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# One of Tulia 12 back in jail here

BY DEE DEE LARAMORE

**EDITOR** 

versial Tulia drug case released from bond hearing. A justice of the peace said. prison last Monday landed back in jail would not be in for bond hearings until police officer.

along with 11 others convicted in the cars on U.S. Highway 60. case, had been recommended by

lic intoxication.

Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner behavior, Pitner said. Christopher Eugene Jackson, said the city officers initially respond-31, was released on bond last Monday ed Friday morning to a report of a sus- Friday, according to Gray County Jail front page of the June 17 edition of the pending a ruling by the Texas Court of picious male, "possibly intoxicated," records. Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing Amarillo Globe-News, "There's his Criminal Appeals. Jackson's release, who was standing in the road yelling at of the Gray County Sheriff's Office picture right there. That's him."

Four days later, Jackson was back man, Pampa Police Officer Jarett results of the evaluation. He said alco- an undercover agent working alone, behind bars on charges of assault on a Parsons was struck in the face and holdid not appear to be involved.

public servant, evading arrest, and pubhead, Pitner said. Parsons suffered Rushing confirmed through jail minor injuries and was treated and records that Jackson had been held at Jackson, 512 Harlem, remained in released from Pampa Regional Gray County Jail on previous occa-One of 12 defendents in a contro- Gray County Jail Saturday awaiting a Medical Center emergency room, he sions. He said he believed Jackson had

The suspect was taken to PRMC

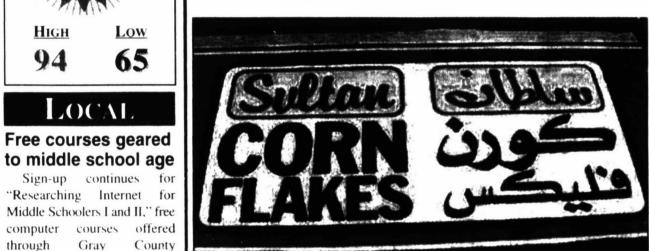
said that Jackson was brought in for "When officers approached, he ran booking about 3:30 p.m., Friday, after black, had been arrested in Tulia in retired state District Judge Ron and it went on from there," Pitner said. undergoing evaluation at the hospital. July 1999 following an 18-month In the course of apprehending the Rushing said he did not know the undercover operation. Tom Coleman,

grown up in Pampa.

When asked how he knew that here Friday on charges he assaulted a after lunch Saturday, jail officials said. also for evaluation because of his Jackson was one of the 12 defendents released Monday at Tulia, Rushing The arrest was made at 11:06 a.m., pointed to a color photograph on the

Jackson and 45 others, all of them

(See TULIA 12, Page 3)



(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.

Local physician Dr. Keith Black, who is presently serving with the U.S. to The Pampa News Friday.

of what he and many other area resi-flakes. Hope to be home soon." dents are experiencing right now as part of the United States military serv- address: ing 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 Navy Reserve in Kuwait, sent an the Top of Texas. I've been here in the unusual postcard from his desert camp. Kuwait desert now for little more than four weeks. Just wanted to let everyone into the first of this calendar year came from the year before and more than 11 Dr. Black fashioned the "post card" know I'm doing O.K. Really hot here in below the conservative figures that percent below budget. from cardboard cut from a box of and the sand blows a lot. We make Horst had used in helping the city com-Sultan corn flakes - written in both postcards from whatever we can find mission build its annual budget. Sales was down more than nine percent from English and Arabic, giving a glimpse. As you can tell this was a box of corn—tax revenues were down at the fiscal—the previous fiscal year and more than

Dr. Black also listed his mailing

Capt. Keith Black, USNR CSSG15 HSB Foxtrot UIC 42387 FPO AP 96426-2387

# Sales tax revenues down, but going up

BY DAVID BOWSER STAFF WRITER

John Horst.

multi-million dollar budget.

that decrease.

The city's budget for the 2001-2002

Still, as the fiscal year began last figure. October, the city's revenues from sales tax didn't look good. Revenues last fall more. They were down over 14 percent

Pampa.

"For the first four months of the under budget. year," Horst said this week, "sale tax

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

Horst said the volatility in the fig-Things just keep getting better for ures have probably mirrored national concerns over war and the economy. While most people worry about Initially, sales in Pampa appeared to be budgets, as Pampa's director of soft, but as the national economy finance, Horst worries about the city's strengthened and as U.S. forces succeeded in Iraqi and Afghanistan, To date, sales tax revenues are well Pampa's economy appeared to behind last year's sales tax income for strengthen, reflecting a national Pampa, but the city had budgeted for change in attitude and more confidence in the future.

Last October, sale tax revenues fiscal year was \$2,123,928.90. They were down more than seven percent budgeted \$2,050,000 for this fiscal from the previous year and almost four percent under the expected budgeted

November's figures dropped even

December's income from sale tax year started, but they have rebounded. five percent below the budgeted figure.

Sales tax revenues are an important By January, city officials were worsource of income for the city and an ried as sale tax revenues were almost indicator of business activity in 11 percent below January 2002 income figures and more than 7.5 percent

(See TAX, Page 3)

# 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 Godfrey at 669-3539.

lost to cancer and to celebrate the lives provides an opportunity to share with munity involvement event for the American Cancer Society, dedicated to



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

"The power of the Relay is that it survived the same type of cancer. For ling time in life," she said: allows a community to grieve for those the cancer patient in treatment. Relay Relay for Life is the principle combenefit the Gray/Roberts Unit of the of those who have survived. For the others. For the long-term survivor American Cancer Society.

Survivors Lap, call Corkey or Vivian newly diagnosed, Relay offers an Relay brings a community's recogniopportunity to meet someone who has tion to the struggle and closure to a try-

ilies 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 fundraisers, 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 emotionallymoving 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

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Jack Thacker, 76, died Thursday, June 19, Thacker, of 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 James Jack's Oilfield Service for 50 years, retiring in Lefors,

He was a member of the First Baptist Parks and Church in Lefors and a member of the Lefors husband Lions Club. He was active in Gideons organi-

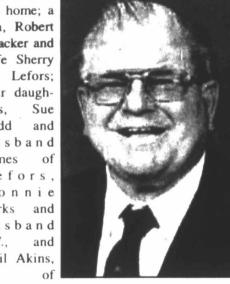
He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II.

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 O.C. Akins.

Survivors include his wife, Belva June www.carmichael-whatley.com.

the home; a son, Robert Thacker and wife Sherry of Lefors; four daughters, Todd husband J. V., Gail Akins,



Pampa, and Meledy Story and husband Kirk of Del Norte, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; four greatgrandchildren; and several nieces and

The family requests memorials be to First brother Robert M. Thacker, Jr., and a stepson Baptist Church, 315 E. 4th, Lefors, TX 79054.

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#### **TONY MORGAN** 1941-2003

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.

Sundown, Texas. He was reared in law, Deano Boyd of Pampa.

Tony Morgan, 61, died Thursday, June 19, 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 Mr. Morgan was born July 9, 1941 at Patty Boyd, all of Pampa; and one brother-in-

#### **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

#### **PAMPA**

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 in the evening. Then 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

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

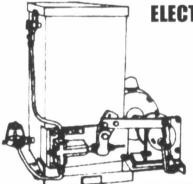
OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The Rev. Billy Graham has no plans to give up his extensive travels preaching the gospel, though he's sometimes too weak to walk on stage by himself, shakes a bit from Parkinson's disease and says he's growing

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 exhilarat-

ed," 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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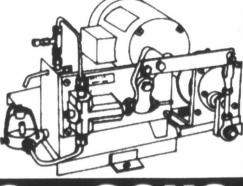
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claimed he bought drugs from the defendants. No drugs or money were found during the arrests, the Associated Press has report-

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.

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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

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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 budg-

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 Pampans 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 2002 month in \$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 cer will never be forgotten, that payable to the American Cancer Society. Be sure to include the name of the person you wish to honor or memorialize with each candle dona-

"Relay for Life represents

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

#### the hope that those lost to can-Life call Dalton at 665-0356. Soldiers find stacks of intelligence

By JIM KRANE ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) -U.S. forces acting on an intelligence tip raided an aban- papers by flashlight with an doned Baghdad community hall early Saturday and seized information about Iraq's susdestruction.

The documents, bearing the away. seal of Saddam Hussein's secret service, were being day of Operation Desert seized Saturday included manhanded over to senior intelli- Scorpion, a nationwide sweep referred to Iraq's nuclear pro- Since Sunday, the military has

Baghdad's Azamiyah district already been released. — a center of support for senting himself as the Iraqi leader — last appeared in pub-

through the door with a itary," he said. sledgehammer, the troops were surprised when a squatter entire Iraqi military was disopened the lock from the missed. Iraqi police officials

American troops found two attacks on U.S. forces, and dislarge rooms stacked with cryp- gruntled ex-officers have been tograph machines, secure staging

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

Soldiers examining the Arabic interpreter found many of them marked "top secret" documents that may contain and "personal." They loaded dozens of boxes of paper files pected weapons of mass and some of the electronics into vehicles and took them

The haul came on the sixth gence analysts. Some papers for weapons and insurgents. conducted 90 raids and arrest-About 50 soldiers from the ed 540 suspects, a coalition 1st Armored Division stormed spokesman said on condition the building at about 1 a.m. of anonymity. He had no figafter sealing off part of ure for how many of those had

The spokesman also said Saddam's ousted regime. The U.S. officials will soon neighborhood was where announce the creation of a new Saddam — or someone pre- Iraqi army that will be open to soldiers of the former regime.

"It's going to be an army, lic before the capture of not a secret police. It's going Baghdad was completed April to be professional, not political ... And it will be open to for-After trying to break mer members of the Iraqi mil-

After Saddam's ouster, the inside and welcomed them in. say that former soldiers may Upstairs above the hall, be behind some of the recent

equipment and documents in raid 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 ifests 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) - remarks served as a broad 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 suc-

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 oppres-

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

"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 "First, we are working to 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 regime's final days," he said. cluded Iraq possessed banned reconstruction and humanitarichemical and biological an aid.

weapons, Saddam refused to prove he had destroyed what he

"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

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 conlooted and burned "in the cerns about the difficulties of daily life in Iraq, Bush said the And while "the intelligence United States has provided services of many nations" con- more than \$700 million in



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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Reader wants to see more local sports schedules printed

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

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.

#### 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.

On this date:

In 1870, Congress created the Department of Justice. In 1911, Britain's King George V was crowned at

Westminster Abbey.

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# Times not really a-changin'

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 Crooks Traitors, Heads: 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.

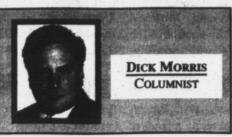
Indeed, in the two months before Election Day '96, the Times ran no stories on its front page about Paula Jones, the Rose Law Firm, Hillary's billing records and only lightly covered Whitewater.

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 bristled particularly at Raines, then running the editorial page. A worried frown cloud-



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 Clinton wondered. 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

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 inter-

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," reporter/friend said as he jotted down

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?

"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 "breathtakingly bright" and even noted that he "exudes physical attraction."

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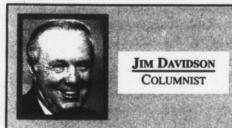


# Ways to heal a wounded spirit

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

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,



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

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

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

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# Texas PRS Department: Making child care choices

corner, but as a parent, you still may be grappling with the idea of what to do for child care.

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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

"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 divi-"Essentially, parents should know that some child care is regulated and some is

was established by law to regulate child-care facilities and to help protect the health, safety, How does my child's center and well being of children in

> 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

child's home, that person is technically breaking the law, "

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 us 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.txchildcareresearch.org, a website that gives parents specific information about every licensed or permitted child-care kind in the country, the site not only searches child-care facilities by location, but also contains records of inspections by

Summer is just around the not. The Licensing Division of their home as opposed to a 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 viola-

"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 place in making a child-care decision. "Txchildcaresearch.org is just another resource available to PRS staff from Jan. 1, 2002 to help you make the most

informed choice you can." ■ Types of regulated child care in Texas

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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. facility in Texas. One of the staff try to be your eyes and Registered Family Homes pro- PRS staff complete on-site most extensive resources of its ears, they can never take your vide care in the caregiver's inspections to ensure the site 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. agency issues a license after 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 J school graduates. The Pampa Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship

# announcing annual phone book drive

With distribution of the 2003-04 "Feist High Plains Area-Wide"

"Southwestern 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, con-

\_tact Clean Pampa at 665-

2514.

graduating senior at Pampa High School. This year's recipient is Luke Burton, son of Tonya

Beta Sigma Phi Club in

Pampa and is awarded to a

Clean Pampa, Inc. to pursue a degree in engineering/physics at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. Established in 2003, the Ex-Student

Association Scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating Lefors High School student. Mase Furgerson, Jr. has been announced as the first

was established by the Pampa 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

The first recipient of the Lewis of Pampa. Luke plans 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.opportunityplan.com or by phone at (806) 655-2528.



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# CALENDAR ITEMS

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

Boy Scouts. Boy Scout leaders meet at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at First Presbyterian Church of Pampa. The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

Celebration of Lights. The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help attend any work session.

Clean Pampa, Inc. Clean Pampa, Inc., holds its monthly membership meeting at 12 noon on the second Tuesday of each month at Clint and Sons, 1421 N. Hobart. The public is welinformation, call 665-2514. Office hours are 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Eastern Star. Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each #966 meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

Fellowship of Christian Alliance. Cowboys. The Fellowship of meet on the fourth Saturday of Location changes monthly. each month at 6 p.m. in the Greene at 665-8067 and Bill memorials or donations write

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Fellowship of Christian from the community to respond 669-0853 or 669-1264. Cowboys, P.O. Box 91, Pampa, TX 79065.

Girl Scouts. Pampa Girl Scouts meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Pampa Girl Scout House on Kingsmill.

Gospel Singing. First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the of congregation Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

Highland Baptist. Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, will host prayer time from 11 am.-2 p.m., each Thursday with a special time of prayer from 12:15-12:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at 669-6509.

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

Pampa Area Literacy come. No fee to join. For more Council. Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 For more information, call 665-

Pampa Masonic Lodge #966. Pampa Masonic Lodge at 420 W. Kingsmill.

Ministerial Pampa Ministerial Alliance meets the Christian Cowboys potluck will first Monday of every month.

Pampa Prison Ministry. Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For The Pampa Prison Ministry more information, contact Jim meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Kidwell at 669-6347. For Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp.

Catholic Church hosts Rite of Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors Box 11749, Memphis, TN resentative to provide high room dancers in the Amarillo Christian Initiation of Adults open one hour early. No one 38111; or phone 1-800-992-(RCIA) beginning at 7:15 p.m., under 18 allowed. Public is 9392. The brochure is also Wednesdays at 2004 Williston. welcome. License No. 1-75- available at www.stutter-For more information, call 6037422-9. For more informa- inghelp.org. on the World Wide Aloise Martin at 883-4901 or tion contact Edgar D. Carson, Web. Peggy Rodriguez at 669-2683.

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during times of crisis in Pampa and other parts of the county. As well as personal satisfaction, volunteers learn how to protect themselves and cope with disaster by planning ahead, particularly essential during tornado season. In addition, ARC is willing to deliver informational discussions on disaster preparedness to area church or more information, call (806) 669-7121.

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

Story Hour. Lovett story hour at 10 a.m., every Tuesday. The free program is stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

Department of Texas Services. 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 ability of openings. Hours are 0918. flexible. For more information,

Veterans. To recognize the spaces to honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. If you are a veteran, you may be qualified for free burial space. However, you must regable discharge. A number of 3738. veterans' spaces are available. 665-8921.

**EDUCATION, PSAs** 

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

Protective and Regulatory Services conducts a monthly informational meeting for individuals interested in becoming a Memorial Library will offer a fester or adoptive parent every second Tuesday of the month at on the Internet. Although the 7 p.m., at its office (6200 I-40 open to children 18 months to 6 West) in Amarillo. Contact high school and college stuyears of age and will include Darla Ingram at (806) 354-6230 for more details.

Program. Texas AFL-CIO has children prepare for college. TG announced the "School to Careers" project for high school that helps create access to highstudents interested in union er education for millions of Panhandle-Plains Historical apprenticeship programs. To union-sponsored apprenticeship the Federal Family Education second Saturday of each month training programs, contact the Loan Program. Its mission is to except December and January local interest, capability and avail- Commission or call (512) 470-

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Certificates will be issued on a Stuttering Foundation of (business size, #10) to: The U.S. admission; elevator provided. first come, first serve basis. For America is offering a free copy Commission for Scholastic more information, call (806) of its brochure "The Child Who Assistance, P.O. Box 668, Stutters at School: Notes to the O'Fallon, IL 62269. VFW Bingo. Veterans of Teacher." For more informa-

TCA Web site. A list of "10 Commission on the Arts web- p.m. Visitors to the site can search call 669-6066. the database by city, region, date, topic or organization name ner section that allows visitors car, make airline reservations or book hotel rooms.

PRS. Texas Department of Guaranteed Student Loan Corp. (TG) has revamped its "Adventures in Education" located http://www.adventuresineducation.org or http://www.aie.org site is targeted to middle school, dents as well as high school counselors, each section can School-to-Career assist parents in helping their to interested individuals. For is a public nonprofit corporation 845-2028.

and law schools. For more iting hours are 1-4 p.m. Stuttering Foundation, information, send a SASE Tuesday-Sunday. No charge for

World Wide Web.

**MUSEUMS, MILITARY** 

82nd Airborne. The 82nd Freedom, PA 17349. Airborne Division Association is Gossett (WWII) at (937) 898- \$2,500 per session.

Hot Summer Cultural Events" Freedom Museum, USA, 600 can be accessed via the Texas N. Hobart is open from 12-4 Tuesday-Saturday. site at www.artonart.com - the Revolutionary War to Kosovo. most comprehensive arts calen- All branches of service are repdar on the Internet in Texas. resented. For more information,

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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 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 usedcar 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

Internet responsible for onequarter 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

Topham, 49, a sales manager said. That would make the it's not necessarily cheaper few thousand dollars off what than you would get if you just haggled with somebody local-

> 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

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 Lawerence 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

# 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 email thank you messages from all over the world, so we know the Math Lab is helping a lot of

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/rec ommended/math/lk\_basiccom-

"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

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 as being rich in original content, has objectives, examples, and

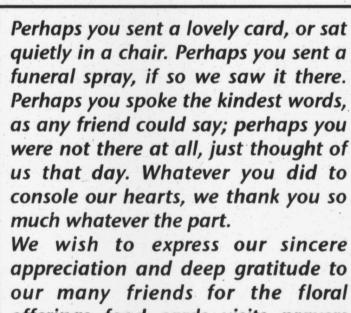
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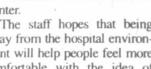
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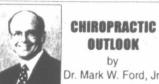
# Hospital opens center for 9-11 trauma cases

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

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





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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

"For some people, it raises the anxiety, but once they got 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

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-

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# 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 -

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

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 asth-

"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 Press

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."

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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 chil-

"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

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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# Fish oil supplements may not improve AD/HD symptoms

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

DHA, or docosahexonic 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 DHA supplements, to treat DHA was not revealed until pediatrics and CNRC fatty acid expert who was involved in the study.

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

Although stimulant medacid, is a fatty acid found in ications like Ritalin are quite effective in controlling the symptoms of AD/HD, these medications have a symptoms were measured number of side effects.

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

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

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 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 the end of the study. "By increasing blood lev-

els 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 DHAsupplemented 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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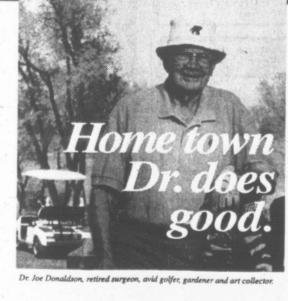
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#### One for the ducks . . .



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.

## 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, religion given that many scouting programs 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 Jay said. 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 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 qualification."

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,"

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 cases in which the sexuality of the litigant 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 dis-

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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.

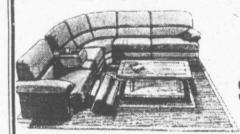
This is Ford truck country, and the automaker is counting on Texans to continue their loyalty to the truck when it goes on sale later this year.

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

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



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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 ments visible to everyone in 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

Individuals and dealers that list a vehicle on eBay pay an initial \$40 fee and an addition-

al \$40 when it's sold. Buyers use online forms to provide negative or positive

feedback on sellers - com-

was significantly worse.

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."

On the Net: eBay Motors:

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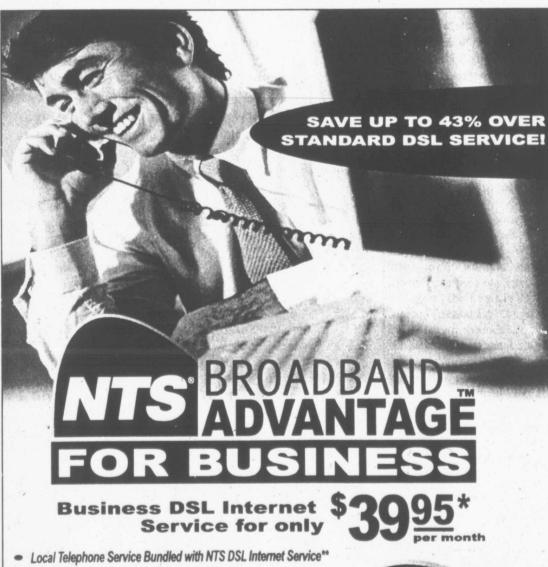
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CANADIAN - Kyle Lynch has been named interim head coach and athletic director at Canadian High School.

Superintendent Frank made Belcher announcement during a special board meeting Thursday night.

Lynch, 38, replaces head coach Ronny Williams, who was reassigned to a non-coaching position. Lynch is currently the Canadian middle school principal. Lynch Canadian head coach once before, in 2000 when he led the Wildcats to a district title.

#### **BASEBALL**

**DENVER (AP)** — The Colorado Rockies traded All-Star shortstop Jose Hernandez to the Chicago Cubs for infielder Mark Bellhorn and minor league pitcher Travis Anderson.

Hernandez was an All-Star with the Milwaukee Brewers last season, when he had 24 homers and 78 RBIs. He also struck out a major league-leading 188 times, one short of Bobby Bonds' single-season record set in 1970.

Hernandez played for the Cubs from 1994-99

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Alex Rodriguez was back in the starting lineup Friday night, a day after the Texas shortstop was hit in the face by a throw.

"I feel better, just a little sore," Rodriguez said before the Rangers opened a three-game series against Houston. thought I'd wake up with a couple of black eyes."

Rodriguez didn't have a black eye, just a little bit of swelling near his nose where the ball hit. He had no broken bones and no stitches.

#### **BASKETBALL**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -

The San Antonio Silver Stars are getting accustomed to beating the Houston Comets, who once were invincible as far as they were concerned. Marie Ferdinand had 20 points, and the Silver Stars defeated the Houston Comets

76-69 victory Friday night. Margo Dydek added 17 points and 12 rebounds for the Silver

Stars. Jennifer Azzi added 13 points and Adrienne Goodson

"From the beginning of the game, it felt more like last year. We had our flow and everyone was feeling that the shots were (going) down. It was all working for us," Dydek said.

Tina Thompson led the Comets with 17 points, followed by Janeth Arcain with 16 and Sheryl Swoopes with 12. Swoopes was listed as questionable before the game due to a sprained right ankle. "For so many years, with the exception of the last two, we have beaten them out and now they feel confident against Swoopes "Tonight, the Stars were a lot more aggressive than we were. They had a lot more pep in their step,"

# Celanese ends Rotary's Cinderella season

came for the Cinderella team of the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken City Tournament. Behind the pitching of Madison Wilson and the hitting of Brodie Peters, John Luke Covalt and Jemal Wheeler, Celanese Corporation ended Rotary Club's bid to be City Champion Friday by the score of 10-5.

After losing the first three games of the City Tournament, Rotary had come back to defeat in succession all of the other teams in the tournament and was one game away from playing for the championship. Celanese faces Glo-Valve Service at 7:45 p.m. Monday in the finals.

Wilson scattered four hits while striking out 12 and walking eight to earn the complete game win. Gerado Dominguez,

**Astros rip** 

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)

- With everybody contribut-

ing, the Houston Astros got

back on the winning side and

prolonged Texas' horrible

Craig Biggio had four hits,

Adam Everett homered and

every Houston starter had a hit

while scoring or driving in a

run as the Astros beat the

Texas Rangers 12-3 Friday

third time in 10 games, the

Astros are only a half-game

out of the NL Central lead.

They are tied with St. Louis

after both the Cardinals and

"It's about getting a win,"

Biggio said. "You're not

scoreboard watching. You

don't really start paying atten-

tion to all of that until after the

But the Astros, who fin-

ished with 16 hits, also knew

"You've got to stop the

That's something the

CANYON — West Texas

A&M has been picked to

finish seventh in the seven-

team Lone Star Conference

South Division for the

Texas A&M-Kingsville

was the overwhelming

choice of conference coach-

es, sports information direc-

tors and media representa-

tives who voted in the annu-

al preseason poll released

the last two seasons, was

Abilene Christian, which

tied A&M-Kingsville for

last year's LSC South title,

was picked third. Eastern

Freeman was selected as the

ACU quarterback Cody

New Mexico was fourth.

picked second

Midwestern State, 7-4

while

upcoming football season.

Rangers haven't been able to Jimy Williams.

WT picked to finish last

in conference grid poll

they were in a bit of a slump.

bleeding," Biggio said.

Chicago

division-leading

Cubs lost Friday.

All-Star break."

Despite winning for just the

Hannah pitched for Rotary.

After a promising start in the first inning, things went sour for Celanese. With one out, Jeremy Busse walked and went to third when Wilson doubled off the first base bag. He scored on a wild pitch with Wilson taking third. Wheeler walked and after a strikeout, the next batter hit back to the pitcher. The pitcher threw to the catcher trying to get Wilson at the plate, but Wilson reversed his field and got into a hot box. The result was a throw into left field with Wilson and Wheeler scoring. However, the runs came off the board when it was discovered that the batter had bat-

In Rotary's half of the second inning, Dominguez walked and went to second on a passed

Kangers

Alex Rodriguez homered

and had an RBI double for the

Rangers, who lost their fifth

straight game. Texas has

dropped 17 of 19 - its worst

stretch since also going 2-17

Rodriguez, playing a day

after being hit in the face by a

throw in Oakland, hit his 18th

homer in the eighth, a solo

shot that made it 5-3. His RBI

into a rout with their biggest

inning of the season, scoring

seven runs on eight hits in the

ninth, the Astros took the lead

ond base as Jeff Kent missed

his second straight game with

a sore left wrist, hit a two-run

triple into the right-field cor-

ner in the fifth to put Houston

up 3-2. A few pitches later,

he trotted home on a wild

"At that particular time,

that was definitely big

because it put us back in the

lead," said Astros manager

WT finished 0-11 last

year in Ronnie Jones' first

season as head coach. The

Buffs were picked seventh

on 19 of 20 ballots and sixth

A&M-Kingsville was

picked first on 19 ballots

and sixth on the other. ACU

rececived the other first-

Tarleton State was picked to

West Texas A&M

2003 Schedule

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1-Tarleton State, away; 8-

Eastern New Mexico, away; 15-

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Before turning the game

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ted out of turn.

PAMPA - Midnight finally Gage Carruth and Wesley ball. A single by Gage Carruth other runners moving up a brought him in. A walk to Zach Winborne moved Carruth to second and he scored on a single by Chris Benge giving Rotary a 2-1 lead.

Celanese took the lead in the bottom of the third, scoring three times after two were out. Wilson walked and scampered home on a double to left center by Wheeler. Tanner Davis drew a walk. Wheeler scored and Davis went to third on a single by Michael Alexander. Davis came flying home on wild pitch giving Celanese a 4-2 lead.

The winners padded their lead in the fourth. Peters and Covalt singled, and Busse walked to lead the bases. Wilson was credited with one RBI when he was hit by a pitch scoring Peters. Covalt sped home on a wild pitch with the base. Wheeler blasted a single to deep center scoring Covalt and Bussed. Celanese's lead was up to 8-2.

In the fifth inning with one out, Peters beat out an infield single for his second hit for Celanese. Covalt followed with an out later with his second hit. Busse drove a single down the right field line to score both runners, but was out at second trying to advance on a throw to the plate.

Down 10-2 and down to their last at bat, Rotary was not through. Zach Winborne and Martin Aliva walked. A good catch in center by Rylan Clark produced the second out. Jonathan Anguiano then blasted a three-run homer over the left field wall for the final margin. Wilson fired three strikes past

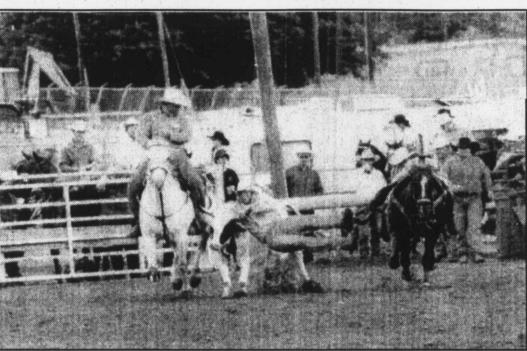
Peters, with two hits and run scored, Covalt, with two hits and a run scored, and Wheeler, with

the next hitter to end the game.

two hits, including a double, a run scored and three RBI, paced Celanese's offensive efforts. Peters also made a catch of a

flyball in right field that prevented two runs from scoring for one of the outstanding defensive plays of the game for Celanese. Clark's catch in center was another. Jonathan Anguiano's throw to Benge at second to nab Busse trying to advance on a throw to the plate was Rotary's outstanding defensive play.

Players selected for the 11-12 Cal Ripken All-Star team, which will host the District Cal Ripken Major Tournament beginning July 7, will be announced next week.



(Photo by Dale Hirschman)

Zack Cobb gets set to bring down a steer at the State High School

# Cobb representing Texas at National High School Finals

PAMPA — Pampa's Zack Cobb will be representing Texas at the National High School Rodeo on July 20-27 in Farmington, N.M. He qualified for the Nationals in steer wrestling at last weekend's State High School Rodeo Finals two weeks ago in

Abilene, Cobb, a 2003 PHS graduate, and partner Joe Ed Word of Vernon placed fourth in calf roping and 15th in steer wrestling in the first-go. Cobb slipped some in the second-go in the roping events,

Rodeo but placed in steer wrestling.

He ended up going into the short-go or finals in fifth place. The short-go takes the top 10 from each event and the top four to Nationals. Cobb won the short-go with a time of 4.35 to place him second in average and fourth

Cobb will be competing against the top high school cowboys in the United States and three Canada provi-

AMARILLO --Mark Eakin has been named the National Rodeo Coach of the Year by the National Intercollegiate Association.

Eakin is the rodeo coach at West Texas A&M.

He took five student-athletes to the College National Finals Rodeo earlier this month in Casper, Wyo.

The 29-year-old Eakin is the youngest coach to ever receive the national coach

# More productive running a must for 2003 Texans

action? Forget it.

The Texans rushed for an in the league.

"Quarterbacks don't usually talk about the running game but a running game is a quarterback's best friend," Carr said. "It's going to make a world of difference if we can get a running game."

the start of training camp on going to be a lot different. July 25. They went into their break thinking improved running, which is a go with play action and teams improve on last season's 4-12 Maybe a downhill running

"I've tried to just put last

HOUSTON (AP) — There weren't as stable as we're They just didn't go anywhere. were some luxuries rookie going to be this year in the quarterback David Carr could- running game," running back Wells were the primary ball n't expect from last year's James Allen said. "It has noththe football."

average 84.2 yards per game, had a chance because a porous 519 yards. 31st among the 32 NFL teams, offensive line and dismal runand had four rushes all season ning game meant teams could of more than 20 yards, fewest tee off on Carr, who played every down last season and had a league-record 76 sacks to show for it.

Carr expects this year to be different.

"Out here (mini-camp) we actually have holes and we don't even have pads on," The Texans have wrapped Carr said. "We practically didup their mini-camp and now n't have any holes last year have a five-week layoff before when we had pads on, so it's

> "The play action is going to about be open. Last year, we'd try to game will help."

Allen and rookie Jonathan

carriers last season. Wells expansion Houston Texans. A ing to do with effort, nothing added 529 rushing yards, third running game? Sorry. Play to do with us not trying to run among NFL rookie runners, but not much help to the Play-action passes rarely Texans' offense. Allen added

> Neither rusher averaged more than 3.3 yards a carry.

"If we can run the ball 50 percent more effective than we did last year we'll be a great team, not a good team but a great team," Allen said. "We haven't had as many mental errors in practice, even without full contact. You can tell how you've improved mentally by plays not having to be repeated."

The Texans also have upgraded their offensive line, an overall disaster last season.

"When you can hand the must if the Texans intend to would still drop eight players. ball off, what it does most is slow down the defensive linemen," Carr said. "But you The running backs contend could see those linemen just year behind because we they ran hard last season, pin their ears back and run."

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Friday's Games Chicago White Sox 12, Chicago Cubs

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Kyle Petty, driver of the

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CHILDRESS — The 2003 pulls into the restaurant.

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 plete game. 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- base hit, a double with an

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

Five different batters had a hit apiece for Moose. Rhett Roden had the only extra

RBI. Garrett Sewell and season with a 14-4 record. Hudson Bently 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 Plainview.

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

# 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."

Series, leads this pack of Woods, coming off a dis-NASCAR celebrities, sponappointing finish in the U.S. Open, struggled on the final The Kyle Petty Charity nine holes for the second Ride is an annual cross-counstraight day, shooting a 2try motorcycle trip benefitunder 69 on the soggy around 7 p.m. for dinner. ting several charities, includ-Westchester Country Club Fans are invited to come out ing the Victory Junction course to remain four strokes behind leader Briny Baird.

in his morning round, Woods birdied four of the first nine holes to reach 8 under, but 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 folplayed nine holes well each day. I just need to keep it going longer than that."

Playing the back nine first top the field at 10 under, a er Butch Baird, "I'm thinking, stroke ahead of Retief Goosen (66). Skip Kendall (66) was two strokes back, while Joey dropped back with three Sindelar (69) followed at 7 bogeys and a birdie on the under. Brad Faxon (67), J.L. front nine. In the first round, Lewis (68) and Shigeki Maruyama (69) joined Woods

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 immedilowing knee surgery. "I've ately gave the strokes back

'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 with the double-bogey on No. of these pins. They are 2 or 3 yards on top of these ridges "I wasn't as upset as you and the ball is spinning so Baird followed a career- might think," said Baird, the much that you can't hrow it

#### and cheer on the ride as it Gang Camp. best 63 with an erratic 69 to son of Champions Tour play- far enough behind it." Be aware of state guidelin

By TERESA HERNANDEZ izontal feet apart, and fisher- along with the date the trot-

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.

any trotline which exceeds 600 feet in length. Hooks cannot be spaced less than 3 hormen may not have more than 50 hooks on any one line. No metal stakes can be used, and the main fishing line and placed below the waters' sur-

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 State guidelines prohibit tag must be made out of a Park Lake in Kendall County, name and address on the tag,

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

Trotlines must not be used attached hooks must be at any of the locations listed on the Internet. Excluded are reservoirs or sections of rivers An important rule to 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 durable material and must be Coffee Mill and Davy readable. You must have your Crockett lakes in Fannin County, Dixieland Reservoir remove.

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

the good, smelly dough baits, etc. It is also a good idea to chum the water around your lines with some sour maize.

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 harder for the smaller fish to be careful reaching in the water to pull up trotlines, as

Other baits to use include you may have a real surprise large grasshoppers, crawdads, waiting for you. It's not crickets, small frogs, any of uncommon for turtles and snakes to get caught on trot-

Following simple guidelines can make your fishing It is important to remember 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/efllist/efllist.htm.

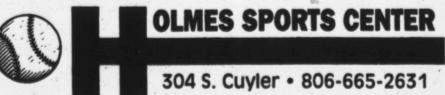




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#### LIBRARY **SUMMER EVENTS**

Lovett Memorial Library will host Story Times with stories and crafts for children 18months and older at 10 a.m., Monday, Tuesday 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.

#### SOUARE 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**

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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-

#### 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.lonestarrising.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.

#### 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

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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-

#### JSL FUND-RAISER

Junior Service League is planning a Dinner and Dance Fundraiser Saturday, June 21, at Knights of Columbus hall in Pampa. The event will include a Kabob dinner and music by Ben Adkins 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.

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#### PAS DANCE

Upcoming Events Calendar

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 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 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.

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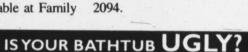
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Entries are currently being sought for the High Plains International Youth Art Festival. The event, open to youth age 18 and under, will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, July 26 at several locations including Woody Guthrie Music Center in Pampa 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-



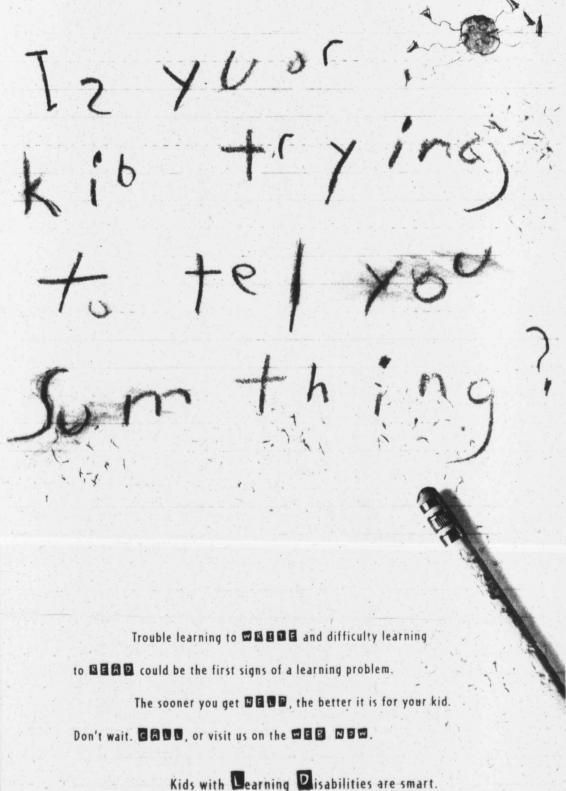
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# COMMUNITY



Amber Parsley

SAN ANGELO — Amber Parsley was among 350 high school upperclassmen 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 entertain-

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.

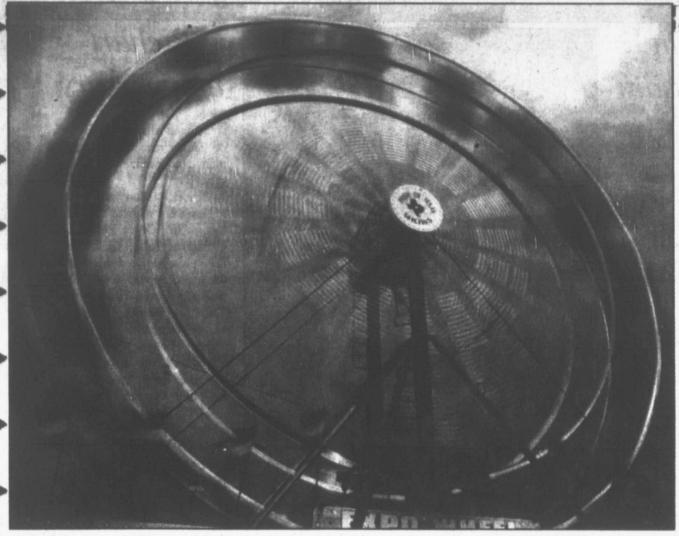
LUBBOCK — Texas Texas recently held commencement at the conclusion of the 2003 spring semester in the United Spirit Arena on campus.

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 Tripplehorn, BS; all of Pampa.

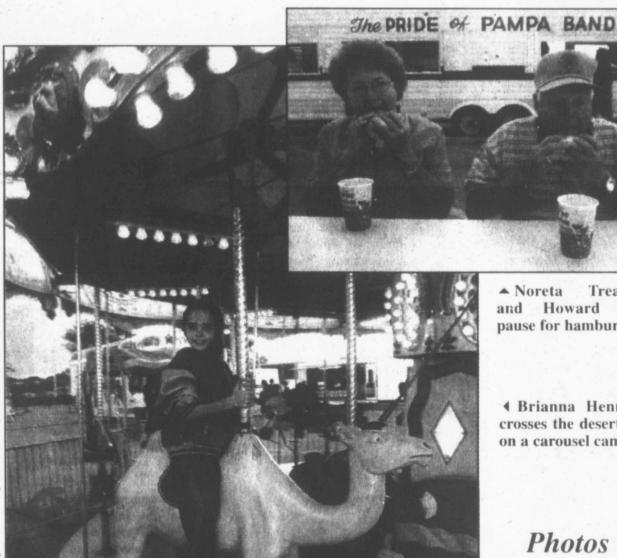
LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University recently announced its President's and Dean's lists for the 2003 spring semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0

(See NEWSMAKERS, Page 24)



# gride of Pampa Ban 2003 Carnival



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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# 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.

Club news is published

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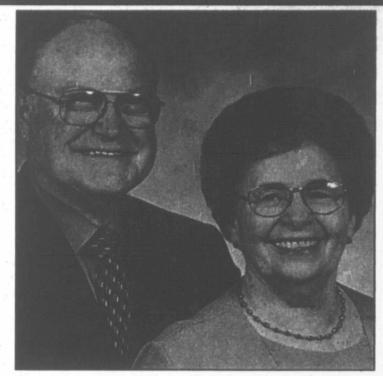
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(See CLUB, Page 15)

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# anniversary

Riehart

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 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

Johnson

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson

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Mr. Johnson is retired from

Mrs. Johnson is retired and

formerly worked for the movie

theater in Pampa, Boy Scouts of

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.

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Paul "Sarge" Johnson and

ple will host the reception.



Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Riehart

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson

Paula and Randy Ruddick of A. and Judy Johnson, II, of Pampa. Thornton, Colo., Jan and Miki They have three grandchildren.

Children of the couple are Rosier of Flower Mound and John



Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Sierman

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Mr. Sierman retired from after 25 years of service.

Children of the couple are Becky and James Hall and Theresa Sierman, all of Franks True Value in February Lefors, and Kathy and Jim Shook of Amarillo.

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#### 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 BuenaVista, Texas. They have lived in Lefors for the last 36 years and are members of the Church of

# LIFESTYLES POLICY

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

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

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# Dawson Taylor

Dawson Robert Taylor was born at 11:19 a.m., May 12, at Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger, to Tess Morris of Lefors.

Dawson weighed 9-pounds, 1-ounce at birth and was 22-

Dawson is the brother of Drayton Roberts and Koltan Morris, both of Lefors; is the grandson of Eddie Joe and Sherry Roberts and of Malcolm and Ruth Connell, all of Lefors; and is the great-grandson of Abbie Archer of Lefors.

# -Clown fish farms 'creating 'Nemos' by the thousands

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP) - Before a diver scooped Nemo from his ocean home in a Disney animated movie, researchers here devised a way to grow the clown fish in tanks thousands of miles from the Pacific.

The "Nemo" grown by Oceans Reefs & Aquariums has orange and white stripes as vibrant as those born around the Great Barrier Reef and no imperfections — unlike Nemo, who has a nubby right flipper.

"I wish I could go out and find a fish with that deformity. It would be the \$100,000 fish," said company president Kevin

Even without the perfect movie-star replica, demand for the fish has been booming since Finding Nemo was released last month. Last weekend, the movie about a father's search for his son, who was nabbed from the sea and placed in a dentist's aquarium, regained the top spot at the box office.

Pet stores and wholesalers are stocking up on the funnylooking fish, known for bouncing around like a ball in the water.

"Everyone who comes in says they want Nemo," said Michael Diaz, manager at Jewels of the Sea in West Palm Beach, where clown fish sales have more than doubled. The store has ready-made tanks starting at \$90 with coral mimicking the movie set and a pair of fish that look like young Nemo and dad Marlin. It sells both farm-raised and wildcaught fish.

Plenty of clown fish are still harvested from the Pacific, but Gaines said farm-raised fish like his are grabbing a larger corner of the market, particularly in the last few years. Farms in Florida have raised the clown fish since the 1970s, but until five years ago, they often turned out small and pale.

Researchers at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution in Fort Pierce, about 65 miles north of West Palm

Beach, created an improved diet for the larvae and young clown fish with carotene — the same pigment that makes carrots orange. The fish thrived, keeping their vibrant colors through adulthood when they were fed the enriched diet.

Oceans Reefs Aquariums, a subsidiary of the marine research institution, adopted the new technology and began breeding the fish, marketing them as a hardier, more environmentally friendly alternative to fish collected from the Pacific's coral reefs.

At least 95 percent of the saltwater fish bought and sold in the aquarium hobby come from the wild, most from the waters around Indonesia, the Philippines, Fiji and other Pacific islands.

The industry has grown tremendously in the last two decades, with the value of exported fresh and saltwater ornamental fish increasing from \$40 million in the 1980s to \$182 million in 2000, according to a study by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

Many fish, such as the regal blue tang named Dory in Finding Nemo, can only be bought from the wild. The tangs release their eggs behind them into the sea, unlike clown fish eggs which grow on rocks beneath anemones.

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Wheat is rapidly ripening across Kansas this week, raising fears the entire crop may soon be ready to cut all at once, and without enough harvesters left to handle it.

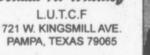
Muddy fields in Oklahoma have delayed some contracted workers, known as custom cutters, whose numbers were already down 15 percent after last year's drought drove many out of business.

If the Kansas wheat harvest occurs quickly, like the forecast predicts, there will not be enough custom cutters to harvest it all in one week, said Ron Misener, an Oklahoma custom harvester.

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# When dad's not at home, these men step in

By CASSANDRA HINOJOSA CORPUS CHRISTI CALLER-TIMES

CORPUS CHRISTI — When Randy Ramirez gets off from work, he introduces his soon-to-be stepsons, 7-year-old Josh Cardenas and 6-year-old Jon Cardenas, to the best things life has to

Depending on the mood — and the weather — the activities include flying stunt kites at Oleander Point, introducing the boys, to chess and snorkeling, taking them camping at Lake Corpus Christi and signing them up for sign language camp.

"I'm a kid at heart really," said 34year-old Ramirez, a warehouse clerk for the Corpus Christi Independent School doned if the real father doesn't stay district, who took the kids recently to see "Finding Nemo." "I like to ride go-carts, I like to go putt putt, I like to play golf."

Although Ramirez plays a positive role model in the boys' lives, he encourages them to maintain a good relationship with examples of being a gentleman, she said. their real father, wno they visit every

Next year, Ramirez plans to marry dating for five years.

Nowadays, because of the rise of single parent households, it's not uncommon for stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, other family members and mentors to be a role model for children who are not biologically theirs.

Many times, it may not be possible to keep a continuous long-term relationship with one's real father.

Between 1970 and 2000, the number of single mothers increased from 3 million to 10 million, according to U.S. Census Bureau.

executive director of Family Counseling Service who is a licensed marriage and family therapist and a licensed professional counselor.

"It's just really important for every child to have one grown up man that makes them feel safe and they look up to and they feel that cares about them," Jackson said.

And even though other father figures are involved, it's still important to maintain contact with the biological father of the child, she said.

"The child many times feels abaninvolved with them," she said.

The duties of a true father — biological or not — include keeping promises, encouraging children, staying around when the going gets tough and setting

Randy Ramirez took notes when his hunting, fishing and carpentry, and he has fiancee Irma Gonzalez, who he's been stressed the same virtue of patience to Josh and Jon.

"He taught me patience because you mitment," said Villarreal, 52. need patience to do things," he said. "You need patience to hunt, you need patience

Through their relationship, Gonzalez has appreciated Ramirez's encouraging and caring attitude toward her children, urging them to participate in various learning activities.

"He enables them to help others," said this summer. "Their behavior is due in best, 'It takes a village to raise a child."

More than 50 percent of marriages end great part to (Randy's) ability to manage in divorce, which in many cases involves their behavior with respect. When you children, according to Mary Jackson, give respect, you'll always get respect." -

Ramirez maintains a relationship through visits, phone calls and e-mails with his three children from a previous marriage who live in Oklahoma.

'It takes a village'

Although Juan Villarreal's only child is grown and living in New York City, that hasn't stopped him from becoming a role model for other children.

"I supported my son totally, and that's what I want to do with the children I work with," said Villarreal, operations manager at Fighting to Rid Gangs in America.

Villarreal teaches the kids he mentors how to respect elders. In addition, he helps with homework, shows children how to use library resources, plays basketball and pingpong with them, signs, kids up for Little League baseball, attends their games and works with the children's

But mentoring children is not a 9-to-5 father, Florentino Ramirez, taught him job; it requires planning time with kids after work and on weekends.

"You can really make a difference in a child's life, but it's got to be a total com-

Taking a child swimming or to a movie, the mall, a children's play or the Texas State Aquarium to learn about sea life are just a few examples of things he has done.

Laying the foundation

"I grew up very poor and I had good role models," said Villarreal, who grew up in Falfurrias. "I would have never Gonzalez, a CCISD paraprofessional who made it out of the barrio if I didn't have is attending Del Mar College full-time people to help me. Hillary Clinton said it

#### **MENUS**

#### WEEK OF JUNE 23-27

**PISD Summer Program MONDAY** 

Breakfast: Donuts,

sausage. macaroni/cheese,

spinach, pineapple. TUESDAY Breakfast: Toast.

Lunch: Sloppy Joes or macaroni/cheese, English peas, salad, pears. WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy. Lunch: Chicken fajitas mashed or macaroni/cheese, pinto beans, Spanish rice, apples.

**THURSDAY** Breakfast: Scrambled eggs,

Lunch: Bologna sandwiches or macaroni/cheese, carrot sticks, lettuce/tomatoes, peaches.

FRIDAY

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

Lunch in the Park **MONDAY** 

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

**TUESDAY** Lunch: Cheese sandwich, juice, fruit cup, milk.

WEDNESDAY Lunch: Bean burritos, carrot sticks, fruit cup, milk.

**THURSDAY** Lunch: Hamburgers, pickles, fruit cup, milk. **FRIDAY** 

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

Senior Citizens **MONDAY** 

Chicken fried steak or chili rellenos, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, beets, beans, red velvet cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad,

hot rolls, jalapeno cornbread or cornbread. **TUESDAY** 

Meatloaf or chicken Lunch: Pizza dippers or salad, crisscross potacorn, toes, baked cabbage, squash, beans, peanut butter cake or coconut cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, potatoes, Scandinavian blend, corn cobettes, beans, dreamsicle cake or cherry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**THURSDAY** 

Chicken strips or liver and onions, cheese potatoes, turnip greens, hominy, blackeyed peas, cinnamon swirl cake or butterscotch icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or Frito pie, potato wedges. cheese grits, beans, brown ies or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or corn-

> Meals On Wheels **MONDAY**

Steak fingers/gravy, broccoli casserole, carrots, cher

**TUESDAY** Catfish, pinto

beans, coleslaw, apricots.

WEDNESDAY Oven-fried chicken, blackeyed peas, zucchini/tomatoes,

jello. **THURSDAY** Roast, mashed potatoes,

green beans, peaches. FRIDAY Turkey, rice pilaf, English

# peas, sliced apples.

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#### **CLUB**

Baumgardner won the door

The next meeting will be in September at the home of hostess Mildred Thrasher.

CattleWomen

Top O' Texas CattleWomen met June 9 at Cattle Exchange restaurant in Canadian with President Liz Austin presiding. Twelve members and one guest, Payton Austin, were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

-Glenda Adcock, chair of BFFD committee, said local menibers residing in different communities will host separate Father's Day promotions, and Dollar Beef Gift Certificates will be given away.

—Sena Brainard represented the chapter at the Business Expo held June 21 in Pampa.

-The Multiple Sclerosis Beefathon will be broadcast from 12 to 6 p.m., June 22, on KFDA Channel 10

-Members planning to help with National Beef Cook-Off this fall in Fort Worth should get in touch with the chair of the activity they are participating in or with Desta Crawford of Hereford as soon as possible. Hats and shirts need to be ordered.

-Sena Brainard delivered a report courtesy of Berklee Clements on previous suggestions for the style show fund-

—Austin brought up the possibility of a booth at Wheeler Fourth of July Celebration and the motion was carried.

-Gayle Haygood addressed the group on the Texas CattleWomen Raffle.



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**SUNDAY - JUNE 22, 2003** 

# 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? THE OUTLAW IN EAST TEXAS

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

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

Unfortunately, Joy's manager,

him or without him.

"Vic," has had his eye on her for some time. Vic is married and nearly twice her age. I discovered emails 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

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

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

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,

> 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

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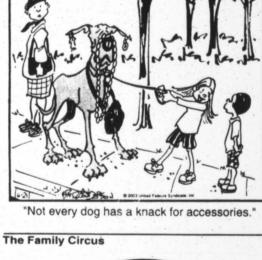


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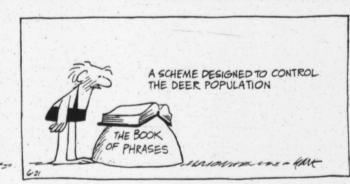
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#### BILLBOARD HOT 100: TOP 10

(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 tha 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

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems) 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 Third Man.
- 8. "One," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
- 9. "Cry," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. 10. "A Thousand Miles," Vanessa Carlton.

TOP CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ALBUMS (Compiled from a national sample of sales

SoundScan) 1. "Rise and Shine," Randy Travis. Word-

reports collected, compiled and provided by

- 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.
- 9. "Fireproof," Pillar. Flicker.
- 10. "Donnie McClurkin... Again," Donnie McClurkin. Verity.

#### MAINSTREAM ROCK TRACKS

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay 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 airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

- 1. "Headstrong," Trapt. Warner Bros.
- 2. "Send the Pain Below," Chevelle. Epic.
- 3. "Seven Nation Army," The White Stripes. 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.
- 9. "Bring Me to Life," Evanescence. Wind-
- 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.
- 2. "My Front Porch Looking In," Lonestar.
- 3. "Love You Out Loud," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street.
- 4. "Stay Gone," Jimmy Wayne.
- DreamWorks.
- "Speed," Montgomery Gentry. Columbia. 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

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- 1. "Honkytonkville," George Strait. MCA
- 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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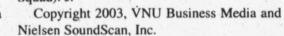
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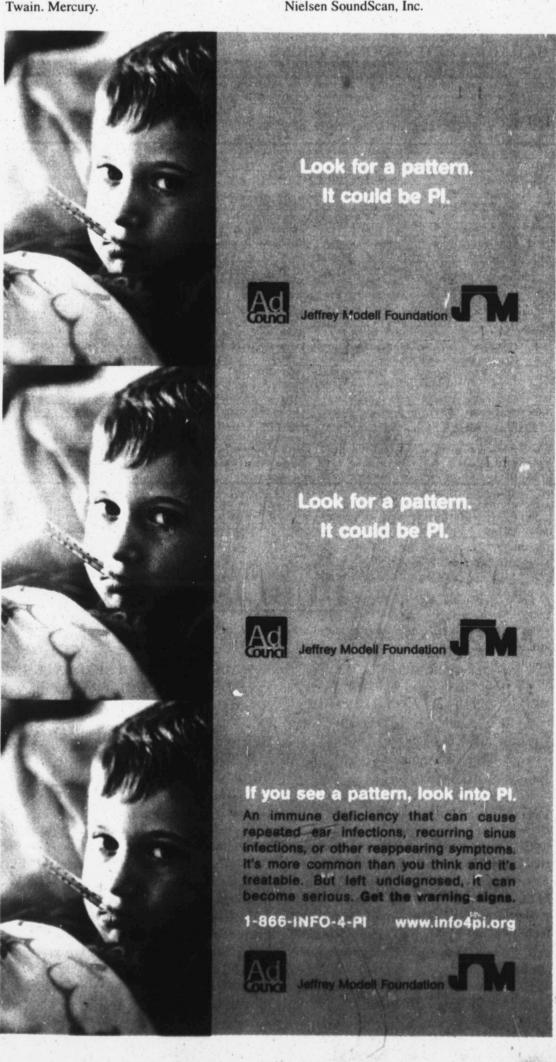
- 1. "So Gone," Monica. J. 2. "Superstar," Ruben Studdard. J.

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- 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
- 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







# In tainted Texas drug sweep, lessons still unlearned

AP NATIONAL WRITER

TULIA (AP) — What happened here is not skin colors of its characters. It is not purely a since the Texas economy shifted two decades story of stupidity and arrogance, though both are prevalent.

It is a tragedy of small minds and made-up crimes that eventually created one of the worst miscarriages of justice in Texas history. If it weren't so awful, some of what happened in this tiny town might be comical, given the buffoonish protagonist and his inability to keep his stories straight.

Thomas Roland Coleman, the son of a locally famous Texas Ranger, drove into this driedup place and cruised the battered roads where black people live. For 18 months, beginning in 1998, he said he was T.J. Dawson, a laborer until he had 46 indictments. whose girlfriend needed cocaine to get in the mood for sex.

He was really an undercover cop for a drug task force based in Amarillo. Coleman was allowed to work alone for The Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force. He kept no written records, save incident reports filed with seized evidence, reports later determined to be false. No photographs were taken. No video was shot. No one observed his buys.

Every ensuing conviction relied on one thing: his word.

By the time he finished testifying, 38 people, 35 of them black, had been convicted of selling ties said. He lived in a shack with a small amounts of cocaine and sentenced to prison for as long as 90 years. For this, he was Moore — who has a previous narnamed Texas' outstanding narcotics officer in

Problem is, the star witness lied on the stand and several other places. Another problem — Swisher County District Attorney Terry cocaine, which is heavier and more McEachern, Sheriff Larry Stewart and District expensive than the rock variety. Judge Ed Self, who heard most of the cases, knew the witness had a tarnished record in law ments for heavier seizures. This enforcement. That information was kept from jurors and from defense attorneys.

The arrests accounted for about 10 percent of lengthy jail terms meted out. Tulia's black residents.

The Tulia cases have languished for four tences when sales are made near years. Last Monday, 12 people in state prison schools or parks. Conveniently, were released on their own recognizance pend- defense attorneys said, Coleman ing a ruling on their future from the Texas Court reported nearly all of his purchases of Criminal Appeals, which could take as long near these locations. as two years. Four others remain in custody.

Despite ongoing federal and state investigations, not one conviction has been overturned, and no action has been taken against officials from Swisher County or the task force.

The state appointed two special prosecutors earlier this year to hold hearings to determine if Coleman smashed rock cocaine and Coleman's testimony was indeed the sole basis mixed it with a white substance to for conviction in four cases. And to find out if manufacture evidence. Hobson the prosecution team withheld information dam-thinks Coleman was sold a diluted aging to their star witness. The answer to both questions: yes.

Retired Dallas District Judge Ron Chapman money off this new guy in town. - appointed after Self recused himself stopped the hearings one day after Coleman never said that all these people are took the stand, saying Coleman was committing "blatant perjury."

A stipulation signed in May by the judge, the even one of them is innocent special prosecutors and defense lawyers working pro bono for the NAACP Legal Defense and on Coleman's word in any one of \_ Educational Fund in New York, said all 38 convictions should be overturned, including 27 plea bargains signed to avoid lengthy prison terms.

Coleman is "the most devious, nonresponsive witness this court has witnessed in 25 years on the bench in Texas," the judge wrote. Coleman also was a bigot who used the "n" word on the job, testimony showed.

ment said, included testifying that he'd never records showed. Billy Don Wafer been arrested "except for a traffic ticket back was at work and produced his boss when I was a kid" and that he'd left previous and time card to prove it. law enforcement jobs "in good standing."

In truth, Coleman was arrested in August Coleman as tall and bushy-haired, 1998, in the middle of the Tulia investigation, is actually short and bald. He was on charges of theft and abusing authority while jailed for seven months before a deputy with the Cochran County Sheriff's charges were dismissed. Office.

owing more than \$7,000 to local stores that Instead, he felt ethically bound to extended credit because he was a deputy, and indict him. "The star witness doesstole more than 100 gallons of gasoline from n't tell the truth - I mean, what am county pumps, documents and testimony I supposed to do?" showed. Charges were dropped when Coleman

He'd also abandoned a previous deputy's Coleman's evidentiary hearing tespost in Pecos County, just before he was about timony. It's too late to charge him to be fired for lying, documents said.

The 129-page finding also faulted local offi-

hadn't received any negative information about and his attorney, Cindy Ermatinger, Coleman "despite the fact that he himself arrested Coleman" on the Cochran County warrant.

- Portraying Coleman in court as an exemplary officer with no criminal record.

"It was a comedy of errors, it just wasn't one Amarillo Police Lt. Michael Amos, mistake," said Lubbock criminal defense attorney Rod Hobson, one of the special prosecutors. "It was the task force, McEachern, Coleman, everyone involved screwed up, practically."

Tulia, population 5,000 and dropping, isn't

Amarillo and Lubbock. Even now, some residents believe drugs cause most problems here.

A depressed economy is the more likely simply a study in black and white, despite the cause. Jobs and people have been leaving here impeach the credibility of a witness

> Black residents, who number about 400, mostly work behind the scenes, in the fields, the restaurant kitchens, and the nearby prison. Some can't work or don't, and live on welfare in federally subsidized housing — and it is from these ranks that Coleman culled most of his

> Coleman first went after local troublemakers identified by the sheriff, according to defense lawyers. The sheriff denied those claims. Then Coleman went after their families and friends,

On July 23, 1999, Coleman, flanked by other lawyer encouraged his clients to plea-bargain. officers, rousted people from their beds and a tipped-off media gantlet. No drugs or para- about the system." phernalia or money or guns were

found during the arrests. The now-defunct local paper, the Tulia Sentinel, ran a headline declaring "Tulia's Streets Cleared of Garbage."

Pig farmer Joe Welton Moore was the first to go on trial. He was the drug kingpin of Tulia, authoridirt front yard. After a one-day trial, cotics felony on his record — was sentenced to 90 years. He was among those released last week.

All of the busts were for powder Texas law allows stiffer punishpoint was not lost on defense attorneys who later reviewed the

Drug laws also allow longer sen-

Also, defense attorneys note, the cocaine evidence was of inferior purity — in some cases as low as 2 percent. The average purity of street sales is at least 60 percent, crime statistics show.

Defense attorneys speculate that product by some Tulia residents who saw an opportunity to make

"I'm not saying now and I have innocent," Hobson said. "But here's the thing — out of 38 people, if then how can you base a conviction these cases?"

One defendant died before trial. Seven cases were dropped. Some defendants proved they were elsewhere when Coleman said he bought drugs from them. Tanya White - who was living in the next state - was at an Oklahoma Examples of Coleman's perjury, the docu- City bank cashing a check, bank

Yul Bryant, described by

Hobson was appointed to repre-He'd walked off that job and skipped town sent Coleman and his employers.

> Three counts of aggravated perjury were filed in April over for his trial testimony; the statute of limitations has run out.

Coleman is free on bail pending - Allowing Sheriff Stewart to testify that he trial. His phone is disconnected, did not return phone messages. Nor did McEachern, Stewart or Self. All three have denied wrongdoing.

At the evidentiary hearings, who heads the task force, acknowledged Coleman's employment check produced negative reports but he was hired anyway. Amos did not return phone calls.

When defense attorneys tried to

much more than a wide spot in the road between get Coleman's background introduced as evidence, Judge Self ruled no, saying legal precedent allowed attorneys to use only prior criminal convictions — not charges — to try to

Paul Holloway was appointed by the court to ago and buried small oil, farming and cattle represent four Tulia residents. He asked Self for money to hire an investigator. He was denied. He laid out his defense theory to the judge, suggesting Coleman might have manufactured his own evidence, and asked for detailed audits of task force spending. Self denied the requests.

"I said, 'Judge, you understand what this means?" Holloway recounted. If he couldn't impeach the state's star witness, his clients were

"And he said, 'I know exactly what this means. Now sit down.'

"I went back to my office just dumbfounded, and I said there's no way I can win this." So the

paraded them across the courthouse lawn before even vaguely like anything I've ever known

Holloway won't consider filing a complaint about the trial rulings. He depends on Self and other judges for his client base. Then he has to argue before those judges to protect his clients.

"That would be a death sentence," Holloway said. "I would have to leave here."

Hobson says his job as special prosecutor is nearly finished. All that remains is trying Coleman for perjury.

He doesn't expect anything to happen to McEachern, Stewart or Self. "I've seen colossal negligence, lots of stupidity, possible unethical conduct, but is there a criminal case? I don't

A threatened civil suit against Swisher County was dropped in exchange for a total settlement of \$250,000 for the defendants and the promise to not pursue further litigation. But Hobson said neither money nor scandal has changed Tulia.

"I mean, the depth of dumbness of the people "It's not justice," Holloway said. "This not I'm working with," he said. "I'm telling you, this thing could happen again tomorrow up there. I mean, they have learned nothing."

#### Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, June 22, 2003:

You have unusual insight and perspective. Often, you want to listen to an associate or a partner who gives you feedback, although you might not consider it grounded. You have an unusual capacity for making money and prospering. Look toward your own natural gifts and talents. You have an innate talent for words and expressing your feelings. If single, you will meet someone quite important your match. If attached, express more of your appreciation and caring. You will draw each other closer. ARIES pushes you hard.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\* \* Think and evaluate. Those around you share their delight of simply being with you. Wherever you go, friends surround you. Feel free to change plans at the last minute, because you enjoy yourself way too much. Tonight: Keep on smiling

This Week: You know why you're at work. You're bound and determined to do just that. Family and security remain your highest priorities. Curb your temper

on Thursday. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\* \* You might be having such a great time at home or with one special person that you turn down an invitation that could involve others. Knowing when to limit your company could be important LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) to a key relationship, especially as you are enjoying yourself. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

This Week: You speak your mind. Others listen to what you have to say. Add that touch of personality, and you're a surebet winner. Don't overspend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\* \* \* Before you realize it, you're swapping jokes and sharing news with others. Wherever you go, you seem to have an entourage. Having a good time doesn't necessarily mean spending a lot. Accept an invitation from friends or a partner. Tonight: So what if tomorrow's

This Week: You want to and will lie low Monday through Wednesday. You'll take a serious financial stand midweek. Just don't lose your temper when you receive discordant facts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\* \* \* Others look to you for suggesaccepting attitude. Tonight: Catch up on Forget tomorrow. a parent's news.

your actions, but you do need to be seri- Treat yourself to an early weekend. late this summer. You might finally meet ous-minded. Internalize information on CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

home, and it might not be necessary, or do something very easy. Others simply either. Relish what is happening in your like the excellent companionship. Forget immediate circle. Make the most out of the show. Tonight: Check in on a parent. an opportunity that could be quite unusu- This Week: Your ideas are valued, no al and that's heading your way. A flirta- matter what you think. In fact, you add tion could be building. Tonight: Be spon- that special touch. Plan on working hard-

This Week: You might be a bit down AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) from life's demands. In fact, others seem \*\*\* Don't worry too much about to come down heavily on you. Relax. saying the right thing at the right time.

This, too, will pass.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) might want to hide away with a loved associate helps this person act more natone and simply share secrets. Your intu- ural and comfortable. Tonight: Follow ition and need for intimacy dominate the action, wherever it is your plans. Make everything OK. No one This Week: You have a hard time coming has to do anything. Remember, it is the weekend. Tonight: Go for what you want - togetherness.

This Week: Reach out for new facts and information. Your intuition comes \*\* \* Plan on a movie or some other through, but you need to do research. Work demands your attention.

\*\*\* \* Others determine plans, and to develop a friendship into more occurs. row.

This Week: Work as a team, and success will take you in a new direction. BORN TODAY Research and stay on top of new facts. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\* \* \* You might actually need a lazy Meryl Streep (1949) day to do what you want, but someone close or a parent might make a request that you must meet. Your mind, however, Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at is on vacation or doing something more http://www.jacquelinebigar.com. relaxing. Tonight: Slowly calm down. This Week: Others seek you out and come to the rescue if you need them. News from a distance could toss a new perspective here.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\* \* Your playful nature delights tions and answers. Of course, you could others and draws many. If at anytime you feel a bit worn down by what happens. It are a flirt, it is now. Plan on a day trip or seems as if everyone wants something. touch base with those at a distance. Just Make it your pleasure to make a must let go and relax with the company of appearance. Assume a more giving and someone special. Tonight: Play away.

This Week: Reach out for associates and This Week: Aim for more of what you partners. You come up with answers want. Associates and friends support through discussions and finding experts.

\* \* \* Continue to enjoy your immediate turf. Invite others over and share the \* \* \* You might not be ready to come good company. Throw a pot-luck dinner er and harder

Others like your uniqueness and your spirit. All you need to do is be yourself. \* \* \* Wonder and analyze less. You Doing something extra for a friend or an

out of your shell right now, but by Wednesday you will. You're simply not up for what is going on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

passive form of entertainment where you can relax and enjoy a special relationship. Just don't be in the middle of organizing the events. You refresh your you actually might not mind. You're bond simply by doing something togethhappy wherever you are. An opportunity er. Tonight: Get a head start on tomor-

Just be careful how much this person is This Week: Your imagination goes hayinvolved in your professional life. wire If you can direct your communica-Tonight: Another's wish is your com- tion style and add more zip to everyone's life, please do.

Football player Kurt Warner (1971), comedian Freddie Prinze (1954), actress

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Recognize the strength of a strong mind this year. As you might be an emotional sign, you need to strengthen your intellectual response, both personally and professionally. You will learn to detach and step back. Unexpected opportunities to travel, learn and/or go to school appear. You will open up to a new world. Your career potential pinnacles. Exorcise your worries through yoga or a similar type of relaxation. If you are single, you will not be a foreigner to love. Your sweetie might be quite unique in his or her own right. If you are attached, greater truly needs to be treated like your castle or inner sanctum. TAURUS is always a friend.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\* Adjust and change plans. Flex with ideas, even if you feel they cannot work. Try them out for sound. Others appreciate your good humor and easy ways. Through experimenting, you help others see what is viable. You might even surprise yourself! Tonight: Balance your budget.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* \* Stretch, though expect a problem to come up with finances or an emotional issue with a close associate. Someone wants it his or her way while you want it another way. Is this a new story? Use your humor to help ease the gap. Remember, there is always a solution. Tonight: A friend surprises you. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\* You might wonder where it all begins and ends, especially within a pres- be looking at a pay raise or promotion.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, June sured partnership. Knowing when to hold Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation. your ground might be very important. Still, detach, be kind and refuse to go on the offensive. Tonight: Take a night off. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* Aim for what you want, recognizing that you might be your own worst enemy. Don't sabotage what seems like a great idea. Groups and meetings insights. Tonight: A favorite sport to prove to be your strength right now. If you have to appeal your case or present your ideas, use a public forum. Tonight: Why not enjoy your life? LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\* \* \* Others come to you with a myr- that is being said during an emotional iad of problems, and might indirectly happiness lies within your home, which cause you a problem. Remain optimistic, gain. Surprises continually come your assuming you can handle what is heading your way. A friendship could develop into more. Do you want this? Tonight: Work as late as need be.

> VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* \* Carefully think about what might work, not getting plugged into "the or superior admires the manner in which Tonight: Buy a new CD and head on, you tackle this problem. Stay on secure home. ground. Tonight: Let your mind wander. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

> way to handle a change in plans or a surround finances where others see you stressful matter. Still, you might want to as being a bit unpredictable. Recognize others and discover a slew of solutions. home. Tonight: Join your friends. Now, isn't that better? Tonight: Let someone else make a suggestion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) personal life could become far more Frances McDormand (1957) demanding. The more you can clear out, the better off you'll be. A boss and an

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\* Your creativity might threaten someone at the workplace. Friends and loved ones act in an erratic manner, Focus on research and long-distance calls. Play Freud and observe more. You will come up with some interesting exercise stress away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\* \* \* Deal with fundamentals before you decide to deal with the big picture; You might not understand everything moment. Stay above cattiness, and you'll way. Tonight: Surprise a loved one. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\* Get an early start on your day. Return calls and manage your finances with the same strength. Realize when you have had enough from a friend or loved one. Let this person know your story" of the issue. Trust that there is a limits. Use caution, as the mood for a solution and that you will find it. A boss spending spree seems to just happen.

\*\* \* You might not realize just how, \* \* \* A partner goes out of his or her unpredictable you are being. Discussions toss everything in the air. You can always what might be the best course of action. defer to an associate. Brainstorm with Build security through work and your

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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

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

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 seen 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

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

#### Walk for Life



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

Owner Milton Cooke established Cattle Exchange

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

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

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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 Couts, 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.

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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 Deeanne Taylor and Rebekka Jane Taylor, all of Canadian.

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