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LOCAL

NPS institutes burn ban at Lake Meredith

FRIECH — Due to alarming fire danger readings, the National Park Service has instituted an open fire ban at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area starting today.

Park officials anticipate the readings will remain high until a substantial amount of rainfall is received.

Officials say the ban will be lifted as soon as conditions permit. For more information, contact park headquarters at (806) 857-3151.

DEATHS

Maria Liduina Holmes, 82, nurse anesthetist.

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Mortar hits church full of refugees

Three die in deadly shelling; Liberians begging for help

By ALEXANDRA ZAVIS
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Besieged residents of Liberia's capital came under a new, deadly shelling Saturday, with a mortar slamming into a church harboring thousands of refugees, killing at least three and wounding about 55 others.

It was the second deadly shelling in two days of public buildings overflowing with refugees in Monrovia, target of a week-old offensive that is the latest round in insurgents' two-month battle to take Liberia's capital and topple its president, President Charles Taylor.

The Greater Refuge Temple, on a hill overlooking Monrovia's rebel-held port and heavily contested bridges leading from it, has taken in 5,000-6,000 people, many from outside the capital, since rebels opened their drive for the city in June, the Rev. Michael Chea said.

Fighting raged at the port overnight, and witnesses said five shells slammed into the ground around the church about 4 a.m.

A sixth hit the church building, exploding among the

refugees bedded down for the night.

Fragments hit one young woman lying alongside her baby, killing the woman but sparing the 1-month-old infant.

"Terrible, terrible, this war," said Konah Macege, whose uncle was killed in the barrage.

"Our people are just dying day and night. Rockets are falling. Innocent people are dying. What do we know about war?"

"Every day they're talking, 'Troops will come, troops will come,' Macege said of international promises of a peace force. "And no one comes."

Neighbors, contacted by telephone, earlier had said they counted 15 dead at the church. Chea, the pastor, said three died — two people whose bodies were still lying before the church, and a third who died later at a hospital.

About 55 people were wounded, 14 of them seriously, Chea said.

Puddles of blood dried on the church's red carpet, under a gaping hole in the roof. Mortars thudded nearby and gunfire crackled, audible to the families jammed into the

(See LIBERIA, Page 3)



(Courtesy photo)

Participants recreating this skirmish between U.S. Calvary and Indians included Jerry Foote, Mike Oldham, Mark Craddock, Savannah Smith, Travis Selby, Hawk Tucker, James Cloverdale and Steve Giles. The re-enactors staged the scenes for a film to be aired later this year on the Travel Channel.

Travel Channel focuses on local historic events

By DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

In their brightly-colored, feathered headdresses, the Indian warriors in their beaded buckskins stood next to their tipis as the blue-clad horsemen appeared on the rise above them.

The battle that followed will be aired on the Travel Channel later this year, and, Clay Rice hopes, for many years to come.

Rice, executive director of the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, termed the battle between Indians and cavalry a success.

"I don't think it could have gone any better," Rice said.

The battle re-enactment was for a film crew that was in Pampa earlier this summer, shooting a production for the Travel Channel.

Chuck White, who organized the mock battle east of Pampa along with Jesse Camacho, who appeared as one of the warriors, said, at

first, he wasn't sure they would be able to have a realistic re-enactment.

"We had three weeks to plan something," White said, "and three days to put it together."

Despite the short time frame, White said he, too, thought it was successful.

"On a scale of zero to four, we probably did a 12 or 15," White said.

Everything seemed to come together, he said.

"The actors did very well," White said. "There was a lot of enthusiasm."

"I was not involved in the preliminary development of it at all," Rice said. "I was just really impressed with the way that it came off."

The battle re-enactment was the highlight of the three-day shoot for a crew filming a production for the Travel Channel.

"It went very well," Rice said.

"It was fun doing it," White said. (See RE-ENACTORS, Page 11)

Dewhurst: Redistricting off the table for session

By NATALIE GOTT
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst confirmed Friday that congressional redistricting will not be debated or voted on by the full Senate before the term ends next week, because of a lack of support but he vowed that "sooner or later" a new plan will get approved.

"In essence, redistricting in this session is dead," said Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate. "We will continue to do everything we can to bring everyone together."

A bloc of 11 Democrats and one Republican have been holding firm in opposing redistricting in the Senate. That's enough to keep the bill from coming up for debate under Senate rules.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry, however, is expected to call a second special legislative session on the issue and Dewhurst said he expects Perry to call it "sooner than later." The current 30-day special session ends Tuesday.

A GOP-controlled Senate committee approved a redistricting map this week that appears as though it could give Texas Republicans an additional seven seats in the congressional delegation that is now dominated by Democrats 17-15. The bill stalled in the Senate after the vote.

The Republican-dominated Texas House already approved its own redistricting map that could give Texas Republicans as many as 21 seats.

Lawmakers failed to draw district lines during the 2001 legislative session, so the current plan was drawn by federal judges. Republicans, led by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, have been pushing the effort to redraw congressional lines, saying current voting trends show Texas Republicans should have more seats in Congress.

Dewhurst, a Republican, said he is encouraging senators to work together to come up with a plan that is fair to all Texans.

He said if Perry is willing to call lawmakers back for a second or possibly third legislative session "sooner or later, we're going to have a new plan and it's my ardent hope that we work together now as soon as we can."

Dewhurst has said that in the second session he would remove a rule requiring two-thirds of the 31-member Senate to agree to bring a bill up for debate so that support from only a majority of senators would be needed to debate the bill.

Democrats, outnumbered by Republicans in the Senate 19-12, are now weighing their options on what to do if another session is called.

"Each individual senator has to make their

(See DEWHURST, Page 3)

Abbas heads home after pitch to Bush

By BARRY SCHWEID
 AP DIPLOMATIC WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas is taking home a strong statement from President Bush calling for an end to Jewish settlements on the West Bank, but also with an admonition that all terror activity must stop.

Abbas left a long list of demands behind for Bush to take up next Tuesday at the White House with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Accusing Israel repeatedly during his stay of grabbing Palestinian land, Abbas wants the settlements dismantled, up to 3,000 Palestinian prisoners freed and a halt in construction of a security fence to separate Israel from Palestinian areas.

Bush agreed the settlements must go, but he told the new leader that all terror activity must stop before Israel makes major concessions.

The president said he has spoken out constantly for the need to end the settlements.

but he said security was the central issue, and that ending terror would mean "more progress will be made on difficult issues."

And while promising to discuss the prisoners with Sharon, Bush said "surely nobody would want to let a cold-blooded killer out of prison. I would never ask anybody in any society to let a prisoner out who would then commit terrorist actions."

Sharon is expected to tell the president he will reconsider building the fence and will release some prisoners.

Turning to Abbas, who stood alongside him in the White House Rose Garden, Bush said, "I'm going to tell you point blank that we must make sure that any terrorist activity is rooted out in order for us to be able to deal with these big issues."

"This is the time of possibility in the Middle East," Bush said. "People in the region are counting on the leaders to seize opportunities for peace and progress." (See MIDEAST, Page 3)

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OBITUARIES

MARIA LIDUINA HOLMES
1920-2003

Maria Liduina Holmes, 82, of Pampa, died Wednesday, July 23, 2003. The body was cremated and consequently will not be available for viewing. Memorial graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Monday, in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. John Valdez, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Holmes was born Oct. 20, 1920, at Schedam, Holland. In the late 1940s, prior to moving to the United States in 1951, she worked as a nurse in Indonesia and the Philippines.

A graduate of Baylor School of Nursing in Fort Worth, she spoke six languages and was a certified registered nurse anesthetist in various hospitals in Texas, New Mexico, Arkansas and Washington.

She came to Pampa in 1985 and was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, Donald Holmes of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Chris Holmes of Fairfax, Va.; two sisters, Greet de Zwiiger and Netty van Rossum, both of Holland; and four grandchildren.

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

MAXINE LOADER WATSON
1922-2003

Maxine Loader Watson, 81, of Pampa, died Friday, July 25, 2003, in Pampa. Services will be at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Claude Cone, executive director of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, and the Rev. Doug DuBose, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Watson was born on July 8, 1922, at Industry, Kansas, and had been a Pampa resident since 1946. She was a 1940 graduate of Denton High School in Denton, Texas, attended North Texas State University, and graduated from Draughon's Business College in Dallas.

She married Floyd F. Watson on June 22, 1946, in Denton.

Mrs. Watson was a member of the First Baptist Church since 1946 where she was a Sunday school teacher for several years.

She was a member of the Business and Professional Women's Sunday School Class and was a member of the Sunshiners and the

Sunshine Club of First Baptist Church. She loved flowers and was an avid gardener at her home.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ethel Mae and Raymond Harold Loader, and by a brother, William James Loader.

Survivors include her husband, Floyd F. Watson, of the home; two daughters, Linda Ferguson and husband Clint of Eastland, and Beth Duggan and husband John of Glen Rose; a son, Randy Watson and wife Beth of Pampa; six grandchildren, Trey Ferguson and wife Adrienne of Arlington, David Ferguson of Eastland, Eric Duggan and Abby Duggan, both of Glen Rose, and Emily Watson and Luke Watson, both of Pampa; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065; or The Gladney Center, 6300 John Ryan Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76132-4122.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

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

Saturday, July 26

David James Norman, 23, 1109 S. Dwight, was arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, July 25

6:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Christy and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

8:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Sumner and transported one patient to PRMC.

9:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Nursing Center and transported one patient to PRMC.

12:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one patient to Pampa Nursing Center.

1:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Faulkner and transported one patient to PRMC.

7:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Prison Unit and transported one patient to PRMC.

10:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one patient to BSA-West, Amarillo.

Saturday, July 26

12:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility. No patient was transported.

12:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner and transported one patient to PRMC.

3:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of North Zimmers and transported one to PRMC.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office Saturday reported the following arrests.

Friday, July 25

Betsy Crossman, 19, 1901 Lynn, was arrested for permitting unlicensed driver to drive and no seat belt - passenger.

Burnique Runta Burnett, 25, Amarillo, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety on a hold for Potter County on the following charges: a bond forfeiture for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, unlawful discharge of firearm, and unlawful possession of a firearm.

Michael Steele, 42, Lefors, was arrested on warrants for resisting arrest and evading arrest.

FIRE

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

Friday, July 25

5:18 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a small grass fire at Davis Road and Gray 4.

7:58 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist at the Baten Prison Unit east of Pampa.

Saturday, July 26

12:10 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

SERVICES TOMORROW

BOND, James Greig — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Covenant Presbyterian Church, Austin.

HOLMES, Maria Liduina — Memorials graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

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A&M students to pay \$9 more per credit hour

COMMERCE, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M System regents, now able to set tuition as high as they want, have raised the rate by 20 percent on the main campus.

More increases are expected around the state in response to the Legislature's decision this year to deregulate college

tuition. A&M regents, meeting in Commerce, decided Friday to increase tuition \$9 per credit hour for students in College Station.

A student with a 12-hour workload would owe an additional \$108 a semester.

"I think we are being very responsible," university President Robert Gates told the regents during a public hearing on the increase.

Regents Chairman Lowry Mays said the higher rate still leaves A&M with lower tuition than universities such as Michigan and North Carolina.

"This is a small overall increase that shouldn't cause significant hurt," Mays said. "I know some people felt that because Texas tuition is so low, there'd be a rush to catch up once we got this authority. But that's not going to happen. We're conservative financial stewards with experience spending money for goods received."

The tuition hike, along with about \$20.5 million in recent cuts that included 35 staff layoffs, will help pay for a plan to hire 400 new professors. Gates said the plan will transform the university.

WEATHER

PAMPA

Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Monday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph shifting to the northwest. Chance of rain 20 percent. Monday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Chance of rain 20 percent. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 80s. Chance of rain 20 percent.

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LIBERIA

church and its grounds — sleeping on pews, behind the altar, in toilet stalls and in the shadowy, open foundations of the buildings.

Residents said the mortar rounds were coming from the rebel-held port.

Both sides in Liberia have accused each other in the mortar bombardments, which have repeatedly exploded in densely populated neighborhoods of Monrovia, a city of 1 million crowded now with hundreds of thousands of refugees.

Rebels are driving home

their 3-year battle to oust Taylor, a former warlord behind 14 years of near perpetual conflict in this West African country. Rebels, many of them ex-combatants in a 1989-96 civil war launched by Taylor, are allegedly backed by neighboring countries that see Taylor as a source of regional instability.

The battle for Monrovia has focused on the port and three bridges leading to downtown, one of Taylor's last strongholds.

On Friday, shells pounded a neighborhood around Monrovia's U.S. Embassy, hitting homes and a school filled with refugees. That attack killed

at least 26, and wounded at least 200.

Monrovia's residents call the three, devastating rebel attacks on the capital since June World War I, World War II, and World War III.

The repeated civilian carnage has played out as international figures debated for weeks over a multinational peace force for Liberia.

After Friday's bloodshed, residents reacted with skepticism, even bitterness, at news that U.S. President George W. Bush had ordered American troops to Liberia's coast for some unspecified, limited role

in a peace mission.

"We gave our lives for Americans before. We expected Americans to do the same for us," Wright said, referring to the freed American slaves who founded Liberia in 1847.

"But it took a long time for America to come to our aid. It shouldn't be that way," Wright said.

"You see, everybody looking to George W. Bush," said Bill Jacobs, speaking in the war-ruined, congested streets of Monrovia.

"But I think it's only God can solve our problem right now, because we have to

depend on Bush for a long time;

Bush has demanded that Taylor cede power as part of any peace deal for Liberia. Taylor, indicted by a U.N.-

Sierra Leone war-crimes court for his support of rebels in neighboring Sierra Leone, has repeatedly promised to step aside, only to later hedge on timing or renege entirely.

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DEWHURST

decision based on what happens if the governor calls a second special session," said Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, chairwoman of the Senate Democratic Caucus.

One of their options includes boycotting the Texas Senate to break a quorum so a redistricting bill cannot be debated. Two-thirds of the Senate, or 21 members, must be present for the lawmakers to take up busi-

ness in the chamber.

Van de Putte said the Democrats will be in contact with each other over the weekend but some say they are ready to break the quorum.

"If they go, I go. That's it," said Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston. "If the majority of my colleagues say they need to go, then we go."

More than 50 Democrats in the Texas House fled the state when a redistricting bill was to be taken up during the regular

legislative session, breaking a quorum in that chamber and killing the bill.

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers were ordered to search for the Democrats when they broke the quorum, but almost all of the Democrats fled to Ardmore, Okla., where the officers couldn't arrest them because they were in another state.

A judge since has indicated DPS shouldn't have been used to find House members. He is

expected to issue a formal order soon.

Dewhurst said his office is seeking advice from the state attorney general's office on whether the DPS could be involved in a search if Democrats flee.

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MIDEAST

After their Oval Office meeting, the president announced steps aimed at easing poverty among Palestinians, and assured Abbas the United States remained committed to ensuring free and secure states for both Palestine and Israel.

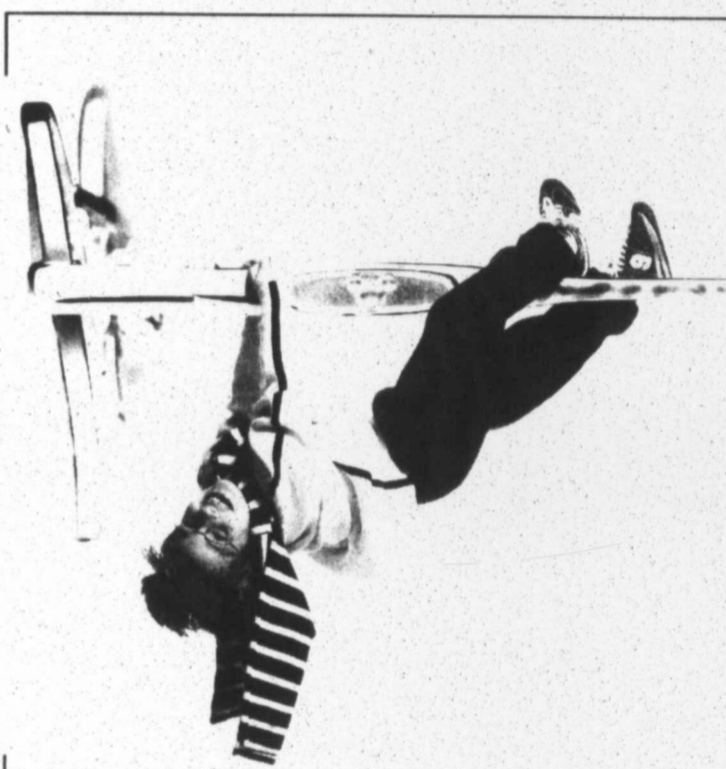
Bush said Treasury Secretary John Snow and Commerce Secretary Don Evans would travel to the region this fall to begin work on bringing jobs and development to Palestinian areas.

Abbas thanked Bush for \$20 million in direct assistance to Palestinians, and for making "relentless efforts" to pursue peace.

But for peace to work, he said, the Israelis must live up to their commitments about removing Jewish outposts on the West Bank.

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TEXAS EDITORIAL

Capping malpractice suits: Should we or shouldn't we?

From the Austin American-Statesman:
 Texans will vote Sept. 13 whether to impose on themselves and their children a \$250,000 cap on how much money a jury can award for noneconomic damages — such as pain and suffering and disfigurement — for personal injuries negligently inflicted by a doctor. In cases where more than one hospital, nursing home or other medical institution is involved, the injured individual could collect up to \$500,000 in noneconomic damages. But no claimant can collect more than \$750,000 in noneconomic damages, regardless of how many doctors and institutions are involved.

The proposed constitutional amendment, Proposition 12 on the ballot, would not limit compensation for any actual, measurable damages, such as lost wages, medical bills, disability and so forth. But it is intended to eliminate the guesswork that can lead a jury to award millions of dollars in damages to an injured plaintiff, even if the actual loss was not so great.

On balance, we support the proposed constitutional amendment in hopes that it will work as advertised — reduce medical malpractice insurance premiums that have gotten so high that they have limited the willingness of some doctors to practice in certain areas of the state or certain types of high-risk medicine. We also support it in expectation that the State Board of Medical Examiners will make use of new legislation to crack down on bad doctors.

But our support is not unreserved, for this amendment has negatives that voters should keep in mind.

One is that the insurance industry is not promising any medical malpractice insurance rate cuts, even if the constitutional amendment passes. But based on the experience of other states, the Texas Medical Association has argued long and hard for the \$250,000 cap. If the cap is approved but insurance premiums fail to drop, we think the medical association will owe Texans an explanation — one that doesn't blame victims of medical malpractice who seek compensation.

While the problems with medical malpractice insurance are real and serious, the constitutional amendment also would permit the Legislature to extend the cap on noneconomic damages to any other kind of personal injury lawsuit. Business interests, including manufacturers of defective products, polluters and others, will soon press the Legislature for caps.

Not surprisingly, trial lawyers who represent injured individuals are opposed to this proposed constitutional amendment. But they are joined by others who cannot be dismissed as ambulance chasers, such as former Texas Supreme Court Justices Deborah Hankinson and James Baker, both Republicans.

A principal argument against the cap is that it is arbitrary. Yes it is, but so is any jury's attempt to award noneconomic damages, because juries have no guidelines to follow much beyond their personal sense of outrage or sympathy. A case with the same facts may win different awards for noneconomic damages from a jury in Brownsville than one in Round Rock.

Trial lawyers argue that the appeals courts trim unusually high noneconomic damages, but that process, too, can be arbitrary.

Finally, we repeat our earlier criticism of lawmakers for scheduling this election on Sept. 13, an entirely nontraditional, fall Saturday with no other election on schedule. Supporters say they couldn't wait until the November election because of the urgency of the situation. We don't believe it. Gov. Rick Perry made this an emergency legislative item in January, but the bill didn't reach his desk until June 4.

There's no emergency, only an expectation that by holding it on Sept. 13, there will be a lower turnout of people who might oppose it.

As we said, this amendment is a close call. We think the medical care situation is serious enough to tip our support toward the amendment. But voters should understand that it is their rights they are being asked to limit.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"One, with God, is always a majority, but many a martyr has been burned at the stake while the votes were being counted." — Thomas B. Reed, American lawyer and legislator (1839-1902).

Peace dominoes begin to fall

Does anybody seriously believe that there would be a cease-fire between Israel and the most extreme Palestinian terrorists groups if the United States did not have 150,000 troops in Iraq?

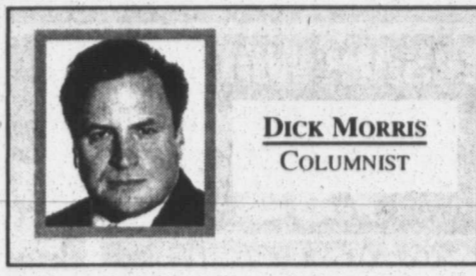
Isn't it obvious that Israel's willingness to ignore scattered acts of violence and seriously pursue negotiations is closely linked to a newfound sense of security born of the willingness of the United States to use its muscle to reward its friends and punish its enemies?

Can anyone deny the linkage between American pressure on Iran, Syria and Saudi Arabia and the new attitude toward negotiations among Hamas and Hezbollah?

And what about the massive and growing student demonstrations in Teheran and other Iranian cities against the repressive regime of the ayatollahs? Can there be any doubt that the students are encouraged to stand up to the government's religious police and vigilantes by the massive American and British presence next door in Iraq?

The most sensitive weather vane in the region, Saudi Arabia, seems to have a new determination to close down the terrorists operating out of its territory. Do you think the U.S. invasion of Iraq could be a catalyst?

The so-called global community, amazed that the United States is prepared to act on its own when it drags its feet, seems energized after the war in Iraq. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), after its dismal performance in Iraq, now seems keen on tracking down



DICK MORRIS
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and stopping Iranian efforts to build a bomb.

Even North Korea seems more willing to talk after watching the United States military make short shrift of the vaunted Iraqi army.

In this space, before the war, I spoke of a new domino theory, predicting that a successful attack on Iraq would trigger a chain reaction of peace, negotiations, regime changes and cease-fires across the region. Now it's unfolding before our eyes.

But the American and British media are far more focused on determining who lied about weapons of mass destruction before the war started.

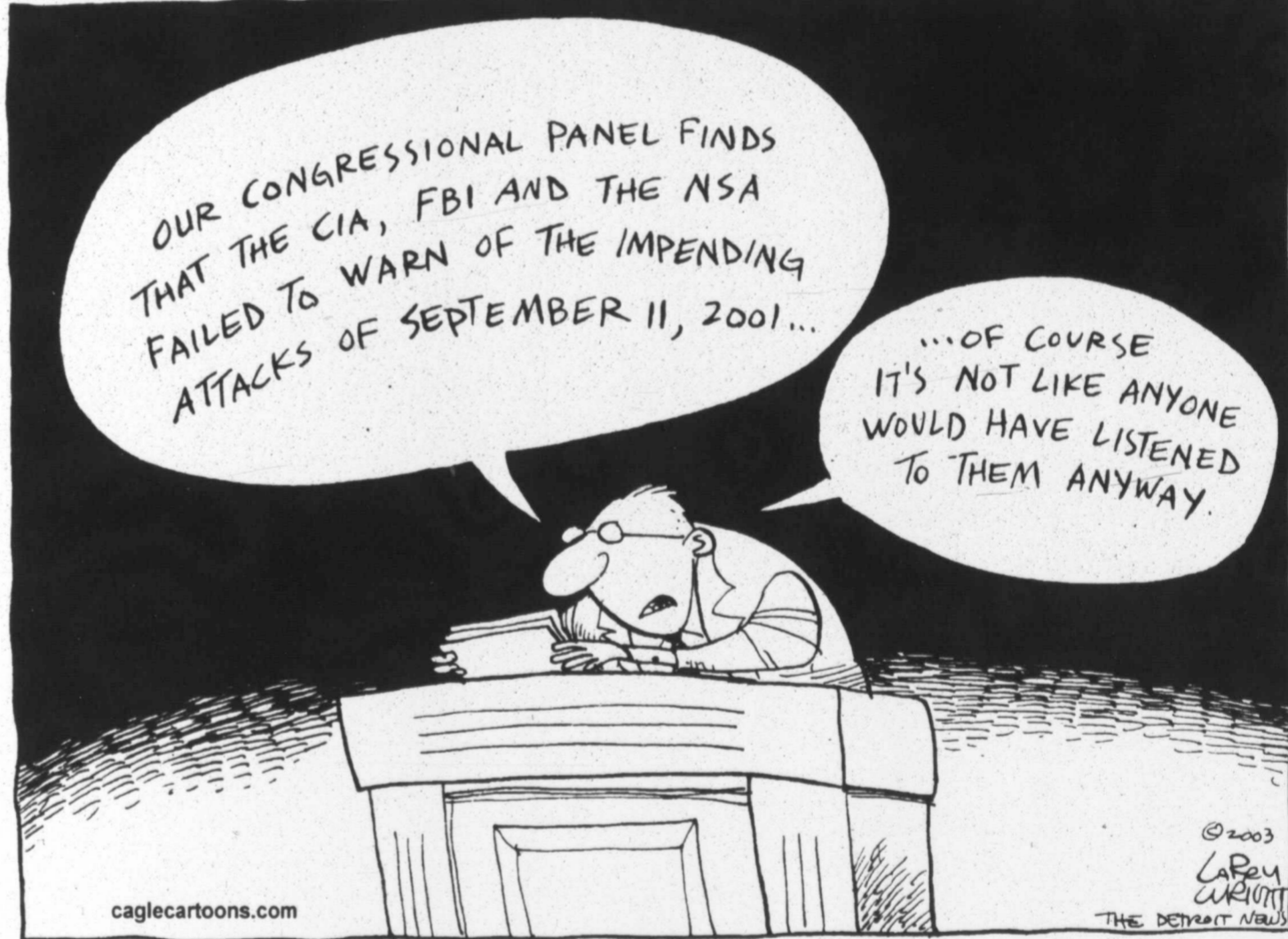
Never mind that we have been searching for only three months in a nation the size of California, or that we have found chemical warfare suits, gas masks and mobile weapons labs. The media have rushed to the conclusion not only that there are no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, but that Bush and Blair - and Clinton - lied when they said there were. That story, likely to be debunked by reality any day, occupies their full attention at a time when the dividends of the Bush policy are evident to anyone with eyes to see.

The ongoing terror raids in Iraq against our forces indicate that we have not finished paying the price for setting in motion the forces of humanity and peace. The sniping at Bush and Blair from the liberals and the media demonstrate that, domestically, no good deed goes unpunished in our harshly partisan environment. But why can't the left bring itself to admit that the war in Iraq has catalyzed the forces of peace in a way nobody thought possible a year ago?

The liberal mantra of the spring of '02 - that no invasion of Iraq was possible without first settling the Palestinian-Israeli conflict - has been stood on its head. It is now obvious that no solution to that intractable battle could happen until the invasion of Iraq had succeeded.

It is only by the demonstration of American willingness to act and to accept casualties that Israel felt sufficient wind at its back - and the Palestinians a sufficient gale in their faces - to make serious talks possible. Until Bush acted in Iraq, the Israelis felt alone and isolated and the Palestinian suicide bombers seemed triumphant.

But now, the American military presence in Iraq has bolstered those willing to take risks for peace in Israel and, likely, made the Saudis, Syrians and Iranians think twice before aiding their Palestinian allies. Facing a sharp drop in funding from their traditional friends, the Palestinians may be willing to sign the peace that can bring them American funding in return for a cessation of violence.



Price for belonging to famous family

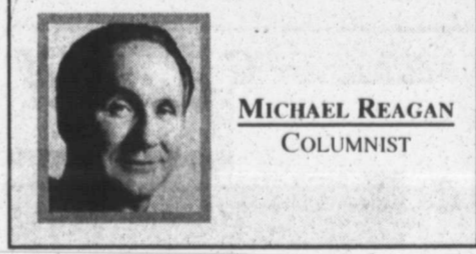
CBS is planning to produce a miniseries on my father, Ronald Reagan for release in November. I haven't seen the script, which I understand has been leaked around Hollywood and is anything but friendly to my dad.

Nobody from CBS has talked to me or any other member of my family which leads me to believe that whatever the series has to say about the Reagans will be from hearsay, and not from family members.

The problem with being a member of my family was best expressed by my mother, Jane Wyman. She said that the problem for us is that when we have an argument in our family, as all families do, it's like having it inside a bass drum, everybody hears about it.

And then the media takes those arguments that happen in our family as they happen in all families, and try to make a big deal about it. It's as if they believe we should be the perfect family, that we should never have any problems, never have any arguments, but should think alike, walk alike, talk alike and just be alike. But we are not.

Some of us were born in the '40s, others were born in the '50s, some were born in 1911 - different time periods, different periods of life, different attitudes, and different belief systems. Some of us are conservatives, some are liberals, we have pro-lifers, we have pro-choicers, but somehow America is



MICHAEL REAGAN
COLUMNIST

obsessed with the idea that we don't think alike and so when there's a problem between Patti and Nancy, or me and Nancy or Patti and dad, or Ron and Nancy, or Maureen and me - the kind of thing that happens in every family - it's a big deal. I fear that Hollywood will show any family spats in a negative light, claiming that unlike other families we don't get along, when in reality it's the kind of thing that's common to all families.

I'll admit that there are some crazy and wild things that go on in our family. Nancy, for example believes that before you visit you should call and make an appointment, as if you were going to the dentist or the doctor. It's crazy, but that's what she does. That's the way she is. Do I think it's nuts? Sure.

But it's nothing to get all riled up about - I still see my dad. I just have to do it by appointment. So what? But Hollywood would take that and make it look as if the American Civil War was being re-enacted by the Reagans every time one of us wants to see my father. I fully expect this miniseries will be

largely unfavorable to my dad. Hollywood has never warmed up to him, even when he was going to bat for them as president of the Screen Actor's Guild and won the right for actors to get residual payments when their movies were rerun - a right he refused to give to himself because he thought that this would be a conflict of interest. So his movies alone are exempt from residuals.

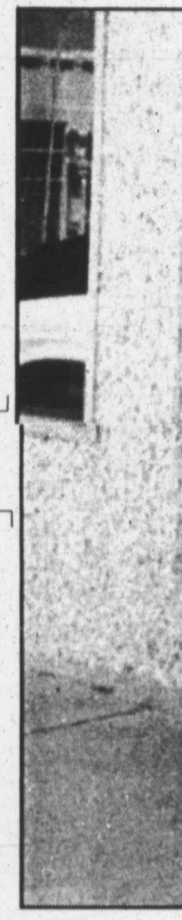
Moreover, not once - ever - did Hollywood even think about giving my dad an award in recognition of his many services to the film industry and the people who work in it. So I wouldn't expect them to do a positive miniseries about somebody who gave them residuals so they could take the summers off.

Hollywood has been hijacked by the liberal left. When people watch this miniseries they need to recognize they are watching a typical American family, with all its virtues and all of its faults.

Finally, it does not matter to me that Barbra Streisand's husband James Brolin is playing the part of my dad. What does matter is who writes the script and who directs the series. All Brolin can do is read the lines the writer has written, and follow the orders of the director.

Aside from that, I'm glad that Brolin has found a job. It gets him out of the house and gives him something to do. Once again Ronald Reagan has found work for someone in Hollywood.

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Hoover State Farm Agency celebrating 20 years of service

Dannie Hoover State Farm Agency in Pampa is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a special celebration from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, Friday, Aug. 1 at its location at 103 W. Foster. The event will include refreshments and will cater to the entire family. Children will enjoy meeting "The Good Neigh Bear," who will be handing out balloons and taking his picture with the kids.

It was August of 1983 when Dannie Hoover brought his family to Pampa to start a third State Farm Agency. At that time, the company thought that a third agency was needed due to the

increase in the population.

The other two State Farm agents during this time were Glen Courtney and the late Harry Gordon. Hoover remembers how gracious Courtney was to help the Hoover family move furniture in, and how helpful Gordon was giving advice and training to a new agent.

When Hoover was looking for office space to set up his business, he met the late Otis Nace, who became a friend. Nace was part owner of the Osborne-Nace building complex across Foster Street south of what is now the Dollar General store.

Hoover laughs when he thinks about how he started out with just a card table, two chairs, and a telephone. This business was a definite challenge because it was started from scratch. Hoover spent several long days and late nights drumming up contacts to build gradually the business he has today.

A few years later, after his business expanded, Hoover moved to a larger office space at 103 W. Foster in the same building complex where the office is still located.

Before becoming a State Farm agent, Hoover had been a teacher, coach, principal and

superintendent. Later, he considered making a career change from education to insurance.

The idea of making a change caused him to reflect upon his own childhood experiences. When Hoover was only 6-years-old and his sister was 10, their father was killed in a gas explosion at the Fowler Oil Co. in Guymon, Okla.

As a result of this tragedy, family life was tough for Hoover, growing up with no father and barely enough money for food and clothing. His father did have about \$5,000 in life insurance that helped the family somewhat.

Hoover realized how important life insurance was, not only for his own wife and children, but for other families as well. He came to the conclusion that State Farm had products to offer that would meet the needs of others in times of crisis.

This was the key factor that convinced him to make the transition from education to insurance.

Hoover has achieved numerous State Farm Honor Agent awards throughout the years. He is also proud to be part of a company that makes contributions to organizations such as Ronald McDonald House, Special Olympics, and the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, to name a few.

In 2003, he was recognized by the Republican Congressional Committee's Business Advisory Council as one of the top business leaders in the United States. Hoover's name was listed in The Wall Street Journal, and he received a certificate for this honor.

As stated on the certificate and in The Wall Street

Journal: "These influential community leaders were singled out to receive this prestigious award because of their unselfish commitment to the Business Advisory Council and for standing strong in the face of economic adversity in 2002."

Furthermore: "These top business leaders have successfully integrated business and financial success with the support of Republican issues like tax cuts and decreased government regulations."

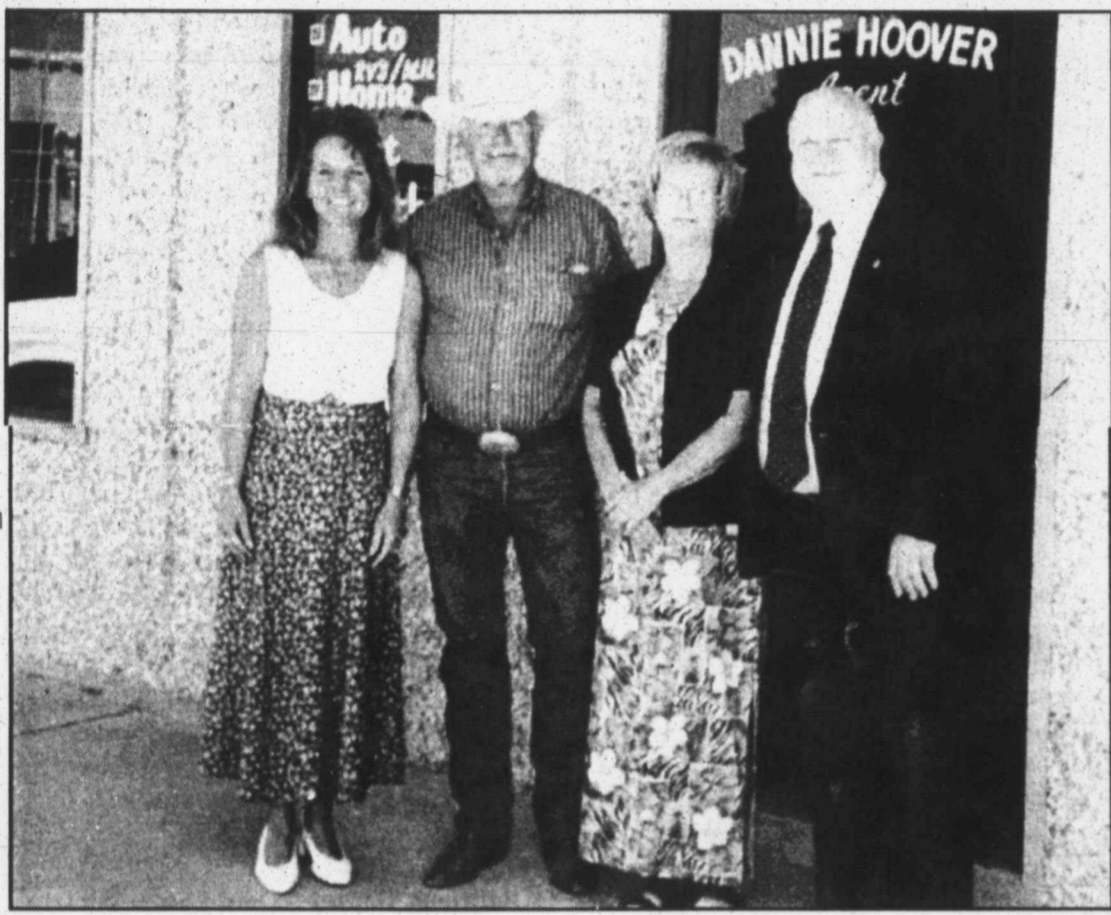
Hoover attributes much of the success of his business to previous secretaries throughout the years and especially to Kristi Lee, who is presently office manager and secretary.

Lee holds a General Lines Certification and has been

employed with Hoover for 5 1/2 years.

Lee says she really enjoys her job and has learned a lot about insurance laws and regulations. She says the most rewarding part of her job is serving the people in Pampa and the surrounding area and meeting their needs — whether it is a devastating loss of a loved one, an auto accident or some other unexpected event. Another great benefit in working for State Farm, she added, is meeting new and interesting people. Lee and husband, Clay, have one son, Ryan.

Hoover and wife, Angie, have three children — Christy Hoover, Danette Rivera and Jared Hoover, a son-in-law, Ruben Rivera, and a grandchild, Mackenzie Rivera.



(Courtesy photo)

Dannie Hoover State Farm Agency, 103 W. Foster, is celebrating 20 years of service in the community. Above, left-right: Kristi Lee, office manager/secretary, Ronnie and Carol McCain, 20-year customers, and Hoover. The McCains were among Hoover's first two customers back in 1983.

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

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

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

income tax purposes. For more information, call 1-800-631-1818.

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

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

SHARE. SHARE! High School Exchange Program, sponsored by Educational Resource Development Trust, is seeking host families for foreign exchange students for a semester or for a year. The hosts must provide housing and meals. The students are covered by medical insurance and have their own spending money for personal expenses. For more information, call Yvette Coffman at the Southwest Regional Office, 1-800-941-3738.

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

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

car, make airline reservations or book hotel rooms.

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

Tuition Assistance. U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance — College Bound is an organization with a listing of over 700 different private scholarship sources for college students. Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; other can be applied towards tuition, living expenses and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4-year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools. For more information, send a SASE (business size, #10) to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

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

Museums, Military

82nd Airborne. The 82nd Airborne Division Association is seeking new members. Airborne is the only requirement for membership. The Association holds a national reunion each year plus many mini-reunions, picnics and dinner dances. For more information, write AIRBORNE 2001, 5459 Northcutt P, Dayton, OH 45414-3742; or call S.R. Gossett (WWII) at (937) 898-5977.

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

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

The Old Guard. Current and former members of the U.S. Army's oldest Infantry Regiment, the 3d U.S. Infantry or "The Old Guard Association" (also known as TOGA) are being sought for membership in the association. For more information, write to: Membership Committee, The Old Guard Association, 1000 Winchell Rd., Drawer 22, Aurora, OH 44202; or visit www.oldguard.org on the Internet.

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

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

USS Columbus. USS Columbus Veterans Association is seeking Navy and Marine Corps shipmates who served on the USS Columbus (CA-74/CG-12) 1944-1976 and the USS Columbus (SSN-762) past and present. Contact Alvin S. Lewis, president, 726 E. Covina Blvd., Covina CA 91722-2955; (626) 339-3568; e-mail homeport@lewisengraving.com

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

Other

Ballroom Dancers. United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association is seeking support for a chapter for beginner social or recreational ballroom dancers in the Amarillo area. If enough interest is expressed, a local steering committee will be formed to guide the project and enroll members. For more information, call 1-800-447-9047; e-mail USABDA-CENT@aol.com; or write: USABDA, P.O. Box 128, New Freedom, PA 17349.



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Blood test can provide early prognosis for multiple sclerosis, scientists now say

By LINDA A. JOHNSON
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Scientists have developed a blood test that appears to be the first reliable way to predict whether patients with neurological problems such as tingling or blurred vision will soon develop the debilitating disease multiple sclerosis.

Austrian researchers studying patients with possible MS symptoms found that those with two kinds of antibodies in their blood early on were 76 times more likely to develop the tough-to-diagnose disorder than those with neither antibody.

Some of the potential early symptoms of MS can have numerous other causes, such as a stroke or a brain tumor. Moreover, one-third of patients with these initial symptoms recover and never develop MS; others can go for years before they have a second flare-up showing they have MS.

Up to now, "nobody was able to predict for an individual patient what will be in the future," said lead researcher Dr. Thomas Berger of the department of neurology at University of Innsbruck.

MS is incurable. But Berger said the blood test could help doctors decide whether to offer a patient early treatment with drugs recently proven to reduce flare-ups and slow the progression of the disease in some people.

The best current diagnostic test, an MRI scan for lesions on nerves in the brain and spinal cord, can only predict the chances of developing multiple sclerosis over the next decade, and its accuracy ranges from 80 percent down to 11 percent, Berger said. The blood test is 95 percent accurate in predicting which people will have a flare-up within several months, he said.

"These antibodies seem to predict the next attack and therefore a diagnosis of MS," said Dr. Stuart Cook, a neurologist and president of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. "I think it's an important contribution."

About 400,000 Americans, mostly women, have multiple sclerosis, which usually strikes between age 20 and 40.

MS is poorly understood but involves damage to nerve fibers and their protective myelin sheath in the

brain, spinal cord and eyes. The cause is unknown, but doctors suspect a virus or other infection makes the immune system attack the myelin and nerve fibers.

Symptoms include weakness, tremors, difficulty walking, blindness, incontinence and emotional problems.

The disease can lie dormant for months or years, then worsen steadily or cause repeated flare-ups. Some victims become disabled; others lead fairly normal lives.

Often, MS is not diagnosed until the second episode of symptoms. Many doctors just monitor patients until then, rather than starting treatment, because the initial symptoms often are not due to MS at all; because medications do not work for some people and have serious side effects; and because MRIs, even when combined with spinal fluid tests and patient history, can be inaccurate.

In the Austrian study, reported in a recent New England Journal of Medicine, doctors tested 103 patients with possible early symptoms for their levels of antibodies called anti-MOG and anti-MBP; MRI scans were used to determine how many nerve lesions they had.

After repeated testing for about four years on average, the doctors found only 23 percent of patients with neither antibody had a relapse, after 3 3/4 years on average. Among those with both antibodies, 95 percent had such a disease-defining relapse, within just 7 1/2 months on average. Among those with just anti-MOG protein, 83 percent had a relapse, on average within 14 1/2 months.

The results must be confirmed, among more patients and with a longer follow-up, Cook said.

He and Berger both said that the study does not prove whether the antibodies cause the nerve damage, or are a response to it.

Cook noted that unlike the lesions spotted by MRI scans, the antibodies did not help predict the eventual severity of the disease.

In an accompanying editorial, Drs. Jack P. Antel and Amit Bar-Or of the Montreal Neurological Institute said the findings, once confirmed, could identify subgroups of patients that particular drugs would help the most. Choosing the right drug now is hit-or-miss.

Obesity may increase risk of Alzheimer's in women, study finds

CHICAGO (AP) — A study published recently found that overweight women may have a higher risk of developing Alzheimer's — the latest report to link the disease to vascular factors such as hypertension and diabetes.

Researchers found "a striking relationship" between being overweight at age 70 and developing the mind-robbing dementia 10 to 18 years later. "I think that what it means is that overweight and obesity continue to be a public health problem" and that as women age it's "still something that women need to be concerned about in relationship to their health risks," lead author Deborah Gustafson said.

The researchers said their report supports others that suggest vascular factors play a role in the cause of Alzheimer's. But the Chicago-based Alzheimer's Association cautioned that more research needs to be done.

"These studies often give us clues for areas to look at, but they are not by themselves conclusive evidence that these are the true relationships," said Zaven Khachaturian, a senior science adviser with the association. The study, published in a recent Archives of Internal Medicine, looked at the relationship between dementia and body-mass index, or BMI — a height-to-weight ratio. It included 392 Swedish women and men who were followed from age 70 to 88 as part of a geriatric population study in Sweden.

The connection between large body size and dementia was found only in women. The study's analysis focused mainly on women because of a small number of men in the sample.

The study found that women who were diagnosed with dementia between the ages of 79 and 88 were overweight, with a higher average BMI at ages 70, 75 and 79, compared with women without dementia.

Women without dementia had average BMIs slightly over 25 at ages 70, 75 and 79. Women who developed Alzheimer's between ages 79 and 88 had average BMIs of

between 28.2 and 29.6 at those ages.

People with a BMI between 25 and 30 are considered overweight; a BMI of 30 or above is considered obese.

The study points out that other research has found lower body weight or BMI in people with Alzheimer's, possibly because of weight loss during the course of the disease.

These latest results are worth a closer look, said Dr. David Bennett, director of the Alzheimer's Disease Center at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago.

"Anything that's associated with Alzheimer's disease is worth looking further; it's a horrible disease, maybe the most horrible age-related disease," said Bennett, who was not part of the study.



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Mother's little helper not so little: Valium 40 this year

NUTLEY, N.J. (AP) — Mother's little helper is not so little anymore.

Valium, the drug that revolutionized the treatment of anxiety and became a cultural icon, is 40 years old this year.

The drug owes its success to the stubborn streak of chemist Leo Sternbach, who refused to quit after his boss at Hoffmann-La Roche ended a project to develop a tranquilizer to compete with a rival company's drug.

Sternbach tested one last version and in just a day, he got the results: The compound made animals relaxed and limp.

Sternbach had made the discovery that eventually led to Valium. It was approved for use in 1963 and became the country's most prescribed drug from 1969 to 1982.

"It had no unpleasant side effects. It gave you a feeling of well-being," Sternbach, now 95, said recently at Hoffmann-La Roche's headquarters in Nutley. "Only when the sales figures came in, then I realized how important it was."

The Roche Group, Hoffmann-La Roche's parent, sold nearly 2.3 billion pills stamped with the trademark "V" at its 1978 peak.

While its name was derived from the Latin word for being strong, Valium soon picked up nicknames: "Executive Excedrin," for its use by the corporate jet set, and "Mother's Little Helper," the title of a classic Rolling Stones tune about an overstressed housewife who goes running for the shelter of a mother's little helper.

Valium also was referred to as a "doll" — one of the pills popped by female characters in

novelist Jacqueline Susann's racy 1966 best-seller "Valley of the Dolls." Most of the prescriptions were written by family doctors rather than psychiatrists, and the majority of users were women.

"It was chic," said Dr. Norman Sussman, professor of psychiatry at New York University School of Medicine. "Everyone was on it and talking about it" in an era of anxiety called the rat race.

Named one of the 25 most influential Americans of the 20th century by U.S. News & World Report, Sternbach was born in Croatia and began his career in 1940 at Roche's headquarters in Switzerland after earning a Ph.D. in organic chemistry at University of Krakow in Poland.

Fearing Nazis would occupy Switzerland, the company sent its Jewish scientists to the United States. Sternbach fled on June 22, 1941, with his new bride Herta, his landlady's daughter.

"We came with only our clothes," she recalled.

In the United States, Sternbach helped organize Roche's new chemical laboratory in Nutley, and his first big success was synthesizing biotin, a B vitamin that breaks down fatty acids and carbohydrates.

With Valium, Sternbach gave the company its first blockbuster. Sternbach had created an entire new class of tranquilizers named benzodiazepines, which were safer and more effective than previous treatments such as barbiturates, opiates, alcohol and herbs.

"I put us on the map," said George Abercrombie, president

and chief executive officer of Hoffmann-La Roche.

Unlike earlier drugs, Valium did not slow breathing, so patients couldn't use it to commit suicide. But it was overused, Sternbach said; some patients became addicted, so a doctor's visit was required for refills.

Still, benzodiazepines remain the most prescribed anxiety drugs, partly because they start working as fast as one hour, slowing brain activity. They also are used for treating panic and phobia disorders and insomnia, calming patients before surgery and relaxing muscles.

"They were the first weapons in our arsenal for fighting anxiety disorders," said Jerilyn Ross, president of the Anxiety Disorders Association of America. "It was a huge leap."

Sternbach officially retired in 1973, but worked most days until recently. He mentored young scientists, corresponded and consulted with others, and worked on his biography, due

out this fall under the title, "Good Chemistry: The Life and Times of Valium Inventor Leo Sternbach."

Sternbach's credits include 241 patents, 122 publications, honorary degrees and other awards. His other breakthroughs include the sleeping pills Dalmane and Mogadon, Klonopin for epileptic seizures and Arfonad, for limiting bleeding during brain surgery.

"Leo was a game changer, really. It's quite inspiring to be on a campus with someone with that impact," said Louis Renzetti, who heads the company's efforts to speed up discovery of new compounds.

Until a decade ago, one-fourth of Roche's sales came from Sternbach discoveries.

"He's an inventor's inventor," said Abercrombie. "Within every company, there is a person or two whose legacy becomes the hallmark of what the company is about, and for Roche, it is Dr. Sternbach."

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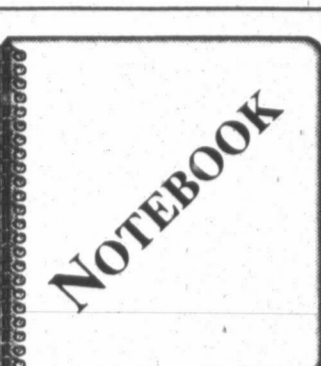
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SPORTS

Pampa drops regional opener to South Texas



FOOTBALL

PAMPA—The Pampa Harvesters start football practice at 6 p.m. Aug. 4.

Equipment checkout is that morning for seniors at 8 a.m., juniors at 9 a.m., sophomores at 10 a.m. and freshmen at 11 a.m.

PAMPA — There will be Harvester Football Booster Club meeting at 7 Monday night in the Ready Room at Val Halla.

All football parents are invited.

BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Dusty Baker didn't go by the book and the Chicago Cubs are a game closer to the Houston Astros because of it.

Baker declined to pinch-hit for pitcher Carlos Zambrano when the Cubs were down two-runs in the seventh inning. Zambrano responded with a two-run homer and pitched into the ninth Chicago beat Houston 5-3 Friday night.

Trailing 3-1, Baker chose to go against customary strategy and leave Zambrano in the game. His decision worked.

"You're open for criticism when it doesn't work but it was a two-out situation," Baker said. "It would have been different if there were one out or no outs. Wherever that book is, I haven't seen it. You go with what you think is best in that situation and that was big. He threw a great game."

Moises Alou broke a 3-3 tie with a two-run homer in the eighth off Octavio Dotel (6-4) and finished with three RBIs to help the third-place Cubs move within 4 1/2 games of the NL Central-leading Astros.

BEAUMONT — Christmas came in July as the Pampa Babe Ruth All-Stars gift-wrapped 10 unearned runs and donated the first game of the Southwest

Regional Babe Ruth Tournament to the South Texas All-Stars here Friday, 10-4. Ten runs, seven errors, five passed balls and a balk produced the runs for the winners in a game in which neither side gained an earned run.

Pampa had built a 4-1 lead thanks to a leaky South Texas defense in the third inning. Robbie Dixon led off with a grounder which the third baseman muffed. An attempted sacrifice by Tyson Hickman put runners at second and third when the third baseman's throw went into right field. Eric Kingcade brought in Pampa's first run with a single to left field. Hickman stopped at third. A pickoff attempt by the catcher went

into left field, allowing Hickman to score. Jarred Moler doubled over the left fielder's head to bring in Kingcade. Moler stole second and came home on a single by Ryan Torres.

Hickman started for Pampa and had been shaky in the first two innings. He walked the first two batters and struck out the next three. However, the ball got by the catcher allowing a runner to score. Hickman walked six in the first two innings, but gave up only one run. In the third inning, he settled down giving up a harmless hit in facing only four batters.

In the fourth inning Hickman ran into trouble as Pampa's defense completely cratered. He walked the first batter. An attempted sacrifice resulted in an error. A double steal and a passed ball made the score 4-2, still in Pampa's favor.

Hickman struck out the next batter. When it looked like Pampa might recover, a groundball through the shortstop's legs handed another run to South Texas. Two singles and two more passed balls produced three more runs. Hickman walked the next batter and gave way to Torres. Torres struck out the first batter and then saw a bad throw allow another run to score putting South Texas ahead 6-4.

The four errors and three passed balls took the momentum away from Pampa. They never recovered. Pampa would have only two more base runners in the game on a single by Hickman in the fourth and a walk to Dixon in the seventh.

The comedy of errors for the West Texas State Champions continued in the fifth inning. The first batter struck out, but beat the throw to first when the catcher

dropped the ball. The first baseman absentmindedly over-threw the pitcher allowing the runner to get to second. The next batter singled him to third. He scored when a pick-off attempt to first was dropped by the first baseman. A single to right field went through the fielder's legs allowing the batter to go all the way to third and the runner to score.

South Texas scored its last run on a triple and a balk, when the ball slipped out of the pitcher's hands as he was taking his signs from the catcher.

Pampa had its bright spots in the field. Hickman had four strikeouts in the first inning. He picked a runner off first in the second. With runners at first and third in the sixth inning, the batter struck out. Kingcade slipped in behind the pitcher and cut off a throw as the runner at first attempted

to steal second. Kingcade caught the runner at third in a rundown with Moler, applying the tag for a 2-4-5-2 double play.

Hickman struck out nine in 3-1/3rd innings, but walked eight. He allowed only three hits and all seven runs were unearned. Torres pitched 1-2/3rds innings. He permitted two unearned runs and two hits. He struck out four and walked one. Sameer Kelley finished up. He gave up one unearned run on one hit. He struck out two and walked one.

Pampa lost the first game of post-season play in the District 1 Tournament in Canyon, but came back through the loser's bracket to win five games in three days and claim the district title. Pampa fans are hoping that history can repeat itself.

The games are being played on the Lamar University campus.

Armstrong beats Ullrich in time trial

NANTES, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong all but locked up a record-tying fifth Tour de France title in a drama-packed time trial Saturday by finishing ahead of rival Jan Ullrich, who fell.

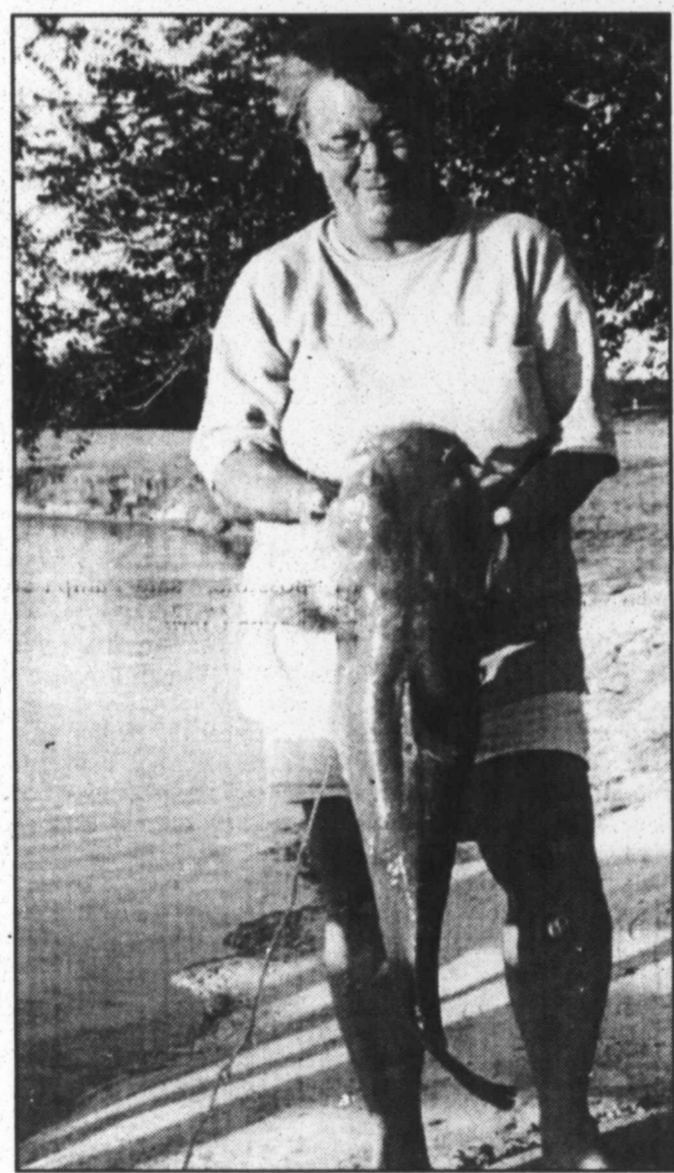
The race's final stage Sunday in Paris is traditionally a ceremonial ride where no one challenges the overall lead. So barring disaster, Armstrong will match Miguel Indurain's record of five consecutive victories in cycling's most prestigious event.

Armstrong smiled broadly and thrust a clenched right fist into the air as he powered to the finish of the rain-soaked time trial covering 30.4 miles.

The 31-year-old Texan finished third in the 19th stage, 11 seconds ahead of Ullrich, the 1997 Tour champion whose rivalry with Armstrong made this year's race one of the most gripping in years.

But Ullrich now appears destined to be the runner-up in the overall standings for the fifth time. The German entered Saturday trailing Armstrong by 65 seconds.

Whopper



(Courtesy photo)

Linda Hernandez pulled this whopping 25-pound, 34-inch flathead catfish out of the City Lake recently at Recreation Park. The catch was witnessed by C.L. Winborne. The fish was weighed by Ronald Sinyard, who said Pampa has a great lake if people will take care of it. Sinyard also weighed a 24-pound, 36-inch flathead that was caught earlier by O.L. Presley.

Judge to allow courtroom cameras for Bryant hearing

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — News cameras will be allowed inside the courtroom at Kobe Bryant's hearing on a sexual assault charge on Aug. 6, a judge ruled Friday.

A live audio feed will also be permitted, Eagle County Court Judge Fred Gannett said. He placed no restrictions on what the cameras could record.

Gannett's order allows one pool TV camera and one pool still photographer in the courtroom.

The Los Angeles Lakers star guard was charged with felony sexual assault after a 19-year-old woman told authorities he attacked her at an Edwards resort June 30. Bryant said the sex was consensual.

He is free on \$25,000 bail. Bryant may not be required to attend the hearing but is expected to, said Krista Flannigan, a spokeswoman for District Attorney Mark Hurlbert. She said officials will know in advance whether he will be there.

Bryant's attorney did not return an after-hours call seeking comment.

The hearing is to formally advise Bryant of the charge and the possible sentence he faces if convicted, and could include a discussion of whether to change his bail.

Chief Judge W. Terry Ruckriegle, who oversees the

courthouse, has not ruled on a media request to station pool cameras in a hallway outside the courtroom and at the courthouse entrance.

Representatives from the county, the town and the district attorney's office met Friday morning with Ruckriegle to discuss that request and other arrangements for the flood of reporters and television crews covering the hearing.

About 25 television satellite trucks are expected to arrive the day before the hearing, about 10 more than were present when Hurlbert announced on July 18 he was filing charges.

Ruckriegle wants to limit the number of trucks in the court's small parking lot, said Christine Yuh, administrator for the 5th Judicial District, which includes Eagle and three other mountain counties.

"It's just a normal community and we do have normal business that we have to keep going," Yuh said.

Officials are also considering how to accommodate all the reporters and members of the public who want to be in the courtroom for Bryant's first appearance since his July 4 arrest.

The largest courtroom in the building at the edge of town accommodates 68 people.

Missing player's family leaves Waco with few answers

WACO, Texas (AP) — In a rental truck filled with Patrick Dennehy's clothes and furniture, the dejected family of the missing Baylor basketball player left Waco on Friday with few answers about his disappearance more than a month ago.

His mother and stepfather, Valerie and Brian Brabazon, appeared tired and sad as they walked out of the Waco Police Department on Friday after a three-hour meeting with a detective before driving back to their Carson City,

Nev., home. They said the meeting went well but would not discuss specifics about the investigation.

"He just clarified more that they are doing their jobs, and they are still on the case and for us not to be worried about it," Valerie Brabazon said. "We still have hope our son is out there alive. We're not going to give up hope ever."

Carlton Dotson, who played basketball at Baylor last season and had been living with Dennehy since April, has been charged with mur-

der. Dotson, 21, remained jailed without bond in his home state of Maryland. An extradition hearing is set for Aug. 19.

Waco police have called off the search for Dennehy, 21, until Dotson can return to Texas and lead them to the body, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Friday, citing an unidentified police source.

Waco Police Chief Alberto Melis said Friday that he did not know anything about the search. Sgt. Ryan Holt said in

a statement that there were no developments Friday.

In a separate matter, Baylor's three-member compliance investigation committee is looking into whether the men's basketball program violated NCAA rules by making improper payments to Dennehy, university officials announced Friday.

The allegations came to light from media reports that a Baylor coach told Dennehy his education and living expenses would be paid if he gave up his scholarship.

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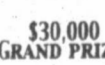
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Cowboys' Parcels pleased with talent, conditioning

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Bill Parcels knows he must do three things to have a winning football team: Collect good players, whip them into great shape, then pick the best 53 and maximize their strengths.

"Any one of the three things goes wrong," the new coach of the Dallas Cowboys said, "and you're going to suffer."

Six months into the job, Parcels is pleased with how the first two phases have gone.

He likes the free agents Dallas has signed and the rookies they drafted, and he's proud of the dedication players have shown in the weight room and to their waistline.

That was the easy part. The hard stuff begins Saturday, when training camp opens and

Parcels' attention shifts squarely to No. 3 on his list.

He said Friday his top priority — and "probably my most difficult thing to do" — is setting the 53-man roster. He's mainly looking for the 20 best players on each side of the ball, then will use the rest of the slots as a work in progress, probably throughout the season.

"We're going to be on a constant vigil ... to look under every rock we can find to find one more player who can help us," Parcels said during a wide-ranging, hourlong news conference. "That includes young players, veteran players — anyone who may be able to, either longterm or temporarily, help us restore this to what we want."

Restoration is Parcels' specialty. He's been with three previous organizations, taking over each time after a losing season. All three made the playoffs in his second season and eventually won the Super Bowl or got within a game of the championship.

Dallas is coming off three straight 5-11 seasons and hasn't won a playoff game since 1996, the year after its last Super Bowl win.

That long dry spell convinced Cowboys owner Jerry Jones to break his mold of hiring first-time coaches and instead turn to a proven winner. "Bill is here to teach — hopefully for a long time — and to develop a winning atmosphere in our locker room," Jones said. "We didn't enter into this partnership for a quick fix."

There's a lot to be repaired, starting at quarterback and running back.

Troy Hambrick is the favorite to replace Emmitt Smith as the featured ballcarrier. The quarterback battle is more open. Chad Hutchinson and Quincy Carter are the front-runners, but Parcels refuses to rule out third-stringer Clint Stoerner or undrafted rookie Tony Romo. Parcels hopes to name a starting QB before leaving San Antonio on Aug. 19. He also expects to break camp having an idea of how good the team can be.

"That's really my challenge, to get the team directed properly so they can play to their potential," he said.

A major component will be whether they understand Parcels' way of doing things.

"We don't know enough to be feeling like we ought to be a playoff team," Jones said. "Does that mean that you're not? No. That just means that you don't know enough."

Parcels' first training camp since 1999 will be very different for the Cowboys. Unlike last season, their first in San Antonio, there won't be HBO cameras filming every move for its "Hard Knocks" show. There's not likely to be field trips to Sea World and a ranch.

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New York	63	38	.624	—
Boston	60	42	.588	3 1/2
Toronto	53	50	.515	11
Baltimore	48	52	.480	14 1/2
Tampa Bay	36	65	.356	27
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	56	45	.554	—
Chicago	53	50	.515	4
Minnesota	51	51	.500	5 1/2
Cleveland	42	61	.408	15
Detroit	27	74	.267	29
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	62	40	.608	—
Oakland	58	44	.569	4
Anaheim	51	50	.505	10 1/2
Texas	41	61	.402	21

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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	57	44	.564	9 1/2
Florida	54	49	.524	13 1/2
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New York	43	59	.422	24
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
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West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
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Los Angeles	53	49	.520	12 1/2
Colorado	53	53	.500	14 1/2
San Diego	39	65	.375	27 1/2

Thursday's Games
 Pittsburgh 7, Cincinnati 5, 11 innings
 Atlanta 5, Florida 2
 Philadelphia 14, Chicago Cubs 6
 Los Angeles 1, Colorado 0, 11 innings
 San Francisco 3, Arizona 2
 Montreal 5, N.Y. Mets 1
 Milwaukee 2, Houston 1

Friday's Games
 Montreal 9, Atlanta 8, 11 innings
 N.Y. Mets 3, Cincinnati 1
 Florida 11, Philadelphia 5
 Chicago Cubs 5, Houston 3
 Pittsburgh 10, St. Louis 5
 Colorado 7, Milwaukee 3

Saturday's Games
 Arizona 2, Los Angeles 1, 15 innings
 San Francisco 5, San Diego 2

Sunday's Games
 Chicago Cubs (Cruz 0-0) at Houston (Redding 6-9), 1:20 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Fogg 6-4) at St. Louis (W. Williams 13-3), 2:10 p.m.
 Los Angeles (Ashby 2-7) at Arizona (Dessens 5-7), 4:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Duckworth 3-4) at Florida (Beckett 4-4), 6:05 p.m.
 Atlanta (Reynolds 7-5) at Montreal (Day 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Acevedo 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (Heilman 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Kinney 6-8) at Colorado (Stark 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
 San Diego (Jarvis 3-2) at San Francisco (J. Williams 5-1), 10:15 p.m.

Sunday's Games
 Atlanta (Maddux 9-8) at Montreal (Ohka 7-10), 1:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati (P. Wilson 5-8) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 9-6), 1:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Millwood 10-7) at Florida (Pavano 7-10), 1:35 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Estes 6-8) at Houston (Robertson 10-3), 2:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (S. Torres 5-3) at St. Louis (Fassero 1-5), 2:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee (W. Franklin 7-6) at Colorado (Jennings 9-8), 3:05 p.m.
 San Diego (Peavey 8-7) at San Francisco (Foppert 6-8), 4:05 p.m.
 Los Angeles (Nomo 11-8) at Arizona (Schilling 5-5), 4:35 p.m.

Junior girls eliminated

WACO — Pampa Junior Girls were eliminated from the Texas West State Tournament Wednesday night, dropping a 6-3 decision to Gateway Laredo.

Nicole Clark took the loss, giving up five runs, three unearned, on three hits while striking out four. Cassy Tice relieved Clark in the fifth inning, giving up one unearned run, no hits and striking out four.

Stephanie McVay led Pampa at the plate with two singles. Also having hits were Cassy Tice, Maggie Hopkins and Meredith Coutts.

The Pampa team, coaches and parents would like to thank all the business and individuals who helped with donations.

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Krissy Holman

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — **Krissy Holman** of Pampa recently enrolled in the National Youth Leadership Forum of Medicine, a 10-day event winding up tomorrow in Los Angeles.

Holman is among more than 350 high school students from around the nation participating in the forum. To be eligible to attend, a student must demonstrate academic excellence, leadership and an interest in medicine.

During the forum, Holman learned about public health, medical ethics, research and general practice and went on site visits to medical facilities and clinics. Students also engaged in a simulation using problem-based learning, an educational method in which students are presented a fictional patient's case history and must diagnose and develop a treatment plan for the patient.

"The National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine offers students like Krissy Holman a chance to complement their classroom experience," said Donna Snyder, executive director of NYLF. "This will enhance the current knowledge of these students, providing a glimpse at where they might find themselves within the medical universe."

"It's never too early in a young person's life to start exploring which career to pursue. We give these students a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to become a medical professional," Snyder concluded.

In addition to site visits to cutting-edge medical schools and clinical facilities, Holman had the opportunity to hear from and to interact with leaders within the medical field. Students had up-close personal contact with physicians, surgeons, researchers, scientists and medical educators as they went behind the scenes to view these professionals at work.

NYLF is a nonprofit educational organization that brings various professions to life, empowering outstanding young people with the confidence to make well-informed career choices.



Kendra Strickland

Kendra Strickland, 17-year-old daughter of Ken and Sharon Strickland, has been chosen as a state finalist in the National American Miss Texas Pageant to be staged Aug. 3-4 at Hotel Inter Continental in Dallas.

The pageant is open to qualifying girls 16-18 years of age, and the winner will receive \$1,000 in cash, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses and air transportation to compete in the national pageant at Disneyland in California.

Strickland's honors, activities and accomplishments include singing in Concert Choir at Pampa High School, FCCLA member and officer, PHS varsity swim team member and Meals on Wheels volunteer.

Each year, National American Miss pageant awards thousands in scholarships and prizes to recognize and to assist the development of young women nationwide.

Pageants are conducted in each state for girls between the ages of 4 and 18, in five age groups.

(See NEWSMAKERS, Page 20)



Riding in full regalia for a re-enactment of a war scene between U.S. Cavalry and Indians were Travis Selby, Hawk Tucker and Savannah Smith.

(Courtesy photo)

Re-enactors recreate war scene for film crew Travel Channel program to feature local sites ...

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"We started the first morning at the Morrison Ranch," Rice said. "They filmed cowboys herding cattle and also branding."

Then the film crew came into Pampa to film Million Dollar Row, the Gray County Courthouse, Combs-Worley Building, City Hall and Central Fire Station, all buildings on the National Historic Register.

"We also shot some at the White Deer Land Museum and Freedom Museum USA," Rice said.

The film crew shot some downtown footage and the Woody Guthrie Center as Nick Williams of Williams Sign Company painted the sign over it.

The crew shot some industrial plant footage on the east side of town and a prairie dog village near the Celanese Plant.

"I didn't even know it was there," Rice said. "I happened to spot it one day."

Even the weather cooperated, at least for a couple of days.

"We went out to eat that evening at the Country Club, and from there, they filmed the sunset," Rice said. "It was a beautiful sunset."

The next morning,

they went to the Stokes Ranch, where U.S. Highway 60 curves north east of Pampa.

"We were out there a couple of hours," Rice said.

After filming the battle re-enactment from atop a hill at the Stokes Ranch, the crew went down and took pictures of the Native Americans in their outfits and the tipis Camacho and his friends had put up.

"We went from there to Central Park," Rice said. "They took pictures of people picnicking and kids playing in the park."

The crew also filmed people bird watching. They also shot pictures of people walking their dog through Pampa's tree-lined streets.

"From there," Rice said, "we went out and filmed people playing golf."

That evening, the crew enjoyed a chuckwagon dinner at Cottonwood Springs Guest Ranch.

"On the way out there," Rice said, "they filmed a beautiful field of wheat."

The field hadn't been cut yet, he said, and the golden wheat was waving in the gentle evening breeze.

"It was getting close to harvest time," Rice said.

At Cottonwood Creek, Jim Moyer rode up to the camera on his horse and invited viewers to come to Pampa.

"Then he rides away on horseback," Rice said.

The chamber executive said he wasn't sure initially that they would be able to film everything he had wanted.

"Almost everything that we had listed that we wanted to shoot was filmed."

Rice said.

Fortunately, most of the shooting was completed during the first two days. The third and last day turned off cold and cloudy, the way it can do only in the Texas Panhandle when a front moves through in the early summer.

"It was windy," Rice said.

The film crew was from West Palm Beach, he grinned, and they suffered more than the local talent, but not by much.

"I was even getting cold," said Rice, a Pampa native.

The day before was beautiful, however. "We'd had rain the night before," Rice said, "and I was worried about getting to the ranch, but there was no problem whatsoever."

Thursday and Friday, the first two days of shooting, were filled with sunshine and comfortable temperatures.

"They were gorgeous days," Rice said.

"Saturday was a little chilly and overcast at times, but it ended up real nice."

Rice said that he thought the re-enactment went particularly well.

"I was totally impressed with the way that turned out," he said.



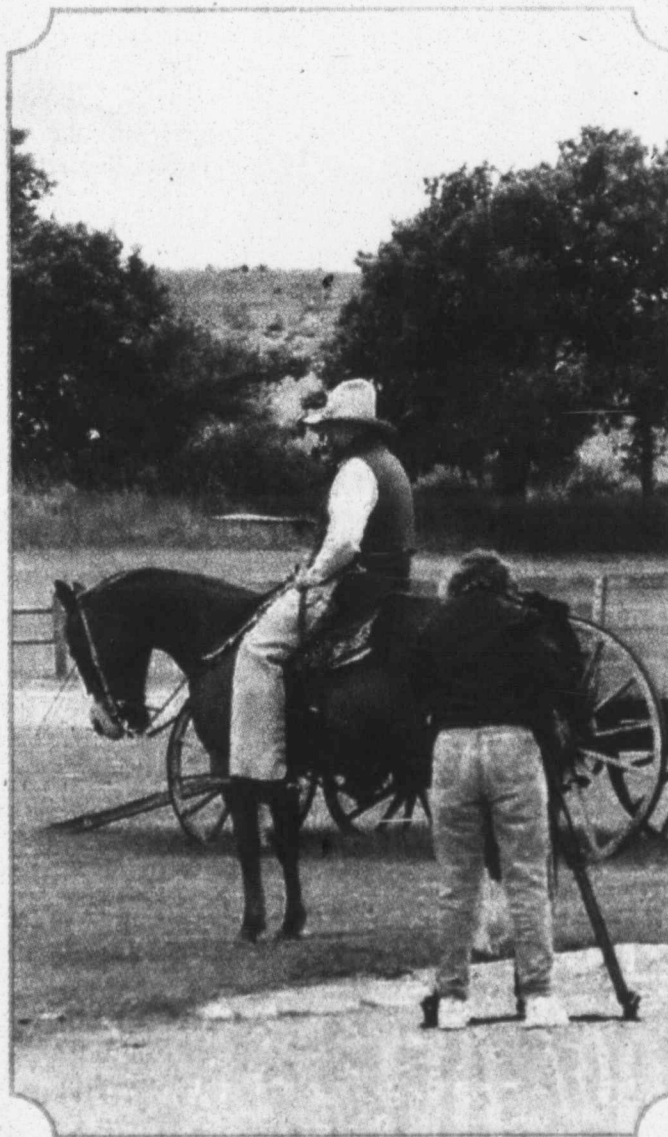
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Joe Pierce of Miami speaks with **Sharon Monroe**, of Teaching Learning Network. **Clay Rice**, of Pampa Chamber of Commerce, can be seen in the background. **Monroe** shot scenes for a program to air on the Travel Channel.



(Courtesy photo)

Tipis were set up for the re-enactment held in the area as part of a program to air on the Travel Channel.



(Courtesy photo)

Jim Moyer being filmed for a production to air on the Travel Channel.



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Jim Moyer talks on his cellular phone during shooting.

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Jaden Lynn McDowell

Jaden McDowell

Jaden Lynn McDowell was born at 4:28 p.m., June 25, at Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger, to Amy and Danny McDowell of Pampa. Jaden weighed 7-pounds at birth and was 19 1/2-inches long. His sister is Leslie; his grandparents are Launa and Buddy Patton, Connie and Danny McDowell Sr., and Kathy Cuellar.

WEDDINGS

Norton-Smith

Jennifer Leigh Norton of White Deer and Blake Edward Smith of Panhandle were wed Saturday, July 12, at First United Methodist Church of Pampa with Pastor Scott Penrod officiating.

The matron of honor was Stephanie Collins, sister of the bride of Austin. The bridesmaids were Amanda Freeman, Hilary Cheek and Amanda Spikes, all of Lubbock, and Kelli Glass of Amarillo. The flower children were Skylar Freeman and Jayden Freeman of White Deer, Miller and Mason Brandt of Austin, and Wesley Preston of Hurst, all cousins of the bride.

The best man was Tyler Smith, brother of the groom of Panhandle. The groomsmen were Travis Dent and Brandon Buesing, both of Dallas, Trent McKiernan of Austin and Byron Norton, brother of the bride of White Deer. The ring bearer was Kollin Abbe of Dalhart.

The candlelighter was Steve Defoe of Dallas.

Registering guests were Lauri Duggan of Salisbury, N.C., Joi Pearce of Canyon, Mami Lunsford, cousin of the bride of Lubbock, and McKenna Thomason, cousin of the groom of Amarillo.



Jennifer Leigh Norton

Music was provided by Kurt Beddingfield and Gary Thomason; pianist Shela Terry of White Deer; and soloists

Melissa Defoe, cousin of the bride of Dallas, who sang "Be Thou My Vision," Elle Leland and Kary Shadid who sang "Face of Love," and Kim Brown of Phoenix, Ariz., who sang "Ave Maria."

A reception was held following the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents.

The bride is the daughter of Ray and Becky Norton of White Deer, is the granddaughter of Betty Lee Brandt of Georgetown and Darrell and Bernice Norton of Pampa and is the great-granddaughter of Francis Norton of Farwell. She plans to pursue a career in interior design.

The groom is the son of Mark and Lynette Smith of Panhandle and is the grandson of Mary Ann and Jules Exnicious and Jo Beth and Choc Smith, all of Panhandle. He plans to attend the College of Optometry at the University of Houston.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico and intend to make their home in Houston.

Bowley-Roberts

Mischell Lynn Bowley of Plainview and Landon Dale Roberts of Pampa were wed Saturday, July

26, at H.E. and Inez B. McCarley Park in Pampa.

The bride is the daughter of Pat Bowley and of Felix Bowley, both of Plainview. She is a teacher at Plainview High School where she is a member of Plainview High PTA and Band Boosters.

The groom is the son of Tim and Ginger Roberts of Pampa. He is an electrician for City Electric in Plainview and Affordable Electric in Pampa. He is a member of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 and Scottish Rite Temple of Lubbock.

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Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast.
Lunch: Soft tacos or pizza, western beans, Spanish rice, lettuce/tomatoes, pineapple.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Pancakes.
Lunch: Spaghetti/meat sauce or pizza, green beans, corn, applesauce, rolls.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Apricot Fruit-A-Roo.
Lunch: Cheese nachos or pizza, pinto beans, salad, mixed fruit.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
Lunch: Hamburgers or pizza, French fries, lettuce/tomatoes, pickles, pears.

Senior Citizens

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Chicken fried steak or salmon loaf, mashed potatoes, beets, spinach, beans cinnamon swirl cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

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Candied chicken breasts or Salisbury steak, scal-

loped potatoes, Italian Green beans, corn, beans, orange streusel cake or chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, carrots, peas, butter beans, German chocolate upsidedown cake or pineapple/peach cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

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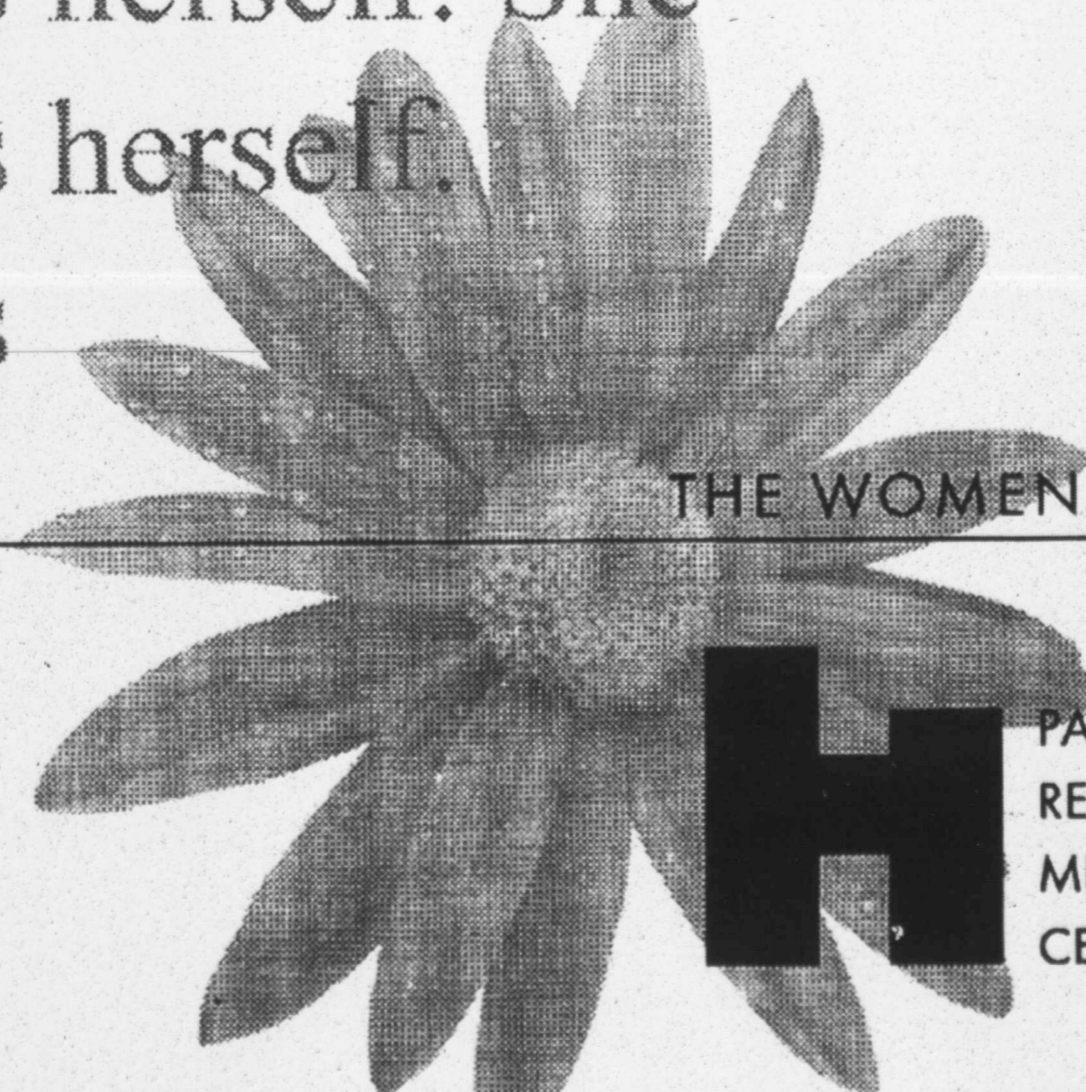
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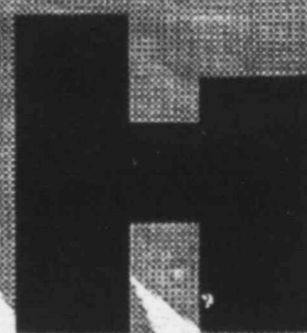
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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Don't Blame Diabetes For Irrational Behavior

DEAR ABBY: "Wants a Life in Virginia" implied that her husband's diabetes had led to irresponsible, irrational, and even violent behavior. While I sympathize with the wife and her family's problems with him, blaming diabetes for his behavior is both a mistake and medically inaccurate. It only adds to the discrimination and stigmatization faced by people with diabetes, as well as those at risk for it.

Unfortunately, it is still a common misconception that diabetes can bring about irrational and reckless behavior. I am president-elect of the Diabetes Association, and we hope you will let your readers know that people with diabetes should not be considered any more likely to be irresponsible, hostile or violent because of their disease. Perpetuating this myth does a great disservice to the entire diabetes community and the millions affected by this disease.

Today, diabetes affects at least 17 million Americans — almost one out of every 10 adults. It is the nation's fifth-deadliest disease, killing more than 210,000 individuals each year. The majority of people with diabetes work hard to manage their disease and lead active, healthy and productive lives. Every day they balance their food intake with activity and the treatments recommended by their health-care providers. Until a cure is found, they must shoulder the constant obligation of managing their disease. It is one that requires diligence, patience and remarkable will.

EUGENE J. BARRETT, M.D., Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BARRETT: Thank you for setting the record straight. Today you have not only educated my millions of readers, you have also taught me an important lesson. Although I did not say that the man's behavior was related to his illness, I'm sorry I didn't challenge the writer's incorrect assumption.

DEAR ABBY: I had a similar problem as "Muddling Through in Minnesota," who was graduating from high school and wasn't sure whom to invite because her mother despises her stepmother.

My parents are also divorced, and so are my favorite aunt and uncle. None of them had spoken for more than 12 years. However, at age 33, I was finally graduating from college, and since it was "my" graduation, I decided to invite them all. I made clear to everyone who else I was inviting so they had the option of declining my invitation.

Guess what? Everyone came! And they brought their new "significant others" with them. Afterward, at the party in my home, they were laughing and talking like old times — catching up with each other's lives.

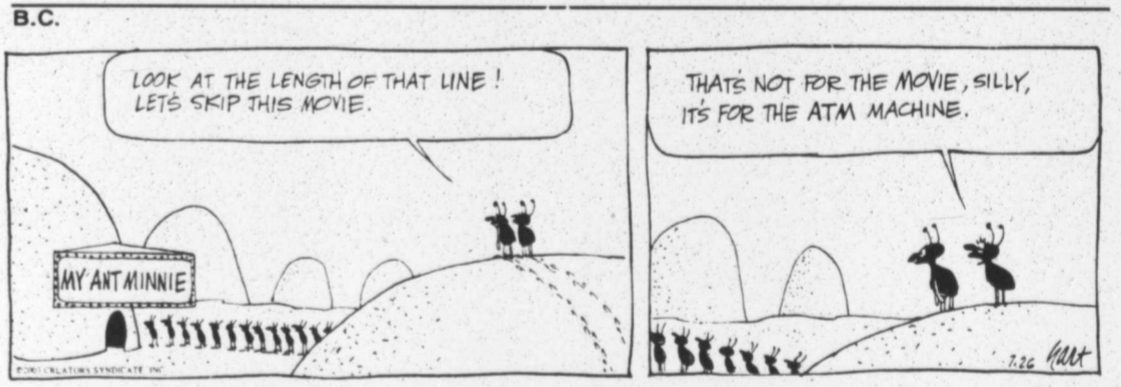
A few days later, they called and thanked me for ending the "old and worn out" animosities.

HAPPY GRADUATE IN VIRGINIA

DEAR HAPPY GRADUATE: You are obviously an important part of these relatives' lives. How wonderful that all of them could be present to celebrate your success. Congratulations on all fronts. I have always said, "When in doubt, invite everyone." Whether or not they choose to attend then becomes their problem.

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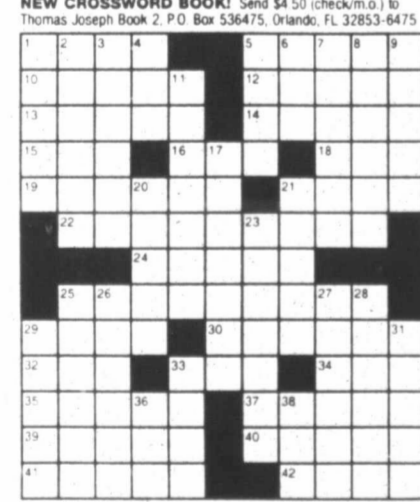


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Festa queen heart of community for Portugese immigrants

BY JULIANA BARBASSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

STEVINSON, Calif. (AP) — Amanda Machado kneels and bows her head, her carefully lacquered black curls barely contained by a glittering rhinestone tiara.

From her shoulders spill yards of rich burgundy satin, beaded, puckered and embroidered with gold thread. Thousands of hand-stitched pearls and stones on her cape form the symbols of the Holy Ghost: a white dove, wings spread wide, hovers above a crown and scepter. Clusters of grapes — the blood of Christ — are woven around the borders.

Standing above her, the priest intones the first lines of a centuries-old hymn invoking the Holy Spirit, the third element of the Christian trinity. "Veni Creator Spiritus," he chants before blessing the Queen of Stevinson's Holy Ghost festa.

Thousands of Portuguese immigrants gather in Stevinson and an archipelago of other farming towns from May to October for the festas, celebrations that pay homage to the Holy Spirit.

They are the high points of the year for the approximately 331,000 Californians of Portuguese descent who come to eat, drink, dance and pray, reliving a tradition that stretches back centuries.

The town hosting the festa slaughters cows to feed the revelers and troops out its best musicians to play the haunting, accordion-driven songs called fados. Dancers in layered, elaborately cross-stitched skirts click their wooden heels in time to the castanets, kicking off the secular side to the festivities.

At the heart of the celebrations are the queens — girls such as 17-year-old Machado who are chosen to represent their town year-round, traveling on weekends to scores of festas in the Central Valley's dairy country, where the Portugese have settled.

The queens and their sidemaids will wear seven outfits during each of the three-day festas. They range from frothy white wedding dresses with hoop skirts worn during the crowning to flashy evening gowns and more casual affairs donned while serving drinks during afternoon events.

The girls' eyes shine when they talk dress-up. The capes can cost up to \$2,000 each, and each town's Pentecost Society — a religious association that supports the Portugese community and its traditions — raises money to help families pay a seamstress.

But parents participate willingly, said Maria Flores, who stopped helping her husband on the family dairy farm to sew capes full-time decades ago after she made her daughter's cape.

"What is better than having a daughter participating in this, going to church every Sunday, meeting other nice girls, with the parents right behind?" Flores said in her sewing room in Snelling. Finished capes for this summer's festas drape in a corner, each with the symbols of the saint being honored in each town. The veils and frills from the queens' full-skirted white dresses explode from a rack near the door.

The finery helps attract the girls, who can be fourth generation immigrants with names such as Kristine and Ashley, or recent arrivals such as Deolinda Pires, Livingston's queen. Reliving the festa's traditions, they learn the stories their ancestors brought with them from the Azores, a string of volcanic islands in the Atlantic known for earthquakes and scant fertile land.

"It's not for the crown, not for the cape," said Machado, who held back tears at the altar during her blessing last month. "We do this to represent the Holy Spirit."

Legend has it that St. Isabel, the wife of a 14th century Portuguese king, started the worship of the Holy Ghost when she prayed so fervently to end a famine that the Holy Spirit turned her roses into bread for the poor.

Portugese explorers took the worship to the Azores and immigrants brought it with them to the Central Valley.

Today, Pentecost societies in towns such as Stevinson hold bullfights and auctions to raise the money that buys the milk and sweet bread which the town's Portugese offer free to the thousands who come for the celebration.

The Portugese in California own many of the state's dairies, the majority concentrated in the San Joaquin Valley — dairies that gross billions of dollars annually.

It's this wealth that feeds the festas.

"We're just a bunch of farmers trying to do our best," said John Dore, the Secretary of Stevinson's Pentecost Society.

The smell of spicy meat stew permeates Stevinson's 700-person Pentecost hall as the crowd pours in for the first serving, right after the morning procession and crowning. The hall will fill three times on

California Portuguese festas

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Here's a brief listing of a few of the scores of festas in California:

- July:
 - 17-21, Holy Spirit Celebration in Gustine.
 - 19-20, Holy Spirit Celebration in Oakley.
 - 25-28, Holy Spirit Celebration in Artesia.
 - 26-28, Holy Spirit Celebration in Oakdale.
- August:
 - 9-10, Saint Anthony Celebration in Tracy.
 - 15-17, Our Lady Of Assumption Celebration in Turlock.
 - 23-24, Saint Anthony Celebration in Patterson.
- Aug. 30-Sept. 1, Holy Spirit Celebration in Chino Valley.
- Aug. 30-Sept. 1, Our Lady of Fatima Celebration in Escalon.
- September:
 - 5-15, Our Lady of Miracles in Gustine.

Source: Irmandade do Divino Espirito Santo Do Estado Da California: [http://home.earthlink.net/~\(t\)ide/abreu/Festas1.html](http://home.earthlink.net/~(t)ide/abreu/Festas1.html)

Sunday before everyone is fed the thick broth that has been simmering overnight — the meat and bones of 14 cows, cooked in red wine, cinnamon, fresh mint and other spices.

The cooks, Carol and Steve Silva Olson, park their camper behind the kitchen to better manage the 12,000 pounds of meat, 30 cases of cabbage and 16,000 loaves of bread being eaten at this festa.

The animals slaughtered for the feast are donated by families who are thankful for their dairy's bounty, or families relying on the Holy Spirit for special favors.

"People have been sick, and they get better," said Helyn Vesceres. She ran the festa's kitchen for more than 30 years and vouches for the power of the saints.

In the evening, the women gather for the rosary, remembering the spiritual before heading to the dance hall, where the sounds of Ricky Martin flow into traditional songs about St. Anthony and St. John played to a salsa beat.

In the bullring across the street, men line up with their bulls for a contest in which yoked animals try to pull the heaviest weight.

Later that night, young people gather around the bar, switching languages easily as they chat each other up, while their parents listen to the cantoria — improvised, rhymed challenges sung between two men to the sound of finger-style guitars.

"We grew up with this," said Vesceres, who was a festa queen herself along with her mother, daughter and granddaughter. "It's just like Christmas to us."

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, July 27, 2003:

Much goes on behind the scenes, which you might choose to keep under wraps. In the next few years, you will come to a conclusion of something that began approximately 26 years ago. Frequently, you will opt for time alone to think and analyze. This birthday year will see an increase in funds and perhaps a touch more extravagance than the normal. Isn't it time you enjoy yourself? Create more of what you want from your life. If you are single, you might encounter someone very special this year, but this person might not be totally what he or she projects. Use time and intelligence here. If you are attached, you will need more time together to share, but also more time away from each other. At times your partner could become belligerent or touchy. Listen to what the real story is. CANCER reads between the lines.

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)

***** Your efforts toward a family member help bring you closer. This particular person notices what you do to make his or her life easier. You also need to check out a domestic investment more carefully. Tonight: Put your feet up.

This Week: Your efforts, even on Monday, seem to bring the type of results you desire. Don't let frustration or anger rear its ugly head.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Keep conversations rolling, even though you might not be comfortable with what a friend thinks. This person could be quite insistent on having things his or her way. Don't minimize how important a long-term goal might be. Tonight: Go to a favorite restaurant.

This Week: You come from a secure basis, creating much more of what you want. A tendency to indulge yourself might not help you get the job done.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Be careful with spending. You might find yourself in a position where you need to put in extra hours to accomplish what you want. Investigate what might be motivating an older relative or friend. Listen more. Tonight: Treat yourself first.

This Week: You speak; others do. At least that is how it works on Monday. On Tuesday, tempers easily flare, but you

can handle it. Continue to maintain a low profile.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Your personality helps melt barriers and takes you to a new level. Make a call to someone at a distance. Break patterns. Be willing to make an extra effort to meet someone. You'll find that your efforts come back in multiples. Tonight: All smiles.

This Week: The New Moon on Tuesday heralds a new beginning financially, though you might need to do some re-justifying. Learn to look at issues from both sides.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Make time your ally rather than your enemy. You discover that there are many ways to obtain the same results. Remain focused, understanding a partner's needs. Discussions need to be open. Say "yes" to what might appear to be an experiment. Tonight: Make nice.

This Week: Your sunny personality helps you skip over another's uproar. You will, and you can. Meanwhile, strap on your seat belt for the next few weeks.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Defer to others, even if you might not be sure what will come down. Give up a tendency toward rigidity, because it won't work anyway. Laughter earmarks your interactions, with the exception of an overly serious friend. Tonight: Where the gang is.

This Week: You dance to a new tune, especially after Tuesday, as others could be outrageous. You might feel like you're walking on eggshells. You're not; they are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Take a stand if need be, though you might not be totally comfortable in that role. Your energy blows hot and cold. Make it OK to curl up and take a nap. Your ability to read between the lines gets results. Tonight: Read between the lines.

This Week: Where you thought everything was under control, you find out otherwise. Know that you will have to deal with issues in the next two months.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** A loved one acts in a most unpredictable but delightful manner. Your sense of humor allows you to loosen up and see another perspective. As much as you try, you might have a difficult time seeing the whole picture. Tonight: Try a new place.

This Week: Your co-ruler retrogrades on Tuesday, impacting your work and love

life. Ouch! The good news is that you might have a blast from your past knock on your door.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Play your cards close to the chest until a trusted partner or associate chooses to reveal more of what is going on with him or her. A family member, or even you, could be the source of surprises and/or spontaneity. Tonight: Dinner for two.

This Week: Deal with a close associate carefully. Pressure will start building unless you keep the air clear. Become a specialist at finding solutions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** You say "yes," but another associate says "no." How you juggle these various needs could be considerably different depending on your mood. Go with the flow and, for once, indulge yourself. Do what you want. Tonight: Say "yes" to an unusual invitation.

This Week: Listen to what an associate has to share. You might be taken aback by the possibilities. Continue to investigate. This process could take more than just a week. Make it OK.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** If you're dragging, just say so.

Consider just how much you want to invest in a project or personal endeavor. The question might boil down to whether you believe in yourself or not. Use care with spending. Tonight: Put your feet up.

This Week: Others seek you out and put the cards in your hands. You don't have to reveal much. Be very careful with your spending.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Your high energy makes waves. Others might not expect what goes down in your immediate circle. Romance could be touchy, especially if you want something that a partner doesn't. Give each other space. Tonight: Play away.

This Week: Mars goes retrograde in your sign, causing you to perhaps stumble over yourself for the next few months. Work on your concentration.

BORN TODAY

Wrestler Triple H (1969), figure skater Peggy Fleming (1948), movie director and actress Betty Thomas (1947)

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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, July 28, 2003:

You'll have an unusually dynamic year if you are willing to tune in to your inner self. You see way beyond the obvious, though you might not choose to share your perceptions with others. Your insights and ability to move past problems point you in a new direction. You will find that with your magnetism and personality, you'll create much more of what you want. People love to be around you because of your unusual insight. If you are single, be careful about your choice of partners. You could easily become involved with someone who isn't what he or she appears to be. If you are attached, your relationship will flourish if you take frequent getaways together. Add that special touch of romance. LEO is a soul mate.

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)

***** Whatever you do, you do well right now. Express your caring and gratefulness in an effective way so that a family member can hear it. Allow your imagination to go haywire, but you might want to charge this unique energy into your work. Tonight: So what if it is Monday?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Whatever you do, you do well. Your ability to express your feelings plays a role in events. Make calls and reach out for those around you. Look at what might be going on with a real estate investment. Share more of yourself. Tonight: Happy as a clam.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Use care with your finances. Something might look too good to resist,

and you probably won't be able to. Make sure you really want what you purchase. Reach out for a friend or an associate toward the end of the day. Tonight: Ever playful.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** With the Moon in your sign, your desirability speaks for itself. You beam, and others naturally respond to you. Understand that you create the pace, making what you want happen. Make a money decision later in the day. Tonight: Pay bills.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** A compliment might touch you, but don't overreact. You might feel mellow, but try to avoid going to la-la land thinking about this person. Late this afternoon you can do something about this fantasy. Find out where the other person is coming from. Tonight: As you like it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Aim for more of what you want from someone close. Your ability to handle difficult if not touchy situations comes forward in a meeting. Assume the best, and you will like the end results. Close your door in the late afternoon to clear up work. Tonight: Do something ultimately for yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Good news heads your way. Work with what you hear, with an eye to new ventures. Realize more of what you need through meetings and calling on others to participate. Use your skills to motivate others. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Investigate what might be happening before taking the big plunge. What appears to be office gossip might have a bit of truth to it. Consider your options carefully when dealing with a boss or superior. You might need to take

charge. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Work individually with others if you want to obtain results. Someone clearly trusts and understands you. Together you become quite a team. Reach out for experts when dealing with a vague issue. Getting the right advice could make the difference between success and failure. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Continue to allow others to run with the ball. Much more will reveal itself if you take charge. Learn the art of observing. In the afternoon, you might want to take someone up on an overture. Tonight: Dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Co-workers' good will allows tremendous movement on a project. The end results will be pleasing. Save the later afternoon for calls, returning messages and networking in general. Loosen up and relax with associates. Tonight: Out with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Clearly, a child or loved one cares. You might have difficulty focusing on work or other matters. If you can, take a personal day just for yourself and a loved one. Otherwise, do your best to focus, but don't be surprised if you don't get a lot done. Tonight: Put your feet up.

BORN TODAY

Actress Sally Struthers (1948), politician Bill Bradley (1943), author Beatrix Potter (1866)

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Risky deals harder to hide

NEW YORK (AP) — The Enron executives who hid the company's debt in a labyrinth of secret deals would find it harder to get away with such schemes nowadays.

Under new accounting rules, companies have to make certain kinds of leases, loans and financial hedges more transparent to shareholders. That means spelling out possible dangers and including greater detail of their exposure in the financial statements.

The impact could be huge, potentially adding billions of dollars in assets and liabilities to balance sheets and in some cases even crimping earnings.

These transactions, known as special-purpose entities, are generally business arrangements like partnerships or trusts. Companies often use them to keep risky assets and big debts off of their books.

Until now, these entities only had to be accounted for if companies had a controlling voting interest. Otherwise, they could be kept off the books if at least 3 percent of the SPE's capital came from an

independent third party. Over the last decade, accounting rulemakers have considered ways to improve corporate disclosure of these deals. Then Enron happened, and change became a must.

Enron's executives hid millions of dollars of debt through SPEs. When their scheme was discovered, it led to the energy trader's collapse and eventual bankruptcy.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board has set forth new rules, which became effective July 1 and are known as FIN 46, requiring outside investors to provide at least 10 percent of the SPE's capital for companies to keep it off of its books.

In addition, the company that bears a majority of the risk or reaps the majority of rewards from an SPE now must account for it.

The tricky part is figuring out who carries the burden.

"All this is very subjective," said Jeffrey Ellis, partner in the accounting principles group at Grant Thornton in Chicago. "You could have

two parties involved with one entity and they come to different theories over who is responsible."

For entities that do remain off the balance sheet, companies now have to detail the nature, purpose and risks in their annual reports. That falls under rules by issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission, effective for fiscal years that ended on or after June 15.

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Texas reports 82 percent compliance in Selective Service Registration

WASHINGTON — States that have joined the national movement to require young men to register with Selective Service before they can renew their driver's licenses have seen dramatic positive results from their efforts, with increases in registration rates as high as 11 percent.

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.

Altrusa

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met July 22 at Pampa Country Club with President Billie Sue Evans presiding. Among those present were guests, Charlene Holt and staff of Tralee Crisis Center. Kadda Schale and Joan Gray served as greeters.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Members were informed during a report that Penni Pfitzner's son, Karl, and Janet Bilyeu's daughter were both scheduled for surgery last week and that DeLynn Gordzelik's grandfather had died. Joan Gray was back after having surgery about a month ago. Lori Groenwald is the only member celebrating her birthday in July.

—Members also heard from Myrna Orr about Schneider House. Schale about "Bring a Guest Night," and Pfitzner about a program scheduled Aug. 26.

—Brenda Tucker represented the Pampa club at Altrusa's International Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa., recently.

—The Accent was delivered by Louise Bailey who gave a presentation on Altrusa's role in the founding of Tralee Crisis Center.

—A separate program on Tralee was presented by Kim Davis, executive director of the center, and her staff.

CONT. FROM PG 13 NEWSMAKERS

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Marine Corps Pvt. **Joey R. Shelton**, son of Donna K. and Jimmy R. Shelton of Pampa, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

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

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

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

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Oklahoma Baptist University recently announced its President's Honor Roll for the 2003 spring semester.

To be eligible for the honor roll, a student must maintain a 3.7 or higher grade point average for the semester. Students named to the list include **Karmen Lee Buck**, **Andrea Marie Shank** and **Jeremy Michael Buck**, all of Pampa.

Results of the fourth annual state-by-state registration compliance report released recently by the Selective Service System show that most of the 32 states, two U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia, that have driver's license legislation showed dramatic increases in compliance rates. Texas, which has enacted the driver's license legislation, reported an 82 percent compliance rate — a 3 percent increase since last year.

The state-by-state report of state registration compliance rates are based on the percentage of draft eligible men who were born in 1983 and had registered by Dec. 31, 2002.

Nationally, registration

compliance in 2002 increased to a record 89 percent for men reaching age 19 during the year, up by two points from 2000's high of 87 percent. Virtually all young men living in the United States are required by Federal law to register with Selective Service when they turn 18.

While failure to register is a crime punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000 and/or up to five years imprisonment, the government rarely prosecutes men in peacetime who fail to register. However, many Federal opportunities — including eligibility for student loans, job training, Federal employment, and citizenship for male immigrants — are denied to

young men who fail to register.

Young men who are required to register and do not do so by the time they turn 26 are permanently barred from these opportunities.

In addition, cities and counties over the years have taken their own steps to ensure registration. Chicago and New York City, for instance, require young men to be registered if they want municipal jobs with the city, such as police officers or firefighters.

Over the past few years, a movement among states to link driver's license registration and Selective Service registration has been growing.

Selective Service has the challenge of reaching more

than 5,000 young men in America who turn 18 every day with a message that they are not always interested in hearing.

"It's especially gratifying to see state governments take this issue so seriously," said Lew Brodsky, acting director of the Selective Service System. "By tying registration directly to something that is a top-of-mind association for pretty much every young man in America — the ability to get a driver's license — states are sending the clear message that they support registration and expect young men to take their responsibilities seriously."

In most states with such legislation, Selective Service works with the Department of

Public Safety or Motor Vehicles to include a consent statement on all applications or renewals for driver's permits, licenses, and identification cards. The statement informs the applicant that by submitting the application he is consenting to being registered with Selective Service if he is required to do so.

In 2002, states and territories that had begun transmitting registration data made significant gains in their compliance rates. They include Hawaii, posting 11 percent; Georgia, 10 percent; Colorado and Illinois, both 8 percent; Alabama and Arkansas, both 6 percent; and Ohio and Florida, both 4 percent.

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