher's Association, Rotary Club, and Truteen Service League.

White Deer Land Museum hours are 1-4 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday and Bank of America is open 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Fridays. The public is invited to view all the exhibits from now until the end of September.

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The M.K. Brown "Legacy" book is currently on sale at White Deer Land Museum, Hastings and the Chamber of Commerce.

PHOTO EXHIBIT

"Gray County in Black and White," photography exhibit by Jim Jordan and Louise Daniel, is on display at through Aug. 31 at White Deer Land Museum in Pampa.

AMARILLO BOTANICAL GARDENS

Amarillo Botanical Gardens will host a gardening hour from 12-1 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month through Oct. 16 at its location in Harrington Regional Medical Center Complex in Amarillo. For more information, call the Gardens at (806) 352-6513.

VETERANS

Gray County Centennial Celebration organizers are requesting all Gray Co. veterans to sign-up with the county veteran's service so a list of all veterans living here can be compiled for use in the upcoming Centennial Celebration. The County, in conjunction with the observance of its 100th birthday, wants to honor all Gray County veterans. To get listed, call Veterans Service Officer Robert Dixon at 669-8040. You can leave your name and address on the answering machine.

CAPROCK CANYONS

Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway State Park near Quitaque will offer the following programs during the month: Trailway Adventure, 7 p.m., July 1; Family Nature Hike, 9 a.m., July 13; Wild and Edible Plants, 9 p.m., July 13; and Texas State Bison Herd Program, 8:30 p.m., July 27. For further information on the other events, call (806) 455-1492.

CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

In July only, Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, which meets the fourth Saturday of each month, will convene at Gray County Annex. For more information, call Jim Greene at 665-8067.

STAR PROGRAM

Texas Panhandle MHMR's STAR program will offer a free "S.E.S." (Self-Esteem

Skills) class from 10:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesdays, July 9-30 at 1224 N. Hobart, Suite #10, Pampa. S.E.S. is open to youth in sixth through ninth grade. To register or for more information, call (806) 662-9666.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

BSA Hospice will offer the following free grief support groups on Thursdays from July 11-Aug. 15 - from 3-4:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 219 N. Gray, McLean; and from 7-8:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 418 Coolidge St., Borger. For more information or to register, call BSA Hospice at (806) 665-6677 or toll-free at 1-800-658-6985.

FIRST AID CLASS

Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a Community First Aid class from 6-10 p.m., Thursday, July 25, at the local Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell, Pampa. To register or for more information, call 669-7121.

HEAD START

Registration for local Preschool/Head Start students will be from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., July 23 in the cafeteria at Lamar Elementary School.

READING PROGRAM PARTY

Lovett Memorial Library will hold a closing party for the 2002 Summer Reading Program on July 24 at the library. For more information, call 669-5780.

PACS DANCE

Pampa Area Christian Singles Dance will be from 8-11 p.m., July 27, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Music will be provided by "Indian Summer." Potluck supper will be served at 7 p.m. Bring a covered dish. For more information, call 665-7059.

PARADE OF PONDS

Ogallala Water Gardeners in Amarillo will conduct its annual "Parade of Ponds" from 9:30-11:30 p.m., Saturday, July 28. Tickets along with a map and brochure will be available on the day of the tour from any of the homes. For advanced tickets, contact Amarillo Botanical Gardens. To find out more, visit www.amaonline.com/owg on the Internet. Proceeds will benefit

Amarillo Botanical Gardens.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Tralee Crisis Center will provide domestic violence and sexual assault training to interested volunteers beginning Aug. 1. For more information, contact the Pampa office at 669-1131.

BEACH PARTY

Women's Fellowship Ministry at First Baptist Church will host "Beach Party Night" starting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 6 at the church located at 203 N. West. The event is open to all area women. A meal will be served. Cost is \$4. Participants must RSVP by Sunday, Aug. 4. For more information, call 669-1155.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3:30 p.m., July 3 and 24, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and 11 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Canadian City Hall, Canadian.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: July 10 and Aug. 14, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, and July 23, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, both in Pampa; July 3 and 17, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; July 29 and 30, Family Care Center, Shamrock; and July 30, Parkview Hospital, Wheeler. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individ-

ual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

OUTWARD BOUND

North Carolina Outward Bound teen summer wilderness program will offer several courses for teens this summer including a kayaking expedition, hiking expedition, rock climbing and more. Teens are taught first aid, wilderness safety, navigation and environmental stewardship courtesy in the program. For more information call 1-877-77-NCOBS, e-mail challenge@ncobs.org or log onto www.ncoutwardbound.com/summer.html.

EMBASSY MUSIC SEARCH

Embassy Music of Nashville, Tenn., is conducting a New Artist and Song Search. Deadline for application is Aug. 16. For entry forms or more information, call (615) 345-2500 or visit www.embassymusic.com on the World Wide Web.

USS MADDOX

USS Maddox Destroyer Association Reunion will be Aug. 22-26, 2002, at Savannah, Ga. For more information contact Cliff Gillespie at (714) 960-5283.

USS SAINT PAUL

The USS Saint Paul (CA-73) Association will kick-off its 10th reunion celebration Aug. 27, 2002, at Portland, Ore. For more information, call George M. Takis, Jr., at (770) 393-3185 or write: George M. Takis, Jr., Secretary, 125 Spaulding Drive N.E., Atlanta, GA 30328.

U.S. LST SHIPMATES SOUGHT

U.S. LST Association is looking for all LST'ers to participate in an upcoming reunion Aug. 27-Sept. 2, 2002. The reunion celebration is open to

shipmates from World War II to the present date. For more information, contact: Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill, TX 75948; 1-800-228-5870; e-mail USLST@KMBS.com.

ILP

International Library of Photography (ILP) is sponsoring the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. The deadline for entries is Sept. 30, 2002. The contest is free and open to all comers. For more information, write or go on-line at the following addresses: The International Library, Suite 101-2614, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117; www.picture.com.

TEXAS LST

The Texas LST/Amphibious Association is seeking all shipmates, past and present, for a reunion Oct. 10-13 in San Angelo. For more information, contact: Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill, TX 75948; e-mail USLST@KMBS.com.

USS LONG BEACH ASSOCIATION

USS Long Beach CGN-9 Association Inc., will stage its 2002 reunion celebration Sept. 10-15 at Clarion Hotel in Omaha, Neb. For more information, call (716) 569-2314; e-mail LBCGN9@aol.com; write Don Shade, 299 Kiantone Rd., Jamestown, NY 14701-9370; or visit www.uslongbeach-assoc.org on the Internet.

HARRINGTON QUARTET

Harrington String Quartet will perform its 21st anniversary season in 2002-03. The quartet will perform four subscription concerts on the following dates: Sept. 14, 2002; Nov. 16, 2002; March 8, 2003; and May 17, 2003. For ticket information, call the Amarillo Symphony Box Office at (806) 376-8782.

25TH INFANTRY

The 25th Infantry Division Association will hold a reunion-convention on Sept. 4-8 in Branson, Mo. Another reunion celebration is planned Nov. 8-11 at Washington, D.C., in commemoration of the anniversary of the Vietnam War Memorial. For more information, contact: Andy Ansell, RD#3, Box 336, Acme, PA 15610.

WORKING RANCH RODEO

Working Ranch Cowboys Association will stage its Seventh Working Ranch Rodeo Nov. 14-17 in Amarillo. Cowboys from working ranches across the Northern Hemisphere will compete for the title of "Best in the World."

USS SPERRY

The USS Sperry Association is seeking former shipmates who served between 1942-82 for a reunion celebration. For more information, call (517) 784-7810; write George Gallas, secretary, USS SPERRY (AS-12) Association, Jackson, MI 49203-1521; or e-mail georgecarole@modernpool.com.

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AUSTIN — Lance Armstrong, Tour de France cycling champion of Texas, and Texas Gov. Rick Perry recently joined together on the steps of the Capitol building to trumpet the news about the "Texas Conquer Cancer" specialty license plates currently available through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

Proceeds from the specialty plates, autographed by Armstrong, will assist cancer patients and their families with support services.

Armstrong officially put his signature on two plates during this year's Texas Conquer Cancer kick-off event. One of the two plates

is currently being auctioned on E-Bay. Bids will be accepted now through July 28. Funds from the sale will be used to promote these specialty plates to Texas residents.

"The money raised by this plate can help ease the financial burden for many cancer

patients and their families," Armstrong said.

For more information about the Texas Conquer Cancer specialty plates, contact TxDOT Special Plates branch at (512) 374-5010 or visit www.texasconquercancer.org on the Internet.

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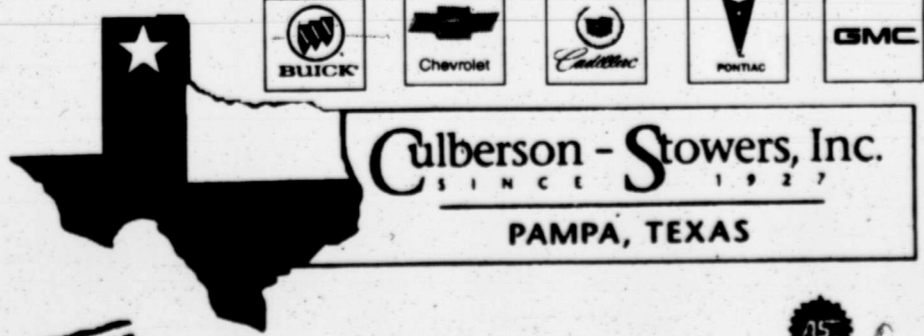
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TDH officials focusing on infants in wake of break out

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Health (TDH) and local health departments are focusing on protecting infants as they continue to battle a surge in the number of whooping cough cases around the state.

"Parents should keep infants away from people who have coughs or cold-like symptoms and should make sure infants and other young children are vaccinated against whooping cough," said Sharilyn Stanley, M.D., TDH associate commissioner for disease control and prevention.

Some 378 cases of whooping cough, including four infant deaths, have been recorded in 41 Texas counties so far this year. About 30 percent of all the cases have been in children under a year old.

Stanley said any infant with a cough or difficulty breathing should be seen by a physician.

Of the state's 378 cases of whooping cough, 86 have been in Burnet County, 54 in Travis County, 41 in Dallas County, 33 in Bexar County, 21 in Tarrant County, 18 in Williamson County, 15 in Hidalgo County, 14 in Cameron County and 13 in Harris County.

In lightly populated Burnet County, with 86 cases in a population of only 40,000, health officials have been battling a continuing outbreak of whooping cough that began in May. The Central

Texas county includes Marble Falls and Burnet. No cases were reported in the county last year.

Stanley said the end of the summer vacation period and mid-August start of Texas school sessions could accelerate the spread of the illness.

"We're concerned that older students returning from camps and other gatherings in other parts of the state may bring whooping cough back to their schools, families and communities, and we're especially concerned about them transmitting it to their baby brothers and sisters," she said.

"Given that a lot of kids don't cover their mouths and noses when they cough or sneeze, the risk of transmission in school is increased," she explained.

She said older children, teen-agers and adults usually have milder cases of whooping cough but that it's more likely to cause pneumonia, seizures, brain damage and death in infants. The elderly and persons with weakened immune systems also are more likely to have severe complications.

Whooping cough, also called pertussis, is a bacterial respiratory illness spread from person to person through respiratory droplets from coughing and sneezing. The illness is most likely to be spread in household situations where opportunities for continual close contact with an infected family member are greater.

Complete vaccination against pertussis includes a series of four primary doses and a fifth booster dose of DTaP, a combination vaccine that also protects against diphtheria and tetanus.

The first dose should be given at 6 weeks to 2 months of age, with subsequent doses at 4 months, 6 months and 15-18 months, and the booster dose at 4 years. Protection increases after each dose. The vaccine is not authorized for people 7 and older.

She said TDH is advising physicians to consider giving antibiotics immediately to patients with whooping cough symptoms and to their family members, instead of waiting for results of lab tests to confirm the illness.

Noting that the vaccine's effectiveness may diminish after a few years, she added that physicians should not rule out whooping cough as a possible diagnosis simply because the patient has been vaccinated.

Whooping cough has three stages: The first is marked by a runny nose, sneezing, low-grade fever and a mild cough and usually lasts for one to two weeks.

The second stage, typically lasting from one to six weeks, includes prolonged spasms of rapid coughs usually accompanied by high-pitched whoops as the person gasps for air. Vomiting

often follows the coughing fits. Sometimes apnea, a failure to breathe, occurs. People usually feel fine between coughing bouts.

In the third stage, the coughing spells occur less frequently as the patient recovers over a two- to three-week span, but coughing spasms can recur for several months.

"One of the biggest problems in controlling the spread of whooping cough is that it's often not suspected or diagnosed in the first stage when the symptoms are so similar to those of colds and allergies," Stanley said.

"It's usually not until the second stage, with the trademark coughing spells and whooping, that diagnosis and treatment occur. But someone with whooping cough can infect others throughout their illness," she said.

The incubation period, or time from exposure to the appearance of symptoms, is typically seven to 10 days but can range from four to 21 days and longer.

People who have had whooping cough are not likely to have it again.

Last year some 615 cases of whooping cough were reported in 70 Texas counties, the highest number of cases since 1968 when 802 cases were reported. The illness has been on an upward trend in the United States for several years.

Natural compound may help brain recover from stroke

WASHINGTON (AP) — Injecting rats with a natural chemical called inosine caused the growth of new nerve tissue and the restoration of some functions lost after a stroke, researchers report.

In a study appearing recently in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, researchers in Boston found that inosine caused the undamaged side of the brain to develop new nerve circuits that helped to restore function in rats who lost the ability to control their legs after induced strokes.

"Inosine stimulates the damaged nerve cells to form new connections that partially take the place of the ones lost in the stroke," said Larry Benowitz, a researcher at Boston's Children's Hospital and an associate professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School.

Inosine is a nucleoside, one of the basic compounds that make up cells; dietary sources include yeast and organ meats, such as liver. In effect, said Benowitz, inosine causes the brain to at least partially "rewire" itself to compensate for the loss of function caused by the stroke.

The most common form of stroke occurs when a blood vessel is blocked, shutting down blood flow to brain tissue. Brain cells die, leading to a loss of the function that those cells once controlled. Stroke patients commonly lose control of limbs, speech or other body functions. A massive stroke can kill.

Stroke happens to about 750,000 Americans annually and is the third leading cause of death, claiming about 160,000 lives annually. Rehabilitation and treatment for survivors cost about \$30 billion a year.

Benowitz said that inosine may work by boosting a feeble tendency by the brain to repair the damage of a stroke.

"After a stroke, humans do show some recovery," he said. "There is a hint in the literature that there is some compensatory growth in the intact part of the brain that allows (some recovery). We think that inosine is amplifying that type of growth."

In the study, the researchers induced strokes in a group of laboratory rats, then put the animals through tests that determined how well they could control the movement of their paws.

The researchers then injected about half the rats with inosine and retested the animals. Benowitz said that after 19 days, the treated rats had nearly normal use of their paws, while only about half of the untreated animals recovered some function.

Benowitz said that microscopic examination of the lab animals' brains showed a growth of new nerve tissue and connections in the unaffected side of the brain.

"The stroke damages neurons on one side of the brain and the growth takes place on the other side," said Benowitz. "The neurons on the good side of the brain sprout new branches that go into the areas that have lost their normal function."

He said there is no indication that inosine causes harmful side effects in the test rats, but studies are under way to determine if the compound leads to excessive nerve growth.

Benowitz said that although it hasn't been proved that inosine will have the same effect in humans, earlier studies have shown that the rat brain, on a molecular level, is very similar to the human brain.

Drops may relieve eye syndrome

DALLAS — Most days, Paula Hurt's eyes felt irritated, gritty and inflamed. The 45-year-old suffered from dry eye syndrome, a tear deficiency that decreased moisture in her eyes and caused Hurt another inconvenience — frequent trips to her doctor's office.

To alleviate some of her discomfort, Hurt enrolled in a study at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas where ophthalmologists are evaluating whether topical drops containing androgen — a male sex hormone — can help clear up dry eye syndrome, or keratoconjunctivitis.

"I just place drops in my eyes two times a day," said Hurt, who has been participating in the study for the past four months. "The medicine seems to have helped reduce the burning sensation in my eyes."

Dr. James McCulley, chairman of ophthalmology at UT Southwestern, said the most common reason patients visit an ophthalmologist is to relieve dry eye symptoms. One out of every 10 patients complain of the syndrome, he said.

"Tears bathe, lubricate and nourish the surface of the eye," said McCulley, director of the Jean H. & John T. Walter Jr. Center for Research in Age-Related Macular Degeneration. "A person with dry eye has an inadequate function of the tear film that leads to excessive tear evaporation or inadequate tear production. If this condition is left untreated, it can cause scar-tissue growth, ulcer development or vision impairment."

The tear film is made up of three layers that aid in maintaining a healthy eye surface. A deficiency in any one of the film's layers causes an imbalance, which can lead to reduced tear production or increased tear evaporation.

Researchers have not yet determined the entire etiology of dry eyes, but they have documented the impact certain hormones, specifically androgen, have on the condition and their contributions in maintaining eye health. People most commonly afflicted with this disease are older adults and women.

"Since women produce less quantities of androgen with age, we think this may be the reason they are more susceptible to the development of dry eye," McCulley said. "Oral estrogen, such as birth control pills or hormone-replacement therapy, further compounds the problem for women because it leads to a relative imbalance in already low androgen levels."

McCulley is conducting a phase II clinical trial on ophthalmic drops containing androgen to determine if they are an effective treatment for dry eye syndrome.

To qualify for the study, participants should be 18 or older and have a documented history of dry eye disease. Participants will use an investigational ophthalmic drop two times daily, plus the use of a secondary artificial tears eye drop as needed. They will also be asked to complete electronic diaries and keep all scheduled appointments.

For more information, contact Mike Molai at (214) 648-4734.

Malaria parasite older, possibly more resistant

The tiny parasite that causes malaria may be older and more resistant to drugs than previously believed, according to a pair of new studies.

Researchers at the National Institutes of Health mapped large sections of the parasite's DNA to determine how far back it dates in evolutionary history and found it may have originated between 100,000 and 180,000 years ago — instead of as recently as 3,000 to 5,000 years ago.

The difference is important when deciding the best way to fight malaria, a blood disease transmitted by mosquitoes that afflicts an estimated 500 million people each year and kills as many as 3 million.

If malaria DNA is fairly uniform genetically, implying it has more recent origins, doctors could more easily develop a vaccine or drugs to prevent or cure the disease. However, if the parasite's DNA has large variations, a vaccine that prevents one strain could lead to mutations that give rise to more resistant strains that could be deadlier.

The studies, led by Xinzhan Su of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at NIH, suggest the parasite is older and more genetically diverse.

"These parasites have accumulated a lot of mutations," Su said. "And unfortunately, diversity does accelerate resistance."

In another study also appearing in the journal Nature, researchers isolated a gene that allows the parasite to resist the effects of chloroquine, a common antimalarial drug.

The researchers found that the gene was not only more widespread than previously thought, but also that it had moved through the infected population from continent to continent with alarming speed, likely helping to shape the evolution of the parasite.

"It doesn't mean that any one place is getting any more resistant than others," said Dr. Joseph Vinetz, spokesman for the Infectious Diseases Society of America. "But it's consistent with what we've already known, and that is this is a really smart bug."

Scientists previously had believed that chloroquine resistance developed independently in only two areas of the world and slowly spread to other countries.

The studies suggest that drug treatment programs should be carefully monitored to limit the spread or increased resistance.



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SPORTS

Championship contest ...



(Courtesy photo)

PAC swimmer Dane Pereira is flanked by summer swimming coach Dakota Teffertiller and head swimming coach Amy Howard. Dane tied at the Lubbock meet for first place for the 8 and under high point award. This award goes to the swimmer who earns the most points in his or her age division.

PAC meet results

The Pampa Aquatic Club competed last weekend in the West Texas Championship meet held at the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center in Lubbock. The swimmers had to have a qualifying time in order to compete at such a high level. The Pampa Aquatic Club had 18 qualifying swimmers. There were so many great swimmers and swimmers that I would like to list a few. Jessica Palmateer placed 4th in the 400 Individual Medley. She swam an awesome time of 7:51.01 setting a new PAC record in this event. Thomas Wilson placed 6th in the 400 Individual Medley with a time of 6:59.50 along with Joe Johnson placing 8th and Derek Wishon placing 9th. The 200 Freestyle was also on Friday night. Dane Pereira finished 2nd in the 10 and under division with an outstanding time of 3:06.77. Samantha Pereira finished in 9th place with a time of 2:56.85 setting a new PAC record for 13-14 girls.

Swimmers were tired but wanted to win and set new records. The first event was the girl's 13-14 200 Free style relay. Telissa Sealy, Heather Kane, Samantha Pereira, and Kandice Maddox finished in fourth place with a time of 2:35.73. In the boy's senior division Michael Eskridge, Tyler Wishon, Joe Johnson, and Ben Whitten finished in seventh place with a time of 2:00.16. Samantha Pereira started the individual events off right by setting a new PAC record in the girls 13-14 200 Individual Medley with a time of 3:21.50. Then in the boys 13-14 division of the 200 Individual Medley Thomas Wilson finished in eighth place with a time of 3:06.88. In the girls 13-14 200 Butterfly Kandice Maddox finished in fourth place setting a new PAC record with a time of 4:29.19. Heather Kane also scored points in this event placing fifth with a time of 4:59.13. In the boys senior division Derek Wishon placed eighth in the 200 butterfly with a time of 3:58.59.

Next, Thomas Wilson finished fifth in the boys 13-14 100 Breast stroke with a time of 1:29.34 and D.J. Elliott finished eighth with a time of 1:34.62. When the 100 freestyle came up Pampa had a tremendous swim by Dane Pereira in the 10 and under division. Dane placed second with a time of 1:19.96 and set a new PAC record. He broke the old record by an astounding 3 seconds. The last event of the day was the 1500. For those of you who don't know how far that is, it is a total of one mile in the water; 30 lengths of a 50 meter pool or 60 lengths of the M.K. Brown pool in Pampa at race pace. In the girls 13-14 division Heather Kane placed fourth with a time of 31:51.14. Thomas Wilson placed second with a time of 26:03.66 and D.J. Elliott placed third with a time of 26:35.63 in the 13-14 division. And in the very last race of the day Joe Johnson had an awesome swim of 20:12.79 to place third in the boy's senior division.

Over all, the Pampa Aquatic Club had a great meet. PAC finished fourth over all behind Midland (1), Lubbock (2), and Amarillo (3). Pampa also had a swimmer receive high honors at this meet. Dane Pereira tied for first place for the 8 and under high point award. This award goes to the swimmer who earns the most points in their age division.

Last Saturday morning started off with the girls 13-14 Medley Relay. Jessica Palmateer, Samantha Pereira, Kandice Maddox, and Jessica Howe finished fourth with a time of 3:02.05. The boys senior relay finished in seventh place with a time of 2:22.44. Swimmers on this relay were Michael Eskridge, Alan Arzola, Ben Whitten, and Joe Johnson. The next event was the 50 Freestyle. Dane Pereira took first place in the 8 and under division with a time of 36.32. Dane also finished first place in the 50 Breast stoke with a time of 57.13. In the boys 13-14 200 Breast stroke Thomas Wilson finished fifth with a time of 3:18.34 and D.J. Elliott finished eighth with a time of 3:32.31. Samantha Pereira finished in ninth place with a time of 3:41.39 setting a new PAC for 13-14 girls.

Butterfly was the next event Pampa Aquatic Club scored in. Dane Pereira finish in second place in the boys 8 and under 50 Fly. His time was and outstanding 53.78. In the girls 13-14 division of the 100 Fly Samantha Pereira finish in ninth place setting a new PAC record with a time of 1:45.79. Thomas Wilson finished seventh in the boys 13-14 division of the 100 Fly with a time of 1:27.25. In the boys 8 and under division of the 50 Backstroke Dane Pereira had a close finish barely getting touched out at the end to receive second place in with a time of 49.05.

And the last event on Saturday was the 400 Freestyle. In the 10 and under division Dane Pereira took a second place finish with the time of 6:33.84 setting a new PAC record. Jessica Palmateer set a new record for PAC with a time of 7:06.64 in the girl's 13-14 division and finished in ninth place. Thomas Wilson came in sixth place in the boy's 13-14 division with a time of 6:04.65. So as you can see Pampa had some great swims on Saturday and still had one more day of competition left. Sunday was the last day of competition.

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BASEBALL

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals acquired left-hander Chuck Finley from the Cleveland Indians for minor league outfielder Luis Garcia and a player to be named.

The deal was completed before the NL Central-leading Cardinals lost to Pittsburgh 12-9, but was held up pending the approval of major league baseball.

Any trade involving the transfer of \$1 million or more must be approved by the commissioner's office. Finley is making \$5 million this year and is still owed \$7 million from his original \$11 million signing bonus.

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Yankees pitcher Orlando Hernandez was suspended for five games and fined \$1,000 by the commissioner's office for hitting Toronto's Carlos Delgado with a pitch earlier this week.

Hernandez's penalty was to start Saturday, but the players' association appealed. No suspension can start until after a hearing in front of Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer.

GOLF

GULLANE, Scotland (AP) — Two-time U.S. Open champion Ernie Els had a 5-under 66 in a steady drizzle at the British Open and was among five players tied for the lead after the second round — the biggest 36-hole logjam at a major championship in 30 years.

STATELINE, Nev. (AP) — Defending champion Dan Quinn and former NFL quarterbacks Steve Bartkowski and Neil Lomax shot 1-under-par 71s to share the first-round lead in the American Century Celebrity Golf Championship.

CYCLING

PLATEAU DE BEILLE, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong made a big move in his bid for a fourth straight Tour de France title by winning the 12th stage.

Armstrong punched the air with both fists as he crossed the finish line after the covering the grueling 123.7 miles from Lannemezan to the Plateau de Beille in 6 hours, 29 seconds.

His second straight victory in a climbing stage extended Armstrong's lead in the overall standings to about 2 minutes over Joseba Beloki of Spain.

OLYMPICS

DENVER (AP) — Olympic gold medal swimmer Donna de Varona withdrew as a candidate for the U.S. Olympic Committee presidency, less than a week after submitting her nomination.

De Varona said she will still be heavily involved with the Olympic movement, but that family and business commitments made it difficult for her to devote the time she would need to serve as USOC president.

BASKETBALL

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Marcus Haislip, the former Tennessee forward selected 13th overall in the NBA draft, signed with the Milwaukee Bucks. Under the NBA's rookie salary scale, he will receive within 20 percent of \$3.87 million over three seasons.

Athletics 10, Rangers 0 Lidle throws one-hitter

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — In one remarkable night, both Cory Lidle and the Oakland Athletics' lineup finally saw some results for all their hard work.

Lidle threw a one-hitter, allowing only Juan Gonzalez's lead-off double in the eighth inning, and the A's had their best offensive game of the month in a 10-0 victory over the Texas Rangers on Friday night.

After winning just once in his previous 12 starts during a slump that tested his team's patience, Lidle (3-8) was nothing short of masterful. With a wicked sinker and an expertly placed fastball, he got within six outs of the 11th no-hitter in franchise history.

"I had a feeling I was going to do it," Lidle said. "Everything was working. I was throwing everything for strikes, and my sinker was really good. (A no-hitter) crossed my mind in the third inning. I thought I had a decent chance."

Lidle has pitched well in all but one of his last six starts, but he had just one victory to show for it. Likewise, the A's lineup has struggled to score runs even with 10 wins in Oakland's last 13 games; Eric Chavez, Terrence Long and Ramon Hernandez have endured some of the worst slumps of their careers.

Everything changed against the Rangers — particularly in the sixth inning, when Oakland scored seven runs. The A's hadn't scored seven runs in any game in July.

"It's good to finally get some results," said Scott Hatteberg, who hit a three-run homer. "We knew the game was in hand the way Cory was pitching, so maybe that loosened us up."

Hospital releases Irabu

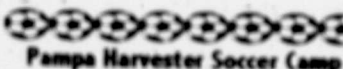
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers closer Hideki Irabu was released from a Kansas City hospital Friday, five days after being diagnosed with a series of small blood clots in his lungs.

Irabu was hospitalized at St. Luke's Hospital after complaining of chest pains and shortness of breath Monday night.

Irabu, who leads the Rangers with 16 saves, will return to Arlington for an examination by team internist Dr. Scott Hunter.

The right-handed pitcher had been given medication and blood thinners to dissolve the clots, then scheduled for additional tests to determine where the clots formed.

Irabu led the Rangers with 16 saves and had a 3-8 record with a 5.74 ERA in 38 games. He was placed on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to July 13.




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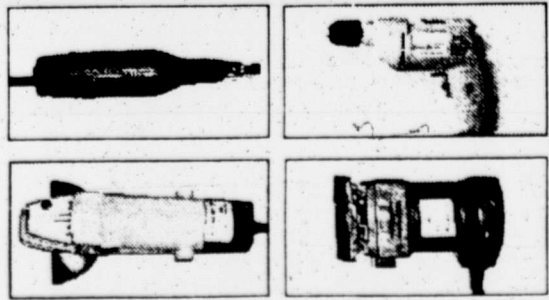
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Nancy Easley, Volunteer & Wal-Mart Associate (left) and Tammy George, Wal-Mart Community Coordinator (right) recently presented a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Friends of the Pampa Library representative Helen Wilson (center) to be used in the Lovett Library Summer Reading Program sponsored by the Friends of the Pampa Library.

Latest study maps seniors' economic impact on state

By MITCH STACY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Contrary to popular belief, Florida's retirees and senior citizens contribute much more to the state's economy than the state spends on them, a new study suggests.

Not only are Florida seniors mostly self-supportive, they provide the state a net economic benefit of \$1.4 billion, according to the study by the consulting firm Thomas, Warren and Associates.

But the head of the AARP in Florida warned those numbers don't tell the whole story, noting that services for the state's growing elderly population are stretched thin and continue to be underfunded.

The study found that in 2000, Florida residents 50 and older provided the state with about \$2.7 billion in economic benefits from sales tax and state fees, while costing the state about \$1.28 billion in health and human service costs. The difference — about \$1.4 billion — was the net economic benefit.

While over-50 residents make up about one-third of the state's population, they account for 52 percent of all spending, the study said. Those spending habits accounted for more than 4 million jobs, meaning that two out of every three jobs in Florida are affected by their spending.

On top of that, the state's 50-and-over residents paid about \$4.4 billion in property taxes in 2000, 47 percent of the total \$9.4 billion collected on residential and rental property.

"Mature residents provide tremendous economic benefit in terms of the taxes they pay, they impose very few costs on the community, and they spend a lot of money," said Gene Warren, president of the Phoenix-based consulting company.

But Bentley Lipscomb, state director of AARP, a nonprofit organization representing people over 50, was critical of the study which used 2000 Census figures and state and federal spending reports. Not enough money is being allocated by the state for nursing home costs through Medicaid, causing a crisis in Florida, he said.

And it's gotten worse because people are liv-

ing longer, he said.

"(The study) is somewhat misleading in that it would have you believe the state of Florida is spending what it should be in providing services to older people," Lipscomb said, noting that the state's Department of Elder Affairs has 15,000 people on a waiting list for services.

Still, state officials say they must continue to court retiring seniors because of the huge economic impact.

Pamela Dana, director of the Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, noted that the 2.5 million Floridians over 65 helped soften the impact of the recession and the loss of tourists when people stopped traveling after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

While others were cutting back, Florida's seniors continued to spend.

"We understand it is a unique and strong industry for Florida," Dana said.

Although Florida's senior population grew by more than 1 million during the 1990s, the rate of increase slowed slightly, the study said, suggesting that people are increasingly looking elsewhere when facing retirement.

The study, which was paid for by WCI Communities, a developer of senior communities, suggests Florida is losing potential new residents to locations such as the north Georgia mountains and the Carolinas, which are aggressively going after what they see as a profitable, clean industry.

"Other states are starting to go out of their way to attract retirees, and they are starting to pull people away from Florida who otherwise would have gone there," Warren noted.

Dana said economic development officials aren't overly concerned with the relatively new competition for retirees from other states and don't have any specific plans to counter it. Private developers and businesses are already doing a good job touting Florida's benefits and drawing people here.

"The way we do battle for the retirement community is to make sure we have safe communities, safe and clean streets and the kind of health care people feel confident in," Dana said.

Tug's eatery, delivery service draws quite a gathering

AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN
By PAMELA LEBLANC

AUSTIN — "You are generous!" someone shouts as a dinghy carrying a load of barbecue weaves through Devil's Cove on Lake Travis, dodging boats, several dogs wearing life vests and hundreds of rowdy people.

Pink-bikini-clad Nicole Taylor is on a delivery mission for Tug's Bar B Que. Before she makes it back to the mothership, she'll drop off five sacks of basket sandwiches, jot down orders from a dozen customers floating in life jackets and politely deflect the cat-calls of several admirers.

The bright yellow restaurant, a 1969 Stardust Cruiser houseboat equipped with a large warming oven and remodeled to look like a tugboat, first pulled into the cove on Memorial Day weekend. A week later, it added the delivery boat to ferry barbecue and watermelon directly to boaters.

"Once they tie up (rafting with other boats in the cove), they don't want to untie to come to me," said Nicole's father Norm Taylor, who runs the business. "These people would jump in the water and swim to my boat because they got so hungry. I had to add a

dinghy with a trolling motor so we could take food to them."

As you might imagine, the sun-baked, beer-fueled clientele tends to differ from that of, say, a quiet little French restaurant in downtown Austin. "Yesterday we served a naked woman," Norm Taylor said. "It's a hoot."

Tug's is open only on weekends. The food is cooked over a pit at Cartwright's Bar B Que, which operates out of the Jonestown Country Store, then loaded onto the boat. Tug's anchors at the front of Devil's Cove, and customers can tie up to the floating restaurant or wait for the dinghy to come by to order food.

Owner Jason Adams spent a recent Saturday driving the dinghy and keeping tabs on barbecue inventories via a two-way

radio. His floating restaurant has a permit from the Travis County Health Department and operates under Lower Colorado River Authority guidelines.

"We've had a number of people contact us over the years with ideas to do a similar type of restaurant, but to my knowledge it's the first time that anyone has followed through," said Suzanne Zarling, executive manager of community services for LCRA.

Customers seem to appreciate the novelty. "Just for the record, we'd be willing to pay \$10 per sandwich," Carey Boethel said from the back of a houseboat, where he unwrapped a \$3.99 sandwich.

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Kristi Danielle Walling

Kristi Danielle Walling of Pampa recently accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Oklahoma State University.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) is a highly selective, national, non-profit honors organization. Founded in 1994, NSCS recognizes first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically.

The Society was established on the principle that with scholarship comes a responsibility to develop leadership and a duty to perform service.

"NSCS provides the opportunity for students, like Kristi, to be recognized for their outstanding academic accomplishments early in their college experience," said Steve Loflin, NSCS executive director. "Kristi will also have the opportunity to join other high achieving college students in developing leadership skills and a sense of civic responsibility."



Elmer D. Whitson

Navy Recruit Elmer D. Whitson recently graduated from basic military training at Great Lakes Naval Base in Chicago, Ill.

During his eight weeks of training, Whitson studied fire fighting, pistol qualification, Navy customs and courtesies, battle stations and much more.

The naval company he is a member of earned CNO Honor Division and the flag for Battle of Excellence.

Whitson, a 2001 graduate of Pampa High School, will next attend parachute repair school in Florida.

He is the son of Dearol and Linda Whitson of Bowie, Texas.



Nick Knowles

Nick Knowles of Pampa was recently nominated a United States Achievement Academy (USAA) "United States Honor Roll" member.

Students nominated to the honor roll are eligible for inclusion in the USAA National Awards Yearbook and also qualify as candidates for a USAA scholarship.

Knowles was nominated for the distinction by Starla Kindle, a counselor at Pampa High School.

He is the son of Chuck and Bethany Morgan and Robert Knowles, all of Pampa, and is the grandson of Bill and Donna Bailey of Borger and Joe and Sue Knowles of Springer, N.M.

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Amy Winton enjoys her studio in Canadian. She now teaches art in the small eastern Panhandle community.

Living her destiny

Photos by David Bowser

Many varied art objects are available at the Winton Gallery in downtown Canadian.



ARTIST

"He built all my furniture out of the barn," Winton said.

Doug Ricketts, a master carpenter now turned artist, built her china cabinet in the dining room, using lumber and hardware from Winton's tack room.

"I was environmentally sculpting as I went along," Winton said.

She painted the rooms to match the sunrise or sunset, but she credits the success of the project to Hopper.

"I really got to respect his sense of design," Winton said. "I never could have done it without him."

In addition to her work and house restoration project, Winton continued to teach. An advocate for art, she took her view of education to the Canadian school board.

"I've seen in Texas," she said, "the emphasis placed on the athletics, and not on the children who are falling through the cracks, who might be gifted in another area."

Consequently, she started going before the board of education in Canadian because there was no art in the public schools at the time.

Since then, the school board has brought in a couple of art teachers that are really good, she said.

It was not, however, that Canadian was bereft of art.

"There was a very active group of artists here," Winton said, "called the Sagebrush Artists that were encouraging, but I still wanted to teach, and I wanted to teach it my way. Not under the aegis of a school curriculum."

Still, nothing happened.

Winton took some time off and went to Italy to paint and study.

She found herself in Tuscany with Jamie Hathoot and some adult students and a teacher that was not always readily available.

"A lot of these students were coming over to Jamie's easel and mine and asking for help," Winton said, "and the juices were flowing again. It was effortless."

When she returned to Canadian, she was called and asked to fill in for someone who was unable to teach at the Perryton Museum one Sunday.

"They called me at the last minute," Winton said.

She went and for two hours just ad-libbed.

"All the way home, I was just flying," Winton said. "I just loved it."

Two days later, she ate at the Cattle Exchange, a restaurant in the old Moody Hotel building in downtown Canadian. After dinner, she walked up the main street and saw a "For Rent" sign in the window of what is now her gallery and art academy.

She rented it the next day.

"I walked in here," she smiled, "and I promise you, Osama bin Laden would not have occupied this place. It was awful, but I walked in the back room, and I could feel it. I knew it, just like I knew it when I walked into that old farm house. It's almost as if I knew it was designed for me to also have this gallery space."

Kim and Michael Lewis who had bought the building were restoring the front.

But even before that, things were happening that would culminate with Winton's gallery.

A year before, Canadian businessman Salem Abraham asked Winton if she knew an artist who could do a painting of a cattleman for the

Cattle Exchange.

"As soon as he told me what the subject was, I said, 'Don Ray of Channing,'" Winton said. "You're not in this business 35 years without knowing who's authentic and who is good."

Ray began working on the painting. Winton also talked Ray and Abraham into making prints of the painting because she knew she could sell them.

Winton moved into her gallery in July, a year ago, and talked to Ray and Abraham about having a show for Ray at her gallery and an unveiling of his painting for the Cattle Exchange during Canadian's Fall Foliage Tour.

Ray also added more original artwork, not just prints.

"That front room became Don Ray's space for one night and a month after," Winton said.

It was successful enough that Winton realized she could operate the gallery as a business in addition to the academy in the back.

With the encouragement of Don Ray's opening, Winton sent out a flier saying she was going to start classes for children.

"I was full in two days," Winton said. "That's teaching three classes after school, two hours long, with a maximum of eight students. I will not take more than eight because I want to be able to really reach them. I'm not in it for the money. I have to make the money to keep the doors open, but I'm in it to pass on my grandmother's gift of taking me around the world to the best museums three times in my young life, and the gift of Ben Konis taking me for the first time to Ruidoso, N.M., and giving me a lesson in trade for a root canal that my husband performed and Bob McKenzie giving me studio space in his studio

that might miss it."

Within a month of opening her art academy, Winton had adults begging her for a night class.

"Tuesdays and Thursdays, I started staying late and doing two hour night classes," Winton said. "Those two classes were full within a matter of two months."

Within three months, she had two families ending scholarships to her academy.

Teachers can instruct others in basic concepts and encourage them, but ultimately it is still up to the student to put what they have learned to use.

"What the students produce spontaneously is the mystery that gives the teacher her real pay," Winton said.

While the academy and gallery have proven to be a success, it has come at a price.

This summer, Winton decided she needed to restore her spirit and get into the countryside and paint again.

She's taken time to travel with her children and her husband.

Consequently, Winton has had visiting professors come to give workshops in areas of their expertise during the summer.

"Jamie is doing the same thing out in the Yellow House in Lipscomb," Winton said. "It's a wonderful opportunity for students who are serious or just enjoy the feeling of creating something beautiful out of nothing. Maybe creating something beautiful is what's real life and the rest is just a holy war."

She keeps the gallery open during the summer because of the increased tourism in Canadian. She changes the exhibits every six weeks and treats her artists the way she wants to be treated by galleries.

Winton has visited with people in the gallery who have come from Alaska, Tennessee, Japan, Germany and Poland.

"They're just walking up main street to get an ice cream cone," Winton said.

But while her soul is one of an artist, she has the mind for business.

Her father was an exceptional businessman in Connecticut.

"I'm using some of the skills I learned following my Dad to his factory every Saturday morning," Winton said.



Winton displays one of her original creations at her gallery in Canadian.



Working in a corner of her studio, Amy Winton spends time with her own creations.

when I first started out. This is payback time."

Gerald Sanders, an artist from Pampa whose work is on exhibit at Winton's gallery this summer also helped her through the difficult times following the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Towers in New York last September.

"You're talking about my backyard," Winton said. "That's where I grew up."

I have some wonderful memories from the restaurant on top there. I knew people there."

Those men and her grandmother, Winton said, did pro bono work for her, and she hasn't forgotten it.

"I want to pass on everything I've learned and everything I've seen," she said, "to a generation

Her father was an exceptional businessman in Connecticut.

"I'm using some of the skills I learned following my Dad to his factory every Saturday morning," Winton said.

That business sense has made the gallery and academy grow, but it's the students who drive her.

"My primary motive is to expose the students," Winton said. "If I get off the track from my primary motive, the reason I'm here is to teach, then I'm going to go under. I believe that these children need to be exposed to the finished product in its finest form because they might not ever be exposed to a museum until they're an adult."

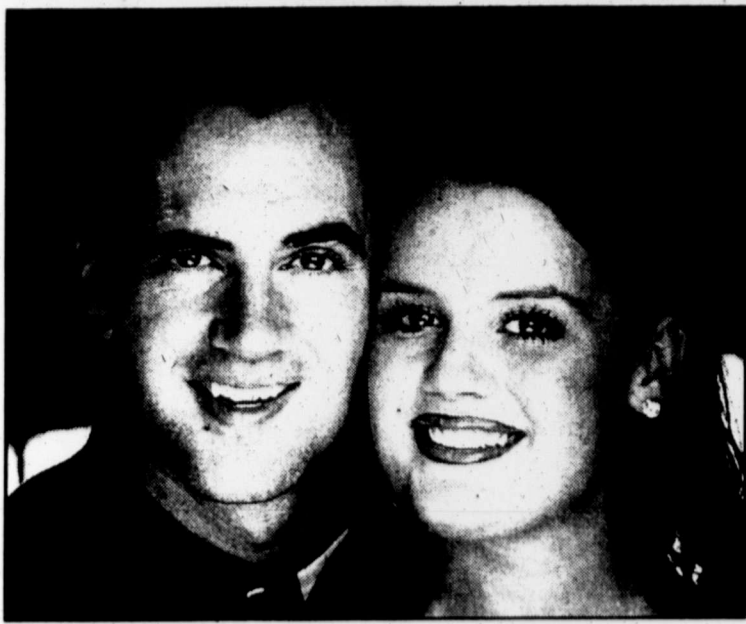
ENGAGEMENTS

Shelton-Baize

Traci Lanae Shelton and Todd Garland Baize plan to wed Oct. 5, 2002, in Central Baptist Church in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Lonnie and Marilyn Shelton, is the granddaughter of Gene and Ernestine Cade and Joy and Junior Shelton, and is the great-granddaughter of Ollie Knotts, all of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2000 and is currently a junior interior design student.

The prospective groom is the son of Van and Rene Baize of Bowie. He graduated from Wheeler High School in 1994



Todd Garland Baize and Traci Lanae Shelton

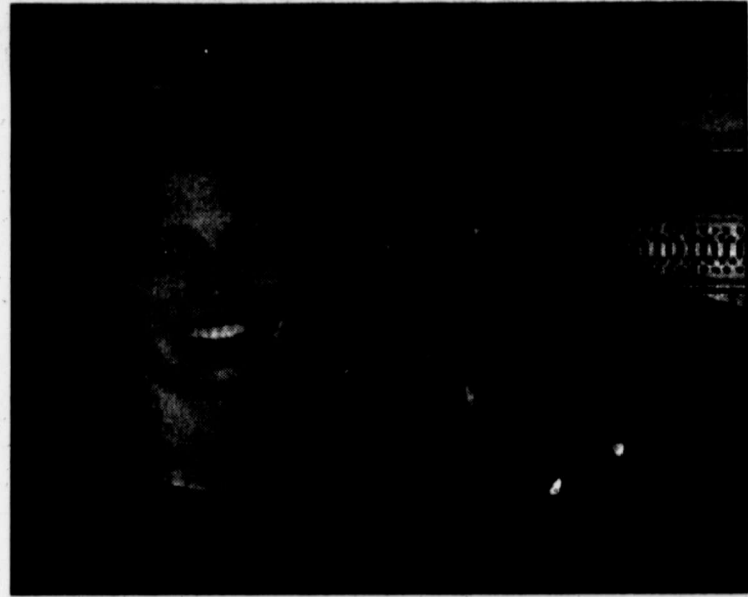
and from West Texas A&M University in 1999, receiving a degree in finance. He is currently a commercial loan officer with Amarillo National Bank.

Watson-Belcher

Amy Michelle Watson and Jay Frank Belcher plan to wed Aug. 10, 2002, in Hobart Baptist Church in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Randy and Becky Watson and is the granddaughter of Glen and Melba Watson and Paul and Jessie Gercken, all of Pampa. She graduated from West Texas A&M University and worked on the Disney Cruise ship in 2000. She will be teaching school in Stinnett in the fall.

The prospective groom is the son of Frank and Jeannie



Amy Michelle Watson and Jay Frank Belcher

Belcher of Canadian and is the grandson of Virgil and Ann Belcher of Amarillo and Cleo and Donna Goff of

Pampa. He graduated from West Texas A&M University and is currently coaching and teaching in Stinnett.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Garner-Pierce

Heather Garner and Kyle Pierce, both of Amarillo, were wed July 6, 2002, at First United Methodist Church in Pampa with Rick Burkhalter, of St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Lubbock, officiating.

The matron of honor was Mandy Archibald of Pampa. The bridesmaids were Amanda Padgett of Amarillo, Christina McSperritt of Hydro, Okla., Shalyn Garner and Teryn Garner, both of Pampa, and Kelsy Pierce of Lubbock. The flower girls were Bailee and Emily Scott of Pampa.

The best man was Rance Barnett of Amarillo. The groomsmen were Tyson Whittle and Todd Hinsley, both of Floydada, Justin McGuire of Canyon, and Zack Brown and Keenan Cruce, both of Lubbock. The ring bearers were Jordan Baker of Pampa and Keegan Barnett of Amarillo.

The ushers were Brandon Scott of Pampa and Corey Clemens and Juston Weems, both of Lubbock. The candlelighters were Shalyn and Teryn Garner of Pampa.

Registering the guests was Kaci Cooper of Amarillo. Music was provided by pianist Sara Beth Hall of McLean and vocalist Scott Bivens of Lubbock.

A reception was held following the service in Pamcel Hall in Pampa with Melody Baker, Sherry Tyrrell, Keeley Topper, and Cassi Shephard, all of Pampa, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Terry and Melissa Garner of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1997 and from West Texas A&M University in 2002, earning a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She is currently employed as a manager at Abercrombie and Fitch in Lubbock.



Heather Garner and Kyle Pierce

The groom is the son of Stan Pierce of Floydada and Wendy Pierce of Lubbock. He graduated from Floydada High School in 1998 and is currently attending Texas Tech University. He is presently employed by Lee Lewis Construction in Lubbock.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Las Vegas, Nev., and intend to make their home in Lubbock.



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Protein is a part of all living things. It is needed for the growth and repair of body tissues such as muscles, blood, bones, hair, skin, and nails. Enzymes, hormones, and antibodies also are proteins. They provide children with the right "stuff" to grow, help us heal wounds, make antibodies to fight infection, and maintain the health of muscles and other tissues. As you can see, protein is very important!

Most people eat meat as their main source of protein, but there are other sources. These are classified as complete and incomplete proteins. Incomplete proteins are found in the bread, cereal, rice, and pasta group, the vegetable group or in meat substitutes.

Examples of incomplete proteins are bread, tortillas, rice, beans, and peanuts. It is possible to make proteins complete by eating incomplete proteins together, such as eating peanut butter and bread or beans and tortillas.

What's the difference between complete and incomplete proteins? Complete proteins contain all of the essential amino acids in just the right amounts. When our bodies have the correct amino acids, protein can perform its function (heal wounds and make antibodies to fight infection.) Complete proteins generally are found in animal products such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs, milk, and milk products.

Iron is an important nutrient provided by foods high in protein. Iron is important for healthy blood. It is the mineral that gives blood its red color and that carries oxygen.

Someone with "iron-poor" blood actually has iron deficiency anemia. This person has blood that is pale red and

carries very little oxygen, making them tired.

Foods that are good sources of iron include meats (especially red meat), beans, whole grains, enriched grains, prunes, dried apricots, raisins, spinach, lima beans, black-eyed peas, green peas, and asparagus.

To get all the iron you can from plant sources, eat them with a food that is high in vitamin C or a small amount of meat.

Meat alternatives such as beans, peanut butter, tofu (soybean curd), lentils, and nuts tend to cost less per serving than meat. Additionally, protein from animals is almost always paired with fat.

Scientists studying heart disease and cancer have noticed that people eating more than the recommended amounts of meat on a regular basis are at higher risk for these diseases than people who eat large amounts of plant protein.

Eggs are another inexpensive meat alternative. They are a good source of complete protein as well as vitamins and minerals. However, the yolk of the egg is high in cholesterol.

Currently the American Heart Association recommends that healthy people limit themselves to four whole eggs per week. No limit is placed on egg whites alone, which is pure protein.

In the past, choosing the majority of our foods from high protein sources, such as meats, has been an acceptable way of eating. Now, however, it is recommended that we reduce the amount of animal protein we eat and increase the amount of protein we get from plants. Females ages 19-50 should aim to get 46 to 50 grams of protein daily and males ages 19-50 should aim to get 58 to 63 grams daily.

Protein is derived from a Greek root word meaning "of first importance." It is the basic material of life. Our bodies are constantly breaking down proteins, so they constantly need to be replaced. Without dietary protein, growth and all bodily functions would not take place.

The power of protein is amazing!

CLUB NEWS

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication that week. Thank you.

TTQG
Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild will meet at 10 a.m., July 27, in the Methodist Family Enrichment Center in Guymon, Okla. A shared cold dish salad luncheon will be served, and coffee and snacks will be available before the meeting begins.

The Sunray quilt group, led by Donna Myers and Ginny Garland, will present some of its quilts and hand-crafted items.

After lunch, Claudie Biggers of Amarillo will give a presentation on wool. She will bring small kits which will be available for purchase. Participants who plan to purchase a kit should also bring their hand-sewing supplies. Mary Olsen of Gruver will demonstrate wool spinning and show articles made from wool taken from her own animals.

GCAP for Moms and Babies
Gray County Area Partnership for Moms and Babies met recently with President Joan Gray presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Introductions were made, and one new volunteer was welcomed.

—Holly Hancock presented information on the kiosk to be located at the north Medical Office Building (MOB) at Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC). Hancock also reported on results of a recent meeting with Norman Stephens, hospital administrator.

Pictures were passed around featuring various kiosk styles, and ideas were discussed as to the possible physical characteristics of the cubicle.

—Dr. Mark Lobaugh, new OB-Gyn in Pampa, and his nurse, Stephanie, were present at the meeting. Hancock delivered a review of 2CARE for MOMS to help familiarize him with the program.

(See CLUB, Page 24)

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MENUS

WEEK OF JULY 22-26

Lamar Cafeteria
MONDAY

Breakfast: Donuts, sausage.

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, macaroni/cheese, whipped potatoes, spinach, pineapple rolls.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Toast.
Lunch: Pizza sticks, macaroni/cheese, English peas, salad, pears.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Biscuits.
Lunch: Chicken fajitas, macaroni/cheese, refried beans, Spanish rice, sliced apples.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, pork crumbles, flour tortillas.
Lunch: Spaghetti/meat sauce, macaroni/cheese, green beans, corn, peaches, garlic toast.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage.
Lunch: Corndogs, macaroni/cheese, French fries, vegetarian beans, applesauce.

Lunch in the Park

MONDAY

Lunch: Corndogs, trail mix, fruit cups, milk.

TUESDAY

Lunch: Submarine sandwiches, fruit cups, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY

Lunch: Bean burrito, carrot sticks, fruit cups, milk.

THURSDAY

Lunch: Hamburgers, pickles, fruit cup, milk.

FRIDAY

Lunch: Pizza, trail mix, fruit cups, milk.

Senior Citizens

MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, beets,

cream corn, northern beans, red velvet cake or banana pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Sauerkraut/sausage or chili rellenos/cheese, cheese potatoes, broccoli, Spanish rice, pinto beans, chocolate pistachio cake or lemon icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, jalapeno cornbread, or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, carrots, beans, strawberry shortcake or chocolate sundae cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, jalapeno cornbread or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or meatloaf, tater tots, California blend, tumip greens, blackeyed peas, carrot cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or chicken/ham tetrazzini, potato wedges, English peas, beans, dreamsicle cake or butterscotch pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels

MONDAY

Roast, sweet potatoes, green beans, cake.

TUESDAY

Stew, cornbread, jello.

WEDNESDAY

Chicken/rice casserole, corn, broccoli, oatmeal cookies.

THURSDAY

Salisbury steak, mushroom gravy, fried okra, mixed vegetables, applesauce.

FRIDAY

Tuna casserole, English peas, carrots, peaches.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coberley-Via

Brandie Ann Coberley and Darin James Via, both of Tulia, were wed June 16, 2002, at First Baptist Church in Tulia with the Rev. Charles Davenport of Tulia officiating.

The matron of honor was Sherie Stewart, sister of the bride of Pampa. The flower girl was Carlen Mild of Amarillo.

The best man was Brent Gravett of Houston. The ring bearer was Jesse Downs of Pampa.

The ushers were Jeremiah Downs of Pampa and Deon Bender of Colorado.

Registering the guests was April Taylor of Pampa. Music was provided by Patrick Stewart of Pampa.

A reception was held in the Willie Room in Tulia with Vera Coberley of Amarillo, Brie Downs of Fritch, and April Taylor of Pampa serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Debbie Downs of Pampa and Gary and Marcia Coberley of Amarillo and is the granddaughter of Melva and the late Jesse Downs and Doris and the late Lelan Coberley, all of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1993 and from Amarillo College in 2000, receiving a degree for a surgical technician. She is currently a junior at West Texas A&M University, pursuing a degree in nursing.

The groom is the son of Ronnie and Sheila Via of Tulia. He graduated from Tulia High School in 1992 and from Texas Tech University in 1996, receiving a degree in agricultural



Darin James Via and Brandie Ann Coberley

economics. He is currently the president of Bar-S Cattle Company.

The couple plan to make their home in Tulia.

Day-Weber

Mandy Day and Lesley Weber, both of Borger, were wed July 6, 2002, in First Baptist Church of Lefors with Lewis Ellis officiating.

The maid of honor was Randi Day, sister of the bride of Borger. The bridesmaid was Kirstien Day, daughter of the bride of Borger. The flower girls were Bethany and Savannah Barnhart of Borger.

The best man was Damon Barnhart of Borger. The groomsmen were Keegan Jernigan, son of the bride.

The ushers were Craig Seely and William Klause. Registering the guests was Samantha Goforth.

A reception was held following the service at the church with Jamie Handley, Susan Day, and Lindsey Seely serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Rodney Day of Stinnett and Peggie and Cavin Coleman of Pampa.

The groom is the son of Jerry and Becky Weber of Borger.

The couple intends to make their home in Borger.



Mandy Day and Lesley Weber

Bruton-Bruce

Tracy Yvette Bruton of Nashville, Tenn., and Ryan Bruce of Clarksville, Tenn., were wed July 6, 2002, in First Baptist Church of Pampa with the Rev. John Glover of Gober, Texas, officiating.

The maid of honor was Keri Mitchell of Abilene. The bridesmaids were Mandy Clark, sister of the bride of Pampa, and Jeanie Dennis of Nashville. The flower girl was Kaitlyn Bruce, niece of the groom of Pampa.

The best man was Chris Bruce, brother of the groom of Pampa. The groomsmen were Rob Dennis of Nashville and Devin Lemons of Chicago, Ill.

The ushers were Jason Clark of Pampa and Will Tippen and Jay Tippen, both of Abilene.

Registering the guests was Becky Tucker of Abilene.

Music was provided by pianist Susie Wilson, organist Doris Goad, trumpeter Jason Jones, all of Pampa, and vocalists, Michael McCown of Frankfort, Germany, Keri Mitchell of Abilene, and Tracy Bruton, the bride.

A reception was held following the service in fellowship hall of the church with Carole Wisdom, aunt of the bride of Carlsbad, Calif., Kaely Blay and Becky Tucker, both of Abilene, Sylvia Mitchell of Pasadena, Texas, Nicole Lemons of Chicago, Amanda Bruce, sister-in-law of the groom, and Roberta Hendricks, both of Pampa, and Sharyn Bailey, aunt of the bride of Arlington, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Dan and Brenda Tucker and of Jim and Linda Bruton, all of Pampa, and is the granddaughter of Bill and Betty Tucker and of the late Betty Scott, all of Pampa, Margie (and the late W.E.) Bruton of Dripping Springs, and Maudie and Ralph Alexander of Lefors.

She graduated from Pampa High School and holds a degree from Hardin-Simmons University (1999). She is currently



Tracy Yvette Bruton

employed by Springhill Music Group in Nashville.

The groom is the son of Lynda Bruce of Pampa and of the late Vance Bruce, is the grandson of Ed and Carolyn Stroud and of Jerry and Barbara Bruce, all of Pampa, and is the great-grandson of Wilma Jeffries of Pampa.

He graduated from Pampa High School and is currently a sergeant in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky.

The couple planned a honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean Islands and intend to make their home in Clarksville.

CRADLE CALL



Destiney L. Porter

Destiney Porter

Destiney Lane Porter was born at 4:36 p.m., June 13, 2002, at Pampa Regional Medical Center to Bobby and Melissa Porter of Pampa. Destiney weighed six-

pounds, 12.9-ounces at birth and was 19 3/4 inches long.

She is the sister of Caire Porter of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Kenneth and Judy Cox and Kelly Porter, all of Pampa.

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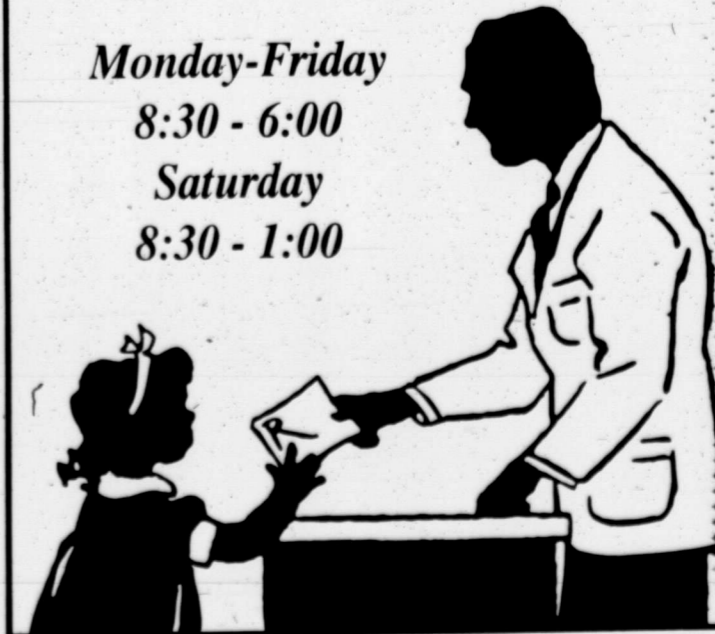
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HAMILTON DEFENSE IS ASSAILED

GENERAL MANAGER OF TEXAS PRISON SYSTEM QUILTS SEVENTY-FIVE MORE ROOMS NECESSARY FOR METHODISTS

CONFERENCE IS TO CONVENE IN CITY TUESDAY

One of Best Meetings of Year Expected by Church

THOUSAND TO BE IN PAMPA

Many Transfers Will Be Made This Session

All indications are that the session of the Northwest Texas annual conference which will open here next Tuesday evening will be one of the most interesting held in the state this year.

Bishop John M. Moore of Dallas will arrive Tuesday morning and will immediately go into a session with the visiting brethren, who are E. R. W. Young, president, W. M. Murray, president of the district, Mark M. Beavers, president of the district, W. M. Murray, president of the district, D. B. Doak, president of the district, L. M. Ligon, president of the district, and J. O. Hamon, president of the district.

Many Changes Likely

Advance information indicates that many transfers will be transferred throughout the conference. Some of those who have served five years at their homes, since many of these are in the larger cities, much deliberation is being given to replacing and exchanging with other items of interest will include the Amarillo college project, which will be definitely settled at this conference.

Last year Amarillo Methodists asked the conference for an extension of time to meet their promise concerning the proposed college. Failure to fulfill this promise will mean withdrawal of 100 conference members to Amarillo, it is said. It is reported that the board of education will recommend to the conference that the project be dropped.

Another matter of much interest will be the election of delegates to the general assembly which will convene in Dallas in June. Those who are in the race are: J. W. Murray, president of the district, O. F. Clark, pastor of the First Methodist church, Sweetwater, L. M. Ligon, president of the district, Joe Hamon, president of the district, and the following who are less active: D. B. Doak, president of the district, Will Pierce, president of the district, Dick Stewart, pastor of the First Methodist church at Stamford.

According to custom, Bishop Moore will have this matter settled at the opening session of the conference. This will mean that practically the entire conference will be here Tuesday night in order to be on hand for the first business session of Wednesday morning.

Expect 1,000 Visitors

The conference as a whole will set the conference as a whole will set.

(See CONFERENCE, page 6.)

FIVE DIRECTORS OF B. C. D. WILL BE NAMED

Terms Automatically to Expire Next Jan. 1

Selection of five directors of the Board of City Development will be carried out by January 1 or before to fill places which automatically will become vacant at that time.

When the board was organized one year ago under the provisions of the city charter, the fifteen directors appointed by the city commission drew for length of terms. Five men drew three-year terms, two five-year terms, and the remaining ten terms of one year. The five members whose terms are about to expire are Judge Ivey, E. Duncan, Clyde Feltner, T. D. Harris, E. F. Thomas, and Olin E. Hoyle.

Under the provisions of the charter, the present directors will nominate ten men, whose names will be submitted to the city commission. The commission will appoint five of those men to serve during the coming year on the board.

The B. C. D. directors last night appointed M. K. Brown, Scott Barvas, and T. F. Smalling to make a study of prospective new directors, and to submit a list to the board for consideration at the December session, when ten names will be sent to the city commission for action.

It was decided last night that the next Chamber of Commerce luncheon will be held November 20, when delegates to the Oil Field Highway Association No. 41 will be guests of the Chamber at the meal.

Plans are going forward for the annual poultry show under B. C. D. auspices. This will be held Dec. 5, 8, and 9 at the new Thru-Boomers building.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION IS 'WITH REGRET'

W. L. Mead Says He Faces Handicap of Politics

MANY HINDER HIS ACTIVITY

Pernicious Attitude Is Mentioned in Statement

HOUSTON, Nov. 5. (AP)—W. L. Mead, general manager of the Texas prison system, resigned today.

The state prison board, in session here, accepted the resignation "with regret," thanking Mr. Mead for his valuable services.

In giving up the post, Mr. Mead said: "My contacts with the political phases of this position during the current year have convinced me my further service here would be under excessive handicap and the pernicious attitude of some who should be helping confirm this belief."

Chairman W. A. Fiddick said no successor would be chosen at this meeting, but Lee Simons, of Sherman, it was learned unofficially, had been under consideration to fill Mead's place.

First Air Baby Needs Name



It wasn't an air male, as might be supposed, but a 7½ pound daughter, who was born to Mrs. Margaret Egan in an air plane flying 1200 feet above Miami, Fla. The mother and baby "airborne" are pictured above after the first aerial birth on record. In the "flying maternity hospital"—a large cabin plane—were nurses, a doctor, relatives of the mother, and two pilots. An airy name is being sought for the child.

BULLETINS

CHANDLER, Okla., Nov. 5. (AP)—Fearful lest he might receive the same fate as Ted Cole, 17-year-old Tulsa youth, sentenced to die for robbery, Fred Davis, 24, held in the Lincoln county jail for robbery of the bank of Kendrick, today hanged himself with a string of knotted handkerchiefs.

BOSTON, Nov. 5. (AP)—George Johnson, federal air inspector, and "Hank" Carter, pilot for Skyways, Inc., were killed today when their airplane crashed after going into a spin over the East ocean airport.

DETRUIT, Nov. 5. (AP)—Police of Detroit and Windsor, Ont., have started a search for "Whisper" J. Scripps, 34, of Detroit, son of W. E. Scripps, publisher of the Detroit News, who has been missing since Oct. 21. Scripps was last seen in Windsor, where he had gone to confer with Oscar Kahn on business.

LONDON, Nov. 5. (AP)—The most eligible bachelor, Edward Albert, Prince of Wales, will go heading with the new year for his game. London papers said he was planning to return to Africa in January to complete the new survey of the last year when his father, King George, became seriously ill.

DALLAS, Nov. 5. (AP)—Texas will host the largest bank in the Southwest when the merger of the American Exchange National bank and the City National bank, plans for which were announced here last night, are carried out. The new institution, to be the largest of the American Exchange bank, will have total resources of \$12,000,000 and deposits of approximately \$10,000,000.

AMARILLO GIRL SAYS DIVORCE IN DISCUSSION

She Overheard Talk of Defendant and Brother

HANDWRITING EXPERT USED

Sticks to Testimony That Letters Vary

WEATHERFORD, Nov. 5. (AP)—About "three or four" letters, Tom Walton, Jr., 21, was shot to death by his father-in-law's Amarillo law office, E. H. Hamilton, had a telephone conversation with his brother, Deacy, about a "divorce," a telephone operator said today in Hamilton's murder trial.

The operator, Mary Wright, said she was working in the Amarillo law office when Tom Walton married Feb. 10 while both were students at the University of Texas. Hamilton as a witness had testified he did not know Tom and Tom were married and that he killed Walton May 4 to prevent a divorce.

"Better Watch Step"

The witness declared: "The Hamilton in Amarillo said: 'What shall we do about the divorce?' The Hamilton in Dallas said: 'I wouldn't do anything about the divorce. Just keep it quiet for a while.'"

Later, Miss Wright testified, she listened in just as the call was about to be completed and heard the Hamilton in Dallas say:

"You had better watch your step, or you'll get into something it won't be so easy to get out of."

"The state at the noon recess had presented 24 rebuttal witnesses. It was expected arguments would begin tomorrow."

Texas Pipeline Run Cut 20 Per Cent

Following the announcement Nov. 4 that Texas company would limit purchases of crude oil in Carson, Gray and Hutchinson counties to 80 per cent of what it had been purchasing from wells connected to the Texas Pipe Line company, Humble Pipe Line company officials stated today that they had made no provision of oil runs but indicated that a similar cut in their crude purchases is being considered. Herebefore most of the oil in the Marland-Piney area has been purchased by the Texas company. Provisions by all the pipeline companies was deemed necessary by them at the oil operators meeting here Oct. 28 if the production of the county increased.

Prairie Pipe Line officials stated at the meeting that they had been buying more oil than they could handle and operators are expecting the Prairie to follow the Texas company's lead.

"This action is necessary due to storage being full and receipts cannot exceed pipe line capacity, which is 80 per cent of present runs," the Texas company stated in announcing the provision.

The company is now taking 17,000 barrels daily in the three counties.

Lee Bobbitt of Austin to Speak at McLean Soon

McLEAN, Oct. 5. (AP)—Attorney General Robert Lee Bobbitt of Austin will be the principal speaker at the Father and Son banquet which will be held at the First Presbyterian church on the evening of Nov. 7. The banquet is being served by the F. T. A.

Every man in the community is being urged to be there especially if he has a son. The men that have no sons are expected to adopt one for the occasion. Visitors from neighboring towns are expected to be here on account of the attorney-general being on the program.

I. E. Jolley, Boy Scout executive, will represent the Boy Scouts. T. A. Landers will represent the fathers, and Norvin Ashby will represent the boys on the program. W. Sherman White will be master of ceremonies.

COMMUNITY PROGRAM WILL BE GIVEN ON THANKSGIVING, WHEN SPECIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD

A community Thanksgiving service to be held Nov. 27 at 7:30 p. m., at the First Methodist church was planned yesterday by the pastor of the city.

Rev. James Todd, Jr., will be in charge of the service. Rev. A. A. Hyde, pastor of the First Presbyterian church will deliver the main address. A music program and other details will be planned by a committee comprising R. B. Fisher, chairman, George Briggs, Mrs. Tom Rose, Mrs. W. A. Bratton.

At the service, the customary free will offering will be taken, the proceeds to go to the Welfare association.

Those who attended the meeting yesterday were Rev. A. Hyde, Rev. Tolm W. Brabham, and Rev. John Lee Harris.

The ministers also announced they would invite the visiting Methodist preachers who will be here to attend the annual conference Nov. 17 to fill local pulpits on that date. Rev. Hyde was chosen to welcome the "pastors here at the opening session of the conference."

Dozen States in Spirited Elections—South Is Watched

By The Associated Press

While election contests drew voters of a dozen states to the polls today, the eyes of the nation were fixed primarily upon Virginia, watchful for any indication of what might be expected of the old dominion in future national campaigns.

Majority elections in New York, Boston, and other cities attracted attention but today's balloting in Virginia was considered a crucial test for the Democratic organization there and efforts of the Republican party to solidify its gains of last year's presidential election under leadership of Herbert Hoover.

With a coalition candidate, William Moseley Brown, sponsored by the Republicans and those elements of the Democratic party which supported President Hoover, opposing the candidate of the regular Democratic machine, John Garland Pollard, it was inevitable that the balloting would be compared with the Hoover majority of 25,000, and interpreted as indicating Virginia had definitely joined the column of "doubtful" states or had returned to the "solid" Democratic south.

Both candidates made election-eve speeches, Brown addressing an audience in the mountain section of the state and Pollard in the Tidewater. Each faction claimed a victory, estimating its majorities at from 10,000 to 20,000.

In New York City, Mayor James J. Walker's candidacy for re-election on the Democratic ticket, was opposed by Representative Fiorello H. LaGuardia, Republican, Norman Thomas, Socialist, and Richard E. Enright, former police commissioner, running under sponsorship of the Square Deal party.

In addition to this and the Boston contest there were majority elections in cities of Michigan, Indiana, Kansas and Ohio.

In Kentucky, the Republican party sought to gain control of the last part of the state government held by the Democrats, the legislature.

MUCH INTEREST IN MEETING IS BEING SHOWN

A steadily increasing interest and growing crowds this week have marked the evangelistic meeting being held at the First Baptist church by the Rev. George T. Kelley, pastor of Kendall Street Baptist church, Tulsa.

Sunday, in spite of the mud which possibly reduced the attendance at both services, was a day of outstanding importance, according to the pastor, the Rev. D. H. Truhitte, and his assistant, John Lee Harris. More than 300 persons were in Sunday school, large crowds attended the morning and evening sermons, and there were seven additions to the church membership.

Services are being held this week at 10 o'clock in the morning and 7:30 o'clock in the evening. The pastor has cordially invited the public to hear Rev. Kelley during his meeting here.

Coroner's Verdict Now Withheld in Death of Aldridge

Justice of Peace T. M. Wolfe and the sheriff's department are still investigating the death of George Aldridge, and announced today that the coroner's inquest has been postponed until sufficient information has been gathered to warrant a verdict.

"That the identity of the man who was found dead in bed yesterday noon at a local cottage with two gas jets on the kitchen range burning low, had not been fully established was indicated today when it was revealed that he gave his name as 'Allred' to L. H. Prichard a week ago. Mr. Prichard is the manager of Garfield court, where the body was found.

The body was first discovered by a H. H. Shoffitt, employe at a gasoline plant near here, who said he was a brother-in-law of Aldridge. Telegrams found in the cottage which were sent to Aldridge a week ago are in possession of the sheriff. It is thought they will assist in clearing up the identity of the man.

Meanwhile, no funeral arrangements have been announced and the body is being held at G. C. Malone Funeral Home.

Masher Assessed Heavy Fine Here

A young man was fined \$100 yesterday by County Judge Ivey E. Duncan for making improper advances toward high school girls here last week. Judge Duncan said evidence in the case was such that the man was given the fine limit.

He was arrested last week by Assistant Chief of Police W. J. Turpin. Turpin warned parents to admonish their girls to flatly refuse all offers of rides with strangers, and to immediately report to the police the presence of such characters in the neighborhood.

NATIONALISTS WIN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Nov. 4. (AP)—A Nationalist government communique issued today stated Nationalist troops scored a decisive victory fifty miles west of Chengchow, Honan province, "capturing 20,000 soldiers of the Kuomintang (People's army). As a result, the Kuomintang forces are withdrawing to the west and the Nationalists are approaching Loyang."

RETURN FROM TEMPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Jim White and Mr. and Mrs. Ted White have returned from Temple, after spending ten days there. Ted White had a physical examination in the Scott-White sanitarium. During their visit in the city, Mr. and Mrs. Jim White's new Ford sedan was stolen. They returned by train Sunday.

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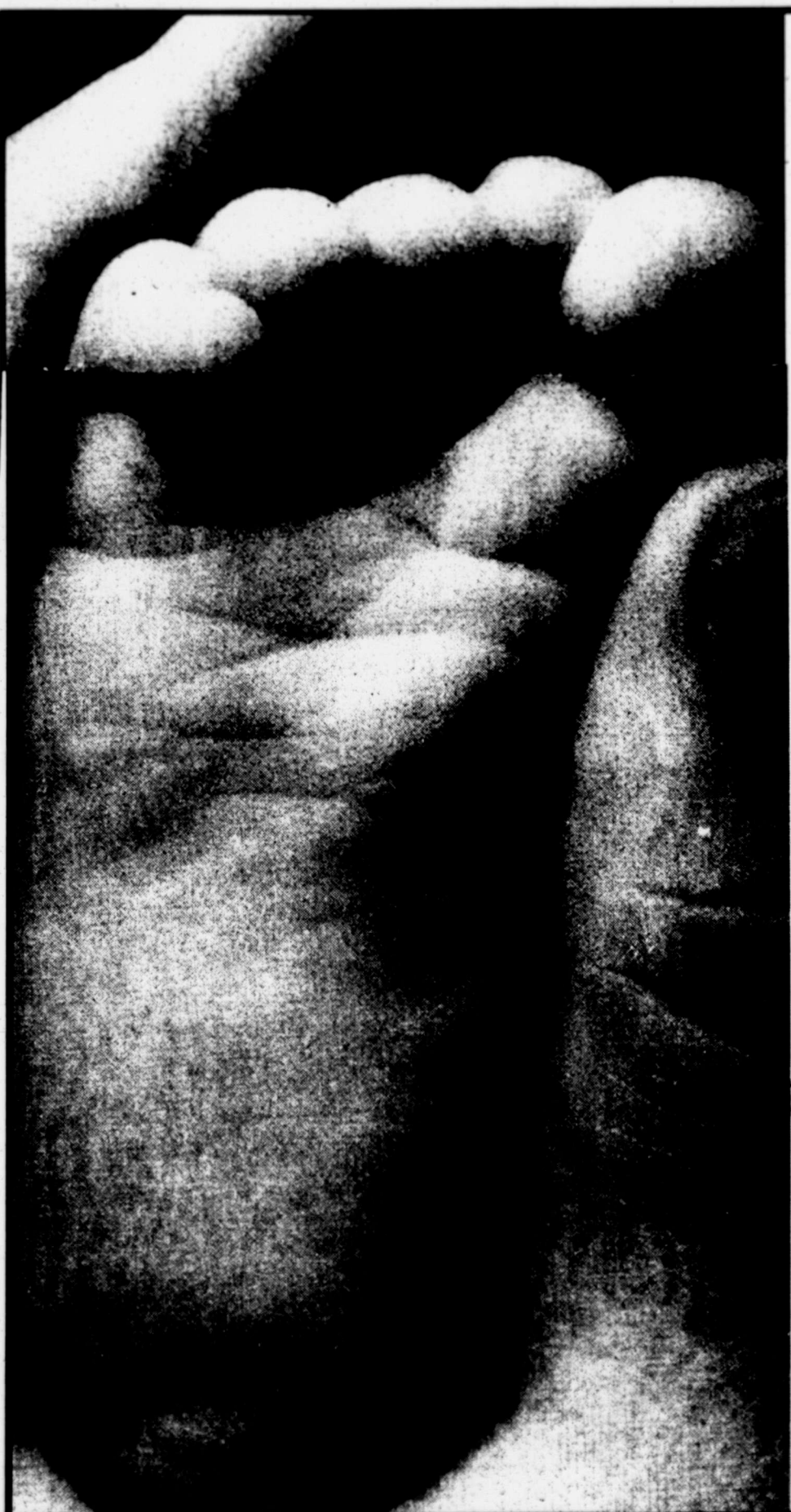
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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Little Girl's Rescues Were Doing More Than Their Job

DEAR ABBY: My husband has broken my heart. We've been married a year, and he just informed me that he married me only to get back at his ex-girlfriend!

He says he wants me only as a friend and he's still in love with her. He has made it very clear that he's not interested in having a real marriage with me — no sex, nothing — other than living together as roommates.

My husband and I continue to sleep in the same bed, but he won't get close or touch me. His ex is serving time in prison and will be there for at least two years, but he allows her to call our home collect whenever she feels like it. It started with her calling only every so often — now it's every day.

I'm so hurt, Abby. He just doesn't care. I married my husband because I was in love with him — and he did a very good job of pretending he loved me. It was all a lie, and now I feel trapped.

Someone said to me that as long as there's friendship, I have something to hold onto, since his ex will be gone for so long. Well, I don't think it's worth it. I am afraid he'll never get over her.

Please don't tell me to leave him — I can't. I have nowhere to go and no money. I barely make ends meet. What am I going to do? Help!

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deposit on an apartment of your own. Next, talk to a lawyer. You are going to survive this disappointment and will come out stronger for it.

I disagree with your friend that as long as there's friendship you have something to hold on to. You can't force someone to love you. But if you stand up straight and refuse to be mistreated, you will regain your self-respect. Trust me on that. I wish you the best of luck. Please let me hear from you in six months. I'm rooting for you.

Her fiancé insists on inviting his ex-girlfriend of five years to attend the wedding, as well as all the family festivities surrounding the big day. Even though the ex has recently married, our daughter is very uncomfortable with this and has said so to her future husband.

My husband and I are concerned that our daughter's wedding day may be ruined and want to intervene to make it clear that "Mrs. X" is not welcome. What do you think we should do, Abby?

PARENTS OF THE BRIDE IN OHIO

DEAR PARENTS: I think you should stay out of it. If your daughter is mature enough for marriage, she should be mature enough to deliver the message to her fiancé that she's uncomfortable having the Ghost of Romance Past at her nuptials. If they can't reach an understanding or a compromise, I see a huge red flag ahead.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 42 Confronts

1 Diving positions

6 Invigorate

11 Big name in TV talk

12 Wide open

13 Declare

14 Seasonal songs

15 Thrifty ones

17 Ignited

18 Island strings

19 Overwhelms

22 Writing need

23 Persist with

24 Casual talks

25 Wraps

27 Pinnacle

30 Bing for one

31 Genetic stuff

32 Embrace

33 Competitors

35 Test for purity

38 Number unit

39 Tours is on it

40 Sheepish

41 "Smallville" family

DOWN

1 Even chance

2 Comprehension

3 Cowardly

4 Hudson of Hollywood

5 Kipling's tiger

6 Bad review

7 Conceit

8 Saffron-flavored dish

9 Elevate

10 Nuisances

16 Casual shoe

27 Like "Hamlet"

20 Trashes

21 Good times

24 Dove call

25 Friday finder

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16 Casual shoe

27 Like "Hamlet"

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29 Sticks

30 Pool hall stuff

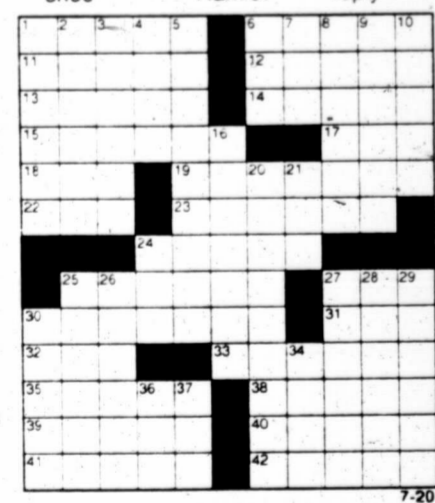
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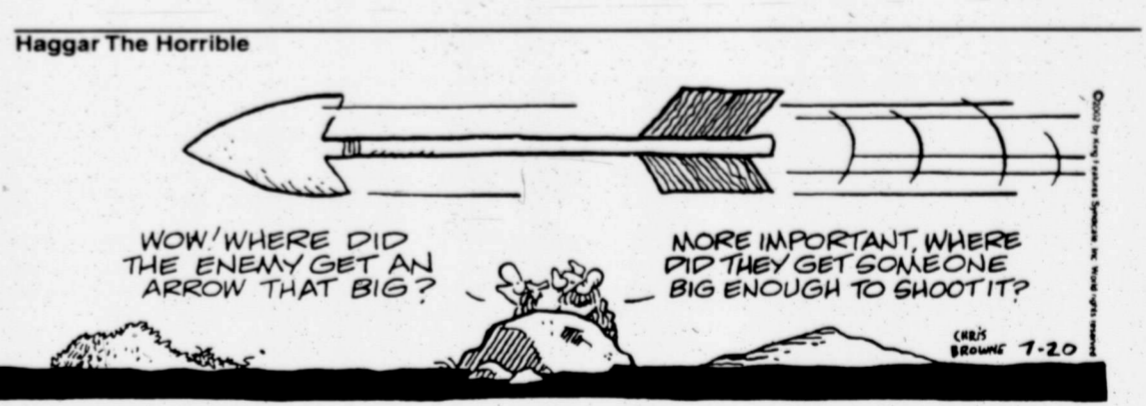
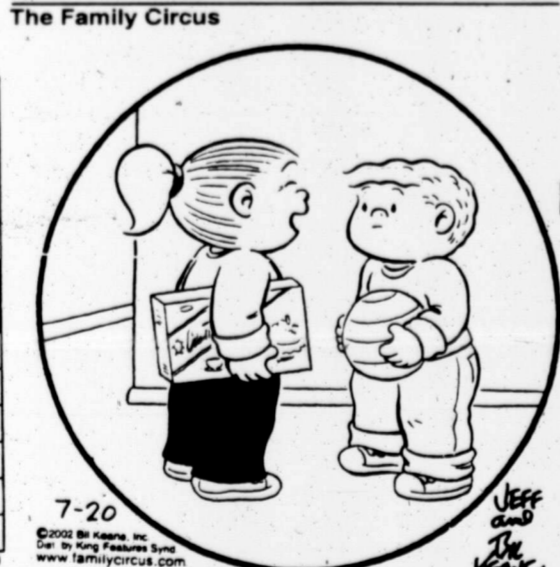
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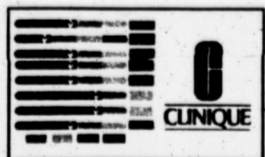
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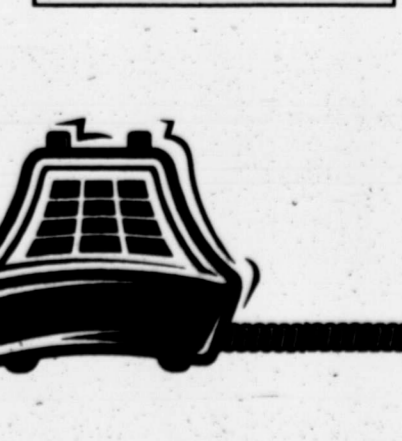
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NEWSMAKERS



Samantha Ford

Samantha Ford, 2002 valedictorian of Pampa High School, recently won a \$1,000 college scholarship from Williams, a pipeline company based out of Oklahoma, this spring through the company's Mid-America Pipeline subsidiary. Ford plans to study biology at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

PHS science teacher Beth Shannon will receive \$500 for the fourth time based on the recommendation of Ford.

Under the program, scholarship winners are asked to choose their most influential teacher — the company refers to this honor as its teacher achievement award.

Ford followed three other Pampa alumni by selecting Shannon, saying, "She is truly an inspirational and outstanding teacher. She passes on her love and knowledge of science to her students."

Previous scholarship winners who also picked Shannon were Edith Osborne (1996), Ashleigh McWilliams (1999), and Kira Chumbley (2001).

Twenty-eight graduates and their teachers in the Midwest, Southwest and Rocky Mountain states were honored this year. A total of 179 students, and their teachers have earned more than \$265,000 since the program's start seven years ago.

SAN ANGELO — Cory D. Bigham of Pampa was recently awarded a Carr Academic Scholarship from Angelo State University for the 2002-03 school year.

Bigham is among 56 other recipients. The newly award-

ed scholarships range in value from \$1,500 to \$6,000.

To qualify for the Carr scholarships, entering freshmen must rank in the top 15 percent of their class and present either a combined math and verbal score of 1140 on the SAT I or a composite score of 25 on the ACT.

The scholarship program is supported by a growing multi-million dollar trust established by the late Robert G. and Nona K. Carr of San Angelo.

Michael Martinez of Pampa High School, was recently named a United States Achievement Academy (USAA) "United States National Award Winner in Honor Roll."

The Academy bestows USAA awards upon fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students. The PHS student was nominated for the award by Starla Kindle, a counselor at PHS.

All USAA award-winners will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners based upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors. Other criteria includes academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability.

Martinez is the son of Joe and Charlene of Pampa and is the grandson of Juanita Rodriguez of San Antonio and Jerry Dominguez of Pampa.



Michael Martinez



Heather Ann Robben

COLLEGE STATION — Diplomas were awarded to 4,929 Texas A&M University graduates during spring commencement ceremonies recently.

Students awarded diplomas included: **Katy Leigh McComas**, bachelor of science (BS) degree, magna cum laude, and **Heather Ann Robben**, BS degree, both of Pampa.

Robben, daughter of Bill and Paula Robben, graduated from Pampa High School in 1998 and attended Amarillo College for two years. She served as vice president of the dental/optometry branch of Biomedical Science Association and as treasurer of Aggie Optometry Association.

Robben is currently a member of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and has been accepted into the University of Houston College of Optometry where she plans to enroll in the fall.

AUSTIN — Edward Michael Dunigan of Pampa was awarded a master of business administration degree from The University of Texas at Austin during commencement ceremonies recently at the university.

More than 6,000 students participated in the ceremonies. The address was delivered by Edwin Dom, dean of UT's Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs.

DALLAS — Janet Hancock, a high school math teacher from Pampa High School, joined other mathematics teachers from around the nation recently during the National Council of Teachers in Mathematics (NCTM) Academy for Professional Development Institute in Dallas.

The institute provided training for mathematics teachers in

grades 9-12 to implement NCTM's "Principles and Standards for School Mathematics."

"These institutes for professional development will prepare teachers to put NCTM's Standards into action," said NCTM President Johnny Lott. "The 'Principles and Standards for School Mathematics' provides a comprehensive and coherent set of goals for stimulating and challenging students to learn more, and more advanced, mathematics. The popularity of our Institutes is proof positive that we are providing substantive opportunities for the professional growth of teachers."

Through the Academy, NCTM is putting in place programs to support some of the professional development needs of mathematics teachers. The institutes offers the opportunity to further explore the standards and to help teachers develop the requisite knowledge to integrate the standards into curricula to better educate all students.

The Academy offers two-day academic year institutes and five-day summer institutes as well as providing on-going Web-based support for institute participants.

"The Academy provides an opportunity for both new and seasoned teachers to grow professionally, reflect on the art of teaching, and gain ideas to use in their classroom," said NCTM Executive Director Jim Rubillo.

Founded in 1920, NCTM is a nonpartisan education association with nearly 100,000 members and 250 affiliates through the U.S. and Canada.

LEESVILLE, La. — Army Spec. Matthew N. Buzzard, son of Mark N. Buzzard of Pampa, is one of 500 soldiers from the Louisiana Army National Guard and Reserve who have arrived at Fort Polk, Leesville, to begin pre-deployment training and processing. The soldier will be deployed to an overseas operating location to support the mission of operation Enduring Freedom.

Enduring Freedom is the official name given to the biggest

U.S. military mobilization since the Gulf War in 1991. Members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces have been deployed and reserve components activated to support the war against global terrorism, combating the international terrorist network or regime forces outside the United States.

The reserve component soldiers are assigned to the 769th Engineer Battalion, a combat engineer battalion headquartered in Baton Rouge, La. The citizen-soldiers have been mobilized, activated and trained to support and fill critical pieces

of the active component mission.

Buzzard, a carpentry and masonry specialist, is a 1999 graduate of Marine Military Academy at Harlingen, Texas.

COLLEGE STATION — Brandon Kyle Easley of Pampa was recently named to the Distinguished Student List at Texas A&M University for the 2002 spring semester.

To be eligible for the list, a student must maintain a 3.25-3.75 grade point ratio while enrolled in 15 or more semester hours.

AMA seeking volunteers for docent program

AMARILLO — Are you interested in art? Would you enjoy learning and teaching? Would you enjoy helping the Amarillo Museum of Art (AMA) meet its educational mission while meeting others with similar interests?

AMA is currently seeking volunteers for its 2002-03 volunteer docent program. Docents are trained volunteer guides who provide educational tours for the Museum. A "Prospective New Docent Coffee" will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 7, in the library of the Museum. Museum staff and active docents will provide information about the program to the prospective volunteers.

No background in art is required.

In addition to conducting tours, docents will assist with other areas of service including research, assisting teachers and students in art classes, and greeting the public at the Museum's reception desk. Training sessions and gen-

eral meetings take place during the academic year (Sept.-May). General meetings are scheduled on two Monday afternoons per month with additional training or committee activities held as needed.

Service opportunities through the docent program are available at the Museum year-round, and a newsletter is distributed to all members.

Program participants will receive a comprehensive training program, an art history lecture series, an in-depth study of the Museum's collections, discounted membership to the Museum, discounts for Museum art classes, opportunities for travel and to meet others with an interest in art.

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CLUB

—The meeting concluded with brief VISTA report and an update on upcoming MOM MANIA events.

Progressive TEEA Club — Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) Club met July 11 at the home of Belle Lee with President June Rowan presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Roll call was answered with "My favorite patriotic song."

—Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

—Mary Ann Bailey delivered the treasurer's report.

—A work day will be held at 10 a.m., Aug. 7 at Gray County Annex. Members will use the time to work on

a display for the upcoming Gray Co. Centennial celebration.

—All members were encouraged to attend the state TEEA meeting Sept.

10-12 in Amarillo. The hostess prize was won by Beulah Terrell. The next meeting will be in September. The date will be announced at a later time.

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