

OBITUARIES

REV. M.B. SMITH 1914-2003

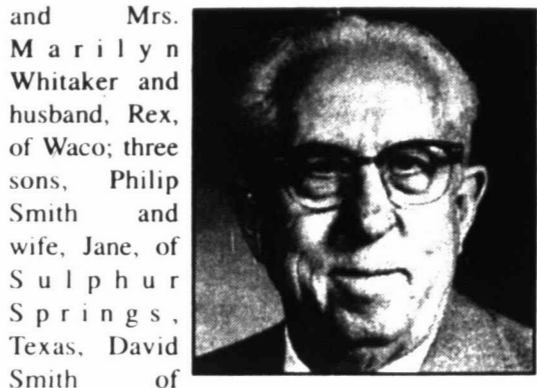
Marion Bursleson Smith went to be with his Lord on Saturday, June 14, 2003. Services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 18, 2003, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Randy White, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Bro. Smith was born to Nelson and Ora Sivells Smith on December 28, 1914, in Richland Springs, Texas. He attended Richland Springs schools and graduated from Howard Payne College in 1936. He married Laura Bentley on November 27, 1936, in Richland Springs. Bro. Smith taught school and coached in several central Texas schools before entering the gospel ministry in 1942. Following pastorates in Agua Dulce, Calallen and Marble Falls, Bro. Smith moved his family to the Texas Panhandle where he pastored First Baptist Church of Wheeler, Highland Baptist Church of Pampa, Alarreed Baptist Church and College Baptist Church of Big Spring.

For many years, Bro. Smith was interim pastor for many Baptist churches and supplied in Baptist churches in the Pampa area, as well as teaching science at Pampa High School and Clarendon College-Pampa Center. According to Bro. Smith's records, he performed 1,191 funerals, 858 weddings, and 421 baptisms — most of them during his years in Pampa.

Bro. Smith was preceded in death by his parents, ten siblings, which include his identical twin brother, Baron Haynes Smith of Oklahoma City and Gerald Smith of Corpus Christi; a son-in-law, Harold Loyd Lee; and a granddaughter, Joanie Lee Brogdon.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Laura B. Smith of the home in Pampa; two daughters, Mrs. Sylvia Shuler and husband, Leo, of Wheeler



and Mrs. Marilyn Whitaker and husband, Rex, of Waco; three sons, Philip Smith and wife, Jane, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, David Smith of Austin, and Herbert Smith and wife, Lynn, of Pampa. Grandchildren are Mrs. Lucretia Davis and Mike Lee of Wheeler, Mrs. Melanie Gates of Weatherford, Okla., Brent Lee of Killeen, Mrs. Lori Barnes of Stephenville, Mrs. Lisa Osborne of Round Rock, Mark Whitaker of Temple, Miss Kristi Whitaker of Rockwall, Mrs. Jennifer Scogin of Rogers, Ark., Mrs. Emily Stephen of McKinney, Nathan Smith of Dallas, Mrs. Courtney Pederson of Fritch, Jonathan Smith of Pampa and Jared Smith of Pampa and Abilene. Other survivors include 28 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nephews and nieces which include the sons of his twin brother, Barry Smith of Flower Mound and Dr. Nelson Smith of Oklahoma City.

Deacons of First Baptist Church of Pampa, Everyman's Bible Class, and other pastors and ministers of the area are invited to serve as honorary pall bearers.

Memorial contributions may be given to the missions ministry and the music ministry of First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

MAY BELL COE 1926-2003

May Bell Coe, 76, of Pampa, died Tuesday, June 17, 2003. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Pastor John Westman, of St. Paul United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Coe was born July 22, 1926, at Stamford. She married Elton Coe on Feb. 6, 1948, at Pampa. She was a homemaker and an employee for Bell Telephone Company. Later, she and her husband owned-operated Coe's Machine Shop.

She did need work and quilting for a number of years and was a charter member of St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Elton Coe, of the home; a son, Kevin L. Coe of Amarillo; a daughter, Heather G. Coe of Irving; and a sister, Bettie Hensley of Lubbock.

The family requests memorials be to Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065, or to a favorite charity.

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BILLY GENE MAIDEN

Billy Gene Maiden, 71, of Borger died Saturday, June 14, 2003, at his home.

A retired Vinyl and Upholstery Repairman, he owned a vehicle and airplane upholstery shop. In later years, he did vinyl restoration in motels. He was a native of Erick, Okla., and a Borger resident for 20 years after living in Pampa and California since 1950.

He is survived by his two sisters, Joyce Gray and her husband James of Pampa, Texas,

and Margaret VanHuss of Fort Worth, Texas. He was preceded in death by his Father: Oscar Henry Maiden, in 1982; and his Mother: Mamie Maiden on Dec. 14, 1999.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 18, 2003 at Fairview Cemetery at Pampa, Texas, with the Rev. Fred Palmer, pastor of Carpenter's Church in Pampa, Texas, officiating. Burial will be entrusted to Brown Funeral Directors.

IVAN LEROY MILES 1922-2003

Ivan Leroy Miles, 80, of Pampa, died Saturday, June 14, 2003, at Amarillo. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m., today in West Park Cemetery at Hereford with Larry Miles, nephew of Mr. Miles, officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mr. Miles was born Dec. 3, 1922, at Hereford. A retired lab technician and hospital

administrator, he was a resident of Pampa for 25 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Letha, and his parents, E.J. "Jack" and Brulah Miles.

Survivors include a sister, Margaret Githens of Gillette, Wyo.; and two brothers, David Miles of Amarillo and Bill Miles of Lubbock.

Attorney subpoenas 57 sex offenders

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — A defense attorney has subpoenaed 57 sex offenders in the trial of a man accused of an attack on a child.

Attorney Michael McLeaish is defending David Means of Odessa in a trial scheduled to begin Tuesday afternoon in Judge Tryon Lewis' 161st District Court.

Means is accused of aggravated sexual assault of a child in December 2002.

"Hopefully, it can be demonstrated to the jury that there are successful probationers out there," McLeaish said.

McLeaish said the names of those serving probation after being convicted of sex crimes were culled from the Texas Department of Safety's

Web site, which lists convicted sex offenders by ZIP code. McLeaish said he found Odessa sex offenders through the site, which includes details of their crimes.

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MARION 'NONA' STOVER 1924-2003

Marion "Nona" Stover, 78, of Pampa, died Sunday, June 15, 2003. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday in Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel in Amarillo with Celestino Luna, grandson of Mrs. Stover, officiating.

Mrs. Stover was born Sept. 9, 1924, at Greenville, Texas, to Robert Lee Stover and Rosa Ella Clark Stover. She was a member of Jehovah Witness. She worked as a licensed vocational nurse for more than 30 years.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Trisha Cook in 1980 and Dayton Chennault in 1992; a sister, Lela Stover; and four brothers, Alfred Stover, Dee Stover, Jess Stover and Wilson Stover.

Survivors include three daughters, Brenda Huneycutt and Wanda Stephens, both of Amarillo, and Dorothy Chennault of Borger;

four sons, Dale Cook and Danny Cook, both of Pampa, Ricky Cook of Oklahoma and Michael Cook of Borger; four brothers, Bobby Stover of Skellytown, R.E. and Dub Stover of Pampa and Nelson Stover of Coffman; 38 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m., today at Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home in Amarillo.



ON RECORD

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, June 16

2:53 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1500 block of North Duncan.

Tuesday, June 17

5:59 a.m. — Firefighters responded to a major motor vehicle collision with one fatality two miles north of Pampa on Texas Highway 70. Further details were not available since firefighters were still at the scene at press time.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, June 16

Josue Rodriguez, 22, 1113 Seneca Lane, was arrested by Pampa police officers on outstanding traffic warrants.

Kermit Kenneth Hartley, 34, no address given, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and traffic warrants.

Tuesday, June 17

Lisa Nicole Germany, 21, 804 N. West, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of theft by check.

Christian Dale King, 21, 302 Tignor, was arrested by Pampa police officers on traffic charges.

Donald Ross Haynes, 38, 678 Roberta, was arrested by Pampa police officers on a municipal warrant charging him with failure to maintain a single lane.

Sharon Louise Jones, 28, 631 S. Ballard, was arrested by Pampa police officers today on theft charges.

Carl Wayne Dunn Jr., 21, was arrested by Gray County Sheriff's deputies on traffic warrants.

AMBULANCE

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

Monday, June 16

2:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of Duncan and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Zimmers and transported one to PRMC.

Tuesday, June 17

12:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Red Deer and took a patient to PRMC.

5:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded north on Highway 70. No transport.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents.

Monday, June 16

An air conditioner was reported stolen in the 1900 block of West Carter.

A guitar was reported stolen in the 1100 block of North Duncan.

A ring and a checkbook were reported stolen in the 700 block of Mora.

A window and light were reported broken in the 1700 block of Beech.

One person evaded police in the 1000 block of Huff when officers tried to pull him over.

A gas drive off was reported at J&J Food Mart, 404 N. Ballard.

A driver's license and insurance card was reported missing from a car in the 1100 block of South Dwight.

A child custody dispute was reported in the 300 block of North Banks.

Tuesday, June 17

A generator was reported stolen in the 1600 block of West Somerville. It was later recovered.

An unattended death was reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat 2.87
Milo 3.96
Corn 4.44
Soybeans 5.38

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

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The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are

furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

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Kerr McG 45.59 -0.06
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McDonalds 22.13 -0.07
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SERVICES TOMORROW

MAIDEN, Billy Gene — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

SMITH, The Rev. M.B. — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

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60s. Chance of rain 30 percent. Friday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Chance of rain 20 percent. Friday night, partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows in the lower 60s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 90s. Chance of rain 30 percent. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms in the evening then slight chance of thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the lower 60s. Chance of rain 30 percent. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Sniper

KHALDIYAH, A sniper killed a U.S. patrol in Baghdad shot, while gunning Iraqi officials in a drive-by shooting designed to intimidate against cooperation with Americans, the U.S. military said Tuesday.

The sniper shot from the 1st Cavalry Division's 1st Brigade back as he rode about 11:30 p.m. in a brigade spokesman Kasarda. The gunman was not identified.

Military officials said the bullet probably killed a soldier's flak vest.

COUNTY

will be better." The commission approved the replacement of the computer system at Alanreed. Commissioner James noted that the system is no longer being used.

"There's no problem as far as I'm concerned," Hefley said.

Commissioner James approved the transfer of funds for the peace and stability fund and approved a fund account list for the sheriff's office.

Gray County Commissioner Copeland told that as they re-design the computer system at the office, they plan to replace the old list with a new one that will give deputies and judges access to the fund account list.

Commissioner James plan for the county used truck tractor water tanker for Joe Wheeley, Precinct Commissioner, said that shouldn't alter his position.

"We're not looking for anything fancy," Wheeley said.

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Sniper kills U.S. soldier; gunmen target Iraqi officials

KHALDIYAH, Iraq (AP) — A sniper killed a U.S. soldier on patrol in Baghdad with a single shot, while gunmen targeted Iraqi officials in nearby towns in drive-by shootings likely designed to intimidate them against cooperating with Americans, the military said Tuesday.

The sniper shot the soldier from the 1st Armored Division's 1st Brigade in the back as he rode in a Humvee about 11:30 p.m. Monday, said brigade spokesman Lt. Alex Kasarda. The gunman escaped.

Military officials said it was likely the bullet penetrated the soldier's flak vest, possibly by

entering at an angle that missed an armored ceramic plate. The soldier's name was withheld until his family could be notified.

As the soldier was killed, dozens of members of the same brigade raided a cafe and religious school in the same neighborhood, a Sunni Muslim stronghold where resistance fighters have repeatedly ambushed U.S. troops.

During the raid, American troops captured 31 Iraqi men but did not find the resistance ringleaders they sought. The U.S. forces released the Iraqis Tuesday morning.

Kasarda said the two-vehicle

convoys were involved in the raid, but was seeking a former Iraqi missile compound when the sniper's bullet punctured the canvas top of the Humvee.

The violence came as U.S. military officials announced that American troops detained more than 400 people in three days of sweeps in Baghdad and northern Iraq to "isolate and defeat remaining pockets of resistance that are seeking to delay the transition to a peaceful and stable Iraq."

On Sunday, insurgents ambushed two U.S. military convoys north of Baghdad, wounding 10 soldiers and an unknown number of Iraqi civilians on a nearby bus.

About 50 American soldiers have died from hostile fire or in

accidents in Iraq since the United States declared major combat operations over on May 1.

In Fallujah, 35 miles west of Baghdad, suspected anti-American insurgents fired shots into the mayor's office and the courthouse. In the nearby town of Khaldiyah, gunmen fired into a police station overnight Tuesday. There were no injuries reported.

U.S. forces have restored the authority of local government agencies in the area, working closely with mayors to coordinate aid, paying judges' salaries and rearming local police.

The shootings were the first known attacks directed against Iraqi officials for cooperating with U.S. forces and represent-

ed a possible new front for the insurgents, American officials said.

"There is an element of society here that doesn't want change and they see the coalition forces as bringing change in the form of freedom and democracy," said Col. David Perkins, commander of the 3rd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade. "Anyone they think is helping with that change they are going to try to intimidate and that won't work."

The U.S. military entered its third day of a nationwide sweep dubbed Operation Desert Scorpion that aims to arrest anti-American insurgents and find heavy weapons.

In the northern towns of Tikrit and Kirkuk, coalition

forces conducted dozens of raids and detained more than 200 people, said a statement from U.S. Central Command.

Troops in the Baghdad area staged 11 raids, and detained 156 people, in addition to seizing 121 rifles, two submachine guns, 19 pistols, 18 rocket-propelled grenades, four machine guns, 31 pounds of explosives, and some chemical protective masks, the statement said.

The statement did not say how many peopled the U.S. forces released, but officers on the ground said many were set free after brief interrogations.

After barging into a tough Sunni Muslim neighborhood and seizing 44 men for questioning, U.S. soldiers released all but 13 on Tuesday.

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The commissioners approved the replat of an alley at Alanreed. Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley noted that the roadway was no longer being used as an alley.

"There's no problem with it as far as I'm concerned," Hefley said.

Commissioners also approved the intrabudget transfer of funds for justice of the peace and sheriff's office and approved a new inmate fund account list for the sheriff's office.

Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland told commissioners that as they re-did their computer system at the sheriff's office, they planned to eliminate the old list and were taking advantage of the opportunity to draw up a new list of deputies and jailers with access to the fund.

Commissioners approved a plan for the county to buy a used truck tractor to pull a water tanker for Precinct 1. Joe Wheeley, Precinct 1 commissioner, said the purchase shouldn't alter his budget.

"We're not looking for anything fancy," Wheeley said.

The Precinct 1 commissioner said they had saved about \$5,500 on the purchase of a mower earlier this year, and he would like to use that toward the purchase of a truck tractor.

"We do have some capital money left over," he said.

The commissioners approved installing a privacy screen in the men's restroom

on the first floor of the courthouse.

They will also change the signatures on the county's safety deposit boxes to the current county auditor.

The commission approved a plan to let Judge Peet get quotes on roof repair at Lovett Nursing Building on Hobart.

Judge Peet said Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman reported leaks following heavy rains earlier this month.

Commissioners approved bookkeeping changes by County Tax Collector Gaye Whitehead to allow her to make refunds on overpayments of road and bridge fees.

The commission also approved deeding a tax sale property over to the City of McLean.

Commissioners approved a plan to increase the capacity of a pond in the McClellan Creek Watershed. That plan now goes to the Soil and Water Conservation Board.

With regard to the courthouse renovation, commissioners agreed to lower that retainage rate for Phoenix, the construction company working on the courthouse, from five percent to one percent on completed work, but to raise it from five percent to 10 percent on work yet to be done.

Dr. Louis Haydon spoke to the commission concerning waste lagoons at hog operations in the county.

While Haydon admitted that the commission had little authority to control such operations, he said they needed to be aware of the situation and how it is being treated in other states.

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TULIA

"Now it's time for the system to remove the cancer before it spreads further and that can only happen if these individuals are finally pardoned or their convictions are overturned," Mitch Zamoff said. "I'm happy but I'm not satisfied."

"We don't have victory until they are rid of these convictions," said Elaine Jones, president of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, who was at the hearing Monday.

The release doesn't mean

the defendants' records have been wiped clean. It likely will be difficult to obtain college loans or jobs with a conviction on their records, defense attorneys said.

Kizzie White, Cash Love's wife, said she was looking forward to watching her 6-year-old son Cashawn play baseball Monday evening. On Tuesday, she planned to take him and her daughter to a water park in Amarillo.

"We just want justice to be done so I can move on with my life and go to LVN school," White said.

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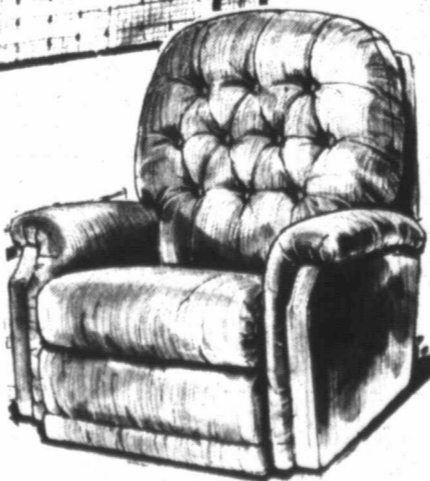
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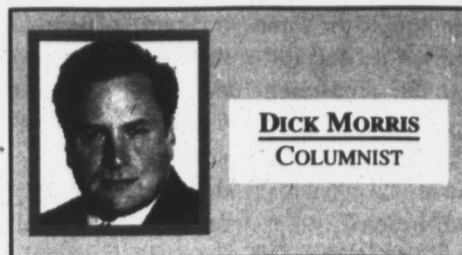
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VIEWPOINTS

Open letter to Hillary Clinton

Dear Hillary,
 In your new book, Living History, you correctly note that when you asked me to help you and Bill avert defeat in the congressional election of 1994 I was reluctant to do so. But then you assert, incorrectly, that my reluctance stemmed from difficulties in working with your staff. You even misquote me as telling you: "I don't like the way I was treated, Hillary. People were so mean to me."
 As you know, I never said anything of the sort. I had, in fact, no experience in dealing with either your staff or the President's at that point, and had not yet met Leon Panetta or George Stephanopoulos. My prior dealing with Harold Ickes had been twenty five years earlier.

The real reason I was reluctant was that Bill Clinton had tried to beat me up in May of 1990 as he, you, Gloria Cabe,



DICK MORRIS
COLUMNIST

and I were together in the Arkansas governor's mansion. At the time, Bill was worried that he was falling behind his democratic primary opponent and verbally assaulted me for not giving his campaign the time he felt it deserved. Offended by his harsh tone, I turned and stalked out of the room.

Bill ran after me, tackled me, threw me to the floor of the kitchen in the mansion and cocked his fist back to punch me. You grabbed his arm and, yelling at him to stop and get control of himself, pulled him off me. Then you

walked me around the grounds of the mansion in the minutes after, with your arm around me, saying, "He only does that to people he loves."

I continued to work for Bill since I felt a responsibility to do so until Election Day in 1990. But our relationship was never close and never the same. After the 1990 campaign we parted ways as a direct result of the altercation.

When the story threatened to surface during the 1992 campaign, you told me to "say it never happened."

That, and not the invented conversation in your memoir, was the reason that I was reluctant to work for Bill again.

Yours, Dick Morris

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Differences between paid and volunteer firefighters

To the editor,
 I would appreciate the opportunity to correct some information printed by your paper in a letter to the editor from June 10. To start, the writer stated that volunteer firefighters are required to be certified to the same level as paid firefighters. The information is incorrect and misleading.

First, career firefighters and volunteer firefighters are governed by separate entities. Volunteer fire departments and volunteer firefighters follow guidelines set forth by the State Firemen and Fire Marshals Association, to whom their membership is voluntary. A career firefighter has to follow guidelines and requirements set forth by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection that are mandatory. Under both there are guidelines set up for basic, intermediate, advanced, and master level firefighter certifications.

For volunteers, under the SFFMA, the requirements for a basic firefighter certification are 167 training hours. For a career firefighter, the Texas Commission on Fire Protection requires 468 hours at a commission-approved facility and under a commission program. Volunteers must achieve an advanced certification from the SFFMA of Texas and then all of those hours have to be approved by the TCFP to be eligible to challenge the test for a career firefighter. So as you can clearly see, the two certifications are not at all equal.

In that letter, the writer seems to question the dedication of career firefighters because they are paid for what they do. Firefighters, whether paid or volunteer, have to be dedicated to what they do to be willing to respond to the calls that come at any time, day or night.

If you believe career firefighters do this job solely for the money, then you are mistaken. If you were to check, you would find that the average paid firefighter's income is low enough that they have to have a second job just to make ends meet.

I would like to pose this question. When the citizens of Pampa have an emergency whether it is a structure fire, a car wreck, a medical emergency, or a hazardous material emergency when every second could mean life or death. Do you feel more comfortable knowing you have trained people at the stations ready to respond? Or would you rather wait several extra minutes for the people responding if they choose to (because as volunteers they are not required to respond), report to the station to get the personnel and equipment before responding to your emergency?

Craig Harkcom
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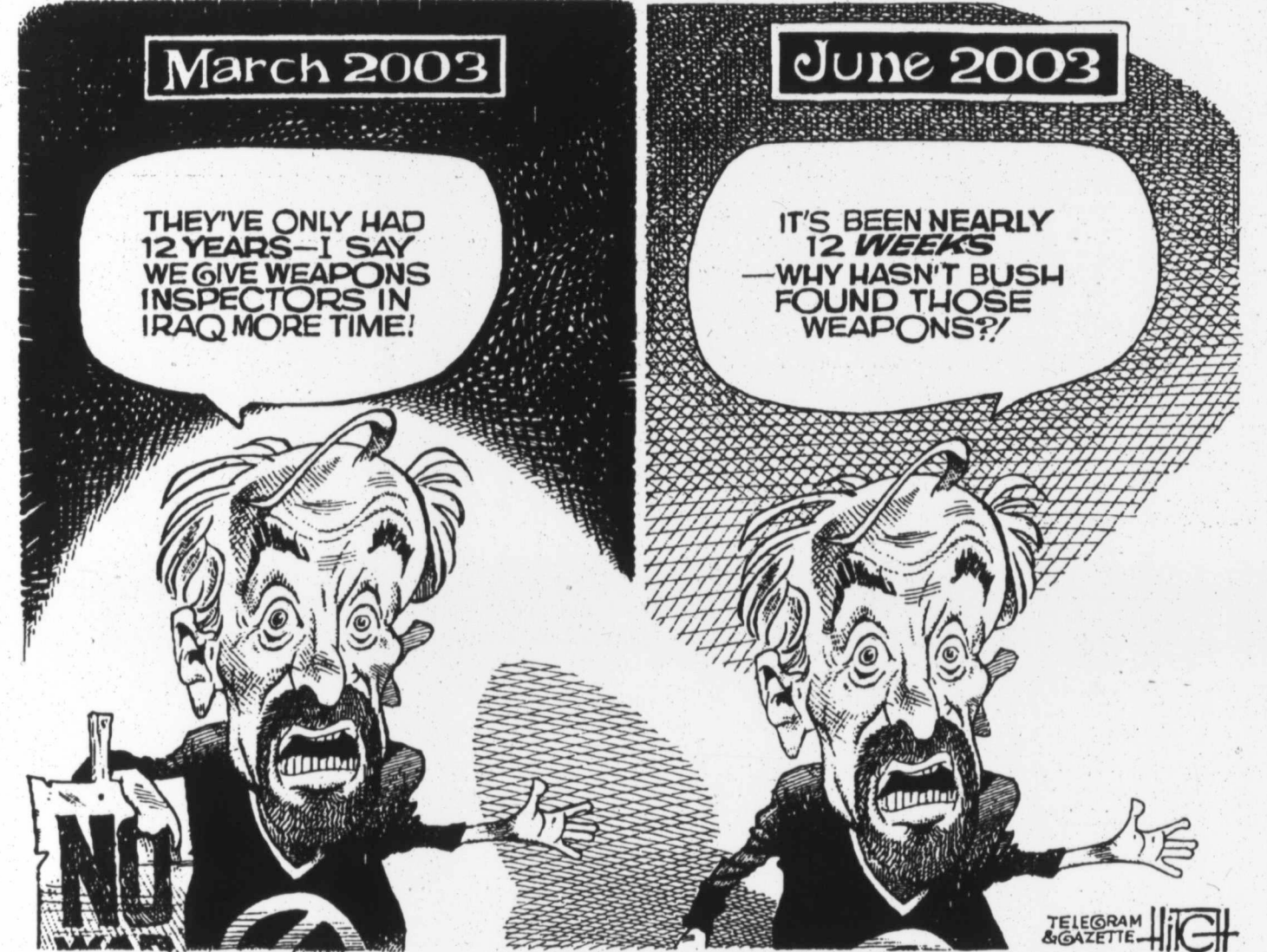
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Baseball needs more conflicts

MIAMI - Many potential fans (particularly younger ones) complain that baseball is too slow. That's commonly phrased as "games last too long" - yet football games last longer. Baseball's real problem is what I'd call a decline in Confrontations per Hour (CPH).

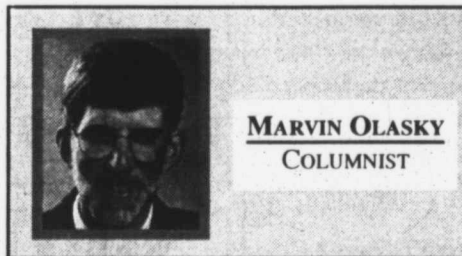
I came up with my CPH theory while watching three Florida Marlins-Anaheim Angels games here last weekend. At the June 6 game, the Angels scored their first run on a line drive single (which the Marlins centerfielder dove for and almost grabbed), a stolen base, a wild pitch and a sacrifice fly (on which the runner barely scored).

Count the confrontations: pitcher vs. batter, hitter vs. centerfielder, pitcher vs. runner (trying to hold him at first), runner vs. catcher, runner vs. outfielder.

Then the Marlins tied the game on a homerun. Only one quickly ended confrontation: batter-pitcher. The scoreboard showed one run for each side, but the difference in sustained interest was immense.

The crowd on June 6 cheered for a few seconds when another home run put the Marlins ahead. But a sustained buzz came only when the Angels opened their comeback attempt in the ninth inning with a single. The Marlins closer then successfully challenged the three top Angels hitters as the crowd roared.

The June 7 game also had a home run as the key blow, but the June 8 game was a clinic in how baseball should be played. In the bottom of the first inning,



MARVIN OLASKY
COLUMNIST

speedy Luis Castillo won his confrontation with the pitcher by working a walk, and then won his confrontation with the center fielder by scoring all the way from first on a subsequent double.

The Angels struck back with a single, a double and an exciting triple, and held a one-run lead going into the eighth. They then scored two runs on daring base-running - three stolen bases, including an exceptionally rare steal of home - and won the game going away.

Major league baseball, with its McGwire-Sosa-Barry Bonds trinity, has become homer-happy. New, smaller ballparks, muscled-up (and sometimes drugged-up) hitters, pitchers throwing cautiously because the least mistake can be hit out of the park, and managers induced to sit back and wait for three-run homers rather than start runners have all contributed to fewer confrontations per hour in baseball. Meanwhile, super-confrontational football has ascended in popularity.

What can be done? Place plexiglass barriers above outfield walls so that towering smashes are still home runs but line drives turn into outfielder vs. runner confrontational doubles. Reduce

the amount of foul territory: A foul pop-up that is usually an easy catch for an infielder or catcher is one of baseball's non-confrontational plays. Study traditional baseball adjustments -- mound height, strike zone, liveliness of balls - to see how CPH could be increased without altering basic pitcher-hitter match-ups.

I would experiment in spring training with one major alteration, based on the need to cut down on intentional walks that zap confrontation at the point where intensity would otherwise be highest. One possibility: Force pitchers to challenge baseball's best hitters by making a walk when runners are in scoring position and first base is open worth two bases rather than one.

What are intentional walks now costing us? Last month, I watched a game in Atlanta where scared pitchers walked San Francisco star Barry Bonds three times. But in the ninth inning, with the Braves holding a 6-3 lead and Bonds coming up with one man on base, there was no possible advantage in walking him, so Braves closer John Smoltz went mano a mano against the hitter with the crowd roaring as loudly as I've ever heard at a ballpark -- and erupting when Bonds hit a weak ground ball to second.

I'd like to see confrontations like that throughout the game. A rise in CPH would also lead to an increase in the number of fans.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

- BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**
- Today is Tuesday, June 17, the 168th day of 2003. There are 197 days left in the year.
 - Today's Highlight in History:
 - On June 17, 1775, the Revolutionary War Battle of Bunker Hill took place near Boston. The battle, which actually occurred on Breed's Hill, was a costly victory for the British, who suffered heavy losses while dislodging the rebels.
 - On this date:
 - In 1856, in Philadelphia, the Republican Party opened its first convention.
 - In 1885, the Statue of Liberty arrived in New York City aboard the French ship *Isere*.
 - In 1928, Amelia Earhart embarked on a transatlantic flight — from Newfoundland to Wales — the first by a woman.
 - In 1940, France asked Germany for terms of surrender in World War II.
 - In 1948, a United Air Lines DC6 crashed near Mount Carmel, Pa., killing all 43 people on board.
 - In 1953, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas temporarily stayed the execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, originally set for the next day, the couple's 14th wedding anniversary. (They were put to death June 19.)

North Korea: Blockade could lead to war, put Japan in jeopardy

By SANG-HUN CHOE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea warned Tuesday that any economic blockade by the United States and its allies against the communist state could lead to a war that would include Japan.

The warning came as the United States, Japan and Australia, began cracking down on the North Korean trade in illicit drugs, weapons and counterfeit money.

North Korea's main state-run newspaper Rodong Sinmun claimed Tuesday that the United States is "laying an international siege to the North and putting a blockade against it as a premeditated scheme to start a new war on the Korean peninsula."

North Korea will take "physical retaliation," including "all means and methods an independent country can take," if it concludes that the recent moves by the allies violate its sovereignty, Rodong said in a commentary carried by the North's official news agency KCNA.

"There is no guarantee that this blockade will not lead to such a serious condition as a full-scale war," said Rodong. "If war breaks out between the North and the United States, it will not be limited to the Korean Peninsula but all the areas where aggressors are lurking will become our targets."

North Korea accused Japan of turning itself into the "base

Three men die rigging bomb

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Three suspected terrorists were killed in Afghanistan over the weekend when a bomb they were trying to plant under a bridge in the east of the country exploded by mistake, a military commander said Tuesday.

The remote-controlled bomb exploded Sunday at al-Tamur, on the main road from Kabul to the eastern town of Gardez, said Gen. Atiqullah Uddin, a military commander speaking by satellite phone from Gardez.

Two of the men planting the device died in the blast, while a third man succumbed to severe wounds after being treated at a local hospital. The bridge was damaged, but cars were still able to move around it, Uddin said.

The three men comprised one of 17 suspected terrorist teams local authorities are hunting down in several provinces in southeastern Afghanistan, Uddin said, adding that each group was being paid \$50,000 to carry out such operations. It was not known who was paying them.

In April, Australian authorities raided a North Korean-owned ship and charged its crew with aiding and abetting the trafficking of heroin.

camp for U.S. aggression against Korea."

North Korea traditionally churns out sabre-rattling rhetoric when its relations with the outside world worsen.

In Phnom Penh, Cambodia, the fight against terrorism and North Korea's nuclear program

were expected to top the agenda at a meeting of Southeast Asian nations.

A draft statement by the forum of more than 20 Asian-Pacific countries called for a "peaceful solution of the nuclear problem" on the Korean Peninsula "for the sake of durable peace and security in the region."

Japan has been tightening safety and customs inspections of North Korean ships long suspected of smuggling missile parts and narcotics between the two countries. In the past week, they have detained one cargo ship and blocked another from docking for safety violations.

The move came after a North Korean defector told U.S. lawmakers last month that a North Korean ferry linking the two countries was used to smuggle missile parts.

Japan allows trade with North Korea on an informal basis, though the two countries have no diplomatic relations. Last year, 147

North Korean ships made over 1,300 port calls in Japan.

In a joint statement in Hawaii last week, U.S., Japanese and South Korean officials expressed concern about the North's narcotics trafficking and counterfeiting, and said they discussed cooperation to stop them.

In the past few days, both Japanese and South Korean officials have said that intensifying pressure on North Korea would force it to accept a U.S. offer for multilateral talks on halting its suspected nuclear weapons programs.

In April, Australian authorities raided a North Korean-owned ship and charged its crew with aiding and abetting the trafficking of heroin.

Tensions have increased since October, when U.S. officials said North Korea admitted having a covert nuclear program.

The mayor of Hiroshima has invited North Korean leader Kim Jong Il to attend this year's memorial of the 1945 atomic bombing in protest of Pyongyang's plans to pursue nuclear weapons.

World Health Organization lifts travel warning against Taiwan, but not Beijing

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — The World Health Organization gave Taiwan an improving bill of health Tuesday, canceling a month-old travel warning aimed at stopping the spread of SARS while keeping a similar advisory in place against Beijing.

The WHO decision underscored claims made at an international SARS conference that the worldwide fight to contain the disease was succeeding — but Canadian officials warned against complacency, noting a second outbreak had struck their country.

Taiwanese officials in Kuala Lumpur sipped Champagne after the warning was canceled, rewarding their efforts to tighten anti-SARS controls after poor safeguards at hospitals had led to a surge in deaths of health-care workers.

"This is a turning point for Taiwan," said Dr. Su Ih-jen, Taiwan's director of disease control. "If the travel advisory was not removed, Taiwan's economy could not stand much longer."

After mainland China and Hong Kong, Taiwan was hit hardest by severe acute respiratory syndrome with 697 cases, including 83 deaths.

"The overall situation in Taiwan is getting better and

better, so risks to travelers to Taiwan are now minimal," Dr. Shigeru Omi, the WHO's regional director, told a news briefing.

It was "anybody's guess" when the travel warning would be lifted against Beijing, the last area still under a WHO advisory to postpone non-essential travel because of the SARS threat, Omi said. Advisories have already been lifted against other Chinese provinces.

Though Omi said that the situation in the Chinese capital was improving, Beijing still has a large number of existing SARS cases and the source of infection has not been traced for some, Omi said.

China had suffered 5,327 probable cases, including 346 deaths, as of Monday, Gao Qiang, China's vice minister for health, told the conference.

Gao refused to comment on the travel warning against Beijing, but showed diplomatic goodwill to Taiwan, something rare between the bitter rivals.

"I would like to congratulate them, because we are all Chinese," Gao told reporters. "It's good for the recovery of Taiwan's tourism industry and economic development."

SARS has killed about 800 people and sickened more

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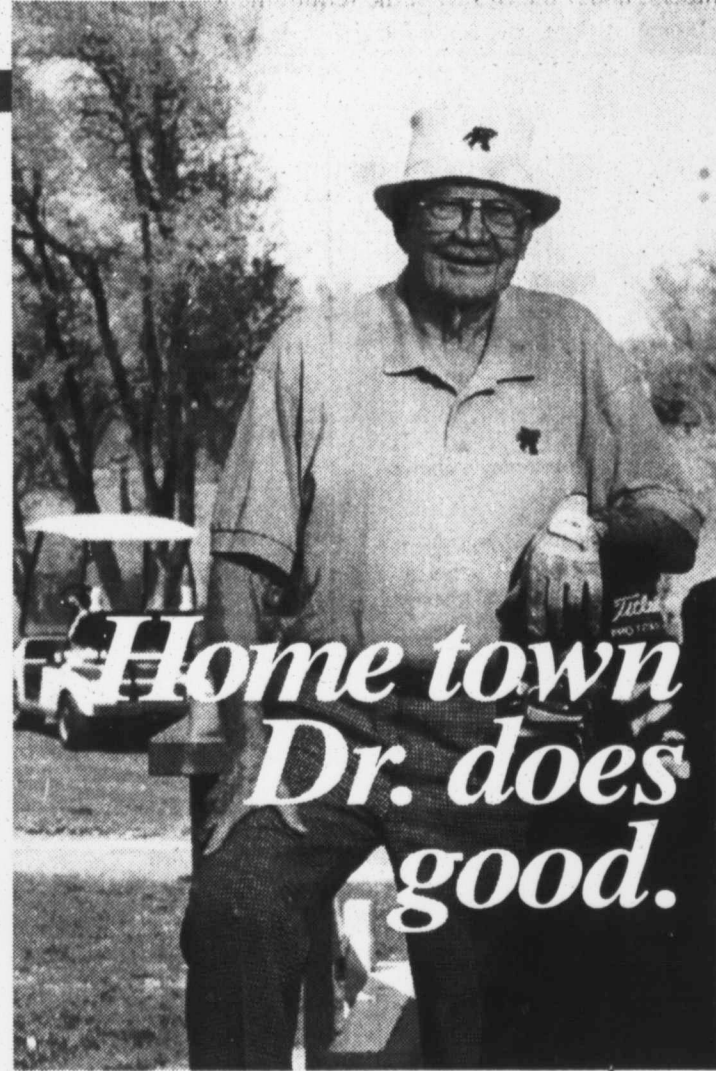
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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Man Looks Back With Longing At Teenage Romance He Nixed

DEAR ABBY: This is nearly 25 years late, but I need to apologize to someone.

When I was a junior in high school, I dated "Carole." She had many fine qualities and I really enjoyed her company. After Carole and I had dated for nearly a year, I met "Marie." She was cute and exciting, and I immediately fell in love with her. Marie broke up with her boyfriend and I broke up with Carole so we could be together. (I'll never forget the day I broke up with Carole. She was at a friend's house when I told her. She stood on the porch crying as I drove away to meet Marie.)

I joined the military after graduation and married Marie later that same year. Our marriage lasted 10 months. Marie left me for another guy — the same way she had left her boyfriend in high school for me. Carole married a great guy a few years after high school. They have been together for more than 20 years.

To Carole: I'm sorry I hurt you. I should have chosen you over Marie. Everyone saw that but me. You and I probably would have had a nice life together. I hope you're happy. If there's one thing I have learned over the years, it's that the "flashiest" people aren't always the right choices.

TONY
FROM GREENVILLE HIGH

DEAR TONY: Some people learn more from their mistakes than their successes, and you are one of them. Sometimes what is best for us is right in front of us. Recognizing what you don't want can be a giant step in the right direction. I hope you have put that knowledge to good use.

DEAR ABBY: I have an unusual dilemma. My husband, "Keith," and I have been married for three years. He is my dearest and closest friend.

The problem is, Keith works for his sister, "Kathie," in the shop she owns. Several nights a week she holds "dinner meetings" after work, but I am never invited to join them. When their parents host family get-togethers, Kathie says they're

"business-related" — and again I am excluded.

For the longest time I thought I could live with and accept my sister-in-law's non-acceptance of me. However, she has started telling lies about me to my husband, and calling him at all hours to come to her house when something needs fixing. I have confronted Kathie to no avail. Abby, what advice can you offer to end this bizarre "real life" nightmare?

OUT IN THE COLD
IN COLORADO

DEAR OUT IN THE COLD: Encourage your husband to find another job with no strings attached. And help him to recognize that his sister's behavior is toxic to your marriage.

P.S. If Keith doesn't get the message, marriage counseling is in order. If he won't go, go without him.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend is crazy about me. We are both 23 and have been dating only a month. He repeatedly tells me how much he loves and cares about me. Sometimes I feel suffocated.

My problem is I'm not sure if I want to date exclusively. I am immersed in my studies and hope to establish myself in a great job — my lifelong dream. What should I do?

GRACIELA IN BRAZIL

DEAR GRACIELA: Your boyfriend may be on the up-and-up, but pushing for a quick, exclusive commitment is one of the warning signs of an abuser. Tell him to put on the brakes because this romance is moving too fast for you. Explain, straightforwardly, what your goals are, and how you hope to pursue them. They may — or may not — be compatible with his. But at least you'll have a clearer understanding of how you both want to live your lives.

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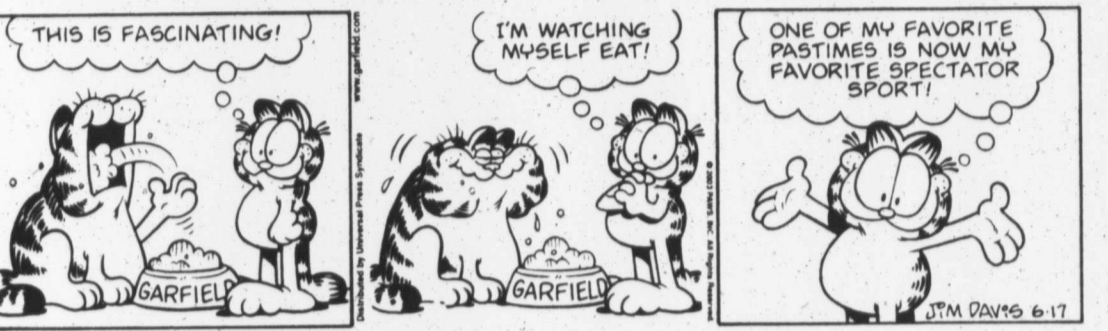
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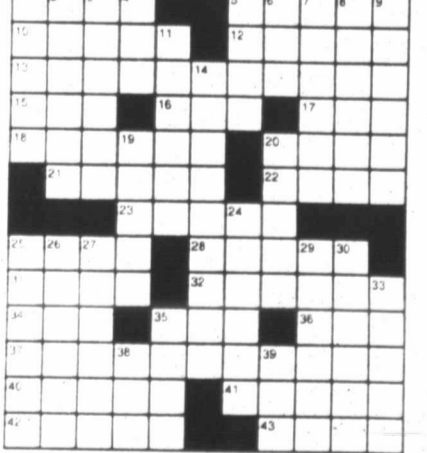
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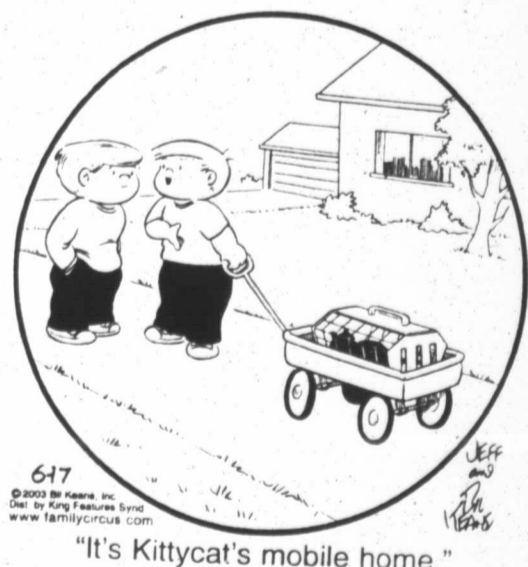


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HUNTING

AMARILLO—RiverFields, the Amarillo gun and sporting goods store, has a hunter safety course scheduled June 23-24 at the store.

The course, required of all Texas hunters born after 1971, will be from 1 to 6 p.m. each day. Cost is \$10.

Long-time instructor Jerry Chapman will conduct the course.

RiverFields is located at 2465 W. Interstate 40 in Wolflin Square in Amarillo. Call 351-0980 for more information and to reserve a spot in the class. Space is limited to 15.

CORRECTION

Jazmyn Hair's first name was misspelled in a photo caption on The Pampa News 7-9 year-old softball team in Sunday's Pampa News edition.

We apologize for the spelling error.

BASKETBALL

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Let the good times keep rolling. Make that "floating."

San Antonio, a city that takes its festivities seriously, has set aside Wednesday for a citywide celebration of the Spurs' second NBA championship.

The revelry will start with a barge parade along the Riverwalk in downtown San Antonio, and then adjourn for another event in the biggest room in town — the Alamodome, where the team played for nine years before moving into the new SBC Center this season.

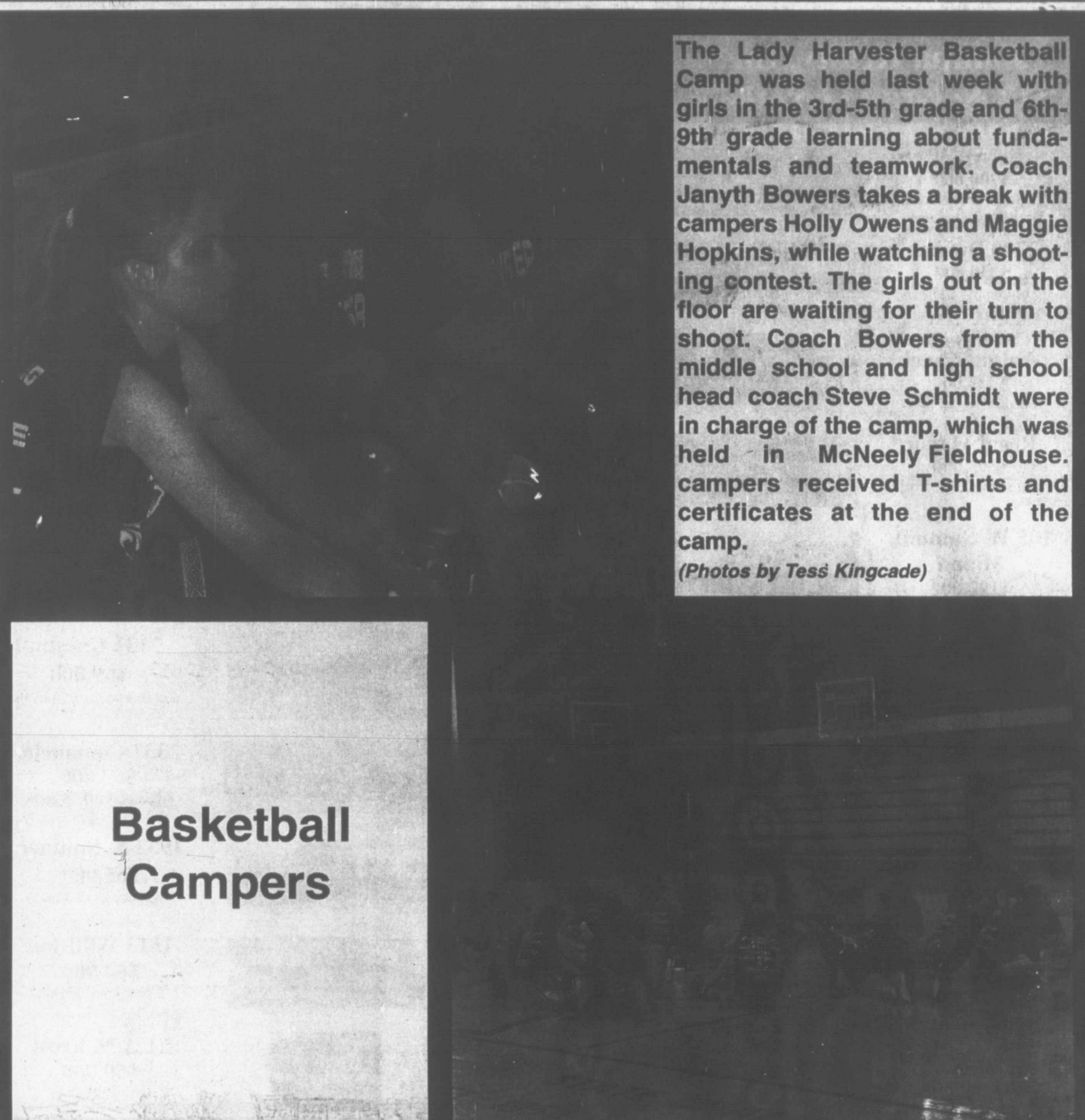
"San Antonio throws great parties, and this will be another party to be remembered," pledged Mayor Ed Garza in a written statement.

Much of the city was nursing a collective hangover Monday after whooping it up into the wee hours after the Spurs captured the championship by beating the New Jersey Nets, 88-77, on Sunday night.

Thousands of joyous Spurs fans jammed downtown San Antonio after the final buzzer to take part in the victory. Motorists inched bumper to bumper along the main thoroughfares, often with their passengers hanging out windows to thrust their fists into the humid night air or slap hands with sidewalk-bound onlookers.

"This is very cool," said Victor Victela, who watched the procession down Commerce Street, in the heart of downtown. "It's better (than 1999) because it's here and they won it at home."

When the Spurs won their first title in 1999, an estimated 300,000 people gathered on the restaurant- and saloon-lined Riverwalk to watch the team and the championship trophy float down the San Antonio River on barges.



The Lady Harvester Basketball Camp was held last week with girls in the 3rd-5th grade and 6th-9th grade learning about fundamentals and teamwork. Coach Janyth Bowers takes a break with campers Holly Owens and Maggie Hopkins, while watching a shooting contest. The girls out on the floor are waiting for their turn to shoot. Coach Bowers from the middle school and high school head coach Steve Schmidt were in charge of the camp, which was held in McNeely Fieldhouse. Campers received T-shirts and certificates at the end of the camp.

(Photos by Tess Kingcade)

Basketball Campers

Glo-Valve slips by Rotary in City Tournament

PAMPA — Glo-Valve Service, like Old Man River, just keeps on rolling along. Lane Douglass leaped out of his catcher's position to field a ball, which was topped out in front of the plate and beat the runner from third home to end the game with the bases loaded and preserve a 5-4 win for Glo-Valve over Rotary Club.

Glo-Valve, 18-0-2 for the season and 1-0 in the second half of the double elimination tournament Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken City Tournament, faces Celanese Corporation in a winner's bracket showdown tonight at 7:45. Rotary plays Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency today at 5:45.

The winners scored ugly in the top of the first inning. Heath Skinner led off with a walk, Kade Wilson hit a roller to the pitcher, but the first baseman dropped the ball. A bad throw allowed Heath Skinner to score and Wilson to get to second. Wilson went to third on a wild pitch, Hayden Skinner walked

and made it to second on a fielder's choice. A ground out by Lane Douglass sent Wilson home and Hayden Skinner to third. A single by Freddie Ramirez, Glo-Valve's only hit of the inning, plated Hayden Skinner to give Glo-Valve a 3-0 lead.

Anthony Allen opened Glo-Valve's half of the second inning with a single off the pitcher's glove. He hustled all the way home on a single by Evan McElwain.

Rotary scored twice in the bottom of the second. Alex Torres was safe on an error, and he went to second on a passed ball and a throwing error. Gerardo Dominguez and Gage Carruth walked. Dominguez narrowed Glo-Valve's lead to 4-6 by scoring on a single by Martin Aliva.

Douglass singled to start Glo-Valve off in the third inning. He went to third when Freddie Ramirez was safe on an error. He tagged up and scored

on a sacrifice fly by Mark Ruth. Rotary chipped away at Glo-Valve's lead. In the bottom of the fifth inning, Chris Bengé singled and went to third on a single by Jonathan Anguiano. Bengé was caught stealing as he tried to come home on a ball which got away from the catcher.

Jonathan Anguiano went to second on the play and later stole third. He scored on a wild pitch and Glo-Valve's lead was narrowed to 5-3.

In the bottom of the sixth, Rotary loaded the bases with two outs on walks to Zachary Winborne and Aliva, and an infield single by Jonathan Anguiano. Michael Anguiano was credited with one RBI when he drew a bases loaded walk to force in Winborne. With the tying run 60 feet away at third and the winning run at second, Douglass made his alert play to end the game.

Douglass, who pitched the first three innings, was the winning pitcher which gave him a

season record of 9-0. Heath Skinner picked up his fourth save of the year by pitching the last three innings. Douglass allowed no earned runs and one hit. He struck out seven and walked four.

Heath Skinner surrendered two runs on three hits. He struck out six, walked four and hit a batter. He was tough in the clutch, stranding four runners in scoring position the last two innings.

Dominguez pitched a complete game for Rotary. He gave up three earned runs on six hits. He struck out four, walked three and hit two batters. He got stronger as the game went along, allowing only two baserunners and no runs the last three innings.

The game featured outstanding defensive play by both teams. Bengé made several good plays at shortstop to get outs for Rotary. Michael Anguiano in left field and Winborne in center caught fly balls to thwart potential Glo-

Valve rallies. Glo-Valve right fielder Mark Ruth ran almost to the edge of the infield to snag a flyball for Glo-Valve's outstanding defensive play.

The caught stealing from Douglass to Heath Skinner, and Douglass' unassisted putout to end the game were the other outstanding defensive plays for the winners.

Douglass, with two hits, a run scored and one RBI was Glo-Valve's leading hitter. Jonathan Anguiano led Rotary in hitting with two hits, a walk and one run.

In the early game, celanese Corporation defeated Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency 12-1 behind the pitching of Madison Wilson, John Luke Covalt and Jemal Wheeler. Ricky Davis and Nathan Stillwagon pitched for DFB.

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North wins Greenbelt Bowl

CHILDRESS — The North downed the South 23-13 Saturday night to win the Greenbelt Bowl.

The North had to come from behind for the victory after trailing 10-7 at halftime.

North kicker Tyler Helms of Floydada kicked three field goals in the second half, one from 42 yards and two from 37 yards.

North quarterback Kiel Kitchens of Shallowater was on target with 50 percent (7 of 14) of his passes. He tossed a 38-yard touchdown pass to Jonathon Maxwell of Jacksboro with 2:10 left in the fourth quarter. Demetric Mcgee of Wichita Falls Hirschi caught three passes for 103 yards.

Leading the North's rushing attack was Jonathan Hill of Quanah, who finished with 61 yards on 17 carries. He scored on a

1-yard run in the first quarter.

The South's only touchdown came on a 54-yard interception return by Austin Steele of Hamlin in the second quarter.

Kyron Trussell of Sunray kicked a 24 field goal in the second quarter to complete the South scoring.

Blake Wallace of Bowie had a good night at quarterback for the South. He completed 8 of 16 pass attempts for 100 yards. Jeremy Jones of Petrolia caught 4 passes for 42 yards. Brady Rainwater of Floydada came up with 2 catches for 56 yards.

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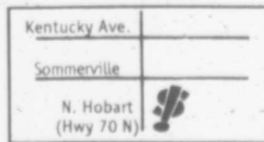
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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, June 18, 2003: Your ability to understand makes you vulnerable to playing amateur psychologist to those around you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your intuition comes through with both financial and emotional matters. You might understand more about what others want than they do themselves.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Others help you pull it together, whether within your work or your personal life. As a result, you'll accomplish a lot.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your creativity demands an outlet. Think about your expectations within a friendship. You might want to charge greater creativity into work and personal life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) All elements finally mesh, and as a result, you'll succeed. Use today for clearing out your work and getting the job done.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) All work and no play appears on the menu right now. Your efforts pay off in many ways.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Reach out for others and gain a new perspective

Crime less, report says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Crime resumed its decline overall last year, even though the numbers of murders and rapes increased, the FBI reported.

The FBI's preliminary Uniform Crime Report found a 0.2 percent decrease in the number of crimes reported to the police or other law enforcement agencies in 2002, as compared with 2001. That resumed a trend that began in 1991, broken only in 2001 when crime rose by 2.1 percent over 2000.

The figures should be considered good news, said James Alan Fox, a professor of criminal justice at Northeastern University.

With financially plagued cities laying off police officers and switching others to homeland security, with people losing their jobs because of the economy's problems and with increases in gang activity, overall crime easily could be going up rather than down, Fox said.

"The fact that it isn't a success," he said. "We're holding our own despite difficult times that we're in."

Still, the FBI said in the report released Monday, the number of reported rapes rose by 4 percent and the number of murders grew by 0.8 percent.

The biggest percentage increases in murders were recorded in suburban counties, up 12.4 percent, the FBI's preliminary crime statistics for 2002 showed. Murders declined 1.2 percent in rural counties and were down 14.7 percent in cities of fewer than 10,000 people.

Some city problems are spilling over into adjacent suburbs that have become more urbanized, said David Muhlhausen, a criminal justice expert with the Heritage Foundation, a conservative Washington think tank. "The distinctions between cities and suburbs are sort of blurred now," he said.

Vehicles without side air bags score poorly

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two small sport utility vehicles with side air bags got high ratings from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety in its first-ever side-impact crash tests.

Vehicles performed poorly in the tests which were among the first to measure what happens when dummies the size of small women are hit in side-impact crashes.

In test results released Tuesday, 2003 models of the Subaru Forester and the Ford Escape performed best among the 12 small SUVs tested.

Both vehicles received a "good" rating. The only other vehicle tested with side airbags, the Hyundai Santa Fe, received the second best "acceptable" rating, while the others earned "marginal" or "poor" scores.

The results were based on

vehicle performance as well as how much injury was caused to identical dummies in the driver's seat and left rear seat as a result of the 31 mph crash.

The Subaru Forester offers standard side air bags with torso and head protection, while similar air bags are optional in the Ford Escape. The Insurance Institute found that when the Escape was tested without air bags, it performed considerably worse.

The Mitsubishi Outlander performed the worst in the Insurance Industry's test. In an Outlander with no side air bag, the crash barrier crushed the side of the vehicle and struck the dummy in the head, causing serious injuries to the head, torso and pelvis.

Mitsubishi said it will review the tests results, but added that

the Insurance Institute is using a new kind of test that hasn't been adopted by automakers. The company also pointed out that it received high ratings in a frontal crash test performed by the Insurance Institute earlier this year.

"In fact, the 2003 Mitsubishi Outlander has demonstrated very good real world safety performance," the company said in a statement.

The Honda CR-V and the Jeep Wrangler got ratings of "marginal," while the lowest rating of "poor" went to the Honda Element, the Saturn Vue, the Land Rover Freelander, the Suzuki Grand Vitara, the Toyota RAV4, the Escape without air bags, and the Outlander.

The Insurance Institute automatically tested the vehicles with air bags if the air bags were

standard. Automakers that offer side air bags as an option could ask the group to test their vehicles with the air bags as long as they agreed to supply a second vehicle without them. Otherwise, the vehicle was tested without a side air bag.

Ford was the only company that requested two tests, the Insurance Institute said. The Freeloader, RAV4, Grand Vitara and the Wrangler don't offer side air bags as an option.

The Insurance Institute said side-impact tests are critical, since many vehicles that perform well in frontal crashes are still vulnerable in side crashes.

The boom in large SUVs and pickups also has contributed to an increasing proportion of deaths in side-impact crashes, since vehicles are often mis-

matched by height and weight, safety experts say.

In a report released last week, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it is considering adopting minimum head and chest protection requirements. The Insurance Institute also is working with automakers to develop voluntary safety standards to minimize damage in side-impact crashes. Those standards are expected to come out in late fall.

In the meantime, Brian O'Neill, president of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, said he hopes the crash test results will spur improvements more quickly.

"This is what happened with our frontal crash test results, and now we expect consumers will use the new test results to help them choose vehicles," he said.

County 4-Hers participate in District Fashion Show

PANHANDLE — The District 4-H Fashion Show, held recently in Panhandle, saw 132 participants this year including several students from Gray County. 4-Hers completed projects in one of three categories to compete — buying, sewing construction and fashion design.

Placing first in the senior age division (ages 14-19) and advancing to state was Sarah Schwab, a member of Gray County's Super Clover Club, in casual daywear.

As a winner in construction, Schwab was recognized by Top of Texas Gin with a gift certificate. The gin presented top cotton entries with a certificate in the amount of \$50.

The state competition will be held later this month at Texas A&M University.

LeAnn Mladek, a first-year member of Super

Clover Club, placed third in dressy daywear construction.

Among the "Top Four" in the intermediate division (ages 12-13) were Tammy Syfrett in dressy buying and Kristin Odom in specialty construction, both of McLean 4-Clover Club; Claire Boyd of Super Clover Club in construction active playwear; and Emily Jackson of Lefors 5-H 4-H Club in casual daywear construction.

The Top Four in the junior age division (ages 8-10) included Lynsie Guyer of Super Clover in casual daywear construction; Zachary Odom in junior casual buying and Jack Odom in dressy buying, both of McLean 4-Clover Club. Ty Baggerman of Gray County's Prime Time Club also competed in this division with an entry in specialty construction.

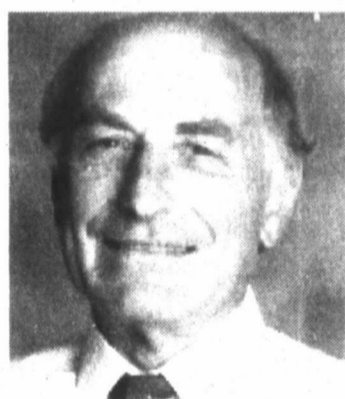
In senior Fabric and Fashion Design competition,



(Courtesy photo)

A number of Gray County 4-Hers participated in 4-H District Fashion Show held recently in Panhandle. Above: Lynsie Guyer, Sarah Schwab, Tammy Syfrett, Kristen Odom, Zachary Odom and Jack Odom.

Sarah Schwab took first in tile design while Gabriel Miller of Lefors 5-H 4-H was first in intermediate textile both apparel design and textile design.



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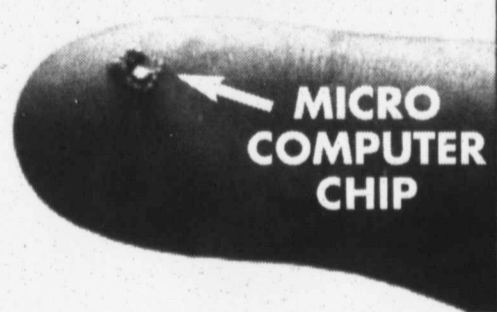
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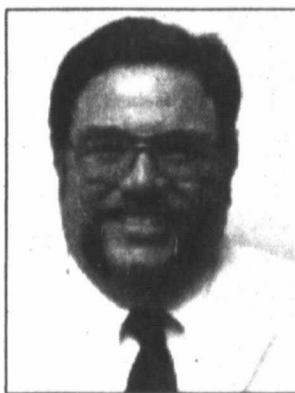
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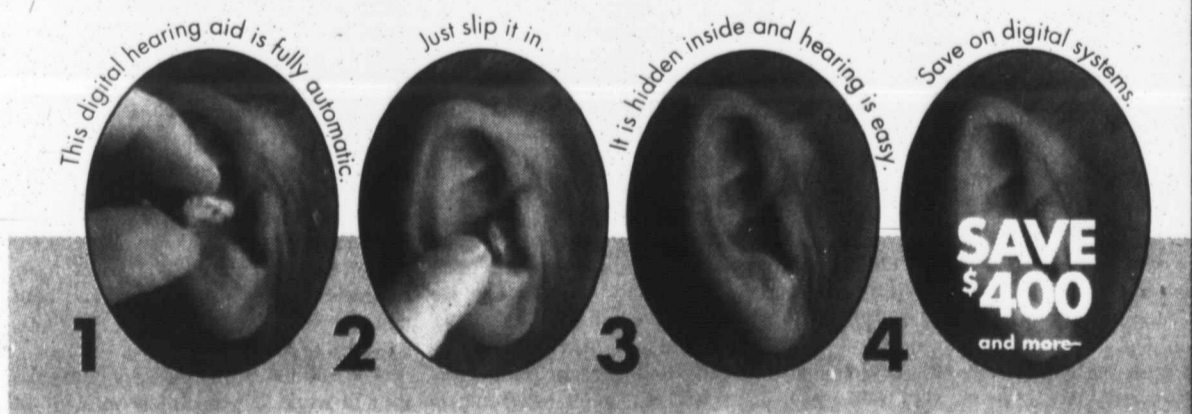


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