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Freedom Museum to host Memorial Day observance

Flags will be lowered to half staff and the mournful sound of taps will float on the air across Pampa Monday morning.

The Freedom Museum USA will host Memorial Day services at 11 a.m. Monday, on the north side of the museum at 600 N. Hobart, according to Chuck Johnson, a retired Army Colonel with the museum.

The Pampa Middle School band and choir will perform at the Memorial Day ceremony.

The commander of the VFW is scheduled to speak.

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Early voting ends Tuesday

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Pampa voters have one more day to cast ballots in early voting for the mayor's race, said City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers.

Early voting will end at 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, she said. Turnout has been heavy, said Jeffers. At the end of the day Thursday, 551 local voters had cast ballots in the runoff election for mayor. Election day is Saturday, May 31.

Current Mayor Lonny Robbins and veteran City Commissioner Jeff Andrews are facing off in the mayoral spot.

In the May 3 municipal election, Robbins garnered 844 votes with 46 percent of the vote. Andrews was second highest in the race with 510

votes and 28 percent of the vote.

Five candidates were in that race which had 1,829 voters cast ballots. According to the city charter, the winning candidate must have at least 50 percent plus one vote to occupy the mayor's seat.

The mayoral runoff is not limited to those who voted in the May 3 election. Any qualified registered voter may vote in the mayor's run-off.

Early voting is underway in the City Secretary's office, Room 205, Pampa City Hall.

City offices are closed Monday for Memorial Day, but will be open Tuesday for voters to cast a ballot in the early voting during office hours. On Saturday, the election will be held at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

State budget may be approved soon

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas House and Senate leaders agreed early Saturday to a budget proposal legislative leaders say increases money to public schools while trimming spending to higher education and elsewhere.

Bleary-eyed but smiling Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick emerged from a marathon meeting that began Friday afternoon to announce that the chambers agreed on a 2004-05

state spending plan, including maintaining the Children's Health Insurance Program and softening deep cuts previously proposed to Medicaid and other programs for the poor, elderly and disabled.

The Republican leaders said details were still being hammered out, but House Appropriations Chairman Talmadge Heflin said the budget would be finished before the end of the regular

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(Pampa News photo by Dave Bowser)

Triston Gage Kennedy, 2-year-old son of Shane and Laci Kennedy, is safely tucked into his child restraint seat by Pampa Police Officer Keith Morris. The Pampa Police Department is participating in the nationwide Click It or Ticket Mobilization campaign to encourage motorists to use seat belts.

Police: Click seatbelts or risk getting a ticket

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

Pampa police officers are on the alert for people NOT wearing their seat belts.

"One of the most important, immediate actions we can take as a nation to protect children and adults in motor vehicles is high-visibility enforcement of seat belt and child passenger safety laws," said Pampa Police Chief Trelyn Pitner. "The American public knows they should buckle up."

Despite this awareness, Chief Pitner said, research indicates that many motorists and passengers are not using their seat belts on every trip.

"We know," Pitner said, "that enforcing the law is the most effective way to change this behavior."

The Click It or Ticket program focuses on motorists twice a year, May and November.

Since the program was first instituted nationally, Pitner said child fatalities have dropped by more than 20 percent. He said child restraint use for infants younger than a year old has gone from 85 to 97 percent, and restraint use among toddlers, ages 1 to 4, has jumped

from 60 to 91 percent. Pitner credits the program with an increase in adult seat belt usage as well.

Adult seat belt use is up from 62 percent before the program was started to 75 percent, the highest use rate ever, since the program began. Some 39 million more Americans are now buckling their seat belts, according to national statistics.

Pitner said more than 12,000 law enforcement agencies across the nation are participating this May.

Indians, soldiers sought for filming

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

Jesse Comacho is trying to raise an army — two of them as a matter of fact, plus some settlers.

A television crew from the Florida-based Teaching Learning Network is scheduled to be in Pampa June 5, 6 and 7. Comacho said they are shooting an hour-long show on the Texas Panhandle Six minutes of that program will be devoted to Pampa.

"We are going to show them the Indian wars because this is where it happened," Comacho said.

The show, an episode of Travel America, will air on the Travel Channel next spring, according to Vonda Higgins with the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

"Once it airs there," she said, "it goes into syndication. There are millions of people that will see it."

Consequently, Comacho is trying to raise an army of

Plains Indians and an army of U.S. Cavalry soldiers.

He said this week that he expects to have Native American warriors on horseback in time for the television crew, although he's still looking for people for the Native American war party, soldiers and settlers.

Chuck White, Comacho and ranchers John and Carolyn Stokes want to expand this project into a reenactment program by the summer of 2004.

"We've got an awful lot to do," White said Friday afternoon.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity," Carolyn Stokes said.

Comacho said there is a small canyon on the Stokes Ranch, about two miles outside of Pampa, that is perfect for such a presentation.

"It's going to take a big effort to do this," Comacho said.

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

John Stokes, left, and Jesse Comacho, center, listen to Chuck White explain his vision of a reenactment program at the Stokes Ranch east of Pampa. A television crew will be in town in two weeks to film a segment for the Travel Channel. Stokes, Comacho and White want to expand a proposed Indian battle into a regular feature for summer tourists next year.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUARTERLY PRAYER BREAKFAST

Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:45 am in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Public is invited. Call 669-3241 for reservations.

ON RECORD

POLICE

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

Friday, May 23

Ira Don Hicks, 32, 816 Dwight, was arrested for bond surrender in an assault causing bodily injury.

Saturday, May 24

Randall H. Young, 18, 1128 Duncan, was cited for no seat belt (passenger) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Andrew Jacob Campos, 21, 2019 N. Hamilton, was arrested for no seat belt (passenger) and possession of drug paraphernalia. Victor Rodriguez, 25, 801 Gordon, was

arrested for no seat belt (passenger), possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance in a correctional facility.

Jose Berral, 41, 723 Scott, was arrested for no seat belt (passenger) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

William Watkins, 26, 717 Doucette, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

David Bolch, 25, 501 Magnolia, was arrested for intoxicated assault, failure to stop and render aid and expired motor vehicle insurance.

Jennifer Lawson, 29, 1124 E. Francis, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m., Saturday.

Friday, May 23

11:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart on a motor vehicle collision; no patient was transported.

12:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Faulkner; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to

PRMC; one patient was transported to Perry Lefors Airport.

5:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit; one patient was transported to PRMC.

7:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 2900 block of Rosewood; one patient was transported to PRMC.

Saturday, May 24

3:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Magnolia; one patient was transported to PRMC.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for mostly cloudy skies with a chance of showers and thunderstorms predicted, highs in the upper 60s, east winds 10 to 20 mph and a 30 percent chance of rain. Tonight should see mostly cloudy skies with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, lows in the mid 50s, east winds 10 to 20 mph and a 30 percent chance of rain 30. Memorial Day should be partly cloudy. Chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. East winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent. Monday night, partly cloudy. Chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Chance of rain 30 percent. Tuesday, partly

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BUDGET

session June 2.

"We've got about a days' work of detail, putting it on paper and then it's done," said Heflin, R-Houston.

The announcement ended an impasse that budget writers feared would lead to a summer special session. The state budget is the only bill legislators are required by law to pass.

"We've come to an agreement in principle that I think is good for the state of Texas," Dewhurst said as he shook Craddick's hand outside the speaker's Capitol office. "I think this is a real win-win deal for the people of Texas."

Craddick said the deal

would hold down state spending down while covering what the leaders believe are Texas' core needs.

The House and Senate each recommended two-year budget bills that totaled around \$117 billion. Both had cut spending across state government in different ways to deal with a \$9.9 billion shortfall. Before Saturday, they could not compromise on sticking points such as higher education, public schools and CHIP.

"Both sides worked really well together," Craddick said. "I think it really helped to just get in a room and try to hammer out the final part."

It was give-and-take, Dewhurst said.

"We showed flexibility in

some of the items that we were asking for. The House did the same thing," he said.

Those close to the negotiations said about \$500 million was the holdup: the Senate wanted to spend it on colleges and universities while the House wanted to spend the money on kindergarten through 12th grade.

The leaders had few details Saturday, but said the Foundation School Fund, the main source of money for public schools, would see slightly increased funding. Higher education would be cut 4 percent, Dewhurst said.

Heflin and Senate Finance Chairman Teel Bivins, R-

Amarillo, participated in the meeting that lasted eight hours and five minutes. House education negotiator Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, several education analysts, members of the governor's budget staff and Health and Human Services Commissioner Albert Hawkins also made appearances.

After months of sometimes ugly tension between the chambers, the group hammered out the compromise over pizza and a few late-night laughs that could be heard outside a conference room door.

The final version of the 2-inch thick bill must be approved by the full conference committee, printed and laid out before both chambers. If approved, GOP Gov. Rick Perry would get the bill. He has line-item veto power with the budget, set to begin Sept. 1.

Not passing a budget would be a blow to the first all-Republican majority Texas Legislature, which insisted on handling the shortfall without raising taxes. The leadership required that the spending plan start from zero, every penny be justified and that cuts be made across state government.

When asked about CHIP, Dewhurst gave a thumbs up and said the sides agreed to keep eligibility the same as it is now. Families who earn twice the poverty level — \$36,800 annually for a family of four — are eligible. About 508,000 Texas children are enrolled in the low-cost insurance program.

The House wanted to cut off eligibility at 165 percent of poverty and stiffen other rules, making some 200,000 youngsters ineligible. Both sides would cut certain benefits such as dental care.

It was not clear if the compromise included a House wish to stop disregarding certain income such as child support and verify a family's assets.

Meanwhile, the cash-strapped state is looking to former governor President Bush to sign a \$330 billion federal tax cut bill approved Friday by the U.S. House and Senate. It provides about \$1.3 billion in aid for Texas for Medicaid and to pay for federally mandated services.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, who must OK the budget before it goes into effect, said she believes that money can be used for the 2004-05 budget. "This is good," she said Friday. "It is great timing."

But Heflin and Bivins said they wanted to be sure the money was in the bank before counting on it.

Even with the agreement, the proposed budget would contain deep cuts from social services to youth crime prevention programs to teachers health insurance and more.

The budget bill is CSHB1.

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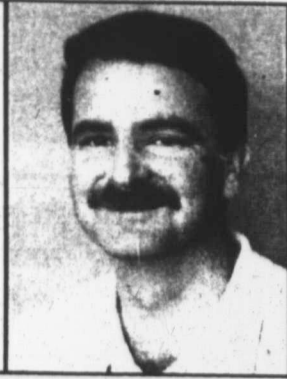
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'Killer Ds' return to state capital after strategic retreat



(Photo by David Bowser)

State Rep. Jim Dunnam, D-Waco, stands with 50 other Democrats from Texas House of Representatives who left the legislative session in a successful effort of kill Republican redistricting plans.

Democrats from the Texas House of Representatives left the previous weekend, denying Speaker of the House Tom Craddick, R-Midland, a quorum and essentially closing down the legislative body.

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The walk out was in response to a bill redistricting the state. That proposed legislation, being pushed by U.S. Congressman Tom DeLay,

R-Sugar Land and the House Majority Leader in Washington, would have carved up Congressional districts in the state and would probably have resulted in at least four U.S. Congressmen, all Democrats, losing their seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

While the news media

focused on partisan politics, playing one party off against another, little was said about the regional coalitions that have worked in the past in the Texas House of Representatives.

The House, up until this session of the legislature, was moving toward polarization between urban and rural constituencies, rather than between political parties.

Even less was reported by

the news media about the signs at the rally welcoming the Democrats home.

The hand-drawn signs being waved over the crowd that cloudy, humid morning praised the Democrats, but did not condemn the Republicans. Instead, they were very specific in attacking DeLay and Craddick.

Comments by the wide variety of Democrats at the

press conferences that followed their return, both formal and impromptu, again did not attack the Republicans, only their leadership.

Democrats publicly condemned DeLay and Craddick for a blatant power grab.

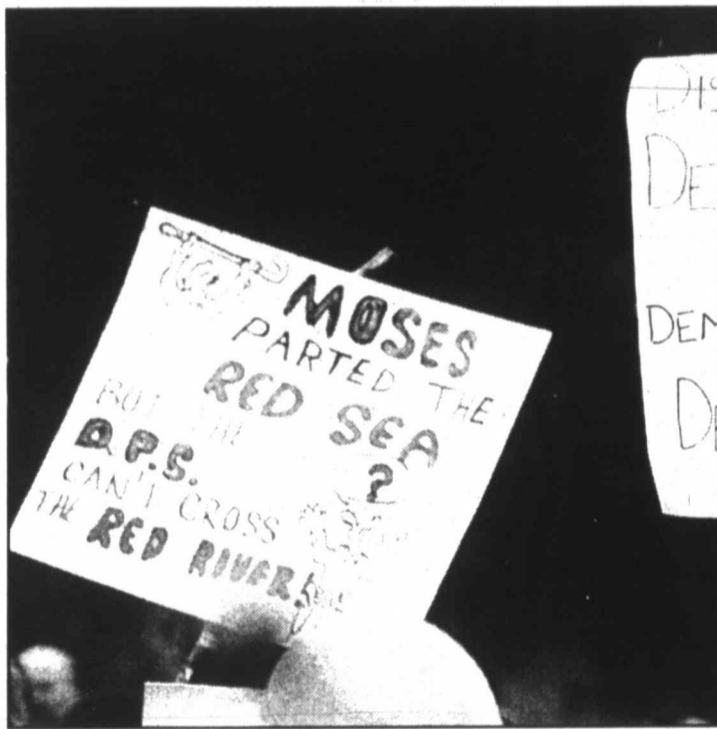
Lon Burnum, D-Fort Worth, in the Fort Worth Star Telegram accused Craddick of being ethically challenged.

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(Photo by David Bowser)

Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, and David Swinford, R-Dumas, visit prior to the first session of Texas House of Representatives after Democrats shut the House down by going to Oklahoma for the week. There appeared to be very little animosity between Republicans and Democrats on the floor. Most of the animosity seemed directed at the House Republican leadership (by both Democrats and Republicans) and at U.S. Congressman and House Majority Leader Tom Delay, R-Sugarland.



(Photo by David Bowser)

Sign at Texas Capitol rally for returning Democrats.

AUSTIN — While the news media babbled on about Republicans and Democrats and the meaning of House Democrats leaving for Oklahoma in order to kill proposed legislation to redistrict the state in favor of the Republican Party, the nuances of a rally held on the Capitol steps when the Democrats returned from Ardmore proved to be more interesting.

Signs waving over the obviously partisan crowd as some 51 Democrats walked out of the doors of the Capitol about 7 a.m., Friday, May 16, welcomed the Killer Ds, as they have become known, back to Austin.

As the House began its morning session two hours later, the Democrats on the south steps of the Capitol had dispersed. Only a few Republican demonstrators remained, accusing the House Democrats of being chicken. Democrats from the Texas

We, the family of Sidney Royce Robinson, wish to express our most sincere gratitude for your support during our loved one's illness and eventual death. Thank you for the numerous cards, meals, phone calls, memorials, and most importantly prayers. He was an honorable Christian husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; as well as a great friend to many of you. His entire life was composed of a positive and humorous attitude, even at the point of his death. We are extremely proud to be called his spouse/friend and children. We loved him greatly and miss him immensely, as we know you will also.

Thanks Again,
Rosett Robinson (spouse) Royce Robinson (son)
Kayleen Stingley (daughter)

I want to thank everyone who has been supportive of me during the mayoral election. I encourage all my supporters to participate in shaping the future of Pampa by voting during the run-off election. Because this election has been longer than usual, I want to remind you of the following facts:

- ★ I support the Fire Department and Police Department as they continue to meet the needs of our community.
- ★ I am committed to the taxpayers to provide the best services possible and yet have a balanced budget.
- ★ I will continue to encourage positive citizen input in the challenges facing our city.
- ★ I have only one vote in every decision, as does each city commissioner.
- ★ I desire the city and citizens to partner together to clean up Hwy. 60 and other parts of Pampa.
- ★ I will continue to work with the Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Committee, Leadership Committee and other organizations to promote Pampa in economic development.

If re-elected as Pampa's mayor, I will continue to serve with integrity and character and take what I have learned the past two years as a foundation to lead this community even more successfully and aggressively.



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TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press
Today is Sunday, May 25, the 145th day of 2003. There are 220 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
Two hundred years ago, on May 25, 1803, American essayist and poet Ralph Waldo Emerson was born in Boston.

On this date:
In 1787, the Constitutional Convention was convened in Philadelphia after enough delegates had shown up for a quorum.

In 1810, Argentina began its revolt against Spain.

In 1895, playwright Oscar Wilde was convicted of a morals charge in London; he was sentenced to prison.

In 1935, Babe Ruth hit the 714th and final homerun of his career, for the Boston Braves, in a game against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

In 1946, Transjordan — now Jordan — became a kingdom as it proclaimed its new monarch, King Abdullah Ibn Ul-Hussein.

In 1961, President Kennedy asked the nation to work toward putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade.

In 1963, the Organization of African Unity was founded, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

In 1968, the Gateway Arch, part of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St. Louis, was dedicated.

In 1979, 275 people died

when an American Airlines DC-10 crashed on takeoff from Chicago's O'Hare airport.

In 1981, daredevil Daniel Goodwin, wearing a "Spiderman" costume, scaled the outside of Chicago's Sears Tower in 7 1/2 hours.

Ten years ago: The White House announced it was putting five fired employees of its travel office on paid leave as it investigated accusations of financial mismanagement.

Five years ago: Indonesia's new president, B.J. Habibie, promised to hold elections. Leaders in the former Soviet republic of Georgia and its break-away province of Abkhazia agreed to a cease-fire after a week of fighting.

One year ago: President Bush, during a visit to St. Petersburg, joined Russian President Vladimir Putin in pressuring Pakistan's president to curb cross-border violence in Kashmir and ease tensions with neighboring India. A China Airlines jumbo jet flying to Hong Kong crashed in the Taiwan Strait, killing all 225 people on board. A passenger train and a freight train collided in southern Mozambique, killing 195 people.

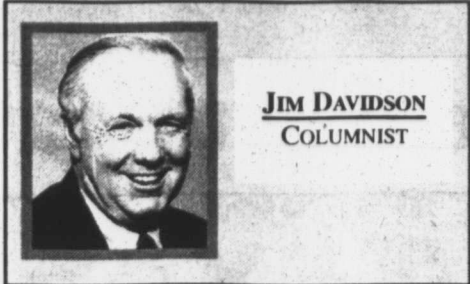
Today's Birthdays: Lyricist Hal David is 82. Actress Jeanne Crain is 78. Former opera singer Beverly Sills is 74. Former White House news secretary Ron Nessen is 69.

Living in a world of chance ...

How would you like to live in a world of chance? Many years ago someone wrote a children's book entitled, "The Chance World." It told of a world in which everything happened by chance. The sun may come up in the morning or it may not. But if it did come up, no one could predict if it would come up at 5 o'clock, at noon, or at midnight. If one planted a field of corn, it may come up as corn, it may come up as wheat, or it may come up as pickles, rose bushes or even apple trees. If one jumped into the air, he may come down or he may keep on going. One could not tell in advance what would happen.

So, again here is the same question: How would you like to live in a world of chance? Well, aren't we thankful we don't have to? We live in a world where there are absolutes. Each night on TV the weatherman tells us exactly what time the sun is coming up the next morning. We may not be able to see it for the clouds, but we know it's there. Now, based on what I've just said, how many people do you suppose plan their lives and their futures on chance, circumstances or luck?

Here is some really GOOD NEWS and if you happen to be one of these people, I'm going to share some thoughts that I hope you will ponder. This could make a wonderful difference in your future. When it comes to our personal success, regardless of what our goals happen to be, there are some areas of knowledge we have to know and in a



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sense have this knowledge become second nature. That is, if we want to live closer to our true potential and maximize the talents and abilities that God has given us.

One of these areas of knowledge has to do with "natural laws." Based on my personal observation, it's my belief that many people do not truly understand natural laws and how they work, at least not fully. Unfortunately, this lack of knowledge keeps these people at the bottom of the economic and social pyramid and believe me it does not have to be this way. It's my hope and prayer that while reading this column, as well as others, that a light will come on in your mind and you or someone dear to you will say, "Eureka! I've found it," and you will begin to live life more fully and have more of the rewards that can be yours.

A natural law has been defined as, "A series of events in nature that has been observed to occur with unvarying uniformity." In other words, if the circumstances are exactly the same in all respects, then the outcome or result will always be the same. For example, if you step or fall off a tall building you will

always go down. You will never go up. It's the same with all other natural laws, they always work whether we understand or know about them or not.

Here is the point I hope you won't miss. If you operate or perform on the right side of all natural laws, they will always work for you. If you operate or perform on the wrong side, they will always work against you. It's complicated but yet very simple.

The misuse or misunderstanding of the natural "LAW OF CHANCE" keeps far too many people from achieving real financial success. I might add here, being in debt for an extended period of time creates stress and other serious problems for millions of people in our country. The English biographer and philosopher Sir Leslie Stephen said that "chance is a name for our ignorance." This is a pretty strong statement but it is nevertheless true, as many people took a foolish chance, physically and financially and left us far too soon.

Here is the key to using this law to your advantage. When you take a chance with your hard earned money, make sure the odds are in your favor. This is not the case with the lottery, the casinos, sports gambling or the race track. The wise person understands that making an investment is far better than taking a gamble.

(Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.)

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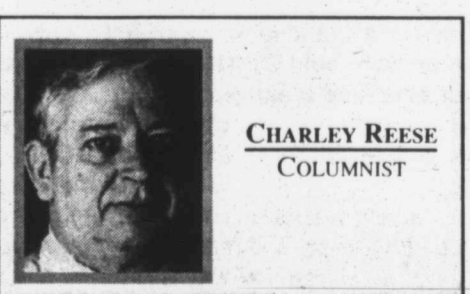
The most important liberation

I was thinking about that old drunk Boris Yeltsin recently. A drunk he might be, but one of the greatest days of my life came when Yeltsin stood tall on that tank, defying the communists who were trying to stage a coup in Moscow and re-establish control. That was the day I knew the Cold War was over. And a man who stands tall in a crucial moment of history can be forgiven all his minor faults.

I will always be grateful to Yeltsin, because it was his courage that freed my children from the threat of Soviet nuclear strikes. Mikhail Gorbachev deserves no credit. He never gave up on communism. He was simply trying to put a pretty face on it in order to salvage the Soviet Union's sinking economy. The process got away from him, and that's when Yeltsin stepped in to make sure neither Gorbachev nor his cronies in the Kremlin brought it back under their control.

I'm happy, too, that the Russian people are at last free from those malignant ideologues who, during their 70-year reign of terror, murdered 40 million to 50 million innocent people. If you want to celebrate liberation, it is the liberation of the great Russian people that deserves celebrating. I've always admired the Russians — their brains, their soul, their literature and music. Now, after so much suffering, they are free.

Historians one day will cite the failure of the U.S. government to form a strong partnership with Russia as one of the



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greatest strategic blunders of all time. Instead of welcoming Russia to the West, the U.S. government treated it like a Third World country and unleashed the Wall Street wolves to help Russian wolves loot the assets of the Russian people. That foolish policy continues to this day. One day we will regret it.

I was very moved to see a special on Russian composer Sergey Rachmaninoff recently. He fled during the Bolshevik Revolution and was never able to return. A beautiful country house in which he had composed some of his greatest music was looted and burned by the Bolsheviks, who, like all ideologues, are fundamentally haters. That home has now been rebuilt and restored, and it was quite touching to see how warmly the Russians greeted the grandson of Rachmaninoff when he visited the place. They loaded him down with flowers and could hardly stop talking as they showed him how meticulously they had restored the place to the way it was when his grandfather created so much beauty there.

Russia still has problems, of course, but it will be a great power again. It

already is, but it will grow stronger. Russia's people are smart, and the country, even shorn of its Soviet colonies, has ample natural resources. I agree with Alexander Solzhenitsyn that the people who suffered under communist rule nevertheless retained their spirituality, while the West lost its soul wallowing in materialism. When you visit the empty churches in Europe and listen to the politicized and ideological versions of Christianity so prevalent in America, it's hard to see much of a future for the West, despite its money and its weapons. There could be a rebirth, but if it comes, it will come from the people and not from the political system that has grown so cynical and corrupt.

Our leaders will don military attire and make speeches in peacetime from the decks of mighty carriers, but I wonder if they would climb atop a tank in the midst of a chaotic mob with danger all around them. I don't know. Yeltsin's performance was real, not a prearranged photo opportunity. His country's destiny was at stake, and he was willing to risk his life to save it.

I expect great things from Russia. I expect it will rise like a phoenix from the ashes of communism and one day lead the world in many areas. I look forward to hearing the music and reading the literature a reborn Russia will surely produce.

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



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While a crowd supporting rebel House Democrats gathered early Friday morning on the steps of the Capitol Building, a much smaller crowd protesting the Democrats trip to Oklahoma which shut down the Texas Legislature gathered at mid-morning on the Capitol grounds.

Study: Children with high speed Internet service get better grades

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As Internet connections are established in more U.S. households, positive benefits are being realized for school-age children, particularly for those who have high-speed Internet at home.

According to a recent study done for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting by Grunwald Associates, children who have a high-speed Internet connection are getting better grades in schools.

"High-speed connections bring the full power of the Internet into a home," said Terry Harris, general manager of Cable ONE in Pampa. "This latest finding is just another benefit that High-Speed Internet users enjoy, including faster upload/download speeds, quicker e-mail and a connection that's always on and ready to use."

The study surveyed 2,200 children between the ages of 6 and 17 and learned that 66 percent of those with home web connections say they spend more time on-line since high-speed Internet was installed in their homes. Of that total, 23 percent say they get better grades.

More families today are choosing high-speed Internet connections, with the study showing that 37 percent of families who had home Internet access had a high-speed connection. This number was up from 10 percent of families in 2000.

"The surging popularity of High-Speed Internet demonstrates that it fills a need for home computer users," Harris said, "whether it's for research and studies, entertainment or simply keeping informed."

Cable ONE's numbers reinforce the popularity of this powerful computer tool, with Cable ONE holding an 80 percent market share in communities it serves with high-speed Internet — translating to four-out-of-five households with the faster service.

The new report indicates that youngsters from all income levels and ethnic groups increasingly are using the Internet, as more than two-thirds of low-income households now have a computer compared to less than half two years ago. Computers are found in more than 98 percent of high-

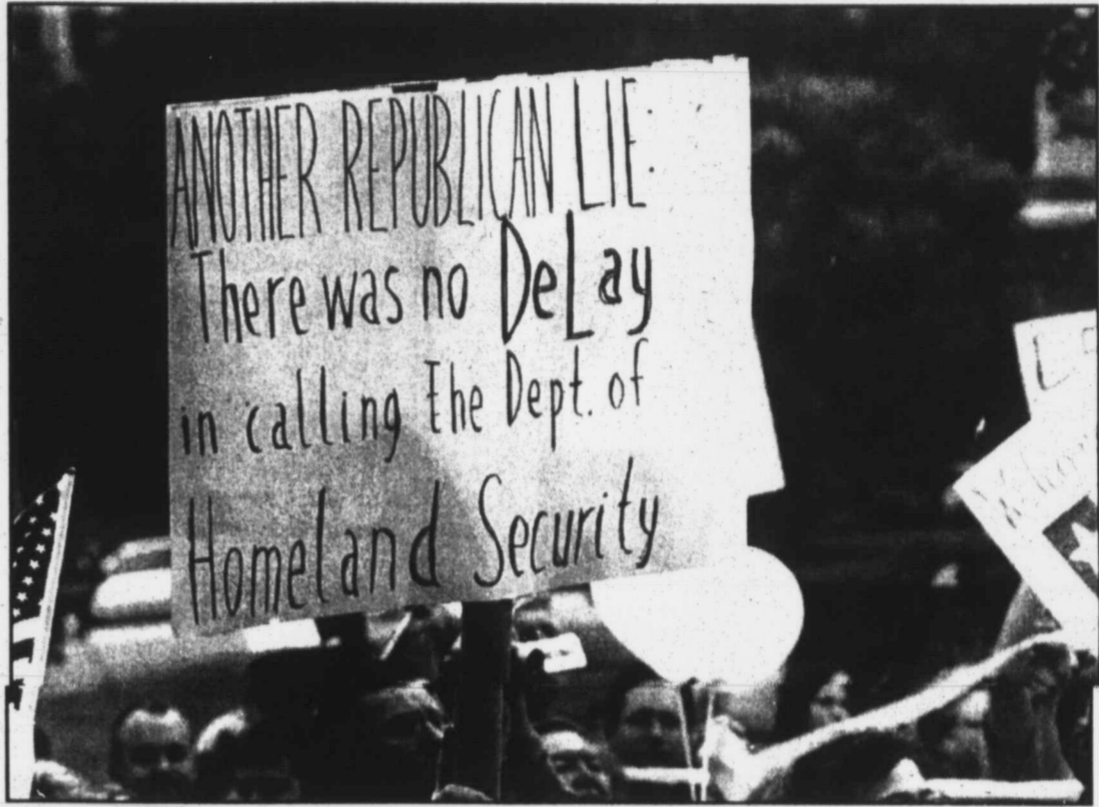
income households. "Home computer use will continue to grow, and it's clear that High Speed Internet use is rising along with that trend," Harris said. "Cable ONE is committed to serving its communities with the latest in High-Speed Internet service and 24-hour technical support."

Cable ONE, the cable division of The Washington Post Co., operates 52 cable systems serving 730,000 subscribers in 19 states.

Privately, many Republicans in the House indicated they, too, were less than enthused with their leadership about the lack of finesse concerning how the situation was handled.

One veteran Republican lawmaker commented: at Craddick had done something the Democrats in the House had never been able to do. He united them.

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Sign at Texas Capitol rally for returning Democrats.

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TCA Young Masters Scholarship program to assist young artists

AUSTIN — The Texas Commission on the Arts is now accepting applications for the second class of its Young Masters scholarship program. The scholarships will help promising young school-aged students in Texas to excel in the arts.

The Young Masters Program will provide exemplary arts students in grades 8-12 with the financial help they need to pursue advanced study in the areas of visual arts, literature, music, theatre, dance and media arts.

The most talented young artists will receive the title of

Young Master and will be granted scholarships of up to \$2,500 per year to further their studies in their chosen arts disciplines. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to three years, but they must reapply annually. TCA expects to award approximately 40 scholarships for this class.

"We have seen excellent artistic advancement among our first class of Young Masters, who attended such prestigious summer programs as the School of Visual Arts in New York, the Chicago Art Institute, Julliard, the

American Dance Festival and Tanglewood," said TCA Executive Director Ricardo Hernandez. "We are eager to give a fresh group of young people this unprecedented opportunity to express themselves and further develop their talents while receiving valuable mentoring to help them succeed."

All Texas students who are U.S. citizens and who are participating in a school-based program, a summer institute, or a specialized course of study; or who are receiving private lessons from a qualified professional instructor are encouraged to apply. In order to be considered, students must maintain passing grades in all academic areas. Young Masters scholarships are not available for collegiate study.

A brief narrative describing an applicant's course of study and detailing how the student will use the scholarship to advance his/her artistic abili-

ties must accompany all applications. A budget indicating anticipated expenditures will also be required. Applicants must also provide evidence of their previous efforts in the arts by submitting a portfolio, a cassette tape, videotape, slides or some other representation of their creative work.

Applications for the Young Masters program may be obtained by calling TCA at (512) 936-6564 or by visiting <http://www.arts.state.tx.us>. All applications and support documents must be post-marked by Monday, Dec. 15, 2003. Applications will be accepted from the student, their parents and the student's instructor. All applications will require the signature of the parents, the instructor and the student.

Students will be selected by a citizen panel of experts from across the state based on level of potential, level of commitment and quality of their proposed plan of action.

Notification of awards for this second class of Young Masters will begin in April 2004.

The Young Masters program was made possible by generous contributions from the SBC Foundation, the Plum Foundation, Burlington Northern, the Fish Foundation, Noel Investments, George Mitchell and Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst. These donations will help promising young school-aged students in Texas to excel in the arts.

TCA was organized in 1965 by the Texas Legislature to develop a receptive climate for the arts in Texas. TCA provides funding and other supportive measures, such as arts education and cultural tourism programs, for a variety of arts-related activities, including visual and literary arts, film and multi-media, performing arts, music and theater.

TCA assistance contributes to both the enhanced quality of life and the healthy eco-

nomie climate of Texas through support of artists and arts organizations. TCA also stimulates arts education at the local level and fosters cooperation among arts and cultural organizations and academic institutions. For more information on TCA and its programs, visit www.arts.state.tx.us.

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Child Welfare Symposium set at West Texas A&M

CANYON — "Nurturing Resilience in Children" will be the focus of the second annual Title IV-E Child Welfare Symposium set for 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, June 13 in the Virgil Henson Activities Center Ballroom on the West Texas A&M University campus.

Dr. Sybil Wolin, a developmental psychologist and co-director of Project Resilience in Washington, D.C., will be the keynote speaker. She will explain the Challenge Model, a breakthrough in understanding how children from troubled families can successfully rise above the challenge in their lives. She will define resilience and explain what

environmental factors foster resilience. Wolin also will discuss how to talk with children about their strengths in

an approach that is useful and appropriate for foster parents, professionals who work with foster children,

educators, counselors and others who work with children.

Wolin is the author of numerous articles and has lectured and consulted numerous agencies seeking to implement a strength-based approach to working with children and youth. In October 2001, Wolin received the Strengths Based Services International "My Brother's Keeper" award for her work in the field of youth development.

In conjunction with the adult sessions, age-appropriate children's workshops will be available for those in foster care and for birth/adopted children, ages 6-18. WTAMU students in the Department of Behavioral Sciences social work program will lead the specialized workshops. For foster/adoptive parents attending the symposium, free child care will be provided for children from birth through age 5.

The symposium is presented by the WTAMU Department of Behavioral Sciences social work program and Student Counseling Services. The sessions are free for those working with Title IV-E eligible children and families, including adoption and foster care professionals and foster parents. Cost for others is \$25 per person if preregistered by Friday, June 6. Cost after June 6 is \$30. For more information, call 806-651-2594 or the WTAMU Continuing Education Center at 806-651-2037.

RRC sets June allowables

AUSTIN — Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews, and Commissioner Victor Carrillo today set June 2003 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 29,708,049 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

For these fields, the June 2003 allowable represents a decrease of 2,607,021 Mcf when compared to actual production of 32,315,070 Mcf in June 2002. In setting the June 2003 allowable, the Commission used historical production figures from June 2002 and producer forecasts for the June 2003 demand, and then adjusted the figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc. Texas natural gas storage

reported by the Commission for April 2003 is 104,299,395 Mcf compared to 289,540,130 Mcf in April 2002. The May 2003 gas storage estimate is 114,288,688 Mcf.

Gas well gas from prorated fields accounts for 9 percent of total gas well production in Texas.

Preliminary statewide production reported for March 2003 is 30,104,733 barrels of crude oil and 377,147,105 Mcf of gas well gas.

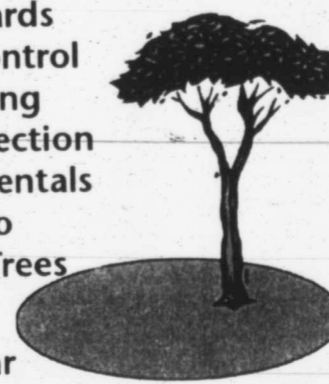
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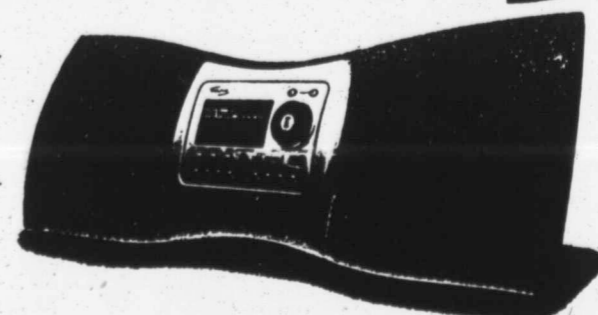


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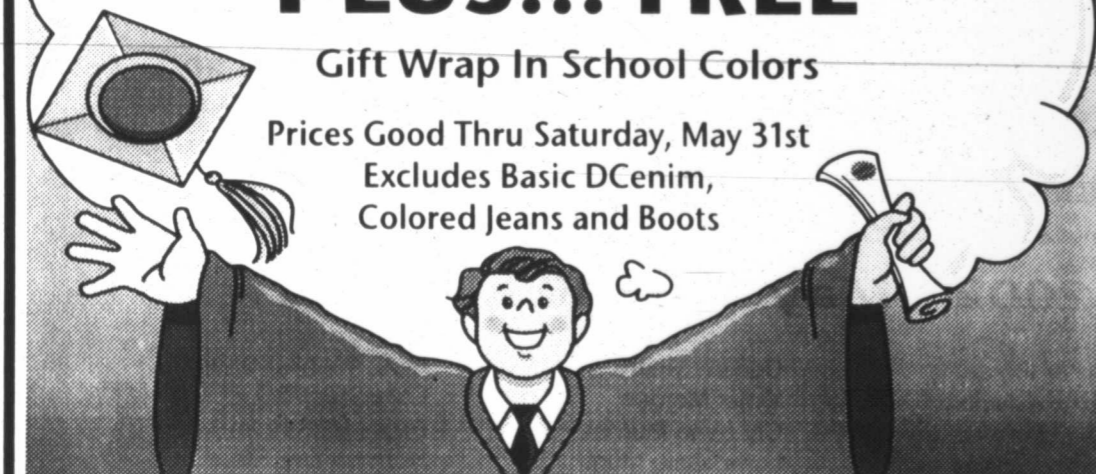
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AUSTIN — Farm Credit Bank of Texas and its affiliated lending associations in Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and New Mexico together reported strong financial results for the quarter ending March 31.

The bank and associations comprise the Tenth Farm Credit District, a network of rural financing cooperatives established more than 86 years ago.

The district's net income for the first quarter of 2003 totaled \$29.6 million, a 19 percent increase from the \$24.8 million reported for the same period in 2002. The increase is attributed largely to increases in net interest income.

Gross loan volume for the district reached a record \$6.850 billion at March 31, reflecting an increase of \$54 million, or 0.8 percent, from the \$6.796 billion loan volume at Dec. 31, 2002.

"We are proud that our bank and lending associations continued to perform extremely well in the first quarter in spite of the sluggish general economy and uncertainties facing the nation," said Larry R. Doyle, FCBT CEO.

He noted that historically low interest rates sustained loan demand, while continued government support to farmers helped to stabilize the agricultural sector. Competitive loan pricing, increased loan participation activity and enhanced marketing and customer service efforts also contributed to the district's success in the first quarter, Doyle said.

The quality of the district's loan portfolio remained strong, with overall acceptable credit quality of 97.3 percent at March 31, down only slightly from the 97.4 percent at year-end 2002.

The bank and associations' combined assets grew to \$7.859 billion at March 31, from \$7.690 billion at Dec. 31, 2002.

The Tenth District is composed of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas, 12 Agricultural Credit Associations, which make rural real estate and agricultural loans, and 10 Federal Land Credit Associations, which specialize in rural real estate lending. At March 31, they reported a total of 62,321 loans outstanding to agricultural producers, agribusiness operations, country homeowners and other rural landowners.

By ROXANA HEGEMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A day after a case of mad cow disease was discovered in Canada, cattle producers in the United States watched livestock markets nervously for any sign of consumer backlash. They were heartened by what they saw.

Livestock futures rebounded Wednesday, recouping much of their losses from the previous day when prices plunged by the daily allowable trading limit following news that a Canadian cow tested positive for the disease.

When Canadian officials announced the mad cow case in Alberta, government regulators and industry groups in the United States immediately reassured the public that domestic beef supplies were safe and firewalls were in place to protect consumers.

"Based on the market reaction this morning, which is very encouraging, I'd say our message is getting across that the system in place is the best in the world. It is very effective," said Todd Domer, spokesman for the Kansas Livestock Association.

Even beef futures jumped Wednesday on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Wednesday, with June live cattle up 1/2 cent to 72.90 cents a pound and August feeder cattle up .93

cent to 83.90 cents a pound.

At Montana's largest stockyard, ranchers' spirits were high and cattle prices strong at the weekly sale Wednesday, one day after U.S. officials banned Canadian beef and cattle imports.

Brisk sales at the Public Auction Yards in Billings seemed based at least in part on a belief that the indefinite ban may turn out to be a benefit for American ranchers.

"I think it will be a good thing for prices, as long as (mad cow disease) doesn't show up in America," said rancher Brian Kurth.

Ilene Turbow, spokeswoman for Ryan's Family Steak Houses Inc., said the company has seen no signs customers are staying away.

"None of our stores indicated any reaction," she said. "We feel real comfortable with our supply of beef and the standards we have in place."

The Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board — which monitors consumer perceptions and attitudes — has no plans to change its advertising campaign, said Monte Reese, the board's chief operating officer.

"Consumers in this country are pretty astute in these issues," he said. "As long as the media treats it responsibly, we will continue to work through it."

Texas wheat production up 46 percent from 2002

AUSTIN — The 2003 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 114.7 million bushels, up 46 percent from 2002 and 5 percent above 2001. This forecast is down fractionally from the Texas April forecast.

According to a May 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, statewide yield is expected to average 31

bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last year, but down 3 bushels from two years ago. Harvested acreage for grain, at 3.7 million acres, is up 37 percent from 2002.

"Growing conditions were favorable early in the season, but a lack of adequate moisture during spring has affected yield potential in most areas," reported State Director Robin Roark.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 47.5 million bushels, up 97 percent from last year. Winter wheat production on the Low Plains is forecast at 24.7 million bushels, up 13 percent from last year. The Cross Timbers' production is estimated at 5.9 million bushels, up 98 percent from last year. Production in the Blacklands is forecast at 22.8 million bushels, 9 percent higher than 2002.

United States' winter wheat production for 2003 is forecast at 1.56 billion bushels, up 37 percent from 2002. Yield is expected to average 42.9 bushels per acre, 4.4 bushels more than a year ago. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 36.4 million acres, up 23 percent from last season.

Beef Cattle Series meetings

Texas Cooperative Extension briefs, upcoming events:
Beef Cattle Series

Texas Cooperative Extension will host a series of meetings in the area to discuss issues related to beef cattle production and management. The dates and times for the remaining meetings are as follows:

May 29. The speakers for this meeting, scheduled at 6:30 p.m., May 29, at the Project Center in Miami, will be Dustin Gaskins, risk management specialist, J.F. Cadenhead, range specialist, Dr. McCollum and Dr. Buddy Faries; Extension program leader for Vet Medicine. Topics will include risk management and marketing, range health, grass/hay management and value, C.O.O.L., and parasite control. This program is worth one continuing education unit. Participants must RSVP by 5 p.m., May 28.

May 30. The speakers for this meeting, scheduled at 9 a.m., May 30, at the Wheeler Church of Christ in Wheeler, will be Cadenhead and Dr. Faries. Topics will include range recovery and weed control and internal parasite control and calving difficulties. This program is worth 1 CEU. Participants must RSVP by 5 p.m., May 28.

All meetings will be catered. For more information, contact the local TCE office at 669-8033.

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LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — The production and sale of wild ginseng is big business in Kentucky, and federal officials want to keep it that way, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service representative said.

But illegal poaching of the medicinal root, which can fetch more than \$350 a pound, is interfering with attempts to ensure the United States meets its obligations under an international treaty that protects endangered wild plant life, said Robert Gabel, chief of the federal agency's Division of Scientific Authority.

Gabel told a forum Wednesday that for 2000-01, between 64 and 93 percent of ginseng harvested in states that have national forest lands were taken in counties that host such lands — indicating the likelihood of widespread illegal poaching.

Only a handful of states allow private harvesting of ginseng in public forests.

Gabel said the government wants input from licensed ginseng growers and sellers about ways to make sure the United States complies with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, under which wild ginseng is designated as a species that may become threatened unless trade is regulated.

The sale of ginseng brought in \$7

million to local economies in Kentucky last year, said Chris Kring, agriculture services supervisor for the state Department of Agriculture.

He said poaching is "by far the most serious problem" individual ginseng growers have in Kentucky, but policing poachers is "just a part-time job" and very few poachers ever are caught.

Twenty-five states, including Kentucky, are authorized to export cultivated and wild ginseng roots that are five years of age or older.

How exactly to classify ginseng roots — whether as wild, some form of wild or cultivated — also is an issue. Ginseng roots classified as wild bring more money on the open market, but making that determination can sometimes be difficult, Gabel said.

"We're trying to marry our purpose, which is income from a crop, with their purpose, which is to protect the species," said ginseng farmer Syl Yunker of Stanton. "We agree that we'd like to see the continuation of the species, but we have problems with limiting the income from the crop (through) export controls and that sort of thing."

Kentucky is the nation's No. 1 harvester of ginseng, used as a remedy for fatigue and stress. Other states represented at the forum included Tennessee, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Michigan.

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SUMMER I SCHEDULE • CLASSES BEGIN JUNE 2, 2003

Course	Time	Days	Course Title	Instructor	Credit
BIOL-2401	5:00-10:00PM	TR	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	Wiginton	4.0
COMM-1307	1:00-4:55PM	TR	Introduction to Mass Communications	McGuire	3.0
COMM-1318	6:00-9:55PM	TR	Digital Photography	McGuire	3.0
ENGL-1301	8:00-11:55AM	MW	English Composition And Rhetoric I	Staff	3.0
ENGL-1302	8:00-11:55AM	MW	English Composition And Rhetoric II	Staff	3.0
ENGL-1302	6:00-9:55PM	TR	English Composition And Rhetoric II	Staff	3.0
ENGL-2332	8:00-11:55AM	TR	World Literature I	Staff	3.0
GOVT-2301	6:00-9:55PM	MW	American And Texas Constitutions	Adams	3.0
GOVT-2302	1:00-4:55PM	MW	American And Texas Governments	Tibbets	3.0
HIST-1301	6:00-9:55PM	MW	Hist Of The United States To 1877	Rapstine	3.0
HIST-1302	6:00-9:55PM	TR	United States History From 1877	Dinsmore	3.0
IMED-2449	1:00-4:55PM	MW	Internet Communications	Stephens	4.0
ITNW-1425	6:00-9:55PM	MW	Fundamentals Of Networking	Stephens	4.0
ITNW-2415	6:00-9:55PM	TR	Lab-Fundamentals Of Networking	Stephens	4.0
ITNW-2415	8:00-11:55AM	MW	Introduction To Wide Area Networks	Stephens	4.0
ITNW-2415	8:00-11:55AM	TR	Lab-Introduction To Wide Area Networks	Stephens	4.0
MATH-1314	6:00-9:55PM	TR	College Algebra	Staff	3.0
PHED-1113	9:00AM-1:00PM	R	Lifetime Physical-Golf	Teichmann	1.0
PSYC-2301	6:00-9:55PM	TR	General Psychology	Vinson	3.0
SOCI-1301	1:00-4:55PM	MW	Introduction To Sociology	Wilson	3.0
SPAN-1411	8:00-11:55AM	MW	Elementary Spanish I	Hernandez	4.0
SPAN-1411	1:00-2:45PM	MW	Lab-Elementary Spanish I	Hernandez	4.0
SPCH-1315	8:00-11:55AM	MW	Public Speaking	Wilson	3.0
SPCH-1315	6:00-9:55PM	MW	Public Speaking	Crockett	3.0

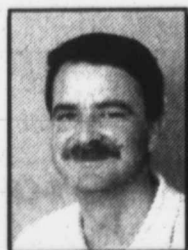
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Course	Time	Days	Course Title	Instructor	Credit
BIOL-2402	5:00-10:00PM	TR	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	Wiginton	4.0
ENGL-1301	6:00-9:55PM	MW	English Composition And Rhetoric I	Wilson	3.0
ENGL-1302	6:00-9:55PM	TR	English Composition And Rhetoric II	Wilson	3.0
ENGL-2333	8:00-11:55AM	MW	World Literature II	Wilson	3.0
GOVT-2302	6:00-10:00PM	TR	American And Texas Governments	Staff	3.0
HIST-1302	6:00-10:00PM	MW	United States History From 1877	Staff	3.0
MATH-1314	6:00-10:00PM	TR	College Algebra	Staff	3.0
PSYC-2314	6:00-10:00PM	TR	Human Growth & Development	Vinson	3.0
SOCI-1301	1:00-4:55PM	TR	Introduction To Sociology	Wilson	3.0
SPCH-1315	1:00-4:55PM	MW	Public Speaking	Wilson	3.0

A leader should take a stand on the issues that affect the city taxpayers. Here are some of my stands:

- **Service Changes** — Any change in service should be well thought out and planned. I did not support the reduction in firefighters because the idea had not been studied. By keeping the positions, the Fire Department was able to improve the fire insurance rating on property within the city. We need to maintain the Pampa Police Department so that they can serve the citizens of Pampa.
- **Hidden Hills Golf Course** — We have a major capital investment in that facility. We must continue to support it while working to reduce the taxpayer subsidy.
- **Economic Development** — We must work closer with the dissolution board of the PEDC. During this time, we should be working harder to explore other avenues of economic development.
- The city should live within its financial means, like we all do at home.

I am always ready to listen and learn from the citizens of Pampa.



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Museum schedules annual Prix de West Invitational Art Exhibit

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum will host its annual Prix de West Invitational Art Exhibition and Sale, June 13-14, 2003. The event will feature approximately 320 works by 91 artists. The public is invited to attend art-related seminars by noted authorities and art demonstrations conducted by Prix de West artists.

Last year's event reached sales topping \$2 million. A crowd of more than 1,200 people included buyers of the finest contemporary Western art, both paintings and sculptures, which ranged in subject matter from wilderness and wildlife to cowboy and Native American themes.

This year's show will include numerous works by artists such as previous Prix de West Award winners Martin Grelle, Bob Kuhn, Hollis Williford and Wayne Wolfe.

Participating for the first time are Shawn Cameron, oils and pencil, Dan Mieduch, Larry Riley, and Michael Stack, oils, all painters from Arizona. Also exhibiting in oils will be Ann Hanson and Dave Wade of Wyoming, Dwayne Harty, Montana, and Wayne Justus, Colorado.

Art seminars will be conducted in the Museum's Sam Noble Special Events Center on Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14. Painting and sculpture demonstrations will take place on Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon at various locations in the Museum.

Each year special awards are bestowed on exhibiting artists. The coveted Prix de West Purchase Award is unveiled on stage in the Sam Noble Special Events Center during Saturday's luncheon. The winning painting or sculpture is selected for purchase by the Museum

for its permanent art collection. A preview reception will be held at 6 P.M. on Friday, June 13. The Saturday evening sale will begin with a cocktail reception at 5 P.M. Drawings for sale of art will take place at 6:30 P.M. At 7:30 P.M., following the sale, an awards banquet will honor the participating artists.

Other special awards include the Frederic Remington Award for Exceptional Artistic Merit, sponsored by the Museum; the Robert Lougheed Memorial Award, chosen by exhibiting artists for a display of three or more works, sponsored by the Robert S. and Grayce B. Kerr Foundation; the James Earle Fraser Sculpture Award for artistic merit, the Major General and Mrs. Don D. Pittman Wildlife Art Award for artistic merit, sponsored by the late Major General and Mrs. Don D. Pittman, and the Nona Jean Hulsey

Rumsey Buyers' Choice Award, chosen for the most popular work of art in the exhibit.

A new award to be introduced during the banquet is Express Ranches The Great American Cowboy Award for best portrayal of the American Cowboy, painting or sculpture. The award is sponsored by Bob and Nedra Funk.

For the first time at this event, an auction will take place during the dinner. The 10 artists contributing oil and watercolor paintings, sculptures and works in stone are Joe Anna Arnett, Gerald Balciar, Joseph Bohler, John O. Encinias, Luke Frazier, Doug Hyde, Mehl Lawson, Lowell Ellsworth Smith, Jim Wilcox and Hollis Williford.

A per person package price of \$320, a \$45 savings, includes the Friday evening cocktail reception, two days of seminars, a Saturday

morning continental breakfast, two buffets, a bolo medallion created by Prix de West sculptor Steve Kestral, an exhibition catalog, and the Saturday evening sale and banquet. Tickets for individual events may be purchased separately. The elegant award-winning Prix de West catalog, which features bios on the exhibiting artists and their entries, is available for purchase after June 1, 2003, through the Museum Store for \$60, plus \$7 for shipping.

The Prix de West Exhibition will remain on display through Sunday, September 7, and unsold works of art may be purchased through the closing date. For reservations and further information, contact Edwina Johnston at (405) 478-2250, extension 219.

For more information on seminars and art demonstrations, contact M.J. Van Deventer at (405) 478-6404.

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TWC offers tips in time for summer hiring

AUSTIN — Every summer, Texas' employers hire thousands of teen-age workers for a wide variety of part- and full-time positions. The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) wants employers, workers and parents alike to be aware of the state and federal laws, and safety regulations affecting child labor issues.

"The availability of teen workers is critical to the success of Texas' employers, especially during the summer," said TWC Chair Diane Rath. "Accordingly, it is extremely important for employers, teen workers and their parents to fully understand the labor laws that apply to them."

Federal and Texas child labor laws ensure that children are not employed in an occupation or manner that is detrimental to their safety, health or

well-being. Any individual under 18 years of age is defined as a child. Youths age 16 and 17 may perform any job not declared hazardous by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), for unlimited hours. Youths age 14 and 15 may work outside school hours in various nonmanufacturing, nonmining, nonhazardous jobs under the following conditions: no more than three hours on a school day, 18 hours in a school week, eight hours on a nonschool day or 40 hours in a nonschool week. They also may not begin work before 7 a.m. nor work after 7 p.m., except from June 1 through Labor Day, when evening hours are extended until 9 p.m.

"Part-time and summer employment opportunities provide a variety of benefits for young workers that extend far beyond a paycheck," said Commissioner Representing Labor T.P. O'Mahoney. "Allowing teens to develop skills and gain experience in safe working environments will expand their long-term career prospects while also strengthening our future workforce."

Most working teens are employed in retail establishments, restaurants, supermarkets and stores. Others work on farms or in summer camps and amusement parks. Generally, teens may not work at jobs that involve:

- Driving a motor vehicle and being an outside helper on a motor vehicle (absolutely prohibited for youth under 17; subject to certain conditions for youth age 17)
- roofing operations*
- Excavating operations*
- Power-driven wood-working machines*
- Power-driven bakery machines
- Power-driven paper-products machines*
- Power-driven hoisting equipment
- Power-driven metal-forming, punching and shearing machines*
- Power-driven circular saws, band saws and guillotine shears*
- Meat-packing or processing machines (including power-driven meat slicing)
- Manufacturing brick, tile and related products

- Wrecking, demolition and ship-breaking operations
- Logging and sawmilling
- Exposure to radioactive substances and ionizing radiation

• Manufacturing or storing explosives

* Limited exemptions are provided for apprentices and trainees under specified standards.

"The employers of Texas benefit greatly from the teen workforce pool," said Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "A thorough understanding of the types of activities teens can safely and legally participate in can ensure that they continue to reap those benefits in the future."

For more information on prohibited or restricted jobs, or to get other details on child labor laws:

—Call DOL at (800) 959-3652, or visit www.dol.gov/esa/welcome.html.

—Call TWC's Labor Law Department at (800) 832-9243 or (512) 837-9559, or visit www.texasworkforce.org (employer or worker services).

University hosting Future Teacher Leadership Camps

CANYON — The Division of Education at West Texas A&M University hopes to fuel the passion for teaching with its WT Future Teacher Leadership Camp June 23-26 on the WTAMU campus.

The three-day camp is designed for high school students interested in teaching. Campers will work with WTAMU faculty to learn what the teaching profession is all about. High-need areas — math, science and bilingual/English as a Second Language — will be discussed, but the major emphasis will be on special education.

Campers will learn team building and leadership skills. They will be exposed to the different environment, resources and issues teachers face through hands-on programs and guest speaker sessions. Other activities include field trips to Region 16 as well as an opportunity to observe a classroom session.

"This camp's purpose is to encourage and

motivate students to pursue a teaching career," Gilberto Antunez, recruiting coordinator in the Division of Education, said.

All students must attend the camp with a sponsor. Students will be assigned to share a room in a residence hall on the WTAMU campus, and all meals will be served at the University's cafeteria.

The WT Future Teacher Leadership Camp is funded by a grant through the Regents' Initiative for Excellence in Education. The Texas A&M University System is committed to increasing the number of teachers its member universities graduate and certify by 33 percent by the year 2004.

Cost for the camp is \$100 and includes room and board and all activities. Students registering for the camp before May 23 will receive an early bird discount of \$50. For more information about the Future Teacher Camp, contact Antunez at 806-651-2610.

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FSA. 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.

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.

HFA Publication. Hospice Foundation of America has published "Caregiving and Loss: Family Needs, Professional Responses." The book offers insight and practical suggestions for those assisting family caregivers as they respond to the challenges of caregiving, make critical end-of-life decisions and cope with grief. For more information, call 1-800-854-3402 or visit www.hospicefoundation.org on the World Wide Web. HFA also offers the following pamphlets: "Supporting Your Friend Through Illness & Loss," and "Caring for Someone Who is Dying."

International Library of Photography. ILP holds several free photography contests throughout the year for amateur photographers. For more information or to stay abreast of upcoming shows, visit www.picture.com on the World Wide Web.

National Arbor Day Foundation. The National Arbor Day Foundation is offering "What Tree is That?," a 72-page tree identification guide book. The book is free of charge and may be obtained by sending your name and address to: "What Tree is That?," The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410. Also available is a "Conservation Trees" booklet with colorful photos and illustrations and easy-to-understand descriptions to help people plant and care for trees. To obtain a booklet, send name and address to: Conservation Trees, The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

NESRI. 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.

NEFF SCHOLARSHIPS. Scholarships are available through National Fallen Firefighters Foundation for children of firefighters who have died in the line of duty. For more information, visit www.firehero.org and look up scholarships. To receive a free information packet, call 1-877-453-FIRE.

NIA Guides. National Institute on Aging is offering "Talking with Your Doctor: A Guide for Older People." The 30-page booklet is available in single or bulk copies. Also available through NIA is the 36-page booklet, "Who? What? When? Resources for Women's Health and Aging" to help women as they age. For more information, call the NIA Information Center weekdays between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., toll-free at 1-800-222-2225 or TTY at 1-800-222-4225.

PETFINDER.COM. Petfinder.com, the Internet's largest and oldest virtual animal shelter, is available to those seeking to adopt a pet. The Internet service includes a total of 100 shelters in Texas and represents 1,600 shelters nationwide. The website allows users to search by kind of animal, breed, gender, size and age. Results of the search are ranked in proximity to the user's zip code.

PIE. Pacific Intercultural Exchange is seeking host families for foreign exchange students. The students, age 15-18, have spending money and carry accident and health insurance. PIE reps match students with host families through an informal in-home meeting. Host families may deduct \$50 per month for income tax purposes. For more information, call 1-800-631-1818.

PRS. Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory

Services conducts a monthly informational meeting for individuals interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent every second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at its office (6200 I-40 West) in Amarillo. Contact Darla Ingram at (806) 354-6230 for more details.

School-to-Career Program. Texas AFL-CIO has announced the "School to Careers" project for high school students interested in union apprenticeship programs. To learn more about the benefits of union-sponsored apprenticeship training programs, contact the local Texas Workforce Commission or call (512) 470-0918.

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.

Stuttering Foundation. Stuttering Foundation of America is offering a free copy of its brochure "The Child Who Stutters at School: Notes to the Teacher." For more information, contact the non-profit foundation by mail: Stuttering Foundation of America, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111; or phone 1-800-992-9392. The brochure is also available at www.stutteringhelp.org on the World Wide Web.

TCA Web site. A list of "10 Hot Summer Cultural Events" can be accessed via the Texas Commission on the Arts website at www.artsonline.com — the most comprehensive arts calendar on the Internet in Texas. Visitors to the site can search the database by city, region, date, topic or organization name as well as access a travel planner section that allows visitors to hyperlink to vendors to rent a car, make airline reservations or book hotel rooms.

TG Web Site. Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp. (TG) has revamped its "Adventures in Education" website located at <http://www.adventuresineducation.org> or <http://www.aie.org> on the Internet. Although the site is targeted to middle school, high school and college students as well as high school counselors, each section can assist parents in helping their children prepare for college. TG is a public nonprofit corporation that helps create access to higher education for millions of families and students through its role as an administrator of the Federal Family Education Loan Program. Its mission is to provide information to help families and students realize their educational and career dreams.

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.

World Heritage. World Heritage, a non-profit student exchange program, is currently seeking a local community representative to provide high school exchange students with program support. For more information, call Ande Bloom at 1-800-888-9040 or visit www.world-heritage.org on the World Wide Web.

MUSEUMS, MILITARY

82nd Airborne. 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.

Freedom Museum USA. Freedom Museum, USA, 600 N. Hobart is open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Revolutionary War to Kosovo. All branches of service are represented. For more information, call 669-6066.

Harrington House. The 2001 tour season for Harrington House, 1600 S. Polk, Amarillo, is in full swing. Built in 1914 by cattlemen John and Pat Landergerin, the house was acquired in 1940 and preserved by Don and Sybil Harrington. The hour-long tours are conducted from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, April through mid-December. There is no admission fee. For more information call (806) 374-5490.

Old Mobeetie Jail Museum. Old Mobeetie Jail Museum in Mobeetie offers various volunteer opportunities to interested individuals. For more information, call (806) 845-2028.

PPHM Story Time. Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will present "Story Time" at 2:30 p.m. every second Saturday of each month except December and January on the second floor of the museum. For more information, contact PPHM at (806) 651-2244.

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 homeport@lewisengraving.com

White Deer Land Museum. White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) winter visiting hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. No charge for admission; elevator provided.

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Ballroom Dancers. 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 USABDACC@aol.com; or write: USABDA, P.O. Box 128, New Freedom, PA 17349.

Clarendon VFW Bingo. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7782, Hwy 287 east, Clarendon, hosts charity bingo every Saturday. Doors open at 6 p.m. with games starting at 7 p.m. Ten games are played per session. For more information, call 874-VETS. The maximum award is \$750 per game and \$2,500 per session.

Geezer.com. Green Thumb, Inc., the nation's oldest and largest provider of training and employment for mature workers, now offers consumers Geezer.com, an on-line service featuring the handiwork of seniors from across the country. The site is a must for shoppers looking for distinctive, often one-of-a-kind gifts. Geezer.com includes scores of artisans and craftspeople with more than 2,000 hand-wrought products in more than a dozen categories — apparel, art, doll houses, home and hearth, music and videos, pet store, sports, recreation, toys and games, yard and garden and more.

TEXAS Vacation Packages. The Musical Drama "TEXAS" is continuing its fall, winter and spring vacation packages showcasing area attractions such as Amarillo Rattlers, Amarillo Opera, Amarillo Symphony, Lone Star Ballet, American Quarter Horse Association and much more. The packages include hotel/motel accommodations, dining in the best western tradition and one-stop shopping. For more information, call 1-800-655-2181 or visit www.texasmusicaldrama.com on the Internet.

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LIFESTYLES HEADERS

STORY TIME
Lovett Memorial Library will host Story Times with stories and crafts for children 18-months and older at 10 a.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday starting June 2 and continuing throughout the month at the library. In July, Story Times will be offered at 10 a.m., Monday and Tuesday. Also in July special programs will be staged at 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, for children kindergarten age and up. Program topics will include "Learn How to be a spy!" and "Mystery Day at the Library." For more information, contact the library at 669-5780.

READING PROGRAM
Registration for the Summer Reading Program at Lovett Memorial Library will get under way May 27 and continue throughout the summer. All children will receive a free book upon completing three hours of reading time. For each hour read, they will get to glue a puzzle piece. Participants may also be eligible for 10 \$10 certificates from Hastings. For more information, contact the library at 669-5780.

Student conferences organized to benefit freshmen

CANYON — Beginning freshmen at West Texas A&M University can get an early glimpse of college life during the University's New Student Conferences. The conferences are set for June 5-6, June 26-27, July 10-11 and July 31-Aug. 1 on the WTAMU campus. A one-day conference is scheduled for July 26.

The conferences offer orientation and preregistration opportunities for incoming freshmen and will help new

ARC SWIM LESSONS
Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross and the City of Pampa will be offering swim lessons throughout the months of June and July and the beginning of August at M.K. Brown Pool for a variety of age and experience levels, starting with ages 3 through 5. Each two-week class will be 30-minutes in length and cost \$35. To enroll or for more information, call the local Red Cross office at 669-7121.

PALO DURO HANDWEAVERS GUILD
Palo Duro Handweavers Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m., May 29, in Amarillo. The meeting is open to individuals interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts. For more information, call (806) 358-2765.

BORGER ROTARY POKER RUN
Borger Rotary Club will stage its first ever Poker Run fundraiser Saturday, May 31, at Frank Phillips College in Borger. Entry fee is \$10. Registration will be from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The first bikes will leave at 12 p.m., the last at 1:10 p.m. The route will be approximately 70-miles in length.

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 1-4 p.m., June 4 and 18, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m., June 23, Canadian City Hall, Canadian.

PCCA DRIVE
Pampa Community Concert Association's 2003-04 membership drive is currently under way through June 1. Concerts scheduled during the upcoming year include: "The Vanaver Caravan," "Pastures of Plenty - Woody Guthrie in dance and music," "The Wood's Tea Company," a blend of maritime,

American and Celtic folk music, "Cantus," a 12-member vocal ensemble; and "Lee and Suits," violin and piano duo. For more information about becoming a member, call 665-3367 or 665-0343.

DOGIE DAYS
Dumas Noon Lions Club is once again organizing Dumas Dogie Days June 4-7 in Dumas. The annual fund-raiser will include a barbecue, a Midway, booths, games and a parade. Participants may also purchase chances to win a 2003 Ford F-10 Super Cab pickup. For more information about Dogie Days activities, call (806) 935-7364 or (806) 922-5292.

AMARILLO LIBRARY BOOK SALE
Friends of the Amarillo Public Library will hold its Annual Used Book Sale June 6-8 in the basement of Central Library, 4th and Buchanan, Amarillo. The sale will include books, videocassettes, audiocassettes, LP records and CDs. A members' only preview night will be offered at 9 p.m., Monday, June 2. Basic membership is \$2 per person or \$1 per student. To join, send dues to Friends of the Amarillo Public Library, P.O. Box 2171, Amarillo, TX 79105-2171.

PAMPA NURSING CENTER
Pampa Nursing Center will host a celebration in honor of its 40th anniversary from 2-4 p.m., June 6, at PNC, 1321 W. Kentucky. The event will include music, drawings, blood pressure checks, oxygen status readings, hot dogs and sodas.

SQUARE HOUSE FUND-RAISER
Carson County Square House Museum will host its 16th

Annual Auction and Dinner fund-raiser Friday, June 6 starting with Hors d'Oeuvres at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Dress for the evening is garden party chic. For more information, call (806) 537-3524.

LLANO ESTACADO CLAY GUILD
Llano Estacado Winery and Clay Guild of Lubbock announce the Sixth Annual Wine and Clay Festival to be held June 7 and 8 at the winery, 3.2 miles east of US 87 on FM 1585. The event will include ceramic art, wine tasting, clay demonstrations and more. For more information, call (806) 748-9337 or (806) 745-2258.

WILDCAT BLUFF NATURE CENTER
Wildcat Bluff Nature Center, 2301 N. Soney, in Amarillo, will host a program on prairie dogs at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 14. The program will be delivered by Russell Graves of Childress, author of "The Prairie Dog Sentinel of the Plains." The program will also include a hike to the center's prairie dog town for observation. Graves is a professional photographer as well as an agriculture science instructor in Childress schools. Admission is \$5 for nonmembers. Proceeds will go to fund education programming at the center. For more information, call (806) 352-6007.

ILP CONTEST
International Library of Photography is currently accepting entries into its free International Open Amateur Photography Contest. The deadline for entries is June 30. For more information, log onto www.picture.com on the Internet.

SUMMER YOUTH CLASSES
National Ranching Heritage Center will offer "Summer Youth Classes" from 9 a.m.-12 noon, July 21-25, at the center in Lubbock. For more information, call (806) 742-0497, ext. 228.

HPIY ART FESTIVAL
Entries are currently being sought for the High Plains International Youth Art Festival. The event, open to youth age 18 and under, will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, July 26 at several locations including Woody Guthrie Music Center in Pampa and Community Center in Miami. All visual media will be accepted (photography, painting, sculpture, ceramics, etc.) **Deadline for entries is July 21.** Cost is \$5 per artist. No limit is placed on number of exhibits. Space is limited. Participants will be served on a first come, first serve basis. To register, log onto www.pampatribute.org/art_festival.htm or call (806) 868-2094.

TFA CONTEST
Texas Forestry Association is currently accepting nominations for its annual Excellence in Wood Design Award. Nominations are open to projects that have been completed within the last five years that aesthetically utilize wood and/or use wood products structurally. Categories are as follows: Institutional, Commercial, Residential and Special Projects. **Deadline for entries is July 31.** For an application or more information, call 1-866-TXTREES or write P.O. Box, 1488, Lufkin, TX 75902-1488.

students learn the campus, meet friends and discover resources available at the University. Registration deadline for the first conference is Friday, May 29.

Those attending must have completed admission requirements — application for admission, ACT or SAT scores, high school transcript and TASP scores or proof of exemption. Check-in for the first conference is 9 a.m. Thursday, June 5 at the Jack B.

Kelley (JBK) Student Center Commons.

Students attending the two-day conferences are required to stay on campus and will be housed in Jones Hall. During the first day of the conference, students will have the opportunity to reserve a parking permit; tour the campus, schedule appointments for advising and meet with the University's various departments. On the last day, students will meet with faculty advisers and register for fall classes.

Cost of each of the two-day conference dates is \$50 for students and \$15 for each parent or family member attending. The \$50 student registration fee includes an overnight stay on campus, two meals, a conference T-shirt and conference materials. The \$15 parent fee includes two meals and conference materials.

Cost of the one-day conference is \$35 for students and \$15 for each parent or family member attending. Reservations for each of the five sessions are taken in the order they are received.

For more information about the WTAMU New Student Conference, call 806-651-2006 or visit www.wtamu.edu/new-studentconference.

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Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM recently honored 40-year members (left-right) Alvin Loyd Soukup, with wife Peggy, Leaton Dale Hawkins, David Wayne Crawford, with wife Betty, and Donnell Ray Carperter, with wife Carol. Not pictured are Charles Wayne Couch, James Freddy James, Carl Raymond Johnson, Bobby Gene Monzingo and Gray Wynn Neal, all 40 year members, and James Weldon Holley, Thomas L. Larmar and Leroy Lislie Richardson, all 25-year members.

TDA accepting Organic Livestock Certification applications

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced today that the Texas Department of Agriculture has finalized its Organic Livestock Standards and is now available to certify operations for organic livestock production in the state of Texas.

"This swings the door wide open for producers who want to tap into the lucrative organic livestock industry," Combs

said. "Texas is already known around the world for its livestock, and organic livestock is a natural fit for us. It's an important, growing market that our state can tackle and have a big impact."

Texas Organic Livestock Standards were developed in accordance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Organic Standards for livestock production. They establish production standards

for organic certification of animals used to produce meat, eggs, dairy products, wool and other food or fiber products of animal origin.

Previously, to become certified to do business in organic livestock, Texas producers relied solely on privately owned certification companies, none of which are based in Texas. Now Texas producers will have the option of obtaining all of their certification from TDA.

"Our inspectors are trained and ready to go. They know the state and can provide quick, localized certifications at a reasonable price," Combs said.

"By strengthening the organic livestock market in Texas, we hope to see a chain reaction that boosts rural areas and sparks development. We could see new demand for organic feed mills and processing and packaging plants to accommodate production."

Applications and other information can be found on TDA's web site at www.agr.state.tx.us. For more information or to request an application packet by mail contact Leslie McKinnon, Coordinator for Organic Certification, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711, or call (800) TELL-TDA.

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Chemical boosting old brains

WASHINGTON (AP) — Doses of a neurochemical called GABA may reinvigorate aging brains, according to research involving very old monkeys.

In a study appearing recently in the journal *Science*, researchers at the University of Utah report that GABA appears to help aged Rhesus monkeys focus their vision and thinking processes by silencing the interfering static from other neurons in their brains.

GABA screens out the stray nerve signals that may make thinking and seeing difficult in older brains, said Audie G. Leventhal, a professor at the University of Utah School of Medicine and first author of the study.

"It eliminates the garbage signals," he said.

Leventhal said that in old primates, both human and monkey, there is a decline in the levels of GABA, a chemical that inhibits neuron signals in the brain. Without enough of that control, he said, the brain is distracted and overwhelmed by stray signals, in the same way the ear is overwhelmed when trying to hear a whisper at a rock concert.

"There, you wouldn't really hear anything," he said. "But if there is screaming in an empty room, then it is very easy to hear. That is sort of what GABA does."

Without sufficient levels of GABA to drown out all of the background signals, said Leventhal, "then all of your higher brain functions go bad."

Dr. Bernard W. Agranoff, a neurochemist and professor of psychiatry at the University of Michigan, said the study showing the effect of GABA in aging brains is an important finding that should be researched further in humans.

"It doesn't automatically point toward a treatment, but it is an observation that needs to be followed up," said Agranoff, who was not involved in the research. "It is a quite interesting finding and the data looks very good."

In the study, Leventhal and his co-authors measured the electrical activity of neurons in specific parts of the brains of both young and old Rhesus monkeys as the animals were exposed to light patterns flashed on a computer screen.

Earlier work had shown that in young monkeys some neurons fired only for horizontal patterns, while others responded only to vertical or to diagonal patterns. In older monkeys, however, the neurons fired almost randomly, suggesting the brain cells had a diminished ability to distinguish shapes and motions.

When minute quantities of GABA were injected directly into neurons, the brains of the older monkeys responded just like those of the young animals, Leventhal said. Signals were sharp and clean as neurons fired appropriately for each of the patterns on the screen, he said.

The effect lasted only as long as GABA levels were maintained. When the chemical was removed, the brains of the old monkeys reverted to their aged confusion within a few minutes, Leventhal said. Added GABA appeared to have no effect on the young.

Fasting may be as beneficial as cutting calories

WASHINGTON (AP) — The health benefits of sharply cutting calories may occur after periodic fasting, even if the fast does not result in eating less overall, a new report indicates.

Scientists are now planning a study to see if fasting, which seems to benefit mice, will also be good for people too.

Benefits ranging from longer life to less stress and greater sensitivity to insulin have been reported in recent studies of severe reductions in diet.

But mice that were fed only

every other day, but were allowed to gorge themselves on the days they ate, had similar health benefits to ones on a diet reduced by 40 percent of normal food intake, a team of researchers reports in a recent online edition of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

While the cause of health improvements from cutting back on diet isn't fully understood, many researchers had assumed that a long-term reduction in calories was involved.

The new study by Mark Mattson and colleagues at the National Institute on Aging found equal benefits, however, for mice that ate only every other day, even if they didn't cut total calories, because they ate twice as much on days they weren't fasting.

Mattson said a study is being planned to test the effect of fasting on people. The plan is to compare the health of a group of people fed the normal three meals a day with a similar group, eating the same diet and amount of food, but con-

suming it within four hours and then fasting for 20 hours before eating again.

"Overeating is a big problem now in this country. It's particularly troublesome that a lot of children are overweight. It's still unclear the best way to somehow get people to eat less," Mattson said.

"One possibility is skipping a meal a day. Our study suggests that skipping meals is not bad for you."

Dr. Carol Braunschweig of the University of Illinois at Chicago, who was not part of the study team, said she was intrigued by the suggestion that a drastic change in eating patterns might have benefits.

"With the current epidemic of obesity and physical inactivity facing the U.S. today, identification of a beneficial eating pattern that could address some of the untoward effects of excess weight would be a very significant finding," she said.

Mattson said an earlier study found that mice that fasted every other day had extended life spans. The new experiment found the mice also did better in factors involved in diabetes and nerve damage in the brain similar to Alzheimer's disease, he said.

"We think what happens is going without food imposes a mild stress on cells, and cells respond by increasing their ability to cope with more severe stress," Mattson said. "It's sort of analogous to physical effects of exercise on muscle cells."

He said the researchers think this stress occurs throughout the body, which might be the reason fasting seems to increase life span and the animals become more resistant to the diseases of aging.

The dieting mice consumed 40 percent less food than mice eating normally and lost nearly half their body weight (49 percent) in the experiment, while the fasting mice weighed only a little less than mice eating normally.

In recent years, some nutritionists have recommended eating smaller amounts more often, but this study did not deal with that type of eating pattern.

In the new report, the researchers said both the fasting mice and those on a restricted diet had concentrations of blood sugar and insulin that were significantly lower than mice allowed to eat whenever they wanted. Indeed, insulin levels in the fasting mice were even a bit lower than the dieting ones.

At the end of the experiment all three groups of mice were injected with a toxin that damages cells in the part of the brain called the hippocampus. Cell damage there is involved in Alzheimer's in humans.

When the mouse brains were later analyzed the scientists found that the brains of the fasting mice were more resistant to damage by the toxin than the brains of either dieting mice or those eating normally.

Baylor researchers discover popular painkillers can harm small intestine

HOUSTON (AP) — Using a tiny camera in easily swallowed capsules, researchers at the Baylor College of Medicine have learned that popular painkillers like ibuprofen can damage the small intestine.

The nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) were known to be dangerous to the gastrointestinal tract, particularly the stomach and duodenum, the first six inches of the small intestine.

But the new findings, presented recently at the Digestive Disease Week 2003 conference in Orlando, Fla., suggest that the NSAIDs were also dangerous to the entire small intestine.

The capsule endoscopy detected small-bowel erosions in 62 percent of NSAID users, compared to 5 percent of non-NSAID users.

"This study shows that patients who take NSAIDs regularly have an increased risk of small-intestinal ulceration and bleeding," said Dr. Waqar Qureshi, chief of endoscopy at the Baylor College of Medicine and the Houston Veterans Affairs Medical Center. "Patients who think that they're having trouble with NSAIDs need to be aware that there's where the problem may be occurring."

NSAIDs are medications that reduce pain and inflammation. More than 100 million prescriptions are written annually for the drugs in the United States, and more are sold without prescriptions.

The drugs have been found to increase the risk of bleeding by two to three times in the first six inches of the small intestine, causing complications that kill 16,500 and hospitalize more than 100,000 annually.

The new findings were based on a study of 40 arthritis patients. Twenty took NSAIDs

daily for three months and 20 took acetaminophen or nothing.

Severe injury to the small bowel was seen in 23 percent of NSAID users while no one in the other group suffered severe damage.

The Houston Chronicle reported in Tuesday's editions that the NSAIDs tested were indomethacin, naproxen, oxyproxicin and ibuprofen, but not aspirin. Severe damage was associated with high doses.

Naproxen is available without prescription under the brand Aleve. Ibuprofen is available over the counter under the brands Advil, Motrin and Nuprin.

The technology used to detect the damage wasn't available until two years ago when the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the capsule endoscope.

The capsule endoscope can diagnose a range of disorders of the small intestine, including Crohn's disease, celiac disease, benign and malignant tumors, vascular problems, medication-related bowel injury and pediatric small bowel disorders without interfering with the patient's normal activities.

The capsule endoscopy's disposable miniature video camera takes two photos every second as it travels through the small intestine, and transmits 50,000 color images to a hard drive worn on the patient's belt.

The information is later downloaded into a computer and played back as a movie sequence. The cameras cost about \$300 and treatment with it typically costs \$1,000 to \$1,200.

Qureshi said the next step for his team is to compare the effects of different NSAIDs, including aspirin, as well as other medications. He said the team hopes to submit a paper on the study presented Monday in the next month or two.

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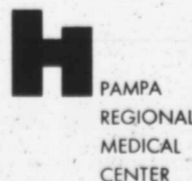
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SPORTS

PHS tennis coach takes job at new high school

Coach Quarles going to Frisco

After five years of building a championship tennis program in Pampa, tennis coach Carolyn Quarles is taking on a new challenge. Coach Quarles has resigned her PHS position to take the head coaching job at Frisco Centennial, a brand-new Class 4A high school in Texas.

Centennial High, which opens in August, will accept only freshmen and sophomores the first year. Over the next two years, junior and senior classes will be added.

Centennial joins Frisco High as the other 4A high school in that city.

Quarles finished her Pampa career with a 76-2 district record, which included five district championships and 40 consecutive district wins. Her teams had an 8-5 record in regionals and advanced to the regional semifinals five times.

During Quarles five-year stint, Pampa finished the year ranked in

the top 10 among Class 4A teams every season. She was named District 3-4A Coach of the Year in 1998 and 2002. She was also honored as the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame Tennis Coach of the Year in 1998, 2000, 2002.

Quarles knows the game as well as anybody. She attended Texas Tech on a tennis scholarship and has been a coach for over 20 years.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to be the Harvester tennis coach," Quarles said. "We were not looking to move, but my husband (Chuck) was offered a job in Frisco and then Centennial contacted me about the opening. We felt God was opening doors to opportunities

we must pursue."

Since both are PHS graduates, making the move was a difficult choice to make.

"I have had the opportunity to coach the best kids anywhere at Pampa High School," she said. "The support we've had from the parents, school board, community and athletic director Dennis Cavalier has helped us be one of the best tennis programs in the state."

Quarles says that support won't change.

"Our junior high has excellent players and we have a great nucleus coming back next year. Pampa is a great place to live and raise kids. It will always be our home," she said.



Carolyn Quarles

Sorenstam misses cut in PGA Tour experiment

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Annika Sorenstam ended her experiment on the PGA Tour the same way it started: making a pressure-packed shot in front of an enormous, cheering gallery.

Nobody knew what to expect before Sorenstam striped her opening drive into the No. 10 fairway to start her first round and become the first woman in 58 years to play on the PGA Tour.

By the time Sorenstam ended her historic appearance in the Colonial with a 15-foot par putt Friday, the fact she missed the cut by four strokes didn't matter.

"I'm far away from the leaderboard. That's obvious," said Sorenstam, who shot a 3-over 74 for a 5-over total. "But I'm very proud of the way I played all week under all of the circumstances."

Under intense scrutiny in an atmosphere only Tiger Woods could appreciate, Sorenstam showed she could hold her own against the men — at least for a couple of days. And she did it on a course longer (7,080 yards) and tougher than any she had ever played in competition.

Sorenstam broke down in

tears as she walked off the green to a raucous and well-deserved ovation. She cried as she signed her scorecard, realizing that it was all over.

"Being under the microscope and then when I didn't really perform as well as I think I can, I'm emotionally drained right now because I gave it all I had," she said.

"That's what I had to do, come here and perform my best."

She teed off Thursday

Sorenstam responded by holding her hands above her head and applauding them. Then, having gotten her third shot on the green after a wayward tee shot into the trees, she made the par-saving putt.

Second round co-leader Kenny Perry was among those impressed with how Sorenstam handled things. Again, the score didn't matter.

"I played with Tiger two times last year ... and the media scrutiny was really

intense out there," Perry said. "I performed very poorly. My hat's off to her. I think she did a great job."

going to help me do that." That begins next week when Sorenstam tries to defend in the LPGA's Kellogg-Keebler Classic outside Chicago at Stonebridge County Club, a par 72 that measures 6,237 yards. She finished at 21-under 195 to win by 11 strokes last year.

Sorenstam opened with a 71 on Thursday, not going over par until a bogey on the last hole. She was 1 under through four holes Friday, saving par

from the sand on the first and third holes — and holing an 8-foot birdie at No. 2.

Then she had three bogeys in a four-hole stretch and made the turn at 3 over. Her chance of missing the cut was gone after a pair of three-putts — from 30 feet on the 10th, and almost 50 feet on No. 12, when her short par putt lipped out and sent her to 5 over.

"I think it was just too much pressure to put on one person for one or two rounds of golf," said Wilson, the only one in her group to make the cut at 2 under. "But she played great. She carried herself incredibly well. She's got a lot of game."

Barber missed the cut after a second-round 74 that left him at 6 over, a stroke behind Sorenstam.

Babe Zaharias was the last woman to compete on the tour, in 1945. She made the 36-hole cut in the Los Angeles Open, but failed to qualify for the final round. She also played in Tucson and Phoenix, making the cut both times.

Suzy Whaley will play in the Greater Hartford Open in late July, having qualified through a tournament for club pros.

"I played with Tiger two times last year and the media scrutiny was really intense out there. I performed very poorly. My hat's off to her. I think she did a great job."

— co-leader Kenny Perry

Nowitzki injured in Mavs' loss to Spurs

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki remembers going up for a rebound and banging into Manu Ginobili. The next thing the Dallas star recalls is a strange, horrifying sensation.

"I couldn't move my leg any more," Nowitzki said.

Nowitzki sprained his left knee midway through the fourth quarter of Game 3 of the Western Conference finals Friday night. The Mavericks went on to lose 96-83 to San Antonio, giving the Spurs a 2-1 series lead. Game 4 is Sunday night.

"I think we have enough soldiers in this locker room to put us in position to win," Mavericks guard Michael Finley said, "but it'll be

tougher."

Nowitzki was scheduled for an MRI exam Saturday. Dallas coach Don Nelson is preparing for the worst, saying there's a chance the team's leading scorer and rebounder won't play again this series.

"We should not take a gamble or a chance on Dirk Nowitzki," said Nelson, also the Mavs' general manager. "I told Dirk he must feel he's totally 100 percent for me to play him again this series."

Nowitzki left the building on crutches, trying his best to be optimistic. But he also could be underestimating what happened. He said he's never had a knee injury before, "so really the pain is new to me."

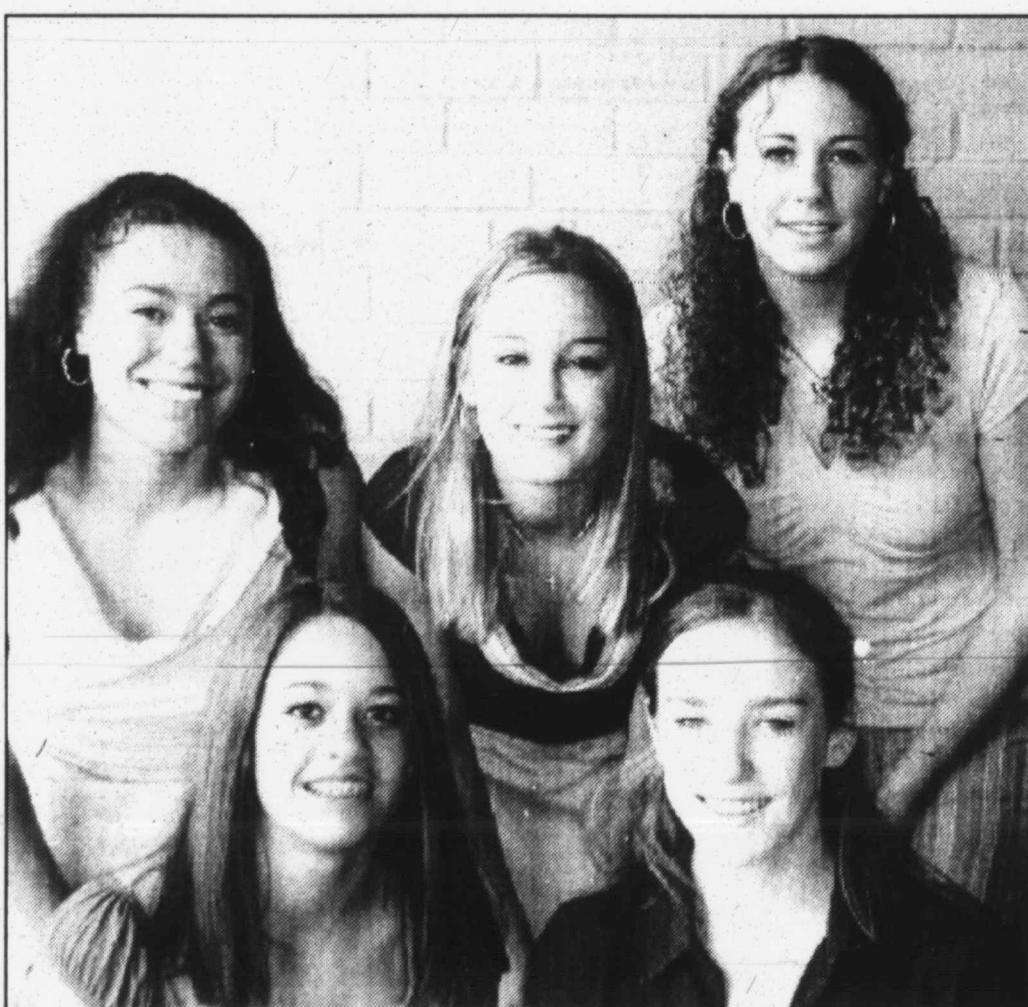
"It's a bad break, but we'll just have to see how it feels tomorrow," he said. "This series is a long ways from being over."

Not if Tim Duncan and Tony Parker play like they did in Game 3.

Duncan was a force all over the court, scoring 34 points and grabbing 24 rebounds. His defense in the paint prevented the Mavericks from driving.

Parker matched his career playoff high with 29 points, scoring 19 in the third quarter alone. The Spurs had a 15-2 run in that period, then went on a 12-0 spurt to open the fourth quarter. Duncan scored 14 points in the final period.

8th grade awards



Pampa 8th grade girls' athletic awards this year went to (front, l-r) Niicole Clark, best volleyball; Britteni Rice, best all-around athlete; (back l-r) Cassy Tice, best all-around athlete; Logan Winkleman, best track, and McKinsie East, best basketball.

Baylor edges Missouri in Big 12 tourney

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Michael Griffin had three RBIs and Zane Carlson shut down Missouri's offense as Baylor beat the Tigers 9-8 in a Big 12 baseball tournament game Friday night.

Down 9-4 after the sixth inning, Missouri (35-20) rallied at the top of the seventh. After Jayce Tingler hit a run-

scoring single, Cody Ehlers hit a three-run homer down the right field line to bring the Tigers to within one, 9-8.

Carlson retired three batters in the eighth and allowed a single by Tyler Williamson in the ninth.

The teams traded leads early in the game, with Baylor

(39-20) getting a 2-0 advantage after a two-run double from Mark Saccomanno in the first.

The Tigers answered with three runs in the second, including two off an error.

The Bears wrapped up scoring in a three-run fourth, highlighted by David Murphy's RBI single.

NOTEBOOK

PHYSICALS

PAMPA — Pampa Independent School District will conduct athletic physicals at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 27 at the Pampa Middle School Gymnasium.

There will be \$10 fee for each physical. The proceeds will be used to purchase rehab equipment for the PHS Athletic Training Program.

Physicals are required for those male and female athletes entering the 7th, 9th and 11th grades, who wish to participate in any Pampa Middle School or High School athletic program. Forms will be handed out at school on May 23.

Each athlete must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

PISD Athletic Trainer Stuart Smith issued a special thanks to Dr. Craig Shaffer, Dr. Dan Powell, Dr. Simoneta Soriano, Janet Bellew, Darrel Deloach, Kathy Land, Pampa Regional Medical Center and Texas Tech School of Medicine for their participation in providing this service for the community and school district.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Hustling Harvesters. Basketball Camp will be held June 16-20 at McNeely Fieldhouse.

The camp, which starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 12 noon, is open to third through ninth grade boys as of the 2003-2004 school year. The five-day camp fee is \$60, which includes camp t-shirt, basketball and one-on-one instruction.

For more information, call Dustin Miller at 665-4918 (evenings); 669-4800, ext. 160 (days); PHS athletic office 669-4830.

GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills will have its annual Junior Clinic June 4-6 from 8:30 to 11:30 each day. The clinic is open to both boys and girls ages 6 to 15.

Cost is \$25 per child, which includes three days of instruction, contest prizes and snacks.

The clinic is taught by PGA golf professional David Teichmann, current high school players and staff.

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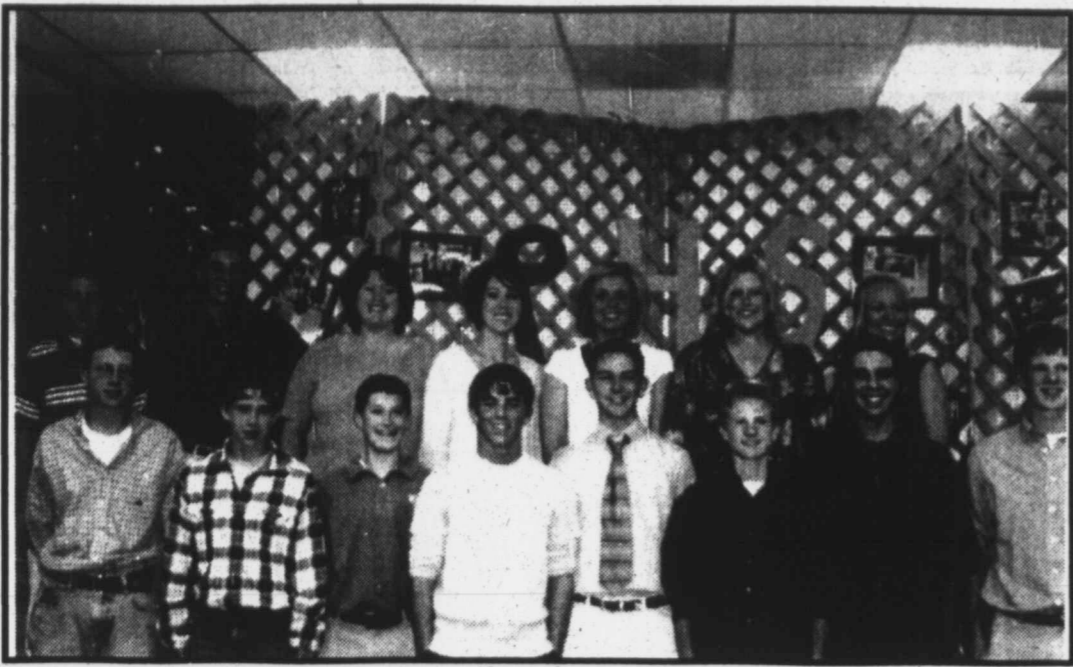
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Pampa High holds golf banquet

PAMPA — The annual Pampa High golf awards banquet was held last week at the First Baptist Church-Fellowship Hall. Award winners were as follows:

BOYS
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J. David Fatheree Double Eagle Award
 Daniel Williams
Most Valuable Player
 Gary Utsey
Sportsmanship Award
 Reid Schindler and Weston Teichmann.
Coaches Award
 Cooper Brazile
Most Improved
 Weston Teichmann (varsity); Jeremy

Utsey (junior varsity).
GIRLS
Lettermen
 Megan Shannon, Michelle Haley, Stacy Pepper, Carissa Snelgrooes and Krissy Holman.
Fighting Heart Award
 Stacy Pepper
Most Improved
 Carissa Snelgrooes
Coaches Award
 Michelle Haley
J. David Fatheree Double Eagle Award
 Michelle Haley
Most Valuable Player
 Megan Shannon
Sportsmanship Award
 Krissy Holman



The Pampa High golf team (above) was honored at a banquet last week. The golf team currently has old Harvester golf bags on sale for \$20 to \$30. If interested, call coach Mona Freeman at 662-0962 or Sandy Clark at 669-4830.

Astros hang on for 7-5 victory over Cubs

HOUSTON (AP) — The worst inning of Mark Prior's career was too much for the Chicago Cubs to overcome. Houston scored six runs against Prior in the first inning and the Astros' stellar bullpen helped them hang on for a 7-5 victory Friday night.

Jose Vizcaino had a three-run homer and Orlando Merced hit a two-run single in the first, but two Chicago

miscues extended the inning. Craig Biggio reached base on shortstop Ramon Martinez' error to start the first and a wide throw home by third baseman Mark Bellhorn allowed a run to score.

"If you'd have told me we'd get six runs off Prior in the first inning, I'd have said there's no way," Astros bench coach John Tamargo said.

"But we had some great hitting and some great defense and some solid pitching." Tamargo managed the team in place of Jimmy Williams, who took the night off to attend his daughter's high school graduation.

The six runs in an inning were a career high for Prior (5-2). He was lifted after allowing Jeff Kent's RBI single in the seventh.

Rangers close in on .500 mark

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro's 501st homer went a long way toward helping Texas move within a game of .500.

Palmeiro homered and drove in three runs to lead the Rangers to their season-high seventh straight win Friday night, 5-3 over the Baltimore Orioles.

Texas (23-24) has not been at .500 since the second game of the season. A win Saturday would put the Rangers there through 48 games for the first time since 2000.

"We're very conscious of it," manager Buck Showalter said. "It's something we've had our eye on."

Palmeiro had a two-run blast in the first and an RBI single in the fifth that hit the top of the wall in right field.

After a brief meeting, the umpires determined the ball hit just below the yellow line. The single put Texas ahead 4-3.

"In the past my numbers have been pretty good against Palmeiro," Baltimore starter Pat Hentgen said. "The guy has 500 homers and almost added two tonight."

Ismael Valdes (4-2) earned his second consecutive win since coming off the disabled list. He gave up three runs and 10 hits, all singles, in six innings.

"There is some pressure with a long winning streak," Valdes said. "I just wanted to do my job and keep the team in the game."

Ugueth Urbina pitched the ninth for his 16th save in 17 chances, his fourth consecutive game with a save.

NASCAR approves carbon monoxide filter

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — NASCAR approved a carbon monoxide filter Friday to allow drivers to breathe easier during races that can last as long as five hours.

NASCAR's research has shown that the device, called a catalyst, can reduce carbon monoxide by up to 75 percent inside the car.

"The experts concluded that the levels of carbon monoxide were not at an alarming level," said Gary Nelson, NASCAR's managing director of research and development. "But we wanted to ensure our drivers the best possible environment to compete in."

driver and sends clean air to the driver's helmet. It's the same theory as catalytic converters used in street cars to diminish pollutants in the exhaust, "but this is a low-temperature catalyst."

NASCAR has been working since last fall on systems to filter the air a driver breathes during a race, a project that drew increased focus after Rick Mast announced in January he was retiring because years of exposure to toxic fumes had given him acute and chronic carbon monoxide poisoning.

The effects of carbon monoxide are cumulative.

building in a driver's body each time he or she is exposed to it. Since last year, some drivers have been undergoing heavy oxygen treatments after races to decrease the effects of breathing carbon monoxide.

"We helped educate teams on preparing a vehicle in a fashion that would minimize any type of leaks involving carbon monoxide," Nelson said. "Finally, we had to locate the right component that effectively lowers the percentage of carbon monoxide that may enter the vehicle."

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Los Angeles 4, Colorado 3						Minnesota 6, Oakland 5					
Montreal 8, Florida 2						Seattle 5, Kansas City 1					
Chicago Cubs 3, Pittsburgh 2						Detroit 3, Cleveland 2, 11 innings					
Atlanta 9, Cincinnati 4						Toronto 8, N.Y. Yankees 3					
Houston 5, St. Louis 2						Baltimore 7, Anaheim 4					
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St. Louis 10, Pittsburgh 8, 10 innings						Boston 9, Cleveland 2					
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The device, which will be optional, has been one of the top projects at NASCAR's research and development center. It costs around \$400 to build and can be installed in a car in about two hours.

NASCAR has identified one manufacturer for the catalyst and is looking at other designs to be used in the driver's ventilation system.

Winston Cup champion Tony Stewart used one of the devices last month at Martinsville, Va., and other teams tried them at California and Richmond. Sunday's race, the Coca-Cola 600, is the longest race of the season.

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WEDDINGS

Townsend-McCoy

Connie Brooke Townsend and Ty McCoy, both of Amarillo, were wed March 8 at Body of Christ-Amarillo South in Amarillo with Brad Small of Amarillo officiating.

The maid of honor was Monica Eakin, sister of the bride of Pampa. The matron of honor was Meredith Lamberson of Panhandle. The bridesmaids were Kelly Jones of Canyon, Amber Keown of Amarillo, Shannon Degner of Pampa and Amy Pennington of Canadian. The flower girl was Tristan Whitley of Amarillo.

The best man was Ryan McCoy, brother of the groom of Amarillo. The groomsmen were Greg McCoy of Amarillo, Johnny Kehoe of Las Cruces, N.M., Ace Berry of Texhoma, Matt Stampfly of Dallas and Kempson Kiser of Masterson. The ring bearer was Zane Townsend, son of the bride.

The ushers were Brady Eakin, brother of the bride of Pampa, and Zack McCoy and Jacob McCoy, both brothers of the groom of Amarillo. The candlelighters were Brady Eakin of Pampa and Jacob McCoy of Amarillo.

Registering the guests were Amy Whitley of Amarillo. Music was provided by Debbie Brayme of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service at the church with a dance following at Will Rogers Range Rider Clubhouse. Servers were Kim Hodge, Tiffany Weatherly, Misty Bull and Jeyton McCoy, all of Amarillo, and Kristie



Connie Brooke Townsend

Davis, Freddie Beavers and Gena Smith, all of Pampa.

The bride is the daughter of Russell and Jeanne Eakin of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School and is a Certified Pharmacy Technician.

The groom is the son of Toni Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. Roger McCoy. He graduated from Tascosa High School in Amarillo and is currently employed at North Texas Insurance in Dallas.

The newlyweds planned a honeymoon trip to Cancun and intend to make their home in Amarillo.

CRADLE CALL



Haley C. Brock

Haley Brock

Haley Catherine Brock was born at 11:50 p.m., March 17, at Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, to Matt and Wendi Brock of Pampa.

Haley weighed 6-pounds, 15 1/2-ounces at birth and

was 19-inches long.

Her siblings are Ethan Brock and Megan Brock; her grandparents are Eugene and Paula Brock and Jerry and Bobbi Brumfield, all of Pampa, and Joe and Connie Fritz of Amarillo.

Strayhorn recommends energy saving strategies, tips

As summer approaches, it's a good time to start thinking about your home's cooling system. If your cooling equipment is more than 10 years old, it may be time for a change.

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn is inviting Texans to help save money, energy and the environment as her State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) participates in this year's national ENERGY STAR "Cool Change" campaign.

The campaign is a nationally coordinated effort encouraging homeowners whose cooling equipment is

more than 10-years-old to make a change to ENERGY STAR qualified products.

"We have a fiscal challenge in state government right now and I am looking for every cost savings possible," Strayhorn said. "Applying energy saving strategies is one extremely effective way to cut spending."

"My e-Texas Commission in 2001 identified the need for an energy management

plan for state government and HB 2278 adopted last session requires state agencies to adopt all cost effective energy and water cost reduction measures by 2006. Specifying ENERGY STAR equipment is part of that process. Working to cut electric bills in state buildings by replacing old air conditioners with ENERGY STAR units means saving tax dollars. I encourage hard working Texans to do the same in their homes and businesses."

As summer approaches, it's a good time to start thinking about your home's cooling system. If your cooling equipment is more than 10 years old, it may be time for a change. Older units may not cool efficiently, costing you more than they should on your energy bills. Replacing old equip-

ment with ENERGY STAR products can cut electric bills by as much as 40 percent.

ENERGY STAR qualified cooling equipment delivers maximum cooling with minimum energy consumption. Cooling with ENERGY STAR is good for the environment too. If just one household in 10 bought ENERGY STAR heating and cooling products, the change would prevent 17 billion pounds of air pollution.

The ENERGY STAR "Cool Change" campaign has been coordinated through the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). SECO is joining with other state energy offices and a number of private sector organizations.

Full details on ENERGY STAR and more energy savings tips are available on SECO's web site: <http://www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us>.

Third annual Amarillo Springs Arts and Crafts in offing

AMARILLO — The third annual Amarillo Spring Arts and Crafts Festival is in the offing May 31 through June 1 at Amarillo Civic Center. More than 130 artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will fill the main exhibit hall with original art, limited edition prints and handcrafted items.

Mel Prather, organizer for the upcoming show, said it would feature a number of newcomers to the Amarillo area.

"These first-time exhibitors will offer items such as decorated bird houses, embellished T-shirts and short sets, scroll saw art, oak stands, fossil kits, furniture, wood frames, cheerleading suits, silk-screened T-shirts, hand puppets and original oil paintings," Prather said.

The festival will also include homemade chip and dip mixes, outdoor furniture, wall plaques, mantle clocks, candles, crocheted items, framed photos and flowers, glass engravings, custom-made knives, beaded jewelry, cookbooks, children's books, framed prints, wood puzzles, fabric crafts, hand-painted

vintage luggage, dolls, ceramics, handmade lotions, doll clothes, framed poems, candy, pottery, baskets, baby items, decorated pillows, floral swags and wreaths, baked items, Southwest artifacts,

belt buckles, purses, tote painting, scented rocks and much, much more.

The festival will open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and from 12 noon to 5 p.m., Sunday. Admission is free.

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COMMUNITY

NEWSMAKERS

Alex Slaybaugh, a senior at Pampa High School, recently took third place in the Gulf Coast Writer's Association "Let's Write" Literary Contest for his short story entitled "A Search for New Prey."

Slaybaugh entered the contest as part of class work for Creative Writing at PHS. The class was offered as dual credit with Clarendon College.

The e-mail informing Slaybaugh of the win stated that GCWA, based in Mississippi, had received more than 800 entries in the Young Writer's division. His winning story will be published in Writer's Guild magazine.

The editor of Parent's Magazine judged the contest.

Creative Writing instructor Linda Haynes said she was not surprised by Slaybaugh's win.

"I knew the students had entered several excellent short stories that could possibly score in the contest," she said. "Alex was a little hesitant to enter, but I know that he is thrilled with the win."

Slaybaugh, one of the year's honor graduates, is the son of Steve and Susan Slaybaugh.

His honors, activities and accomplishments include: National Honor Society; Latin Club; ASTRA Club; freshman and junior varsity sports; National Honor Roll (three years); Who's Who Among American High School Students; National Student Leadership Conference; and church youth group participant and deacon.

Kristi Rae Farnum of Pampa, a student at White Deer High School, was recently among Family, Career and Community Leaders of America members presented scholarships by Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ officials during Texas FCCLA state leadership conference held recently in Fort Worth.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ officials presented \$100,000 in scholarships during the event.

Farnum is planning to major in interdisciplinary studies at Texas A&M University.

AMARILLO — More than 1,000 students graduated from Amarillo College between the fall 2002 and the summer 2003 terms. More than 800 participated in commencement recently at Amarillo Civic Center.

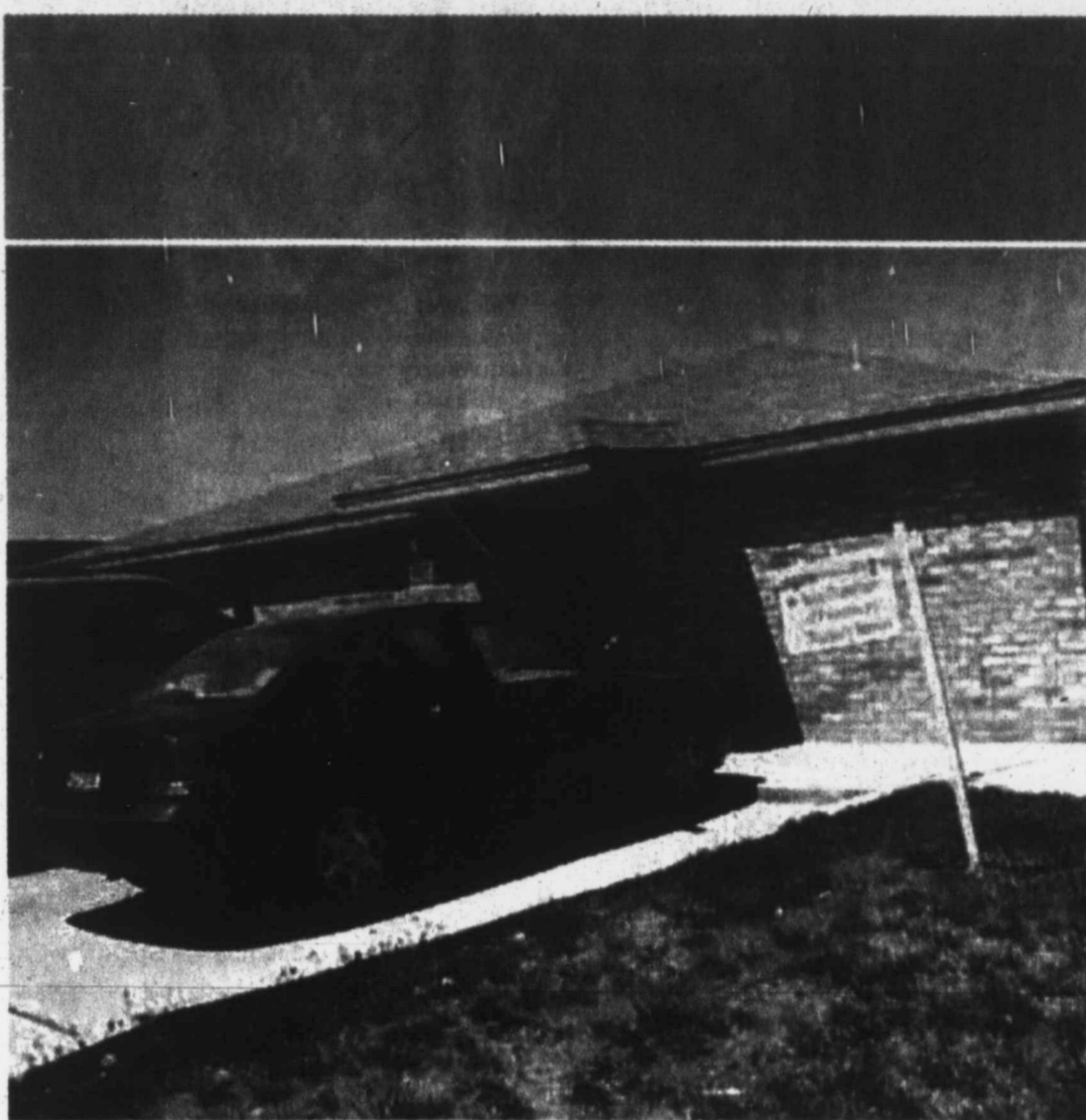
Students awarded diplomas from AC include the following: **Melissa A. Carroll, Justin Scott Thomas, Lucinda Lynn Searcy, Amber LaJoyce Plunk and Roberto L. Vizcaino**, all associate's in applied science degrees; **Teresa M. Howard, Ryan Mathew Aldrich, Vincent Dale Hillman, Jason Allen Huckins, Jonathan R. Taylor and Keegan Eugene McCain**, all certificates of completion; and **Melanie Clancy**, associate's in science degree, all of Pampa; and **Joshua C. Akins** of Lefors, certificate of completion.

CANYON — **Justin Hampton**, senior art major, and **Ashley Knipp**, junior general business major, both of Pampa, are among 12 West Texas A&M University students soon will be packing their bags and heading south for a six-week study abroad program at the Universidad de las Americas in Puebla, Mexico.

The Universidad de las Americas is located about two hours southeast of Mexico City and serves students from around the world. The 12 WTAMU students will take part in a Spanish immersion program during the school's first summer session May 23-July 4. Each of the 12 students received a scholarship from the University for the study abroad program and each one will bring back a minimum of six hours credit for their work.

The six-week course will give the students an opportunity to perfect their Spanish while living in and learning about another culture. In addition to their classwork, the students also will have the chance to participate in a variety of Universidad workshops. The workshop options include Latin dancing, Mexican cuisine, Mexican music and song and community service.

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(Pampa News photo)

The local Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services office where **Mary West**, Adult Protective Service Specialist II with Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, and **Holly Campidilli**, public information officer for the local TDPRS office, work.



May 'Elder Abuse Prevention' observed across state

BY SKYLA BRYANT
COMMUNITY EDITOR

Abuse is a problem, unfortunately, that has no age limits or boundaries. Many people know to keep a sharp eye out for child abuse, but abuse of the elderly has, perhaps, not received the same amount of publicity.

To promote awareness of this tragic problem "Elder Abuse Prevention or Awareness Month" is being observed this month across the state, said **Mary West**, Adult Protective Service Specialist II with Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

Mayor **Lonny Robbins** recently signed a city proclamation endorsing this awareness effort, said West.

West and **Sandra Holley**, rural case workers, are charged with investigating reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of elderly or disabled persons in their coverage area which includes **Gray, Carson, Armstrong, Roberts and Ochiltree** counties.

"I'm called in-home staff which means I work with people a t

home," said West. "I do the investigations there."

She said she averages about 15 cases per month.

The two case workers rotate being on call with other case workers in the region after hours and on weekends, she observed. At such times, of course, they must oversee a wider service area.

West said she and **Holley** look into reports of abuse that come to them via the agency's state hotline (1-800-252-5400). Calls are taken from across the state then forwarded to the nearest APS facility, said West.

"The hotline is actually based in Austin," explained **Holly Campidilli**, public information officer for the local TDPRS office.

"Anybody with an allegation of abuse or neglect is going to call the hotline, and the hotline is going to route it to the local office, and if it's after hours then the on-call person will be contacted because we have 24-hours once we receive a report to make an initial contact."

"That (the hotline)," she added, "is the only way we can receive a call. If somebody in the community calls this local office, we would have to refer them to the hotline."

According to statistics provided by **Campidilli**, the state has a sizable senior population with more than 2 million Texas residents age 65 and older.

"We have quite a few cases that are self-neglect," West said. "Meaning the per-



(Pampa News photo)

Mary West, Adult Protective Service Specialist II with Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, and **Holly Campidilli**, public information officer for the local TDPRS office. This month is "Elder Abuse Prevention or Awareness Month" across the state.

son is just not able to coordinate life-sustaining medications, or they can't clean house like they used to or bathe and groom themselves like they used to."

"A lot of times," she concluded, "they're memory is not working like it used to, and so they are forgetting to do those things."

In such cases, West examines all available resources and tries to match the client with services or agencies that can help make his or her life easier.

"We try to do what is least restrictive," she said, "to help them stay in their homes and independent as long as possible."

"That's a lot of the education we'd like to do with the public," said **Campidilli**. "These are adults that we are working with, and they have

the right to self-determination. If they choose not to work with us or do the things we suggest to help better their situation — that's their right."

A TDPRS pamphlet provided by West entitled "Not Forgotten" lists some signs of abuse, neglect (including self-neglect) or exploitation to help the public determine whether or not a call should be placed to the TDPRS hotline.

Warning signs provided by the pamphlet:

- Physical Signs
- Injury that is consistent with its explanation
- Pain from touching
- Dehydration or malnutrition not caused by illness
- Poor coloration, sunken eyes or cheeks
- Inappropriate adminis-

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LIFESTYLES

ENGAGEMENTS

Grayson-Hughes

Hattie Ann Grayson and Jason Lee Hughes plan to wed July 26 at Trinity Fellowship Church in Sayre, Okla.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Reta Grayson of Allison and is the daughter of Darlene Colder of Quartziet, Ariz., and the late Terry Grayson of Allison.

She is a 2000 graduate of Allison High School and is currently attending Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford. She plans to graduate with a bachelor's of science degree in social work in May 2004.

The prospective groom is the son of Thomas (Michael)



Hattie Ann Grayson and Jason Lee Hughes

and Rose Ann Hughes of Elk City, Okla., is the grandson of Ms. Ferriell Miller of Pampa and is the great-grandson of Ms. Jeffie Johnson of Dumas. He is a 1998 graduate of Elk City High School and is currently employed by Stinger Wellhead Protection of Elk City.

Anderson-Menefee

Debi Anderson and Robert Menefee, both of Pampa, plan to wed June 21 at Central Park in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ron Anderson of Lowell, Ark., and the late Kaye Anderson of Pampa. She received her GED in 2003 and is currently employed at Wal-Mart.

The prospective groom is the son of John and Wanda Videon of Pampa. He is a 1996 Pampa High School graduate and is currently employed at Canadian Boot Camp.



Robert Menefee and Debi Anderson

Local OHS/WIC clinic offers resources to pregnant women

Many people know about Women, Infants and Children program and what it offers mothers and their young children. What they may not realize is eligible participants can receive WIC services from the very beginning of their pregnancy.

WIC, administered in the area by Outreach Health Services, is a federally-funded program that encourages optimal nutrition during critical stages of child development including the prenatal period.

access to vouchers for healthy foods, nutritional assessments, ongoing nutrition education classes, meal planning assistance, immunizations, breastfeeding instruction and support.

Many of these services are available for free to middle- to low-income women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, postpartum or have an infant and/or children younger than five years of age. To find out more, contact the local OHS WIC office at 665-0746.

WIC participants have

Bridal Selection

- Deawn Guess ~ Bryan Sims
- Noelle Wyatt ~ Stephen Hardin
- Shanna Baker ~ Jereme Stone
- Ronni Foote ~ Zane Powers
- Carisa Dobbins ~ Garrett Scribner
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ANNIVERSARIES

Winegeart anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Winegeart of Pampa will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, May 31, at Highland Baptist Church in Pampa. Children and grandchildren of the couple will host the reception.

Gene Winegeart and Mary Ann Brumley were married May 30, 1953, at Hollis, Okla. They have been Pampa residents for 50 years and members of Highland Baptist Church for 45 years.

Mr. Winegeart retired from the City of Pampa in January 1993, after 41 years of service.

Mrs. Winegeart worked at Montgomery Ward for 22 years and Dunlap's



Mary Ann and Gene Winegeart

Department Store for 11 years. Children of the couple are Betty and Chuck Mathias of Borger, Cheryl and Joe

Wilson of Pampa and Parla and Alan Fletcher of Elk City, Okla. They have five grandchildren.

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.

CattleWomen

Top O' Texas CattleWomen met May 12 at Maxey's Steakhouse in Wheeler with

President Liz Austin presiding. Ten members were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Beef for Father's Day was discussed. The group voted to allow the campaign to be carried out in various communities with no set agenda for any certain town.

—Berklee Clements reported on the Style Show.

—The chapter is gearing up for the Multiple Sclerosis "Beefathon" fund-raiser to be aired on KFDD Channel 10 on June 22.

—Members agreed to donate Beef Gift Certificates for the Gray-Roberts counties "Relay for Life" cancer promotion.

The next meeting will be June 9 in Canadian.

Altrusa

Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa met May 20 at Lovett Memorial Library with President Anne Stobbe presiding. Dorla McAndrew and Chleo Worley served as greeters. Betty King was welcomed back from a leave of absence.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—President Stobbe and Brenda Tucker presented a plaque to McAndrew commemorating the planting of a tree in her honor for outstanding service to the club as editor of the newsletter and yearbook, both of which won numerous awards at District Conference.

—Tucker was elected as a delegate to the International Convention to be held in July at Pittsburgh, Pa.

—Volunteers were asked to help shop for gifts for the Lamar School Accelerated Reading Store Saturday, May 24. Members will also assist at the Accelerated Reading Store on Tuesday, May 27.

—Tucker installed the following officers for 2003-04: Billie Sue Evans, president; Billie Dixon, vice president; Maxine Watson, recording secretary; Terri Williams, corresponding secretary; Terry Gamblin, treasurer; and Joan Gray, Chleo Worley, Darlene Birkes and Sue Baker, all directors.

—Following Stobbe's President's Annual Report, she was presented an outgoing President's Pin and plaque.

—Upon receiving the gavel and President's Pin, incoming president Evans reviewed her goals for the coming year and announced her theme as "If You Can Imagine it, You Can Achieve It."

The next meeting will be at 12 noon, June 10, at Pampa Country Club.

LIFESTYLES POLICY

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing births, weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We also reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before a holiday such as Thanksgiving or Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

7. Birth announcements will only be published for 0- to 3-month-olds. (See form for more details.)

8. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

9. Two anniversary pictures may be placed for a \$25 charge or four extra lines may be added to announcements for \$25 (\$50 for both).

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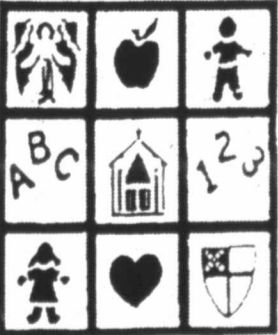
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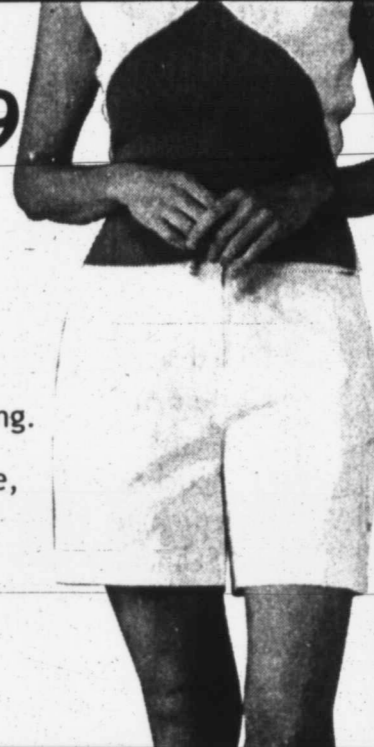
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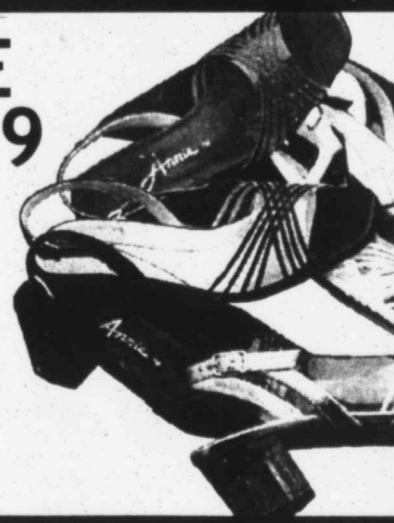
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WEEK OF MAY 26-30

Pampa Schools MONDAY Holiday. TUESDAY Breakfast: Pancake and sausage on a stick. Lunch: Chicken nuggets or macaroni/cheese, whipped potatoes, green beans, apricot blooming cake, rolls. WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast. Lunch: Polish sausage on a bun or chef salad, French fries, baked beans, peaches. THURSDAY Breakfast: Biscuits. Lunch: Mini burritos/cheese or pizza, corn, fresh fruit. FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch: Hamburger cook-out, pickle spear, chips, cookies, fresh fruit.	jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread. WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, squash casserole, beans, caramel cake or peach/pineapple cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread. THURSDAY Chicken strips or cabbage rolls, tater tots, spring blend, brussels sprouts, beans, red velvet cake or lemon icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread. FRIDAY Catfish/hushpuppies or chili rellenos, potato wedges, cheese grits, turnip greens, pinto beans, walnut brownies or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.
Lefors Schools MONDAY Holiday. TUESDAY-FRIDAY Cook's choice. Senior Citizens MONDAY Holiday. TUESDAY Chicken fried steak or chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, northern beans, German chocolate cake or cherry cream pie, slaw, tossed or	Meals On Wheels MONDAY Holiday. TUESDAY Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, plum cobbler. WEDNESDAY Meatloaf, peas/carrots, squash casserole, pudding. THURSDAY Stew, cornbread, pineapple. FRIDAY Beef tips/rice, cream/corn, baked apples, peaches.

WEDDINGS

Scoggin-Murray

Teryn Elissa Scoggin and David Eric Murray, both of Mountain Springs, Texas, were wed May 3 at the home of the bride's parents in Mountain Springs with the Rev. Suzanne Benton Cate, cousin of the bride's mother of Granbury, formerly of Pampa, officiating.

A reception was held following the service in the bride's parents' home.

The bride is the daughter of Terry and Jennifer Scoggin of Mountain Springs, formerly of Pampa, and is the granddaughter of Polly Benton and the late Lee "Bus" Benton of Pampa and Jo Scoggin of Azle, formerly of Pampa, and the late Pernal Scoggin.

She graduated from Pampa High School in 1994 and from the University of North Texas in 1998. She is currently employed at Cupboard Natural Foods in Denton.

The groom is the son of Marian Murray of Denton and the late Robert Murray of Sheridan, Wyo. He is a seven-year U.S. Army veteran, serving during Desert Storm, and attended the University of Maryland. He is currently assist-



David Eric Murray and Teryn Elissa Scoggin
tant manager of Cupboard Natural Foods.

The newlyweds planned a honeymoon trip to Cozumel, Mexico, and intend to make their home in Mountain Springs.

Murray-Bentley

Angela Murray and Heath Bentley, both of Pampa, were wed May 10 at Briarwood Full Gospel Church in Pampa with Jerry Lynn Vinson of Russellville, Ark., officiating.

The maid of honor was Tera Murray of Pampa. The bridesmaids were Jenifer Bentley of Pampa and Hannah Nelson of Bismarck, Ark. The flower girl was Misty Bowers of Pampa.

The best man was Jason Lloyd of Dardenelle, Ark. The groomsmen were Jeremy Lloyd of Dardenelle and Tanner Winkler, Hudson Bentley and Zachary Murray, all of Pampa. The ring bearer was Aaron Nelson of Bismarck.

The usher was Tony Pollard of Amarillo and the candle-lighters were Zachary Murray and Hudson Bentley, both of Pampa.

Music was provided by Bev Moss of Oklahoma and Teresa and Jessica Vinson of Russellville.

A reception was held following the service at the church.

The bride is the daughter of Joe and Sherri Murray of Pampa.

The groom is the son of Harold and Janna Bentley of Pampa. He plans to attend Angelo State University in the fall.

The newlyweds planned a honeymoon cruise to Cozumel.



Heath Bentley and Angela Murray

Waco woman passionate about doll collection

By JOHN ALLEN
WACO TRIBUNE-HERALD

WACO — Guilty pleasures come in many forms. Some wear dresses.

Beulah Barksdale struggles to explain her compulsion for dolls. Cultivated during her childhood, the urge sprouted as an adult, then

became an obsession. Even in the early years of her marriage, she hid her "sweet things" like a child stashing candy from a suspecting parent.

"I would hide them because I didn't know I was in love with dolls," Barksdale said. "I just wasn't aware of it until I found my childhood dolls after my mother died."

Now 71, the retired Waco Independent School District librarian has about 2,000 dolls in her collection. Most of them are black dolls, some dating back to her childhood during the Great Depression. That may explain both the love and guilt she felt when she discovered some of her childhood dolls after the death of her mother, Zenobia May Toliver Ewing, in 1977.

"My mother wanted me to be a little lady when I was growing up," Barksdale said. "So, she bought me dolls and told me they were my babies. We would have doll tea parties. She worked very hard during the Depression to save money to buy me dolls and tea pots and things like that. I had no idea she had kept those things."

The discovery of her childhood dolls, together with the 67 dolls she had stashed away almost unconsciously as an adult, "outed" Barksdale from her closet collecting.

"That's when I realized I was a doller," she said. "From there, I went crazy and got every doll I could see."

Barksdale's quest for dolls was facilitated by her lifestyle. As an elementary school librarian married to a principal, her summers were free to travel and add to her collection from states across America and countries all over the world.

Since black dolls were made

in fewer quantities, many of Barksdale's dolls have become quite rare and valuable. A traveling 200-doll cross section of her collection has been displayed in museums and entered in competitions at doll shows. She recently provided a display of African-American dolls at Baylor University's Moody Library during Black History Month.

During her career with Waco ISD, Barksdale brought dolls to school and used them to interact with students. She would build doll houses with them and would tell stories of some interesting adventures.

"I was in Nigeria one time and asked a local man that made things from gourds to make a doll for me out of a gourd," Barksdale said. "When I went back the next day to pick it up, he was gone. The neighbor told me he had packed up his whole house and moved because he was frightened that I wanted the doll for voodoo."

Barksdale said she realized that while sharing her dolls and stories with students, she was sharing the heritage and pride of blacks and took as much joy from the experience as the children did. In that respect, she said, the dolls became even more significant in her eyes.

One of Barksdale's students, Ebony Griner, of Waco, was inspired to begin her own doll collection. Griner, now 21, said Barksdale would read books to her students and use her dolls to illustrate the characters in the book. A dispute over a book Griner damaged when she was 8 led to a more profound experience.

"The book had some writing on one of the pages, and Mrs. Barksdale told me I would have to pay a fine," Griner said. "I

started crying and throwing a fit, so she sat me down and helped me fix the book. She told me that I needed to find something to care about, a hobby, like doll collecting or anything like that. That way I would learn to cherish things. She was right."

Griner took Barksdale literally and began collecting dolls. When her nephew recently damaged a special childhood doll, she tracked down Barksdale and called her mentor for help restoring the doll, the first time they had spoken since Griner's elementary school days.

"My mother gave me that doll when I was 5, so it means a lot to me," Griner said. "I was very upset when my nephew damaged it. I still sleep with it and everything, so I'm very glad I was able to find Mrs. Barksdale and that she's going to help me fix it."

Barksdale recently lost some her traveling doll collection when many of her dolls were stolen from a climate-controlled storage unit. Some of the dolls were from Barksdale's childhood and had great historical and sentimental significance to her, not to mention the appreciated monetary value gained over the decades.

"The dolls are important because they connect me with my childhood and my mom," she said. "She was very special to me and always made me feel like I was special to her. She loved her children with all her might."

Barksdale has no children of her own and admits she is unsure where the dolls will end up when she's gone. She said they may be part of a trust she donates to her alma mater, Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn., or to the George Washington Carver Museum in Austin.

Ralph Barksdale, Beulah's husband of 42 years, gave up long ago trying to understand his wife's doll mania.

"I don't understand it, but I have no objection to it," Ralph said. "If that's what she likes and enjoys doing, that's fine with me. She'll never slow down though, no way in the world." Ralph's lack of understanding once led to some anxious days around the Barksdale household.

"My husband threw away one of my dolls that I carried around all of the time because the skin was peeling off," Beulah said. "It gave me constriction in my throat for a week."

Still, Beulah Barksdale says her life has been blessed with lots of love and the freedom to pursue a lifelong passion for dolls.

"My life's just been one bunch of fun it seems like to me."

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Physical Therapy treatment of neck low back pain

Physical Therapy department at the Pampa Regional Medical Center recommends treatment for any neck or low back injury as soon as possible to minimize any further aggravation. Treatment for neck and low back injuries occurs in three phases.

During the first phase, called the acute phase, physical therapist will treat pain and inflammation. A specific treatment plan is developed for each patient and may include ultrasound, electrical stimulation, massage, myofascial release, and heat application.

In the second phase, called the recovery phase, treatment focuses on returning the patient to his/her daily activities. This goal is achieved through a individualized program for cervical (neck) or lumbar (back) stabilization, flexibility and strength training, a home exercise program and patient education.

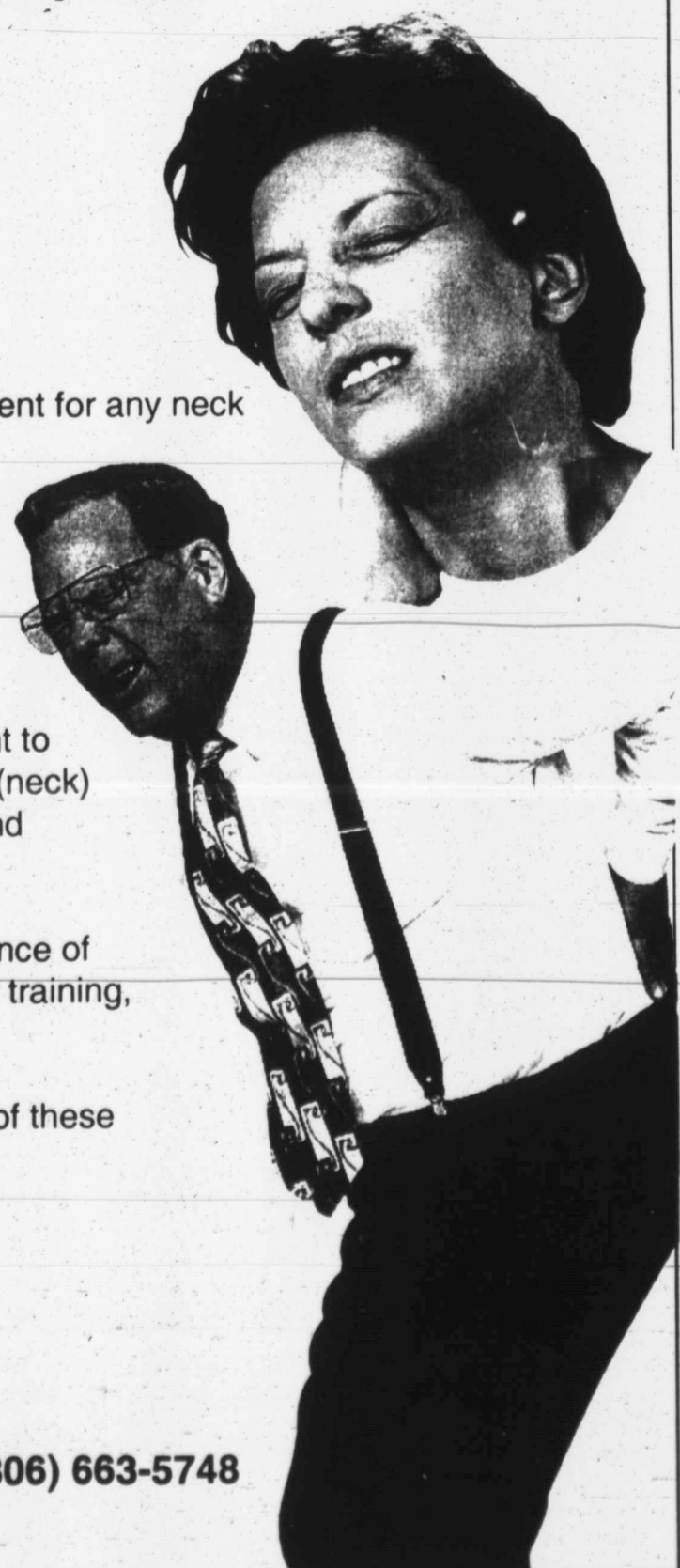
The third phase, the maintenance phase, focuses on preventing further injury or a recurrence of symptoms. This consists of total body fitness including: aerobic exercise, body mechanics training, and further patient education.

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THE Pampa NEWS COMICS

SUNDAY • MAY 25, 2003

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Husband Living Separately Won't Agree To Separation

DEAR ABBY: I am more than 60 years of age and have been married 25 years. My husband and I have been living apart for five years, but he will not agree to a legal separation. (We have no children.)

I have been forced to agree to minimal monthly support. However, our agreement has never been put in writing because my husband will not agree to anything formal, and I cannot afford to hire a lawyer to represent me. My husband is involved in another relationship now, but says he has no intention of divorcing me.

My problem: I filed for Social Security, and he reduced my monthly support payment by the same amount, thus leaving me in the same financial position I was in before — nothing left for savings or emergencies. I want to work, but he has threatened to further reduce the monthly payment by working. I would not be able to "hide" money I earn, because we file joint income tax returns. My husband's position with regard to this leaves me frustrated and without incentive.

Please give me some advice. A divorce will be very involved since there is a lot of money and property at stake. I have consulted two lawyers; each one asked for a significant retainer fee, not to mention the \$250 to \$350 just to consult with them. I am stuck. I really need help.

PRISONER
IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR PRISONER: I spoke with prominent California family law specialist Jill Greenspahn. I think you will be interested in what she has to say:

(1) Your husband doesn't have to "agree" for you to have a legal separation.

(2) If you can't afford a lawyer, check into hiring a paralegal.

(3) You don't "have" to file a joint tax return. You can file separately if you wish.

(4) Since there is money and property to divide in your divorce, you can pledge a portion of it as payment for legal fees. But even more important, in California, the earner — in your case, that's your husband — must provide legal fees for the wife's representation — and any lawyers worth their salt know that!

I'm pulling for you, dear lady.

DEAR ABBY: I always overeat when I'm watching television. I watch TV only at mealtime on weekends — when I'm alone and tired from attending classes and doing homework. My parents work on the weekends, so I end up eating by myself.

I don't eat as much during the week because I have dinner with school friends, but when I'm alone I continue to eat — even when I am full.

Abby, how can I control my desire to eat when I'm alone watching TV?
ANNY IN SOUTH KOREA

DEAR ANNY: By understanding that what you are doing is feeding loneliness, and not your appetite. One way to break the habit would be to invite friends to join you for dinner on the weekends. Another way would be to refrain from watching TV while eating your dinner. Good luck.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

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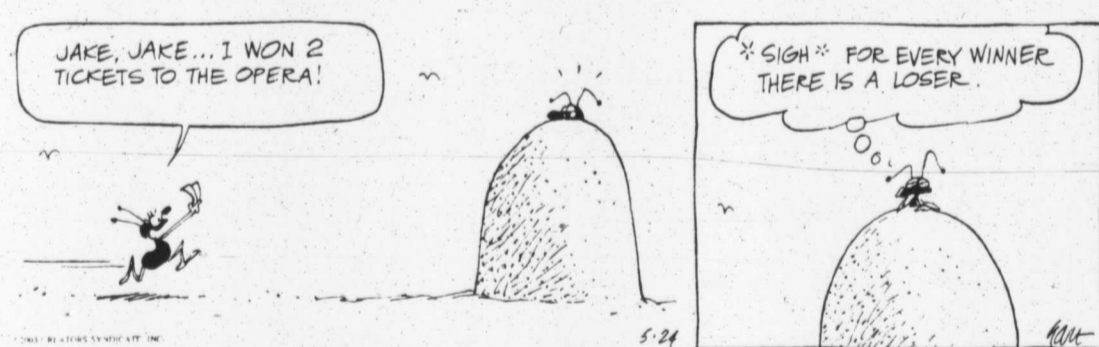
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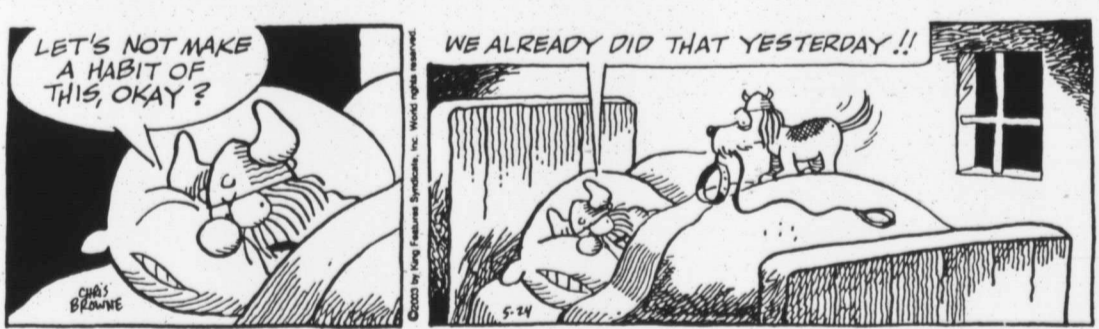
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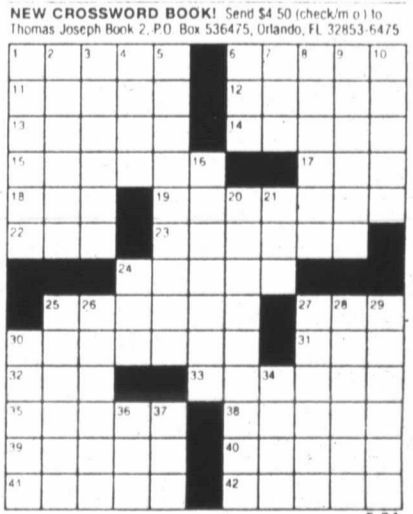
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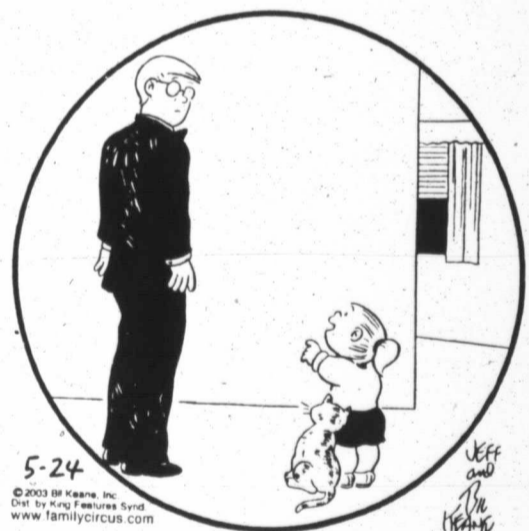
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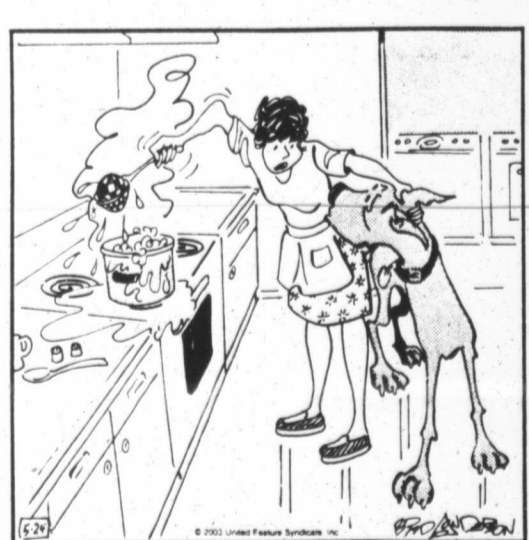
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The location of the Universidad de las Americas also will give the WTAMU students an opportunity to visit many of Mexico's sites including the pyramids at Teotihuacan and the Zocalo Plaza and the Chapultepec Castle in Mexico City.

Dr. Lee Durbin, assistant professor of Spanish, is the group's sponsor. Brooke Vinson, a prospective student from Amarillo, also will travel to Mexico with the group for the six-week summer session. WTAMU students participating in the study abroad program are listed by hometown, classification and major.

RICHMOND, Va. — Julie

Noles Sanness of Virginia Beach, Va., earned her master's degree in English from the University of Richmond recently.

Sanness majored in English and minored in history at Texas A&M University, receiving her baccalaureate degree in 2000.

She graduated from Pampa High School in 1996 and is the daughter of Jerry and

Brenda Noles of Pampa.

WEATHERFORD, Okla. — Mitch Shilling of Pampa High School was recently awarded a Residence Hall Scholarship in the amount of \$400 to Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Shilling will be a freshman at SWOSU in the fall and plans to major in pharmacy. He is the son of John and

Debbie Shilling of McAlester.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Marine Corps Pfc. Bronn C. Wheeler, son of Janell and Joe C. Wheeler of Skellytown, recently completed basic military training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Wheeler successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

In addition to an intense physical conditioning program, Wheeler and fellow recruits spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included instruction in first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat, assorted weapons training and close order drill.

The training culminated with the The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem-solving evolution, ending with each recruit receiving the Marine Corps Emblem.

Wheeler is a 1996 graduate of White Deer High School.

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Josh B. Acuna, son of Debbie and Antonio Acuna of McLean, is preparing to reboard ships of the USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group while assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, based at Camp Lejeune.

Acuna's unit had been on a routine overseas deployment since August 2002, participating in exercises and operations in Djibouti, Kosovo, Kenya, the Arabian Gulf and Iraq. Acuna was preparing to return to his home base when he received orders to support Operation Iraqi Freedom in March.

Acuna's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, aircraft

squadron, support group and command element. With this combination, such units supply and sustain themselves for quick mission accomplishment and for clearing the way for follow-on forces.

Acuna, a 1995 graduate of McLean High School, joined the Marine Corps in March 1999.

LIBERAL, Kan. — Seward County Community College Practical nursing students received their caps and associate degree nursing students their pins during a special ceremony held recently at SCCC in Liberal.

Members of the 2003 associate degree nursing class include the following: Janice McCarthy of Pampa and Kristi Lowery of Canadian.

CLARENDON — Clarendon College recently announced its President's and Dean's lists for the 2003 spring semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the college. Students named to the list include: Lowell Long, Evelyn Noble, Amy Saxour and Jason Stephenson, all of Pampa.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.6 GPA or higher while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: Karry Cowan, Kevin George, Patricia Richey, Bonita Smith, Eva Solis, Keely Symons, Gary Tabor and Dixie Yearicks, all of Pampa.

CLARENDON — Annual commencement ceremonies were held recently for 58 Clarendon College students in Harned Sisters Fine Arts Auditorium on the college's main campus in Clarendon.

Among students awarded diplomas were Patricia Ruth Richey of Pampa; Windi Early of Miami; and Sunni Jo Stages of Shamrock.

Ecstasy can take you out of the picture

AUSTIN — The Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse recently initiated an Ecstasy awareness campaign to educate teens and their parents on the dangers of Ecstasy use.

According to TCADA's 2002 "School Survey of Substance Abuse among Students," use of the club drug Ecstasy was up sharply from the same survey in 2000. Ecstasy use, which is popular with the rave scene and with young people, increased by 63 percent since the previous survey.

"We are concerned about the significant increase in Ecstasy use among Texas teens," said Dr. Dave Wanser, TCADA executive director. "Our campaign was already in the planning stages, but results of the survey certainly emphasize the need for it."

Ecstasy is a man-made, mind-altering drug with hallucinogenic and stimulant properties. In the short term, Ecstasy causes chemical changes in the brain that can lead to severe depression and memory problems. There is concern that long-term use of Ecstasy could lead to permanent brain damage. Physically, Ecstasy causes muscle tension, involuntary teeth clenching, faintness, dehydration, and increases in body temperature, heart rate and blood pressure. Individuals who use Ecstasy are at increased risk of heart or kidney failure.

"Texas teens and their parents need to be aware of the dangers associated with this drug," said Wanser.

For this campaign, the agency created a poster, titled "Ecstasy Can Take You Out of the Picture," that is directed at teens and emphasizes the dangers of Ecstasy use. The poster is available through TCADA's Library and Clearinghouse, Prevention Resource Centers, and the Texas Education Agency's Education Service Centers. The campaign also uses the poster theme as a slide that may be used in theaters prior to movie features.

TCADA timed the campaign with the release and airing of related television and radio public service announcements by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America.

For questions on Ecstasy or for those who need help, individuals can contact the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 800-662-HELP, or Prevention Resource Centers located across the state are available at 1-888-PRC-TEXX. More information about Ecstasy can be found at www.club-drugs.org or www.drugfreeamerica.org.

The Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse contracts with over 200 organizations to provide substance abuse services to Texans in need (www.tcada.state.tx.us).

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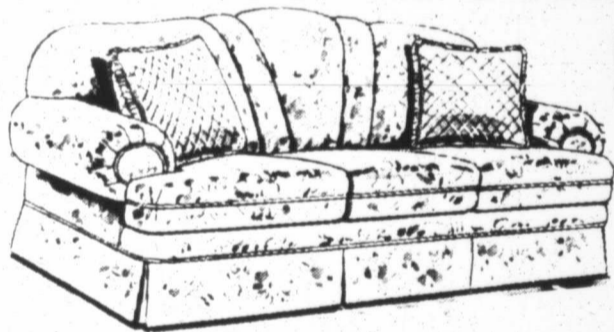
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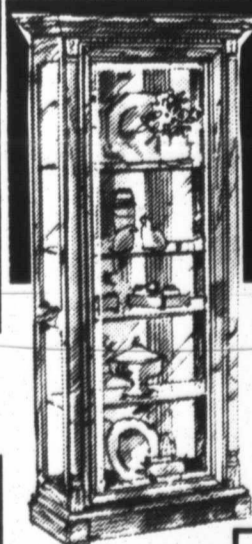
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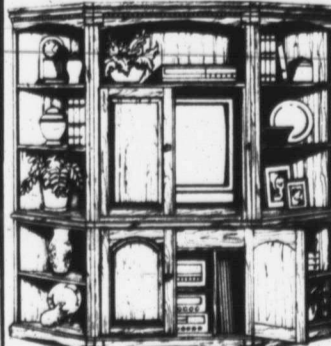
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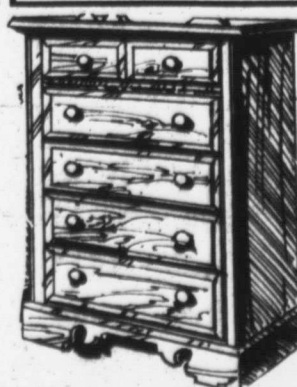
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