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DEATHS

Tony Morgan, 61, retired truck driver.

Jack Thacker, 76, business owner.

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One of Tulia 12 back in jail here

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 EDITOR

One of 12 defendants in a controversial Tulia drug case released from prison last Monday landed back in jail here Friday on charges he assaulted a police officer.

Christopher Eugene Jackson, 31, was released on bond last Monday pending a ruling by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. Jackson's release, along with 11 others convicted in the case, had been recommended by retired state District Judge Ron Chapman.

Four days later, Jackson was back behind bars on charges of assault on a

public servant, evading arrest, and public intoxication.

Jackson, 512 Harlem, remained in Gray County Jail Saturday awaiting a bond hearing. A justice of the peace would not be in for bond hearings until after lunch Saturday, jail officials said.

Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner said the city officers initially responded Friday morning to a report of a suspicious male, "possibly intoxicated," who was standing in the road yelling at cars on U.S. Highway 60.

"When officers approached, he ran and it went on from there," Pitner said.

In the course of apprehending the man, Pampa Police Officer Jarrett Parsons was struck in the face and

head, Pitner said. Parsons suffered minor injuries and was treated and released from Pampa Regional Medical Center emergency room, he said.

The suspect was taken to PRMC also for evaluation because of his behavior, Pitner said.

The arrest was made at 11:06 a.m., Friday, according to Gray County Jail records. Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing of the Gray County Sheriff's Office said that Jackson was brought in for booking about 3:30 p.m., Friday, after undergoing evaluation at the hospital. Rushing said he did not know the results of the evaluation. He said alcohol did not appear to be involved.

Rushing confirmed through jail records that Jackson had been held at Gray County Jail on previous occasions. He said he believed Jackson had grown up in Pampa.

When asked how he knew that Jackson was one of the 12 defendants released Monday at Tulia, Rushing pointed to a color photograph on the front page of the June 17 edition of the Amarillo Globe-News. "There's his picture right there. That's him."

Jackson and 45 others, all of them black, had been arrested in Tulia in July 1999 following an 18-month undercover operation. Tom Coleman, an undercover agent working alone,

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(Pampa News photo)

Pampa physician Dr. Keith Black, now serving in Kuwait, cut this postcard from a box of Sultan corn flakes. The breakfast cereal's name is written in English and Arabic on the box.

News from Kuwait

Local physician Dr. Keith Black, who is presently serving with the U.S. Navy Reserve in Kuwait, sent an unusual postcard from his desert camp to The Pampa News Friday.

Dr. Black fashioned the "post card" from cardboard cut from a box of Sultan corn flakes - written in both English and Arabic, giving a glimpse of what he and many other area residents are experiencing right now as part of the United States military serving in the Middle East.

Dated May 18, the card arrived at The Pampa News on June 20, more than a month after being mailed.

Here's what Dr. Black had to say: "Hello to everyone in Pampa and the Top of Texas. I've been here in the Kuwait desert now for little more than four weeks. Just wanted to let everyone know I'm doing O.K. Really hot here and the sand blows a lot. We make postcards from whatever we can find. As you can tell this was a box of corn flakes. Hope to be home soon."

Dr. Black also listed his mailing address:
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Sales tax revenues down, but going up

By DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

Things just keep getting better for John Horst.

While most people worry about budgets, as Pampa's director of finance, Horst worries about the city's multi-million dollar budget.

To date, sales tax revenues are well behind last year's sales tax income for Pampa, but the city had budgeted for that decrease.

The city's budget for the 2001-2002 fiscal year was \$2,123,928.90. They budgeted \$2,050,000 for this fiscal year.

Still, as the fiscal year began last October, the city's revenues from sales tax didn't look good. Revenues last fall into the first of this calendar year came in below the conservative figures that Horst had used in helping the city commission build its annual budget. Sales tax revenues were down at the fiscal year started, but they have rebounded.

Sales tax revenues are an important source of income for the city and an indicator of business activity in Pampa.

"For the first four months of the year," Horst said this week, "sales tax

receipts were down. For the last five months, they've been up."

Horst said the volatility in the figures have probably mirrored national concerns over war and the economy. Initially, sales in Pampa appeared to be soft, but as the national economy strengthened and as U.S. forces succeeded in Iraq and Afghanistan, Pampa's economy appeared to strengthen, reflecting a national change in attitude and more confidence in the future.

Last October, sale tax revenues were down more than seven percent from the previous year and almost four percent under the expected budgeted figure.

November's figures dropped even more. They were down over 14 percent from the year before and more than 11 percent below budget.

December's income from sale tax was down more than nine percent from the previous fiscal year and more than five percent below the budgeted figure.

By January, city officials were worried as sale tax revenues were almost 11 percent below January 2002 income figures and more than 7.5 percent under budget.

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Relay for Life binds community together

Gray and County's annual Relay for Life fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society is set for July 18 and 19 at Recreation Park, east of Pampa on U.S. Highway 60.

"Relay for Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society," said Pam Dalton, one of the event's organizers. "It offers everyone in the community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer."

This year, as in the past, the Relay for Life features the Survivors Walk, in it cancer survivors are honored as they walk the first lap of the relay to kick off the two-day event. Each survivor receives a T-shirt and is honored at a short reception following the lap.

A cancer survivor is anyone who has ever had a cancer diagnosis and is alive today. To register for the Survivors Lap, call Corkey or Vivian Godfrey at 669-3539.

"The power of the Relay is that it allows a community to grieve for those lost to cancer and to celebrate the lives of those who have survived. For the



(Courtesy photo)

Area cancer survivors line up for the Survivors Walk at the 2002 Relay for Life.

newly diagnosed. Relay offers an opportunity to meet someone who has survived the same type of cancer. For the cancer patient in treatment, Relay provides an opportunity to share with others. For the long-term survivor

Relay brings a community's recognition to the struggle and closure to a trying time in life," she said.

Relay for Life is the principle community involvement event for the American Cancer Society.

Local civic groups, businesses, families and organizations often put together teams to participate in the rally. The groups set up tents at the site for team members who aren't walking to rest. They play games, stage fund-raisers, and host picnics, also.

"It is a team-building activity for everyone to rally around the cause," Dalton explained. "Relay is an activity that involves the whole family. There is a healing and bonding experience that takes place at the Relay event. It connects everything that the American Cancer Society does for each community. It's about being a community that takes up the fight."

Another important and emotionally-moving part of the Relay of Life is the Luminaria Light Service. At sunset on Friday, July 18, votive candles, nestled in sandbags along the pathway of the Relay, will be lit in a special ceremony. Each light represents persons, living and deceased, that the donor wishes to honor or memorialize.

Proceeds from luminaria sales will benefit the Gray/Roberts Unit of the American Cancer Society, dedicated to

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OBITUARIES

JACK THACKER
1926-2003

Jack Thacker, 76, died Thursday, June 19, 2003, at Lefors. Services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 23, at the First Baptist Church of Lefors with Rev. Lewis Ellis, Baptist Minister, and Rev. Chris Webb, Pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Thacker was born July 10, 1926, in Paducah, Texas, to Robert and Jewel Thacker, and came to Lefors that same year. He married Belva June Johnson Hill on Oct. 12, 1967, in Pampas. He was the owner and operator of Jack's Oilfield Service for 50 years, retiring in 1997.

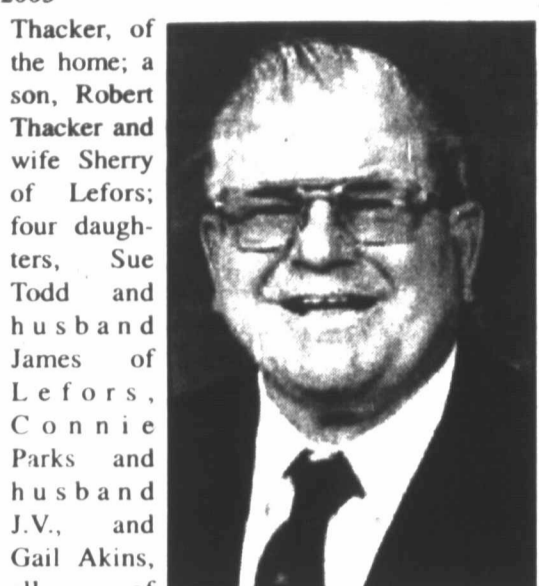
He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lefors and a member of the Lefors Lions Club. He was active in Gideons organization.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II.

He served on the Lefors School Board for several years. He enjoyed fishing. He was saved by Bro. Dan Beltz in 1952.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Robert M. Thacker, Jr., and a stepson O.C. Akins.

Survivors include his wife, Belva June



Thacker, of the home; a son, Robert Thacker and wife Sherry of Lefors; four daughters, Sue Todd and husband James of Lefors, Connie Parks and husband J.V., and Gail Akins, all of Pampa, and Meledy Story and husband Kirk of Del Norte, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, 315 E. 4th, Lefors, TX 79054. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

TONY MORGAN
1941-2003

Tony Morgan, 61, died Thursday, June 19, 2003 at Lubbock. Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. Monday, June 23, 2003, at Memory Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Morgan was born July 9, 1941 at Sundown, Texas. He was reared in

Skellytown. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1993. He was a truck driver for 40 years, retiring in 1999.

The body will not be available for viewing. Survivors include four sisters: Betty Kitchens, Katy Roe, Shannon Horton, and Patty Boyd, all of Pampa; and one brother-in-law, Deano Boyd of Pampa.

SERVICES TOMORROW

THACKER, Jack — Memorial Services, 10:30 a.m., First Baptist Church, Lefors.

MORGAN, Tony — Graveside services 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

WEATHER FOCUS

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The forecast today is calling for mostly sunny skies. Windy. Highs in the mid 90s. Southwest winds 20 to 30 mph. Tonight will be mostly clear. Breezy. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

Monday is expected to be mostly sunny. Breezy. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Monday night will again be mostly clear. Breezy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Tuesday is also expected to mostly sunny and breezy with a slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s. Chance of rain 20 percent. And Tuesday night is projected to again be mostly clear. Breezy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Looking further in the week, Wednesday is expected to be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Chance of rain 20 percent. And Wednesday night will also be partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

STATE

A chance of rain or thunderstorms was expected across many parts of Texas on Saturday.

In the Hill Country and south central Texas, partly cloudy skies were expected with a chance of early morning showers or thunderstorms in the west and a slight chance of afternoon showers or thunderstorms in the southeast with highs in the 90s. By evening, partly cloudy skies were expected with a slight chance of evening showers or thunderstorms in the west and lows in the 70s.

Mostly sunny skies were expected in deep South Texas with highs from the upper 80s near the coast to near 101 in the west. By evening, mostly clear skies were expected with lows in the mid to upper 70s.

In the Panhandle, partly cloudy skies were expected with scattered thunderstorms in the morning and a chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Some thunderstorms may be severe. Highs were expected from 90 to 93. By evening, partly cloudy skies were expected to clear. There was a chance of thunderstorms in the eastern half this evening with some thunderstorms possibly severe and lows from 61 to 72.

Mostly sunny skies were expected in far West Texas with highs in the mid-90s. By evening, mostly clear skies were expected with lows in the upper 50s to upper 60s.

In Dallas area, partly cloudy skies were expected with a slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon and highs in the lower 90s. By evening, partly cloudy skies were expected with lows in the mid-70s.

ON RECORD

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, June 20

Jason Lee Davis, 29, Paul's Valley, Okla., was arrested for criminal non-support. He was released on personal recognizance.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department made the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday, according to Gray County Jail records.

Friday, June 20

Christopher Eugene Jackson, 31, 512 Harlem, was arrested for assault of a public servant, evading arrest and public intoxication.

Saturday, June 21

Bryan Antonio Fernandez, 23, 509 N. Dwight, was arrested for public intoxication.

Antonio Mateo, 22, 605 Gordon, was arrested for public intoxication.

John Louis Sullins, 24, 413 Powell, was arrested on capias pro fines for expired registration and no insurance.

Billy Graham, at 84, still not entirely ready to stop his preaching

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The Rev. Billy Graham has no plans to give up his extensive travels preaching the gospel, though he's sometimes too weak to walk on stage by himself, shakes a bit from Parkinson's disease and says he's growing deaf.

The 84-year-old is considering a possible mission to Kansas City, Mo., in October. He also may make a trip to London next May to commemorate the 50th anniversary of his 12-week crusade there in 1954.

"Spiritually, I feel tremendously exhilarated," Graham told The Associated Press Wednesday. "I feel like the Lord comes in power when I stand up to speak."

Graham has been undergoing regular checkups at the Mayo Clinic because of a neurological problem that causes numbness that affects his walking and talking — a result of surgeries in 2001 to reduce fluid on his brain.

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claimed he bought drugs from the defendants. No drugs or money were found during the arrests, the Associated Press has reported.

Investigations by the U.S. Justice Department and the

Texas Attorney General's Office led to Coleman being charged with perjury stemming from his testimony at evidentiary hearings on four of the cases last March.

When releasing the 11 men and one woman Monday, Judge Chapman cautioned the group to stay away from run-

ins with the law, the AP reported.

"Your family and loved ones are counting on you," he told them.

The release came after a bill passed by the Texas Legislature in May was signed by Gov. Rick Perry on June 2.

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TAX

The turn-around began to show up in February with a 1.09 percent decrease in year-to-year figures and the first gain in the budget. February's sale tax figures were 2.48 percent over budget.

March showed almost a 3.75 percent increase in income over the previous March and was 7.47 percent over budget.

April also showed improvement in sales tax

income. The April figures were 2.07 percent ahead of the previous year and 5.75 percent over the budget target for the month.

May showed gains as well and Pampan continued to shop. Sales tax revenues for May were 5.31 percent over May 2002 and almost 10 percent over the expected budget figures.

While June increases were slight, they still reflected positive figures.

June sales tax revenues, \$152,955,56, showed a 0.63

percent gain over the same month in 2002 — \$152,003.72. The June figure was 4.26 percent above the budgeted figure.

While the increases over the past five months have still not outweighed the deficits of the first four, Horst said it is getting close.

The sales tax revenues lack only about \$2,000 to be in black for the year.

The city had budgeted \$1,544,082.13 for the year through June. It has received \$1,541,813.47.

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RELAY

cancer research, patient services and education.

Luminaria donations are now being accepted by Betty Tom Graham, Gray/Roberts Relay for Life Treasurer, 120 E. 28th Ave., Pampa, Texas

79065. Checks may be made payable to the American Cancer Society. Be sure to include the name of the person you wish to honor or memorialize with each candle donation.

"Relay for Life represents the hope that those lost to can-

cer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day, cancer will be eliminated," Dalton said.

For more information on how to be involved with the Gray/Roberts County Relay for Life call Dalton at 665-0356.

Soldiers find stacks of intelligence equipment and documents in raid

By JIM KRANE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. forces acting on an intelligence tip raided an abandoned Baghdad community hall early Saturday and seized documents that may contain information about Iraq's suspected weapons of mass destruction.

The documents, bearing the seal of Saddam Hussein's secret service, were being handed over to senior intelligence analysts. Some papers referred to Iraq's nuclear program.

About 50 soldiers from the 1st Armored Division stormed the building at about 1 a.m. after sealing off part of Baghdad's Azamiyah district — a center of support for Saddam's ousted regime. The neighborhood was where Saddam — or someone presenting himself as the Iraqi leader — last appeared in public before the capture of Baghdad was completed April 9.

After trying to break through the door with a sledgehammer, the troops were surprised when a squatter opened the lock from the inside and welcomed them in.

Upstairs above the hall, American troops found two large rooms stacked with cryptograph machines, secure

transmission devices and binders of documents, with more papers strewn on the floor.

Soldiers examining the papers by flashlight with an Arabic interpreter found many of them marked "top secret" and "personal." They loaded dozens of boxes of paper files and some of the electronics into vehicles and took them away.

The haul came on the sixth day of Operation Desert Scorpion, a nationwide sweep for weapons and insurgents. Since Sunday, the military has conducted 90 raids and arrested 540 suspects, a coalition spokesman said on condition of anonymity. He had no figure for how many of those had already been released.

The spokesman also said U.S. officials will soon announce the creation of a new Iraqi army that will be open to soldiers of the former regime.

"It's going to be an army, not a secret police. It's going to be professional, not political ... And it will be open to former members of the Iraqi military," he said.

After Saddam's ouster, the entire Iraqi military was dismissed. Iraqi police officials say that former soldiers may be behind some of the recent attacks on U.S. forces, and disgruntled ex-officers have been staging demonstrations

demanding their salaries.

Officials said the pace of Operation Desert Scorpion raids was slackening. Still, the community hall seizure was one of six raids early Saturday by the 1st Armored Division, which also detained 22 people. The 4th Infantry Division in Kirkuk, in the north, and Taji, in the south, also conducted three raids Saturday and arrested three people.

Some of the documents seized Saturday included manifests for the delivery of communications equipment to the Iraqi nuclear agency. One letter, dated Feb. 7, 1998, from the National Security Council of Iraq was addressed to the Iraqi Nuclear Organization, with a carbon to the Mukhabarat, the secret intelligence service.

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U.S. working on goals in Iraq, President tells radio audience

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ten weeks after the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime in Baghdad, President Bush portrayed U.S. goals in Iraq — from capturing chemical and biological weapons to restoring basic services — as works in progress with a few early successes.

"First, we are working to make Iraq secure for its citizens and our military," Bush said in his weekly radio address Saturday. "Second, we are working to improve the lives of the Iraqi people after three decades of tyranny and oppression."

Despite the president's generally positive status report, the administration has faced a growing list of questions.

The weapons of mass destruction that Bush said Saddam had and cited as his main rationale for war have not been found. Saddam and his two sons — atop the U.S. most-wanted list of former Iraqi officials — also have not been located, and there are suspicions that Saddam is still alive.

Weeks of sniping and ambushes around Iraq have resulted in the deaths of more than four dozen American soldiers, and Iraqis are frustrated about a lack of electricity and other necessities and a delay in self-government.

In Washington, congressional committees are examining prewar intelligence on Iraq — its weapons of mass destruction, ties to terrorism and direct threat posed to others — to see whether it was manipulated.

Without directly mentioning these doubts, Bush's radio

remarks served as a broad defense.

"For the people of free Iraq, the road ahead holds great challenges," he said. "Yet at every turn, they will have friendship and support from the United States of America."

Bush did not promise — as he had on other occasions until recently — that the weapons will be found, only that they will continue to be sought through interviews with knowledgeable scientists and reviews of piles of documents.

The president defended initial administration claims about existence of the weapons and the intelligence on which they were based. Documents and suspected weapons sites were looted and burned "in the regime's final days," he said. And while "the intelligence services of many nations" concluded Iraq possessed banned chemical and biological

weapons, Saddam refused to prove he had destroyed what he had.

"We are determined to discover the true extent of Saddam Hussein's weapons programs, no matter how long it takes," Bush said.

He blamed pockets of Saddam loyalists, "along with their terrorist allies," for deadly attacks on U.S. forces.

"Our military is acting decisively against these threats," he said.

In Baghdad, he said 28,000 American combat troops and military police are enforcing the law, making arrests and training Iraqis in an attempt to make the unruly city safer.

Addressing continuing concerns about the difficulties of daily life in Iraq, Bush said the United States has provided more than \$700 million in reconstruction and humanitarian aid.



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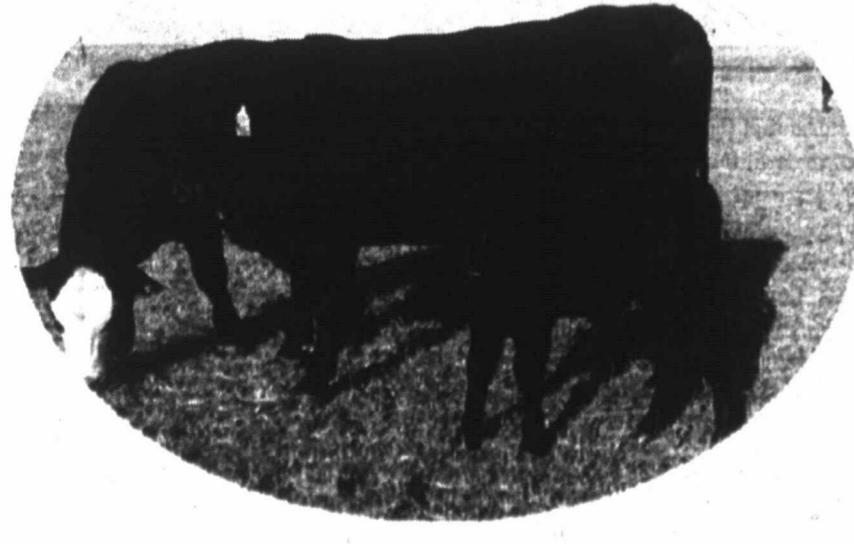
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader wants to see more local sports schedules printed

To the editor:
 Many local adult and youth sports games, such as softball and baseball, have been played here in Pampa without any publication of their schedules and locations in your newspaper. I am retired and love to attend almost all local sports activities, if I know about them in advance. It saddens me to think that there have been many games played that I have missed already this year.

I appreciate (Publisher L.W. McCall's) remarks on this subject during our telecon. You said that you would be glad to publish the schedules if they are prepared and provided to you in a timely manner. That is certainly a reasonable requirement and is the same thing that I have experienced elsewhere.

I believe that the managers, coaches, and/or administrators of the teams and leagues should consider themselves responsible for assuring that their schedules are prepared correctly and timely for publication.

I also believe that the Parks and Recreation Department could readily program its computer to automatically prepare, change and print the schedules of activities reserved for the ball parks, arenas, auditorium, etc. This would be a great source and aid for all concerned.

I believe that the Pampa News could possibly publish special seasonal pamphlets with the current local schedules, plus, of course, the advertisements of supporting businesses. The prevailing reputation/opinion of the Sports Section would be significantly enhanced if current local game schedules were included. I do not pay much attention to the Scoreboard which takes up a half page covering the national sports schedules and game results. I wonder who does? I like the local stuff.

I am sure there are others and retirees that would like to attend the games. I also know that the players generally do better the larger the crowd. I have found that I do not need to know the players in order to enjoy the games, but that I get to know them a little better after I've seen them play and after I have read about them in the paper or seen them on TV.

Pampa is a pretty good town for retirees and it could be made a little bit better. As a citizen and taxpayer, I believe I should be given a better opportunity to see the results of some of my taxes and so should others. I hope that other retirees read this letter and let their opinions be known. We could make a great cheering section if we all got together at the games.

F.A. Records, Lt. Col. USAF Ret.
 Pampa

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, June 22, the 173rd day of 2003. There are 192 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On June 22, 1940, during World War II, Adolf Hitler gained a stunning victory as France was forced to sign an armistice eight days after German forces overran Paris.

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Anyone who thinks that Howell Raines' resignation will restore editorial balance to The New York Times is in for a sad disappointment. The following excerpt from my book, "Off with Their Heads: Traitors, Crooks and Obstructionists in American Politics, Media and Business," examines an incident that shows the partisan tilt of Joseph Lelyveld, Raines' successor - and predecessor - as the Times' executive editor.

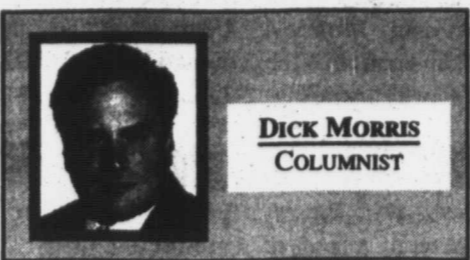
During the 1996 presidential campaign, Lelyveld told me, as he sought an exclusive interview with President Clinton, that he did not feel "the public cares about what happened back in Arkansas." His implied commitment to pull coverage of the scandals that dogged Clinton throughout his first term illustrates how facile is the hope that he can restore non-partisanship to the Times.

Indeed, in the two months before Election Day '96, the Times ran no stories on its front page about Paula Jones, the Rose Law Firm, Hillary's billing records and only lightly covered Whitewater.

Here's the story:
 While working for President Clinton in 1996, I got a call from the Lelyveld's office. Naturally, I agreed to a meeting with the Times' chief to "get to know one another."

As Clinton's chief political adviser, I knew the request had something to do with the White House. But I was surprised to be asked by Lelyveld and a Times reporter to help them get an exclusive interview with the president. "We've tried for months and come up empty," the editor pleaded. "Can you help get it done?"

I spoke of Clinton's sensitivity to criticism from the Times and how he had resisted particularly at Raines, then running the editorial page. A worried frown cloud-



DICK MORRIS
 COLUMNIST

ed the editor's formerly sunny face. "You know," he assured me sotto voce, "we don't think that the public cares about what happened back in Arkansas."

Wow.
 I wondered if I heard right. Did the top editor of The New York Times just imply that they'd pull their punches over Whitewater, Paula Jones, the Rose Law Firm, Hillary's billing records, the Web Hubbell hush money and the rest of the scandals that had emerged from Clinton's Arkansas Pandora's Box - all in return for an interview?

I certainly got that impression.
 The next day I was in the White House residence, after our weekly strategy meeting, whispering in Clinton's ear about my conversation with the Times.

"They're B.S.-ing you," the president said. (He didn't use the initials.)
 "No," I protested. "I wasn't fishing for the concession, they just threw it out."
 "Hummmf," he grunted, moving on to our next topic.

Somehow, the interview got granted.
 Then my phone rang. It was the reporter who had sat with his editor in my hotel suite. I'd known him for some time, and he was calling to tell me that he would be conducting the interview. I congratulated him, and he invited me for a drink.

As I crossed through Lafayette Park to get from the White House to the Hay Adams Hotel to meet him, I wondered

why he wanted to talk before the interview.

After some light chatter over drinks, he began, casually, to tell me the questions he was going to ask. "I'll ask him what are his proudest achievements, what he's most ashamed of, why he thought he lost the Congress [in the 1994 elections], what he proposed to do about Bosnia..."

A reporter briefing a presidential aide on the questions he was preparing to ask the president: This was about as common as it is for Nebraska to brief Miami on their football signals before the game. I couldn't believe my luck. Pushing my luck, I prompted him. "Why don't you ask him about..."

"Good idea," my obedient reporter/friend said as he jotted down notes.

The briefing before the interview wasn't even hard. Sitting on the couch with the president in his wing chair on my right in the Oval Office, I fed the reporter's questions to Clinton, and we worked out answers.

"What if he asks about Whitewater?" Clinton wondered.

"He won't," I assured him. "He's told me exactly what he's going to ask."

Clinton couldn't believe his luck! Knowing what was coming, we came up with answers to hit the ball out of the park.

And, on May 19, 1996, Clinton's smiling face adorned the cover of The New York Times Magazine, over the headline "Facets of Clinton."

The story touted the president as "one of the biggest, most talented, articulate, intelligent, open, colorful characters ever to inhabit the Oval Office." It went on to call him "breath-takingly bright" and even noted that he "exudes physical attraction."

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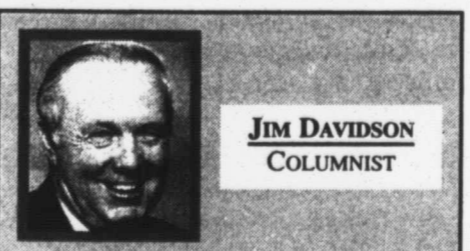


Ways to heal a wounded spirit

You no doubt have heard the old saying, "Life is like an elevator. You can go up or down depending on which buttons you push." While this is certainly true, have you ever thought about the fact that thousands and thousands of people across our nation have a wounded spirit because someone else pushed all or most of their buttons? If you or someone you love are carrying deep emotional or physical scars because of something that happened in the past, I believe you will really be interested in what I want to share with you in this edition.

This past Christmas my wife bought me a book on tape titled, "The Wounded Spirit" by Frank Peretti. Today Frank Peretti is a highly successful author and speaker and he travels all over the country speaking to thousands of people each year. What had not been revealed until recently is that he had a horrific childhood, as he had one unpleasant experience after another that made his life miserable. For Frank, the nightmare began the day he was born as he had a large tumor on the side of his neck and his tongue, was so long that it stuck out of the side of his mouth and could not be retracted in a normal way. It was just hanging out there for all to see.

Soon afterwards the doctors began a series of painful operations to correct the problem with his tongue but, if I recall,



JIM DAVIDSON
 COLUMNIST

this deformity lasted well into his school years. He said the scabs on his tongue and the flies were often the focus of ridicule by some of the other students. This combined with the fact that he was very small for his age made him a target of some of the larger boys, especially the jocks, who showed him very little mercy or compassion.

In spite of his unhappy childhood Frank Peretti persisted and today he is a highly successful person, but his deep emotional scars were still there below the surface. Over the years he had thought about speaking on this subject but didn't think many people would be interested. He changed his mind when he was invited to speak at a conference in California where 1,500 young people and their parents would be in attendance. The date of this conference was one month after the tragic school shootings in Littleton, Colo.

As I listened to the tape and thought about his story, I was reminded of some unpleasant events in my own childhood. There was a boy in the town where I grew

up who always wanted to fight and he used to pick on some of the kids, especially those who were younger and smaller than he was. I was one of them. This went on for several years until I was physically as large and strong as he was. Then one day playing football I hit him so hard that he never picked on me again.

At this point I would like to ask my earlier questions again. Do you have a wounded spirit? Are there things in your past that have resulted in deep emotional scars that are still painful when you think about them? Believe me, God can heal those scars if you will ask Him, but you must be willing to forgive those who have hurt you. It is the only way to have real peace.

As Frank Peretti concluded his message to those 1,500 young people he told them that one day there was a jock who said, "I am going to beat up Peretti." However, before he made a move, a young man name John stepped between them and the jock backed off. He said that he has never forgotten this young man and the courage he displayed. What a difference it made in his life.

We can all make a difference for someone when we are willing to stand on the wall...be noble.

(Write to Jim Davidson at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.)

Texas

Summer is just around the corner, but as a parent you may be grappling with the question of what to do for your child's summer. How does my child stack up against the rest of the community? Is my child being adequately supervised by anyone and if she's not, what are my options? Only you know what is appropriate for your child without resorting to the hard choices of child-care centers. The Texas Department of Protective and Services (DPS) is responsible for more than 23,000 facilities in Texas. The effort is concerning safety, and well-being of the child who is cared for at home. "I often remember how important it can be to choose child care," said a supervisor in the DPS Child Care Division. "Essentially, you should know that the care is regulated."

Area high school graduates

Thanks to the area donors, the Plan, Inc. of Pampa, Inc. awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarship funds to 100 high school graduates. Beta Sigma Phi is sponsoring the program.

Clean Pampa announces phone book

With distribution of the 2003-04 "Free Area-Wide" directory, Pampa/Skelly Telephone Directory, Pampa, Inc., is sponsoring a Book Recycling Program through July 2. Phone book drop boxes at various locations - Great Chamber of Commerce of Pampa, Combs-Worle Pampa Regional Center as well as Pampa, Inc., business hours. "In addition to the Southwestern Chamber of Commerce, Clean Pampa encourages the recycling of other obsolete directories to be included in the program. Last year, over 10,000 books were recycled. It's easy. It saves space. For more information, contact Clean Pampa at 2514.

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Texas PRS Department: Making child care choices

Summer is just around the corner, but as a parent, you still may be grappling with the idea of what to do for child care. How does my child's center stack up against others in the community? Is my provider being regulated by anyone other than me and if she's not, should she be? Only you know what is appropriate for your child, and without researching your options it's hard to tell which child-care center is the right fit. The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (PRS) is the state agency responsible for regulating more than 23,000 child-care facilities in Texas. Central to its effort is concern for the health, safety, and well being of each child who is cared for outside of the home. "I often remind parents of how important and complex it can be to choose the 'right' child care," said Oney Avalos, a supervisor in Amarillo with the PRS Child Care Licensing division. "Essentially, parents should know that some child care is regulated and some is

not. The Licensing Division was established by law to regulate child-care facilities and to help protect the health, safety, and well being of children in care." According to Avalos, PRS has established comprehensive minimum standards that help ensure safe child care. "Each licensed or permitted child-care provider must meet these standards. They are part of state law and were developed with help from child-care providers and experts in areas such as child development, early childhood education, fire, health, safety, and sanitation," he said. Avalos said that there are lots of child-care providers that fall outside the standards. "Some providers either don't know about the laws requiring them to sign up with the state or they choose not to sign up, in which case they could be violating the law. Other providers, such as babysitters, are not regulated by any standards. Obviously, there's nothing wrong with hiring a babysitter, but if a babysitter is providing child care on a regular basis out

of their home as opposed to a child's home, that person is technically breaking the law," he said. Avalos added that organizations such as the American Red Cross offer babysitting training classes for youth who provide care in people's homes. "If PRS learns that there is a person who is providing care and should be signed up with the state, we would contact them and work with them to get listed, registered, or licensed. Our primary focus is to assist anyone in complying with the law and helping them develop programs offering quality care to children," said Avalos. To help parents gain knowledge and narrow their child-care choices, PRS has established www.txchildcaresearch.org, a website that gives parents specific information about every licensed or permitted child-care facility in Texas. One of the most extensive resources of its kind in the country, the site not only searches child-care facilities by location, but also contains records of inspections by PRS staff from Jan. 1, 2002 to

the present. The website shows the results of each inspection, gives details on any violations found during the inspections, gives details on any violations found during inspections and any steps taken by a child-care provider to correct those violations. "The website is easy to use, free of charge and available 24 hours, seven days a week," Avalos said. "Best of all, a person needs to enter a small amount of information to begin the search, such as the name or address of a child-care facility or the county or zip code in which the facility is located. Once you have entered that information, the site will display the facilities matching your criteria as well as any information about inspections violations and progress to correct them." Avalos said although PRS staff try to be your eyes and ears, they can never take your place in making a child-care decision. "Txchildcaresearch.org is just another resource available to help you make the most

informed choice you can."
Types of regulated child care in Texas
Listed Family Homes. People who must list with the PRS Child Care Licensing division are those who are compensated to provide regular child care (at least four hours per day, three or more days a week, for more than nine consecutive weeks) in their own homes for one to three unrelated children. After receipt of an application and licensing background check clearances, the agency issues a certificate. The caregiver must be at least 18 years old. There are no minimum standards, orientation or training requirements for listed homes. They are not inspected unless a report is received alleging child care is offered subject to registration and reports of abuse or neglect are investigated.
Registered Facilities. Registered Family Homes provide care in the caregiver's home for up to six children age 14 or younger; they may also take up to six more school-age children. No more than 12 children can be in care at any time, including the caregiver's chil-

dren. The application process requires that a provider complete an orientation class and receive clearances on background checks. A registration certificate is issued after licensing staff complete an on-site inspection to insure minimum standards are met. Registered homes are inspected every 1-3 years. Additional inspections occur if a report is received related to child abuse/neglect or standards violations.
Licensed Facilities. All types of licensed facilities, which include day care centers, have published standards they are required to follow. PRS Child Care Licensing staff routinely monitor and inspect these facilities to insure each facility's compliance. The application process requires that a provider receive orientation and background checks. The agency issues a license after PRS staff complete on-site inspections to ensure the site meets minimum standards. Facilities are inspected every 5-12 months and if a report is received related to child abuse/neglect or standards violations.

Area high school seniors receive Opportunity Plan scholarships

Thanks to the generosity of area donors, the Opportunity Plan, Inc. of Canyon has awarded more than \$3,000 in scholarship funds to area high school graduates. The Pampa Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship

was established by the Pampa Beta Sigma Phi Club in Pampa and is awarded to a graduating senior at Pampa High School. This year's recipient is Luke Burton, son of Tonya Lewis of Pampa. Luke plans to pursue a degree in engineering/physics at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. Established in 2003, the Lefors Ex-Student Association Scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating Lefors High School student. Mase Furgerson, Jr. has been announced as the first


recipient of this scholarship. Mase plans to pursue a degree in nursing at Amarillo College. He is the son of Mase and Hazel Furgerson, Sr. of Lefors. The first recipient of the Jerry and LaVaughn Fillman Memorial Scholarship is Sarah Schwab. Mark Fillman of Houston created this scholarship as a memorial tribute to his parents. Sarah will begin studies as a fashion design major at Texas Tech University this fall. She is the daughter of Robert and Mary Schwab of Pampa. Established in 1954, the

Opportunity Plan has provided financial assistance to more than 12,000 students through student loans and scholarships. More than \$300,000 in scholarships will be awarded to students through the program for the 2003-04 school year. More information about the program is available on the Internet at www.opportunity-plan.com or by phone at (806) 655-2528.

Clean Pampa, Inc. announcing annual phone book drive


With distribution of the 2003-04 "Feist High Plains Area-Wide" and "Southwestern Bell Pampa/Skellytown/Lefors" telephone directories, Clean Pampa, Inc., is once again sponsoring its Telephone Book Recycling drive now through July 25. Phone books may be left in drop boxes at one of five locations - Greater Area Pampa Chamber of Commerce, City of Pampa Post Office, Combs-Worley Building and Pampa Regional Medical Center as well as at Clean Pampa, Inc., during normal business hours. "In addition to the Feist and Southwestern Bell directories, Clean Pampa also encourages that any and all other obsolete phone books be included for recycling," said Paula Goff of Clean Pampa. Last year 1,470 phone books were collected during the campaign. It's easy. It's simple. And, it saves space at the landfill. For more information, contact Clean Pampa at 665-2514.

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Click to buy a car: eBay not just for Pez dispensers

By **BOBBY ROSS JR.**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Four years ago, Ken Topham viewed eBay as an online garage sale, a place where hobbyists bid on Pez dispensers, eight-track players and Elvis coffee mugs.

The longtime car salesman said he never imagined he could make a living off the Internet auction site.

"If you'd said, 'Sell a used car on the Internet, I'd say you couldn't do it,' said

Topham, 49, a sales manager at Magic Auto Group in Arlington, about 20 miles west of Dallas.

But when folks started selling cars on eBay, he gave it a try. Since October 1999, Magic Auto Group has sold more than 5,000 vehicles on eBay, making it a leader in the rapidly growing Internet used-car market.

Nationally, online sales of used cars topped 500,000 in May and could hit 1 million a month by the end of the year, industry analyst Art Spinella

said. That would make the Internet responsible for one-quarter to one-third of all used-car sales.

"It's in the early stages, so growth is dramatic," said Spinella, president of CNW Marketing Research in Bandon, Ore. "It'll probably peak out sometime next year."

A wide selection and quick responses are two major advantages of Internet sales, Spinella said.

"People think they're getting a better deal," he added. "In reality, the deal is OK, but

it's not necessarily cheaper than you would get if you just haggled with somebody locally."

Topham's dealership transports cars and trucks to buyers throughout the United States for an additional cost. Some, such as Mike Moran, 43, of Livingston, Tenn., fly to Dallas-Fort Worth and drive their purchases home.

"I feel I got a fantastic deal," said Moran, who paid \$8,950 for a teal 1995 Chevrolet Silverado.

Moran figures he saved a

few thousand dollars off what he would have paid at home, even with the \$440 he spent on airfare for himself and his wife, Cathy.

Sales of automobiles, vehicle parts and related accessories topped \$3 billion on eBay in 2002, double its 2001 volume, according to the San Jose, Calif., company.

Ebay Motors, a separate unit, was launched in late 1998 after company executive Simon Rothman looked on the site to buy a model Ferrari — and found two real Ferraris and 200 other cars for sale.

With more than 2.8 million visitors in a recent week, eBay Motors is the No. 1 online auto site, according to Nielsen/NetRatings. However, it faces increasing competition from companies such as Autotrader.com, owned by Atlanta-based Cox Enterprises Inc.

With its Internet business booming, Magic Auto Group expanded to a nondescript industrial building, where a chain-link fence surrounds a back parking lot filled with merchandise ranging from a 1979 Cadillac Seville to a late-model BMW.

It's not the kind of location likely to draw customers off the street.

"In fact, if somebody walks

in the front door, it kind of slows down the system," joked Topham, pointing out the computer and telephone center where four Magic Auto Group employees handle hundreds of inquiries a day.

Computer discs with 22 to 25 photographs each of cars ready to go online cover Topham's desk, along with detailed written descriptions and histories. Instead of using eBay's auction option, the dealership now uses a "Buy It Now" feature that sells cars to the first person offering \$1 more than the minimum price.

"If you buy a car from us, we guarantee it to be what we say it is," Topham said.

Still, he stressed, "We're selling used cars up to 10 or 15 years old, with 3,700 moving parts. It might have 100,000 miles on it. And you know what? A used car can break at any point. But we attempt to make them ready."

Joseph Bain, 56, a friend of Spinella's, said the buyer should beware.

He paid more than \$7,000 for a used Jaguar advertised on eBay as in "unbelievable condition." The pictures online looked good, and he felt comfortable after e-mailing questions to the seller in Missouri, he said.

(See eBAY, Page 9)



(Courtesy photo)

Darlene Birkes, center, chair of Gray County Historical Commission, accepts the distinguished service award from Terry Colley, left, and Lawrence Oaks, right, executive director, both of Texas Historical Commission.

County historical commission earns state service award

The Gray County Historical Commission was recently awarded the Distinguished Service Award during Texas Historical Commission's annual preservation conference in Austin.

GCHC was recognized for helping coordinate Gray Co. Centennial celebration. This yearlong county observance included a specially-designed stamp cancellation and envelope cachet, medallion, logo, street banners, media articles, archival scrapbook and video.

Centennial events were held throughout the county, culminating with a full-day of entertainment in Pampa, the county seat. The Pampa celebration sought to commemorate the county's heritage in clothing, games, music, dance and song.

Artist Grant Johnson was commissioned to illustrate the National Register of Historic Places district in Pampa, and an historical marker was dedicated at Harris Drug Store in honor of Woody Guthrie's tenure there. Other projects included restoration of Pioneer Cottage and dedication of a Centennial capsule.

WT's virtual math lab recommended by PBS

CANYON — Do negative exponents, linear equations or other aspects of beginning algebra have you baffled? Well fret no longer. West Texas A&M University's Virtual Math Lab can steer you to success online and for free.

High school and college students from around the world agree, as does the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), which identifies and recommends WTAMU's Virtual Math Lab as the foremost link to "beginning algebra" on its TeacherSource Web site.

"Math, especially algebra, is a subject that a lot of students need extra help with early on," Kim Peppard, instructor of mathematics and developer of the Web site, said. "We get e-mail thank you messages from all over the world, so we know the Math Lab is helping a lot of people."

WTAMU's Virtual Math Lab can be accessed at www.wtamu.edu/mathlab, but it is also available by going to www.pbs.org and clicking on the TeacherSource link, then following the math link to www.pbs.org/teachersource/recommended/math/lk_basicscomputation.shtm.

"It's an honor to be recognized as a recommended reference and tutorial by PBS," Peppard said. "It gives the University some exposure, and it steers a lot of students to the assistance they need."

PBS recommends tutorial Web sites based on criteria such as being rich in original content,

an innovative model, a reliable source and well maintained.

At its "beginning algebra" link, PBS describes the Virtual Math Lab this way: "... While the tutorials are written for undergraduates, high school students will be able to benefit from the concepts. Each topic has objectives, examples, and

practice problems. Reinforced throughout the site is the idea that math skills, like musical or athletic skills, rely on practice."

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.

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Hospital opens center for 9-11 trauma cases

NEW YORK (AP) — Behind windows overlooking the World Trade Center site, a new office decorated in serene colors is offering free alternative therapy for those with lingering Sept. 11 trauma, including acupuncture for stress and a Chihuahua for comfort.

The alternative therapies are provided in addition to traditional one-on-one counseling sessions at the new office opened by St. Vincent's Catholic Medical Center.

The staff hopes that being away from the hospital environment will help people feel more comfortable with the idea of therapy. The center — so new it

has a paper sign taped to the door and no phones yet — is located on the 12th floor of a downtown office building.

Trace Rosel, a social worker with the center, said most patients have welcomed the idea of going to counseling in an office with a view of the disaster site.

"For some people, it raises the anxiety, but once they get here they felt this was safe and a way to heal," Rosel said.

The center also employs another unusual icebreaker: the unusually calm Chihuahua named El Duque, who agreeably comes when strangers call him and doesn't mind being handed from lap to lap.

"Things work differently for people — not everyone's into one-on-one counseling," Rosel said.

Dr. Spencer Eth, director of the center, said therapies that are nonverbal, like spending time with the dog and coming for an acupuncture session, help ease patients into the idea of therapy.

The center will cost about \$1 million a year to operate, and is funded by government grants and private donations. Eth said workers hope the flow of funding will continue, allowing services to remain free.

Hospital counselors had been seeing such a continuous stream of patients from the ground zero area that they decided lower Manhattan needed a therapy center separate from the medical center, which is about 2 miles north of the trade center site.

"Even though it's been 20 months since the disaster, there continues to be a large, unmet need among New Yorkers who are experiencing symptoms," said Eth. "We'll be able to see people who work in the area, live in the area, schoolteachers, public safety workers when they're off-duty."

The office is staffed by several therapists from St. Vincent's, which estimates 15,000 people have sought counseling through the hospital for Sept. 11-related trauma. Now, the staff works with a few hundred regular patients, Eth said.

Symptoms of post-traumatic stress include sleeplessness, anxiety, irritability, nightmares and substance abuse. One study shortly after the attacks estimated 1.5 million New Yorkers would need some type of therapy for terror-induced psycholog-

Camp helps kids cope with asthma

BY NADRA KAREEM
EL PASO TIMES

EL PASO — On a recent pleasant Wednesday morning — no wind, no dust, no sun dehydrating their bodies — 47 kids lived it up.

They golfed, played virtual reality video games and crashed into each other mercilessly in Adventure Zone bumper cars.

Some of the children were grateful not to be spending another day vegging at home. Some relished the time spent with friends. Others gave thanks for the pizza and lemonade they feasted on. All had one thing in common — asthma.

It was Danny Gerardo's hope that during the three days the children would spend at Las Palmas Medical Center's Asthma Camp, they would learn how to manage asthma and meet peers who have the disease. Gerardo is director of the free camp.

For 11-year-old asthmatic Jessica Dominguez, hanging out with kids with asthma was a new experience.

"It felt weird," she said. "I've never been with too many people who have it."

Kaitlin Thomas, 10, has had asthma for half or her life. Being surrounded by other children with the ailment gave her a sense of belonging.

"I know how they feel," she said.

Gerardo said some kids at the camp have felt left out at school as a result of their condition. Because they have exercise-induced asthma, they don't participate in gym class or extracurricular activities involving athletics.

"Some kids have to be very limited in physical activities," Gerardo said.

But he emphasized that this is a very small minority. Most children who have asthma can participate in the same activities that their friends without asthma do.

"They can go out and lead a very normal life," Gerardo said.

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Unfortunately, some parents know so little about asthma that they force their children to stay at home and be inactive, which actually endangers children's health because it can lead to obesity and diabetes. Also, staying inside all the time can be hazardous because it may lead to asthma attacks.

Dust, cleaning chemicals, pet dander and stuffed animals (which collect dust and other allergens) are all asthma triggers commonly found in the home.

In addition to forcing their kids to stay indoors, parents demonstrate their ignorance of asthma in other ways.

"They don't necessarily understand the importance of managing asthma," Gerardo said. "Very little preventive actions are taken. They also (administer) medication at the wrong time."

Rick Montoya, an asthma educator at Thomason Hospital, has met several people who buy into myths about asthma.

"Some people think asthma is an illness that's contagious," he said. "They ask, 'Can I catch it?' Asthma is not something that you catch."

In actuality, asthma can be caused by environmental pollutants, exposure

to secondhand smoke, chemicals used in farming, hairdressing, paint, steel, plastics and electronics manufacturing, low birth weight, obesity, gastroesophageal reflux disease and genetics — having a parent with asthma — according to the Mayo Clinic.

Asthma occurs when the muscles around the airways constrict and the airways themselves become inflamed, making breathing difficult. Symptoms of asthma include coughing, wheezing, tightness in the chest and trouble breathing during or after physical activity.

An estimated 17.7 million Americans have asthma. Of those, more than 5.6 million are children younger than 18, according to the American Lung Association.

Last year, El Paso ranked sixth in a national study called "America's Asthma Hot Spots."

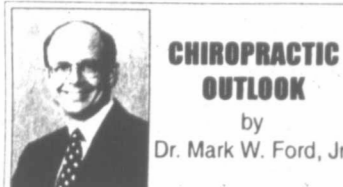
While Dr. Lyndon Mansfield, an allergist in private practice and member of the El Paso Asthma Coalition, criticized the study, he acknowledges that El Paso is home to a large number of asthmatics and believes area asthma camps, such as the one offered by Las Palmas or the camp offered by Providence Memorial Hospital a week before the Las Palmas camp went into session, are highly beneficial for children.

"A well-educated and well-cared for child with asthma can do everything," he said. "The value of the camps are that they help teach an asthmatic child how to gain control of the problem."

Las Palmas camper Alicia Young couldn't agree more. Now, 10, she was diagnosed with asthma when she was 3.

As to attending camp, she said, "It feels great because I get to know other people who have asthma besides my cousin and take care of myself more."

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CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK
by
Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr.

DIGESTIVE PROBLEMS AND CHIROPRACTIC

After the winter months, is your stomach ready for greasy hamburgers, fried chicken and rich ice cream cones at picnics and barbecues? A sound digestive system depends on a functioning network of nerves throughout the body. These include nerves between the shoulder blades, the vagus nerve running from the neck to the abdomen, and both the sympathetic and parasympathetic systems that control bodily functions. Misaligned vertebrae or subluxations can pinch, constrict or irritate spinal nerves. These may alter normal nerve function and cause or contribute to various chronic digestive problems such as heartburn, ulcers, gastritis and colitis. If subluxations result in internal problems, a Doctor of Chiropractic can relieve if not eliminate the problem. The chiropractor locates subluxations and, through a series of gentle adjustments, can correct improperly positioned bones and relieve pinches nerves. This puts the body back in the most effective working order. With nerve passages open and unrestricted, the body's nervous system can heal itself.

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Fish oil supplements may not improve AD/HD symptoms

HOUSTON — DHA supplements do not improve the symptoms of attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder in children, researchers at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine have reported.

DHA, or docosahexonic acid, is a fatty acid found in fish and fish oil.

"Children with AD/HD have low levels of DHA in their plasma and red blood cells, suggesting that their brain levels might also be low," said Dr. William

Heird, a Baylor professor of pediatrics and CNRC fatty acid expert who was involved in the study.

DHA is normally found in high concentrations in brain membranes, where it is thought to be involved in maintaining the brain's "electrical wiring."

Although stimulant medications like Ritalin are quite effective in controlling the symptoms of AD/HD, these medications have a number of side effects.

"For these reasons, some parents seek out alternative forms of therapy, such as

DHA supplements, to treat the disorder," Heird said. "The effectiveness of DHA has not been tested until now."

During the four-month study, 63 children, ages 6 through 12, took a daily capsule that contained either DHA or a placebo. All also continued their successful treatment for AD/HD with stimulant medications.

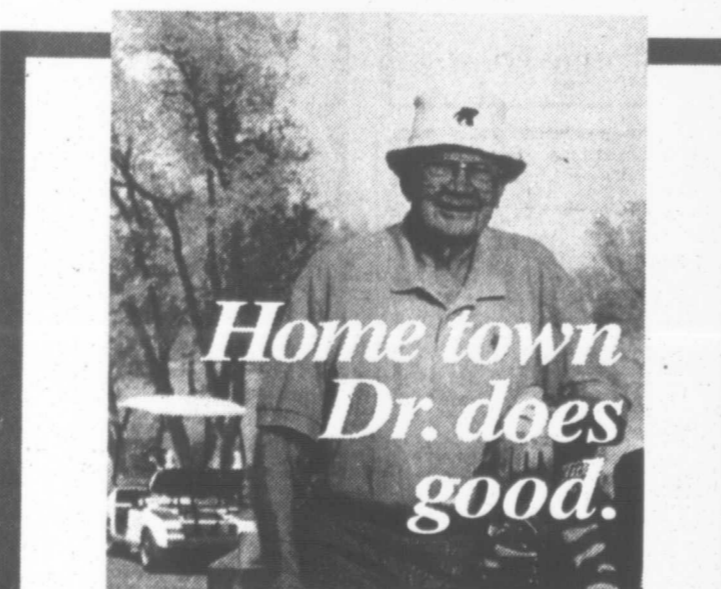
Changes in AD/HD symptoms were measured using standardized tests of inattention and impulsivity following a 24-hour period when the children were medication-free. Parents also monitored their children's behavior changes using two standardized scales. Who received the

DHA was not revealed until the end of the study.

"By increasing blood levels of DHA, we hoped to improve the transmission of nerve impulses in the brain and, as a result, improve the symptoms of AD/HD," Heird said.

But despite an average 2.6-fold increase in blood-DHA levels in the DHA-supplemented group, there were no measurable differences in AD/HD symptoms between the children who took DHA and those who did not.

"This study shows that supplemental DHA is not a quick cure for AD/HD," he said. "But, the relationship between DHA and AD/HD deserves further study."



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One for the ducks . . .



(Courtesy photo)

During Pregnancy Support Center's annual Walk for Life held recently at Recreation Park, brothers Matthew, 3, and Daniel Winton, 6, fed the ducks at the city lake under the watchful eyes of Elizabeth and Laura McGrath. The boys are the sons of Gary and Sheila Winton. Sheila is the center's administrative assistant. Elizabeth, 13, and Laura, 11, are the daughters of Mike and Paula McGrath. Paula is a volunteer counselor at the center.

Texas Digest News Briefs

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Houston police chief urged to step down amid problems in DNA lab

HOUSTON (AP) — The police chief of the nation's fourth largest city should resign, with his credibility damaged following a nationally publicized investigation of the crime lab's DNA section that called into question evidence in hundreds of criminal cases and other departmental problems, according to a majority of City Council members.

Chief C.O. Bradford was expected to meet with reporters Friday on a published report that he knew about problems in his department's crime lab four years ago — long before they became public.

Police union officials have also urged Bradford to quit.

"He should take the high road and resign," Councilman Gabriel Vasquez, who has consistently raised questions about mismanagement in the Police Department, told the Houston Chronicle for Friday's editions. "He deserves an opportunity to explain himself to council and the public, but short of that, he should (go)."

Eight of Vasquez's 13 fellow council members told the newspaper they agreed with Vasquez.

Ford takes new F-150 on the road

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — If ever there was an appropriate place for Ford Motor Co. to preview the performance of its new F-150 pickup, a vital cog in the company's turnaround bid, it's south-central Texas.

This is Ford truck country, and the automaker is counting on Texans to continue their loyalty to the truck when it goes on sale later this year.

Six of Ford's top 15 U.S. dealers for F-150s are in San Antonio — a primary reason the world's No. 2 automaker chose the area to give its top dealers their first opportunity to drive the new rig. The 100-year-old company's largest "ride and drive" to date began Monday and continues nonstop for two weeks.

"This region is huge," says Cisco Codina, the Ford Division's general marketing manager. "These people love their pickups."

Top court limits judges' membership in Boy Scouts

By DAVID KRAVETS
AP LEGAL AFFAIRS WRITER

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — California judges who are members of the Boy Scouts of America may have to disqualify themselves from hearing cases involving homosexual discrimination, the state Supreme Court announced Wednesday.

But the state's top court, which sets rules for California's 2,000-member judiciary, did not bar judges from being members of the Irving, Texas-based Boy Scouts, as several local bar associations requested.

California judicial canons already demand that judges divest themselves from groups that discriminate against women and minorities.

Rules adopted eight years ago forbade judges from being members in organizations that discriminated against lesbians and gays, but they allow membership in "nonprofit youth organizations" — an exception carved out for the Boy Scouts.

The issue surfaced three years ago, when the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Boy Scouts' policy against homosexuals. The scouts argued that their code, requiring members to be "morally straight" and "clean," excluded homosexuals. The court said the scouts were entitled to define their own principles.

"What the California Supreme Court appears to be saying is that a judge who is a member of the Boy Scouts may have to disqualify himself in appropriate cases," said Angela Bradstreet, the former San Francisco Bar Association president who urged the Supreme Court to alter its rules.

Judges would either have to step down or notify litigants in cases dealing with discrimination in the workplace against gays, and "any case involving gay adoptions or cases in which the sexuality of the litigant is an issue," Bradstreet said.

Beth Jay, Chief Justice Ronald George's chief attorney, said the high court's decision was a compromise for those wanting a ban while protecting judges' right to practice

religion given that many scouting programs are run through religious organizations.

"The court was paying careful attention, both to those who were making the request for change and for those for whom participation in the scouts is an important value for religious, or other reasons, and tried to strike a balance between those interests," Jay said.

Gregg Shields, the scouts' spokesman, said the organization was not immediately prepared to comment. But he said the original proposal to ban scout membership by judges "would be inappropriate and unconstitutional."

"We have a First Amendment right to our membership standards," he said.

According to the amended code of conduct, even when a judge might not think scout membership is grounds for disqualification, a "judge should disclose the membership to the parties or their lawyers if the judge believes they may consider it relevant to the question of disqualification."

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But when the car, which he paid \$1,000 to ship to Oregon, rolled off the truck, he couldn't believe what he saw.

"There were dings, rust in certain spots all the way through the body," said Bain, who found out later that he could have paid \$100 to hire someone to go inspect the vehicle before he bought it.

In a CNW Marketing

Research survey of 4,276 eBay buyers in March, 53 percent rated the vehicle they bought as either exactly as described or better. However, 40 percent said their vehicle was slightly worse than described, and 7 percent said it was significantly worse.

Individuals and dealers that list a vehicle on eBay pay an initial \$40 fee and an additional \$40 when it's sold.

Buyers use online forms to provide negative or positive feedback on sellers — com-

ments visible to everyone in cyberspace.

"It is like a scorecard," said Stephanie Tilenius, eBay Motors general manager. For a dealership, she said, "it is their national reputation, so they are very careful to make sure their listing is absolutely accurate."

Still, buying a used car online requires faith.

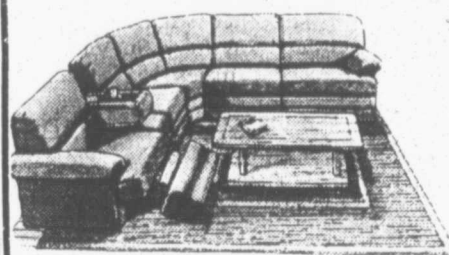
"They don't know me from Adam," said Ken Bayles, a sales director at Hollingsworth Motorcars Suzuki, a Dallas area dealer that sells 20 to 50

upper-end cars a month by eBay. "But they're taking my word and they're sending me a \$70,000 check."

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Montreal	40	33	.548	8
Philadelphia	37	33	.529	9 1/2
Florida	36	39	.480	13
New York	33	39	.458	14 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	39	33	.542	—
Houston	39	34	.534	1/2
St. Louis	38	34	.526	1
Cincinnati	36	36	.500	3
Pittsburgh	30	40	.429	8
Milwaukee	29	43	.403	10
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	43	29	.597	—
San Francisco	43	29	.597	—
Arizona	36	36	.500	7
Colorado	37	38	.493	7 1/2
San Diego	24	51	.320	20 1/2

American League				
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New York	43	29	.597	—
Boston	41	30	.577	1 1/2
Toronto	42	31	.575	1 1/2
Baltimore	32	38	.457	10
Tampa Bay	24	47	.338	18 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	39	33	.542	—
Kansas City	37	33	.529	1
Chicago	34	39	.466	5 1/2
Cleveland	29	42	.408	9 1/2
Detroit	18	52	.257	20
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Seattle	48	24	.667	—
Oakland	42	29	.592	5 1/2
Anaheim	35	36	.493	12 1/2
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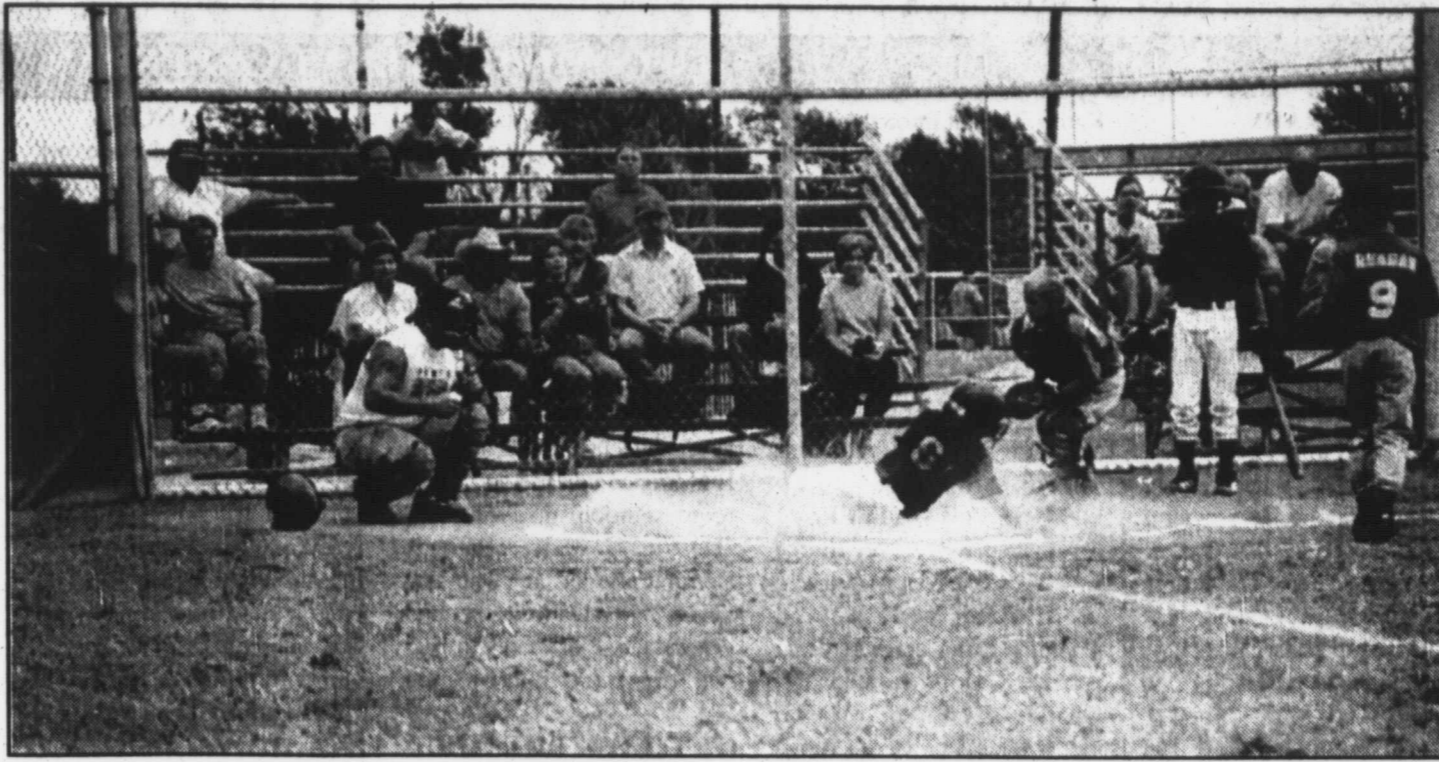
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 Kansas City 10, St. Louis 4
 Detroit 7, Colorado 5
 Los Angeles 5, Anaheim 2
 San Diego 5, Seattle 3
 Oakland 5, San Francisco 3
 Arizona 6, Cincinnati 5
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(Pampa News photo) Kyle Turner of Moose Lodge slides safely home after scoring from third base on a wild pitch.

Moose Lodge captures 9-10 city crown

PAMPA — Moose Lodge wrapped up the 9-10 Optimist City Tournament title last week with a 5-4 weather-shortened win over First Bank Southwest.

After a second rain delay, the game was called for good in the bottom of the fourth to give Moose the one-run victory. According to Cal Ripken League rules, four innings had to be played to be ruled a com-

plete game. Both teams had big innings. Moose scored all its runs in the second inning and the bankers scored all their runs in the third innings. After three innings, there was a 15-minute rain delay before the game resumed.

Five different batters had a hit apiece for Moose. Rhett Roden had the only extra base hit, a double with an

RBI. Garrett Sewell and Hudson Bentley each had RBI singles, while Tyler Hooper and Tyler Malone had base hits.

Trace Carter had a single in the third inning for First Bank's only hit.

Tyler Malone was the winning pitcher, going all four innings. He struck out 10, walked four, hit one batter and allowed just one hit. Moose Lodge finished the

season with a 14-4 record. The team had a perfect 4-0 record in the tournament.

Moose Lodge manager Donny Hooper will manage a 9-10 all-star team, which will compete in an All-Star Tournament, starting June 28 in Tulia. Pampa meets North Randall in first-round action. The tournament winner advances to the West Texas State Tournament in Plainview.

Kyle Petty Charity Ride will stop in Childress

CHILDRESS — The 2003 Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America will give a new meaning to "Drive-In" when the group stops in Childress on Tuesday.

More than 200 motorcycle enthusiasts will stop at the Sonic Drive-In, located on 2001 Avenue F Northwest around 7 p.m. for dinner. Fans are invited to come out and cheer on the ride as it

pulls into the restaurant. Kyle Petty, driver of the No. 45 Georgia-Pacific Dodge in the Winston Cup Series, leads this pack of NASCAR celebrities, sponsors and fans.

The Kyle Petty Charity Ride is an annual cross-country motorcycle trip benefiting several charities, including the Victory Junction Gang Camp.

Tiger trails by four strokes at Buick Open

HARRISON, N.Y. (AP) — Tiger Woods is still trying to put it all together. "I'm starting to get more into the rhythm," he said Friday after the second round of the Buick Classic. "The things I've been working on are starting to come together. It's just a matter of getting up there and just trusting everything."

Woods, coming off a disappointing finish in the U.S. Open, struggled on the final nine holes for the second straight day, shooting a 2-under 69 on the soggy Westchester Country Club course to remain four strokes behind leader Briny Baird.

Playing the back nine first in his morning round, Woods birdied four of the first nine holes to reach 8 under, but dropped back with three bogeys and a birdie on the front nine. In the first round, he was 5 under after 10 holes, but settled for a 67.

"To have it going like that and to give it all away with poor putting, that's a little frustrating," said Woods, winless since taking three of his first four events this year following knee surgery. "I've played nine holes well each day. I just need to keep it going longer than that."

Baird followed a career-best 63 with an erratic 69 to

top the field at 10 under, a stroke ahead of Retief Goosen (66). Skip Kendall (66) was two strokes back, while Joey Sindelar (69) followed at 7 under. Brad Faxon (67), J.L. Lewis (68) and Shigeaki Maruyama (69) joined Woods at 6 under.

Baird, winless in four seasons on the PGA Tour, had seven birdies, three bogeys and a double-bogey. He birdied the first two holes to get to 10 under, but immediately gave the strokes back with the double-bogey on No. 3.

"I wasn't as upset as you might think," said Baird, the son of Champions Tour play-

er Butch Baird. "I'm thinking, 'All right, it's the equivalent of going par, par, par.' You play mind games with yourself out there sometimes."

While the rain held off for the second straight day, the soft conditions on the undulating greens made it difficult for players to get close to the hole — with many shots hitting behind the pins and spinning well past the cup.

"The spinning is a huge factor," Baird said. "It's hard to get the ball close on some of these pins. They are 2 or 3 yards on top of these ridges and the ball is spinning so much that you can't throw it far enough behind it."

Be aware of state guidelines when fishing with trotlines

By TERESA HERNANDEZ
Killeen Daily Herald

KILLEEN, Texas — Trotlines can be a fun way to fish, especially while camping nearby. It is important to always check the local fishing regulations and guidelines when using trotlines, because they can only be used to take non-game fish such as channel catfish, blue catfish and flathead catfish.

State guidelines prohibit any trotline which exceeds 600 feet in length. Hooks cannot be spaced less than 3 hor-

izontal feet apart, and fishermen may not have more than 50 hooks on any one line. No metal stakes can be used, and the main fishing line and attached hooks must be placed below the waters' surface.

An important rule to remember is to always attach a gear tag to the trotline. This tag must be placed within the first 3 feet of the first hook at each end of the line. A gear tag must be made out of a durable material and must be readable. You must have your name and address on the tag,

along with the date the trotline was set. The trotline has a 30-day expiration date from the date it was set.

Trotlines must not be used at any of the locations listed on the Internet. Excluded are reservoirs or sections of rivers lying totally within the boundaries of a state park. Lake Bastrop in Bastrop County, Bellwood Lake in Smith County, Lake Bryan in Brazos County, Boerne City Park Lake in Kendall County, Coffee Mill and Davy Crockett lakes in Fannin County, Dixieland Reservoir

in Cameron County, Fayette County Reservoir, Gibbons Creek Reservoir in Grimes County, Pinkston Reservoir in Shelby County and May Tankersley Reservoir in Titus County.

You can use a large variety of different baits on a trotline. However, some do stay on the hook better than others. Small fish can nibble your bait off just as fast as you put it on if you're not careful. Small perch work well and so does cut shad. This makes it a little harder for the smaller fish to remove.

Other baits to use include large grasshoppers, crawdads, crickets, small frogs, any of the good, smelly dough baits, etc. It is also a good idea to chum the water around your lines with some sour maize.

It is important to remember to check your lines a couple times a day, if possible. This way you can make sure all the hooks still have bait and remove any big fish before they have time to work themselves off the hooks.

Also, always remember to be careful reaching in the water to pull up trotlines, as

you may have a real surprise waiting for you. It's not uncommon for turtles and snakes to get caught on trotlines.

Following simple guidelines can make your fishing experience fun. Within just a couple days of running trotlines, you should easily catch enough fish to host a large fish fry.

On the Web: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fish/inf/ish/cflist/cflist.htm.

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

LIBRARY
SUMMER EVENTS

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.

INVENTION DAY

Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa is planning an invention day July 9 for area children. Shanla Brookshire, children's librarian, is seeking the following materials for donation: Cardboard boxes, plastic bottles, pizza boxes, Styrofoam dishes, paper cups, paper plates, aluminum foil dishes, yogurt containers, buttons, ribbon, construction paper, paper bags, plastic containers, broken crayons, plastic lids, detergent boxes and bottles. For more information or to make a donation, contact Brookshire at 669-5780.

SUMMER

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.

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.

SQUARE HOUSE

Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle will feature the art of Karon Bonnell throughout May and June and the art of photographer/artist Barbara Lines through July 31.

A reception for Lines is scheduled from 2:30-4 p.m., July 13 at the museum. Bonnell currently teaches high school art in Miami and enjoys working with a variety of mediums. She was previously named Artist of the Year by Pampa Fine Arts Association. Lines, a native of Connecticut, moved to Canyon in 1998.

SQUARE HOUSE

Carson County Square House Museum will feature the art of

Karon Bonnell throughout May and June. Bonnell currently teaches high school art in Miami and enjoys working with a variety of mediums. She has studied under Ron duBois, Joyce Boston, Dr. Emelio Cabellero and Stefan Kramer, has exhibited in numerous area art exhibitions and been named Artist of the Year by Pampa Fine Arts Association.

TDHS VOLUNTEERS

Texas Department of Human Services is seeking volunteers for its Texas Works Services Program. Tasks are varied and placement is based upon the volunteer's interest, capability and availability of openings. Hours are flexible. For more information, contact Beth Miller at 665-1863.

SOUTHSIDE SENIOR
CITIZENS CENTER

Southside Senior Citizens Center will be open this summer from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and from 6-9 p.m., starting June 9. The center will host a variety of activities for all ages including games, crafts, billiards, domino tournaments, free computer classes and Friday Fun Nights.

CAPROCK CANYONS

Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway State Park near Quitaque is planning the following events and/or programs during the month of June: "National Trails Day Bike Ride" and "Free Fishing Day," both June 7; "Geology of Caprock Canyons State Park" and "Bats of Clarity Tunnel," both June 14; "Wildscaping with Native Plants" and "History of Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway," both June 21; and "Summer Wildflowers" and "Birding at Dusk," both June 28. For more information, contact park headquarters at (806) 455-1254.

STARS OVER TEXAS

The cast, staff and crew of "Lone Star Rising," the outdoor musical staged at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area near Fritch, will present its "Stars Over Texas Revue" Monday nights, June 17-Aug. 12, at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 274-9050 or visit www.lonestarstarrising.com on the Internet.

NUTRITION FAIR

Outreach Health Services Women, Infants and Children Clinic will host a Nutrition Fair from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday, June 17, at its location in Pampa, 1201 N. Hobart, Suite 1-1. The event is free and open to the public. County Extension agents will join WIC nutrition-

ists and other WIC staff to provide nutrition information, recipes and food samples along with games and prizes. For more information, call 665-1182.

PACSG

Pampa Area Cancer Support Group will meet from 7-8 p.m., June 19, at Pampa Regional Medical Center Medical Office Building second floor classroom. Participants will view "Doctors and Patients: Community is a Two-Way Street." No advance reservation is necessary. For more information, call 1-800-274-4673, ext. 235.

PARTY ON THE PRAIRIE

Junior Service League will throw a "Party on the Prairie" at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, June 21, at Knights of Columbus Hall in Pampa. The fund-raiser will include a silent auction, buffet and music by Ben Atkins Band. Admission is \$30 for singles and \$50 for couples. For more information, contact Lana Miller at Jiffy Cleaners.

BUSINESS EXPO

Pampa Chamber of Commerce will stage its annual Business Expo from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, June 21, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The event will include vendors, food, information, drawings and prizes. To reserve a space or for more information, call 669-3241.

JSL FUND-RAISER

Junior Service League is planning a Dinner and Dance Fund-raiser Saturday, June 21, at Knights of Columbus hall in Pampa. The event will include a Kabob dinner and music by Ben Atkins Band. Proceeds will benefit Worth the Wait and BSA Hospice. For more information, call 665-3609.

MENSA

Panhandle Mensa will offer membership tests at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 21, at Amarillo Public Library Southwest Branch in Amarillo. The testing fee is \$30. For more information, call (806) 356-7069.

T-ANCHOR
RANCH DANCE

The second annual T-Anchor Ranch Dance will be held from 6:30-10:30 p.m., June 21 at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. Lanny Fiel and the Ranch Dance Fiddle Band will be on hand. Activities will include a picnic and a dance. Admission will be \$4 for society members and \$5 for non-members. Students get in for \$2 and 13 and under are free. For more information, call (806) 651-2232.

PAS DANCE

Pampa Area Singles Dance will be from 8-11 p.m., Saturday, June 28 at M.K. Brown Auditorium with Indian Summer. Admission is \$6 per person. No smoking and no alcohol allowed. Please bring a covered dish. For more information, call 665-7059.

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.

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.

CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: June 26, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, and June 30, First United Methodist Church, in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual

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

ART IN THE PARK

Clarendon's yearly "Art in the Park" celebration will be staged from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday, July 4, at City Park in Clarendon. The event will include booths, games, food raffles, fund-raising Relay For Life booths, and a craft fair. An Old Settler's Reunion, Shriner's barbecue, Lions Club Cow Patty Bingo, bicycle parade, regular parade and Cowboy Ranch Rodeo will be held in conjunction with the annual event. For more information about booth space, contact Donley County Extension office at (806) 874-2141.

STUDENT PRODUCTION

High school students from the Panhandle area will perform "Les Misérables" July 10-12 at Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. For ticket information, call (806) 378-3096 or log onto www.panhandletickets.com.

HARLEY PARTY

The Ninth Annual Harley Party, to benefit Family Support Services of Amarillo, will be held from 4-8 p.m., July 19, on Polk Street between 10th and 12 Streets in downtown Amarillo. Tickets are available at Family

Support Services, 1001 S. Polk, Amarillo, TX 79101 and may be purchased by mail. For phone orders, call (806) 372-3202, ext. 3041. Participants can vie for a chance to win a 100th Anniversary Harley Davidson FXDWG Dyna Glide motorcycle with a \$75 Gold Key Package. Only 1,200 tickets will be sold. Activities will include refreshments, door prizes and live entertainment.

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.pampastrIBUTE.org/art_festival.htm or call (806) 868-2094.

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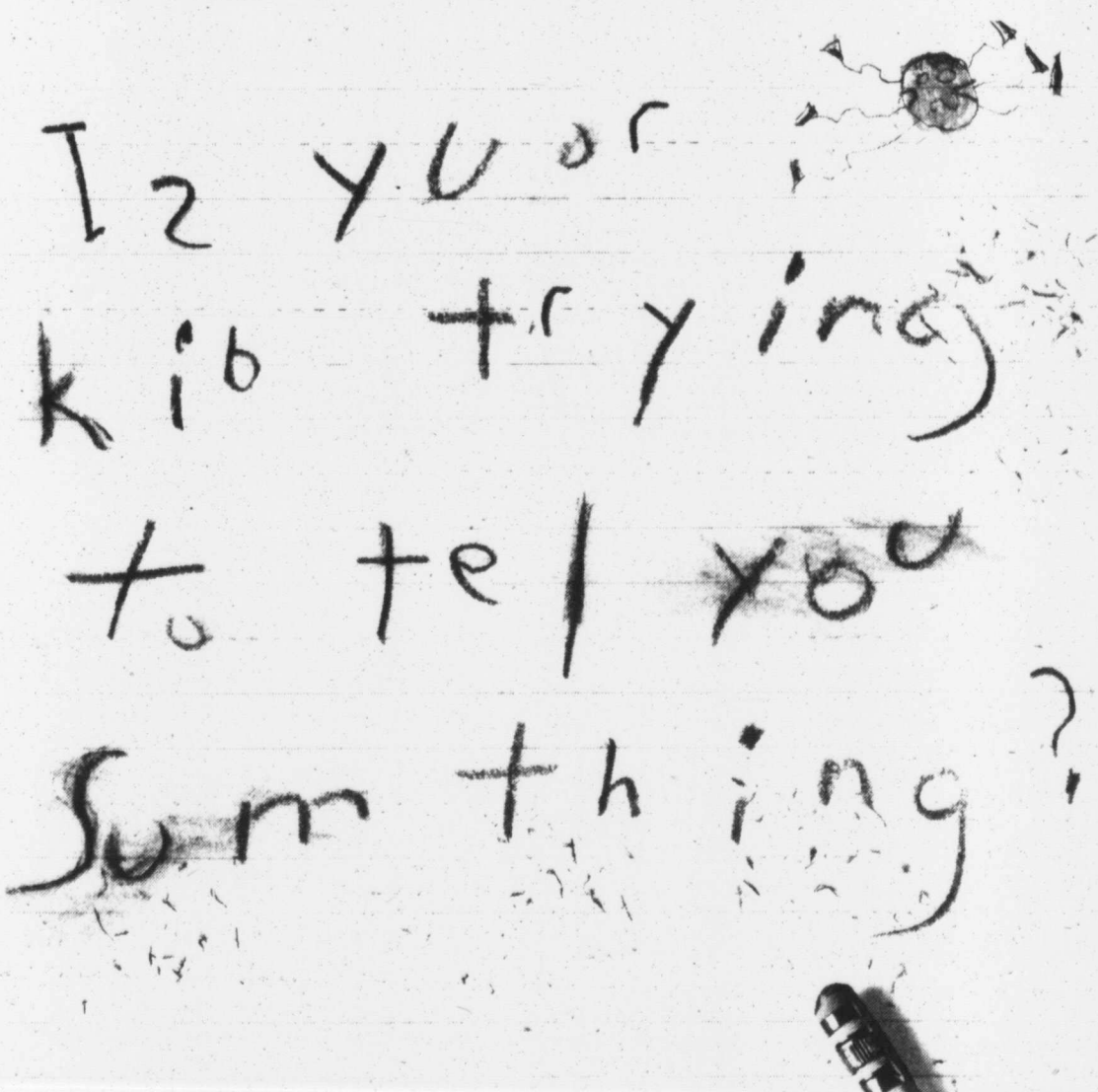
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COMMUNITY

NEWSMAKERS



Amber Parsley

SAN ANGELO — Amber Parsley was among 350 high school upper-classmen from across the state to attend Texas Farm Bureau's 40th annual Citizenship Seminar held recently in San Angelo. Parsley was sponsored by Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to Brett Hall, president of Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau.

The students heard from a variety of speakers including Vernie Glasson, TFB executive director, Martin Lefevere, TFB field representative, Maria Swearingen, 2002 Miss TFB and TFB speech contest winner, David Vernon, Lubbock Christian University, and Ronald Trowbridge, Hillsdale College.

Trowbridge and Vernon led a panel discussion followed by a question and answer session on "Our Rights, Our Freedom, Our Responsibility."

Neal Jeffrey, a humorist and motivational speaker of Dallas, and Damon Whaley, former TFB Talent Find Contest winner, provided entertainment.

After a special presentation of their free enterprise projects, the students were treated to a reception in honor of the 40th anniversary of the citizenship seminar. The seminar concluded with a gala banquet.



Danielle Austin Zuniga

Danielle Austin Zuniga, Texas State 2002-03 Talent Queen-Junior Division, will represent the Texas Panhandle at the next National Dance Masters of America event to be held in Las Vegas, Nev.

In addition, Danielle once again qualified for National Our Diamond Miss Pageant to be staged this summer in Oklahoma City and is eligible to participate in National Gymnastics meet this year.

She was crowned Mini Miss Dance 2003 for Dance Masters of America Chapter #35 in 2002.

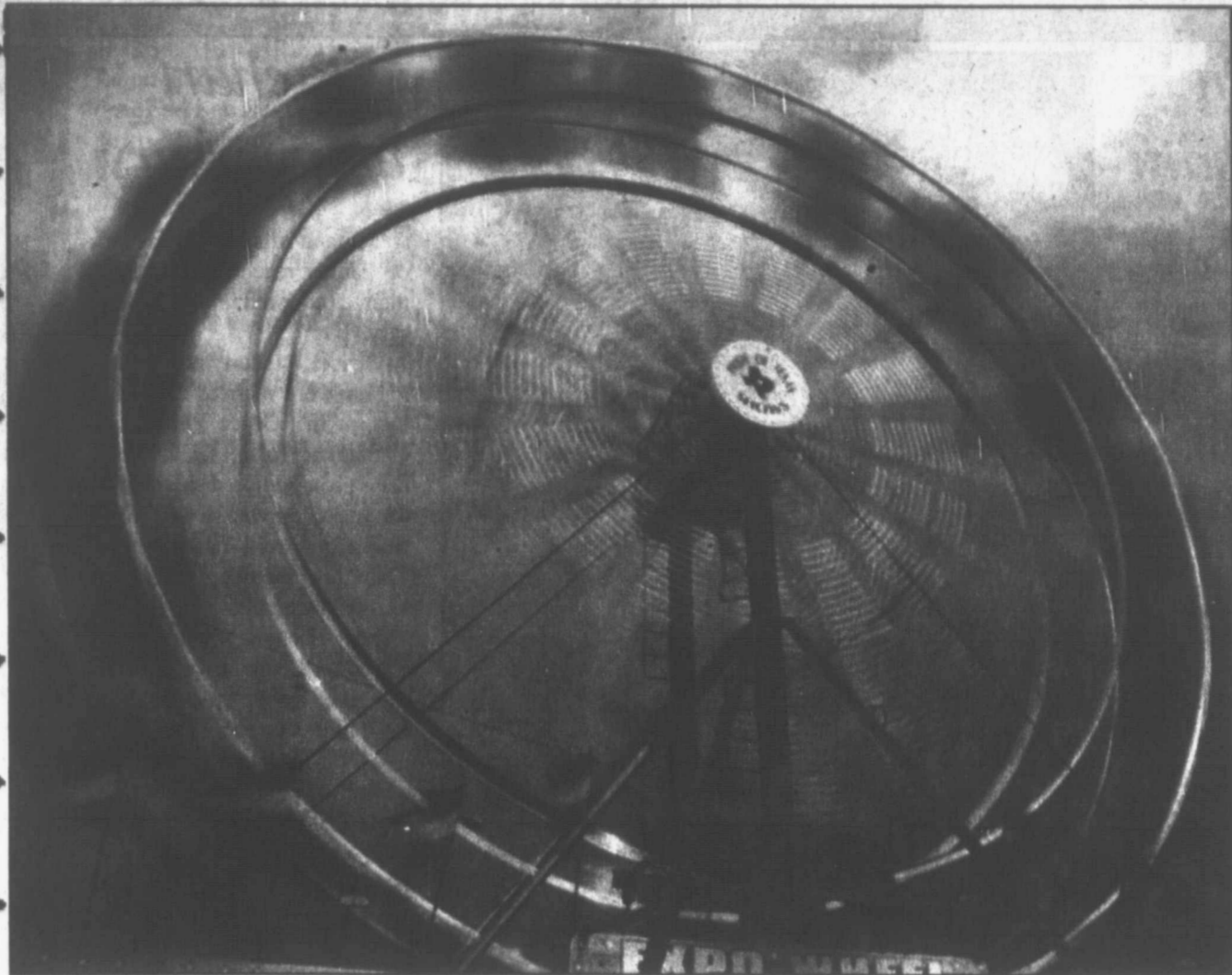
LUBBOCK — Texas Texas recently held commencement at the conclusion of the 2003 spring semester in the United Spirit Arena on campus.

Students awarded diplomas included the following: **Faustine Elizabeth Curry**, bachelor's of arts degree; **Tiffany Lyn McCullough**, bachelor's of science degree; **Ashleigh Beth McWilliams**, BA, magna cum laude; **Sagrario Mejia**, BA, cum laude; **Michael Olon Plunk**, BS, cum laude; **Lindsay Dawn Scribner**, BS; and **James Darrow Triplehorn**, BS; all of Pampa.

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University 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

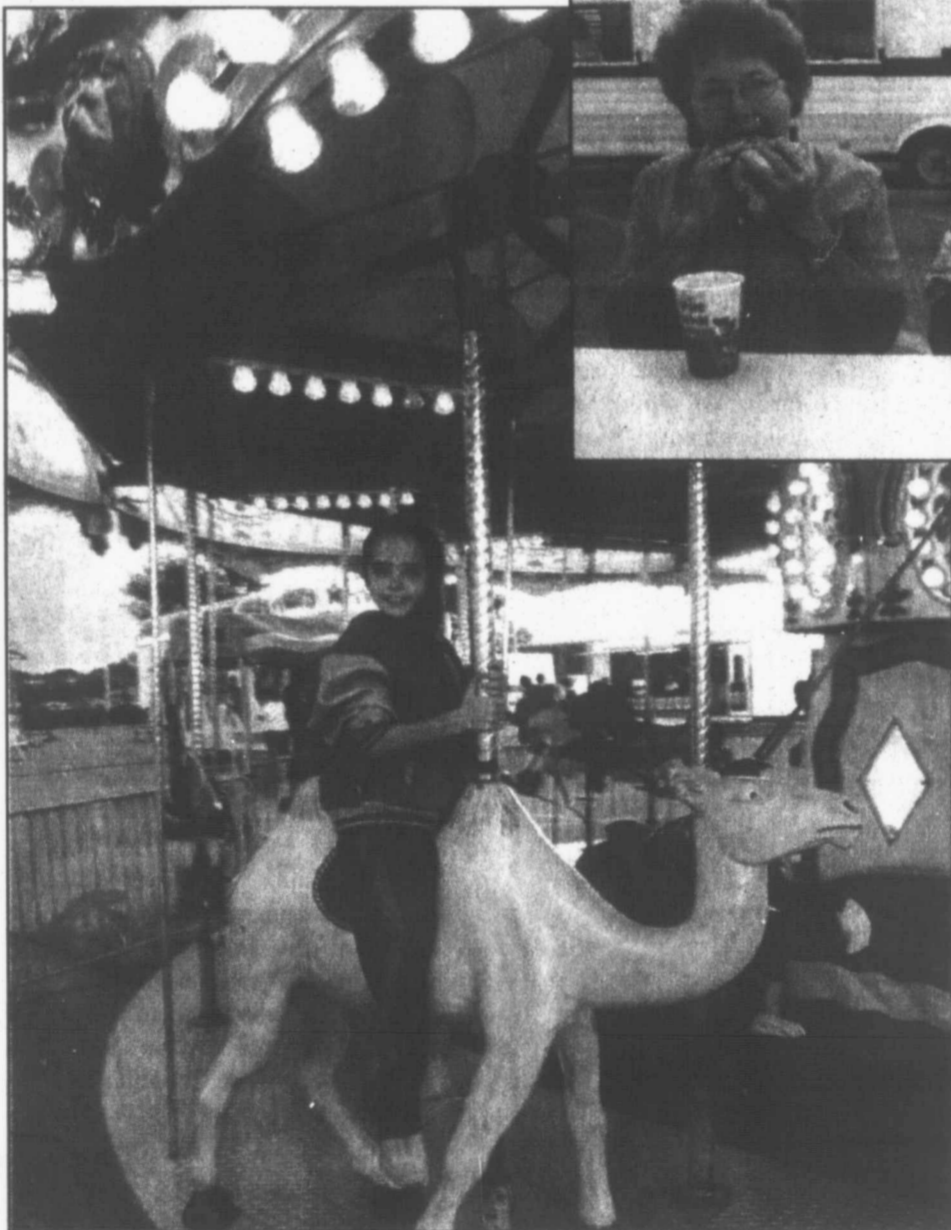
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Pride of Pampa Band 2003 Carnival



▲ Noreta Treadwell and Howard Wells pause for hamburgers.



◀ Brianna Hennig, 8, crosses the desert sands on a carousel camel.

*Photos by
David Bowser*



Chloe Ford, 2, sits in the front seat of the flying bumble bee on the midway of the band carnival while Seger Jones, 5, brings up the rear.

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LIFESTYLES

ANNIVERSARIES

Larkin anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. D.K. Larkin celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary June 1 in the parlor of Central Baptist Church of Pampa. Children and grandchildren of the couple hosted the reception.

D.K. "Don" Larkin and Floy Bradstreet were married June 1, 1948, in Calvary Baptist Church of Pampa. They are members of Central Baptist Church.

Licensed and ordained by Calvary Baptist, Mr. Larkin served as a Southern Baptist minister for 56 years, pastoring churches in Texas, Colorado and Kansas. He is now retired.

Mrs. Larkin is originally from Wheeler.



Mr. and Mrs. D.K. Larkin

Children of the couple are Steve and Teresa Larkin of Canyon, Gary and Diana Larkin of Skellytown and

Kurt and Melissa Karst of Sweeny. They have eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Riehart anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Riehart of Pampa recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Bruce Riehart and Ruth Parker were married June 19, 1953, in Grace Lutheran Church at Tulsa, Okla. They have been Pampa residents for 48 years, moving from Tulsa where they lived for two years. They are members of Zion Lutheran Church.

Mr. Riehart worked for Cabot Corporation and Ingersoll-Rand, retiring in 1987 after 44 years of service.

Mrs. Riehart previously taught at St. Matthews Episcopal Day School for several years.

Children of the couple are



Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Riehart

George and Laura Logsdon of Arlington, John and Sara Rogness of Lexington, Ky.,

and Robert and Anna Taylor of Pampa. They have eight 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.

Progressive TEEA

Progressive Texas Extension Education Association Club met June 12

in the home of Geneva Barton with President June Rowan presiding. Eleven members and two guests were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Secretary Helene Baumgardner called roll, asking "Tell Something a Child Has Taught You."

—Mary Ann Bailey delivered the treasury report and Leny Howard, council delegate, the actions of the last council meeting and recent

garage sale.

—Rowan discussed future plans and activities.

—The Year Book Committee, headed by Vice President Eva Dennis, will be called.

—The District Cultural Arts event is scheduled June 17 in Amarillo, and the state annual meeting Sept. 16-18 in Plano. Delegates from Pampa TEEA chapters will include Ruth Barrett, June Rowan and Elizabeth Alexander.

—Barton presented the program on an article by Delbert Trew.

—Officers for the club year are Rowan, president; Dennis, vice president; Bailey, treasurer; Baumgardner, secretary-reporter; and Howard, council delegate.

—Bailey was honored as "Woman of the Year" in May during an appreciation and achievement luncheon. Eleven members and two guests attended.

—County Extension Agent Joan Gray spoke at the May meeting held at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

—Florence Rife and

(See CLUB, Page 15)

Johnson anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson of Pampa will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, June 28, in fellowship hall of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa. Children of the couple will host the reception.

Paul "Sarge" Johnson and Mary Jean Meador were married June 29, 1953, at Lebanon, Mo. They moved to Pampa 37 years ago and are members of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

Mr. Johnson is retired from Cabot Corporation and IRI. He is a member of American Legion Post 106 of Miami.

Mrs. Johnson is retired and formerly worked for the movie theater in Pampa, Boy Scouts of America and Shed Realtors.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson

Children of the couple are Paula and Randy Ruddick of Thornton, Colo., Jan and Miki

Rosier of Flower Mound and John A. and Judy Johnson, II, of Pampa. They have three grandchildren.

Sierman anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Sierman of Lefors will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, June 28, in Lefors Civic Center. Children of the couple will host the reception.

Richard Morris "Dick" Sierman and Phondia Lee Young were married June 25, 1953, at the home of the bride's parents in Buena Vista, Texas. They have lived in Lefors for the last 36 years and are members of the Church of Christ.

Mr. Sierman retired from



Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Sierman

(Cabot Corporation) IRI in 1988, after 29 years of service.

Mrs. Sierman retired from Franks True Value in February after 25 years of service.

Children of the couple are Becky and James Hall and Theresa Sierman, all of Lefors, and Kathy and Jim Shook of Amarillo.

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).

Bridal Selection

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Jennifer Clay ~ Rick Smith

Jaimye Bingham ~ Brian Foote

Kellen Waters ~ Matt Brown

Lindsey Hampton ~ Brad Been

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Woman Shunned by In-Laws Longs to Be Part of Family

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 13 years and have never been able to establish a close relationship with my in-laws. They have always gone out of their way to exclude me from family conversations and gatherings. They are very attentive toward my children, but they made it clear to me a long time ago that I am not welcome in their presence. I'm sick of it.

My husband is no help at all. He has private conversations with his parents, and it's like pulling teeth to get him to share any details with me. His family gets together for shopping trips, Bible seminars — even getaway cruises. I am never included.

I am a likable person, Abby. I have many loyal, longtime friends and acquaintances. It's a mystery to me why my in-laws aren't kinder and more inclusive. As time goes by, it gets worse and worse. I love my children and my husband. But he is becoming more like them, and I feel increasingly isolated. I am desperately lonely for family fun and inclusiveness. Is this normal?

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DEAR OUTLAW: For your husband's family to have treated you like an outsider all these years is deplorable. However, for your husband to tolerate it — and cooperate with it — is worse. It is betrayal. That said, you cannot change them. Your husband might see the light through counseling. However, if he refuses, it is time to ask yourself, seriously, if this is how you want to live the rest of your life, and if you're better off with him or without him.

DEAR ABBY: My wife of seven years, "Joy," and I are trying to get out of debt, so we work opposite shifts to save on child-care costs. We have two little ones, 6 and 2. (I work days and she works the night shift.) Unfortunately, Joy's manager,

"Vic," has had his eye on her for some time. Vic is married and nearly twice her age. I discovered e-mails they'd sent each other, which make clear that he is only after one thing. When I confronted my wife, she admitted making "one stupid mistake," then promised to cut him off.

On the home front, things were better than ever until I found a new e-mail from Vic that was "too hot to handle." When I called her on it, Joy told me she loves me and wants to keep our family together, but I can see she is still infatuated with Vic.

I decided to take matters into my own hands. I contacted him directly and told him to lay off. Now I'm getting the cold shoulder from my wife.

I dearly love Joy and do not want to lose her. I am looking for a new job that will allow me to spend more time at home. What else can I do, Abby?

WORRIED HUSBAND AND FATHER WHO WANTS TO MAKE IT WORK

DEAR WORRIED: You're not the only one who needs a job change. For the sake of your marriage, Joy must get away from her manager.

It may take time to heal your relationship, but marriage counseling for both of you can hasten the process. I wish you luck.

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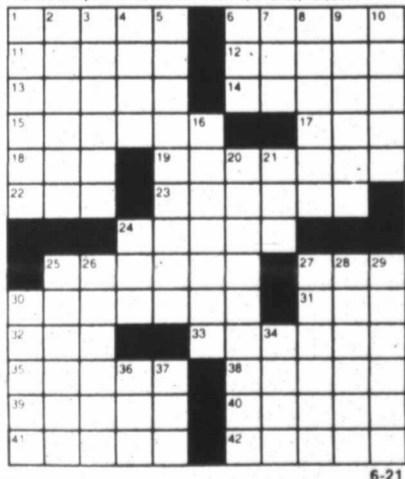
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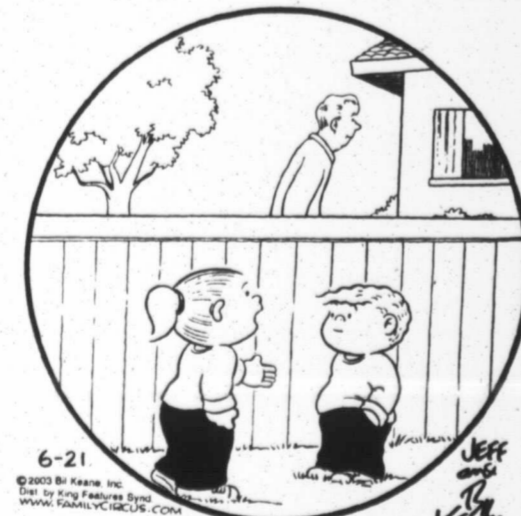


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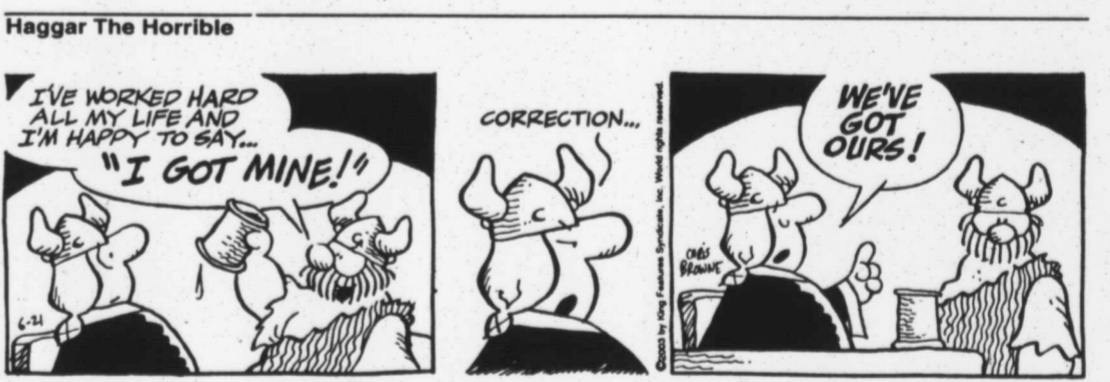
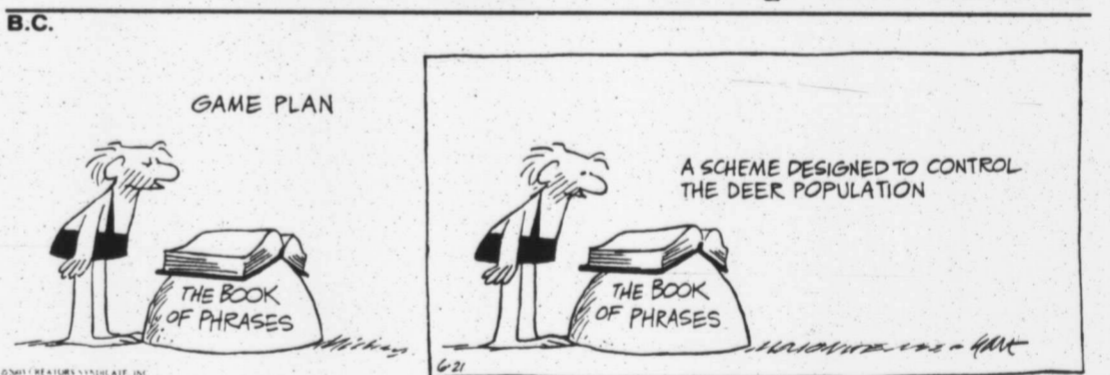


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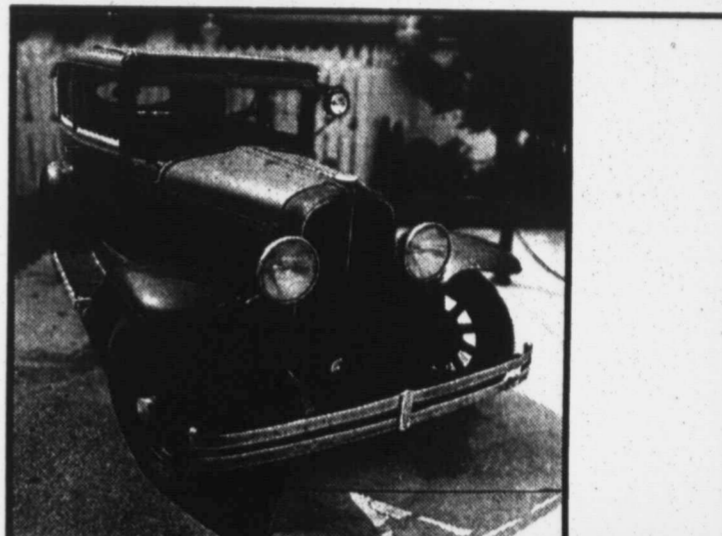
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BILLBOARD MUSIC CHARTS

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Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

BILLBOARD HOT 100: TOP 10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "This is the Night," Clay Aiken. RCA.
2. "Flying Without Wings," Ruben Studdard. J.
3. "21 Questions," 50 Cent (feat. Nate Dogg). G-Unit.
4. "Get Busy," Sean Paul. Black Shadow.
5. "Magic Stick," Lil' Kim (feat. 50 Cent). Queen Bee.
6. "Crazy in Love," Beyonce (feat. Jay-Z). Music World.
7. "I Know What You Want," Busta Rhymes & Mariah Carey (feat. The Flipmode Squad). J.
8. "Bring Me to Life," Evanescence (feat. Paul McCoy). Wind-up.
9. "Rock Wit U (Awww Baby)," Ashanti. Murder Inc.
10. "Unwell," matchbox twenty. Atlantic.

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THE BILLBOARD 200 TOP ALBUMS: TOP 10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Dance With My Father," Luther Vandross. J.
2. "St. Anger," Metallica. Elektra.
3. "Hail to the Thief," Radiohead. Capitol.
4. "Bare," Annie Lennox. J.
5. "Honkytonkville," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
6. Soundtrack: "2 Fast 2 Furious." Disturbing the Peace.
7. "Get Rich or Die Tryin'," 50 Cent. Shady. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
8. "Joe Budden," Joe Budden. Def Jam.
9. "Everything Must Go," Steely Dan. Reprise.
10. "Come Away With Me," Norah Jones. Blue Note. (Platinum)

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HOT ADULT CONTEMPORARY

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1. "Drift Away," Uncle Kracker (feat. Dobie Gray). Lava.
2. "Have You Ever Been in Love," Celine Dion. Epic.
3. "The Game of Love," Santana (feat. Michelle Branch). Arista.
4. "If You're Not the One," Daniel Bedingfield. Island.
5. "Beautiful," Christina Aguilera. RCA.
6. "Can't Stop Loving You," Phil Collins. Atlantic.
7. "Don't Know Why," Norah Jones. Blue Note.
8. "One," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
9. "Cry," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
10. "A Thousand Miles," Vanessa Carlton. A&M.

TOP CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ALBUMS

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Rise and Shine," Randy Travis. Word-Curb.
2. "Stacie Orrico," Stacie Orrico. Forefront.
3. "Offerings II: All I Have to Give," Third Day. Essential.
4. "WOW Worship (Yellow)," Various Artists. EMI CMG/Word/Provident. (Gold)
5. "Adoration: The Worship Album," Newsboys. Sparrow.
6. "Almost There," MercyMe. INO. (Gold)
7. "Worship Together: I Could Sing of Your Love Forever," Various Artists. Time Life. (Gold)
8. "The Beautiful Letdown," Switchfoot. Sparrow.
9. "Fireproof," Pillar. Flicker.
10. "Donnie McClurkin... Again," Donnie McClurkin. Verity.

MAINSTREAM ROCK TRACKS

(Compiled from a national sample of air-play supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Like a Stone," Audioslave. Interscope.
2. "Send the Pain Below," Chevelle. Epic.
3. "Headstrong," Trapt. Warner Bros.

4. "St. Anger," Metallica. Elektra.
5. "Somewhere I Belong," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
6. "Straight Out of Line," Godsmack. Republic.
7. "Price to Pay," Staind. Flip.
8. "Stupid Girl," Cold. Flip.
9. "The Road I'm On," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
10. "Caught in the Rain," Revis. Epic.

MODERN ROCK TRACKS

(Compiled from a national sample of air-play supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Headstrong," Trapt. Warner Bros.
2. "Send the Pain Below," Chevelle. Epic.
3. "Seven Nation Army," The White Stripes. Third Man.
4. "Like a Stone," Audioslave. Interscope.
5. "Just Because," Jane's Addiction. Capitol.
6. "Somewhere I Belong," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
7. "Stupid Girl," Cold. Flip.
8. "Times Like These," Foo Fighters. Roswell.
9. "Bring Me to Life," Evanescence. Wind-up.
10. "Minerva," Deftones. Maverick.

HOT COUNTRY SINGLES AND TRACKS

(Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Beer for My Horses," Toby Keith Duet With Willie Nelson. DreamWorks. BNA.
2. "My Front Porch Looking In," Lonestar. BNA.
3. "Love You Out Loud," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street.
4. "Stay Gone," Jimmy Wayne. DreamWorks.
5. "Speed," Montgomery Gentry. Columbia. Nashville.
6. "Red Dirt Road," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville.
7. "Three Wooden Crosses," Randy Travis. Word-Curb.
8. "I Believe," Diamond Rio. Arista Nashville.
9. "Almost Home," Craig Morgan. Broken Bow.
10. "Forever and For Always," Shania Twain. Mercury.

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TOP COUNTRY ALBUMS

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Honkytonkville," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
2. "From There to Here: Greatest Hits," Lonestar. BNA.
3. "Unleashed," Toby Keith. DreamWorks (Nashville). (Platinum)
4. "Up!", Shania Twain. Mercury (Nashville).
5. "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)
6. "Have You Forgotten?" Darryl Worley. DreamWorks. (Gold)
7. "Home," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
8. "Greatest Hits," Joe Dee Messina. Curb.
9. "Rise and Shine," Randy Travis. Word-Curb.
10. "Tim McGraw and the Dancehall Doctors," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)

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HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLES AND TRACKS

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)

1. "So Gone," Monica. J.
2. "Superstar," Ruben Studdard. J.
3. "Magic Stick," Lil' Kim (feat. 50 Cent). Queen Bee.
4. "21 Questions," 50 Cent (feat. Nate Dogg). G-Unit.
5. "Crazy in Love," Beyonce (feat. Jay-Z). Music World.
6. "Rock Wit U (Awww Baby)," Ashanti. Murder Inc.
7. "Can't Let You Go," Fabolous (feat. Mike Shorey & Lil' Mo). Desert Storm.
8. "Put That Woman First," Jaheim. Divine Mill.
9. "Never Scared," Bone Crusher (feat. Killer Mike & T.I.). Break 'Em Off.
10. "I Know What You Want," Busta Rhymes & Mariah Carey (feat. The Flipmode Squad). J.

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Small business could be key to economic recovery

By RACHEL BECK
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — The pace of economic recovery doesn't just hinge on how the nation's largest companies fare. Small businesses will be key to how quickly — or slowly — things pick up.

Companies with fewer than 500 employees represent more than half of all private employment in the United States and 98 percent of all U.S. companies. That's why so much of the economy's next move is riding on them.

But here's the problem: They're still slogging along. Economists now worry whether small firms can save the day — or whether they will possibly ruin it.

"The fact that the broad economy is still lagging doesn't mean that the prospect of large corporations hasn't improved but that small businesses are still dragging behind," said Louis Crandall, chief economist at the bond-market research firm Wrightson ICAP.

The economy has been sluggish for three years, mostly due to the crippling downturn in the business sector. Consumers have kept up their spending through it all.

Federal Reserve Governor Edward Gramlich said in a speech earlier this month

that "small business entrepreneurs become critical in providing a new engine for economic growth" as the role of large industrial and manufacturing firms in the overall economy declines.

So far, though, there has been few signs of much pickup in small business.

The May small business survey released this week by the National Federation of Independent Business found that fewer companies had increased their plans for capital spending, despite incentives under the new federal tax plan that makes such investments more attractive. Now small companies can write off \$100,000 vs. \$25,000 on capital goods.

Of the 588 companies surveyed, most firms still say they can't raise prices, hurting both sales and earnings. Also, more companies shed more jobs than they added in May for the 26th time in 28 months, and only 8 percent expect to increase employment.

"Small businesses are typically the first to hire in a business-cycle expansion," Prudential Financial chief investment officer Edward Yardeni said in a report to clients this week.

All this isn't surprising to Michael Ringel, who brings small-business owners together to exchange ideas for the New York-based Let's Talk Business.

His clients are still finding it difficult to quickly close deals, with some taking as long as a year instead of a month or two. They're also struggling to drum up new business and to keep employees motivated in this tough sales environment.

"Everything is taking a lot longer than anyone had hoped," Ringel said.

The tough part is figuring out what it will take to pull them from this slump, especially when many of the stimulants that benefit larger companies don't seem to have much impact.

Take lower interest rates. Sure, that helps small companies that need to borrow because it lowers interest payments, which frees up cash. But as Crandall from Wrightson ICAP points out, small firms tend to have far less debt than bigger companies, so they aren't seeing as much good from lower rates.

The same is true for the weak dollar, which lifts earnings of companies doing business abroad. Too bad few small firms have a significant international focus.

Part of what is still hurting small businesses is their excess capacity of goods, a hangover of the late 1990s buying binge. It's hard to legitimize spending again when you're still working your way through what you already have.

"A cheaper delivery truck isn't a good deal unless you need it to make deliveries," said NFIB chief economist William Dunkelberg.

Still, there are bits of hope that the worst could be over.

The NFIB said its small-business optimism index, which is part of its monthly survey, inched up in May to its highest level since November. Also, 39 percent of respondents expect better business conditions ahead, up 3 percent from last month.

The Small Business Administration points out in a report this week that corporate bankruptcies are low and the income generated by business owners is climbing, which should mean that firms have the ammunition to expand.

"Small businesses have traditionally led the country out of recessionary times through job creation, and I expect that will be the case now," said Thomas Sullivan, chief counsel for advocacy at the SBA.

It seems that small businesses, though tiny in size, do pack an awfully big punch.

Rachel Beck is the national business columnist for The Associated Press. Write to her at rbeck(at)ap.org

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NEWSMAKERS

grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include the following: **Colby Stowers Brazile, Dillon Ross Hill, Abigail Leigh Horn, Collin Lyn Lewis, Ashleigh Beth McWilliams, Jessica Beth Morrison, Michael Olon Plunk, Christopher Sean Stowers, Melinda Lu Stowers and Asia Gayle Wilson**, all of Pampa.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5-3.9 GPA while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include the following: **Amanda Grace Brown, Stacie Brooke Carter, Jamie Christine Clay, Megan Elizabeth Coutts, Cali Vaughn Covalt, Emily Gail Curtis, Samantha Ashley Ford, Marci Leanne Hansen, Taylor Dane Harris, Samantha Jean Jasso, Aaron Joseph McKean, Nicholas Trevor McKean, Micah Isaac Nolte, Amanda Michelle Rains, Kevin Andrew Smith, Jared Weston Spearman and Mary Celeste Stowers**, all of Pampa.

Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies recently announced the promotion of **Bryan O'Donald** to the position of senior claims representative.

O'Donald has been with TFB Insurance Companies since August 1997 and provides claim service for Gray, Roberts, Carson, Armstrong, Hemphill and Donley counties.

STILLWATER, Okla. — Oklahoma State University recently announced its President's and Dean's honor rolls for the 2003 spring semester.

To be eligible for the President's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include Lauren Diane Weaver of Wheeler.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.50 or higher grade point average. Students named to the list include **Kristi Danielle Walling** of Pampa; and **Jennifer Lynn Hale, Amanda Deanne Taylor** and **Rebekka Jane Taylor**, all of Canadian.

Walk for Life



(Courtesy photo)

At Pregnancy Support Center's annual Walk for Life fund-raiser held recently in Recreation Park, one family had four generations represented at the event. Gail White, volunteer at the center, brought several family members to the walk. Collectively they raised \$786. Above: Edna Chisum, Sharlan Langley, White, Seth Langley and Shelby Langley.

Canadian eatery named to barbecue who's who list

CANADIAN — A Canadian eatery was recently featured in Texas Monthly magazine's annual barbecue hall of fame. "Cattle Exchange" restaurant in Canadian was named to the magazine's who's who in barbecue — one of only two establishments in the Panhandle to make the grade.

Cattle Exchange joined Beans N Things in Amarillo for mention in this year's Top 50.

In making the decision,

Texas Monthly officials tasted the restaurant's barbecue sauce, beans, brisket, ribs, ham, pickles, onion, potato salad and dessert.

Owner Milton Cooke established Cattle Exchange in March 2001. He has been in the restaurant business for a number of years, starting with a Subway franchise in Pampa in 1991 and opening another in Dumas in 1992. He opened a CiCi's Pizza franchise in Auburn, Ala., in 1995 and has also owned-operated his own

catering company, "Sugar daddy's" Catering Co.

He holds a degree in restaurant, hotel and institutional management from Texas Tech University (1991).

In addition to his experience in fast food and pizza, he worked two years in institutional food service while attending TTU, working as a waiter in the university's full service restaurant "Skyviews."

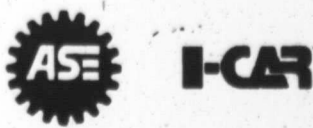
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