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**Spark may have set off fatal explosion**

KILGORE (AP) — A spark probably caused an explosion that tore through a fireworks warehouse and killed three people on the eve of July Fourth festivities, investigators said.

"We're leaning toward static electricity, some kind of spark," Kilgore Police Chief Ronnie Moore said Friday.

The anguished owner of the warehouse expressed sympathy for the three dead employees, which include his own father, hours after their bodies were found.

"I ask you to pray for the peace and comfort of us and all that are hurting," a teary-eyed Joe Lamb read from a handwritten statement. "Three wonderful people ... tragically lost their lives doing something they truly loved to do."

The three workers' bodies were recovered early Friday. Five people suffered minor injuries in Thursday's blast at Pyrotechnics by Lamb Co.'s warehouse, and the warehouse and six nearby houses were damaged or destroyed.

Twelve fireworks displays planned Friday night in east Texas cities were canceled, including Kilgore.

On Wednesday, a truck packed with fireworks exploded in Bonita Springs, Fla., killing five workers who had been unloading the shipment for Independence Day displays there and in Naples.

**DEATHS**

- Alice Nicholson, 76, White Deer businesswoman.
- Mary Frances O'Hara, 70, homemaker.
- John Allen Thompson, 80, lab technician.

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## Top O' Texas Rodeo's comin' to town

A week crammed full of rodeo for all ages begins at 4 p.m., Sunday, July 6, with the first performance of the Kid Pony Show and featuring some of this area's youngest buckaroos.

The Kid Pony Show continues at 7 p.m. nightly, Monday and Tuesday, July 7 and 8.

Boys and girls from Cal Farley's Family Program will be participating in the Kid Pony Show again this year.

Three days of professional rodeo action begins on Thursday, July 10, the opening night of the 57th annual Top

*Find out more about this year's events in a special Rodeo section, beginning on Page 10 today.*

O' Texas Rodeo, a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association-sanctioned event.

Performances start at 7:30 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, July 10, 11, and 12. Again this year, Beutler and

Gaylord Rodeo Company will be producing the show with National Finals Rodeo Stock, Beutler and Gaylord's world champion stock have provided many challenging thrills to some of the world's best cowboys.

Charlie Throckmorton of Grandview will be announcing the fast action again this year, bringing an entertaining combination of statistics, audience participation and enthusiasm.

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is proud to have world famous bullfighters, Dusty Brewer and Jeff Franks, in the arena to assist the cowboys. Barrel man for the rodeo this year is Ted Kimzey, whose comic antics add to the fun in addition to his bullfighting assistance.

(See **RODEO**, Page 10)

## Prairie chicken considered for endangered list

By DAVID BOWSER  
 Staff Writer

PORTALES, N.M. — The people of Wheeler and Hemphill Counties in the Texas Panhandle share a common concern with the residents of Chaves and Roosevelt Counties of Eastern New Mexico.

That concern is a small game bird, the lesser prairie chicken. More specifically, the concern is that the lesser prairie chicken will be listed as an endangered species.

But concern over the small bird is where the similarities seem to end.

While eastern Texas Panhandle residents seemingly have embraced the tourism possibilities of the bird and Canadian area business people and ranchers have started developing a birding trail and bird watching sites for the prairie chicken, Eastern New Mexico folks are still trying to figure out what to do about such fowl ideas and how to do it.

The small bird, if not proliferating, at least seems to be holding its own on the privately owned ranches of Hemphill County, but federal agencies are upset about what is happening to prairie chickens on public lands around Portales, Roswell and Clarksburg.

While cattle graze amid a prairie dog town next to the prairie chickens booming grounds on Jim Bill Anderson's ranch east of Canadian, officials with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land

Management, New Mexico Game and Fish Department and other state and federal agencies have formed the Southeast New Mexico Lesser Prairie Chicken Working Group in an effort to improve habitat for the bird in the Land of Enchantment.

In a meeting of ranchers, oil and gas officials, environmentalists and government personnel here, it was apparent that there are still questions about what is needed to prevent the lesser prairie chicken from being listed as an endangered species.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who will make that decision, has classified the bird as warranted for listing, but precluded for several reasons, primarily tight federal budgets.

While listing the bird as an endangered species could restrict some actions on private land in the Texas Panhandle, it could be a catastrophe for ranchers in southeastern New Mexico. Much of the land here is government land, land managed by state or federal agencies. Restrictions on such land would be much greater than on private land.

For that reason the meetings of the lesser prairie chicken working group here have been well attended, but those meetings have also brought up a major problem with plans to increase prairie chicken numbers. Nobody seems to know how to do it.

Dan Girano with Mack Energy wants to know what the habitat standard is.

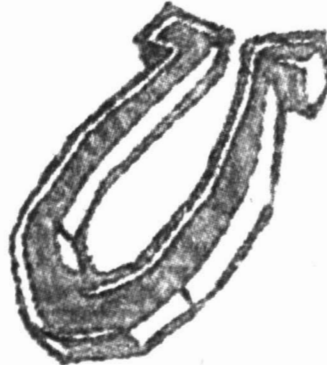
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## Golden Horseshoe Clue

Clue #1 for Saturday, July 5, was found at Wayne's Western Wear.

Clue #2 for Sunday, July 6, can be found at a local supermarket.

Clue #3 for Monday, July 7, can be found at a jewelry store.



By MIRANDA G. BAILEY  
 For The News

A Supreme Court ruling last week endorsing anti-porn filters for computers at public libraries will not affect Lovett Memorial Library.

The ruling states that public libraries who fail to put filters on computers will not receive federal funding.

At this time, Lovett does not receive these federal dollars.

The library will be, however, maintaining its current computer use policy which requires children under 18 to have a parent signature before using the facility's computers, according to Anne Stobbe, head librarian.

The permission form leaves it up to the parents, she said, providing the

option for children to use the library's filtered or unfiltered computers. It also gives parents the choice to decide whether the child can use it with or without a parent present.

"It lets them control the situation," she said.

The library continues to keep some of its computers unfiltered because filtering programs keep users from get-

ting a lot of other useful information, according to Stobbe.

"So we do not feel that we should remove those," she said.

But just because unfiltered computers are available, Stobbe said, the library does not permit the display of pornography.

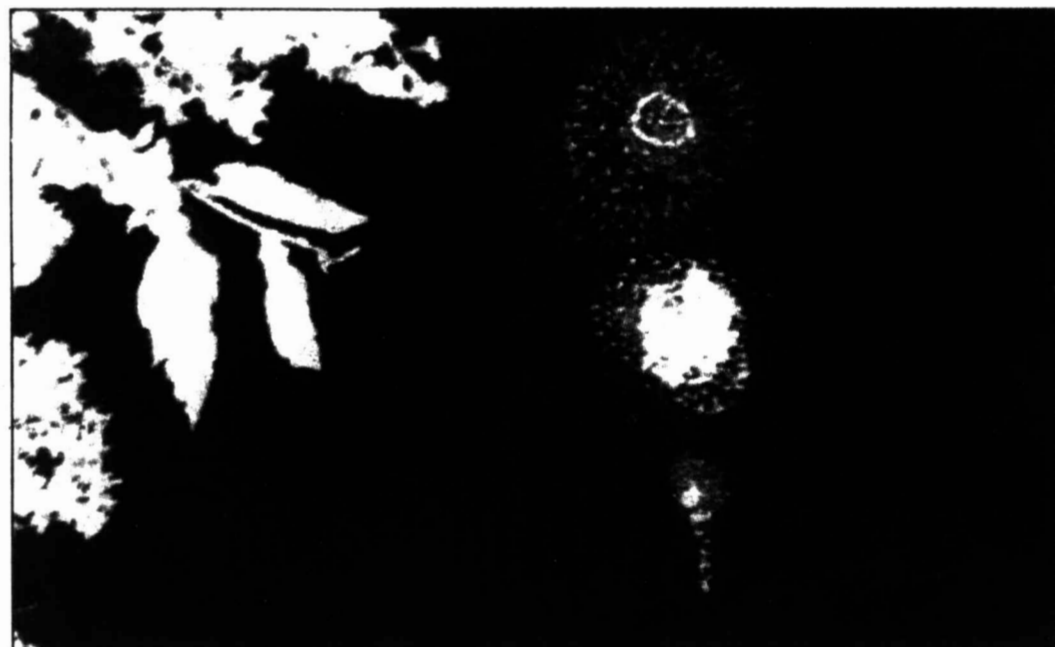
"We do not tolerate people looking at pornography," she said.

## Holiday celebrations



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Harris, 9, above, handles two sparklers at a time during his family's July 4th celebration.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Colorful bursts of pyrotechnics fill the night sky over Pampa's Recreation Park at the conclusion of the city's annual fireworks display viewed by hundreds of citizens from throughout the area.

## City Commission to hear fire station closing report

Pampa City Commission meeting Tuesday night should be short.

But the budget session planned for 4 p.m. that afternoon could be long when Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell presents her report concerning the pros and cons of closing Fire Station 1 in the north part of the city and laying off nine firefighters.

City officials say that closing the station could save the city approximately \$300,000 annually. Those against the closing say that the action would endanger citizens and firefighters.

Commissioners are expected to go into executive session at their regular meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, in the commission chambers of

Pampa City Hall, to discuss appointments to the Gray County Appraisal District Board and to consult with their attorney with regard to a threatened lawsuit by Citizens for Honest, Open and Accountable City Government.

Officials indicated that the city had gotten several letters from the group, but the letters were unsigned.

In other business, the commission is expected to approve the minutes of their regular meeting June 24 and their special meeting July 1. They are also expected to excuse the absences of Commissioner Faustina Curry from the June 10 meeting and Mayor Lonny Robbins and Commissioner Jeff Andrews from the June 24 meeting.

## Anti-porn ruling won't affect local library

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OBITUARIES

**ALICE NICHOLSON**  
1926-2003

WHITE DEER — Alice Nicholson, 76, died Friday, July 4, 2003, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, in United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Dorn, pastor of St. Andrew United Methodist Church of Borger, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Nicholson was born Sept. 26, 1926, in Missouri. She married Don Nicholson on Oct. 22, 1946, at Pampa.

A White Deer resident for 57 years, she co-founded White Deer Senior Citizens, owned and operated Green Pinkin Restaurant for 15 years, co-owned Honest Don's for 10 years and farmed in the area for 25 years.

She was a member of White Deer's United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Don Nicholson, of the home; a daughter, Nicki Maples of Amarillo; a son, Brent Nicholson of Dallas; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to White Deer Senior Citizens, 319 S. Main, White Deer, TX 79097.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).



**JOHN ALLEN THOMPSON**  
1922-2003

HOUSTON — John Allen Thompson, 80, died Friday, July 4, 2003, at Floresville. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, in Prairie Lea Cemetery at Brenham with Pastor Glen Ferguson officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Memorial Oaks Chapel in Brenham.

Mr. Thompson was born Sept. 2, 1922, at Hale Center, to John W. and Ola Allen Thompson. He attended Pampa High School and married Margaret Raney on Feb. 11, 1944, at Oakland, Calif.

He was a lab technician for Gates Rubber Company for many years and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; a brother, Lesley Thompson; and a sister, Marjorie O'Neal.

Survivors include two sons, John Perry Thompson of Marble Falls and Kenneth Dale Thompson of Houston; and three sisters, Lida Bell King of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Esta Lee Brogdon and Ernestine Hughes, both of Pampa.

**MARY FRANCES O'HARA**  
1933-2003

Mary Frances O'Hara, 70, of Pampa, died Friday, July 4, 2003. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Full Gospel Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. O'Hara was born Feb. 11, 1933, at Gerty, Okla. She moved to Pampa 40 years ago and married Fred O'Hara in Ventura, Calif., in 1962.

She was a homemaker and a member of Four Square Gospel Church of Pampa.

Survivors include her husband, Fred, of the home; two daughters, Jody Farriell of Pampa and Patricia Weaver of Plano; three sisters, Doris Puckett and Liz Upton, both of Pampa, and Geraldine Moore of Salt Lake City, Utah; a brother, Marland Hays of Amarillo; and three grandchildren.

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SERVICES TOMORROW

- NICHOLSON, Alice — 2 p.m., United Methodist Church, White Deer.
- O'HARA, Mary Frances — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.
- THOMPSON, John Allen — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Prairie Lea Cemetery, Brenham.

President Bush: United States must take leading role in against terror

WASHINGTON (AP) — Those serving in the U.S. military and their families sacrifice a great deal to help their country, but millions of people around the world depend on the efforts of American forces, President Bush says.

Without America's active involvement in the world, the ambitions of tyrants would go unopposed and millions would live at the mercy of terrorists," Bush said in his weekly radio address Saturday. He said because of U.S. policies around the world "tyrants have learned to fear, and terrorists are on the run."

Echoing themes from his Independence Day remarks at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, the president said the world should be grateful for the efforts of this country's military.

"Millions across the world today are free because of the unselfish courage of America's veterans," he said.

Bush recounted the accomplishment of U.S. troops over more than two centuries. "They have left many monuments along the way — an undivided union, a liberated Europe, the rise of democracy in Asia and the fall of an evil empire," he said.

The president said that "on this Fourth of July weekend, we also remember the brave Americans we've lost in Afghanistan and Iraq," adding that "we honor each

one for their courage and their sacrifice."

The president made clear in his Ohio remarks Friday that, inspired by the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, he plans to keep up an aggressive approach to countries and leaders who threaten the United States.

"By killing innocent Americans, our enemies made their intentions clear to us," he said. "And since that September day, we have made our own intentions clear to them."

The United States "will not stand by and wait for another attack, or trust in the restraint and good intentions of evil men," he declared.

On Saturday, he again recalled the lasting power of the ideals of those who founded this country.

"The ideals of July 4th, 1776, still speak to all humanity, and the revolution

declared that day goes on," he said in the radio address.

In the Democrats' weekly radio address, Texas Rep. Ciro Rodriguez called for improving the support the government provides to military veterans and their families.

House Democrats have introduced a plan providing crucial benefits for retired and disabled veterans, improving health care and providing chances for a better education to military reservists, he said.

"The House Democratic plan seeks new standards of care and sets enforceable guidelines to make certain that disability claims are processed in a timely manner," Rodriguez said. It also would eliminate proposed increases in co-payments and enrollment fees, he said.

"Providing affordable and accessible health care to our veterans," he said, "is a responsibility that we simply cannot abandon."

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AMBULANCE

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

**Friday, July 4**  
12:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Sumner and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of East Browning and transported one to PRMC.

3:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to the 400 block of East Browning.

9:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded 16 miles south on Highway 70 and transported one to PRMC.

**Saturday, July 5**  
12:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of East Francis. No patient was transported.

12:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Scott and transported one to PRMC.

2:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.

WEATHER FOCUS

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The forecast today is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the mid 90s and south winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight we should see partly cloudy skies, lows in the upper 60s and south winds 10 to 20 mph. Monday should be partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph. Monday

night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Wednesday, partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the upper 90s. Wednesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. Thursday night, mostly clear. Breezy. Lows in the lower 70s. Friday, mostly sunny. Breezy. Highs in the upper 90s.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m., Saturday.

**Friday, July 4**  
12:34 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 600 block of North Sumner on a call for medical assistance.

8:21 p.m. — Three units, six firefighters and the fire marshal went out to supervise the fireworks display at Recreation Park.

**Saturday, July 5**  
12:19 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 800 block of Scott Street on a call for medical assistance.

Navy disciplines chaplains

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy has punished more than 40 chaplains over the last decade for offenses ranging from sexual abuse to fraud — a misconduct rate much higher than for other officers, according to documents that detail the Navy's alarm at the problem.

"Navy chaplains, in fact, create a disproportionate number of problem cases," Navy Chaplain Corps official Bradford E. Ableson wrote in a 1999 memo that is among several documents obtained by The Associated Press.

The previously undisclosed documents detail offenses that included adultery, spousal assault and sexual harassment that were so pervasive that in 1999, then-Navy Secretary Richard Danzig ordered a new training and oversight program to ensure the Navy's nearly 870

chaplains met high moral standards. Ableson, the deputy executive assistant to the chief of Navy chaplains, wrote the memo to give his boss details on the extent of the problem.

The chaplain corps implemented that retraining program but hasn't tracked how many chaplains have been punished since then, said Lt. Jon Spiers, a chaplain corps spokesman.

Court records and news stories show that since 1999 at least one chaplain has been convicted of indecent acts and a recently retired chaplain was charged with murder.

Spiers said the current chief of Navy chaplains, Rear Adm. Barry Black, has made enforcing ethical standards his top priority. Black has been nominated to become the U.S. Senate chaplain.

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# America celebrates July 4th with homecomings, parades

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The celebrations offered snapshots of the nation at hundred year intervals: Troops coming home from Iraq hugged loved-ones for the first time in months, President Bush marked the centennial of aviation, and Americans feted the birth of their independence 227 years ago.

At Forbes Field in Topeka, Kan., parents, spouses and children of 135 National Guard soldiers, who were dispatched to Iraq five months ago, held emotional reunions.

"I'm not sure that any of us really appreciates the struggles George Washington went through in Valley Forge. This kind of personalizes those sacrifices," said Bill Burkett of Muskogee, Okla., whose daughter Stephanie was among the returning troops. Other troops came home Friday to North Carolina, Wisconsin and Maine.

Anecita Hudson, whose son was a POW in Iraq, began celebrating the holiday Wednesday at Fort Bliss, Texas, where Army Spc. Joseph Hudson and other former POWs received medals for bravery. The Hudsons were back in their hometown of Alarogordo, N.M., for the Fourth of July.

"Here in America, I really see that people are happy on the Independence Day," Anecita Hudson said. "It's really kind of overwhelming to see them all celebrating."

In Dayton, Ohio, President Bush climbed a flag-draped stage flanked by military jets to praise the work of U.S. troops and celebrate the 100th anniversary of flight in the hometown of the Wright brothers.

"Today and everyday, the people of this land are grateful for their freedom, and we are proud to call ourselves citizens of the United States of America," Bush told a cheering crowd on a tarmac at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Natalie Neal, 39, of nearby West Chester, Ohio, was up before dawn to secure a place in the crowd of thousands.

"There's not a better way to spend the Fourth of July than with your military and with your president," Neal said.

In the nation's birthplace, Philadelphia leaders honored the first female Supreme Court justice, Sandra Day O'Connor, with the city's Liberty Medal for embodying the founding principles of the nation.

O'Connor also joined jazz man Wynton Marsalis, Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell and others in opening the new National Constitution Center.

The duty to uphold the Constitution is shared by citizens, lawmakers, presidents and judges alike, O'Connor told a crowd outside the new museum, about three blocks from Independence Hall, where the Constitution was drafted in 1787.

"I find the system quite comforting," O'Connor said. "By spreading the responsibility to uphold the Constitution among so many, the framers enlisted a legion of defenders for their new charter."

The new \$185 million center holds the first public printings of the Constitution, an inkwell Abraham Lincoln used in signing the Emancipation Proclamation and exhibits recalling the many controversies that have tested the Constitution in its history, including tickets to President Andrew Johnson's 1868 impeachment trial and a lock pick from the Watergate burglary.

O'Connor and the other celebrities got a scare during the ceremony when a heavy frame crashed onto the stage as they pulled ribbons to reveal a mural. Three people, including Philadelphia's mayor and the museum's president, were treated for minor injuries.

In southern California, spectators gathered for fireworks shows at the Hollywood Bowl, the Queen Mary and other venues in the Los Angeles area. The Rose Bowl's display saw its reputation as the region's most dazzling challenged by a show in Carson, Calif., that claimed to have more firepower.

In Webster Groves, Mo., a suburb of St. Louis, a 6-year-old girl was killed after she fell from a parade float and was run over by the vehicle.

# U.S. soldiers detain Turkish special forces in north Iraq

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — U.S. forces raided a Turkish special forces office in northern Iraq and detained 11 soldiers, Turkish officials said Saturday. A Turkish newspaper said the arrests aimed to stop a plot by Turks to kill the Kurdish governor of the oil-rich city of Kirkuk.

The detentions further strained ties between the long-time allies, who fell out over the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan demanded the soldiers' release.

A government official, speaking on customary condition of anonymity, said some 100 U.S. soldiers detained three Turkish officers and eight non-commissioned officers in the northern Iraqi city of Sulaymaniyah Friday afternoon. They were taken to Kirkuk.

The U.S. forces were acting on intelligence reports that some Turks in Kirkuk were planning to assassinate the Kurdish governor of Kirkuk, the newspaper Hürriyet said.

"This is an ugly incident," Erdogan said. "It should not have happened."

"For an allied country to behave in such a way toward its ally cannot be explained," he added.

After the arrests, Turkey closed the Habur border gate, the sole crossing point for aid and goods between Turkey and Iraq.

Erdogan said Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul was in contact with Secretary of State Colin Powell. The State Department confirmed that Gul and Powell spoke but gave no details and would not comment on the detentions.

"We are assured (by U.S. officials) that the soldiers are safe. But we want them to be released as soon as possible," Erdogan said.

Sgt. Patrick Compton, a military spokesman in Baghdad, said he had no information on the incident. A U.S. Embassy official said Turkish officials had raised the issue late Friday, but said the embassy had no "concrete" information.

Turkey has long maintained a military presence in parts of northern Iraq in a campaign to suppress Turkish Kurd rebel operating in the region. At the onset of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, Turkey threatened to send in troops, fearing Iraqi Kurds would establish an independent state in northern Iraq, which

could fuel the separatist movement among Turkey's Kurds. It has sent military observers to Kirkuk.

Kurdish rebels fought a 15-year war against Turkish troops for autonomy in Turkey's south-east, which has killed some 37,000 people. The rebels declared a unilateral cease-fire in 1999 after the capture of their leader, Abdullah Ocalan. The military rejected the cease-fire and sporadic fighting continues.

The incident comes as Turkey and the United States have been trying to repair relations strained over the Turkish parliament's refusal in March to allow thousands of U.S. combat troops in the country for an Iraq war.

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asked. Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be a definite answer.

"We're having a hard time getting our arms around this," Girano says.

Oil and gas developers attending the meeting say they are being blamed for disturbing the chickens habitat, but they note there is no evidence that their projects are harming the chickens. Indeed, there is anecdotal evidence that the chickens are using abandoned drilling pad for booming, or mating, grounds.

Ranchers and oil and gas operators here are asking for a defined target. They say they want to know what they can and can't do, what will help the bird and what won't.

Based on the information government biologists presented here, the ranchers and oil patch people made a series of suggestions.

The first suggestion was to do more research so solid answers can be found to the perplexing question of what needs to be done.

Rand French, a BLM biologist, told the group that prairie chickens need grass at least 13 inch high and shinnery oak for nesting.

The group suggested brush control programs to control mesquite and increase tall grass.

Another suggestion was predator control. The working group also suggested raising birds in captivity and transplanting them to areas where they were once numerous.

There was also suggestions that grazing patterns be altered so that areas with prairie chickens wouldn't be disturbed during certain times of the year.

Oil and gas operators were encouraged to pick drilling sites on their leases that would not interfere with the small bird.

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### TEXAS EDITORIAL

## Texas's water quality counts

From the The Dallas Morning News:  
Toxic chemicals. Contaminated runoff. Dirty lakes. Diseased rivers.

Those are a few of Texas' water pollution problems. And they deserve legislative attention.  
Yes, lawmakers head today into a special session on redistricting and later into one on school finance. But they have plenty of other work to do before the 2005 Legislature as well. Addressing Texas' water quality should be on the list of issues that Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick assign for members to study over the next 18 months. This particularly applies to members of the Senate and House natural resources committees.

The Dallas Morning News' Jim Morris reported recently on how trichloroethylene, or TCE, has entered the water supply of El Campo, a farming community near Houston. Doctors are paying close attention to cancer, birth defects and other physical abnormalities there to see whether they are linked.

And that's not the only place in Texas to worry about chemicals and other toxins in the water. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality alerted 11 West Texas counties last year about perchlorate in their water supplies. When ingested, the rocket-related chemical can harm residents. Some link it to thyroid problems and slow childhood development.

Suburbia also presents a new water worry. Runoff from parking lots, lawn mowers, even golf courses, can dump gunk into streams, rivers and aquifers. One of the biggest recent water disputes took place in suburban San Antonio over whether to locate a PGA course over the Edwards Aquifer. Chemical runoff into the water was one of the issues.

Dairy farms present their own peculiar worries. The 2001 Legislature correctly addressed the downstream problems of dairy manure being dumped into Central Texas water supplies. But the state has other dairy farm concentrations. Are they acting properly? The state has an interest in their doing so.

The same can be said for pig farms. The Panhandle has been attracting hog operations, which help local economies. But the state also should ensure those farms do not pollute groundwater.

Texas' water strategy rightly focuses on supplies for the next half-century, when Texas' population will double. But water pollution deserves a greater priority. Putting it on the list of interim charges for the Legislature's top environmental committees would send an important signal. Texans needs plenty of water. They also need good water. That should be the next aim.

### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

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## Let's put this in perspective

They just never stop, this hate-America/hate George Bush crowd of sniveling liberals and Democrats frantically looking for ways to trash their country and tear down their president.

After having their anti-war predictions that the U.S. invasion of Iraq would be a disaster, with our troops facing months if not years of fighting desperate battles with Saddam's Republican Guard, the liberal's prediction got rubbed in their face by our quick and almost bloodless victory. So they fell back to carp on the failure to unearth weapons of mass destruction and charge that President Bush had misled the nation about the existence of those weapons.

When that charge failed to register with the majority of Americans they settled on bemoaning the current attacks on U.S. forces. The president, they now screech, had failed to make adequate plans to deal with the inevitable problems that would be involved in a post-war occupation.

When I was on Hannity and Colmes the other night the liberals asked me "Isn't it terrible imagery to have the United States military going door-to-door rousting out the Iraqis, looking for guns and throwing them out of their houses? Isn't that a terrible image for America?"

That was the "first question. The last question was "Micheal, what do you think about the Rocket Propelled Grenades (RPGs) that are being shot at our vehicles — that every day there are soldiers dying? Don't we have any kind of strategy at all?"

They just don't understand that the rea-



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son why we're looking for weapons and rousting people out of their homes is to stop them from shooting and killing our soldiers.

The fact is, we are being shot at, people are killing us, and we need to go in and deal with the problem. Yet the Democrats went bonkers when President Bush said Wednesday that "Anybody who wants to harm American troops will be found and brought to justice. There are some that feel like if they attack us that we may decide to leave prematurely. They don't understand what they are talking about if that is the case. Let me finish. There are some who feel like the conditions are such that they can attack us there. My answer is: "Bring 'em on."

The Democrats were aghast. Imagine, a U.S. President had talked tough.

When Rep. Richard Gephardt (D-Mo) — who'd like to be president himself — accused the president of using "phony, macho rhetoric," it reminded me of the weak-kneed Democrats who trembled with fear after my father Ronald Reagan acted "macho" when he told Gorbachev to tear down the Berlin Wall. If those squeamish liberals had been running things the wall would still be there and the Cold War would still be going on, and

we'd probably be losing it.

I like what former Army officer Ralph Peters wrote in the New York Post the other day: "Our troops are doing remarkably well - but the headlines make it sound like a disaster. Last weekend, almost as many Americans died in a residential balcony collapse in Chicago as have been killed by hostile fire in 'postwar' Iraq.

He asked "How bad is it in Iraq?" It's terrible - if you're a former Saddam loyalist, ex-secret policeman or Ba'ath Party muckety-muck on the wrong end of Operation Sidewinder. The party's over for Baghdad's bully-boys, and they don't much like it.

Nor, it appears do America's liberal Democrats who would like nothing better than to see us run out of Iraq so they could blame Bush.

Peters put it in perspective. "We shouldn't be surprised that the last embittered thugs are engaging in occasional acts of terrorism against us - on the contrary, we should be relieved that we see so little continuing resistance. After toppling a totalitarian regime that ruled a population of 25 million for over a generation, it's amazing that we face only one or two attacks every few days. We could be suffering hundreds of incidents daily, if the population stood behind Saddam & Co.

"On our worst day last week, when two convoys came under attack, more than 600 other U.S. convoys didn't hear a single shot. Two patrols got into firefights. The other 500 patrols didn't even get hit with a water balloon."

Amen.

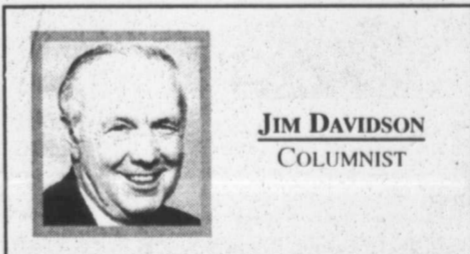


## Understanding the law of chance

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

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

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



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

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

A natural law has been defined as "A series of events in nature that has been observed to occur with unvarying uniformity." In other words, if the circumstances are exactly the same in all respects, then the outcome or result will

always be the same. For example, if you step or fall off a tall building you will always go down. You will never go up. It's the same with all other natural laws, they always work whether we understand or know about them or not. Here is the point I hope you won't miss. If you operate or perform on the right side of all natural laws, they will always work for you. If you operate or perform on the wrong side, they will always work against you. It's complicated but yet very simple.

The misuse or misunderstanding of the natural "LAW OF CHANCE" keeps far too many people from achieving real financial success. I might add here, being in debt for an extended period of time creates stress and other serious problems for millions of people in our country. The English biographer and philosopher Sir Leslie Stephen said that "chance is a name for our ignorance." This is a pretty strong statement but it is never-the-less true, as many people took a foolish chance, physically and financially and left us far too soon.

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

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



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## J.C. Studer meat

Julius Caesar born March 2 Kastenholz, was the son of Elsie Studer. When 3-years-old, he came to America in a Swiss steamer.

Tracy City, Tenn. At the age of 10, he was hired out as a doer of chores for \$6 a month. At the age of 13, he started himself as a maker in Gr. Tenn., and, at the age of 18, he was on his birthday, he saved in a railroad ticket to Kan.

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### Scholarship award

Altrusan Anne Stobbe recently presented Beth Rowell with the Geraldine Rampy Adult Vocational Award from Altrusa. The scholarship is in the amount of \$500. Rowell is currently pursuing a degree in nursing at Frank Phillips College.

## USDA taking proposals for Risk Management Agency funding

WASHINGTON — USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) recently published notification in the Federal Register on requests for proposals for \$15.25 million in partnership opportunities to conduct targeted research, education and outreach projects. Applicants have 45 days from the date of publication to apply.

These agreements are part of an overall effort outlined by Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman to identify and develop new risk management tools and strategies, provide educational opportunities to underserved producers, and ensure the financial soundness of the crop insurance delivery system.

"Providing producers the best available information will assist them in better mitigating farm risks," said RMA Administrator Ross J. Davidson Jr. "As a result, we're striving to expand the risk management options and educational possibilities for all producers."

Under Section 522(d) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (Act), funds are available for:

—Research and Development. Selected projects will research and develop risk management tools for a wide range of producers and needs. Priorities include development of products to assist producers of livestock, rangeland, forage, and salmon; and, the development of risk management tools to address organic, labor and multi-year loss risks. Total funding for projects in this category is approximately \$4 million.

—Community Outreach. Priority will be provided for outreach and assistance to women, limited resource and socially disadvantaged pro-

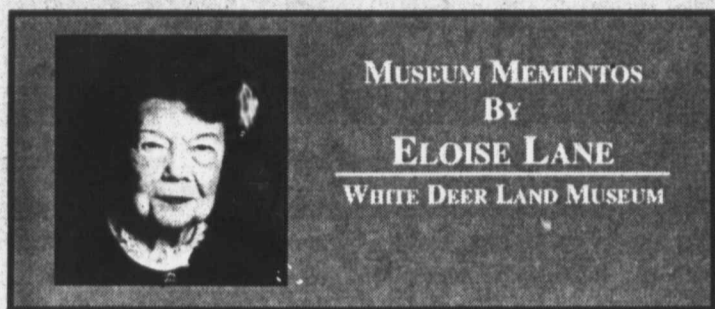
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Under Section 524(a) of the Act, funds are available for:

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RMA will have substantial involvement in any project awarded. Information concerning partnership opportunities will be posted at [www.rma.usda.gov](http://www.rma.usda.gov)



## J.C. Studer built first meat market in town

Julius Caesar Studer, born March 24, 1863, in Kastenholz, Switzerland, was the son of Ben and Elsie Studer. When J.C. was 3-years-old, his parents came to America and settled in a Swiss colony near Tracy City, Tenn.

At the age of 10, J.C. hired out as a farm hand, doing chores for Mrs. F. Banks for \$6 a month. At the age of 13, he apprenticed himself to a carriage maker in Grundy County, Tenn., and, after six years, he was earning \$35 a month. Soon after his 19th birthday, he invested his savings in a new suit and a railroad ticket for Kiowa, Kan.

With the help of a cowboy friend from the Bar T Ranch in Lipscomb Co., J.C. filed on a 640 acre claim, 10 miles from the present town of Lipscomb, Texas, in 1886. On the return trip to Kiowa after filing his claim, his horse died, and he walked the remainder of the 150 miles to reach Kiowa.

J.C., who did not like "close quarters," decided that Kiowa was getting too big and that too many people were settling too close to his Lipscomb Co. claim, so he came to Canadian in 1887 when the population was boasted to be 50 people and the grass was "belly deep to a horse."

His first work in Canadian was buffalo hunting, gunsmithing and making bridle bits and spurs, and he soon opened a livery stable and feed store. He wanted to learn all about cattle and how to work them. So, before going into his own cattle business, he

worked for several ranches, including the P.O. Bar CC, Turkey Track and the Ed George spread, later on the Washita.

He bought a part of the P.O. Ranch and established his Anvil Park Ranch, using the anvil for his brand. A man bet him that he could not make that kind of brand, but he did. He had learned the blacksmith trade in his early labor jobs and had worked as a machinist for Courtney Railroad Contractors. For many years, J.C. was blacksmith for the Santa Fe Railroad.

J.C. Studer's 5,000-acre spread became the location for the annual Fourth of July "Anvil Park Rodeo," famous throughout the Southwest from 1918 to 1941. It had its beginning in the summer of 1888 when the first rodeo in Texas (and perhaps in the world) was held at Canadian.

The original 1888 celebration was the outgrowth of cowboys contesting at the Santa Fe stockyards. It was a common sight for cowhands to try their luck on the unbroken horses handled there while interested spectators gathered along the fences. A group of cowboys from the Laurel Leaf ranch originated the idea of holding a public contest and celebration.

Space was provided on grounds adjacent to the stockyards for the two-day events, but the dirt streets of the town were used for horse races, tournament races and all the long-distance contests. People came from all the outlying districts in creaking buckboards, dusty buggies and on horseback to join in the



(photo from "A Few Facts about Pampa" - 1910)

Pampa's first meat market, located at present 113 S. Cuyler, was built by J.C. Studer of Canadian. J.S. Wynne, who bought the Eli Vincent house at 109 S. Wynne in 1907, moved his south fence so that Studer could construct his meat market. The buildings on the right are Ace Harmon's store and Simms Sweet Shop.

festivities, camping at night along the river.

The "Anvil Park Rodeo" was a non-profit incorporated association directed by the business, professional and ranching men of the area. The best of rodeo cowboys traveled to Canadian to demonstrate their skill and ability in the three-day series of events.

The "Anvil Park Rodeo" had the distinction of being the first rodeo and old timers' reunion to be staged as a community under taking anywhere in the Southwest. It was open to the public who traveled on specially scheduled Santa Fe trains from as far away as New York to see authentic cowboy sports on an authentic Texas ranch.

On June 28, 1890, J.C. married Ella Gallaher, sister of Will Gallaher, a Fort Worth rancher. J.C. and Ella were the parents of six sons and one daughter. A picture in "Cowmen and Ladies" (A History of Hemphill County, p. 275) shows J.C. and Ella; sons Floyd, Carl, Oscar, John, Otto, and daughter Lola. Mrs. Ella Studer died on June 17, 1932.

J.C. was the pioneer in manufacturing ice in the Panhandle of Texas. He also

helped to inaugurate the first chain food stores in the area and had grocery stores at Canadian, Miami, Perryton and Pampa. When asked why he had so many kinds of businesses, J.C. answered, "I have so many different kinds of sons."

J.C.'s first love was ranching, and that absorbed his interests until his 89th birthday. As a Hereford breeder, he was one of the founders and charter members of the Panhandle and Southwest Livestock Association which later merged with the Texas Cattle Raisers Association.

In 1950, J.C. sold 5,000 acres of the Anvil Park Ranch to the Texas Game and Fish Commission for a wildlife refuge. Teeming with deer, turkey, and seasonal migratory birds, the Gene Howe Wildlife Management Area became a mecca for nature lovers.

After celebrating his 90th birthday, J.C. built a new post office on the lots where his market and bakery were located for many years. He drove his car to town every day to supervise construction. He was active in community and church work and in the management of his ranch until a few months before his death on May 6, 1957.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR**

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

**PPHM EXHIBITS**  
 This summer, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will exhibit "Neighbors: Texas Artists in New Mexico" and "Three Pueblo Painters" from June 21 through Oct. 5 at its location in Canyon.

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

**INVENTION DAY**  
 Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa is planning an invention day July 9 for area children. Shanla Brookshire, children's librarian, is seeking the following materials for donation: Cardboard boxes, plastic bottles, pizza boxes, Styrofoam dishes, paper cups, paper plates, aluminum foil dishes, yogurt containers, buttons, ribbon, construction paper, paper bags, plastic containers, broken crayons, plastic lids, detergent

boxes and bottles. For more information or to make a donation, contact Brookshire at 669-5780.

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

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

**SQUARE HOUSE**  
 Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle will feature the art of Karon Bonnell throughout May and June and the art of photographer/artist Barbara Lines through July 31. A reception for Lines is scheduled from 2:30-4 p.m., July 13 at the museum. Bonnell currently teaches high school art in Miami and enjoys working with a variety of mediums. She was previously named Artist of the Year

by Pampa Fine Arts Association. Lines, a native of Connecticut, moved to Canyon in 1998.

**OHS/WIC**  
 Stay-at-home moms who would like to work a few hours a week may be eligible for a part-time position as a breastfeeding peer counselor for Outreach Health Services Women, Infants and Children program. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent and a telephone, must have successfully breastfed an infant and must be a current or former WIC client. For more information, call 1-800-200-7121.

**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 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.

**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.lonestar-rising.com](http://www.lonestar-rising.com) on the Internet.

**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](http://www.panhandletickets.com).

**HOSPICE TRAINING**  
 BSA Hospice in McLean will present an evening Volunteer Training and Community Education Class from 4-7 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays, July 15 through Aug. 8 at Young at Heart Club in McLean. The program is worth 2.4 CEUs and is offered free to residents of McLean and the surrounding area. For more information, call Janet McCracken at (806) 665-6677 or 1-800-658-6985.

**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.

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

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

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**  
 BSA Hospice in Borger will offer a grief education and sup-

port group for adults dealing with the loss of a loved one from 7-8 p.m., Thursdays, beginning July 24 at First Presbyterian Church in Borger. The program will be offered free for six consecutive weeks to residents of Borger and the surrounding area. For more information, call (806) 212-8777 or 1-800-315-6209.

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

**SHOP HOP**  
 Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will host its first-ever "Top Of Texas Shop Hop" July 31 through Aug. 3 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Nine quilt shops will celebrate this event. Hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, and 1-6 p.m., Sunday.

**IMMUNIZATIONS**  
 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., July 16, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

**HOLLINGHEAD REUNION**  
 The Hollingshead family reunion will be held August 2003 at Moorestown, N.J. The first Hollingsheads arrived in the

American colonies around 1700. If you are a descendant or know one who might be interested, more information is available from Brian Hollingshead at [HYPERLINK.hollingshead@telus.net](mailto:HYPERLINK.hollingshead@telus.net) or write: 2692 Mountview Place, Burnaby, BC, V3J 1E3, Canada.

**PARENT CONFERENCE**  
 American Cancer Society will host its 18th Annual Parent Teaching Conference for families of children with cancer on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 2-3, at the Omni Hotel in Austin. Registration fee is \$70 per parent and includes lunch, hotel, lodging, reception, breakfast and conference materials. The fee is \$55 for parents not staying at the hotel. For a registration form or for more information, call (512) 919-1850.

**AG EXPO**  
 High Plains Ag Expo is slated Aug. 5-7 in Dumas. The show will offer equipment demonstrations, product comparisons and on-site company representatives. Exhibitor categories include Tractors, Livestock Equipment, Application Equipment, Tillage Equipment, Hay Equipment, Irrigation Equipment, Seed and Chemical, Trailers and more.

**RISE & SHINE AWARDS**  
 Post® Cereals is once again sponsoring its "Rise & Shine Awards" for children who "rise" to the occasion in nourishing their communities and "shine" in their accomplishments. Nominations are open for children between 5 and 18. Youth may nominate themselves (or be nominated by another person) by submitting an essay of no more than 250 words describing why they deserve to be a recipient of an award. Essays will be judged based on community/neighborhood involvement (25 percent), persuasiveness of essay (35 percent) and outcome of action (40 percent). Five winners will be selected from each participating state. Deadline for entries is Aug. 25. For more information write: Post Cereals "Rise & Shine" Awards, c/o Hunter Public Relations, 41 Madison Ave., 5th Floor, New York, NY 10010-2202. Entries may be submitted via e-mail to [riseandshine@hunterpr.com](mailto:riseandshine@hunterpr.com).

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# CALENDAR ITEMS

## CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

**American Legion.** American Legion Post 334 meets at 7 p.m., the third Thursday of each month at Freedom Museum, 600 N. Hobart.

**Butterfly Garden Club.** The Butterfly Garden Club of America offers free butterfly garden seeds (with growing instructions). To receive a packet, send a long SASE with two stamps to: The Butterfly Garden Club of America, P.O. Box 629, Burgin, KY 40310. Limit one free packet per household. Additional packets are available for \$1 each.

**Downtown Business Association.** Pampa Downtown Business Association meets at 8:30 a.m., the second Tuesday of the month at The Coffee Shop on Cuyler. For more information, call Chase Roach at 665-1251.

**Golden Spread Coin Club.** Golden Spread Coin Club, originally Amarillo Coin Club, meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month. GSCC is a member of American Numismatic Association. For more information, call (806) 352-8281 or (806) 342-9536.

**Gray Co. Ass'n for Retarded Citizens.** Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

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

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

**Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society.** Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at First Landmark Building in the Pampa Mall. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Loyd Waters 665-6466.

**Magic Plains ABWA.** Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Clint and Sons Smokehouse, 1421 N. Hobart. Working business women are invited to attend. For more information, call Pat Winkleblack at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

**Pampa Citizens on Patrol Ass'n.** Pampa Citizens on Patrol Association meets at 8 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at 824 S. Cuyler.

**Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club.** The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Carol Carpenter at 669-7940.

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

**Pampa Garden Club.** Pampa Garden Club meets at 2 p.m. the second Monday of each month from September through May. Meeting location changes monthly.

**Pampa Pilots Ass'n.** Pampa Pilots Association meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Airport Lounge.

**Pampa Rotary Club.** Pampa Rotary Club meets at

12 noon every Wednesday at Pampa Country Club.

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

**Pampa Woodcarving Club.** Pampa Woodcarving Club meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday of each month at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson. Meetings are open to any individuals interested in woodcarving from beginners to all experience. Projects and instructors are available. For more information, call 669-3008.

**Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild.** Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

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

**Southwest Cowboy Poets.** Southwest Cowboy Poets meets at 8 a.m., the second Saturday of each month at The Big Texan, I-40 East, in Amarillo.

**Top O' Texas Rodeo Ass'n.** Top O' Texas Rodeo Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month in the Nona S. Payne Room of Pampa Community Building.

## MEDICAL SUPPORT GROUPS, ETC.

**Al-Anon.** Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 665-6898.

**Alzheimer's Support Group.** The Alzheimer's Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson at 6650 0356.

**American Heart Ass'n.** American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at Chaney's Restaurant in Pampa.

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

**Area Agency on Aging.** Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle needs volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its

Ombudsmen program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsman program. For more information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Tanya Mock, Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.

**Beginnings.** "Beginnings," a Harrington Cancer Center program for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients, will meet weekly in Harrington Cancer Center Quiet Room, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 359-4673, ext. 173, or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 173.

**Breast Cancer 101.** The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center offers "Breast Cancer 101," an intensive education and supportive introduction to breast cancer, from 4:30-6 p.m., the second Monday of each month in the Quiet Room of Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo. For more information call (806) 359-4673, ext. 173 or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 173.

**COAF Web Site.** The Children of Alcoholics Foundation, an education-prevention arm of Phoenix House, recently launched a website (www.coaf.org) for children of substance abusers of all ages. The website is designed to help educators, physicians, social workers and other professionals. The site includes sections for teenagers and adults who have grown up with an alcoholic or drug addicted parent as well as information for teachers, social workers and others.

**Coffee Memorial Blood Center.** Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo is now open on Saturdays and will take appointments for blood donations. The new donation hours are: 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday; and 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday. The center is also promoting The Birthday Club. If a donor donates blood on their birthday, they will receive a Blood Drop Beanie. For more information, call (806) 358-4563 or 1-800-658-6178.

**CPF.** Cerebral Palsy

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

**Dialogue.** The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:00 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

**GCAP for Moms and Babies.** Gray County Partnership of Moms and Babies meets at 12 noon on the third Friday of each month at Medical Office Building, second floor conference room, in Pampa. For more information, call 664-2459 and leave a message.

**High Plains Epilepsy Ass'n.** High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo

office at 1-800-806-7236.

**H.O.P.E.** Crown of Texas Hospice and Northwest Texas Healthcare System are co-sponsors of "H.O.P.E.," an education and support group for parents grieving the death of a child. The group meets the second Thursday of each month at Crown of Texas Hospice in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 372-7696.

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

**HOSPICELINK.** Hospice Education Institute, a non-profit organization, has established HOSPICELINK, a national toll-free telephone hotline for people seeking

information and education regarding hospice care. The service offers referrals to hospices in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and is available to consumers free of charge. HOSPICELINK maintains a continually updated computer database of all hospices, national and internationally, so referrals are accurate and appropriate to each patient's needs. For more information about HEI, call 1-800-331-1620. HOSPICELINK lines are open from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., weekdays, Eastern time.

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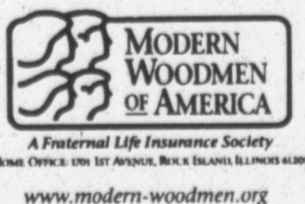
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## SPORTS

## Optimist Park is site of District 11-12 tourney

## Pampa All-Stars host North Randall County on Monday

PAMPA — The dream for 12 area boys playing all-stars started in April with three weeks of practice, followed by more than 20 games in which they battled each other. Monday, the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken All-Star Team will take on the North Randall County All-Stars at 8 p.m. at

Optimist Park in the 11-12 Cal Ripken West Texas District 1 Tournament in which they hope will be the first step toward the State Tournament, according to District 1 Tournament Director Ronnie Haynes. Canyon will play Tulia at 6 p.m. Tuesday with the win-

ners squaring off at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday at 7 p.m., there will be a loser's bracket game. The finals will be held on Thursday, beginning at 6 p.m.

"I'm ready to see them play," said Haynes, who is the Commissioner of the 11-12 Cal Ripken League.

"I've watched them play all year long against each other, and I've seen nearly all the all-star practices. I believe they will represent Pampa well."

Team members include Lane Douglass, Hayden Skinner and Heath Skinner from Glo-Valve Service, Madison Wilson, John Luke Covalt and Casey Trimble from Celanese Corporation, Craig Conner of Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency, Gerardo Dominguez, Chris Bengel, Jonathan Anguiano and Alex Torres of Rotary Club, and Brandon McBee of Cabot Corporation.

"The boys have worked

hard," Haynes continued. "I hope that the community will come out and support these boys' efforts to win a spot in the State Tournament."

Pampa's team is managed by Jeff Skinner. The coaches for the team are Olen Douglass and Monte Covalt.

"We appreciate the grant from the Pampa United Way, which allows these kids to have the experience of playing tournament baseball," Hayes said.

## NOTEBOOK

## GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills held a 4-man seniors scramble on Wednesday.

Results are as follows:

1. Larry Schneider, Billie MacMillican, Lucio Moreno, Troy Bennett and Doug Reeves, 61.

2. O.K. Lee, Jerry South, Herman Harrell, Paul Hinton and Kenneth Williams, 62.

3. Pat Montoya, Bob Henderson, Waldon Haynes and Jim Osborne, 63.

4. Bob Swope, Carroll Pettit, Jim Jensen and J.B. Holt, 63.

Closest to pin: Jim Brashears, No. 12.

Closest to pin: Herman Harrell, No. 15.

## BASEBALL

PAMPA — Pampa senior pitcher-first baseman Ryan Zemanek earned second-team honors on the 2003 Class 4A Texas Sports Writers Association-Collin Street Bakery All-State Baseball Team.

Zemanek, the District 3-4A most valuable player, led Pampa to the regional quarterfinals with his hitting and pitching. Zemanek hit .453 during the regular season and hit six home runs. He had a 9-2 pitching record.

Plainview outfielder Armando Garza also made the second team.

## TENNIS

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — As Andy Roddick walked to his chair, two sets down and headed toward elimination at Wimbledon, he could only smile in admiration at Roger Federer's play.

"He's just playing very well," Roddick said. "On a couple of points, I felt like I put in really good points and was just on the losing end of them by a long shot."

Out-serving Roddick and hitting winners from all over the court, Federer won their semifinal showdown Friday, 7-6 (6), 6-3, 6-3.

The fourth-seeded Federer, the first Swiss man to reach a Grand Slam final, will play for the title Sunday against unseeded Australian Mark Philippoussis, who overpowered No. 13 Sebastian Grosjean 7-6 (3), 6-3, 6-3.

The final pairing might result in some entertaining tennis, never a given on grass. Philippoussis' single-minded, big-swinging game, which has produced 164 aces in six rounds, will be matched against Federer's stylish all-court approach.

Federer showed he could play on grass two years ago as a precocious 19-year-old, when he ended Pete Sampras' 31-match Wimbledon winning streak. This year he has won grass, hardcourt and clay court titles, a testament to his versatility.

## Pirates slip by Astros

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pirates reliever Brian Boehringer officially got the win. Maybe it should have gone to the architect who designed PNC Park.

Thanks to a lucky bounce off the limestone wall behind home plate, Pittsburgh scored on a rarely seen play — a wild pitch that scores a runner from second base — and it helped them beat the Houston Astros 3-2 Friday.

Call it a case of the Pirates stonewalling the Astros, who had beaten them in seven of their first eight meetings.

With the Astros leading 1-0 in the sixth and runners on first and second, Brandon Puffer replaced starting pitcher Ron Villone with a 3-0 count on Adam Hyzdu. Before Puffer could complete his warmup throws, rain halted play for 1 hour, 12 minutes.

Once play resumed, Puffer's first pitch to pinch-hitter Matt Stairs, who had replaced Hyzdu, sailed wide and high and deflected off the rough-edged stone wall. The wall resembles the brick wall behind home plate at Wrigley Field, but is lighter in color and has an irregular finish.

"You don't see that too much," Puffer said. "It hit a funky spot in the wall and just kicked."

By the time Brad Ausmus retrieved the ball in front of the Houston dugout down the first-base line, a sliding Brian Giles beat the catcher's throw home.

"It shows how one pitch can change the game," Ausmus said.

## Correction

LEROY, Texas (AP) — In a July 3 story about the disappearance of Baylor basketball player Patrick Dennehy, The Associated Press misquoted Tammy Cox, one of his friends, about two details of the case.

Cox said Dennehy and his friend Carlton Dotson told her they had purchased guns on June 7, not on June 9 as the story said.

Cox also said it was her children, and not her husband, who recognized a Baylor player on television as someone Dennehy had reported having trouble with.

## 11-12 Champs



(Rice's Photography)

Glo-Valve Service won the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League championship and City Tournament championship last month with a season record of 19-2-2. Team members are (front row, l-r) Heath Skinner, Anthony Allen, Kade Wilson, Evan McElwain and Hayden Skinner; Middle row, l-r) Freddie Ramirez, Lane Douglass, Jose Ramirez, Mark Ruth and Nick Riley; (back row, l-r) coach Tom McElwain, Coach Olen Douglass, Manager John Warner and Coach Jeff Skinner. Not pictured is Luke Watson.

## Cardinals rough up Wood in beating Cubs

By The Associated Press

A performance to remember by Moises Alou was offset by an afternoon to forget for Kerry Wood.

Wood was knocked out after three-plus innings — his shortest start in more than two years — and the St. Louis Cardinals overcame Alou's three homers to beat the Chicago Cubs 11-8 on Friday.

Jim Edmonds and Albert Pujols hit consecutive homers in the first inning, and visiting St. Louis led 6-1 after three.

Wood (8-6) was finally pulled after walking the bases loaded to start the fourth. He was charged with seven runs, six hits and six walks in his shortest outing since April 9, 2001, at Montreal, when he also pitched three innings.

"I guarantee that there was no one in that lineup today excited about taking their swings," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "This guy (Wood), the league is hitting .200 against him, and he is so

tough. His location was off a little bit and the ball was carrying, so we took the advantage."

Alou homered leading off the second and fourth innings and added a three-run drive with two outs in the ninth for his first three-homer game.

"I was fortunate to hit three home runs, but I won't go home happy," Alou said.

In other NL games, it was: New York 7, Cincinnati 2;

Pittsburgh 3, Houston 2; Colorado 8, Milwaukee 6; Florida 2, Philadelphia 1; Atlanta 8, Montreal 6; San Francisco 8, San Diego 6; and Arizona 3, Los Angeles 1 in 10 innings.

St. Louis took a two-game lead over Chicago in the NL Central. The Cubs are 2-8 in their last 10 games.

"It's obviously disappointing," Wood said. "We needed

to win today. I knew that coming in. I let our team down, and I really just hurt our bullpen for the rest of the series."

Sammy Sosa also homered for Chicago to tie Mel Ott for 16th place on the career list with 511.

St. Louis' Tino Martinez led off the third with a homer and finished 3-for-4 and tied his season high with four RBIs.

## Wheeler cowboy has big payday

RENO, Nev. — Wheeler, Tex. cowboy Layne McCasland earned \$12,255 in winning the bull riding event in last weekend's Reno Rodeo.

McCasland, 23, rode Western Rodeo Company's Louisville to a first-place finish by scoring 87 points to highlight the championship go-around. It was his first victory on the pro rodeo tour.

McCasland received his

first set of Silver Spurs, the trophy presented to Reno Rodeo champions.

He almost missed his first winning payday.

"I wasn't even going to come here. I hadn't been drawing very well and I was flat broke," McCasland told a Reno Gazette-Journal reporter. I went to an amateur rodeo and won \$87, so that got me here. I'm pretty happy that I decided to come."

It was a tough day for bull riders, except for McCasland. He was only one who stayed aboard his animal in the go-around finals. Even Terry Don West, the No. 1-ranked rider in the world, was bucked off in the championship round.

Over 8,000 rodeo fans saw McCasland make his successful ride. With his earnings, McCasland plans to enter more rodeos this summer.

## A historic Tour de France starts with quick dash

PARIS (AP) — Lance Armstrong's bid for a record-tying fifth straight win in the Tour de France, a punishing cross-country slog of more than 2,100 miles, begins with a quick dash.

The 4.03-mile sprint through Paris on Saturday is only a blip compared to the grind awaiting the 198 riders the next three weeks. But it offers Armstrong a chance to

immediately stamp his authority over his rivals.

The prologue, a pedal-as-fast-as-you-can time trial against the clock, starts at the Eiffel Tower and winds its way through tree-lined boulevards, over cobblestones in places, before finishing at the foot of the Champ de Mars, a park in the Eiffel Tower's shadow. Thousands of fans are expected to line the route.

The winner earns the right to wear the leader's yellow jersey. With long, hard rides through the French countryside and seven leg-crushing mountain stages ahead, the prologue is not decisive. But it does provide an early gauge.

"The prologue is an important psychological test," said Armstrong's coach, Chris Carmichael. "A strong per-

formance ... announces a rider's readiness to contend for overall victory."

Armstrong's "goal is to start this year's race as he finished last year's, in yellow," he wrote in a column for The Associated Press.

He won last year's prologue, in Luxembourg, completing a 4.34-mile circuit two seconds faster than France's Laurent Jalabert, now a

cycling commentator.

Armstrong, a 31-year-old Texan and cancer survivor, aims to join Spain's Miguel Indurain as only the second rider to capture five consecutive Tours. Indurain won in 1991-95.

Three others — Jacques Anquetil, Eddy Merckx and Bernard Hinault — have won five Tours, but none consecutively.

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Pampa's summer baseballers. The Lubbock champion Fort Worth National the Band Ferrell fo

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## Wanted: Parade entries

A week filled with rodeo events is topped off with the Top O' Texas Rodeo Parade kicking off at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 12.

This year's parade forms at M.K. Brown parking lot beginning at 9:30 a.m. At 10 a.m., the parade will travel east on Somerville across Hobart, head southeast on Somerville to Francis, then east on Francis to Cuyler. At Cuyler, the parade turns south and continues to Foster, then southwest to Ward and then northwest on Ward back to Hobart. The parade turns north on Hobart to Gwendolen, traveling west to Sumner, and then disbanding at the M.K. Brown parking lot.

Persons wishing to participate in the parade need to fill out a Parade Entry Form, and return it to the Top O' Texas Rodeo Parade, P.O. Box 659, Pampa, TX 79066-0659.

Participants need to see a director in charge in order to get a number before the parade starts. Entries will not be considered for a trophy without a number.

The first place riding club trophy is a traveling trophy and must be won three years in a row to be kept permanently.

Here is a list of the rodeo parade divisions and prizes.

**Most Typical Ranch:** Examples are chuck wagons, covered wagons, surreys, hacks, stage coaches, etc. First and second place each get an engraved trophy.

**Best Civic Club or Organization:** This entry need not necessarily be a western theme. It can portray almost any idea. First and second place each get an engraved trophy.

**Most Attractive Commercial Entry:** First and second place each get an engraved trophy.

**Best Riding Club:** First Place gets an engraved traveling trophy. Second and third place each get an engraved trophy.

**Classic Cars:** Antique cars are included in this division. First, second and third place each get an engraved trophy.

**Antique Tractors:** First and second place each get an engraved trophy.

## RODEO

Thursday's opening night activities begin at 5:30 p.m. with a free barbecue for ticketholders.

Sponsors of this year's barbecue are Bowers Ranch, Albertson's, Frank's True Value and Thriftway, and Taylor Petroleum. Ice for all rodeo events including the barbecue is supplied by Top O' Texas Ice and M&H Leasing.

While rodeo fans are eating barbecue, they can watch the popular Pick-Up Race set to begin at 6 p.m. Sponsored by Ace Transportation, Pete Watts Pumping Service, and Truck Stuff, the Pick-Up Race takes on a new twist this year. Directors of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association are challenging the Gray County Sheriff's Department, Pampa Police Department and Jordan Unit employees. This promises to be an exciting and entertaining event.

Starting at 8 a.m. on Friday, the horsemanship competition of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Queen pageant will be held in the arena. Friday night, July 11, is Family Night intended for the entire family. Discounted ticket prices are available Friday night for senior citizens and children when an adult ticket is purchased for Friday night's performance.

Saturday's events begin with the annual Top O' Texas Rodeo Parade kicking off at 10 a.m. Starting at M.K. Brown Auditorium and winding

its way through downtown Pampa and back to the auditorium, this parade is one of the largest in the Texas Panhandle and always offers many interesting and unusual sights. Entries are now being accepted for anyone interested in participating in the parade.

Thanks to Robert Knowles Dodge, the Top O' Texas Rodeo is a Dodge Ram Tough rodeo. North Country Coors Distributing also helps sponsor the rodeo performances. The rodeo dance, sponsored by Bowers Ranch, MTB Trucking and others, will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at the

Clements Inc., Keller Williams Realty, The Amanda Jacobs Memorial, Clark Carr & Sons Memorial, Pampa Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee, CN Ranch, Mike and Brenda Guess, Ben Watson of Edward Jones Investments, Cabot Corporation, Rheams Diamond Shop, Celanese, William's Works of Wood, Dobson Cellular, The Bowers Ranch and Wayne's Western Wear.

Special prizes and a scholarship are given this year by the Amanda Jacobs Memorial.

This year's queens, Mandy Poole and Jamie Schroeder, have worked untiringly representing Pampa and the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association at many functions.

The luncheon and style show for the queen pageant will be held on Thursday, July 10, at 11:30 a.m. at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. Tickets are on sale at the rodeo office and the public is encouraged to get their tickets early, as seating is limited. The new queens will be crowned during the Saturday night rodeo performance and the public is encouraged to join in saying "farewell" to the current queens and "welcome" to the new representatives.

Tickets and entry forms for all of the above events are now available at the rodeo office. For more information, contact the rodeo office at 669-0434 or write P.O. Box 659, Pampa, Texas, 79066-0659.



Top O' Texas - Norris Dance Pavilion adjacent to the rodeo arena. Thursday night dance features karaoke with Cowboy for \$3 per person. Friday and Saturday night dances feature Cozy and the River Valley Band. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$8 per person or \$15 per couple.

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is proud to be holding the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Pageant in conjunction with this year's rodeo. Major pageant sponsors include JLB Ranch, Cattle Exchange of Canadian, Bob

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Tickets for the Queen's Luncheon and Style Show may be purchased through 12 noon, Thursday, July 10, at these locations. The luncheon and

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## Charlie Throckmorton *The man behind the microphone*

This year's Top O' Texas Rodeo announcer Charlie Throckmorton has been at this job for the last 33 years.

Announcing from Canada to most of the continental U.S., Throckmorton says he seldom gets butterflies. After 33 years behind the microphone, he says, they simply fly in formation!

He announced his first rodeo in May of 1970 while still in high school. In those year, his announcing style has evolved into a combination of statistical information and audience participation, encouraging enthusiasm from the fans.

Involved for several years on the family ranch near Cleburne, Throckmorton's decision to join the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA) was inspired by his close friend Harry Tompkins, eight-time World Champion Cowboy and Pro rodeo Hall of Famer.

He was part of the announcing team at the 1991 National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev., and the 1992 Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo in Pocatello, Idaho. He has also announced the National Finals Steer Roping in 1990 and was selected eight times to announce the action at the Texas PRCA Circuit Finals Rodeo.

Throckmorton was the voice of the Ben Johnson Pro Celebrity Rodeos for 10 years across the country. Ben Johnson, the late Academy Award-winning actor and World Champion Cowboy was a great friend of Throckmorton's a great inspiration to him as well. Johnson always stood for respect tradition and values, Throckmorton will say, adding that you can't go wrong by using that combination of qualities.

Throckmorton also announces the Tuff Hedeman Bud Light Cup Challenge in Fort worth each year. It is the largest single bull riding on the 29 tour stop of the Professional Bull Riders (PBR).

From TV commercials to radio voice applications, Throckmorton has covered the sport of rodeo extensively. He has served as master of ceremonies at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, the Western Image Awards, the



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Charlie Throckmorton chalks up more than three decades behind the microphone as a professional rodeo announcer.

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## Clowning around Barrelman Ted Kimsey loves his work

Amidst the array of the rodeo grand entry parade, a seemingly frivolous character emerges.

Wearing a gaudy shirt, baggy pants, and sporting a bright green hat, he may be found challenging a competitor with twice his horse power to a friendly race or digging his 36-inch, four-legged traveling companion out of a soft spot. Although he seems happy-go-luck and sometimes even unaware of the happenings that go on around him, the rodeo fans soon realize that he is in command of every situation.

This colorful comedian who instantly charms his way into the hearts of rodeo fans everywhere is Ted Kimsey of Strong City, Okla.

Kimsey was raised on a farm and ranch near Strong City. He entered his first rodeo when he was 10 years old and has been involved in rodeo ever since. In high school and college, he competed in all three riding events. He attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford, Okla., on a rodeo scholarship and received a bachelor of science degree in industrial education.

While he was still competing, Kimsey turned to clowning and bullfighting as a full-time profession in 1973. Since then,

Kimsey, along with his trained animal acts and barrel, have received recognition as being one of the funniest talents in pro rodeo.

Kimsey has clowning in more than half of the 50 states and Germany. He says he enjoys the travel and especially the people. In 1980 and again in 1987, Kimsey had the honor of being selected to clown the National Finals Rodeo. He was awarded the illustrious title of "PRCA Clown of the Year" in 1986, an honor of which he is truly proud.

The 5'6", 155 pound cowboy considers himself a barrelman and devotes himself to becoming the funniest clown in rodeo. However, many fans and bull riders will tell you he is one of rodeo's finest bullfighters. He has been selected by rodeo's top bullfighters to work the barrel for 15 consecutive National Finals Wrangler Bullfight Finals.

When Kimsey is not rodeoing, he and his wife, Jennifer, daughter, Dusta, and sons, Sage and Trey, are involved with the 4,000-acre family ranch, raising old world bluestem grasses and caring for their commercial and show cattle.

Though he enjoys a wide variety of interests, he says, "I like grease paint, baggy pants, and making people laugh best of all."

### About the PRCA

The PRCA, headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colo., is the largest and oldest rodeo-sanctioning body in the world. The recognized leader in professional rodeo, the PRCA is committed to maintaining the highest standards in the industry. Through the

ProRodeo Tour winter and summer series and their Finales and championship and the world-renowned Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, the PRCA showcases the world's best cowboys in premier events. In 2003, the PRCA will debut its own Bull Riding Tour. The

PRCA sanctions nearly 700 rodeos annually and ensures that every PRCA-sanctioned event is managed with fairness and competence and that the livestock used is healthy and cared for to the highest standards. The PRCA membership includes contestants, stock contractors, judges, rodeo clowns, bullfighters, arena secretaries, timers, specialty-act performers, announcers, laborers, rodeo committees, barrelmen and photographers.

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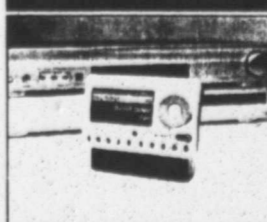
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**PRCA PRORODEO TOUR**

## 2003 PRORODEO TOUR

### Winter & Summer Series

#### FACT SHEET

**What:** The ProRodeo Tour, which made its in 2000, showcases the top cowboys and rodeos in the PRCA. The Tour includes a winter and summer series, which includes 10 Tour stops each shown on the Outdoor Life Network (OLN) and culminates in a three-day Finale with the championship round shown on CBS. The ProRodeo Tour concludes with the ProRodeo Tour Championship Finale, which showcases the top competitors from the winter and summer ProRodeo Tour Finales.

Each regular Tour stop is the final round of one of the top rodeos in the country. Contestants earn Tour points based on his/her performance at the Tour rodeos. At the end of the winter and summer series, the top 12 in each event then advance to the appropriate series' ProRodeo Tour Finale.

**Schedule:** The following are the Tour dates and locations for all ProRodeo Tour Rodeos.

Winter Series		Summer Series	
Jan. 26	Denver	June 29	Reno, Nev.
Feb. 9	Rapid City, S.D.	July 4	Greeley, Colo.
Feb. 16	San Antonio	July 6	St. Paul, Ore.
Feb. 23	Tucson, Ariz.	July 20	Salinas, Calif.
March 16	Houston	Aug. 9	Lawton, Okla.
March 30	Laughlin, Nev.	Aug. 10	Colorado Springs, Colo.
April 5	Austin, Texas	Aug. 16	Caldwell, Idaho
April 20	Red Bluff, Calif.	Sept. 1	Ellensburg, Wash.
April 27	Clovis, Calif.	Sept. 7	Puyallup, Wash.
May 6	Guymon, Okla.	Sept. 13	Pendleton, Ore.
June 12-14	ProRodeo Tour Finale, Las Vegas	Sept. 25-27	ProRodeo Tour Finale, Omaha, Neb.

**Format:** **Tour round:** Each Tour stop features one round of competition, with the top 12 contestants in each of seven events (bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, calf roping, barrel racing and bull riding) vying for points in the Tour Standings. Points are awarded to all 12 contestants according to how they place in that round.

First place winners will receive 12 points, second 11, third 10 and so on. If fewer than 12 contestants compete in a given event in the Tour round, the points beyond the actual number of competitors will be dropped. All who receive a no-score or a no-time will share equally in the unassigned points. If more than 12 contestants compete in a given event in the short round, no more than 12 places will be awarded.

**All other rounds and average:** Contestants receive points for all rounds of the Tour rodeo, excluding the Tour round, as well as the average based on the number of places that rodeo pays. For instance if a rodeo pays eight places in each round and the average, the winner would receive 8 points, second 7, third 6 and so on. If a rodeo pays only 6, then the winner would receive 6 points, second 5, third 4 and so on.

**Finales** The ProRodeo Tour Finales are the championship for each ProRodeo Tour series. Contestants reach a Tour Finale by finishing in the top 12 of the Tour Standings after the final Tour rodeo of each series. A tournament-style format is used at the Finales, with all 12 contestants in each event competing in preliminary rounds. The top eight in the average then advance to the semifinal round, where all previous scores and times are thrown out. The top four contestants from the semifinals advance to the finals, where scores and times again are erased. The Finale winners are determined by the final round scores and times.

**Prize Money:** Prize money won on the Tour and at the Finales count towards the Jack Daniel's world standings, which determine qualifiers for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo.

## Dodge brings the horsepower to Top O' Texas

Dodge Rodeo is bringing the horsepower to the Top O' Texas Rodeo. So grab your hat, pull on your boots and head to the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena on July 10, 11 and 12.

This year's rodeo is bigger, better and tougher than ever before. All the excitement of professional rodeo, America's original sport will be featuring top rodeo cowboys and cowgirls as they "Grab Life by the Horns" to win top prize money and championship titles.

Rodeo week kicks off with the Kid Pony Show on Sunday. Special events throughout the week include the Top O' Texas Rodeo Queen contests, a rodeo parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, a free barbecue and Celebrity Pick Up Race for Thursday night ticketholders, and rodeo dances on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

Robert Knowles Dodge of Pampa has selected the Top O' Texas Rodeo to be named as a Dodge Rodeo in order to provide the opportunity for rodeo fans to be able to register for the Dodge Rodeo Sweepstakes at Robert Knowles Dodge and the Top O' Texas Rodeo. One lucky winner will receive a Dodge Rodeo belt buckle custom designed by Montana Silversmiths during the final performance. The winner will also be entered into a drawing for the grand prize, a new 2004 Dodge Ram (approximate retail value not to exceed \$35,000 MSRP). The grand prize winner will be presented at the 2004 Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo.

This year's rodeo features our favorite rodeo comedian Ted Kimzey. He will be entertaining fans young and old. And when it comes to everyone's favorite event, bull riding, protection is his game.

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## PRCA crowns champions at 44th Wrangler NFR

### Time to purchase those tickets to Style Show, Luncheon now

The deadline is drawing close for purchasing tickets for the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Luncheon and Style Show to be held Thursday, July 10 at M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building.

The steak dinner will be catered by Cattle Exchange restaurant of Canadian.

Contestants in the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas pageant will model western wear and give a brief presentation. In addition, Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Mandy Pool and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen Jamie Schroeder will put in an appearance.

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The 2002 Finals was no different.

Sunday's show, seen by 17,681 fans at the Thomas & Mack Center and countless others on ESPN's live broadcast, certainly made its case for one of the most exciting and unpredictable of all time.

Among the world-champion moments:

— Trevor Brazile of Anson, Texas, claimed his first world all-around title, winning \$33,909 in Sunday's 10th round to secure the title over Jesse Bail, the event's only two-event cowboy. Bail finished second in the final round of calf roping and finished third in the average race.

— One year after experiencing heartbreak in the final round, bareback rider Bobby Mote of Redmond, Ore., took care of some unfinished business. On Sunday, Mote rode his 10-round horse, Kesler Championship Rodeo's Alley Ways Dip, for 88 points and the round title. That, coupled with a fourth-place average payoff, gave Mote the world title by \$14,338 over average champion Jason Jeter, who set a Wrangler NFR event record by riding 10 head for 839 points.

— Sid Steiner of Bastrop, Texas, made the leap of the day. He entered the 10th round in sixth

place in the world standings but well within leader Luke Branquinho. Steiner stepped up and stopped the clock in 3.3 seconds — tied for the fastest run of the Wrangler NFR — and shot to the top of the standings. He then watched challenger after challenger try to upstage him, but to no avail.

He became the latest part of a father-son duo to have claimed world titles; Tommy Steiner won the world bull riding championship in 1973.

— Speed Williams of Jacksonville, Fla., and Rich Skelton of Llano, Texas, made team roping history, snagging their sixth consecutive world crown. That broke the record of five, set by Jake Barnes and Clay O'Brien Cooper, that had stood since 1989.

Williams and Skelton are now just one world title from tying Barnes and Cooper for most team roping titles in ProRodeo history.

Although they didn't win a round, Williams and Skelton placed six times, holding off challengers Wade Whately and Hughson, Calif., and Kyle Lockett of Ivanhoe, Calif., by \$10,000 and \$12,000 in the heading and heeling standings, respectively.

— Saddle bronc rider Glen O'Neill of Didsbury, Alberta, shared Mote's fate in 2001 by losing the lead on the final round of the Wrangler NFR.

On Sunday, O'Neill did his part, scoring 88 points to win the round. That also gave him the average title with a Wrangler NFR-record 825 points on 10 head. In one day, O'Neill bagged \$49,628, and he

needed all of it to outlast five-time world saddle bronc riding champion Dan Mortensen by just \$6,723.

— Fred Whitfield further cemented his place among ProRodeo's all-time greats by winning his sixth world calf roping title and fourth Wrangler NFR average crown. Only Joe Beaver, Roy Cooper and Olin Young have won four NFR average crowns.

— Barrel racer Charmayne James finally reached the winner's circle after an eight-year hiatus, claiming her WPRA-record 11th world title and first aboard Cruiser.

From 1984 to 1993, James was virtually unbeatable on Scamper, the only barrel horse inducted into the ProRodeo Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs, Colo.

During the Wrangler NFR, James retook the lead from upstart Tammy Key on the final day, claiming her seventh average title — also a record — en route to the title.

— Blue Stone had n't endured a more trying, and painful, year than in 2002. It started with a fractured sternum last February at the Olympic Command Performance Rodeo in Farmington, Utah, and Stone never was 100 percent.

Still, the reigning world bull riding champion had something to prove in 2002, and he arrived in Las Vegas as the No. 8-ranked bull rider. When the dust settled, he had bagged the average title, rallying from No. 3 to the top spot in Round 10.

He became the first bull rider since ProRodeo Hall of Famer Don Gay to win back-to-back bull riding titles.

Gay, who won eight world bull riding titles, did it in 1980-81.

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**Rodeo to include pageantry of queen, teen queen contests**

Pretty ladies modeling beautiful western outfits. Young women explaining what they know about horses and equestrian equipment, illnesses and humane issues related to horses. Queens and contestants riding horseback in parades, competition and entertaining rodeo crowds. These are all part of the upcoming Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Pageant.

Now in its sixth year, Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Pageant has continued to grow with the assistance of its many sponsors. The new Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas will receive, among other prizes, a new saddle courtesy of James and Gaylene Bradley of JLB Ranch.

To keep the saddle in shape, William Schroeder of William's Works of Wood has donated a custom designed handmade saddle stand.

The tiara the new queen will wear during her reign is made possible through the support of Mary and Neil Fulton of Bob Clements, Inc. A silver belt buckle is being donated by Clark Carr and Sons Memorial and a diamond horseshoe ring by Ken and Stephane Rheams of Rheams Diamond Shop.

Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas will also receive a scholarship to a college of her choice. The scholarship is made possible through the support of Dennis Holman of Holman Services, Cabot Corporation, Celanese, Ben Watson of Edward Jones Investments and Amanda Jacobs Memorial.

Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas will be kept busy with personal appearances at benefits, style shows, rodeos, stock shows, schools and more. To help the new queen stay focused and organized, former Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Brandy Adamson and husband Ray will be donating a custom designed leather appointment book.

Personalized spurs will come courtesy of Cindy and Doug Kempf in memory of Amanda Jacobs.

The teen queen will also receive many wonderful prizes. Her saddle is being donated by Julie and Milton Cooke of Cattle Exchange Restaurant in Canadian; her trophy belt buckle by Mike and Brenda Guess; her tiara by Linda Daniels of Keller Williams Realty; and her diamond horseshoe ring by Ken and Stephane Rheams.

Again, Schroeder will donate a saddle stand, and personalized spurs will come courtesy of Cindy and Doug Kempf in memory of Bill and Geneva Tidwell.

Both the queen and teen queen will receive

cellular phones from Dobson Cellular for use during their reigns.

Division runner-ups will both receive handmade belt buckles and saddle blankets. The queen buckle is being donated by Randy and Carla Norris of CN Ranch, the teen buckle by Pampa Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee and the saddle blankets by Clark Carr and Sons Memorial.

The two teen contestants and the three queen contestants are to be judged in three categories.

Winners in each category will be awarded the following prizes: "Horsemanship" category, halters and custom leather work courtesy of Clark Carr and Sons Memorial and Rocking Sombbrero Ranch; "Appearance," embroidered garment bags from Amanda Jacobs Memorial along with clothing and jewelry donated by Wayne's Western Wear and other merchants; and "Personality," boot bags with embroidered Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas emblem courtesy of Amanda Jacobs Memorial along with clothing and jewelry contributed by Wayne's Western Wear and other merchants.

Additional support is being provided by Bowers Ranch, The Tommy Winborne Family and The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys. Contestants are sought throughout the state and each receives a goody bag filled with gifts for participating.

Current queens and all contestants may be seen at each performance of the Top O' Texas Rodeo slated July 10-12. Rodeo tickets are currently available from any pageant participants who will deliver tickets to those purchasing the tickets.

A luncheon and style show will be staged July 10 in Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. Again, tickets are available from any pageant contestant or may be picked up at Top O' Texas Rodeo Office, 200 N. Ballard.

The \$12 luncheon/style show ticket includes a steak dinner catered by Cattle Exchange and entertainment provided by each contestant who will be modeling western attire and presenting a three-minute speech. Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas 2002 Mandy Poole and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen Jamie Schroeder will be on hand at this event.

Seating is limited, so attendees are urged to get their tickets soon.

The horsemanship phase of the pageant

will be conducted at 8 a.m., Friday, July 11 at the rodeo arena in Pampa. For more information about the pageant or any related activities, contact the rodeo office at 669-0434.

The current Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Queen **Mandy Poole** is the 20-year-old daughter of Nancy and Robert Poole and is the granddaughter of Oley McCunn and Peggy and Preston Poole, all of Pampa.

Poole recently graduated with honors from Clarendon College. While attending CC, she belonged to Phi Theta Kappa and was named to the Dean's List and Who's Who Among American Junior College Students.

She attained the title of Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen in 1998 and went on to become the first individual to earn both the queen and teen queen titles for the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association.

Poole truly lives the lifestyle of a rodeo cowgirl, competing in barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying and breakaway roping through numerous organizations including Junior Rodeo Cowboy Association, National Barrel Horse Association, High Plains Junior Rodeo Association, Manchie and Renee Barrel Racing, Panhandle Barrel Racing Association and American Quarter Horse Association.

She is currently a member of AQHYA Wrangler All-Star Team and was NBHA TX 02 3D Youth and Open Champion in 2002, earning two saddles.


While in high school, she competed in Tri-State High School Rodeo Association and Texas High School Rodeo Association and was a member of the 2000-01 NHSRA Wrangler All-Star Team.

Poole plans to pursue a pre-vet degree at West Texas A&M University in the fall with the ultimate goal of obtaining a degree in veterinary medicine with a specialization in equine and horse chiropractics.

**Jamie Schroeder**, 2002 Miss Top O' Texas Teen Queen, is the 18-year-old daughter of James and Jill Schroeder of Pampa. A senior at Pampa High School, she is a member of Tri-State High School Rodeo Association, serving as chapter president and queen.


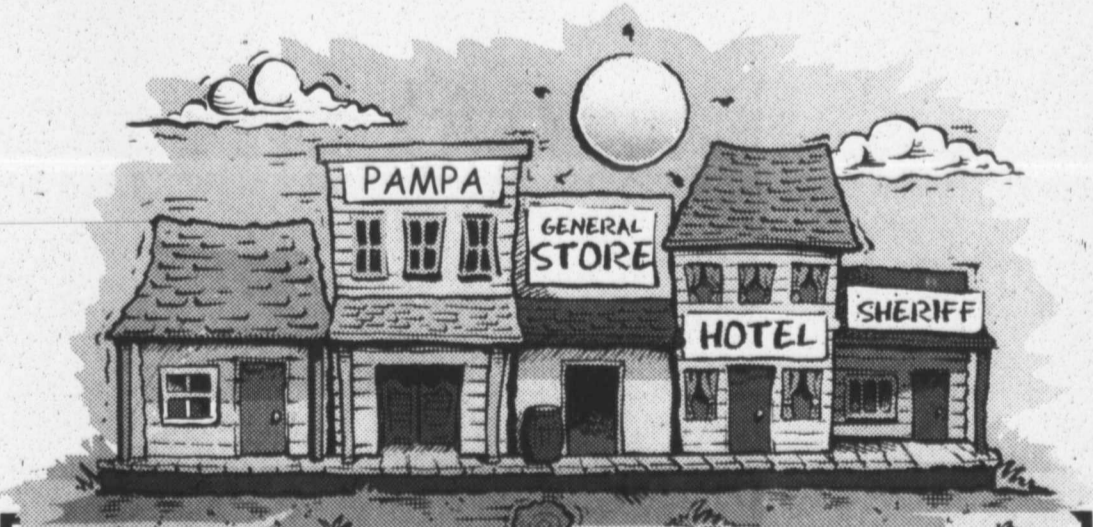
"It has been a privilege to carry the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association flag in many parades and rodeos and represent Pampa at many civic activities around the Panhandle," Schroeder said, adding that she found partic-

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ularly rewarding her work with Pokey the Clown at his ranch rodeos and benefits for children.

Schroeder plans to pursue a degree in teaching with a minor in equine science at West Texas A&M University after high school.



**Courtney Stephens**

agribusiness then focus on a career in the beef industry.

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**Teen Queens**

**Karli Lynn Douglas**, 15-year-old daughter of Raymond and Debbie Douglas of Pampa, is a sophomore at Pampa High School.

Her honors, activities and accomplishments include the following: Riding horses; modeling, acting; camping; fishing; FFA; Tri-State High School Rodeo Club; Texas High School Rodeo Club; Pampa Rodeo Club secretary; Gray County 4-H; National Barrel Horse Association; American Quarter Horse Association; Friends of Rodeo; All-Around Champion; Goat Tying Champion; Presidents' Award for Educational Excellence; U.S. Health Department Science Award; Academic Recognition for TAAS; United States Academic Honor Roll;

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**Whitney Swafford**, 18-year-old daughter of Debi Swafford of Amarillo and Mike Swafford, is a graduate of Amarillo High School.

Her honors, activities and accomplishments include the following: National Honor Society; modeling; AHS Distinguished Achievement Program; 4-H; acting; American Quarter Horse Association; United States Achievement Academy; Anderson Talent Agency; Teen Court volunteer and persecutor; teaching children to ride; Amarillo Symphony Guild Belle; Anna Doyle 4-H Sportsmanship Award; and winner of Range Riders Rodeo Queen Horsemanship Contest winner (2001).

She is currently a freshman at Amarillo College and plans to pursue a degree in law at Texas Tech University.

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**Lana Wallendorff** is the 20-year-old daughter of Mike Wallendorff and Lori Wallendorff of Hedley. She graduated from Hedley High School, attended West Texas A&M University and is currently enrolled in the Ranch and Feedlot Operations Program at Clarendon College.

Her honors, activities and accomplishments include the following: Roping and riding; 2001 Valedictorian of Hedley High School; 2001 State Chemistry Champion; 2001 Business Professionals of America Banking and Finance State Champion; 2001 National Honor Society president; 2001 Donley County Young Woman of the Year; and WTAMU Dean's List (fall 2001 and spring 2002).

Wallendorff plans to earn a bachelor's degree in



**Whitney Swafford**

Region 1 THSRA Queen and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas 2002 Teen Runner-up; Fellowship of Christian Cowboys; Worth The Wait Stars Program; and livestock shows participant.

Douglas is a member of Fellowship Baptist Church. She plans to attend college on a rodeo scholarship and become a psychiatrist.



**Lana Wallendorff**

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**Trinidee Talley** is the 16-year-old daughter of Joe and Kay Talley of Miami and is a junior at Pampa High School.

Her honors, activities and accomplishments include the following: 1999 4-H Hemphill Rodeo Queen; PHS Rodeo Club Princess (2002-



**Karli Lynn Douglas**

03); Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen contestant (2001, 2002); Hemphill County 4-H; PHS FFA AG; Tri-State Fair; San Antonio Livestock Show; Hemphill County Stock Show; Fellowship of Christian Cowboys; PHS Rodeo Club; Tri-State High School Rodeo Association; American Quarter Horse Association; and American



**Trinidee Talley**

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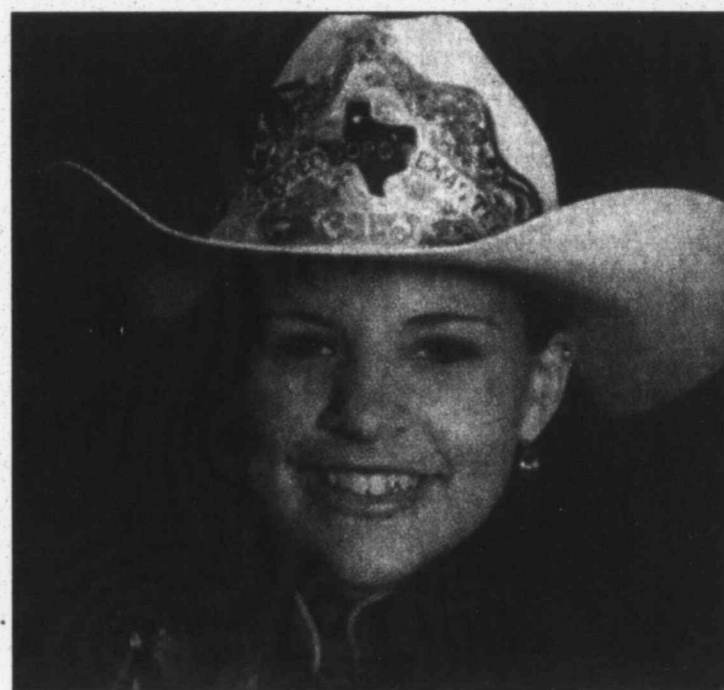
Talley is a member of United Methodist Church of Miami.

She plans to pursue a degree in equine science at Texas A&M University after high school.

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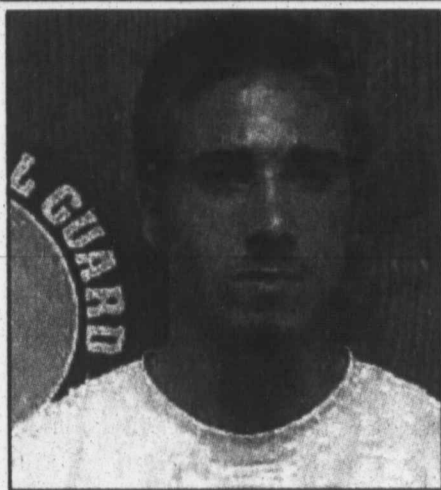
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## NEWSMAKERS



Zachary W. Ballard

WHITE DEER — Zachary W. Ballard, a 2003 graduate of White Deer High School, has enlisted in the Texas Army National Guard in Pampa.

As a PV1/E-1, Ballard will report to training on Feb. 4, 2004, at Fort Benning, Ga., and will receive training as an infantryman.

Ballard is scheduled to begin his orientation training on July 12, and will receive Basic Training Orientation until he departs for Fort Benning. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Ballard.



Michael Pergeson

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced Pampa High School student Michael Pergeson was named an All-American Scholar.

USAA established the All-American Scholar program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines.

To be eligible for the honor, students must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted. USAA All-American Scholars are named in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, published nationally.

Pergeson is the son of Steve and Diane Lumley and the late James Pergeson of Pampa and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe McFall of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Pergeson and Pauline Hines, all of Prairie Grove, Ark.

AMARILLO — Amarillo College recently announced students named to its honor roll for the 2003 spring semester.

To be eligible for the honor roll, a student must maintain a 3.6 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at AC.

Students named to the honor roll include Dirk William Archer, Darrell Lee Danner, Vincent D. Hillman, Gregory Leroy Malone, Charles R. Nix, Bonnie J. Schiffman and Nathan T. Sprinkle, all of Pampa; and Kristina L. Porter of Lefors.

BUIES CREEK, N.C. — Campbell University recently announced its President's List for the 2003 spring semester.

The President's List names students who, during their second or later semester at Campbell University, are eligible for the Dean's List and who maintain a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 on all college work attempted.

Students named to the list include Kimberly D. Grice-Hopkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kit Grice of Pampa. Hopkins, a 2001 Pampa High School graduate, is a senior business administration as pre-law major at CU.

She plans to attend law school after graduation from the university and was named to Who's Who Among American College Students this year. She is currently a staff accountant for Cruise.Com/Omega World Travel Corporation.

# Free Lunch in the Park

Photos & Layout by Miranda G. Bailey

Children ages 1 to 18 can find a free summertime lunch waiting for them daily at one of several parks around town including Lamar Elementary, Central Park, Horace Mann, Lion's Club and Optimist Park. The program, which features a different meal one hour each weekday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., is being sponsored by Harvest House.



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1. Aaron Bass holds the lunch sack his mother, Heather, gives to him at Central Park. 2. Christian Wells lies in the shade on the picnic bench where the 60 lunch sacks are distributed by his mother, Stacie, and Julie Towles. 3. Daniel Ortiz, 7, receives his sack lunch. 4. Cordell Woodward bites into his apple with

Lisa Shorter sitting next to him. 5. Dallam Budd, 10, digs into his hotdog only slightly behind his younger brother, Dakota. 6. (left) Tyler Wishon, Lydia West, Derek Wishon, Josiah West, Kim West and Abby West enjoy lunch after helping Harvest House distribute lunch at Central Park.

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# LIFESTYLES

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### WEEK OF JULY 7-11

#### PISD Summer Program

**MONDAY**  
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.  
Lunch: Pizza dippers or macaroni/cheese, corn, spinach, pineapple.

**TUESDAY**  
Breakfast: Waffle sticks.  
Lunch: Sloppy Joes or macaroni/cheese, English peas, salad, pears.

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

**THURSDAY**  
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls.  
Lunch: Bologna sandwiches or macaroni/cheese, carrot sticks, lettuce/tomatoes, peaches.

**FRIDAY**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast.  
Lunch: Corn dogs or macaroni/cheese, French fries, vegetarian beans, apple sauce.

**Lunch in the Park**  
**MONDAY**  
Lunch: Corn dogs, trail mix, fruit cup, milk.

**TUESDAY**  
Lunch: Cheese sandwich, 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 lasagna rollups, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, brussels sprouts, beans, German chocolate cake or banana pudding, slaw,

tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**TUESDAY**  
Leg quarters/wild rice or Salisbury steak, boiled potatoes, baby carrots, English peas, beans, lemon cake or chocolate sundae cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, squash casserole, turnip greens, beans, fudge marble cake or bread pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**THURSDAY**  
Chicken strips or cabbage rolls, curly fries, winter blend, chuckwagon corn, beans, strawberry shortcake or butterscotch icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**FRIDAY**  
Catfish/hushpuppies or Swedish meatballs/noodles, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, spice cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

**Meals On Wheels**  
**MONDAY**  
Sausage patties, hash-browns, green beans, cookies.

**TUESDAY**  
Chicken, dressing, gravy, English peas, cranberry sauce, pudding.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Hamloaf, hominy casserole, mixed vegetables, apple sauce.

**THURSDAY**  
Sloppy Joes, potato salad, baked beans, pears.

**FRIDAY**  
Chicken nuggets, baked potatoes, carrots, peaches.

## Forman-Bell

Jill Leanne Forman and Daniel Lynn Bell, both of Denton, were wed June 7 in Central Baptist Church of Pampa.

The maid of honor was Laura Doucette of Amarillo and the bridal attendants were sisters of the bride, Julie Sims of Lefors and Jennifer Weinheimer of Groom. The flower girl was niece of the bride, Megan Sims of Lefors.

The best man was Socorro Gonzales of Dallas. The groomsmen were brothers of the groom, Tony Bell of Krum and David Rice of Pilot Point, and son of the groom, Zachary Bell of Denton. The ring bearer was Will Weinheimer of Groom.

Registering the guests were nieces



Jill Forman and Daniel Bell

bride, Brittany Weinheimer and Danielle Sims, and nephew of the

bride, Todd Weinheimer.

Musicians included vocalists Joyce Field and Kevin Monds and pianist Myrna Orr, all of Pampa.

A reception was held in Central Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Servers were Rebecca Templeman of Tulsa, Okla., Lindsey Sealy of Pampa and Sunni Graf of Amarillo.

The bride is the daughter of William R. and Linda Forman of Pampa. She graduated from the University of North Texas in May 2003 and will be teaching marketing and business education at Frisco High School in the fall.

The groom is the son of Larry and Pam Bell of Sanger. He works for Peterbilt Motor Company.

The newlyweds planned a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico, and intend to make their home in Denton.

## WEDDINGS

## LIFESTYLES

### POLICY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

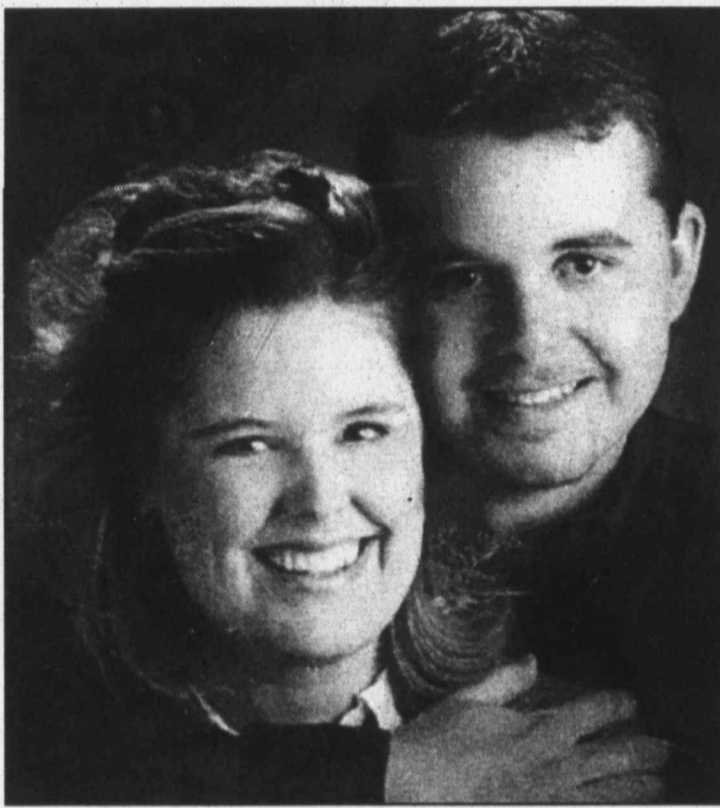
## ENGAGEMENTS

### Longan-Cope

Mandy Longan and Brandon Cope plan to wed Aug. 19 at Beaches Grande Sport in Jamaica.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Philip and Julia Longan of Oakwood. She graduated from Carlsbad High School in Carlsbad, N.M., in 1999 and is currently employed by D&L Masonry, Inc., in Lubbock.

The prospective groom is the son of Jim and Pat Cope of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1999 and is currently employed by Collision King Repair Center in Lubbock.



Mandy Longan and Brandon Cope

## ANNIVERSARIES



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Oler



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Oler

### Oler anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Oler of Pampa celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary July 5 at Pamcel Hall near Pampa. Children of the couple hosted the reception.

Bill Oler and Retha Patterson were married July 4, 1943, at Drumright, Okla. They have made Pampa their home for 51 years and are members of First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Oler worked at Culberson Stowers in Pampa until hiring on at Celanese in 1960

where he worked until retiring in July 1987.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Oler were active with the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts when their children were Scouts.

Children of the couple are Ron and Julie Oler of Perryton, Steve Oler of Meadview, Ariz., and Sandy and Ernie Huddleston of Pampa. They have seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



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### Laycock anniversary

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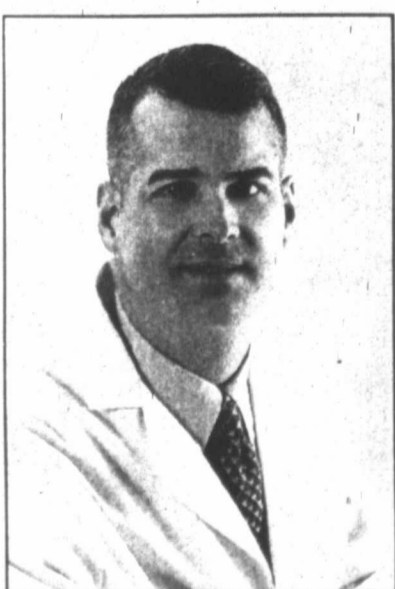


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## Summer program offers student TAKS, college prep

By JO ANN ZUNIGA  
HOUSTON CHRONICLE

HOUSTON — On a humid June morning, Julissa Chavez and classmates from Jefferson Davis High School stood on a boat deck and cast their nets into the brownish Buffalo Bayou.

Expecting to dredge up nothing but mud, the 10th- and 11th-graders were surprised when they instead snared about a dozen squiggling baby shrimp.

"I thought the bayou was just dead," said Chavez, amazed at the white egrets and great blue herons patiently waiting along the muddy banks for the occasional jumping mullet.

The excursion down Houston's Buffalo Bayou, where the Allen brothers founded the city in 1836 along the banks, is a new field trip for the University of Houston-Downtown's Jesse H. Jones Academic Institute. The institute is a two-year program that spans two summers, emphasizing reading, writing, math and science.

So while the boat ride

offered a fun trip down the bayou, it also strengthened biology and chemistry skills, helping students identify wildlife species and measure water temperature and salinity. Those experiments also can also help students who now are tested in science in the state's accountability test — Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

More than 4,000 students from the north Houston high school campus near the university have participated in the program since it started in 1990, said program coordinator Jane Thielemann. This year, some 350 students are taking the summer program. Students who complete both years also receive \$1,000 scholarships, renewable up to four years.

UH-Downtown chemistry professor Louis Ashworth, teaching at the institute, said this summer he has focused on the basics of metrics, equations and interpreting graphs before moving on to the periodic chart.

Biology professor Deanna McCullough, meanwhile, said her class previously visited the

Houston Zoo to identify the scientific genus and species for the animals.

But this summer's boat rides on the bayou were their first field trips on water. With help from the Bayou Preservation Association, the institute incorporated "Kids on the Bayou," where students boarded the 51-foot "Ivory Jo" charter boat from Allen's Landing underneath the Main Street bridge.

The boat wound past UH-Downtown, drifting by the Harris County Jail, the Juvenile Detention Center and newly renovated lofts.

"Here is the Enchanted Downtown Waterfall," announced teacher Lawrence Spence, describing the gush pouring from a gaping storm sewer pipe protruding from the bank.

The bayou has inadvertently become a dumping ground, sometimes for trash that can be reused, Spence told the students. Besides teaching the traditional science components, the ride was also a lesson on the environment, and how to protect it.

As the group watched plastic bottles and metal cans float on the surface along with bobbing soccer balls, Spence told students that auto parts stores recycle car oil, batteries and tires for customers which is better than dumping them in the water.

"We need to get people to recycle more," said AnaMaria Rodriguez, an 11th-grader.

The students also studied a map of Houston-area watersheds, tracing Buffalo Bayou's meandering from Katy, through downtown Houston and the Port of Houston ship channel before emptying into the Gulf of Mexico.

After learning most of their tap drinking water comes from the Lake Houston watershed, the teens moaned.

"Don't worry. The water is thoroughly treated," Spence reassured them.

Upon reaching the Turning Basin at the port's entry, the

boat had to obtain radio permission from security increased since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The students fell silent in the security zone as they passed a towering oil tanker called the "Manatee" and several military-gray Merchant Marine ships with warning signs "U.S. Govt Vessel/Keep Clear."

On the return boat trip to downtown, the teens began praising the institute and experiences offered, saying the lessons help prepare them for the accountability tests.

"It helps me a lot in TAKS," said 11th grader David Ramirez, recalling the extra tutoring and mentoring the institute offered.

AnaMaria Rodriguez, a junior starting her second summer with the institute, said last summer's stint helped her pass the 10th-grade science class this past school year.

"It (the institute) prepared me for biology," Rodriguez said. "I got straight A's" in the high school class.

She recounted her fascination with using a scalpel to dissect a dead rat in the institute's

lab, an experiment Davis students don't conduct because the school lacks does not have the equipment and supplies.

"It didn't even gross me out. I'm thinking about going into medicine," Rodriguez said.

Other students mentioned interests in forensic science, zoology and marine biology.

Chester Velasquez, finishing up his senior year at Cornell University in New York state, completed the two-year summer institute program and is a 1999 graduate of Davis High School.

He has returned to the institute several times as a teaching assistant.

"Conceptually, the institute helps you to understand what to expect in college," said Velasquez, a majoring in architecture major.

Accompanying the students on the boat, he grew excited over architectural drawings and proposals by the Buffalo Bayou Partnership, a coalition of business and environmental groups, to form botanical gardens, and other landscaping and development along the bayou.

"People don't understand

what the bayous did for the city," Velasquez said of the waterways' importance in transporting cotton and other goods in Houston's early days.

"The bayous should be preserved historically as well as in future development," he said.

Director Thielemann said the program helps increase minority enrollment in higher education and focuses on the future development of the city's work force.

The institute's annual \$200,000 budget comes from various funds, including the Houston Endowment and El Paso Energy.

And while the program has always integrated the state's accountability test into the curriculum, Thielemann said that element is not the main focus.

"We concentrate on students' acculturation to a college environment," she said, "working with professors and exposure to technology, materials, samples and collections that the university has as learning tools."

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### CRADLE CALL



Josie M. Shook

### Josie Shook

Josie McKinna Shook was born at 8:43 a.m., June 24, at Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger, to Christy Shook.

Josie weighed 6-pounds at

birth and was 18 1/2-inches long.

Her grandparents are Tammy Shook, John Carroll and Randy and Linda Jones and her great-grandparents are Jim and Carolyn Shook.

### CLUB NEWS

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

#### PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met Thursday, May 26, with President Susie Edwards presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Letters of thanks were received in appreciation of quilts donated by the guild to several charity organizations.

—Challenge quilts were

voted on and included Joyce Taylor, "Best Use of Color"; Colleen Eskridge, "Best Artistic Design"; and Judith Lismán, "Best Use of Technical Skills."

—Officers for the coming club year were installed. New officers are Gayle Wilson, Pampa president; Donna Reynolds, vice president; Mindy Reeves,

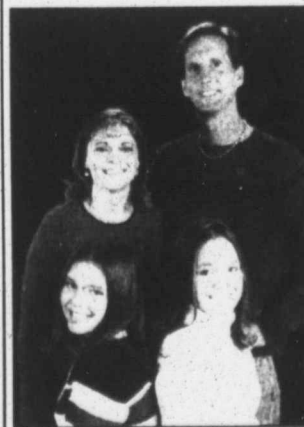
secretary; Lisa Harrison, treasurer; Brenda Tucker, newsletter; and Ruth Barrett, publicity.

—Five members participated in show and tell.

—Jane Jacobs and Barrett won block drawings.

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## DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

### Sweethearts On Lovers' Lane Are Heading For A Crash

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 29-year-old married woman, and I dearly love my husband and child. However, I think I've fallen head over heels for my "first love" (I'll call him Cliff) all over again.

I recently ran into Cliff at the hardware store, and after talking a while, we went riding around in his car — just like we did when we were in high school. Then we parked and started making out.

Cliff confessed that for the past 10 years he's felt he was meant to be my husband, and letting me go was the biggest mistake of his life. The terrible thing is, now I'm wishing I had married him, too.

For the past month we've been secretly meeting downtown three times a week. All we do is drive around, park and neck — nothing more. When I'm with him, I feel like a teenager again. I still love him, Abby, and I'm so confused I cry in my pillow. Sign me ...

**BACK IN LOVERS' LANE**

**DEAR BACK IN LOVERS' LANE:** You may be just "two teenagers in love" in your fantasies, but in reality you're two adults who are begging for trouble. You're playing a dangerous game that could devastate your husband and affect your child. Before any more clandestine meetings, it's time to sit down and sort out what's really important to you. Counseling can help you discover what is missing in your marriage that has made a second adolescence so appealing. Don't put it off.

**DEAR ABBY:** I need some advice. My boyfriend and I have been together for two years. He was adopted by loving parents who gave him everything. But he has just found his birth mother, and they seem to want to catch up on lost time.

My problem is I can't stop resenting that his mother came back into his life. I feel very left out, and as if my time has been usurped by another woman. Don't get me wrong. I am happy for him, but I no longer feel that I am his No. 1 priority.

I tried talking to my boyfriend about this, and he acts like he understands my feelings — but he also

says it seems I want him to choose. How can I stop feeling this way?  
**LEFT OUT IN LAREDO**

**DEAR LEFT OUT:** First of all, understand that what is going on is not about you; it's all about him and his need to understand who he is and where he came from. Like any new relationship, it is distracting in the beginning, but will subside in time. So be patient. Realize that what a man feels for his mother is not what he feels for his girlfriend. Don't take this personally, and above all, do not allow yourself to be put into a "her or me" situation. If you do, you might win the battle, but you'll surely lose the war.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 16-year-old male student and I have a huge crush on my summer school teacher, "Miss Bodacious." She doesn't notice me and it's driving me crazy. I'm losing my mind. I hate it! Please help. What should I do to calm my raging hormones?  
**GOT IT BAD FOR "BOD" IN DELAWARE**

**DEAR GOT IT BAD:** In a word, *sublimete*. It's time to take the energy you are devoting to fantasizing about your teacher and channel it into something else — like sports activities. Not only will it give you less time to think about "Miss Bodacious," but you'll be so tired when you're done that you won't have the energy. (Cold showers also help.) Good luck!

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

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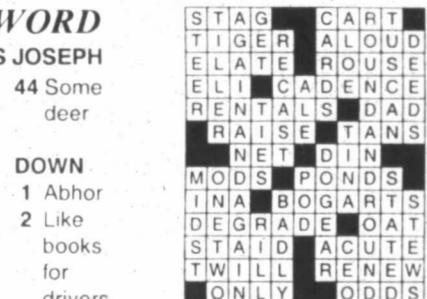
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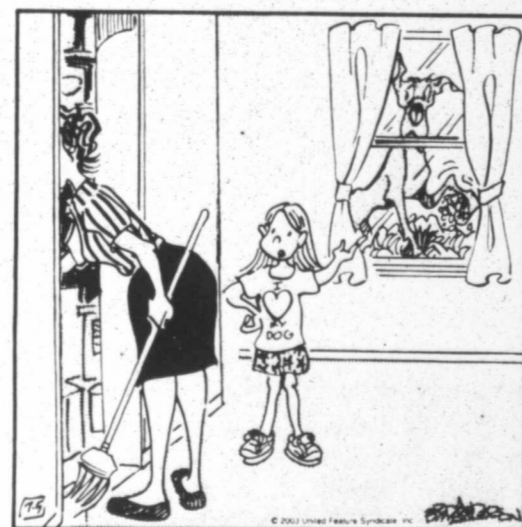
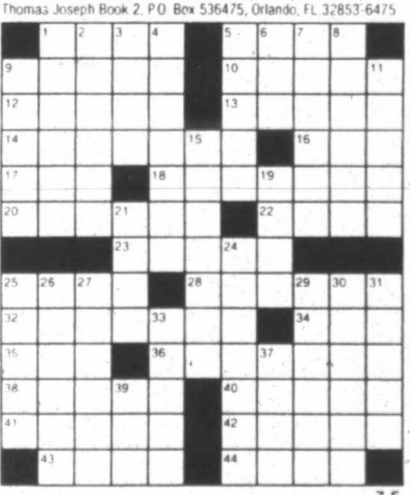
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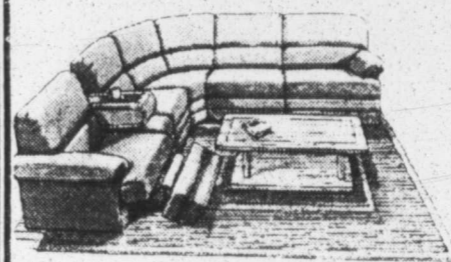
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# MEDICAL

## Finding a release through art

Mentally ill creat oils on canvas, ink etched in wood...

By RACHELLA CORTE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MIAMI (AP) — Mario Mesa started painting after he was diagnosed in the early 1990s with schizophrenia. A friend bought him house paint, and he used it to paint everything from doors to shoes.

"I had never before painted in my life," said Mesa, now 74. "I discovered that I was a painter."

It wasn't long before he moved on to professional supplies and began giving his art to friends and family. He donated some to museums. Some, he sold.

"Fuego Social," an acrylic on canvas, is special. It is one of two Mesa entries included in "Selections from the NAEMI Art Collection," a book that showcases 58 pieces by people like Mesa who suffer from mental illness.

Crying masks. A contorted body. Haunted eyes. A slit wrist.

The stark images in the book are etched in wood with ink, painted on canvas with oils or scribbled on paper with crayons. The artists' styles differ, but the common thread is their battle with mental illness.

Sometimes their torment spills onto the canvas. In one, the words "I feel sick" are written on top of a distorted face that has another face breaking out from within. In others, hopeful images prevail — a child riding a hobby horse or a tranquil wooded river landscape.

The pieces were compiled for the book by Juan Martin, founder of National Art

Exhibitions by the Mentally Ill. Martin, who worked as a mental health counselor for 17 years, founded the nonprofit organization in 1988 after he gave one of his patients some material to paint during a therapy session.

"He produced this incredible artwork in a few seconds," Martin said. "I said, 'Well, there should be more people like this and there should be some exhibition to show this art.'"

The book and an exhibition of the work made their debut in Miami in May and will be traveling to New Brunswick, N.J., in August and to New York in 2004.

An estimated 22.1 percent of Americans ages 18 and older — about 1 in 5 adults — suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder in a given year, according to the National Institute of Mental Health.

Martin said he wants to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and give those afflicted an outlet for their talent.

"They are unique," he said. "Maybe that extra struggle, that baggage, provides something extra."

In Mesa's "Fuego Social," a face glares out from a blaze of red, orange and green colors.

"I was thinking about how society gives you so much, but as much as it gives you it also takes from you. It takes everything," Mesa said. "Fuego Social" is that. Like a fire burns you, society burns you."

Martin has acquired nearly 700 works of art created by the mentally ill in the past 15 years. He is in contact with administra-

tors and case managers at psychiatric hospitals and institutions across the country who help him track down work by aspiring artists. He hopes to open a museum to house a permanent collection.

Echo McCallister also has two pieces featured in the book, but as a resident of a group home in Clay, W.Va., he doesn't realize that his paintings sell for as much as \$500, said Chris Nooney, program director at Advantage Valley Behavior Health Center. McCallister, who is in his 50s, is schizophrenic, has been diagnosed with autism and does not usually speak.

Art "is the one thing that makes him stand out more," Nooney said. "When he draws is when he is feeling better. I don't think he understands that this artwork is going off and being sold."

McCallister receives the proceeds from the sale of his paintings. Since his family already has paid for his care, the staff at Advantage Valley has used the extra money to buy him an adult tricycle, remote control cars, kites and other toys, and they take him out to eat, Nooney said.

Martin's organization operates on about \$100,000 a year, with most of that money donated by companies such as Johnson & Johnson, manufacturer of such health care products as baby powder and Band-Aids, and pharmaceutical giant Pfizer Inc., maker of Viagra.

Johnson & Johnson started its sponsorship about eight years ago after being contacted by Martin, said Michael Bzdak, director of corporate contributions at

Johnson & Johnson and curator of the 1998 exhibition of the National Art Exhibitions by the Mentally Ill.

"The work was so powerful, we obviously gave it a second and third look," he said. "It's just so purely expressionistic. It's very direct and compelling imagery."

While Mesa needs medication to calm his nerves, he said he needs art to live his life.

"Since I have been painting I am a happy man," he said. "My art has made me useful and it has made me give back in some way all that has been given to me. Before my art I was an old man. I no longer am old."

Associated Press writer Vanessa Petit contributed to this report.

On the Net:  
National Art Exhibitions by the Mentally Ill: <http://www.naemi.org/>  
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## New toll-free connection provides help with 'alluring' poisons

So many of them are things children love - enticing colors, intriguing containers, inviting contents that look and smell like a favorite food or a familiar beverage. To a small child, that decongestant on the nightstand looks just like red cinnamon candies, and the laxative in the bathroom cabinet is almost identical to a square of chocolate. That yellow lamp oil in the see-through bottle on the kitchen counter smells a lot like lemonade. And the cleanser in the round green can under the sink? It bears a close resemblance to a container of sprinkle-on grated Parmesan cheese.

Poison control centers know all too well about "look-alikes" - those perfectly good products that become dangerous when mistaken for something yummy by a curious crawler or climber, said Judy

Whitfield, coordinator for the Texas Poison Center Network and a staff member of the Bureau of Epidemiology at the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

"During 2002, more than half of the 168,000 human-exposure calls the state's poison control centers received involved the unintentional poisonings of children under 5. And that's an age group that represents only 8 percent of our population."

Nationally, about 30 deaths and nearly 1 million incidents each year involve children under 5 exposed to potential poisons.

"What makes small children especially vulnerable to accidental poisoning is that they are constantly exploring and investigating the world around them, often putting what they see and can reach into their mouths," Whitfield

said. "That's why it is so important to use products with child-resistant packaging and keep medicines and chemicals locked up and out of sight."

If a suspected poisoning occurs, people have a new nationwide toll-free number that connects with the nearest poison control center.

"Write it down: 1-800-222-1222. Post it by all the phones in the house and program it into your cell phones," Whitfield said.

Those who call the toll-free number are connected to the nearest poison control center and a network of nurses, pharmacists, paramedics and physicians who have extensive education, training and

expertise in toxicology and poisonings.

Whitfield said these experts are trained to deal with everything from poison exposures ... to insect stings and snakebites ... to how your new medication may interact with the other medications you're already taking. "They've also handled anthrax and other bioterrorism-related calls and even answered questions about debris from the Shuttle Columbia," she said.

Texas has centers in Amarillo, Dallas, El Paso, Galveston, San Antonio and Temple, all equipped with telecommunications devices for the deaf (TDD) and access to the AT&T Language Line,

which provides translation services for callers who speak Spanish, Vietnamese and other languages.

"The good news is that 75 to 80 percent of poison exposures can be treated at home," Whitfield said. If someone in your home has been exposed to a possible poison:

—Stay calm. Not all medicines and household chemicals are poisonous, and not all exposures necessarily result in poisoning.

—Call 1-800-222-1222 first, unless you're in a life-threatening situation. Don't go straight to the hospital. And don't induce vomiting unless the expert tells you to.

—Have the label ready, if

possible. It will provide information concerning the product's contents and advice on what immediate first aid to perform.

—Be prepared to give information to the person who answers the phone such as the victim's age and weight; any existing health conditions or problems; substance involved and how it contacted the person (swallowed, inhaled, absorbed through skin contact, splashed into the eyes); how long ago the victim swallowed or inhaled the substance; any first aid that may have been given; if the person has vomited; and your location and how long it will take you to get to the hospital.

## CDC: Animals infected with monkeypox should be killed

ATLANTA (AP) — Any pets feared infected with monkeypox should be destroyed, and other animals, including cats and dogs, that may have been exposed to the disease should be quarantined for up to six weeks, federal health officials said recently.

The announcement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention represents a stepping-up of its efforts to control the outbreak.

There have been no confirmed U.S. cases of monkeypox in cats and dogs, but such pets could get the virus from close contact with an infected

animal and spread it to humans, the CDC said.

"The goal is to protect people, pets and wildlife in the United States, by preventing the monkeypox virus from spreading or becoming established permanently," said Martin Cetron, deputy director of the CDC's global migration and quarantine programs.

The CDC also said laboratory tests confirmed that the monkeypox outbreak in the United States came from six African rodents that arrived on a ship from Ghana three months ago.

The CDC earlier had rec-

ommended quarantine for animals suspected of having monkeypox, but raised the order to kill those animals once it confirmed the source of the outbreak.

Monkeypox has been confirmed in 32 people, mainly in Wisconsin, Indiana and Illinois. The illness in humans is not usually fatal but causes rashes, fevers and chills. Most Americans who caught monkeypox got it from infected pet prairie dogs.

The 800 or so African rodents that arrived on the ship also should be destroyed, the CDC said. The animals have been quarantined for weeks by pet shops and other distributors.

Pet stores that comply with the new euthanasia and quarantine orders may reopen

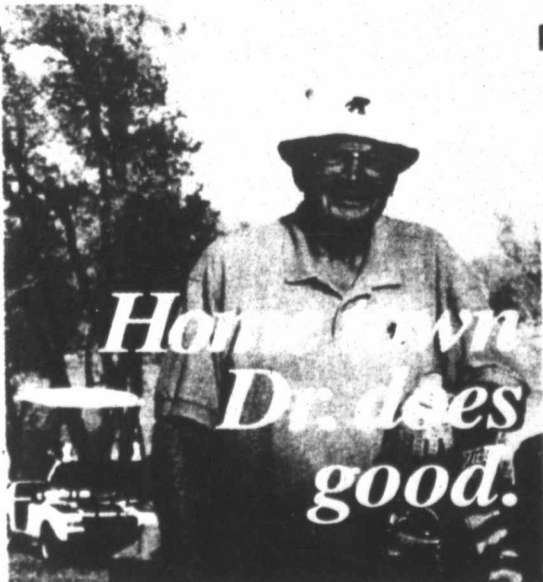
when health officials determine they are safe, the CDC said.

The government has banned imports of African rodents and halted the sale and movement of prairie dogs and some similar rodents.

People who suspect their pets have monkeypox should call state health officials, said Stephanie Shain of the Humane Society.

"If you're at all concerned, it's worth a phone call," she said. "It's difficult because the symptoms they're describing could be a number of problems — not necessarily monkeypox."

On the Net:  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/monkeypox/index.htm>



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# Former astronauts blame disaster on complacency

By MARCIA DUNN  
AP AEROSPACE WRITER

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — John Glenn knew all about breakaway foam when he returned to space on the shuttle Discovery in 1998. But like other astronauts and everyone else at NASA, he accepted it because nothing bad had ever happened.

All that changed after a 1 1/2-pound section of the fuel-tank foam insulation — the biggest piece ever — broke off and smacked the edge of Columbia's left wing, almost certainly creating a gap big enough to doom the spaceship during re-entry.

"It should not have been assumed that the insulation would never cause trouble just because it had not up to that time," Glenn says. "Hindsight gives you a little different view of it now, of course."

Glenn and other old-time astronauts say NASA got complacent, plain and simple.

"We were complacent when the Apollo fire hit us and we were complacent about temperature extremes in the Challenger," says Mercury astronaut Scott Carpenter, who followed Glenn into orbit in 1962. "Columbia was the result of the same complacency that grew from previous hits with insulation. That bred complacency, and it's deadly."

NASA's chief blames the error in judgment on an engineering mind-set that he hopes to change before shuttle flights resume.

"We've got to look at trend analysis. What are the things we're taking as accepted kinds of problems?" NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe says. "Do we understand fully what caused that particular case and is that consequence acceptable and how do we define that?"

O'Keefe plans to create an engineering and safety organization within NASA — but removed from the shuttle program — that will take an independent look at problems like the repeated foam strikes. The team's job will be to ask questions like: "Wait a minute, why are you tolerating that?"

No one asked that question, at least not loudly, in 22 years of space shuttle flight.

"It happened often enough and the consequence of it was considered (insignificant) for whatever set of reasons — rightly, wrongly. I mean 20/20 hindsight is always absolutely perfect in these cases," O'Keefe says.

O'Keefe's right-hand man for spaceflight, Bill Readdy, is more blunt. He readily acknowledges that NASA did not understand the aerodynamics that caused a chunk of flyaway foam to strike one of Atlantis' booster rockets last October and a piece twice as big to slam into Columbia's left wing during liftoff on Jan. 16.

"We were wrong. We've got an awful lot more to understand about this vehicle," says Readdy, a former shuttle commander who is associate administrator for spaceflight.

The Columbia Accident Investigation Board has criticized NASA for not fully understanding the physical mechanisms behind foam shedding.

One board member, Nobel Prize-winning physicist Douglas Osheroff, indicated he learned more about fuel-tank foam ejection in \$100 worth of experiments in his kitchen than NASA ever did over the decades. Another physicist on the commission, former astronaut Sally Ride, said many shuttle systems were not well understood when they were designed, and that makes tests and hard data all the more

important.

From the outset, the investigation board has questioned NASA's longtime categorization of the space shuttle fleet as operational instead of developmental. The space agency flew only four so-called test flights with two astronauts apiece, before declaring all succeeding missions operational.

Challenger ruptured over the Atlantic on flight No. 25, barely a minute after liftoff in 1986. Columbia disintegrated over Texas on flight No. 113, 16 minutes short of a Florida touchdown on Feb. 1.

To the accident investigators, that's representative of a flight development program. These days, many at NASA tend to agree.

For Glenn, Columbia represents a more serious oversight than the Challenger catastrophe.

"There weren't many people who thought that just the lower temperature would cause the spacecraft to not be usable, for Challenger, for instance," Glenn says, referring to the cold-hardened O-rings that created a leak in a booster joint. "Anytime, though, you have something that is not working correctly, which is what happened with the insulation," past success should not preclude repairs."

"That obviously should have been fixed," he says.

The lightweight yet stiff polyurethane insulation foam was never meant to peel off the shuttle fuel tank during liftoff — and certainly not in large hunks. Despite minor repairs, the foam kept coming off, flight after flight.

More to the point, the space shuttle was not designed to be pummeled by foam shrapnel or any other debris during liftoff. Yet on every single mission, beginning with Columbia's debut in 1981, the spaceships returned with nicks, gashes and gouges in their vulnerable thermal skin.

In the case of Columbia's final flight, a piece of foam the size of a suitcase struck one of the most sensitive spots on the wing at one of the worst possible moments of the launch.

Columbia had just passed through the maximum aerodynamic loads and accelerated to more than twice the speed of sound, when the foam hit the reinforced carbon edge at a relative speed of more than 500 mph.

While Columbia and its seven astronauts circled Earth, engineers at both Kennedy Space Center in Florida and Johnson Space Center in Texas asked mission managers to seek spy satellite images of the shuttle. Their requests were rejected, partly because of a communication breakdown.

Within days, another team of engineers concluded that no significant damage had occurred — after all, foam had struck before and the shuttles always returned safely. Yet another group of engineers, many of them flight controllers, debated the potential damage right up until landing day, but never notified

NASA's top management.

Columbia's commander, Rick Husband, and his co-pilot, William McCool, did not learn about the foam strike until seven days into their 16-day science mission. It was a casual, almost passing reference in an e-mail from a flight director.

"This item is not even worth mentioning other than wanting to make sure that you are not surprised by it in a question from a reporter," flight director Steve Stich wrote. "There is absolutely no concern for entry."

Neither Husband nor McCool questioned that judgment. Neither did their colleagues on the ground.

The commander of the very next mission, Eileen Collins, knew about the foam strike but, like most others, was not worried. "I knew that this had happened in the past and it was no concern," she says. Even right after the accident, she thought to herself. "Gosh, I'd be surprised if that caused the damage."

NASA counted four previous instances of

foam breaking off the area of the external fuel tank where it connects to the ship. Within a few months of the disaster, the accident investigation board found at least two more cases.

Five of these instances involved Columbia, one Challenger and one Atlantis. The chairman of the investigation board, retired Navy Adm. Harold Gehman Jr., notes that Columbia was the oldest and heaviest shuttle, and vibrations and stresses may have factored into the foam loss.

The space shuttle program is centered at Johnson, a NASA installation long known for being "impervious to change," according to one accident investigator.

"There is an organizational belief that only two places in the world know how to put humans in space, here (meaning Houston) and the former Soviet Union, and the people here know better than those outside," the investigation board's John Logsdon said in May. He directs George Washington University's space policy institute.

## Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Monday, July 7, 2003:

You, a true Cancer, will emphasize your home life as you haven't done in the past. You might be unusually interested in an investment that could involve real estate or your domestic well-being. Many will be looking at second homes or adding on to their present domicile. Some will purchase their first home. Security stars as a priority. You demonstrate the ability to make an unusual amount of money early on in your birthday year. Flex with new work opportunities. Don't get stuck in old patterns, but greet the new with grace. If you are single, you yearn to meet that special someone. Your odds will increase later in the year. If you are attached, your relationship will bloom. You both need and want special downtime together. LIBRA anchors you.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

Don't make anything bigger than it needs to be. In fact, sit back in your chair and watch others reveal their true colors. Actually, you are in the driver's seat because you will have the final say or yea. Tonight: Go along with a pal's plans.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

Plunge into work this morning, whether you're up for it or not. Think in terms of the more done, the better, which will free up some extra time for a favorite summer pastime. You act like the workhorse of the zodiac. Remember to eat lunch, please! Tonight: You push the line.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

Be the playful Twin. You

cannot help yourself anyway, so why not let the real Twin out? Your ability to communicate allows you to cruise through any problem. Take a hard stand on finances. Risking should be minimal. Tonight: Playtime (yes, we know it's Monday).

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

Anchor in on your priorities right away, or else you could find yourself wandering from one item to the next. You might want to rethink a home office or structure your life slightly different to increase its efficiency and quality. Give yourself the play you need here. Tonight: At home.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your propensity to say what is on your mind can make all the difference in what goes down. Use the extra charisma that your sign bestows, and nearly everyone will give you a "yes." Still, be aware of a low-level depression. Tonight: Your turn to say "yes."

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You can handle a budget, perhaps the best of all signs. Once more, you have an opportunity to demonstrate just those particular skills. Your intuition will lead you in a new direction if you listen. Right now, you are unusually anchored. Tonight: Your treat.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Certain times a month, your popularity is enhanced, and others work with you more easily. Don't take the present moment for granted. Quickly zero in on what you desire. Not everything is as you think or would like it to be. Tonight: Keep on smiling.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You might want to dance to a different tune right now. Follow through on what you deem mandatory; otherwise, vanish behind a closed door. Whether

you put headphones on, do work or just daydream a little is your business. Tonight: Get ready for tomorrow.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

A meeting, as well as a key associate, poses a question that might suggest some form of reorganization or self-discipline. Don't worry, you can weigh the pros and cons for a while. Brainstorm within groups. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Once more, you assume the reins of control. How you handle what heads your way could substantially change depending on news you receive. Listen to the individual rather than the group. Tonight: Work as late as necessary.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Your insight and foresight could make a big difference in someone else's choices. Examine what needs to happen for a partner to succeed in the manner he or she wishes. Your advice will be appreciated. Tonight: Read between the lines.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

Others share insight and conviction that you appreciate. Understand more of what is needed to make a situation work within a partnership. Right now, you might not be the controlling factor you would like to be. Just you wait. Tonight: Listen to the other side.

**BORN TODAY**

Ice skater Michelle Kwan (1980), Beatle Ringo Starr (1940), designer Pierre Cardin (1922)

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## Divers mapping thousands of shipwrecks in Lake Erie

ERIE, Pa. (AP) — When they scuttled the 268-foot steamer Canobie in Lake Erie 80 years ago, everyone assumed its useful life was over. They were wrong.

The Canobie and four other shipwrecks, all in a 20-square-mile area in Lake Erie, are the focus of a program by Mercyhurst College's Archaeological Institute and Erie's Bayfront Center for Maritime Studies to map and record the wrecks.

By doing so, researchers want to draw attention to underwater preservation efforts, develop a history curricula for students, attract new divers and inventory items to prevent looting.

Twenty-five years ago, looting wasn't as much of a problem in Lake Erie. The lake, according to Mercyhurst scientists and James Stewart, executive director of the Bayfront Center, is the final resting ground of more wrecks than any other freshwater location in the world.

Stewart says there are nearly 3,000 of them — wooden package freighters, three-masted barkentines and schooners — that became victims of the lake's fast-changing weather, shallow waters and once-crowded channels.

The problem was getting to them. Pollution had made the wrecks, most of which date from the 1800s and 1900s, hard to get to and difficult to see.

Lake Erie has been cleaned up consid-

erably over the last two decades, in part because of the powerful filtering mechanism of the invasive zebra mussel and the actions of state and federal regulators.

On a good day, the Canobie can be seen in 15 feet of water from the deck of a boat, said James Stewart, executive director of the Bayfront Center.

"It's fabulous diving," he said.

Part of the problem with good diving, however, is the potential for looting. That potential is one reason for the research being done this summer by Mercyhurst and the Institute of Nautical Archaeology at Texas A&M University, said Kurt Carr, chief of the division of archaeology and protection for the state Historical and Museum Commission.

By drawing recreation divers to the sites and perhaps even creating a kind of underwater museum at some wrecks, scavengers could be thwarted.

Smaller, more fragile items may even be removed and placed under glass in Erie's Maritime Museum.

"To protect them, we need to know where they are," Carr said, explaining that other states, notably Michigan and Vermont, have had similar programs that are successful.

The project's initial phase will last 12 months. Researchers hope to secure additional funding that would expand the project beyond the initial 20-mile area.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Sunday, July 6, 2003:

You have the ability to move out of rigid thinking and see problems through new eyes. As a result, you'll grow in an unusual and dynamic way. You start seeing that there are no problems, only solutions. Work with this premise, learning to detach. This year others often seek you out for advice. Use your time carefully during this special year. Family and personal life come to the forefront. If single, you're likely to purchase property, if not meet that special someone. You want roots. If you are attached, the two of you make sure your foundations are solid before you go to the next step in your relationship. LIBRA can be an albatross.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

Others seek you out. You might be surprised by a family member and his or her insights. You might be seeing more than you want to. A creative or "wild" friend might not be that reliable. Remember, you allowed this person into your life. Tonight: Out among the crowds.

This Week: Pretend that others have control, and everything will work out. Tuesday has a dynamic quality financially. Don't let an opportunity slip between your fingers.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

Everyone needs a day off or some time to themselves. Recognize what might be going on within your immediate circle of friends. You just might decide to accept an impulsive suggestion. Use your gift of making the best of a situation. Tonight: Call it an early night. This Week: Plunge into work Monday. On Tuesday, everyone seems to want you, for some reason. Observe the reasons, and you could be most flattered.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

You cannot help being who you are. Your playful spirit emerges when dealing with a child or loved one. Others might see you as unreliable or a bit flaky, but in reality, you are simply a free spirit. Share a favorite pastime. Tonight: So what if it's Sunday? This Week: Use your imagination to focus on greater productivity in your life. Don't kid yourself about office gossip. It could be a lot of malarkey.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

You know where you feel good. Develop yourself in this situation or place right now. You could find that others see your thinking as unpredictable or veering down a new path. Venture forth, at least mentally. Tonight: Order in. This Week: You move into this week slowly, and you actually might never get into the right frame of mind to get done what you need until Thursday. Don't panic. Just do.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

A partner expresses his or her feelings in a delightful manner, as you start walking on cloud nine. You don't have to make big plans; you might like just hanging out together. Catch a movie or go to a spot where you can listen to music. Tonight: Let it happen. This Week: On Monday, your efforts allow you to sit back and relax through Wednesday — if you would like to. Many of you will choose otherwise. You make an impact.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Unexpected developments take you in a new direction. You thought you understood someone, but his or her actions indicate otherwise. You actually might be quite excited by this new development. Tonight: Treat another like you would like to be treated. This Week: Realize that what might be unacceptable to one person might be OK to someone else. Listen to your judgment this week. You might decide to convince

someone about your rightness. Don't count on getting through here.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Expand your horizons. Do something totally different. Others might be surprised by this sudden impulsiveness, but all in all, you enrich your life. Someone decides to share his or her hobby. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

This Week: Your energy spirals on Monday and slowly settles in. Money and its handling become major preoccupations this week. Talk tactics on Thursday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Knowing when to stand back enhances your potential. Others surprise you with unusual behavior for them. Of course, you, the Scorpion, are always intrigued by the different or the obscure. You come from a place of security. Tonight: Chill out.

This Week: You know how to handle a boss or key player. You might not choose to take action before Tuesday, but when you do, others part the way. Enjoy.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Aim for more of what you want from life. Some of you might decide to do some thinking and reflecting. A friend plays an instrumental role in your thinking. Get together with your pals. Tonight: You flourish with music. This Week: Don't hem and haw on Monday; zoom in quickly. You need to work behind the scenes until Thursday, when once more you come into your own.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Others look to you for energy and direction. If possible, bring family and friends together. Count on the fact that someone around you is admiring your ways. You could be startled by another's true confession. Tonight: Could be a late night.

This Week: Your take-charge attitude gets you where you want to be. Others express relief that you're carrying the burden. With responsibility comes certain laurels.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Spontaneity always seems to work for you, though you could find yourself in a most interesting situation that impacts your daily routine and choices. Use caution with finances. Don't commit to what you cannot afford. Tonight: Go for exotic.

This Week: You might not want to head into work Monday. Your mind most definitely won't be where you are. Take a stand on Tuesday. Others might balk, but ultimately, that is the way to go.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

You are quite capable of jolting a partner. Is this what you really want to do? Of course, a lot of fun could ensue if your significant other has a sense of humor and can flex. Mix fun and a sweetie's or pal's wishes. Tonight: Say "yes" to a special request. This Week: Listen to what an associate whispers in your ear on Monday. Check out information and find experts this week. If possible, don't make a key move until Thursday. Expect a little flak.

**BORN TODAY**

President George W. Bush (1946), actor Sylvester Stallone (1946), actresses and twins Tia and Tamara Mowry (1978)

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# Two of seven federal grants go to programs in Texas Panhandle

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that seven federal grants totaling more than \$850,000 were recently awarded to individuals or groups for conservation projects on private lands for endangered, threatened or at-risk species. Two of the seven grants went to Texas Prairie Rivers Region Inc., in Gray, Lipscomb, Roberts and Wheeler counties and to The Wild Turkey Center, Riparian Habitat Improvement in Bnscoe, Donley, Hemphill and Lipscomb counties.

The grants were the first awarded in the state under the new Private Stewardship Grants Program.

Texas Prairie Rivers Region Inc. received funding in the amount of \$91,875. This grant will assist landowners who wish to voluntarily restore approximately 20,786 acres of habitat for High Plains at-risk species

and other grassland species within the Texas Prairie Rivers Region in the northeastern Texas Panhandle by developing grazing systems (with fencing, cross-fencing and water developments); controlling invasive tree and brush; restoring native grasses and forbs; and restoring extirpated black-tailed prairie dog colonies and species associated with prairie dogs, including the burrowing owl. Additional species targeted include the Arkansas River shiner, Texas horned lizard and the lesser prairie chicken.

Wild Turkey Center—a cooperative project among private landowners in New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma who own land along the Canadian River and its tributaries—received \$220,841. This project will involve controlling or eliminating invasive plant species, planting trees to supplement existing native vegetation, revegetating

denuded areas, fencing out riparian zones and establishing or improving grazing systems.

Some 6,000 acres are targeted for this effort. Species expected to benefit include the federally listed interior least tern and the Arkansas River shiner. Other species include the lesser prairie chicken and Arkansas darter.

"Private landowners are first and foremost stewards of Texas lands," Combs said. "These grants are a testament to their commitment to species conservation and to preserving the natural resources of the Lone Star State. With more than 97 percent of the state privately owned, private landowners are important partners in resource and species conservation."

"The Private Stewardship Grants Program is a tremendous partnership with the federal government that will continue to conserve the beauty and diversity of Texas in years

to come," Combs said.

The Private Stewardship Grants Program, administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service, provides federal grants to individuals and groups engaged in voluntary conservation efforts on private lands that

benefit endangered, threatened or at-risk species. Each grant must be matched by at least 10 percent of the total cost in either non-federal dollars or in-kind contributions.

"By working cooperatively with private landowners, we create a framework in which

public and private partnerships serve to reward, not punish, landowners who restore habitat and take other steps to protect and recover endangered, threatened and at-risk species on their land," said Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior David P. Smith.

## WT to host 51st annual Band Camp

CANYON — The sounds of trumpets, flutes, drums and more will be heard across the West Texas A&M University campus when the University hosts the 51st annual Band Camp July 13-25.

And students won't be the only ones playing the trumpet. The WTAMU Band Camp will feature Allen Vizzutti, an internationally renowned classical and jazz trumpet virtuoso, as its artist-in-residence. Vizzutti, a Yamaha performing artist, will take part in camp rehearsals, direct master classes and perform.

WTAMU's Band Camp continues to be the only two-week band camp in the state of Texas, and more than 715 instrument-playing students from Texas to New York are expected to attend this year.

"Our numbers are up—we're growing," Don Lefevre, camp director and associate professor of music, said. "People on faculty are pushing the camp and our guest artist is a big draw."

Vizzutti has performed in more than 30 countries and in all 50 states of the union. He can be heard on countless soundtracks for movies, television shows and commercials. He keeps busy with recitals, concerts and composing.

Vizzutti also keeps a full schedule as a guest artist at uni-

versities around the world. This will mark his second visit to the WTAMU campus. He was a visiting artist at the WTAMU Band Camp in the early 1980s.

As the WTAMU artist-in-residence, he will work with the band camp faculty which includes WTAMU music faculty as well as high school and middle school band teachers from Texas and New Mexico.

The two-week camp will kick off with auditions. The more than 715 campers will audition for placement in one of nine different bands—five for high school players and four for middle school students. The campers will be divided by age and ability and rehearsals will begin immediately. They will spend hours in rehearsal and in sectionals as well

as master classes. In addition to the camp's rehearsal schedule, the campers also will get the chance to participate in a variety of recreational activities in the Amarillo/Canyon area.

Each of the nine bands will perform in concert on Saturday, July 19 and on the camp's final day on July 25. Vizzutti also will perform with various groups during the camp. He will play in a brass choir concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 22. On Wednesday, July 23, he will perform in a jazz band concert at 7 p.m., and he will close out his camp performances with a director's band concert at 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 24.

For more information about the WTAMU Band Camp, call 806-651-2855.

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