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Minority group representatives say change would hurt

HOUSTON (AP) — Advocates for minority groups say any changes to the top 10 percent law would hurt efforts to diversify state universities and the future work force.

State lawmakers have been considering changes to the law, which grants automatic admission to students who graduate in the top 10

percent of their high school class. The top 10 percent law was adopted in 1997 at a time when colleges were banned from using race as a factor. But the U.S. Supreme Court last year ruled colleges and universities can use race as a factor, prompting legislators to question the necessity of the top 10 percent law.

Officials from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Houston office on Friday criticized efforts to change or repeal the law. The Texas League of United Latin American Citizens joined the NAACP in opposing changes.

"It is going to hurt our kids," said Mary Ramos, a LULAC state

director who was quoted in Saturday editions of the Houston Chronicle. "These kids have been struggling to be in the top 10 percent so they can get into any school they want."

Gov. Rick Perry has recently called for revisions in the measure, saying the law is forcing high-achieving students who are

enrolled in more rigorous schools to attend out-of-state colleges.

The Center for Equal Opportunity criticized the law in written testimony submitted Thursday for hearings on the state's 10 percent plan. The Virginia-based organization criticizes the law as racially discriminatory and bad educational policy.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

On Saturday, Pampa Police Department made the following arrests according to Gray County Sheriff's Office jail records.

Thursday, June 24

Natacha Guadalupe Alvarez, 31, 717 N. West, was arrested for no driver's license, failure to appear and parking on roadway.

Friday, June 25

Stephen Lee Spencer, 45, 1029 S. Christy, was arrested for possession and transport of a chemical with intent to manufacture.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office on Saturday reported no new arrests.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department Saturday reported the following calls.

Friday, June 25

2:07 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 400 block of Lowry on investigation for possible hazardous materials, but found nothing.

11:15 p.m. — Four units and seven firefighters responded to the 1000 block of South Christy on a suspected drug lab.

12:07 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded

to the 1100 block of East Browning on a call for medical assistance.

Ambulance

Rural Metro Ambulance Saturday reported the following calls.

Friday, June 25

11:50 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of East Kingsmill and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Faulkner.

6:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

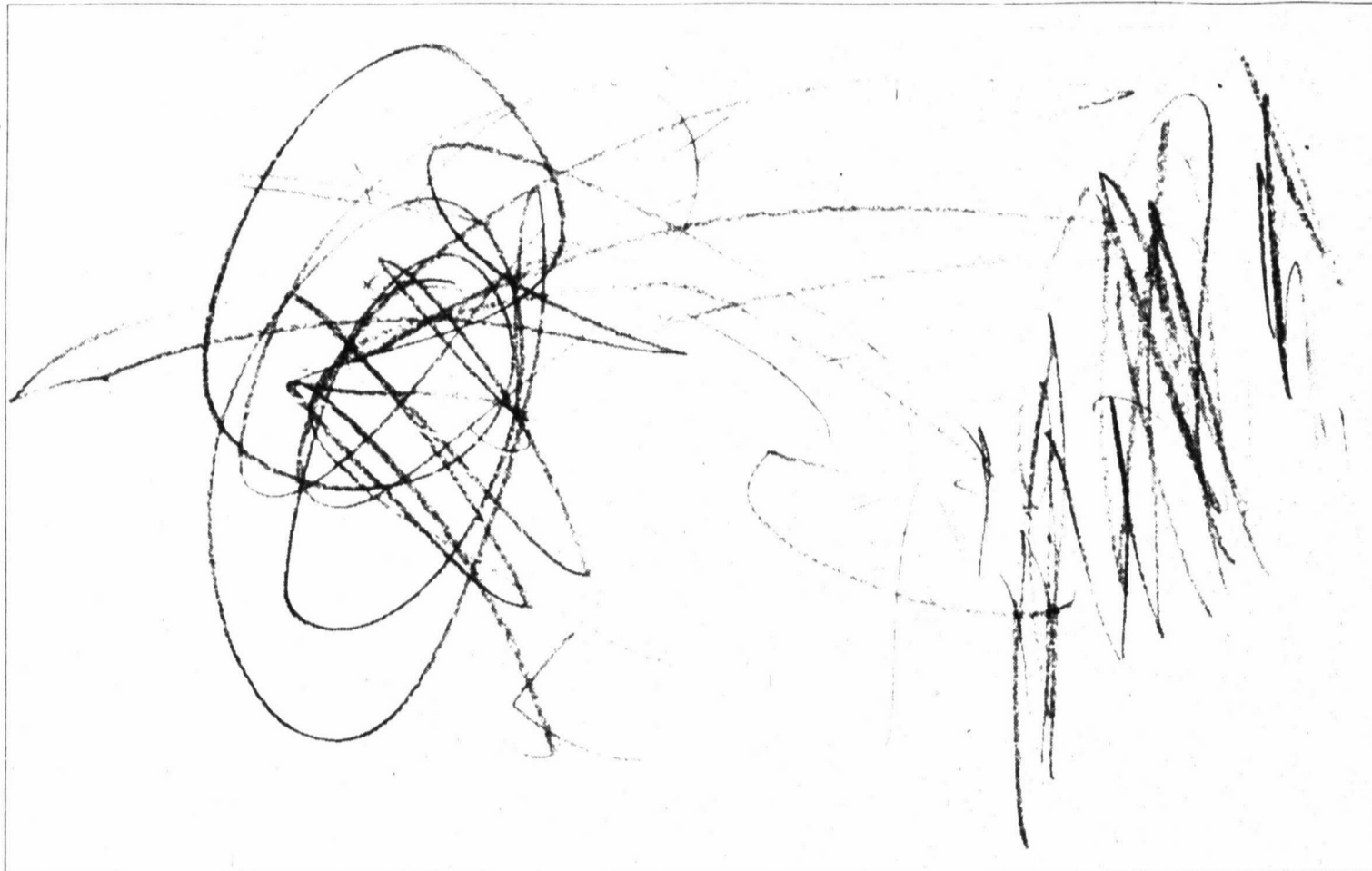
8:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSAW.

10:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

Saturday, June 26

12:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Browning.

12:50 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the emergency room at PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.



Elijah Palma, 4, of For Heaven's Sake Daycare & Preschool, draws his vision of a "Storm and Clouds."

Gray County Weather

Today: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 81. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 61. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday: A 30 percent

chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 81. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 5 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high around 85. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.



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FAIRVIEW CEMETERY will begin picking up all ground decorations beginning July 7th. If you wish to keep your deco. please visit the Cemetery & retrieve them before that date. The Cemetery will also pick up metal & glass objects at that time.

PAMPA NEWS Office will be closed Mon., July 5th in observance of July 4th. Early advertising deadlines: Classified Line Ads and City Briefs are as follows: For Sun. July 4th, deadline is Fri. July 2nd, 10 a.m. For Mon. July 5th, deadline is Fri. July 2nd, 2 p.m. For Tues. July 6th deadline is Fri. July 2nd-4 p.m. Display advertising for Wed., July 7th deadline is Fri. July 2nd, 2 p.m. have a safe & happy July 4th!!

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Waco twister monument back on track

WACO (AP) — A granite monument memorializing the 114 people who died in a 1953 tornado is expected to be moved out of a warehouse and onto a city street corner within a month.

The 2.5-ton, teardrop-shaped monument has been gathering dust for more than nine months at Phipps Memorial, which donated and constructed the marker last year.

The city, meanwhile, has been finishing location plans.

Construction began recently on the memorial's site and is expected to be completed within 30 days.

The tornado did most of its damage downtown.

"It's going to be another sort of historical piece of our landscape that is essential for Wacoans to remember what was once there and to remember our history," said Margaret Mills, executive director of Downtown Waco Inc.

Amy Michelle Youree

Her name means "Beloved" and "Who is like God..."

To us her name also means sunshine, laughter, joy, happiness, love, and so much more....

For a little while we must be away from her, but the memories we have will be with us forever and we believe the promise that she is in an amazingly wonderful place and that we will see her again.

Words cannot express the love and appreciation we feel for our family, church, friends, co-workers and community. You reached out to us in our great time of need and you ministered to us. You cried with us, hurt with us and remembered some wonderful times with us ... for that we are eternally grateful.

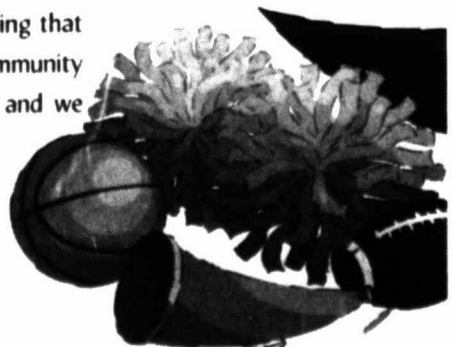
Thank you for the time you spent with us, your kinds words, thoughts, and for the prayers...we truly thank God for all that you have done for us. Thanks also for the food, cards, gifts and other supplies.

We would especially like to thank Carl Novian and our First Baptist Church Family along with Paul Nachtigall, Pampa High School, Pampa Office Supply, Topographic, Stan Stabel and Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home; you all made this difficult experience a little easier to bear.

Our loss is huge and our lives will never be the same, but knowing that we are surrounded by such a loving, caring and supportive community gives us strength to face each day. God has truly blessed us and we thank Him for all of you and for all you have done.

Love In Christ,

Doug, Melody and Kevin Youree; Pat Youree; Norene Marsh
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Follow me

Amanda Merrel, in front, and Arriott Manning walk the rails Friday morning as their class, Pampa Independent School District's senior developmental class taught by Troy Owens, visited the site at the corner of Craven Avenue and Russell Street.

Plan

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"If there's not a claim filed," Powell said, "then they don't pursue it."

That way the use of the insurance has already been initiated by the person in the accident or by the company handling the hazardous material.

"There's not a negative effect on the business or the private citizen," Powell said.

The company will keep \$20 of each \$100 they collect for their payment. If nothing is collected they don't get paid.

"They track it for 20 percent," Powell said. "If they get 20 percent of what they collect, they'll be a little more aggressive in following up on those things."

Powell stressed that the process does not create a

negative aspect for the private citizen or the business.

"I don't anticipate billing a private person," Powell said. "Pursuing citizens to collect on accidents is not our intent and I don't see that happening at all."

Potter and Randall County use the service, Powell said. Some 22 Texas counties and cities use Revenue Rescue.

"They also do Georgetown and San Marcos," Powell said.

Over 200 entities use it nationwide, she said. The communities that use them, Powell said, give the company good marks.

"The only thing we do currently," Powell said, "is for hazardous material clean up."

Powell said the city is not set up to pursue such matters.

According to John Lewis with Revenue Rescue cities will often send initial bills to companies or insurance car-

riers, but if they don't pay it, the follow up is hard and time consuming.

"Our finance department isn't designed to follow up on that," Powell said.

Lewis said that is what cities and counties pay Revenue Rescue to do.

"We've done this for so long now," Lewis said. "Insurance companies know us."

Powell said Revenue Rescue isn't the only company that does this, but it is the one that her research has indicated does a good job.

"They're very successful," Powell said.

She said the entities with whom she's spoken that have used them have been very positive.

The ordinance passed by the Pampa City Commission on first reading in June is the

first step in the process.

"The ordinance is that Revenue Rescue bills on behalf of the city. We can do those collections," Powell said.

She said the fees in connection with the use of equipment and services are based on the cost to the city and provide a cost basis for Revenue Rescue in determining what is charged.

"Powell said the fees are based on costs for the city and similar sized communities.

"We looked at this and then did a cost analysis. What we believe is fair, then we set those fees," Powell said. "We want to see what everyone else is charging, but the way we want to see also what it would be for us."

Iraq

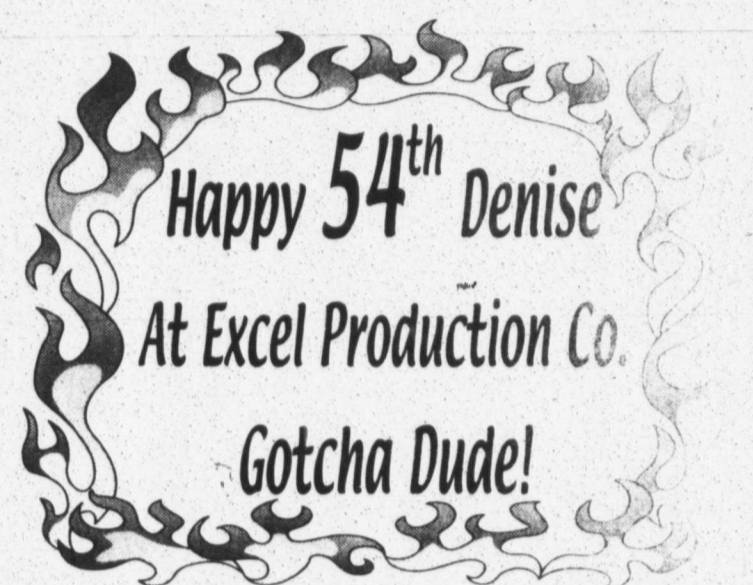
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working as interpreters for an American company in Basra were ambushed and killed while driving home from work. In the last three weeks, two of the 10 farmers' union leaders have been killed and three out of a group of 24 interpreters have

died at the hands of insurgents.

Every slaying takes a toll on the thousands of unarmed Iraqis who cooperate with U.S. forces.

"Any person who goes to the Americans is considered a spy," said Sheik Wadah Maliek el-Sayed, a tribal leader who has acted as a mediator between U.S. forces and hardline Iraqi religious leaders.



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Viewpoints

Success comes from giving, not taking

A fortnight has passed since the "Burnin' the Bricks" weekend that drew thousands of people to Pampa.

Before memories start to fade, I'd like to share some amazing information about this amazing success.

High Plains Cruisers, a loosely organized group of people who love old vehicles and having a good time, decided to put on "Burnin' the Bricks" several months ago.

They wanted to pattern the weekend after Vernon's successful "Summer's Last Blast" in August.

Everything they did went against common thinking. They put it together in

months - not a full year or longer. They didn't have club officers. They didn't form committees.

I wasn't directly involved. I watched most of this progress from the sidelines. I witnessed the magic that formed the basis of this success during the one planning meeting I attended.

At the meeting, I saw enthusiasm and willingness to work.

No one seemed to seek power and glory. They just wanted to know what needed to be done and what they could do to see that it was done.

Different people volunteered to be in charge of different events. Others offered

donations or offered to seek donations.

Ninety-nine percent of the individuals, organizations, and businesses who were approached to help did so willingly.

Part of "Burnin' the Bricks" success is due to the fact that the High Plains Cruisers' only agenda was to provide a good time for everyone and raise enough money for a \$500 scholarship to an auto tech student from Pampa.

They certainly met their goals.

Here's a few facts about

the weekend.

They planned 20 entries and maybe 50 spectators for the "Burn Out Contest." They had 55 participants and an estimated crowd of 400.

They thought "Cruise Night" would bring 40 to 50 cars and 100-200 people would be there to watch. The club ran out of entry forms after 123 signed up. Approximately 550 to 600 people lined the streets to watch the cars go by.

If 50 cars entered the Car Show on Sunday, they'd be

happy. More than 125 vehicles were entered in the show and 69 came from out of town.

On both days, a craft show with 30 vendors was taking place at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion.

But the highlight of the weekend turned out to be the "Mud Bog." Club members anticipated 15 to 25 trucks would enter and 300 to 500 people would come to watch.

Almost 80 trucks entered the contest and the crowd was huge, estimated at 4,000 to 5,000 people. Traffic was backed up for more than 1 1/2 miles and at one point it took more than an hour to get into the gate.

Not only did High Plains Cruisers earn enough to give a \$500 scholarship, they now have the happy task of deciding whether to give a multi-year award to one student or several single scholarships.

We could learn several things from "Burnin' the Bricks" and the High Plains Cruisers that have nothing to do with old cars or motor sports.

Success comes from giving, not taking. Don't dwell on what's wrong; focus on what's right. Be willing to work without looking for a reward.

See you at the 2005 Burning the Bricks, June 10-13.

Dee Dee Laramore
Editor



Today in History

(AP) — Today is Sunday, June 27, the 179th day of 2004. There are 187 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On **June 27, 1950**, President Truman ordered the Air Force and Navy into the Korean conflict following a call from the U.N. Security Council for member nations to help South Korea repel an invasion from the North.

On this date:

In **1844**, Mormon leader Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, were killed by a mob in Carthage, Ill.

In **1847**, New York and Boston were linked by telegraph wires.

In **1893**, the New York stock market crashed.

In **1942**, the FBI announced the capture of eight Nazi saboteurs who had been put ashore from a submarine on New York's Long Island.

In **1957**, more than 500 people were killed when Hurricane Audrey slammed through coastal Louisiana and Texas.

In **1969**, patrons at the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York's Greenwich Village, clashed with police in an incident considered the birth of the gay rights movement.

In **1973**, former White House counsel John W. Dean told the Senate Watergate Committee about an "enemies list" kept by the Nixon White House.

In **1977**, the Supreme Court struck down state laws and bar association rules that had prohibited lawyers from advertising their fees for routine services.

In **1980**, President Carter signed legislation reviving draft registration.

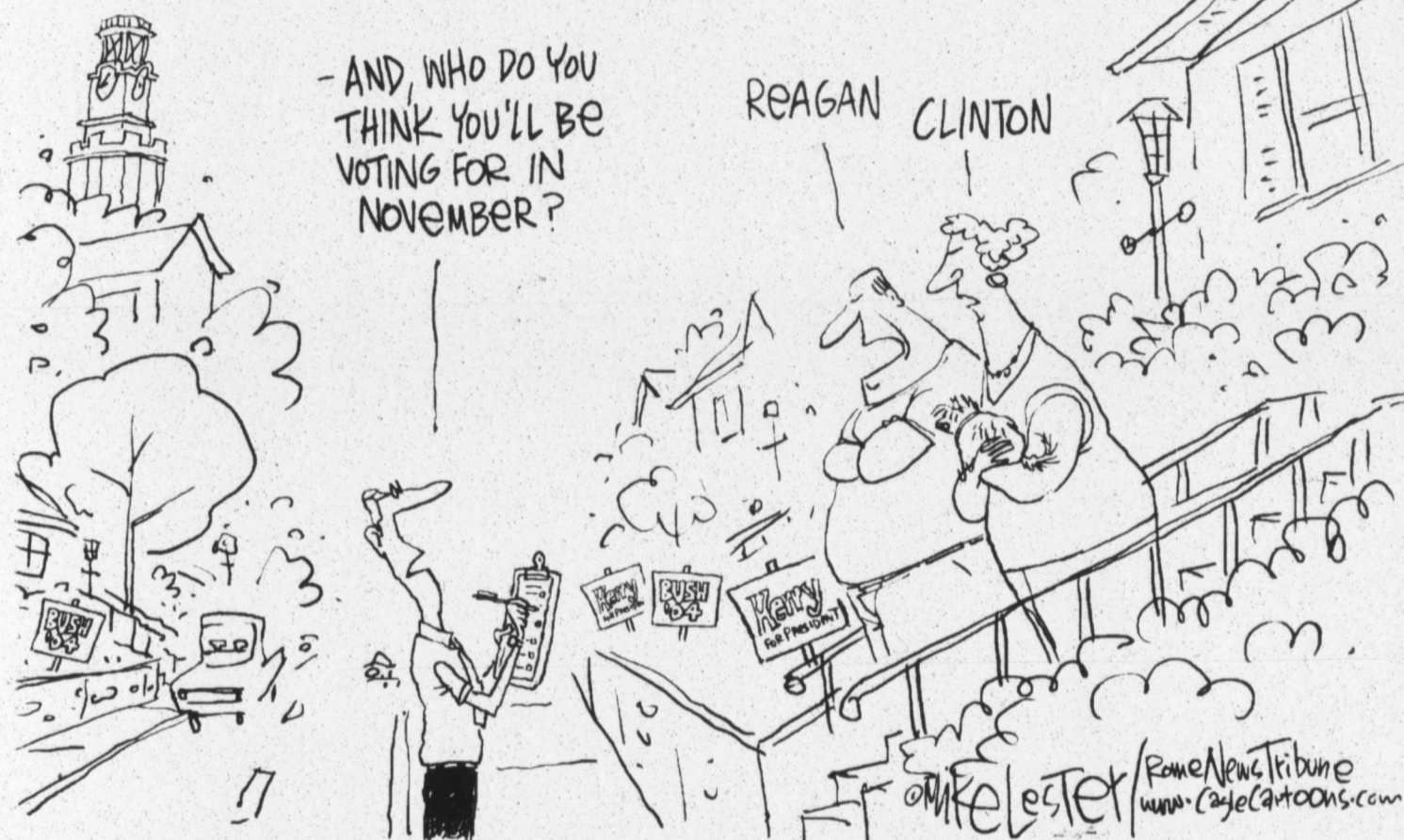
In **1984**, the Supreme Court ended the National Collegiate Athletic Association's monopoly on controlling college football telecasts, ruling such control violated antitrust law.

Ten years ago: U.S. Coast Guard cutters intercepted 1,330 Haitian boat people on the high seas in one of the busiest single days since refugees began leaving Haiti following a 1991 military coup. President Clinton replaced White House chief of staff Mack McLarty with budget director Leon Panetta.

Five years ago: George Papadopoulos, the head of Greece's 1967-74 military dictatorship, died of cancer in Athens at age 80. Juli Inkster shot a 6-under 65 to win the LPGA Championship, becoming the second woman to win the modern career Grand Slam (the first was Pat Bradley). The Seattle Mariners beat the Texas Rangers 5-2 in the final game at the Kingdome.

One year ago: More than 735,000 phone numbers were registered on the first day of a national do-not-call list aimed at blocking unwelcome solicitations from telemarketers.

Today's Birthdays: Business executive Ross Perot is 74. The former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, retired Army Gen. John Shalikashvili, is 68. Former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is 66. Singer-musician Bruce Johnston (The Beach Boys) is 62.



Time to create a no-spam registry

From: massmailingannoyingspam.com

To: Federal Trade Commission

cc: the rest of y'all

Subject: Important spam control information

The reason I am writing is to thank the Federal Trade Commission for failing to create a no-spam list to stop unwanted e-mails.

Let me introduce myself. I am the third cousin of a great benefactor who has fallen on hard times. It is necessary that I send unsolicited e-mails to millions of people asking for their Social Security number, bank accounts and other

financial information in support of my obviously bogus sob story. A no-spam registry would not be in my best interest.

I read that your chairman, Timothy J. Muris, opposed the idea of a no-spam list for e-mail even though a similar no-call list is allowing millions of Americans to enjoy dinner without unwanted telephone calls.

From what I can tell, Mr. Muris basically threw up his hands and said the no-call

list would be a waste of time because spammers would ignore it.

Speaking as a spammer, er, I mean, frequent e-mailer, I applaud your efforts not to do all within your power to control unwanted e-mail. Doing all within your power would entail creating a no-spam registry as well as working closely with the private sector to create a way to electronically make it harder for bulk e-mailers to hide in cyberspace.

I figure that by the time the industry agrees on a single standard, I'll be retired somewhere far offshore.

Industry officials estimate that spam accounts for 60 percent to 80 percent of e-mail traffic, though I am proud to report that spam accounts for about 99.9 percent of my outgoing e-mail.

So stand tall, guys, in your belief that a no-spam list is a senseless first step. You bring tears of joy to my eyes.

P.S.: Don't e-mail me. My inbox is already overloaded with hundreds of 1&!% e-mail.

Texas Thoughts

Dallas Morning News

Re-charging the nuclear arms race

According to the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, Russia today is estimated to have 7,800 operational nuclear warheads in its arsenal. I emphasize "estimated" because Russia, like all the nuclear powers, remains quite secretive about its nuclear arsenal. Altogether, Russia's nuclear arsenal of intact warheads is put at 17,000. The difference is classified as being in an "indeterminate" status.

The point is that the administration of George W. Bush has restarted the nuclear arms race. It did so by abandoning the START II treaty, by withdrawing from

the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, and by expanding NATO to the borders of Russia.

If you were a Russian, none of those acts could be considered friendly. They can be viewed as unfriendly, especially in light of the president's new doctrine of "pre-emptive wars" that was not only announced but actually put into practice; his decision to deploy a virtually untested anti-ballistic

missile system; and his decision to pursue the development of new types of nuclear weapons.

All of this makes up potentially the most catastrophic of Bush's blunders, but for some reason, it can't compete in the news media with the Laci Peterson trial or Kobe Bryant or the latest poll numbers on the presidential horse race.

The threat of nuclear war still exists. It could happen

by accident or by a series of stupid blunders, such as those that caused World War I. Someone observed long ago that science would produce weapons of complexity that would far exceed the capacity of the simpletons who ended up in positions of political power to control them. History is a record of human stupidity writ in blood. I have often said that history is a lot scarier than Stephen King's horror stories. I get scared every time I hear Bush talk - or try to talk.

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Community happenings



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- **ACT, Inc., education and career planning** organization, has announced the following do-it-yourself college planning resources on the Internet: www.act.org/fane, www.c3apply.org, www.collegenet.com, www.finaid.org, www.ed.gov/finaid.html and www.fafsa.ed.gov (financial aid sites), and www.bls.gov/ocohome.htm (career planning). 347-7575 or visit www.aise.com on the World Wide Web.
- **The National Arbor Day Foundation** offers a published "What Tree is That?", a pocket guide for identifying trees. The 84-page guide identifies 157 different trees in the western United States. To obtain the tree guide, send your name and address along with \$3 to "What Tree is That?" The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410 or log onto arborday.org on the World Wide Web.
- **Gray County American Red Cross** and the City of Pampa will be offering 30-minute swimming classes in two-week sessions throughout the summer. Class levels range from one all the way up to level five with one open to children between 3 and 5 years of age. The first two-week session will be offered between June 14 and 25. The second session is scheduled from July 12-23 and the third from Aug. 2-13. For more information, call 669-7121.
- **The City of Lefors is planning a Citywide Garage Sale** July 3. Maps for the sale are available on the corner of 2nd and Main in Lefors. The Lions Club will serve drinks and a meal beginning at 9 a.m.
- **AnimalPrints.com** has dedicated \$1 from each sale of a newly released series of artist's prints to benefit animals in need. For more information or to view the prints, go to AnimalPrints.com on the Internet.
- **American International Youth Student Exchange Program** is seeking American high school students, ages 15-19, to participate in its foreign exchange program. Students will spend a semester or year with an European family or participate in a 4- to 6-week family stay abroad in the summer. Students are screened by AIYSEP school counselors and educators in local schools. To qualify, students must have evidence of maturity, superior character and knowledge of English and a foreign language. For more information, call 1-800-

'Riding the rails'

Cody Dyer claims one of the U.S. flags planted in 15 yards of river rock delivered next to a 100-foot section of turn-of-the-century railroad ties and rails at the corner of Russell Street and Craven Avenue. June Thomas, a volunteer with the Woody Guthrie Museum, of which the property and railway section are a part, provided the flags for Dyer and 11 classmates, members of Pampa Independent School District's Senior Developmental Class who visited the site Friday morning. The railway and river rocks would have been in use during the time Guthrie left Pampa by "riding the rails," Thomas said. Guthrie became a folk singer and songwriter best known for the song "This Land Is Your Land". The railway was donated by Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Depot of Pampa, and the river rocks by Charles Emmons of Pampa.

Nukes

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es to exercise his ego by attacking practically defenseless Third World countries, that's one thing. To put the matter in brutally frank terms, the overwhelming majority of Americans have no loved ones in the U.S. military. The more than 800 Americans killed so far is less than the murder rate in some of our more badly governed cities. Since Mr. Bush is fighting his imperial war on credit, the general public is not even asked to sacrifice so much as a minor convenience.

Nuclear war, however, is another matter entirely. Such a catastrophe puts at risk the lives of all Americans, not to mention the rest of the world. Nothing any American president can do is more important than pursuing nuclear disarmament.

The collapse of the Soviet Union presented us with an almost miraculous opportunity to build a peaceful world, and Mr. Bush and the

Clinton administration have blown it. We should have disbanded the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, just as the Russians disbanded the Warsaw Pact. We should have welcomed the Russians into the West like a long-lost brother. Instead, American politicians exploited Russia's temporary weakness and scorned it.

NATO is an organization without a legitimate purpose. It was created to beat back a Soviet invasion of Western Europe. There is no Soviet Union. There is no one even tempted to invade

Western Europe. Yet the United States has not only kept NATO alive, but expanded it and misused it in a way that any sensible Russian leader must view with suspicion. It's no wonder the Russians have started to rebuild their strategic nuclear forces.

The major threat to Americans lives is not terrorism, but stupid leaders who don't have the sense to recognize that the equivalent of mental children should not be allowed to play with nuclear weapons.

Since the politicians

refuse to do it, the American people will have to put nuclear disarmament back on the agenda. Your life and the lives of your children and grandchildren might depend on it.

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June cattle on feed down

AUSTIN — Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feed lots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.81 million head on June 1, down 2 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was up 10 percent from the May 1 level. Producers placed 740,000 head in commercial feed lots during May, up 1 percent from the April 2004 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 480,000 head during May, down 8 percent from last year but unchanged from the April 2004 total.

On June 1, there were 2.33 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 83 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was down 3 percent from last year, and up 11

percent from the May total. May placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 617,000 head, up 79 percent from the April total. Marketings were down 3 percent from last month to 386,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feed lots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 10.62 million head on June 1, 2004. This inventory was 1 percent above June 1, 2003.

Placements in feed lots during May totaled 2.36 million head, 2 percent above May 2003. May placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 495,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 486,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 772,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 610,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.03 million head, 9 percent below 2003.

Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #5615P Keeton, 990' from South & 2310' from East line, Sec. 56, M-1, H&GN, PD 13500'. Rule 37

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Questar E&P Co., #2010 Prater, 467' from North & 767' from West line, Sec. 10, 4, AB&M, PD 11550'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #1021 Bryant, 467' from South & 1900' from East line, Sec. 21, A-3, H&GN, PD 14000'.

Gas Well Completions

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #4 Barnes 'A', Sec. 72, E, D&P, spud 3-10-04, drlg. compl 3-12-04, tested 4-8-04, potential 1060 MCF, TD 2589'

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #2 Burdine 'A', Sec. 35, R, W.R. Lee, spud 3-25-04, drlg. compl 3-28-04, tested 4-22-04, potential 360 MCF, TD 2440'

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #4 Fowler, Sec. 50, 3, D&P, spud 2-29-04, drlg. compl 3-3-04, tested 4-8-04, potential 400 MCF, TD 2675'

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #4 Herrington, Sec. 182, E, D&P, spud 2-19-04, drlg. compl 2-22-04, tested 3-25-04, potential 1900 MCF, TD 2667'

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #4 Major 'A', Sec. 10, 30, H&GN, spud 2-24-04, drlg. compl 2-27-04, tested 3-25-04, potential 761 MCF, TD 2431'

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #204 Huggins, Sec. 4, 30, H&GN, spud 1-1-04, drlg. compl 1-6-04, tested 3-2-04, potential 152 MCF, TD 2530'

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #14 Zybach '66', Sec. 66, M-1, H&GN, spud 2-16-04, drlg. compl 2-26-04, tested 4-22-04, potential 3482 MCF, TD 11685', PBD 11580'

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #15 Zybach '66', Sec. 66, M-1, H&GN, spud 2-20-04, drlg. compl 3-11-04, tested 4-29-04, potential 1944 MCF, TD 11600', PBD 11500'

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Kaiser-Francis Oil Co., #3 Fillingim-Teas, Sec. 87, M-1, H&GN, spud 2-20-04, drlg. compl 3-24-04, tested 5-19-04, potential 4729 MCF, TD 11800', PBD 11699'

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, #11 J.P. Meek, Sec. 69, M-1, H&GN, spud 1-28-04, drlg. compl 4-9-04, tested 5-

21-04, potential 20632 MCF, TD 11700', PBD 11634'

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, #14 J.P. Meek, Sec. 69, M-1, H&GN, spud 3-4-04, drlg. compl 4-3-04, tested 5-21-04, potential 51519 MCF, TD 11880', PBD 11694'

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Devon Louisiana Corp., #2156 State, Sec. 156, 41, H&GC, spud 3-13-04, drlg. compl 3-24-04, tested 4-12-04, potential 271 MCF, TD 12000', PBD 11080' — Plug-Back

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #8 Hobart Ranch '50', Sec. 50, A-2, H&GN, spud 2-26-04, drlg. compl 3-20-04, tested 5-13-04, potential 15115 MCF, TD 12200', PBD 12127'

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Pablo Energy, Inc., #3013 Campbell Ranch, Sec. 13, 1, I&GN, spud 1-11-04, drlg. compl 2-11-04, tested 5-4-04, TD 11825', PBD 10810'

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Pablo Energy, Inc., #4013 Campbell Ranch, Sec. 13, 1, I&GN, spud 3-15-04, drlg. compl 4-4-04, tested 5-4-04, TD 11200', PBD 11030'

HEMPHILL (MIAMI) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #4015 Abraham, Sec. 15, 1, I&GN, spud 1-26-04, drlg. compl 2-13-04, tested 3-15-04, potential 1211 MCF, TD 11430', PBD 11386'

ROBERTS (R.D. MILLS Atoka) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #3 Hale, Tract 28, CCSI Survey, spud 4-3-04, drlg. compl 4-21-04, tested 5-20-04, TD 10800'

ROBERTS (ST. CLAIR Granite Wash) Questar E&P, #3-70 Christie Tipps 'A', Sec. 70, B-1, H&GN, spud 2-13-04, drlg. compl 3-24-04, tested 4-22-04, potential 574 MCF, TD 9957', PBD 9808'

WHEELER (ALLISON-BRITT 12350') Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #4 Elmore '32', Sec. 32, RE, R&E, spud 2-18-04, drlg. compl 3-7-04, tested 4-25-04, potential 2221 MCF, TD 12780', PBD 12661'

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #1067 Stiles, Sec. 67, A-7, H&GN, spud 2-18-04, drlg. compl 4-4-04, tested 5-1-04, potential 1077 MCF, TD 16603', PBD 16596'

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #201 Atherton, Sec. 1, A-3, H&GN, spud 2-15-04, drlg. compl 3-6-04, tested 4-4-04, potential 2096 MCF, TD 13665', PBD 13590'

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #6069 Atherton, Sec. 69, A-7, H&GN, spud 1-23-04, drlg. compl 2-23-04, tested 3-21-04, potential 1390 MCF, TD 13795', PBD 13672'

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #8 Miller '2', Sec. 2, A-3, H&GN, spud 3-12-04, drlg. compl 4-2-04, tested 4-16-04, potential 4266 MCF, TD 13690', PBD 13595'

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Altrusa scholarship recipients



Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa recently announced recent scholarship recipients. (Left-right) Christina Bowman, received the Geraldine Rappy Vocational Award, and Jera Skinner, the Geneva Tidwell Scholarship. Above: (left-right) Bowman, Altrusa President Billie Dixon, Skinner and Altrusa Scholarship Chair Rochelle Lacy. Bowman plans to attend Amarillo College and Skinner to attend Clarendon College-Pampa Center.

Texas milk production up 6 percent

AUSTIN — Texas milk production totaled 545 million pounds during May, up 6 percent from last year's production of 512 million pounds. April 2004 production totaled 540 million pounds. The number of milk cows during May averaged 317 head, down 3,000 head from last year and no change from April 2004. Production per cow averaged 1,720 pounds during May, up 8 percent from last year and 1 percent from April 2004.

Milk production in the 20 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 13.0 billion pounds, down .1 percent from production in these same states in May 2003. April revised production, at 12.6 billion pounds, was down .8 percent from April 2003. Production per cow during May averaged 1,684 pounds, 13 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 20 states was 7.72 million head, 71,000 head less than last year and 5,000 head less April 2004.

Enrollment up at WT

CANYON — With a variety of new degree programs in its mix, West Texas A&M University is riding a two-year upswing in enrollment.

The trend is holding steady this summer as enrollment figures for Summer Session I show nearly a 9-percent increase compared to 2003 Summer I numbers.

Current Summer I enrollment is 2,978, an increase of 242 students. The 8.85-percent increase marks the University's eighth consecutive semester-enrollment increase.

The positive trend is due in part to new undergraduate degree programs in mechanical engineering, athletic training, agriculture education, communication disorders, pre-law and biotechnology, new master's degree programs in communication disorders and special education and a doctoral degree program in agriculture.

University President Russell C. Long attributes the University's trend in escalating enrollment to those curricular additions, overall affordability and a streamlined process for registration, admissions and financial aid.

"As students make more informed decisions about the higher education options available to them, we find it rewarding that more and more are understanding and taking advantage of the value of West Texas A&M," Long said.

Enrollment in the present Summer Session I includes 1,996 undergraduates an addition of 106 students - a 5.61 percent increase - and 983 graduate students, 136 more than last year - a 8.85 percent increase.

Semester credit hours have increased in kind, with students presently enrolled in 14,423 hours, a 9.59 percent increase from a year ago, when the total was 13,161.

Registration for Summer Session II is July 7, with classes scheduled July 8-Aug. 11.



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Plant pathologists says plants not stressed by drought

By PAM DILLARD
For The News

AMARILLO — Looking closely at unhealthy, discolored plants in Texas Panhandle wheat fields is part of Dr. Charles Rush's job. He is a plant pathologist with Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. But the scientist knows the damage isn't drought-induced at all.

The damage is caused by two different viruses, the wheat streak mosaic and the High Plains, he said. Both are transmitted by the wheat curl mite (*Aceria tosichella*), common to the central plains of the United States.

"In the past few weeks, farmers, Texas Cooperative Extension specialists, county agents, crop consultants and insurance agents have reported some wheat fields were all but dead," said Rush. Diagnosis can be tricky, he added, since one or more viruses might be present. Wheat streak mosaic can occur any place wheat grows.

Mark Harrison, independent crop consultant and agronomist working in Dallam and Hartley counties and Union County, N.M., agreed.

"In the last month or so, we have seen WSMV mostly with some HPV but not much. Usually the wheat streak will show up in the spring as farmers start fertilizing and irrigating, which increases the chances for infection," Harrison said.

"One grower reported most of his irrigated crop circle was dying down rapidly, and that's a red flag the mite has been spreading the viruses in early planted irrigated fields."

In addition, several client farmers were just plowing up damaged fields of 200 to 700 acres.

"With fuel costs what they are right now, trying to salvage severely damaged crops would not be cost effective," Harrison said.

This year, Rush tested samples from enough locations to verify his suspicions.

"Wheat streak is wide spread now, but the really bad fields, the ones that are dying, have usually been infected with both viruses that multiply only on living plants," he said.

Wheat is an excellent host for wheat streak mosaic virus; other grass species can host both wheat streak and High Plains, Rush said. Often the worst-looking fields are neighbors of conservation reserve program land. Neither virus can travel without the help of a carrier. Research has shown

their only transmitter is the wheat curl mite, the pathologist said.

The tiny eight-legged creature is white and cigar-shaped. It belongs to a group of microscopic plant-feeding pests, of the order, Acarina. The mite crawls slowly and depends almost entirely on wind for movement.

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— Dr. Charles Rush
Plant pathologist

Mature wheat is no longer suitable as a food source, so the mite stands on its tail end to catch an air current and ride to a new, fledgling host.

Dr. Jerry Michels, Experiment Station entomologist at Bushland, said mites are common in most years, but this year is extremely bad for the two viruses.

"Unfortunately, chemical control of the mite will not prevent onset of either virus, so treatment is not warranted," Michels said. The only way to lessen the mite's impact is to break the link between late-summer grasses and winter wheat.

"Since many producers plant as early as possible to gain cattle forage, this will be a continuing problem," Michels said.

In late summer and early fall, mites easily move from maturing grasses to newly-sown wheat. The best course for the future will be varieties resistant to both the mite and the viruses, he said.

Plants infected by either virus will show similar symptoms with subtle differences, Rush said. High Plains virus causes a yellowing in appearance. By contrast, wheat streak mosaic virus stunts growth and causes mottled yellow

streaks with on leaves.

Yield losses can be severe, if immature sprigs harbor wheat streak infection in the fall. Proof won't show up until harvest time, but by then, farmers might not have enough crop to justify cutting. Stress from drought, high temperatures, in addition to attacks by other insects or diseases, can accentuate the damage inflicted by these two viruses.

Scientists in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles have confirmed both viruses with some Barley-Yellow Dwarf disease across the region.

"But that's what we usually see, just not the way we are seeing it this time. Once in a while, a sample will have stripe rust, too," Rush said.

Farther south or east of the area, more foliar diseases are common.

Many initial samples had double infections and started dying early. Because the two viruses are often seen together, Rush was not alarmed by this fact. But to the untrained eye, the damage mimicked drought. Running enzyme linked immunosorbent assays, Rush saw continually high levels of wheat streak mosaic virus. In more recent samples, High Plains virus has gone down slightly, he said.

With drought and high temperatures thrown into the mix, injured plants cannot handle more stress and die. But is the recent decline in High Plains virus a trend? Rush cannot say, but as fields are dying, surviving plants show only wheat streak mosaic virus.

Near Guymon, High Plains virus is still prevalent and fields also test positive for both viruses. The crop is a week or two behind plants maturing in the Amarillo area.

Rush's diagnostic lab works closely with Extension personnel who guide producers in managing production year round. Much of the work by county agents and area specialists brings in the information Rush needs from fields and farmers.

His four-year survey is determining the incidence and severity of these viruses. Over the last three years, rates of High Plains virus have been low. But now, it's all over the map. Why is this year different? The mystery so intrigues Rush that he will be addressing a series of new questions.

For example, what if the problem cannot be tied completely to the mite, but rests with an abundance of ever-summering grasses that might be harboring the viruses?

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Above: (back row) Ernie Ramirez, Seth Almanza, Jacob Bowers, Tony Jara, Brandon Wood and Marisa Ponce; (middle row) Danielle Savoie, Caleb Caldwell, Carmen Marin, Marlene Ramos, Amanda Everson, Jannis Garcia; (front row) Devin Asencio, Curry Pendleton, Mario Rivera, Kyle Olson, Nicole Devers and Samantha Powell. Not pictured: Eric Masias.

Accelerated Readers get recognition

Superintendent of Pampa Public Schools, Barry Haenisch, recognized Mrs. Hoover's fourth grade class from Woodrow Wilson Elementary School during a recent school board meeting for outstanding participation in the Accelerated Reader program.

Devin Asencio and Carmen Marin were presented certificates on behalf of their classmates during the "Academic Spotlight" portion of the board meeting.

The class was also recognized during a special Keystone Assembly at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School for their achievement of 2,166 Accelerated Reader tests passed for the entire school year.

Top readers included Marin, highest test average; Asencio, highest grade level; and Marisa Ponce, most improved.

Ernie Ramirez earned the highest number of Accelerated Reader points. Ramirez, Asencio, Samantha Powell, Caleb Caldwell and Danielle Savoie were honored in a

OUTSTANDING READERS

Ernie Ramirez earned the highest number of Accelerated Reader points. Ramirez, Asencio, Samantha Powell, Caleb Caldwell and Danielle Savoie were honored in a Wilson Keystone Assembly and were treated to a trip to Braum's in recognition of their membership in Accelerated Reader's 100 Point Club.

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"FSA farm loans are available to all qualified applicants, but by setting aside funds specifically for minorities and women, the Agency ensures members of these specific groups can receive a portion of available funds — assuming they meet FSA loan eligibility requirements," said Larry J. Goetze, farm loan manager for Donley County FSA.

By FSA definition, an applicant is considered socially disadvantaged if he or she is a member of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice without regard to individual qualities.

FSA offers both direct and guaranteed farm loans. Farm loan funds can be used to purchase farms, livestock and equipment. They may also be used to operate a farm, build or repair service buildings, pay for soil and water conservation practices, and in some cases refinancing debt.

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terms may extend to 40 years with a current interest rate of 5.5 percent. Direct operating loans may be made for one to seven years with a current interest rate of 3.5 which is subject to change.

FSA guaranteed loans are made by banks or other commercial lenders and are guaranteed by FSA for up to 90 percent of any loss. The guaranteed loan program includes both operating and real estate loan programs. If a loan applicant is able to obtain financing from a private lender equal to 50 percent or more of the total funds needed to jointly finance the purchase of the farm, the interest rate on the FSA direct loan would be fixed at 5 percent.

SDA loan applicants do not receive automatic approval. Individuals must be U.S. citizens with a satisfactory history of meeting credit obligations, have sufficient education, training or experience managing or operating a farm, possess the legal capacity to incur debt and be unable to obtain credit through traditional lending means.

For more information about this or other FSA loan programs, call (806) 874-3561 or go on-line to www.usda.gov.

RRC posts gas, oil statistics

The Commission issued a total of 1,086 original drilling permits in May 2004 compared to 1,191 in May 2003. The May total included 872 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 19 to re-enter existing well bores, and 195 for re-completions. Permits issued in May 2004 included 274 oil, 331 gas, 467 oil and gas, 13 injection, zero service and one other permits.

Texas preliminary April 2004 crude oil production averaged 940,097 barrels daily, up from the 913,886 barrels daily average of March 2003.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for April 2004 is 28,218,698 barrels, an increase from 27,417,999 barrels reported during April 2003.

In May 2004, operators reported 265 oil, 525 gas, 33 injection and one other completions compared to 301 oil, 572 gas, 34 injection, and one other during April 2003.

Total well completions for 2004 year to date are 4,458, up from 3,902 recorded during the same period in 2003.

Operators reported 332 holes plugged and 39 dry holes in May 2004 compared to 861 holes plugged and 65 dry holes in May 2003.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 447,188,820 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for April 2004, up from the April 2003 preliminary gas production total of 434,855,245 Mcf.

Texas production in April 2004 came from 140,707 oil and 64,039 gas wells.

TABLE 1 - May Texas Oil and Gas Drilling Permits and Completions by District

RAILROAD COMMISSION DISTRICT	PERMITS TO DRILL OIL/GAS HOLES	OIL COMPLETIONS	GAS COMPLETIONS
(1) SAN ANTONIO AREA	26	4	8
(2) REFUGIO AREA	53	14	38
(3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS	98	21	40
(4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS	125	4	91
(5) EAST CENTRAL TX	58	1	52
(6) EAST TEXAS	122	8	108
(7B) WEST CENTRAL TX	60	13	17
(7C) SAN ANGELO AREA	119	14	50
(8) MIDLAND	139	122	7
(8A) LUBBOCK AREA	80	89	3
(9) NORTH TEXAS	121	19	65
(10) PANHANDLE	85	5	46

TABLE 2 - April Texas Top 10 Oil and Gas Producing Counties Ranked by Preliminary Production

COUNTY	CRUDE OIL (BBL)	COUNTY	TOTAL GAS (MCF)
1. GAINES	2,383,500	1. ZAPATA	21,625,359
2. YOAKUM	2,073,347	2. FREESTONE	20,486,406
3. ANDREWS	1,939,629	3. HIDALGO	19,307,955
4. HOCKLEY	1,745,966	4. PANOLA	18,741,927
5. ECTOR	1,628,137	5. WEBB	18,424,804
6. SCURRY	1,126,401	6. PECOS	14,818,512
7. MIDLAND	874,851	7. WISE	13,907,412
8. CRANE	803,503	8. STARR	11,076,607
9. PECOS	755,118	9. YOAKUM	10,464,201
10. UPTON	608,691	10. DENTON	10,060,034

Texas gas production allowables set for July

AUSTIN — Railroad Commission Chairman Victor G. Carrillo, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews, and Commissioner Michael L. Williams today set July 2004 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 26,798,836 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

For these fields, the July 2004 allowable represents a decrease of 1,382,234 Mcf when compared to actual production of 28,181,070 Mcf in July 2003. In setting the July 2004 allowable, the Commission used historical production figures from July 2003 and producer forecasts for the July 2004 demand, and then adjusted the figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc.

Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for May 2004 is 249,383,377 Mcf compared to 164,011,749 Mcf in May 2003. The June 2004 gas storage estimate is 255,076,433 Mcf.

Gas well gas from prorated fields accounts for seven percent of total gas well production in Texas.

Preliminary statewide production reported for April



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"Again, we just don't know until more work is completed," said Rush. Rush and Michels are delving deeper into the environmental conditions that favor epidemics of mite-vectored infections. Could CRP hold the key to the entire puzzle? For now, they can only speculate.

"What we know is that hundreds of thousands of dollars have been lost this year. The cause in many cases will go unrecognized because what's left so closely resembles drought," Rush said.

The damage has been done to many fields even with a rebound after spring rains and a dry winter. Early in the season, even the wheat board warned harvest might fall to just over 50 percent of

the normal crop. But the rains were timely, and farmers hopeful. Then, suddenly, before its time, wheat in some fields turned yellow.

Now instead of 60 bushel yields, they will get zero — neither forage nor grain because the wheat just up and died. Little, if any remaining nutrient value would help cattle.

Growing a dual-purpose crop brings risk each year to High Plains farmers, but despite such pitfalls, raising forage for grazing and targeting a grain crop makes good sense.

"Years ago, an area farmer offered good advice after I pointed out the advantages of planting in late fall to reduce certain disease problems," Rush said. "The farmer politely said he could not do that and stay in business."

He quoted the farmer as saying, "Your job is to allow me to plant the wheat in early September in order to get some forage as well as grain."

Experiment Station scientists are working on new varieties of wheat that may allow early planting for optimal forage. Specific lines with virus and aphid resistance designed for early planting and grazing also need to be researched, Rush said.

"I believe such varieties would be extremely useful and widely adapted in the Panhandle," he said. But new and focused research projects will need to be initiated. Rush also envisions efforts to help identify germplasm with resistance to High Plains virus.

"The good thing to remember is the virus outbreaks may not be the same next year," he said.

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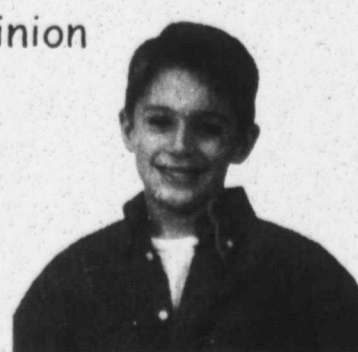


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Surgery last resort for some psychiatric disorders

AUSTIN — The term "prefrontal lobotomy" conjures up images of compliant, scarred, mental patients from "Clockwork Orange" or "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." But modern neurosurgeons are revisiting the procedure as a solution to certain intractable psychiatric conditions.

Haring J.W. Nauta, M.D., professor of neurosurgery at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, described the sometimes-gruesome history of brain surgery while making the case for its use in modern treatment. He spoke during the Texas Medical Association's annual conference recently in Austin.

Between 1935 and the mid-1950s it is estimated that more than 50,000 prefrontal lobotomy procedures were performed in the U.S. alone. In the wave of enthusiasm, psychosurgery was recommended for schizo-

phrenia, depression, homosexuality, childhood misbehavior, and violence.

The results were mixed, to say the least, Dr. Nauta said. While some patients showed improvement, complications occurred at an alarming rate. Side effects included personality changes such as apathy and lost inhibitions. The mortality rates were as high as 10 percent.

The procedure fell out of favor in the 1960s as the pharmaceutical industry developed new and effective drugs to treat psychiatric disorders. But the lobotomy — now known as a procedure called a cingulotomy — has not disappeared from the surgeon's tool chest. Dr. Nauta urges the medical community to take another look at cases where psychosurgery can be a last resort solution for certain patients with extreme psychiatric disorders.

However, invasive brain

procedures should be reserved for the select few who never returns to the days of drooling zombies, medical institutions are implementing detailed screening processes to guide physicians.

'The surface you feel is Terra Firma but your inner-ear is still programmed to compensate for the motion of the sea. This is very similar to post cingulotomy life.'

— Cingulotomy patient

UTMB utilizes an extensive two-stage screening process. The hospital must first address the question "is the proposed surgery medically reasonable," followed by "is the procedure ethically justified?"

Once the medical and ethical issues are answered, the technical aspects must be addressed. Every brain is

different, but with today's advances in imaging and refinement of tools, it is much easier to "hit the target," according to Dr. Nauta. The slender probe is guided to the exact spot in the brain, where controlled heat is used to destroy the targeted neural cells while preserving the function of the blood vessels.

What are the results for the patient? Dr. Nauta shared a case study from a 43-year-old white male. This subject was severely depressed since puberty, with his first suicide attempt at age 19. He had a history of failed relationships, lost jobs, multiple admissions to mental hospitals, and treatment by every type of medication. He finally became "totally dependent" and was referred to UTMB, where he was diagnosed with severe bipolar depression.

The cingulotomy was performed in 2000. The patient

experienced immediate improvement in mood with no depressive symptoms. He is off all medications, and he returned to his professional career, where he is now functioning at a high level and is a leader in his field.

The patient described the experience in his own words. "Imagine being at sea for an extended time and then coming onshore," he said. "The surface you feel is Terra Firma but your inner-ear is still programmed to compensate for the motion of the sea. This is very similar to post cingulotomy life."

The patient reported that while the procedure did eliminate the psychotic suicidal compulsion, it did not erase three decades of psychological, behavioral and emotional trauma.

"By the time a subject becomes a candidate for a cingulotomy, they have

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TDH offers tips for staying healthy in hot weather

AUSTIN — The sun is shining and skies are clear. Summer in Texas invites outdoor activities. But the intense heat that marks the season also can signal the need to take health precautions.

Preliminary numbers from the Texas Department of Health show that there were 40 heat-related deaths of Texas residents last year. A total of 38 deaths were recorded in 2002 and 26 deaths in 2001. In 2000 in Texas 64 people died of exposure to excessive natural heat.

The elderly, the very young, those who are sick or without access to air conditioning are most severely affected by heat. Children left in closed vehicles, even for a short period of time, are at great risk.

Perspiration normally cools people. But high temperatures and high humidity can overwork the body. Dehydration and heat illness can result if a person does not replace fluids lost during perspiration.

Symptoms of heat illness include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches. People with these symptoms should find shade, drink water slowly and make sure there is good ventilation.

If fluids are not replaced soon

enough, heat stroke can result, potentially leading brain damage or death. Get immediate medical attention for anyone with extremely high body temperature, red and dry skin, rapid pulse, confusion and loss of consciousness.

Staying in an air-conditioned area, either at home or in a public place such as a mall, library or recreation center, is the most effective way to fight heat. If air conditioning is not available, pull the shades over the windows and use cross-ventilation and fans to cool rooms.

A cool shower or bath also is an effective way to cool off. Limit use of stoves and ovens to keep home temperatures lower.

Children can quickly become dehydrated in hot weather. They need to drink fluids frequently, especially water, and wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothes. Avoid drinks that are heavily sweetened or contain caffeine. Check on children often, especially if they are playing outside in high temperatures.

TDH offers these heat precautions: —Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle during hot weather, even for a short time.

—Drink plenty of fluids but avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or a lot of

sugar. Start drinking fluids before going out into the heat.

—Plan strenuous outdoor activity for early morning or late evening when the temperature is lower. Use a repellent containing DEET to avoid insect bites.

—Take frequent breaks when working outside.

—Wear sun block, hats and light-colored, loose-fitting clothes.

—Stay indoors in air conditioning as much as possible.

—Eat more frequently but be sure meals are well balanced and light.

—Don't dress infants in heavy clothing or wrap them in blankets.

—Check frequently on the elderly and those who are ill or may need help.

—Check with a doctor about the effects of sun and heat when taking prescription drugs, especially diuretics or antihistamines.

—At first signs of heat illness — dizziness, nausea, headaches, muscle cramps — move to a cooler place, rest a few minutes, then slowly drink a cool beverage. Seek medical attention immediately if conditions do not improve.

Prevention is the best defense

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Cheaper drugs as effective at controlling post-op nausea

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The first head-to-head comparison of common treatments for preventing nausea and vomiting after surgery found that drugs costing a dollar or two work just as well as a more expensive medicine.

A combination of two or three drugs was found to be more effective than just one at preventing people from throwing up after an operation. Some people, though, get sick to their stomach no matter what.

The study, published in a recent New England of Medicine, clarifies a dimly murky area. Post-op nausea is a big problem, affecting one out of three surgery patients — about 25 million a year in the United States.

"For the first time I really feel like I understand what there is to know about preventing nausea and vomiting in the operating room," said Dr. Allan Gottschalk, an associate professor at Johns Hopkins University.

When medical residents used to ask what to do, Gottschalk said, "I would have to say the literature was such a mess that I really didn't have any real strong opinions. Now I think we have something."

The study was led by Dr. Christian C. Apfel, who began the research at the University of Wurzburg in Germany and now also works at the University of Louisville. He looked at all

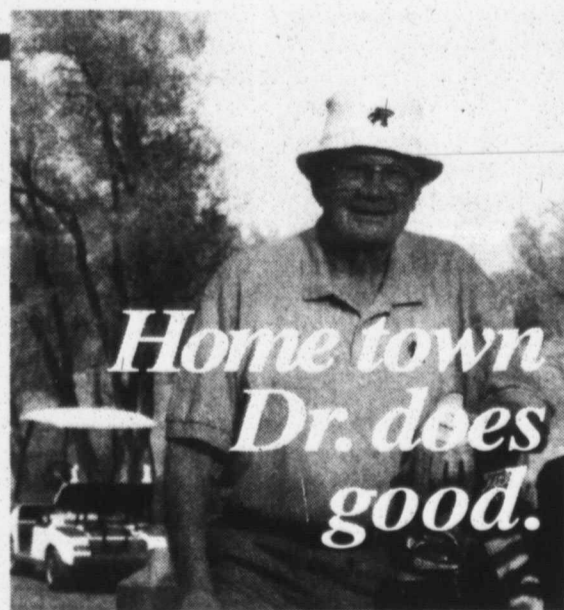
64 possible combinations of six nausea treatments.

Three of the treatments are drugs — the steroid dexamethasone; ondansetron, developed to avert vomiting after chemotherapy; and the tranquilizer droperidol. Droperidol costs about \$1,

dexamethasone \$2 or less, and ondansetron \$15 or so.

The group also studied two anesthetic techniques — using an intravenous anesthetic rather than gas, and using nitrogen rather than nitrous oxide — as well as

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Dr. Joe Donaldson, retired surgeon, avid golfer, gardener and art collector.

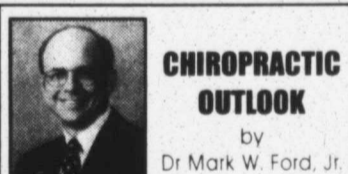
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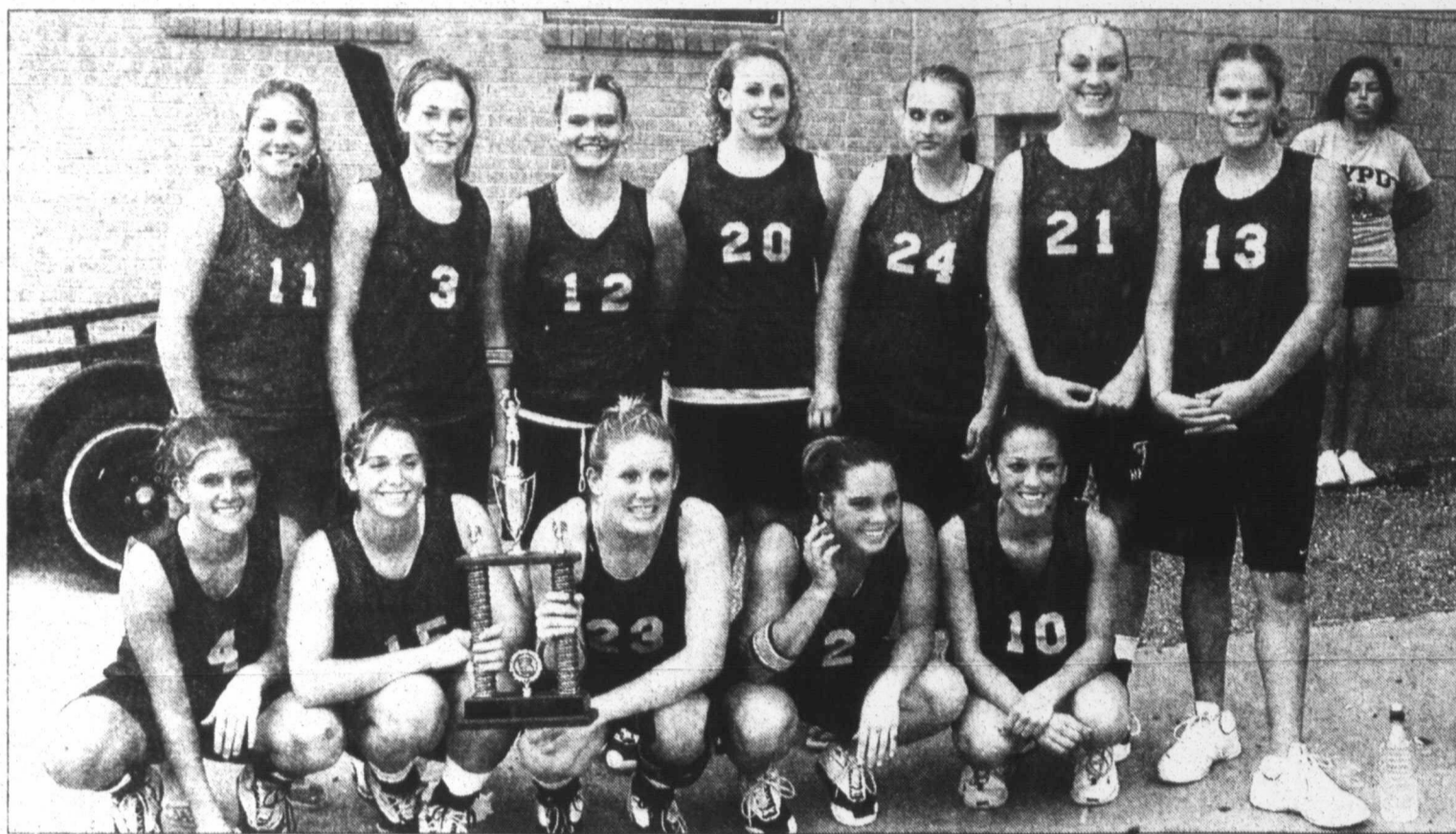


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With good reason to smile, The Lady Harvesters are, from left to right, Jackie Gerber, Jaclyn Spearman, Lindsey Ammons, Callie Cobb, Felicia Urban. Back Row: Left to Right: Audrey Dunn, Britteni Rice, Autumn Darden, McKinsie East, Payton Baird, Krissie Alexander, and Tatum Butler.

Lady Harvesters perfect in MAYB

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvesters Summer Basketball Team competed in the Panhandle Mid American Youth Basketball

Tournament in Panhandle June 19-21.

The team went undefeated in the tournament defeating Claude, Spearman, Panhandle, Dalhart, and Dexter, New Mexico. The girls took Spearman in the championship game to win the tournament.

Gordon wins pole

SONOMA, Calif. (AP) — Jeff Gordon could hardly believe it.

After an unusually aggressive qualifying lap Friday at Infineon Raceway, the four-time NASCAR champion found himself on the pole for the Nextel Cup race Sunday.

"I felt like I left the door wide open for some of those guys to put us back a few spots," Gordon said.

His lap included a trip through the dirt in turn two, bouncing over numerous curbs and nearly banging off the concrete wall on the outside of the final turn on the 1.99-mile, 10-turn road course.

"We're on a mission," Gordon said. "We're not happy with the way things have been going for us lately and all we can do is attack, attack, attack."

The Chevy driver took his second pole in a row, third of the season and 49th

of his career with a time of 1 minute, 15.968 seconds, breaking the record of 1:16.522 set last year by road-racing specialist Boris Said. Gordon's speed was 94.303 mph.

Gordon, the 10th of 42 drivers who made qualifying attempts for the Dodge/Save Mart 350, chalked up the record to the newly repaved track and a new tire from Goodyear. But he was surprised nobody was able to beat a lap he acknowledged wasn't "every pretty."

"I got off the track a little bit over there in turn two," Gordon said. "I can't seem to get away from that spot on the racetrack. That's the same thing we did last year, just not quite as far off the track."

NASCAR's leading road race winner with seven victories has won three times here — twice from the pole.

CWS championship

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Two good friends are facing each other in the championship of the College World Series.

Texas coach Augie Garrido is up against his former top assistant Cal State Fullerton coach George Horton. Both men say it will be difficult, but they will leave their personal feelings outside the stadium and meet the obligations of trying to win the best-of-three series.

"It's kind of an eerie feeling to be competing with my team with so much at stake," Horton said Friday. "Still, you're competing against somebody who is like your brother, or your father or best friend."

Horton coached under Garrido at Fullerton from 1991-1996 and they made three trips to the College World Series, winning the title in 1995.

Garrido, the all-time winningest coach in NCAA Division I history — the coach for all three of Fullerton's national titles, moved on to Texas eight years ago and Horton took over the Titans.

"The relationship I have with George and his family is very important to me,"

Garrido said. "And I get emotional talking about it."

However, the players are the heroes and need to be the focus, not the coaches, Garrido said.

"This is what I was afraid of when y'all won," Garrido said of the Titans. "This is about the wrong people. George and I are a product of our players, all coaches are. But we're not talking about the players. And they're the heroes."

The top-seeded Longhorns (58-13) will play for their second national championship in three years starting Saturday.

The Titans (45-22) have been to the World Series four times under Horton. They were on the brink of reaching last year's championship round after a 2-0 start in the CWS before being eliminated with two losses to Stanford.

Texas, which has been resting since Wednesday's 7-6 comeback win over Georgia, will have star pitcher J.P. Howell (15-2) to start Saturday's game.

Fullerton defeated South Carolina 4-0 on Thursday. The Titans will start Ricky Romero (13-4) Saturday.

Scott sets record

POTOMAC, Md. (AP) — Records continue to fall in the Booz Allen Classic, where a day-and-a-half of perfect conditions and impeccable greens helped Adam Scott reach 14 under after two rounds.

Scott's 128 total bettered the 36-hole course record of 130 set by Fred Funk in 1998. Scott's bogey-free round of 62 on Friday included nine birdies, and he paused more than once trying to remember them all.

"That's a nice problem to have," said the 23-year-old Australian, the Players Championship winner in March. "At the start of the week, I thought there were birdies out there. I think the guys are going to keep it going for the weekend."

Charles Howell III set an 18-hole TPC at Avenel record with a 61 on Thursday. He followed with a second-round 69 and was two strokes off the lead, tied for second with Olin Browne (66).

Glen Day nearly outdid everyone. He was 10 under on his round through 15 holes Friday, having holed

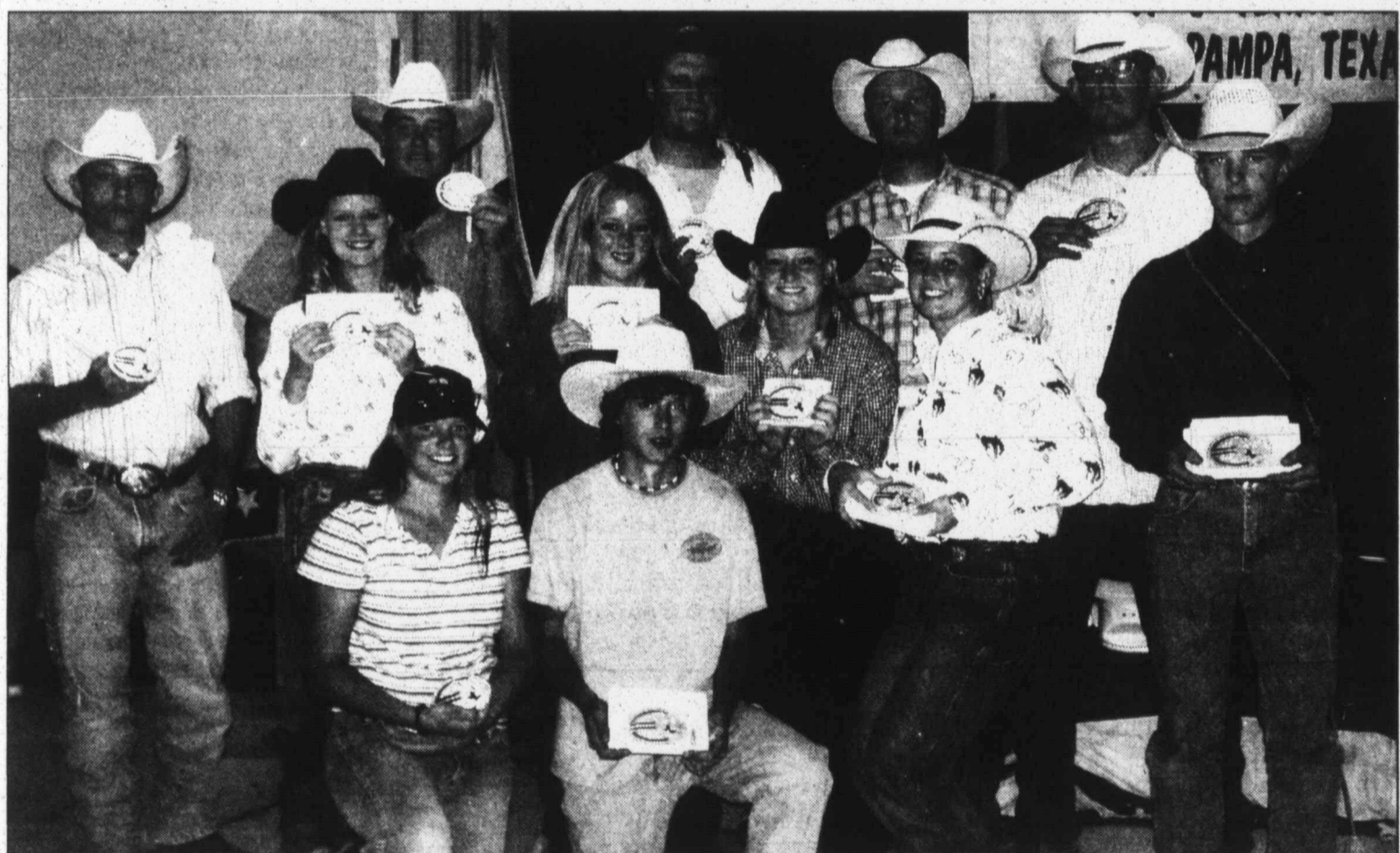
out with a lob wedge from 88 yards for an eagle on the par-5 sixth. He needed two birdies in his last three holes to match the PGA Tour record of 59.

But a storm stopped play for nearly two hours. All that time to think — plus the wind that had kicked up by the time he resumed — helped doom Day to a par-bogey-par finish.

"I would have enjoyed playing the last three holes without a delay," Day said. "Now that's not saying that I may have had a chance to do something great or not, but it was there. We got the delay, came back out, and then it just kind of like, 'OK, let's finish this.'"

The siren had stopped play just as Day was finishing his swing at the tee on No. 7, and the shot had landed in the rough. When he resumed, he put his approach into a greenside bunker, but he nearly salvaged an improbable birdie when he hit the pin with his blast from the sand.

"I would have had to finish birdie-birdie," said Day, whose only PGA Tour victory came in 1999.



Winners of the Texas Bible Rodeo Camp rodeo are pictured with their trophy buckles: top L-R: Jacob Trevathan, Bull Riding, Pampa; Jordan Weaver, Chute Dogging, Wolfforth; Drew Coggins, Walk the Talk, Lubbock; Hunter Neel, Team Roping Heading, Lubbock; Bradley Scroggins, Team Roping Heeling, Wolfforth; Will Boedecker, Calf Roping, Quitaque; middle L-R: Trinidee Tally, Barrel Racing, Miami; Kalynn Jones, Trick Riding, Pampa; Whitney Wichert, Walk the Talk, Pampa; Delci Willis, Goat Tying, Tahoka; kneeling L-R: Emma Nilvander, Breakaway Roping, Sweden; Hawk Tucker, Bull Fighting, Pampa.

Texas Rodeo Bible Camp wraps up

The fifth annual Texas Rodeo Bible Camp concluded on Wednesday with the campers putting on a rodeo for their parents that had returned to pick them up. The campers showed off their new learned rodeo skills and competed for event buckles.

Camp director, Jamie Greene said, "This year's camp went very smoothly and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves more than last year. We started the camp Sunday night with Camper Orientation and the team leaders (camp counselors) dressed up and presented a skit to the campers that made everyone erupt with laughter. The skit had everyone from an ole Granny to a Go-Go Dancer in a green wig."

Beginning Monday, there were three daily instruction times in the campers events, an afternoon activity, and a daily praise and worship.

The camp had 10 instructors that are champions in their events and exhibit Christ-like behavior in their daily lives.

Camper Trinidee Tally said, "I really enjoyed working with Tamera Reinhart (barrel racing instructor). I learned about how your hands have an effect on how your horse

acts."

Camper Delci Willis said, "I learned how to tie goats and I also learned how to relax while on my horse and have fun. While at the Bible camp I enjoyed being with and making new friends. I also learned about Jesus."

Greene said, "We had a special treat this year when camper Emma Nilvander signed up to come to the Bible camp. She is doing an internship at Armstrong Equine Center in Las Cruces, N.M., and heard about the camp. She rides jumpers (English) back home in Sweden and wanted to learn more about rodeo and the style of western riding."

Nilvander said, "I learned a lot about the events and how it is to have God and Jesus in your mind the whole time. While at the Bible camp I enjoyed learning these new events and all the awesome people here!"

"I want the city of Pampa to know that through these generous donations that they have made an impact on many young people lives," Greene said. "We are looking forward to many more good years of the Texas Rodeo Bible Camp."

First round of gymnastic trials complete

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Well, this first round of the Olympic trials sure didn't solve anything.

Co-national champion Courtney Kupets was her usual solid self Friday night in winning the preliminaries with 38.075 points, and she appears to have one of the two almost-but-not-quite-guaranteed spots on the Olympic team locked up.

But the rest of the squad? It's more muddled than ever, if that's possible.

Can't-miss favorite Carly Patterson bobbed and wobbled. Underdogs

Mohini Bhardwaj and Tabitha Yim, to name a few, threw down huge performances that will keep the selection committee up late. And Chellsie Memmel put herself squarely in the mix without even stepping on the floor.

Courtney McCool is second, 0.3 points behind Kupets. Terin Humphrey is third, Patterson is fourth, Yim is fifth and Bhardwaj is sixth. Tasha Schwikert, the only holdover from the 2000 Olympic team is seventh, but is less than a point behind Kupets.

The finals are Sunday, and the top two finishers will be nominated to the Olympic team. But don't go booking their tickets just yet. Their spots aren't assured until they demonstrate "readiness" at next month's selection camp at national team coordinator Martha Karolyi's ranch.

At least seven other gymnasts will be invited to the camp.

Because of a change in the scoring format, the United States will take two or three all-arounders and then fill in the squad with specialists.

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Jacob Wichert learns the art of steer wrestling under the watchful eye of Texas Rodeo Bible Camp instructor Billy Billingsley.

Brazelton flirts with no-hitter

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dewon Brazelton gave the Florida Marlins fits all night. Larry Walker had no trouble with the Cleveland Indians.

Walker hit his third homer of the game — and third this season — in the 10th inning Friday to send the Colorado Rockies to a 10-8 victory in Cleveland.

"It's a shock to me what I did tonight," said Walker, who finished 4-for-4 with five RBIs. "I stuck with the George Brett theory, hit it hard."

Brazelton held visiting Florida hitless until Mike Lowell doubled with two outs in the eighth inning, and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays won 2-0 for their 12th straight interleague victory.

"I made three or four quality pitches that he fouled," said Brazelton, who threw 125 pitches. "Finally I threw that last one and I didn't care, I wasn't going to walk him. ... It ended up right in the middle and he hit it for a double."

Brazelton wasn't the only pitcher to shut down a state rival.

Kenny Rogers threw a three-hitter to become the AL's first 10-game winner and the Texas Rangers spoiled Carlos Beltran's Houston debut, beating the Astros 3-1.

San Francisco's Jason Schmidt won his career-best 10th consecutive decision, beating Oakland's Barry Zito 6-4.

In other interleague games, it was: the Chicago Cubs 7, the Chicago White Sox 4; Toronto 3, Montreal 1; Detroit 2, Arizona 1; Boston 12, Philadelphia 1 in a game called after 7 1/2 innings because of rain; Baltimore 5, Atlanta 0; Minnesota 6, Milwaukee 3; St. Louis 5, Kansas City 2; San Diego 3, Seattle 2; and Anaheim 13, Los Angeles 0.

The New York Mets at New York Yankees game was rained out and rescheduled as a part of a day-night doubleheader Sunday.

In the only NL game, Cincinnati beat Pittsburgh 6-4.

Brazelton (1-0) walked six, struck out five and hit a batter, earning his second major league win in 15 career starts. He was the third pick in the 2001 draft behind Joe Mauer and Mark Prior.

Brazelton's breakout game came

"That's some kind of special night, regardless if you're 18 or 28 or 48, in Little League or in the big leagues, that's some kind of special night."

—Clint Hurdle
Manager, Colorado Rockies

exactly a year after the Devil Rays demoted him to Class A Bakersfield, where he spent the last two months of the 2003 season.

Dany's Baez got four outs for his 14th save, allowing a single to Hee Seop Choi in the ninth before finishing the two-hitter.

The victory was the 14th in 15 games for the Devil Rays, who at 35-35 overall joined the 1899 Louisville Colonels as the only major league teams to reach .500 after being 18 games below at any point during a season.

"We have been playing good baseball. Good things happen when you play good baseball," manager Lou Piniella said.

In Cleveland, Walker had his third career three-homer game. Playing just his fourth game this year after missing 68 with a groin injury, he also connected for solo homers in the second and sixth.

In the 10th, Walker drove the first pitch he saw from former teammate Jose Jimenez (1-6) into the right-field seats.

"That's some kind of special night," Colorado manager Clint Hurdle said. "Regardless if you're 18 or 28 or 48, in Little League or in the big leagues, that's some kind of special night."

The last time Walker hit three homers in a game was April 28, 1999, at St. Louis — and two of those came off Jimenez, too.

Giants 6, Athletics 4
At Oakland, Calif., Schmidt (10-2) hasn't lost since dropping his first two starts of the season. He allowed four runs and five hits, struck out four and walked three in 8 1-3 innings.

Rangers 3, Astros 1
At Arlington, Texas, Rogers threw a three-hitter and the Rangers spoiled Carlos Beltran's Houston debut, beating the Astros for their seventh straight victory.

Tigers 2, Diamondbacks 1
At Detroit, Jason Johnson (5-7) allowed one hit in eight sharp innings, and the Tigers sent Arizona to its season-high seventh straight loss.

Orioles 5, Braves 0
At Baltimore, Rookie Daniel Cabrera (4-3) pitched a four-hitter for his first major league shutout, handing the Braves their seventh loss in nine games.

Goran says goodbye

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — The next time Goran Ivanisevic comes to Wimbledon, he won't be firing aces and ripping his shirt off on Centre Court. He'll be wearing a suit and tie and sipping tea in the members' lounge.

The 32-year-old Croat ended his colorful 15-year career on the same court where he won his only Grand Slam title as an unseeded wild card in 2001, beating Pat Rafter in a dramatic five-set Monday final.

Ivanisevic, who missed Wimbledon the last two years because of injuries, walked off Centre Court for the last time to a standing ovation after losing in straight sets Friday to 2002 champion Lleyton Hewitt.

"I still don't believe it's over, but I couldn't pick a better place, a better court," he said after the third-round defeat.

Elsewhere, Andy Roddick and two-time defending champion Serena Williams won in straight sets, while French Open champion Anastasia Myskina and men's French Open runner-up Guillermo Coria were both upset. Second-seeded Myskina was eliminated 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 by Amy Frazier, while No. 3 Coria lost to Germany's

Florian Mayer, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.

Saturday's schedule featured top-seeded defending champion Roger Federer facing Thomas Johansson, and Williams against Magui Serna.

Ivanisevic was unable to defend his title in 2002 after undergoing surgery on his left shoulder and withdrew in 2003 after a knee injury. He struggled to get back this year for a 15th and final appearance.

"It was a victory for me to come here, play two matches and lose to a guy who is a Wimbledon champion," Ivanisevic said. "Everything was perfect — the weather, the crowd, the court. I just enjoyed myself."

Despite passionate support from the fans, including shouts of "We love you, Goran!" he was never able to mount a challenge against the seventh-seeded Hewitt. After the Australian ripped a forehand winner to end the match, the two players chatted warmly at the net.

"I think he said something like, 'You killed me out there today,'" Hewitt said. "I said, 'You're a great champion. It's been an honor playing you out here on Centre Court.'"

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The Stars are out this weekend

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Some great baseball being played at Pampa Optimist Park during the Cal Ripken League All Star Tournament.

The tournament gets underway Saturday. Nine teams comprised of 9 and 10 year

olds are scheduled to take part in this double elimination tournament.

The 11-12 All Star team will be taking part in a tournament Saturday in Hereford. Results will be posted in the sports section of The Pampa News as we receive them.

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WTAMU fostering sense of civic engagement

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's commitment to the American Democracy Project (ADP) is opening doors for students who seek involvement in community affairs.

A nationwide project launched last year by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, ADP is aimed at strengthening higher education's pursuit of commitment to civic engagement.

WTAMU was among the first universities to join the effort, and one of its initial thrusts locally is pairing selected students with non-profit organizations that can offer the students a real-life glimpse of how they operate.

"The idea of civic engagement is becoming a universal project on our campus," Prairie Burgess, assistant director of the Jack B.

"I'm excited about this opportunity. I never would have been able to find it on my own. I'm learning something important that you can't get in a classroom."

— Amy Lowrance
Student at WTAMU

Kelley Student Center, said. "When you think of civic engagement you think of the political arena, but what about the National Institute of Art or people who are

passionate about keeping music education in schools? People are engaged civically in a great many ways."

That's why Burgess and her fellow members of an ADP subcommittee for extracurricular activities at West Texas A&M have begun to contact local organizations about placing students on their boards or in other leadership capacities.

Through what it calls ADP Community Outreach, the subcommittee has successfully matched students with such organizations as the Amarillo Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Amarillo and Canyon and the League of Women Voters of Amarillo.

"I'm not there stuffing envelopes," said Amy Lowrance, a sophomore social work major from Helena, Mont., who has been

paired with the League of Women Voters of Amarillo. "I consider myself a student representative to the board and look forward to helping find ways to encourage more college women to vote."

Lowrance notes that many students at WTAMU volunteer their services in the community, but they do so mostly through membership in fraternities, sororities and honor societies.

They seldom sit on a board or learn how the organizations operate.

"When we graduate, we'll need experience to help us enter the job market," Lowrance said. "I'm excited about this opportunity. I never would have been able to find it on my own. I'm learning something important that you can't get in a classroom."

Burgess said her committee will

continue to identify outstanding WTAMU students and attempt to match them with local organizations for now.

But the goal of this particular project will be to develop an application process through which interested students can throw their hats in the volunteerism ring.

"To make this effort successful, it's got to go campus-wide," Burgess said. "While we're hand-selecting students now, we eventually want to move to an application process. Our students so far have demonstrated a great deal of excitement about it, as have the organizations we're working with."

For more information about the American Democracy Project at West Texas A&M University, call Burgess at 806-651-2391.



FFA conference

Pampa FFA members Meredith Coutts, Royce O'Neal and Kristen Dunn recently attended FFA's Area I Leadership Conference at Clarendon College. The conference focused on helping FFA chapters develop leadership skills and activities.

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against heat-related illness

and death. Staying cool, drinking plenty of fluids, wearing cool clothing and pacing outdoor activities are keys to staying healthy in hot weather.

Drugs

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narcotic called remifentanyl.

Apfel and colleagues at 28 hospitals in seven countries used every possible combination to learn what worked best on 5,199 patients likely to have post-op stomach upsets.

The three drugs were found to be about equally effective.

Overall, 52 percent of the patients who got no anti-vomiting drug became ill after surgery. That dropped to 37 percent of those who got one drug, 28 percent of those who got two, and 22 percent of those who got all three.

The IV anesthetic propofol brought a 19 percent drop compared with use of gas, and nitrogen rather than nitrous oxide a 12 percent reduction. The painkiller change made no significant difference.

He said that people most likely to suffer post-op nausea are women, nonsmokers and those with a history of such nausea or of motion sickness. So are those undergoing surgery painful enough to need opiates afterward.

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Scherler named communications director for NGSP

LUBBOCK — National Grain Sorghum Producers (NGSP) Executive Director Tim Lust announced today that Christi Scherler has been named the organization's new communications director. Scherler will start work in late June.

"Christi will be a great addition to our team. She is energetic and ready to go to work on behalf of sorghum producers. She's also a sorghum grower, so we anticipate that she will add a lot of value to our organization," said Lust.

Scherler was raised in Southeastern Colorado on a grain sorghum, wheat, and sunflower farm where her family also operates a seed and chemical application business. She earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural communications at Texas Tech University and a master's degree at the University of Florida. She has been the communications

coordinator for Producers Cooperative Association in Bryan, Texas since 2002. Scherler has also worked with the Southern Seed Association and in crop chemical sales and human resources for Dow AgroSciences.

"I feel like I'm going back home," Scherler said. "I look forward to joining a staff who are truly working to make an impact on the industry. I count it a great privilege to work for grain sorghum producers and with the media."

NGSP represents U.S. grain sorghum producers nationwide. Headquartered at Lubbock, Texas, in the heart of a U.S. grain sorghum belt that stretches from the Rockies to the Mississippi River and from South Texas to South Dakota, the organization works to increase the profitability of grain sorghum production through market development, research, education, and legislative representation.

Lobotomy

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experienced an extended period of time living with mental illness," Dr. Nauta said. "And burning two little spots in their brain is not going to relieve them of the hell they experienced prior to the cingulotomy."

Dr. Nauta agrees that there are no

simple, single treatments for severe psychiatric conditions, and recommends that care providers consider more than one procedure for a durable effect on a high percentage of patients.

But the new techniques, new knowledge, and encouraging results leave him cautiously optimistic.

"We are living in a different era," Dr. Nauta said. "There is a potential for even better, non-invasive treatments of psychiatric disorders such as radiosurgery. But any intervention must be

approached in a very careful way.

We should not repeat the errors of the past."

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NEWSMAKERS

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced United States National Award Winners from the area. Stephen Bell and Dusty Lenderman, both of Pampa, were named USAA National Award Winners in honor roll and Suzanne Parks of Burr Oak Schools was a winner in English.



Bell

The Academy bestows USAA awards upon fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

The Pampa students were nominated for the award by Starla Kindle, a counselor at Pampa High School. Parks was nominated for the award by Kristina Owens, a teacher at her school.

All USAA award-winners will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history," said Dr. George Stevens, USAA executive director. "Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

The Academy selects USAA winners based upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors. Other criteria includes academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability.

Bell is the son of Chris and Lorrie Bell of Pampa and is the grandson of Jack and Lois Fry of Rockdale and Eva Jean Bell and the late Herman Bell of Henderson.

Lenderman is the son of Larry and Janet Lenderman and is the grandson of Helen Farrar of Pampa.

Parks is the daughter of Phyllis Hargett of Sturges, Mich., and Scott Parks of Oklahoma City, Okla., and is the granddaughter of Raymond and Barbara Parks and James and Sue Meeks, all of Pampa.



Parks



Lenderman

AMARILLO — Shellie Stapp, a former Pampa resident, recently opened a new division, Stapp's Talent and Performance Coaching.



Stapp

The new division will add vocal, dance and stage presentation to her existing business teaching dance and gymnastics.

Stapp's clients include Miss Texas Sunni Cranfill. She was executive producer and choreographer for the Miss Amarillo Area/America Scholarship Pageant for 15 years. She was vocal coach and choreographer for the Lifetime TV movie, "What Matters Most."

Rachel Ledford recently graduated from Southern Nazarene University with a bachelor of arts degree in theology and ministry.



Ledford

Ledford has moved to Kansas City, Mo., where she plans to enroll in Nazarene Theological Seminary in the fall to pursue a masters degree of divinity.

She is the daughter of Teresa Smith of Pampa and the late Larry Ledford and is the granddaughter of Bina Shaw and Wayne and Betty Ledford, all of Pampa.



Bolz

Jonathan L. Bolz recently graduated from West Texas A&M University, where he majored in computer information systems, with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Bolz, son of Jim and Vickie Bolz of Pampa, graduated from Pampa High School in 2000 and is currently a sub-contractor for BWXT Pantex. He plans to begin graduate studies at the University of North Texas in the spring of 2005. He and his wife, Lesley, currently reside in Amarillo.

BROWNFIELD — Cole Young, a high school sophomore of Brownfield, was recently named to the 2003-2004 National Honor Roll.

National Honor Roll's primary goal is to highlight academic achievement of leading high school students. As an honoree, Young is eligible to compete for a NHR Award for academic achievement. A total of \$100,000 will be awarded to 100 qualified inductees.

Inductees also may take advantage of NHR's special College Admissions Notification Service.

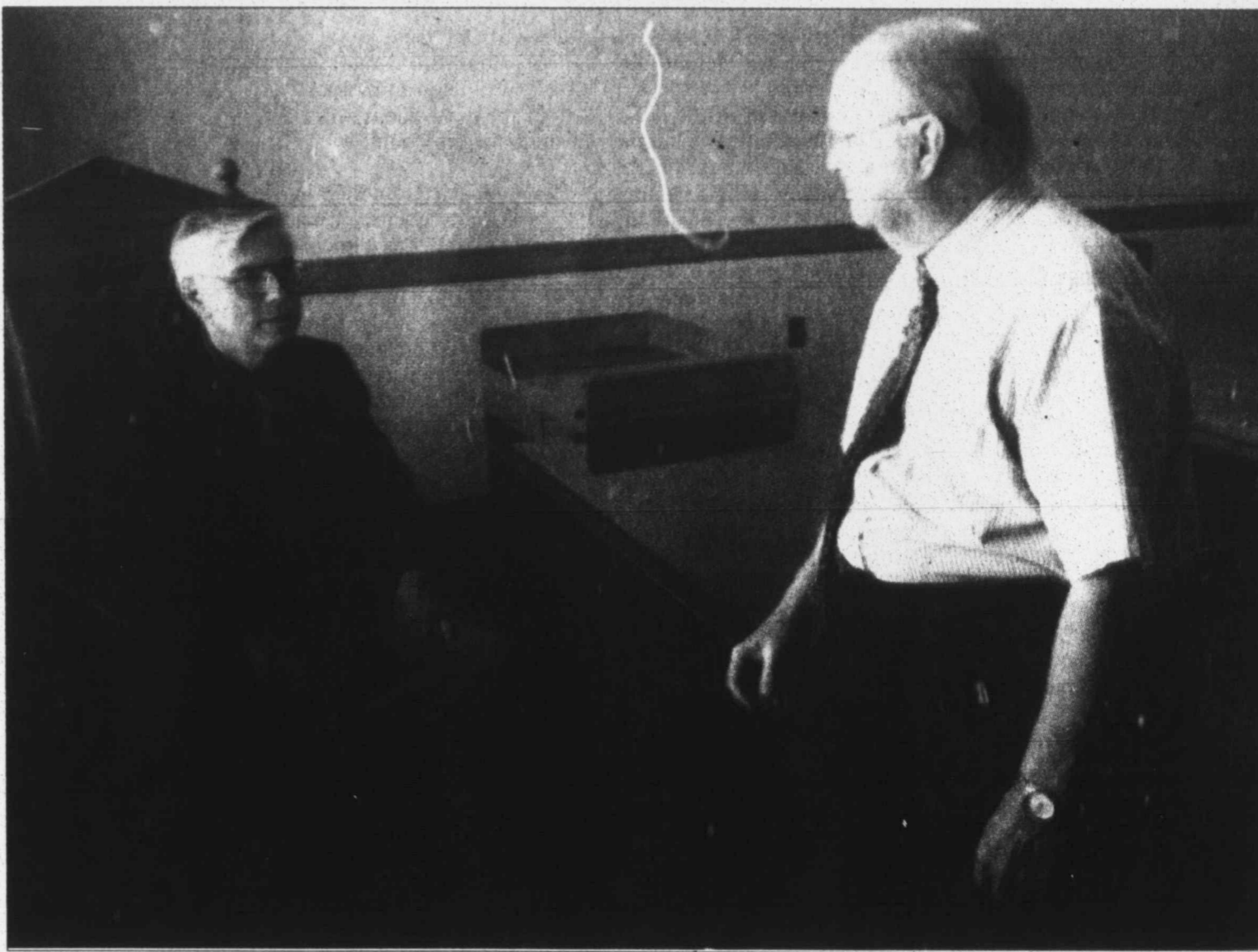
Young is the son of Rick and Patty Young of Brownfield. He is the grandson of Barb and Wendell Palmer of Pampa and Bonnie Young of Lefors. His brother, Brennen Young, is an AB honor roll achiever for the year.

ABILENE — Approximately 287 students received diplomas during spring commencement at Hardin-Simmons University recently.

Students awarded degrees included Daniel Kirkpatrick and Melissa Lawrence, both of Pampa.

Lawrence graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of behavioral science degree in psychology with a minor in sociology.

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Pampa News photos by DAVID BOWSER

Bob McPherson, right, visits with Gray County Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez in the courtroom where much of their business is conducted.

McPherson

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income (once he started earning it) would amount to more than his current county paycheck — "So," he said, "why not retire? Just retire and enjoy life."

However, after he took full retirement, he then began accepting a few court appointments for indigent juvenile cases concerning misdemeanor acts, felonies, drugs or other juvenile

parental disputes involving under age children. These appointments have been steady for the last 10 years. Therefore, about five years ago, he requested the district courts to not assign any more felony or misdemeanor cases to his caseload.

He now devotes his time to representing only indigent juveniles. Through these cases, he works with the Child Protective Services, oftentimes, and acts as attorney aditem for a child. Occasionally, he may represent one parent in a situation concerning the custodial care of a minor.

For an attorney's ability to meet the requirements of the law and to fulfill the expectations of his clients in appointed cases, McPherson said a Juvenile Board, in most counties, requires a minimum of continued education, even after the age of 70.

Gray Co. Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez explained further: "Under Senate Bill No. 7, enacted in 2001, every Texas county must have a written plan to present to Austin, stating how the county handles indigent legal cases."

Martinez said all counties must make it known that court appointed council is available to those who need its help, and that all attorneys must be experienced in the capacity of representation.

"The Infrastructure must be set in place ... as the years go by ..." to satisfy the requirements specified by the state, according to Judge Martinez who expressed his admiration of his friend and cohort.

According to Martinez and McPherson, keeping up his (McPherson's) license and continuing education is still very important to his position, even though he is past retirement age.

"Texas law does exempt the retired attorney from paying bar dues," McPherson said, "... but, the state accepts volunteer dues and service fees, ..." which sort of balances out being almost the same thing.

McPherson's pay income is in excess to his retirement and Social Security,

but it is not privy to being exempted from income taxes and other withholdings. Although he is well over 70-years-old, he is still contributing to his state and country through his payroll, just like the other average earning individual.

He is appreciative of the local judges whose courts he uses and finds them agreeable to his needing to take off for personal reasons, once in a while. They work together to coordinate setting up his scheduling, in accordance with cases, and understand when there are times he must be away from the court.

"There are not a lot of attorneys who like juvenile work," McPherson said. "I have found it satisfying to help youngsters turn around from bad situations that involve drugs, alcohol or criminal acts. If I can help a 16-year-old to stay away from prison, I feel that I have accomplished something."

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— Bob McPherson
Attorney

McPherson says he definitely works for the enjoyment of working and being involved in the current, daily actions of the courthouse scene.

"And, I work, also for my health ... if I just sat down and did nothing, you could be attending my funeral," he said.

He appreciates the opportunity to continue his profete, but also having time to live a personal life.

"I am fortunate I can travel and go see my grandchildren. And I am pleased I can help my children and grandchildren at times. I have two grandsons, and one granddaughter. Then there are two great-grandchildren — one boy and one girl, and another baby expected soon," he said.

McPherson continued to brag about his grandchildren, mentioning the May graduation of his grandson, Cody Schaeffer, from Groom High School. After graduation, and following his summer travels, he will be attending Amarillo College in the fall.

Cody is one of 36 young men of six-man football teams in Texas who was invited to play for a Canadian Invitation Exhibition Team this summer. The special football game is a first and is sponsored by the United States and Canada, and having his grandson included is something very special to the McPherson family. Staying in touch and keeping up with the family plan of action is on-going and keeps

McPherson young at heart. He also looks forward to his daily work schedules.

McPherson understands the reasons behind the retired person's desire to return to work. Also, he believes the employer of an older person appreciates their ability to fulfill their jobs and their adding professional attunement to the workplace.

"I do think one thing, to help senior citizens who have to work, is for the government to coliminate their paying taxes on Social Security, regardless of earnings. Right now, if one (senior citizen working past retirement age) earns more than \$25,000, then he must expect his extra earnings to be taxable earnings," said McPherson.

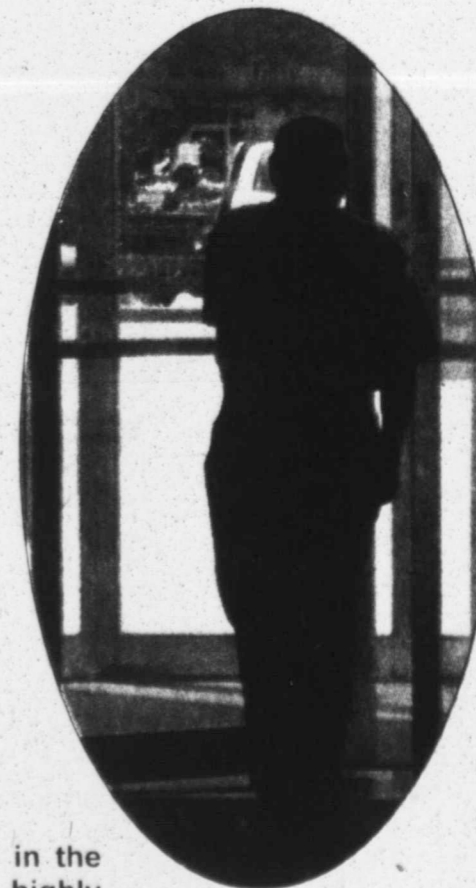
Although he continues working his caseload of indigent juvenile cases, he stated that his pay-income is taxed, as well as his Social Security earnings. He acknowledges that many senior citizens who continue working are met with this challenge each year at the April 15 filing period, if their earnings are over the amounts determined by the federal income tax limits.

"These items are not privy to those persons over 70-years-old ... and they are not eliminated," said McPherson.

He named several older professionals of legal counsel who are continuing their services in Gray Co. Some of the ones he named who are still keeping up their private law practice include Bill Waters and Gene Martindale, and City Attorney Don Lane. All are older friends, he said, adding that Lane was also an old high school buddy. He praised each one for their ability to continue providing service to their clients and meet the public's needs.

Another older friend and professional

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► Bob McPherson, silhouetted in the doorway and reflected in the highly polished marble floor, exits Gray County Courthouse.

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Johnsons celebrating their 25th anniversary

Dr. Jay and Linda Johnson of Pampa are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.

Jay Johnson and Linda Marie Brumley were married June 29, 1974, at First United Methodist Church of Pampa. Both were born in Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School.

They returned to Pampa after graduating from Texas Tech University and then living in Arlington where Mrs. Johnson taught first grade while Dr. Johnson attended Dental School at Baylor College of Dentistry.

Dr. Johnson established his private practice, J.A. Johnson, DDS, Inc., 28 years ago. A 1969 graduate of PHS, Dr. Johnson holds a degree from Baylor College of Dentistry and a bachelor of science degree in biology and a minor

in chemistry from TTU where he belonged to Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

He is chairman of the deacons at First Baptist Church where he has taught 12th grade Sunday school since 1986, serves on the board of directors of Pampa Youth and Community Center, is a member and past president of Pampa Lions Club and of Pampa Independent School Board, and is president of PHS Choir Boosters.

Dr. Johnson is also a member of Panhandle District Dental Society, currently sitting on its Peer Review Committee, of American Dental Society, of Academy of General Dentistry, of Texas Dental Society and of American Orthodontic Society and has served on the Century Club Board at Baylor

College of Dentistry.

Mrs. Johnson taught at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School for two years prior to the birth of the couple's first daughter.

She graduated from PHS in 1970 and holds a degree from TTU where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority.

Mrs. Johnson, a member of Century Forum Study Club and P.E.O., is president of PHS Choir Boosters and serves on the hospitality committee at First Baptist Church where she has been involved with the 12th grade Sunday school department since 1986.

Children of the couple are Anna Johnson and Laura and Cullen Allen, all of Pampa. They are expecting their first grandchild in August.



Dr. Jay and Linda Johnson



Rachael Ann Banks

Banks, Cambern exchange their vows at Calvary Baptist Church

Rachael Ann Banks and Zachary Grant Cambern, both of Pampa, were wed June 19 in Calvary Baptist Church with Pastor Robert Banks, father of the bride of Bible Church of Pampa, officiating.

The matron of honor was Elizabeth Poage of Danville, Iowa. The bridesmaids were Kathryn Banks of Knoxville, Ill., Tiffany Watkins of Little York, Ill., Joy Gibbs of Lubbock and Lynly Leeper of El Paso.

The flower girls were Whitney Banks of Knoxville, Arie Cambern of Pampa and Madeline Poage of Danville.

The best man was Ken Cambern of Dumas. The groomsmen were Jeremiah Downs and Jason Downs, both of Pampa, Bryan Stout of Borger and Brandon Brashears of Amarillo.

The ring bearer was Griffin Poage of Danville. The ushers were Jarod Cambern and John Cambern, both of Pampa, and Robert Poage of Danville.

Registering the guests was Cadyn Crawford of El Paso.

Music was provided by vocalist Lynly Leeper of El Paso.

A reception was held following the service at Knights of Columbus with Michelle Mullican, Michelle Tapp, and Jonathan and Zach DeLong, all of Pampa, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Deborah Banks of Pampa.

She graduated from West Texas A&M University and is employed at The Coffee Shop in Pampa.

The groom is the son of Kenny and Judy Cambern of Pampa. He graduated from Texas State Technical College and is currently employed with El Paso Natural Gas Company.

The newlyweds planned a honeymoon trip to Playa del Carmen, Mexico, and intend to make their home in Pampa.

Bridal Selection

Angel Briggs & Jason Wheeler
 Laura Miller & Daniel Frye
 Amy Hayes & Ben Rodriguez
 Naomi Reeder & Matthew Kirkpatrick
 Kim Jones & Josh Ellis
 Mayla Conner & Ricky Arreola
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<p>Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Donuts. Lunch: Pizza dippers or chicken strips, corn, spinach, pineapple.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Toast. Lunch: Soft tacos or chicken strips, pinto beans, salad, pears.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Biscuits.</p>	<p>gravy. Lunch: Spaghetti/meat sauce or chicken strips, green beans, corn, apple-sauce, bread sticks.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, flour tortillas. Lunch: Chicken fajitas or chicken strips, pinto beans, Spanish rice, peaches.</p> <p>FRIDAY Holiday.</p>	<p>Lunch in the Park MONDAY Lunch: Corndogs, trail mix, fruit cups, milk.</p> <p>TUESDAY Lunch: Ham sandwiches, cheese portion, carrot sticks, fruit cup, milk.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Lunch: Hot dogs, trail mix, cheese portion, fruit cups, milk.</p> <p>THURSDAY Lunch: Turkey sandwiches, cheese portion, trail mix, fruit cups, milk.</p> <p>FRIDAY Holiday.</p> <p>Kid's Cafe JUNE 29 Barbecue wieners, macaroni/cheese, baked beans, bread, jello cups.</p> <p>Senior Citizens MONDAY Chicken fried steak or chop suey/noodles, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, northern beans, strawberry cake or chocolate sundae cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p>	<p>TUESDAY Sausages and sauerkraut or mozzarella chicken/pasta, broasted potatoes/vegetables, carrots, peas, beans, lemon pound cake or pineapple squares, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, buttered squash, beans, devilsfood cake or vanilla pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>THURSDAY Chicken strips or barbecued beef/onion rings, potato salad, Italian green beans, chuckwagon corn, baked beans, strawberry shortcake or apple pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>FRIDAY Catfish/hushpuppies or burritos/chili/cheese, potato wedges, brussels sprouts, beans, glory cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic bread, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>Meals On Wheels MONDAY Chicken sandwiches, tater tots, lettuce/tomatoes, peaches.</p> <p>TUESDAY Stew, cornbread, cake.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Chicken chow mein, egg rolls, hominy, apricots.</p> <p>THURSDAY Roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast burritos, hash-browns, cinnamon apples, pudding.</p>
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WT dance group heading to Russia

CANYON — It will be the trip of a lifetime for the nine members of West Texas A&M University's Dance Ensemble as they pack their toe shoes and head for the Open Look International Dance Festival July 3-16 in St. Petersburg, Russia.

The trip will mark the ensemble's first international outing and the second part of a three-part collaboration with the Kannon Dance Company of St. Petersburg. The collaboration began in April when the Russian dance company performed in Amarillo as guests with the Lone Star Ballet (LSB). The company will return in October for LSB's season opening to close out the joint venture. Two LSB members will travel with the WTAMU Dance Ensemble to the dance festival.

Edward Truitt, assistant professor of dance and artistic director for LSB, organized the trip and choreographed a ballet/jazz work called "Energy Unbound" for the festival. It will be staged in a collaborative performance by the local students and the Kannon Dance Company on July 10, the final night of the festival. The nine-minute piece will feature the Russian dancers doing the jazz portion of the dance with University and LSB dancers providing the ballet portion.

During the festival, the WTAMU Ensemble and LSB dancers also will participate in a variety of master classes taught by instructors from all over the world.

"I think it's important in an educational setting for dancers to see how others think of the art of dance, how they work in the creative process and the different struggles they have on a personal and cultural level," Truitt said. "Russia is a great place to see these aspects because it is one of the dance capitals of the world and it has a very different economy. I think seeing all of this will help them become more aware of the opportunities they have right here at home."

This will be Truitt's fourth trip to Russia. He made his first trip in 1996, and in 1999 he taught several workshops in Russia and established a working relationship with the Kannon Dance Company. He visited again in 2003 as a Fulbright Senior Specialist. Truitt is just completing his first year at WTAMU, and the trip is part of his five-year plan to build the University's dance program. He hopes the WTAMU Dance Ensemble can make the Russian trip every three to four years.

After the close of the festival, the group will take a few days to visit Russian landmarks. They will travel from St. Petersburg to Moscow, where they will tour Red Square and the Kremlin.

WTAMU students traveling to Russia received scholarship. See DANCE, Page 12-B

Newsmakers

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Kirkpatrick earned a bachelor of arts degree in theology with a minor in Biblical languages.

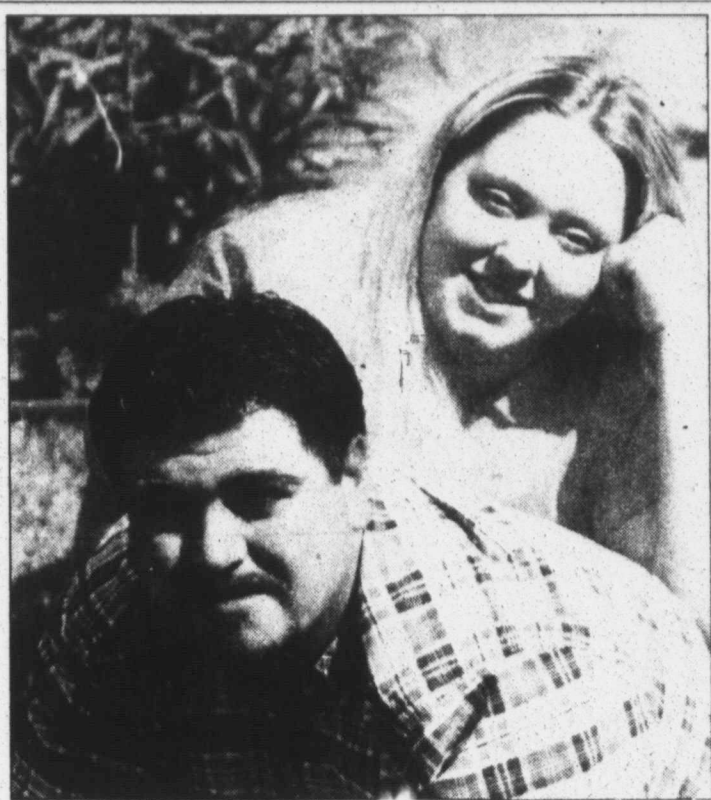
FORT WORTH — Texas Christian University recently announced students named to its Dean's List for the 2004 spring semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.4 grade point average or higher for the semester. Students named to the list include Matthew J. Foust of Pampa.

LUBBOCK — Hayley Johanna Hipkins was recently named to the Dean's Honor List at Texas Tech University.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor List, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average or better for the semester at TTU.

Hipkins is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hipkins and Mr. and Mrs. Stavenhagen.

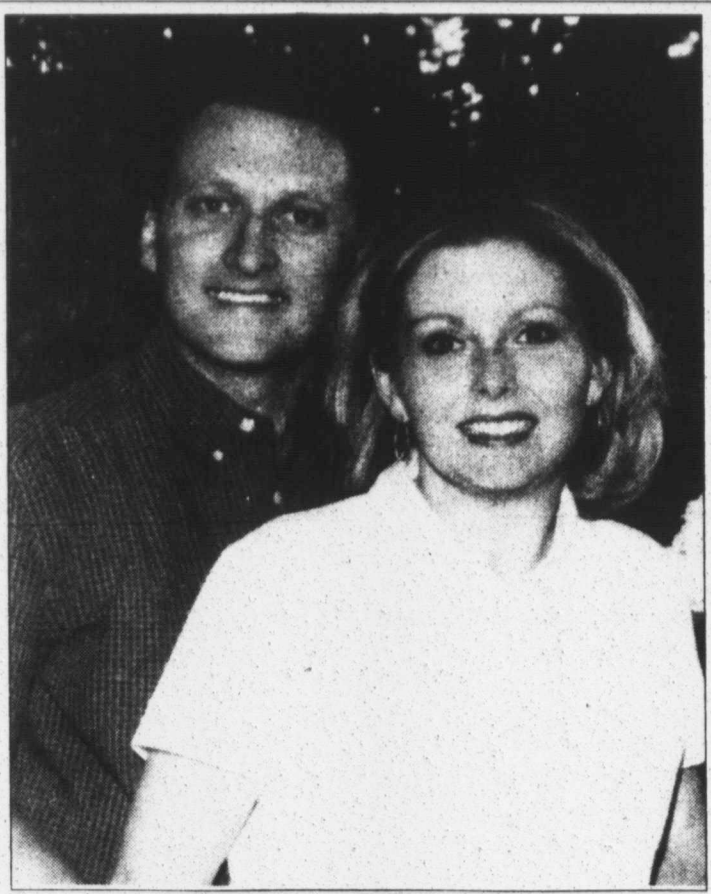


Arreola/Conner

Mayla Dalayne Conner and Ricky Luis Arreola, both of Pampa, plan to wed Saturday, July 31, in Central Baptist Church of Pampa.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Layne and Mae Conner of Pampa. She received her GED in 1996 and graduated from Amarillo College in phlebotomy. She has been employed at Wal-Mart since 2002.

The prospective groom is the son of Pedro and Lynda Arreola of Pampa. He received his GED in 1996 and is currently employed with A&T Yard Service.



Schock/Stephens

Amber Dawn Stephens of Panhandle and Marcus Warren Schock plan to wed Saturday, July 24, in First Baptist Church in Panhandle.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jerry and JoAnn Stephens of Pampa.

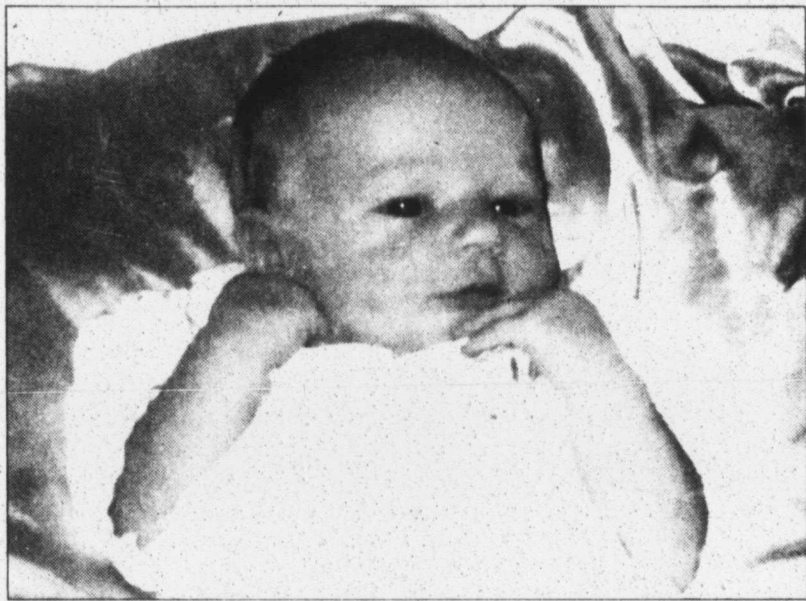
The prospective groom is the son of Jim and Carol Reed and of Martin Schock, all of Bismarck, N.D.

Patrick Clay Lyle

Patrick Clay Lyle was born at 11:29 a.m. June 3 at Fort Irwin, Calif., to Capt. Clay and Stephanie Lyle of Fort Irwin.

At birth, the infant weighed 8-pounds, 7.5-ounces and was 22-inches long.

Relatives of the infant include grandparents Dr. Robert and Lou Lyle of Pampa.



Patrick Clay Lyle

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 June 22 at Pampa Country Club with President Billie Dixon presiding. Judy Warner and Terri Williams served as greeters. Cylea Urbanzyk, Shannon Beck, Jerry Skinner, Rolanda and Barry Bowman attended as guests.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Louise Bailey delivered the Accent on the Altrusa International Convention held every two years. The next convention will be in June 2005 in Puerto Rico. Members were encouraged to make plans to attend.

—Rochelle Lacy presented the Geraldine Rumpy Vocational Award to Christina Bowman and the Geneva Tidwell Award to Jera Skinner.

—Janet Bilyeu, RN, MSN, FNP, presented a program on women's health. Bilyeu, a family nurse practitioner at the Claude Medical Clinic in Claude, spoke to the group concerning health issues for women including cardiovascular disease which she said has claimed the lives of more

See CLUB, Page 8-B

Kade Lee Arnn

Kade Lee Arnn was born at 6:02 a.m. March 12 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, to David and Le Arnn of Pampa.

At birth, the infant weighed 1-pound, 7.5-ounces and was 13-inches long.

Relatives of the infant include grandparents Jerry and Janice Bellah of Pampa, Margret Milam of McLean and Charles Milam of Oklahoma City, Okla.



Kade Lee Arnn

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

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for almost a year. It was an ugly divorce that became long, drawn-out and expensive. I have moved on with my life. My ex-husband, however, has not. He is in constant contact with my family.

My sister casually mentioned the other day that he had stopped by her office to "talk." He also calls my mother regularly and stops by her house to see her. He takes them to dinner and tries to act like nothing changed.

What he is really doing is getting information about my life while getting sympathy from them.

The final straw was learning that he had been invited to my nephew's graduation. I have explained to my family that I want no more contact with him and do not want to see him again. He told vicious lies and spread horrible rumors during the divorce that cost me all of our mutual friends. They all believed his lies and did not support me.

We had no children, so I see no reason to stay in contact. He won't let go of me and my family. What can I do?

— WANTS TO BE FREE IN ILLINOIS

DEAR WANTS TO BE FREE: It would be interesting to know why your family has continued to make him welcome. Are they enjoying the attention? The drama? Whatever the tie that's binding them, it is out of your control. And whether he is clinging to them out of neediness or the pleasure of sticking it to you is beside the point.

Even if the ghost of marriage past is lurking in the background, you ARE free. So live your own life, limit the amount of information you give to your family, and consider it "mind over matter." (You don't mind, and he don't matter.) The sooner you do, the sooner you will close the unhappy chapter of your life that includes him.

DEAR ABBY: I have a sticky situation at work. One of the men I work with, "Josh," likes to brag about all his sexual conquests. One of the women he brags about is "Pamela," another of my co-workers.

I don't think he's telling the truth because she is happily married. Should I tell her he's spreading rumors about her, or should I mind my own business?

— WONDER WHAT HE SEZ ABOUT ME

DEAR WONDER: By all means, tell Pamela what Josh is saying. She has a right to know and to defend herself. What Josh considers an affirmation of his charm may be construed as slander by her. And his harping on the topic of his sex life at the office could be considered sexual harassment. It won't stop until either you or Pamela complains to a supervisor.

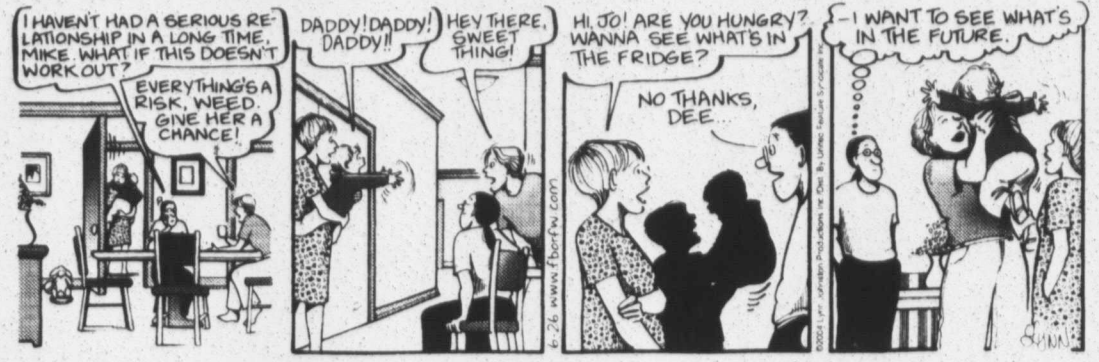
DEAR ABBY: I am planning a 30th birthday party for my husband. I would like to invite friends and family to join us for dinner at my husband's favorite restaurant.

Because I have a small budget to work from and he has a large family, I can afford to pay only for my husband and me. Would it be OK to invite people to attend and ask them to pay for their own meal, and if so, how do I appropriately say that on the invitation?

— NEEDS TO KNOW IN FREDERICK, MD.

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: To invite people to a party and expect them to pay for their own meal is considered tacky. Since you can't afford to give your husband a party, instead invite your friends and his large family to your home after dinner to celebrate with dessert and coffee. That way you won't be criticized.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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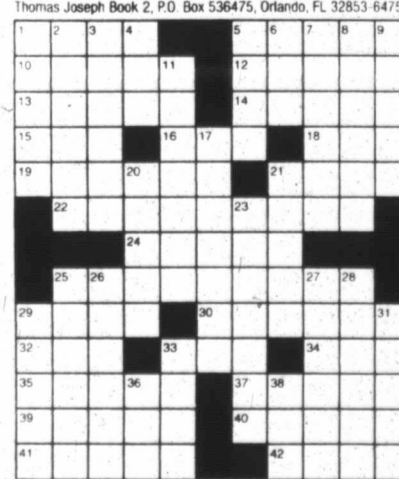
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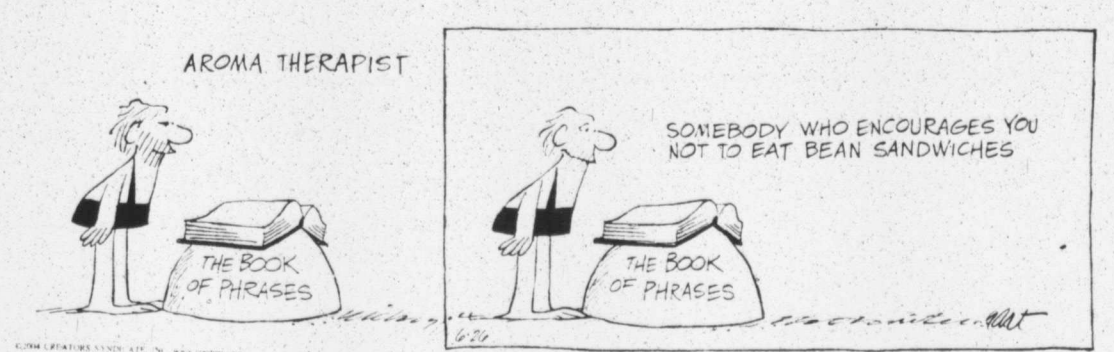
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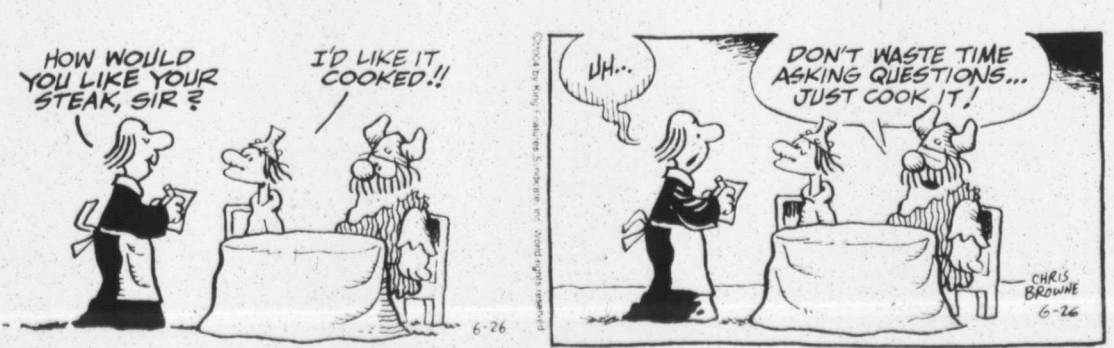
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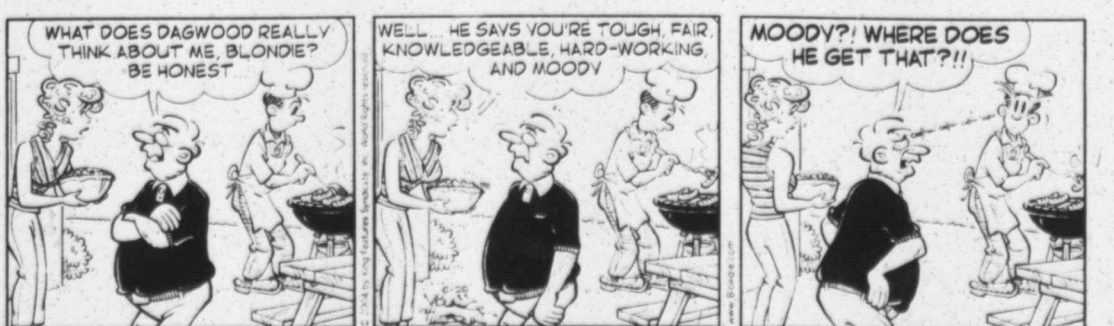
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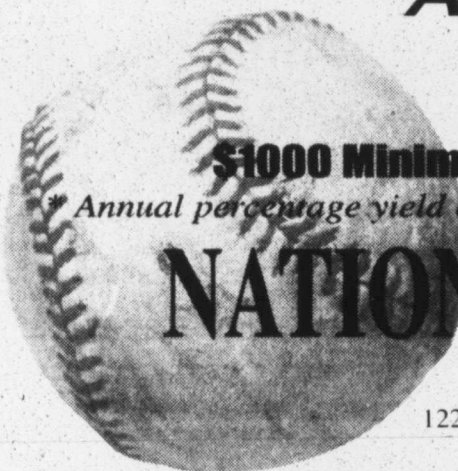
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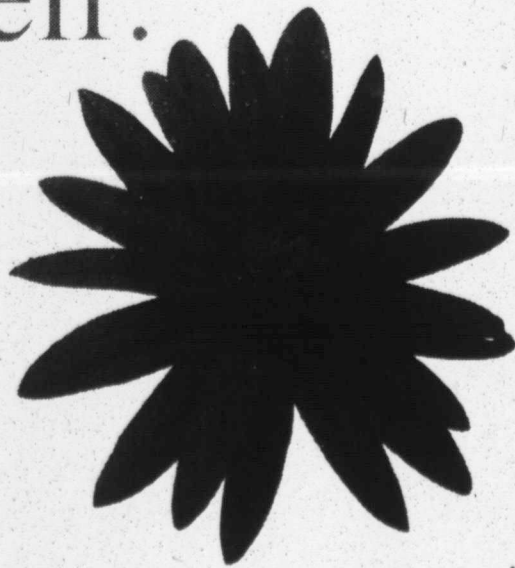
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Life father, like son? Two Ed Youngs, two megachurches

By **BOBBY ROSS JR.**
AP Religion Writer

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — On a recent Sunday morning, Ed Young titled his sermon "RPM," for Recognizing Potential Mates.

The hip, 43-year-old pastor arrived on stage driving a green Ferrari Spider 355, which he used to illustrate how defective daters ignore dashboard warnings.

"Dating is sort of like a lease with an option to buy, wouldn't you agree?" asked Young, founding minister of the fast-growing Fellowship Church in this Dallas suburb.

About 240 miles away in Houston, his 67-year-old father, also named Ed Young, delivered a traditional gospel sermon at Second Baptist Church.

At the end, the lights dimmed and soft music played. He invited

anyone with a need to respond to the message to "just stand up and come to Jesus Christ." Two dozen congregants, some wiping tears, marched forward to acknowledge sins.

While their approaches differ, father and son share a passion for ministry and influence how generations of faithful worship at the Texas-sized megachurches they built from small congregations.

"They're both in clearly evangelical, very large church settings, and it's just different expressions of a similar mentality," said Mark Miller-McLemore, an expert on congregational culture who teaches at the Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville, Tenn.

At Second Baptist Church, men and women in their Sunday best — many with gray hair — fill a three-

level sanctuary with elaborate stained-glass windows, an opulent chandelier hanging from a rounded ceiling and a loft that can squeeze in 500 green-robed choir members.

Red-lettered New American Standard Bibles and green "Celebration Hymnals" rest in the pew backs. An orchestra provides the instrumental accompaniment as the congregation sings "How Great Thou Art" and "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

After the altar call, the dad scurries out of the mammoth red-brick building. He jumps into a sleek beige Cadillac Escalade, whose driver whisks him to a satellite church — and his next sermon — 15 miles away.

As the sport-utility vehicle cruises down the highway, he slips out of one crisp white dress shirt with an "EY" monogram on the

pocket and into another.

"We don't trust preachers who don't sweat," said the elder Young, who preaches at three of the 10 services that draw up to 24,000 each weekend to Second Baptist and its two satellite locations.

The scene is strikingly different at Fellowship Church, where 20- and 30-somethings in khakis and jeans fill 4,000 theater-style seats in a darkened auditorium.

To the beat of drums and electric guitars, a singer wearing a black T-shirt and leather jacket opens the service with a contemporary Christian hit.

The words flash on two big screens as the audience sings along: "I love you yesterday, today and tomorrow. I'll say it again. I love you. Shine for me."

The younger Young wears an untucked gray shirt and black shoes fastened with Velcro as he

shares his faith at five services that draw a combined 18,000 each weekend. (He also changes shirts between sermons.)

After parking the Ferrari, he holds up a yellow "Slow" sign as he touts the importance of taking time to develop a relationship God's way.

He recounts how Jacob in the Old Testament "saw this biblical babe named Rachel" and worked for her father for 14 years to gain her hand in marriage.

"Man, when guys start coming around my daughters, I'm going to direct them to Genesis 29, verse 20, and I'm going to put this sign on the front door: 'Slow!'" jokes Young, a father of three daughters and one son.

When he's done, there's no for-

See **YOUNGS**, Page 12-B

Conservationists want to save prairie dogs from endangered list

LUBBOCK (AP) — Prairie dogs now have a watchdog.

The black-tailed prairie dog, considered a pest by some landowners but a treasure by environmentalists, is a candidate for an endangered classification on the federal Endangered Species list.

A group of environmentalists, biologists and landowners — known as the Texas Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Working Group — hopes to prevent that by conserving more than 293,000 acres of grassland habitat for the animals by 2011.

"I was raised to always fight the prairie dog, but I've

learned they can be an asset to a ranch, either through nature tourism or limited recreational hunting," said L.H. Webb, a group member who owns and operates a 11,000-acre ranch in the eastern Panhandle. "We don't have to try to eradicate them to win on this deal, but that's not the traditional

ranch way of thinking."

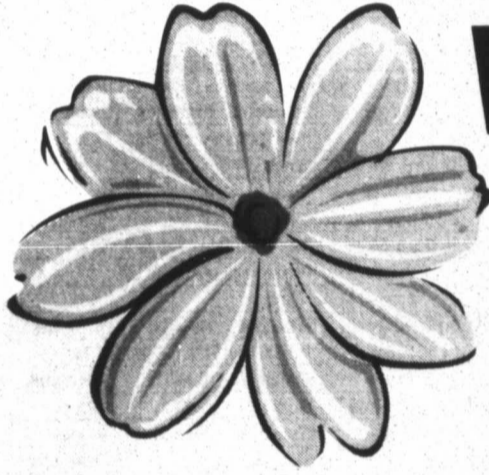
In 1905, early explorer Vernon Bailey estimated there were 800 million prairie dogs covering 57 million acres in Texas. Since then, prairie dog numbers have shrunk to the tens of thousands because of development, disease and eradication methods, such as poi-

soning and trapping.

The squirrel-like animals live on short-grass prairie land among large mounds of soil. They're called prairie dogs because of the barking sound they make.

The acreage the group hopes to preserve represents about 1 percent of the habitat available to the prairie dogs

in the late 1800s, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Preliminary estimates indicate there are currently 150,000 to 170,000 acres of occupied prairie dog habitat in Texas, with a final inventory completed this summer. The estimate is based on aerial photos and ground inspections.



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—A get-well card was circulated for Mayda King who is hospitalized following surgery.

—Birthday greetings went to Williams.

The next meeting will be at 12 noon, July 13 at Pampa Country Club.

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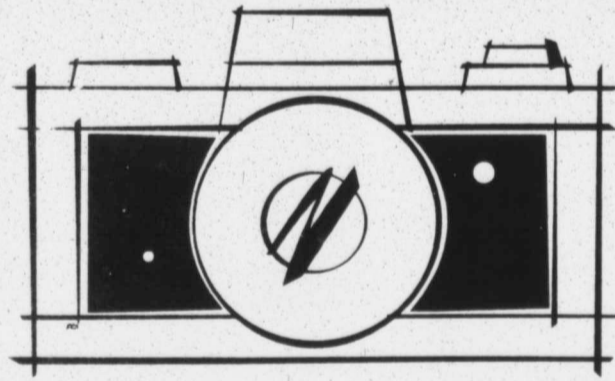
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HOROSCOPE ... SUNDAY, JUNE 27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, June 27, 2004:

Often you juggle commitments that involve your domestic life with your desires for enjoyment. You might discover that this pattern costs a lot and causes you some stress. Don't risk unnecessarily, and do your homework before taking a leap of faith. Your perspective will change radically if you pull away. You have a strong need to be around water. You feel calm when you walk by it. If you do not live around water, consider purchasing a table fountain. If you are single, meeting people happens easily, as you have a very playful and magnetic personality. If you are attached, your relationship will benefit from more time and attention. The two of you start acting like new lovers before you know it. Good times surround SCORPIO.

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)

★★★★★ Make Sunday calls to family and friends early on. A partner or special friend wants time alone with you. You might feel a bit overwhelmed by this person, but you gain new insight about him or her, as well as yourself. Tonight: Take a walk after dinner.

This Week: Work with one person at a time. You grasp new perspectives and might want to do some research or investigating. Take charge on Thursday.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Lounge in the morning when you can. By early afternoon, others seek you out. Whether in the mood to socialize or not, you will find yourself in the groove by the evening. Adjust plans accordingly. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

This Week: You seesaw through the week, wanting to be with others but also needing to accomplish your "to do" list. Balance your different needs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Be frisky and playful in the a.m. By the afternoon, you find that responsibilities call, whether you are setting up a barbecue or simply doing some advance planning for Monday. Others might need care and nurturing. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

This Week: Plunge into a project

Monday, leaving the socializing (or shall we say networking!) for mid-week.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Follow your Sunday-morning traditions. In the afternoon, whether treating someone to dinner or doing some shopping for a new bathing suit or summer acquisition, you perk up and become very playful. Help others enjoy themselves. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

This Week: Let some of your imagination lighten up the weekly drudgery. By Wednesday, you charge through your work. Take Friday off!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Reach out for others while you have the energy and time. Afterward, you could opt for a lazy day spent in the company of a special person in your life. Individual attention, time together and perhaps your vulnerability open doors. Tonight: How 'bout a pizza?

This Week: You might want to work from home or take a few personal days. Enthusiasm for routine matters is at an all-time low.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Spend some money on brunch, and others could surprise you. Your irritation could trigger a conversation. Stay open, even if someone surprises you. Consider your options, as others could startle you with their words and actions. Tonight: Out and about.

This Week: Make calls; return messages; confirm meetings. My, how you plow into Monday. By Wednesday, you're calmer and more interested in a personal matter.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You cruise into the day willing to do more than your share. Others let you know they have their own plans. You might go off and do something special for yourself. Go for a swim. Enjoy a picnic with a friend. Take a walk. Tonight: Your treat.

This Week: Make a major indulgence your goal, and work will become a lot easier -- perhaps even pleasurable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Read the paper and make calls in the morning. By the afternoon, a child or loved one delights you with his or her spontaneity. Cancel plans if you wish, allowing yourself to be more kidlike and to enjoy the fun around you. Tonight: Use your magnetism.

This Week: You dance into work, even wanting to put in overtime if possible. You have a plan in mind that could cost you. Energize and soar through the week.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Do only what you must, as quickly as possible. You might need and want some extra time to loll around and relax. Whether you vanish behind the answering machine or take a lengthy snooze, treat yourself. Tonight: Relax.

This Week: You might not want to do anything until late Tuesday, when you beam in what you want. Your magnetism marks your work from this point on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Handle responsibilities in the morning, but plan on a special getaway or happening in the afternoon. Flex with plans as they change. A partner might just be in an off mood and need time to him- or herself. Tonight: Enjoy every last minute.

This Week: Still in the mood to socialize, you bring that attitude to work. Slow down midweek and recharge your batteries.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Be smart and hang out without picking up your messages or deciding that you have to do something. Your ability to touch someone you care about might be greatly enhanced as you gain deeper understanding of this person's temperament. Tonight: Touch base with a family member.

This Week: You're in the limelight all week. Count on putting on a star performance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ If you're tired of pushing so hard, say so. Just don't lose your temper. Others respond to your need for a change of scenery and perhaps a new perspective. Take off for the movies, where you can chill out. Tonight: Entertain your mind.

This Week: Investigate before you decide. Research before making a judgment. You soar from Wednesday on.

BORN TODAY

Author and educator Helen Keller (1880), actress Julia Duffy (1951), billionaire H. Ross Perot (1930)

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Pampa Happenings



Renovation continues on the future home for Texas Furniture.



The UPS Store located on Hobart is now open for business.



As the sign indicates the Lone Star Restaurant will be coming to the old Furr's Cafeteria soon.



Jesse Hall and her snuggly friend are enjoying the summer weather.

HOROSCOPE ... MONDAY, JUNE 28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, June 28, 2004:

Visualize more of what you want. Talk about what you desire. Others pitch in with suggestions. You could be surprised and delighted by how easily a goal is realized. Your imagination mixes well with an innate perspective. Follow your hunches, and you'll gain. If you permit it, someone key in your life could pull the wool over your eyes regarding personal funds and other money-related matters. You can be overly serious, but with that characteristic comes determination. You christen a new life cycle this year, though at times you could be overwhelmed. If you are single, a relationship will come forward that could knock your socks off. Please note that you're unusually magnetic and desirable this year. You flirt, and others respond. If you are attached, use your charisma to improve the connection between the two of you. Be spontaneous. SCORPIO inspires you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Dig into work. A partner could be confused about your long-term objective. Clarify as much as you can. Respond to his or her inquiries. You're coming from a place of reserve and commitment. Your determination helps conversations go your way. Tonight: Dinner with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Others seek you out. A boss might look at a problem with a uniquely different perspective. He or she might be inspired and more practiced in problem-solving. Keep asking ques-

tions, even if you feel a bit difficult or touchy. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Someone gives you misinformation. Allow and encourage more feedback than you have in prior times. You could feel uptight about a money matter. Don't let that slow down your progress on a key project. Investigate options. Tonight: Get some exercise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Your imagination comes through where others' minds cannot go. Weigh your options that involve a financial matter or agreement. You choose the right words to warm up a friendship or bond, which could be with a child. Tonight: Let your spunk out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Maintain a low profile, even if you're not up for it. You get a lot of confusing information, which you can deal with. You might want to do needed research or work through another's logic quietly in order to see where the snafu lies. Tonight: At home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ What you say makes a difference. You might be overly enthusiastic about a project, but some details are missing. Reach out for what you want, especially in a meeting. Friends support your ideas. Tonight: Brainstorm with your buddies.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Reach out for a child or loved one you care about. You might not be getting a clear perspective, as you are putting this person in a rose-colored haze. Bosses help you along your path. You see a moneymaking potential. Don't take any financial risks. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ A family member might not

want to tell you the whole story. You might be playing with your mind by not being realistic. Gain perspective. Do your own research. You'll discover many different solutions. Tonight: Do exactly what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Realize when you might be hitting a snafu. A problem appears that could be mighty uncomfortable. Understand what is happening within a key bond by encouraging this person to talk and reveal more. Tonight: Take some time to yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You might overdo it in order to impress someone. Really, you offer a lot whether you realize it or not. Aim for a long-term goal. You get the kind of feedback from associates and people in general to hit the bull's-eye. Tonight: Celebrate good news.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ How you visualize a work-related or community need could be a lot different from how someone else does. Investigate what might be appropriate to share, especially regarding a key project or health matter. A parent or superior has strong opinions. Tonight: Work late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Your intuition will work very well if you don't mull over each feeling. Be spontaneous, and you can do no wrong. Detach rather than become involved. Your imagination goes haywire. Allow more playfulness into your environment. Tonight: Try a new type of cuisine.

BORN TODAY

Actor John Cusack (1966), comedian Gilda Radner (1946), football player John Elway (1960)

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Pinky Shultz scholarship



Chelsea Dyer, left, is this year's recipient of the Pinky Shultz Memorial Scholarship, funded by Pampa Lions Club in memory of longtime member E.E. "Pinky" Shultz. Presenting the award to Dyer, a 2004 Pampa High School graduate, is Jay Johnson, Lions Club member.

Youngs

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mal altar call. He only does that about three times a year.

Rather, a soloist performs Foreigner's "I Want To Know What Love Is."

Backstage after the service, the son laughs when asked if folks at his church would feel comfortable at his dad's church, or vice versa.

"No!" he replies.

But he's quick to add that it's just a matter of serving different demographics.

Even at Second Baptist, old-time religion mixes with a 21st century packaging of the gospel.

The older Young's church offers a variety of worship formats and styles, including a contemporary 11:11 a.m. service on Sundays led by his middle son, Ben, 40, an associate pastor at the church.

"The message doesn't change," the dad said. "The methodology changes with every generation."

It's a lesson the younger Young learned from his father.

Thirty-five years ago, his dad served as pastor of the First Baptist Church in the small town of Taylors, S.C.

Ed Jr. — as he was known then, even though his full name is different from his dad's — was in elementary school, but memories of that time still influence him.

"So many things that Dad did ... were so ahead of his time," he said. "I remember when I was like in third grade, Dad asked an acid rock band to come to our church on Friday nights after the football games. Hey, man, the place would be jammed with high school students."

As his dad recalled, the lead singer of a local rock band had converted to Christianity and wanted to use his music to serve God.

"So we took what was then rock music and wrote Christian words to it," he said, remembering that the church bought a barn-like building for youth parties. "After football and basketball games, they'd play that music that everybody thought was demonic."

"But we'd baptized it, and it became Christian music."

The first Ed Young grew up in Laurel, Miss., where he became a Christian at age 12 and started dating his future bride, Jo Beth Landrum, in junior high. They celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on June 28.

After high school, Young entered the University of Alabama as an engineering major. Midway through his freshman year, an atheist in his dorm questioned his belief in God, prompting him to seek his purpose in life, he said.

Six months later, he "surrendered to the call to preach the gospel," according to a biography on his church Web site.

His three sons — Ed, Ben and Cliff — were born while he pastored churches in North Carolina and South Carolina. Cliff, 31, is the lead singer and guitarist for Caedmon's Call, a contemporary Christian band.

When the Youngs moved to Houston in 1978, Second Baptist averaged a weekly Sunday attendance of about 400. But it grew quickly after Ed Young's arrival.

Both Ed Youngs, it seems, have a knack for drawing people to them.

"They have never gotten away from preaching the word of God," Jo Beth Young said. "And in doing that, then of course, you're holding up Jesus. ... And I think that is the secret."

Ed Jr. played basketball at Florida State University in Tallahassee before returning home to Houston to contemplate his future. When he asked his dad about going into ministry, his father urged him not to do it — if he could be happy doing anything else.

"To go into ministry, you have to feel led by God himself," his dad said.

After completing his religious education, Young joined his dad's staff at Second Baptist. One Christmas, his wife, Lisa, gave him a pair of new shoes, which he used in a sermon to illustrate a personal relationship with God.

"And after the message, I remember Dad saying, 'Man, you might want to calm down using those visuals. I'm not sure you can do that.'"

"What's so funny is I did kind of tone it down," said Young, who wore a suit like his dad when he started Fellowship Church in 1990. "But since I've been on my own, you know, I've toned it up. What's been interesting is to watch Dad use more and more visuals, I think, because of what God has shown us."

As his visuals became more bold, he drove a British Scorpion tank on stage for a sermon on spiritual warfare. He taped an introduction from the Bahamas — with yachts in the background — for a message on self-esteem.

"Ed Young is so funny," said church member Donna Trevino, 34, wearing a pink Fellowship Church T-shirt and drinking a grande Caramel Macchiato in the church coffee shop. "He gets up there and he gets his points across. And he does it in a way that keeps you entertained."

Nobody is prouder of Fellowship Church than Young's dad.

"He's reaching a clientele that's so hard to reach," he said. "He's doing that second to none. He does it genuinely. He uses screens and props and lots of music, but also the good news of what God has done in the name of Jesus Christ."

BBB Alert: Post-disaster scams

The damage caused by natural disasters such as tornadoes, floods, fires, earthquakes, hurricanes and blizzards can often bring out the best in people as strangers reach out to help others in need. Unfortunately, the aftermath of a crisis can also bring out those who take advantage of others already victimized.

Some of the most common "after-disaster" scams involve home repairs, clean-up efforts, car repair, heating and cooling equipment, and flood-damaged cars.

Better Business Bureau urges consumers to be cautious, especially during a time of crisis when many people let their guards down. They may be too eager to obtain the help they need.

The offers by legitimate companies will be there along with a mutually agreeable contract, say officials with the BBB.

"Legitimate contractors will often go door-to-door in an effort to aid disaster victims, but so will those wanting to scam you and take advantage of the situation," said Janna Kiehl, executive director of BBB. "Assess your situation and be patient. Insurance adjusters and legitimate

companies will be busy right now."

—Although you may be anxious to get things back to normal, avoid acting in haste. Don't be pressured into signing a long-term contract. Make temporary repairs if necessary.

—For major permanent repairs, take time to shop around for contractors, get competitive bids and a report from BBB.

—Check with your insurance company about policy coverage and specific filing requirements the company may have.

—Be wary of door-to-door workers who claim your home is unsafe. If you are concerned about possible structural damage have an engineer, architect or building official inspect it.

—Many legitimate companies will go door-to-door after a storm. Such appeals are not exclusive to scam artists.

The best way to determine the difference between a legitimate company and a con is to call BBB.

—Prepare a written agreement with anyone you hire. It should outline the work to be done, the materials to be used and the price breakdown for both labor and materials.

Review it carefully

before signing. Never pay for all repairs in advance and don't pay cash.

"Don't go with the first bid and don't always go with the lowest bid. In the long run it may not be your best deal," Kiehl said.

Offering assistance may be second nature to you, especially when your neighbors are in need. When asked for appeals, be aware of the following:

—Examine your options instead of giving to the first charity from which you receive an appeal. There will be a variety of relief efforts responding to the diverse needs of disaster victims.

—Be wary of appeals that are long on emotion but short on what the charity will do to address the specific disaster.

—Ask how much of your gift would be used for the disaster mentioned in the appeal, and how much would go towards administrative and fund-raising costs.

—Remember there will be opportunities to give in the future. The problems caused by disasters don't disappear after the headlines do.

For more information, contact BBB at (806) 379-6222.

Dance

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ship funds for the trip and will earn six hours of college credit. The students also raised funds through various fund-raising events. A film crew will accompany the WTAMU group to film a documentary of the event for KACT-TV.

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