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Jury gives Harris probation, fine

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Cobbie Cardrell Harris, 33, begins serving his sentence this weekend after a Pampa jury convicted him last week on drug charges. The six-man, six-woman jury sentenced Harris to 10 years probation and ordered him to pay a \$10,000 fine.

"I'm not a drug dealer."

— Cobbie Cardrell Harris

The district attorney's office had asked for jail time. Assistant District Attorney Franklin McDonough told the jury in his closing remarks during the sentencing phase of the trial on Friday that they could give Harris anything from a probation sentence to life in prison.

"We're not asking for life," McDonough told the jury.

But he also said the state was not asking for probation.

He said that Harris must be punished for his crime.

The jury found Harris guilty Thursday of possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, with intent to deliver in connection with a raid Nov. 11, 2003, on a house at 1145 S. Varnon.

Pampa police officers and Gray County deputies served a search warrant on the house

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Local school board holding off acting on salary schedules

By BEN BRISCOE Staff Intern

Due to factors such as an on-going state legislative special education session and last week's troubling facilities report, the Pampa Independent School District Board of Education tabled consideration and approval of 2005-2006 salary schedules at its June meeting last week.

"Since the legislature is not clear yet on teacher pay, we want you, the board, to hold off on making a decision, but we want you to look at this and let us know how you feel," PISD Business Manager Carol Fields said after stating that she feels that the budget for the past school year will, "come in pretty close to meeting the target estimates."

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— Carol Fields PISD business manager

salary of teachers because that is where we were below average the most. Eventually we will be more in line with other schools we compete with for teachers."

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Good ol' summer time

Breydn King, left, and Cylea King, right, manned a lemonade stand last week in the 1600 block of North Summer. Summer temperatures mean an increased demand for cold drinks and the appearance of lemonade stands, a traditional activity for enterprising youth.

Roach arraignment to be reset

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

The arraignment for former District Attorney Rick Roach, scheduled for last Friday afternoon, will be reset, according to court officials.

Roach was indicted Tuesday on aggravated perjury charges in connection with statements he made concerning his financial status and a request for a court appointed attorney to represent him.

The former 31st District Attorney was arrested in January on federal weapons and drug charges. In May, he pleaded guilty to the weapons charges and was sentenced to five years in a federal prison and three years supervised probation. The federal drug charges were dropped.

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Heat forces change of meeting place

Pampa City Commissioners won't be on the hot seat Monday.

They've got a special meeting at 4 p.m., Monday, in the Nona Payne Room of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, 200 W. Ballard, instead of the city commission chambers at city hall. The air-conditioning in the commission chambers is broken.

The commission with consider authorizing a new fire truck, updating the city's code of ordinances and granting the city franchise for natural gas distribution.

The new truck would be purchased with a matching grant, according to Pampa Fire

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Events

Summer busy time for Central Park

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Editor's Note: Today's story deals with Summer Celebration Tour Day events planned for July 15. Other topics included in the June 23 meeting will be in tomorrow's newspaper.

Members of the City of Pampa's Parks, Recreation and Advisory Board decided at their meeting Thursday to limit the music bands which will be allowed to play in Central Park

during the Summer Celebration Tour, July 15.

The event is named for a series of prime-time newscasts which are broadcast from area cities by Amarillo's CBS television affiliate, Newschannel 10. The Amarillo television station recently notified Pampa city officials that they planned to do a live news broadcast from Pampa on July 15.

A skateboarding competition will be included in the day's events, but music bands playing that day will be limited to the "praise band" competition which was already scheduled on that date.

"I think the skateboarders want their own music. But some of their music may not be for every-

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

KNIGHT, Rev. George E. — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
WARD, Norma Jean — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
WEAVER, La Phane F. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department on Saturday reported the following incidents and arrests.

Friday, June 24
 Officers conducted 12 traffic stops; checked on an open door in the 1100 block of Lincoln Avenue; provided a funeral escort to Fairview Cemetery; responded to a hold up alarm in the 100 block of North Cuyler Street; responded to a residential alarm in the 2200 block of Charles St.; assisted EMS in the 800 block of North Nelson St.; assisted law enforcement in the 400 block of Pitts St.; delivered a message in the 700 block of Bradley Dr.; performed a welfare check in the 500 block of North Dwight St.; and rendered motorist assistance in the 200 block of East Foster Ave.

Albano Vasquez Badillo, 25, 1325 Francis, was arrested on three counts of aggravated assault on a public servant.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 1300 block of Hamilton St., the 200 block of West Foster Ave., and the 800 block of North Hobart St.

Prowlers were reported in the 400 block of Yeager St., and the 300 block of North Dwight St.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 500 block of South Cuyler St., and at One

Medical Plaza.

Theft of a yard ornament was reported in the 800 block of Locust St.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1700 block of North Hobart St.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1000 block of North Somerville St., the 2100 block of North Hobart St., and the 2600 block of West Harvester Ave.

A vehicle accident with no injuries was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart St.

Theft of a wallet was reported in the 700 block of Murphy Ave.

Disorderly conduct-other was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells St.

Disorderly conduct-noise was reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road.

A hit and run accident, in which a vehicle hit a fence, was reported in the 1000 block of Gordon Ave.

Theft of a bike was reported in the 500 block of North Cuyler St.

An animal complaint was taken in the 1200 block of North Hobart St.

Saturday, June 25
 Ricky Dean Putman, 47, homeless, was arrested for public intoxication.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office on Saturday reported

the following arrest.

Friday, June 24
 Cory Allen Brown, 41, Amarillo, was arrested on a Potter County sentence and for assault causing bodily injury family violence.

Fire

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

Friday, June 24
 2:04 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to the 1800 block of North Hobart where a gas meter had been struck. The unit arrived to find Atmos Energy officials on the scene.

2:16 p.m. — One unit and five firefighters responded to the 800 block of Nelson on a call for medical assistance.

2:44 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart on a minor motor vehicle accident.

11:13 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a dumpster fire in the 1100 block of Coronado Drive.

Saturday, June 25
 1:33 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1800 block of Lea on a call for medical assistance.

6:52 a.m. — One unit and five firefighters responded to the 500 block of Perry on a call for medical assistance.

Rev. George E. Knight, 93

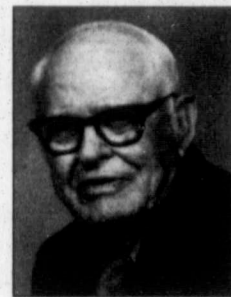
The Rev. George E. Knight, 93, longtime Pampa resident, died Friday, June 24, 2005, in Clarendon.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, June 27, 2005, at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Leland Lewis, pastor of First Assembly of God, officiating.

Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

The Rev. Knight was born on Dec. 2, 1911, in Tulia and was a former longtime resident of Pampa before moving to Clarendon four years ago.

He married Velma May Prichard on Sept. 9, 1934, in Canyon. She preceded him in



Knight

death on June 19, 2004.

He was market manager for Ideal Foods Stores for 30 years before retiring. He also pastored Assembly of God churches in White Deer and Briscoe for many years.

Survivors include two sons, Ellis Knight and wife Dianna of Howardwick and Leland Knight and wife Shirley of Gallup, N.M.; a sister, Elsie Ruessau of Tulia; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Norma Jean Ward, 75

Norma Jean Ward, 75, of Pampa, Texas, died Thursday, June 23, 2005, at Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, June 27, 2005, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Harold Eggert, pastor of New Life Assembly of God and BSA Hospice chaplain, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Ward was born Nov. 9, 1929, to Coy and Martha Jennings in Tishomingo, Okla. She graduated from Mobeetie High School in 1947 and moved to Pampa, where she worked as a checker for Ward Grocery and Buddy's Super Market.

She later worked as a bookkeeper for Tom Rose Motors before entering the real estate business. She purchased the Hugh Peebles Realty in 1978 and it became the Norma Ward Realty at that time.

She was very active in the real estate business, having served many terms as a director for the Pampa Board of Realtors. She was a very successful business woman, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and a friend to her beloved dog "Buffy."

She was a former member of Altrusa



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International. She was loved by many friends who will always miss her and remember her for her kindness to others.

Survivors include her husband, Jim Ward, of the home; two sons, Mike Ward and wife Tanya and Terry Ward and wife Vicky, all of Pampa; one daughter, Pam Little and husband Phil of Brentwood, Tenn.; one brother, Don Michaels of Granbury; one sister, Evelyn Wessel and husband Ralph of Cayucos, Calif.; one sister by choice, Irvine Riphahn of Pampa; grandchildren, Jenifer Whiddon and husband Shawn, Leslie Ward, Kyle Ward, Zack Ward and wife Tabby, Aubrea Ziegelgruber and husband Chad, Dane Ward and wife April, Amanda Little, Trent Little, Kimberly Baldwin and husband Lee, and Mark Oler; great-grandchildren, Emily Whiddon, Gavin Ward, Zane Ward, Alissa Baldwin, Tate Baldwin and Cameron Oler; one niece, Sharron Feese; one nephew, Bryce Michaels; one great-niece, Kerri Feese; and one great-nephew, Brensen Feese.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner St., Pampa, TX 79065.

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La Phane F. Weaver, 71

La Phane F. Weaver, 71, of Pampa, died Friday, June 24, 2005. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Pastor Kyle Oshfeldt, of Grace Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Weaver was born Sept. 30, 1933, at Comanche, Texas. She married Kenneth Weaver on Dec. 1, 1951, at Abilene.

She came to Pampa in 1957 and was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth, of the home; two sons, Ken Morris Weaver of Plano and Jerry Weaver of Pampa; four sisters, Ann Holmes of Lubbock, Carolyn Nelson of Cotulla, Mariland White of Lewisville, and Mary Foreman of Sunray; a brother, John D. Foreman; and two grandchildren.

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Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. South wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low near 69. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. South-southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 70. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 68. South-southwest wind around 15 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 94. North-northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 69.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 67.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94.

Roach

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Roach had been held in the Randall County jail until last week when he was transferred to the federal prison system.

"I was told he is in transit," 31st District Judge Steven Emmert said Friday.

Emmert had set 1 p.m. Friday for Roach's arraignment.

District Attorney Lynn Switzer said they would have to find Roach in the federal prison system before they could serve him with the indictment for perjury.

Roach was indicted in May on state charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Harris

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shortly after 10 p.m. that night and found two people at the house, Brian Waite and Anita Graham.

Officers involved in the raid said they did not see Harris at the house that night.

Uncovered in the raid was 18.30 grams of a substance containing cocaine in the front bedroom of the house.

Testimony Friday, during the sentencing phase of the case, indicated officers also found 76 plastic baggies of marijuana, totaling 236.22

grams, and a small amount of a drug known as ecstasy in the house.

In a written statement the night of the raid, Graham told officers that the drugs belonged to Harris and that he had been living in the front bedroom of the house.

During the trial, however, she recanted that written statement, saying she had been coerced by police officers the night of the raid.

The only other witness to connect Harris with drugs was Mark Hinkle. He testified that he had bought drugs from Harris at the house on Varnon but had not seen him the night of the raid.

Friday, McDonough told jurors that there had been a second raid by police on Dec. 19, 2003, a little over a month after the Nov. 11, 2003, raid, and officers again found quantities of drugs.

McDonough said probation was reserved for people who deserved a second chance. The second raid, he said, was Harris' second chance.

Amarillo defense lawyer Bill McKinney, a Pampa native, took exception to McDonough's remarks, saying that there was no evidence to show that Harris was at the house at the time of the December raid.

Although already convicted by the jury, Harris vigorously denied on the witness stand that he dealt drugs.

"I'm not a drug dealer," Harris told the jury.

Harris said he was born in Pampa and went to Lamar Elementary School, Pampa Middle School and played football and basketball at Pampa High School before graduating in 1991. He said he had worked at a series of jobs since he was 16 years old.

Harris said he moved to Amarillo in 1998 and came to Pampa to visit family and friends.

McDonough accused him of transporting drugs from Amarillo to Pampa.

"I haven't sold drugs to anybody," Harris responded.

Harris, who drives a boom truck for a concrete company in Amarillo, said he doesn't use drugs, and he gets tested for drugs every month at work.

"I've never seen a drug dealer," McKinney told the jury, "that did concrete work."

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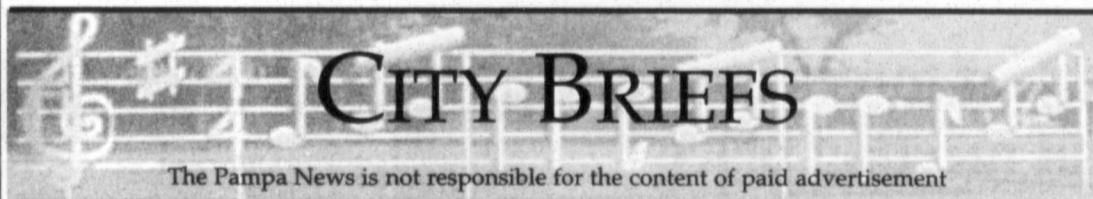
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City

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Chief Kim Powell. The grant is for \$193,500. The city will pay \$50,000.

The commission will also consider on first reading adopting and enacting a new code of ordinances and consider on first reading an ordinance that would grant delivery, sale and distribution of natural gas to Atmos Energy Corporation.

A second special meeting is scheduled at 4 p.m., Tuesday, in the city commission chambers at city hall.

The commission will hold a public hearing concerning an access easement across a city park in the 1100 block of North Hobart. It will also consider, on first reading during the meeting, granting the access easement.

Commissioners will consider the second and final reading of the ordinance updating the city codes.

They will also consider awarding a bid for sound and lighting at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium and consider awarding a bid for an animal control vehicle.

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one," said Shane Stokes, community services coordinator.

Two different styles of music being played at the same time would not be desirable, board members agreed.

The "praise," or Christian music, bands' competition has already been scheduled to begin at 5 p.m., the same time as the skateboarding competition, and could go on as late as 9 p.m., said Kathy Cota, board secretary. Nine bands are entered to compete, she said.

Entrants in the skateboard competition will be divided

into age groups, and prizes will be awarded. Registration will begin at 4 p.m. on the day of the event.

Further planning of the skateboard competition will continue Monday, June 27 at a committee meeting.

Rodeo performers, a burn out contest, and a tug-of-war between city and county officials are some of the other events planned for July 15, said Clay Rice, executive director of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, at Thursday's meeting.

"Borger had about 3,000 people turn out for theirs. We want to do better than that," he said of the Summer Celebration Tour day.

Other upcoming events include the city's annual public fireworks display, July 4 at Recreation Park.

Lefors planning all-school event

LEFORS — Lefors students are organizing an all-school reunion for July 2 this year at the high school in Lefors. Registration will be conducted from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the front hall of Lefors High.

Class photographs are scheduled between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in front of the high school, weather permitting. The booster club will be offer a noon concession under the pavilion located between the cafeteria and elementary school buildings for all participants.

From 3 until 5 p.m. in the evening, an all-school assembly and entertainment will be staged in the auditorium followed by a barbecue at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria and Pavilion. Brisket and sausage plus all the "fixings" will be served.

The day-long get-together will end with a street dance at around 8 p.m. The dance, featuring the five-piece band "Empty Pockets," will end at 12 midnight.

For more information on the all-school reunion, which occurs every three years, call Bill or Pat Kindle at 665-8928; Carole Watson at (806) 835-2733 or (806) 835-2754; or Fran Moore at (806) 835-2533 or (806) 835-2253.

'Parade of Breeds' results

4-Hers compete in Plainview 'Parade of Breeds'

Five Gray County 4-Hers recently competed in "Panhandle Parade of Breeds" Steer Show at Plainview. Kelby Rucker placed second in Heavy Angus division and Courtney Crawford took second in Medium Exotic, both during Show A.

Show A results:
Ashley Lucas, fourth in Light Exotic.

Kellen Quarles, fifth in Medium Shorthorn.
Meagan Crawford, third in Heavy Charolais.

Show B results:
Kelby, third in Heavy Angus.

Courtney, fifth in Medium Exotic.

Ashley, fifth in Light Exotic.

Kellen, sixth in Medium Shorthorn.

Meagan, fifth in Heavy Charolais.



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Viewpoints

A long time ago in a theater far, far away . . .

It was a day that would not be forgotten. One of those unsuspecting defining moments that touched my life. I saw movies most every weekend, but Star Wars would be unlike any movie I had ever seen before.

In 1977, I was a freshman in college. My interests were boys and having fun. That was pretty much it. At that point in time, I can't say education or career were high priorities. Nor were things spiritual. I probably went to see Star Wars swept up by the anticipation hype of the day with my friends. All I know is I saw it not once, not twice. But dozens of times.

In Bill Moyer's interview of George Lucas, Lucas said he hoped the Force would

"awaken a certain kind of spirituality in young people." One that was more about a "belief in God than a belief in any particular religious system." One that would simply make young people think, question and consider. Well, his hope proved true for me.

Some have asked if the prequels have attracted the same audiences as the original Trilogy. If you count me, I suppose the answer would be, "Yes!" And I admit I've been among those trying to be first in line. Along with my daughter, I might add.

It was interesting that Lucas gave us the middle and end of the story before going back to the beginning of the saga. After recently watching Episode III —

Revenge of the Sith (My daughter and I were first in line), I've decided I'm glad I knew the rest of the story. It would have been too depressing to watch Anakin Skywalker seduced by evil, by the dark side, and not be assured of his later redemption.

And now the long awaited answer to the decades old question has been provided. How Anakin Skywalker transformed into Darth Vader.

Perhaps Anakin's greatest flaw was fear. He became intoxicated by fear. Thus he was led to believe and do

that which he should not, would not. As he succumbed to his fear, his doom was sealed.

But in witnessing Anakin's "fall," I was immediately relieved and heartened by knowing he would be redeemed.

His "fall" would not be the final chapter of his life. I find great hope in Anakin's example. The hope that promises no one is beyond help, that it's never too late to change. The same kind of promise felt in the prodigal son parable told by Christ Jesus.

I can honestly say in 1977,

it was the first Star Wars episode that prompted me to think more spiritually and broadened my perceptions to consider how one action begets another. That reminded me of the Higher Power that unifies all creation. That all of creation has a purpose. And that included me!

As a result, I became more studious of things spiritual and interested in reading books by spiritual thinkers. This included spiritual thinker and author, Mary Baker Eddy. She was speaking of Galileo, but Eddy's words ring true of Anakin's fall: "This awful price: the temporary loss of his self-respect. His fear overcame his loyalty; the courage of his convictions fell before it." She elsewhere states, "A

man's fear, unconquered, conquers him, in whatever direction."

If fear is one answer to the question - What makes man evil? - perhaps love is the answer to the question of redemption. Love was certainly central to Anakin's redemption.

So for me, Star Wars is much more than a mere tale of science fiction. It appears that through his films, Lucas' own spiritual vision has had a profound effect on two generations of spiritual seekers. Of which I am one.

Annette Bridges is a freelance writer and lives in Tioga, Texas. To read more columns and for contact info visit www.annettebridges.com.

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Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, June 26, the 177th day of 2005. There are 188 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 26, 1945, the charter of the United Nations was signed by 50 countries in San Francisco.

On this date:

In 1870, the first section of Atlantic City, New Jersey's Boardwalk was opened to the public.

In 1900, a commission that included Dr. Walter Reed began the fight against the deadly disease yellow fever.

In 1917, the first troops of the American Expeditionary Force arrived in France during World War I.

In 1925, Charlie Chaplin's classic comedy "The Gold Rush" premiered at Grauman's Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood.

In 1944, the Republican national convention opened in Chicago with a keynote speech by California Gov. Earl Warren.

In 1959, President Eisenhower joined Britain's Queen Elizabeth II in ceremonies officially opening the St. Lawrence Seaway.

In 1963, President Kennedy visited West Berlin, where he made his famous declaration: "Ich bin ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner).

In 1968, Chief U.S. Justice Earl Warren announced his intention to resign.

In 1977, 42 people were killed when a fire sent toxic smoke pouring through the Maury County Jail in Columbia, Tenn.

In 2003, Strom Thurmond, the longest-serving senator in U.S. history, died in Edgefield, S.C., at age 100.

Ten years ago: Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak escaped an attempt on his life in Ethiopia. The Supreme Court ruled, 6-to-3, that public schools can require drug tests for its athletes. President Clinton observed the 50th anniversary of the United Nations at the site of its birth in San Francisco.

Five years ago: Rival scientific teams completed the first rough map of the human genetic code after a ten-year race. The Supreme Court gave new power to its landmark Miranda decision of 1966, ruling police still must warn the people they arrest of their "right to remain silent" when questioned.

'When I was a young man I vowed never to marry until I found the ideal woman. Well, I found her — but, alas, she was waiting for the perfect man.'

— Robert Schuman
French statesman
(1886-1963)



Mystique, majesty define North Country

In the 1890s, prospectors brave and bold took millions of dollars in gold from the Yukon Territory. Now, tourists from around the world are taking it back, visiting the area in record numbers to hear stories of the last frontier and to see breathtakingly beautiful country "up close."

For my wife and me, an 11-day cruise/tour of Canada and Alaska provided sun-splashed activities in a vast land emerging from eight months of weather wickedly cold. The bears have surrendered hibernation lairs, allowing Old Man Winter to have some shut-eye there before they change shifts again come September . . .

The trip affirmed many

truths long accepted but not previously experienced. We saw the sun at midnight in Anchorage, rode a dogsled atop a glacier near Juneau, panned for gold, and visited frontiers where they recently celebrated arrival of electricity via power lines. Expect gasoline generators to dominate garage sales there for a while.

We kept sharp ears out for "Eskimo talk," but instead heard mostly dialects from the "lower 48" states. Should we be surprised? Lots of folks slip off

to Canada and Alaska to work in the burgeoning tourist industry during summer months . . .



Don Newbury
Columnist

Many of the workers serving us "flatland tourists" are college students; their responses are dead giveaways. Inevitably, their "no problem" response to "thank you" is now a universal term.

One expected admonition, though, was never heard. I thought all dog teams took off at the command of "Mush!" Delivered by helicopter to the top of a glacier, I saw more than 250 sled dogs, with a dozen "mush-

ers" ready to provide two-mile dogsled rides. Some teams took off at tongue-clicking sounds, others burst forward upon hearing "go," and one accepted a "let's roll" signal. An "assistant musher," I tried "mush!" with no results; "giddy-up" worked fine . . .

The folks at Holland America Lines offer packages combining three days afloat and eight overland into the interior of the Yukon and Alaska. Our trip started at Vancouver, BC, and ended in Anchorage. (There are numerous other options available.)

Ours was the first press group to visit the interior of the vast Tombstone
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United Nations unwieldy and beyond fixing

Yet another report has been prepared to evaluate the performance of the United Nations, the international body plagued by scandal over the misuse of funds related to the Iraq oil-for-food program, which was designed to provide humanitarian assistance during the U.N.'s economic sanctions against the former Saddam Hussein regime.

Instead, the program diverted billions of dollars to influential businesses, one of whom employed Secretary-General Kofi Annan's son, Kojo Annan. Kofi Annan has denied any knowledge of his son's enrichment from the program, but a new memo

released by a contractor suggests a link, according to a report in The New York Times.

A previous U.N.-sponsored report on the scandal cleared Kofi Annan, although it criticized mismanagement at the agency. But critics have called the report, headed by former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, a whitewash.

The oil-for-food scandal is the least of the U.N.'s problems.

Now, "a congressionally

mandated panel will report . . . that the United Nations suffers from poor management, dismal staff morale and lack of accountability and professional ethics,"

reported the New York Times in a recent news story. The Times reports that a total of seven investigations are ongoing of U.N. activities, including by Congress and the U.S. Justice Department.

The United Nations can investigate itself all day long, as can Congress and the federal government, but

it's unlikely that any reforms of real substance will take place in an encrusted bureaucracy that has little accountability, too much money and a structure that gives totalitarian and authoritarian regimes as much credibility as democratic ones.

Secretary-General Annan, who is either corrupt or incompetent, depending upon which study one believes, even has a set of his own proposed reforms. These include expanding the Security Council to include other members and creating a peace-building commis-

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Fields also reported that Amarillo Independent School District has the area's highest first-year teacher pay, starting at \$33,000. The state minimum for a first year teacher's salary is \$24,000.

"Saying all that, with these new salaries we have to cut everything else to bare bones and we need to think about that," Fields said. "We are going to absorb John Kendall's position and a circular administrators position and we can cut the bus purchases this year from last year's budget. All of that should help, but it is still something to think about."

On the possible salary schedules, Fields also notes that next year's proposed budget will be \$250,000 less than this year, and that she feels the district, "can lower our tax rate next year because of the bonds. We give our taxpayers a break — well until we talk about new facilities."

The board also approved the TASB Update 75, which regarded matters such as TAKS testing and advancement to higher grade levels.

"If there is any child in the district that has to pass TAKS than Update 75 says we must have summer remediation," Superintendent Barry Haenisch said. "The new legal policy also gives more options for how to promote a child who has failed the TAKS in third or fifth grade."

In a related TASB matter, board member Charles Smith motioned to nominate Derrel DeLoach as the delegate to the TASB Convention in Houston on Sept. 23 through the 25, and the board elected to back Fort Elliot School Board Member Bert Begert as the local candidate for the Region 16 TASB Board of Directors.

Consideration and Approval of Compensation



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Pampa Independent School District Business Manager Carol Fields, seated beside Darrel DeLoach, reports on the state of the district's budget.

for the Superintendent, Haenisch, was tabled until next month without discussion.

Under the consent agenda, the board approved: bids on custodial work, band instruments, copy paper and catalog discounts; the Region 16 contract services and the sale of several sets of delinquent lots in the Wilcox Addition to a bidder from Bakersfield, Calif.

In a non action item, the board was given a major accident report by the district's head nurse, Chris Kirkpatrick.

The report stated that over the past year only 12 major injuries have occurred, including a student being sent to a doctor with a rock in the ear canal, a student hit by an automobile, and a student receiving electric shock in a biology lab by connecting wires under the lab table.

"I was surprised the most by the fact that we have over 3,000 children in school and to have only a handful of serious injuries. There were two or three that were fairly severe but for as many opportunities we have in a day for injury, I felt this was great," Haenisch said.

After an executive session, the board motioned to

make Toyna Larkin the principal of Woodrow Wilson Elementary School and to hire the following 16 new teachers, subject to assignment: Courtney Finsterwald - special education, Travis; Jenni Haberthur - special ed, Austin; Lacey McClendon - kindergarten, Austin; Jill McDaniel - fifth grade, Lamar; Lisa Mitchell - special ed, Pampa High School; Francene Owen - music, Wilson; Elizabeth Patterson, theater arts, Pampa Junior High School; Beth Preston - Spanish, PHS; Julie Richardson - fourth grade, Lamar; Paula Whitney - first grade, Austin; Clay Wilson - baseball and social studies, PHS; Gail Wilson - resource, Lamar; and Stacy Wright - second grade, Austin.

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sion that sounds perilously close to a U.N. standing army at the ready to intervene in international conflicts.

The congressional report criticizes the organization for failing to act during genocide. A grisly article in the Los Angeles Times magazine details the horrific slaughter in Rwanda in the mid-1990s, and notes that "there had been a U.N.

peacekeeping force in Rwanda." It did nothing, slaughter ensued, and the leader of that force "was found six years later on a park bench in Canada, blind-drunk, screaming for someone to kill him."

What use is the United Nations if it could not even respond effectively to that crisis? Reforming the United Nations is like reforming the federal bureaucracy or reforming human nature. Everyone has an idea about what should be done, but the subject is not fixable. Large,

bureaucratic, unaccountable agencies, run on tax dollars and mired in competing agendas and unclear values, cannot fix the worlds problems.

"Real change may now be possible without resorting to the stick of U.S. financial withholding," said the congressional report, in a note of unrealistic optimism. It has it exactly wrong. Only the withdrawal of funding will fix the United Nations. Why give more to an organization so unwieldy, corrupt and counterproductive?



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Alaska

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Our coach driver braked regularly for all animals — large and small. There were stops with little notice when wild life was spotted, particularly when moose ambled close for mutual staring. Cameras also clicked regularly for elk, bald eagles, beavers, geese, mountain goats, whales and foxes as we edged into the Arctic Circle ...

On this trip, bears eluded us, but is this not a good thing? It makes me think of the guy who bragged about participating in a big rattlesnake round-up. Someone asked him how many he found. "None," he countered. "When you're looking for rattlesnakes, none is plenty!" (Sharper eyes in the preceding bus spotted a half-dozen bears.)

We saw stuffed bears in glass cases at hotels and airports. They are huge and mean-looking, and live ones would rule alleys — dark or lighted — as well as main streets ...

Memories abound about a land at the top of the world where there are 21 hours of daylight. Dusk holds forth the other three hours this time of year.

We traveled some 7,500 miles on jet planes, cruise ships, motor coaches, river boats, trolleys, dogsleds, and plush new domed railcars on the McKinley Explorer. (At each stop were numerous excursion experiences to be reviewed in later columns.)

Our visit provided "time-out" from the usual in a land where topography defies description. We took deep breaths in the crisp mountain air, soaked in nature and its wonders, and listened to waterfalls gurgling in the near distance ...

One day, we walked into the woods, feasting a few moments on the sights and sounds of nature. Nothing man-made was within view. Hearing a honk, we raced back to the coach, remembering our driver's reminder that he intended to stay on schedule.

"Do you know the difference between a coach-rider and a hitch-hiker?" he asked. "About five minutes ..."

We jumped on, thinking about Old Man Winter waking from his snooze 10 weeks hence. He'll be chuckling at the prospect of transforming huge chunks of land into huge chunks of ice.

Later, we'll dream of ships, helicopters and motor coaches moved to warmer locales. Of hotels shut down until next summer's re-opening. Of new friends we met up north. Of that blue sky day in June when we saw the top of Mount McKinley towering 20,000+ feet skyward to kiss the heavens :

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Territorial Park that opened to the public just this month.

Farm Service Agency sets aside funds for SDA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency has set aside a portion of its farm loan program funds specifically for socially disadvantaged applicants (SDA) including minority and women producers, a

press release from the agency has announced. "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 Goetze, Farm Loan manager for Donley, Gray and Wheeler counties' 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 has identified socially disadvantaged groups as women, blacks, American Indians, Alaskan natives, Hispanics, Asians

and Pacific Islanders. 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 refinance debt.

For direct loans made by FSA to purchase a farm, the terms may extend to 40 years with a current interest rate of 5.375 percent. Direct operating loans may be made for one to seven years with a current interest rate of 4.625 percent, which is subject to change.

"Applicants requesting direct real estate loans should be aware that funding for this program is limited and may require a waiting period before funds are available and applications approved," said Goetze.

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.

Socially disadvantaged 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.


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Capitol Commandments

Boy Scout Troop 413 of Pampa visited the Ten Commandments statue on the back lawn of the Texas State Capitol as part of Report to State weekend activities. Above: Cole Guyer, Matt Kelley, Jack Ware, James McCathern, Stormy Free, Olin Boyd, Michael Loughmiller and Trevor McVay.

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Moving away from tradition, funerals now becoming more personalized

SCITUATE, R.I. (AP) — Helen Busby has no plans to die anytime soon.

But on a recent spring day, the 60-year-old Providence nurse was taking measurements for her coffin. It had to fit her petite 5-foot-4 frame and leave a few inches to spare in case she gains weight. It had to be sturdy enough to hold dozens of books because until she needs it, it'll sit in her living room as shelving.

It also had to be painted with trees, clouds and maybe some birds — because Busby's favorite thing to do is walk in the woods.

"My kids think I'm crazy," she said. "First, I'm designing my coffin. Second, I plan to use it as furniture before I go."

Americans, specifically baby boomers who have made it a habit to do things their own way, are thinking outside the box when it comes to bidding farewell to the dearly departed.

"They want something different from what mom and dad and the grandparents had," said George Dickinson, a professor of sociology at The College of Charleston in South Carolina.

Custom-made caskets reflect a loved one's passions. Acoustic guitars and electronic keyboards replace hymnals to provide a personal soundtrack of a memorial service. Cremated remains are shot into space, fashioned into jewelry and turned into reefs to help restore underwater habitats.

"These aren't cookie-cutter funerals anymore," said Maggie Wein, who works at Bradshaw Funeral Home in St. Paul, Minn.

Wein said in her more than three years as an administrative assistant at the family-run chain of homes, she's arranged everything from the very simple to hours-long affairs. She helped plan a funeral for a movie lover that included screenings of favorite films and serving fresh-popped popcorn. She also arranged for a casket to be taken from the funeral home to a cemetery on a hay rack.

"The man loved hay rides," Wein said. "We want to honor that."

In the past decade, funeral professionals have become event planners, industry experts say. They design theme-based services, interview family members to learn personal details about the deceased and go to hospitality seminars.

"You used to go to a funeral home expecting the grim reaper or Dracula to help you out," said Dickinson, who has written textbooks and teaches classes on death and dying.

Now, he said, funeral homes host open houses that show off their services and the federal government mandates that they show price lists for comparison shopping.

"Boomers want bang for their buck. Even in the afterlife," said Bill Burns, a funeral

services analyst at the New Orleans-based brokerage firm Johnson Rice & Co.

Burns said the \$16 billion funeral services industry has to respond to boomers' desires if just to stay in business.

"Baby boomers have changed every market because of their sheer size. They're driving this one, too," Burns said.

One growing trend is cremation. Ten years ago, 21 percent of Americans were cremated. Today, 28 percent are, according to the Cremation Association of North America. That figure is expected to rise to about 43 percent by 2025.

At about \$1,000, cremation is cheaper than traditional services which can cost around \$10,000 between a coffin, service and burial, Burns said.

Ashes can be melded into concrete "reef balls" by Eternal Reefs in Decatur, Ga., or launched into space by Houston-based Space Services Inc. LifeGem in Elk Grove Village, Ill., will turn ashes into diamonds.

Bob Biggins, president-elect of the National Funeral Directors Association, said he's made changes at his funeral home in Rockland, Mass., to cater to consumers' needs.

A few years ago, he would've never thought he'd have plasma screen televisions at his funeral home.

"Now we have two," he said. Families have incorporated slideshows, home videos and biopics into services, Biggins said.

Hollywood Forever Cemetery in Los Angeles produces short documentaries about the deceased. The funeral chapel also is equipped for live webcasts of funeral services.

Experts said the personal touches help families cope with the loss.

"It's therapeutic," Wein said. "They realize they're celebrating a life, not just mourning a death."

Dickinson said boomers' interest in doing something unique also is forcing the generation that thought it would live forever to talk about death, and not be so afraid of it.

"They feel better about the whole thing — dying, that is — if they can at least feel like they planned for it and were a part of the process, if you will," he said.

Some people are bucking the system altogether, Dickinson added, and conducting funerals at home. Laws vary widely from state to state, but it's legal for families to handle a body on their own in most places.

Denise Baxter, who owns Blue Light Coffin Co. in Scituate and is hand painting Busby's coffin, says the most important thing for people to realize is that there are options.

'They want something different from what mom and dad and the grandparents had.'

— George Dickinson
Professor

Researchers work towards hardy, stress-resistant corn

By **TIM W. McALAVY**
Texas A&M News/Public Affairs

LUBBOCK — A collaborative corn breeding project under way at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock is paving the way for hardy, stress-resistant corns that yield well under demanding growing conditions.

"We are making good progress in breeding less thirsty, drought-resistant food and field corns that can resist heat, insects and aflatoxin," said Wenwei Xu, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station corn breeder, who holds a joint appointment with Texas Tech University. "Corn lines bred to survive and thrive in West Texas can be useful in other parts of the world."

The project employs the expertise of plant breeders, geneticists, entomologists, plant pathologists, soil specialists, irrigation engineers, plant ecologists and Extension agents who represent two universities and USDA's Agricultural Research Service in three states.

The scientists grow corn breeding lines and populations under well-defined soil moisture conditions by controlling irrigation and making selections based on a series of positive characteristics.

"We know that under drought conditions, drought-tolerant plants employ several mechanisms — such as strong root systems and hydraulic lift," Xu said. "Some of our work centers on transferring the genes responsible for these traits from tropical germplasm into temperate corn lines bred to perform and yield well under West Texas' sometimes harsh growing conditions."

'We are also selecting for resistance to corn earworms, spider mites, and aflatoxin. Our hybrids have significantly less aflatoxin compared to commercial hybrids, and similar yield.'

— **Wenwei Xu**
Corn breeder

West Texas is a hot and dry environment. Even with irrigation supplementing rainfall, crops are subject to



(Texas Agricultural Experiment Station photo)

Dr. Wenwei Xu, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station corn breeder, works in his corn nursery in Hawaii. Xu is based in Lubbock, Texas. He leads an interdisciplinary research team developing corns with multiple stress resistance.

drought stress. In their field evaluations, the researchers noticed that some corns were able to cope with this stress while others simply couldn't.

"We think this is due to a phenomenon known as hydraulic lift. Some plants are able to lift moisture from their deep roots up to the shallow roots just under the soil surface, and release the moisture into the soil," Xu said. "Corn roots can penetrate to a depth of several feet. But 80 percent of their roots are concentrated in the top foot of soil. Plants that can lift moisture from their deep roots to their shallow roots at night can better withstand drought conditions."

This lifted moisture keeps the shallow roots functioning, which improves the plant's ability to absorb crucial soil nutrients. The researchers found that the most drought tolerant hybrids had the greatest hydraulic lift capacity, and produced more grain under moisture stress because their better root systems allowed the plants to recover quickly once drought stress was relieved.

The researchers are also seeking corns that can resist insect pests and plant disease — another part of the multiple-stress resistance package.

"We are also selecting for resistance to corn earworms, spider mites, and aflatoxin," Xu said. "Our hybrids

have significantly less aflatoxin compared to commercial hybrids, and similar yield. Aflatoxin contamination degrades grain quality and market price, and determines whether the grain can be sold as food or livestock feed."

The process of transferring superior genes from tropical germplasm into existing temperate corn lines is called "introgression." It isn't easy work.

Crossing tropical and temperate corn germplasm requires hand pollination in the field and greenhouse. Fortunately, greenhouses and nurseries in Texas and Hawaii enable the researchers to produce two generations of corn lines each year.

Crosses of tropical and temperate corn, and their offspring, are then evaluated for multiple stress resistance in field trials at more than 10 locations across Texas. Only the best of these plants are selected as breeding candidates.

"Investigating the physiological and genetic mechanisms of corn's stress resistance can be pretty slow work," Xu said. "To speed it up, we use molecular marker-assisted selection in the breeding process. By using molecular mapping and molecular markers, we can do a better job of

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TASS says Texas wheat production down 3 percent

AUSTIN — The 2005 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 105 million bushels, down 3 percent from last year but 9 percent higher than 2003. This estimate is unchanged from the May forecast.

According to a June 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, statewide yield is expected to average 30 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last year but identical to the May forecast. Harvested acreage, at 3.5 million acres, is identical to the 2004 crop and unchanged from May.

"Despite rust infestations in some areas, it looks like yields have held up on the Panhandle for the most part and producers are gearing up for harvest," reports State Director Robin Roark.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 56.0 million bushels, up 16 percent from last year. Winter wheat production on the Low Plains is forecast at 24.4 million bushels, down 4 percent from last year.


The Blacklands' production is estimated at 8.9 million bushels, down 42 percent from last year. Production on the Edwards Plateau is forecast at 6.6 million bushels, 44 percent higher than the 2004 crop.

On June 1, harvest was in full swing in Central Texas and was beginning to gain momentum in northern districts.

United States winter wheat production for 2005 is forecast at 1.55 billion bushels, an increase of 3 percent from last year but 3 percent lower than the May forecast.

Yield is expected to average 44.1 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushels from a year ago but down 1.3 bushels from the last forecast.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 35.1 million acres, 2 percent higher than a year ago and unchanged from May.



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Local program

Amarillo librarian to speak to next genealogy meeting

Gray County Genealogical Society will host a program by Amarillo librarian Rob Groman at 7:30 p.m., Monday, June 27, at the Lovett Memorial Library Auditorium.

The program will be on historical and genealogical collections in the Amarillo Library that are available to citizens of the Panhandle area. Many of

the early Panhandle pioneers and historians have placed their personal files in the Special Collections Room at the library. It has become a central source in the Panhandle for such primary documents.

Groman is the Special Collection Librarian and has been with the library for more than 20 years. He completed a bachelor of arts degree at the

University of New Mexico and a masters degree at C.W. Post on Long Island, N.Y. He is helpful in many areas of research and is considered one of the most knowledgeable librarians in the Panhandle.

The program is open to the public and those interested in Panhandle history and genealogy are invited to attend.

June 1 cattle on feed up from last year

AUSTIN — Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.89 million head on June 1, up 3 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 750,000 head in commercial feedlots during May, up 1 percent from a year ago, and up 50 percent from the April 2005 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 480,000 head during May, unchanged from both last year and last month.

On June 1, there were 2.41 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 up 3 percent from last year, and up 10 percent

from the May total.

May placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 625,000 head, up 51 percent from the April total. Marketings were up 1 percent from last month to 402,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 10.77 million head on June 1, 2005. This inventory was 1 percent above June 1, 2004.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.22 million head, 6 percent below May 2004. May placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 435,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 390,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 663,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 735,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.0 million head, 1 percent below 2004.

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Corn

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identifying and introducing genes that impart positive traits."

This collaboration and hard work resulted in the release of inbred corn lines in 2003 and 2004. These lines — Tx202, Tx203, Tx204, Tx205 — have unique characteristics such as drought and heat tolerance, earworm resistance and high yields.

The project has also produced advanced breeding lines and experimental hybrids that are highly resistant to earworms and yield as well as commercial hybrids. Better insect resistance enables producers to use fewer pesticides and may open the door for production of value-added, organic corn.

The research is funded by the Texas Corn Producers Board, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, the Texas Water Development Board, the Texas Department of Agriculture's Integrated Pest Management program, and industry.

Some of the work is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service pre-harvest control of aflatoxin program and the Germplasm Enhancement of Maize (GEM) project.

GEM is a cooperative effort of USDA's Agricultural Research Service, land-grant universities and ag industry. It allows scientists to share access to new public and private corn germplasms.

'This could lead to hardier, higher-value commercial corns for producers and the food and feed industries.'

— Dr. Wenwei Xu

"By diversifying the pool of corn germplasm available to public and private breeders, we can accelerate the process of developing productive, early-season corn hybrids with multiple stress resistance," Xu concluded. "This could lead to hardier, higher-value commercial corns for producers and the food and feed industries."

Oil & Gas

Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & ALPAR Tonkawa) Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Forgey '112', 2310' from North & 660' from West line, Sec. 112,41,H&TC, PD 8650'.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #16 Fillingim '88', 467' from North & 1500' from East line, Sec. 88,M-1,H&GN, PD 12200'.

BUFFALO WALLOW (Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., PD 13500', for the following wells:

#4113P Hefley, 567' from South & 825' from West line, Sec. 41,M-1,H&GN.

#6825P Meek '68', 1650' from South & 467' from East line, Sec. 68,M-1,H&GN.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & RED DEER CREEK Upper Morrow) Pablo Energy, Inc., #5011 Campbell Ranch '11', 2173' from North & 1430' from West line, Sec. 11,1,I&GN, PD 12200'.

Gas Well Completions

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #5522P Carr-Muse, 1649' from North & 2450' from West line, Sec. 55,M-1,H&GN, elev. 2805 kb, spud 12-26-04, drlg. compl 1-10-05, tested 4-12-04, pay 11426-11767, TD 11986', PBDT 11916', tops: Oswego 10785, GW A-1 11184, GW A 11300, GW B 11380, GW C 11665, 8 5/8" csg. 3232' (1225 sx) 4 1/2" csg. 11985' (470 sx) 2 3/8" tbg. — depth set 11404' — API# 42

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HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #0802P Noah, 990' from North & 1650' from East line, Sec. 8,4,AB&M, elev. 2619 kb, spud 1-13-05, drlg. compl 1-27-05, tested 4-24-05, pay 11183-11251, TD 11650', PBDT 11542', tops: Oswego 10444, GW 10845, GW A-1 10912, GW B 11075, GW C 11338, 8 5/8" csg. 3260' (1220 sx) 4 1/2" csg. 11650' (410 sx) 2 3/8" tbg. — depth set 11159' — API# 42 211 33090

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #4216P Teas '42', 990' from South & East Lease line, Sec. 42,M-1,H&GN, elev. 2663 kb, spud 1-16-05, drlg. compl 1-30-05, tested 4-24-05, pay 11365-11637, TD 11845', PBDT 11730', tops: Oswego LS 10693, GW A-1 11080, GW B 11272, GW C 11555, 8 5/8" csg. 3202' (1225 sx) 4 1/2" csg. 11845' (465 sx) 2 3/8" tbg. — depth set 11348' — API# 42 211 32872

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HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #4406P Willis, 467' from South & 2310' from West Lease line, Sec. 44,M-1,H&GN, elev. 2626 kb, spud 12-22-04, drlg. compl 1-6-05, tested 4-24-05, pay 11190-11548, TD 11868', PBDT 11792', tops: Oswego Lm. 10728, GW A-1 11088, GW A 11110, GW B 11290, GW C 11600, 8 5/8" csg. 3124' (1250 sx) 4/12" csg. 11860' (370 sx) 2 3/8" tbg. — depth set 11139' — API# 42 211 33109

ROBERTS (CLARK MARTIN Granite Wash) 3-T Exploration, Inc., #3093 Martin Trust, 749' from South & 985' from East Lease line, Sec. 93,C,G&M, elev. 2737 gr, spud 12-6-04, drlg. compl 12-28-04, tested 4-20-05, potential 177 MCF, rock pressure 489, pay 8976-9320, TD 9402', PBDT 9401', tops: Cherokee 7880, GW E 8975, GW E-3 9092, 8 5/8" csg. 2008' (1100 sx) 4 1/2" csg. 9397' (375 sx) 2 3/8" tbg. — depth set 8880' — API# 42 393 31653

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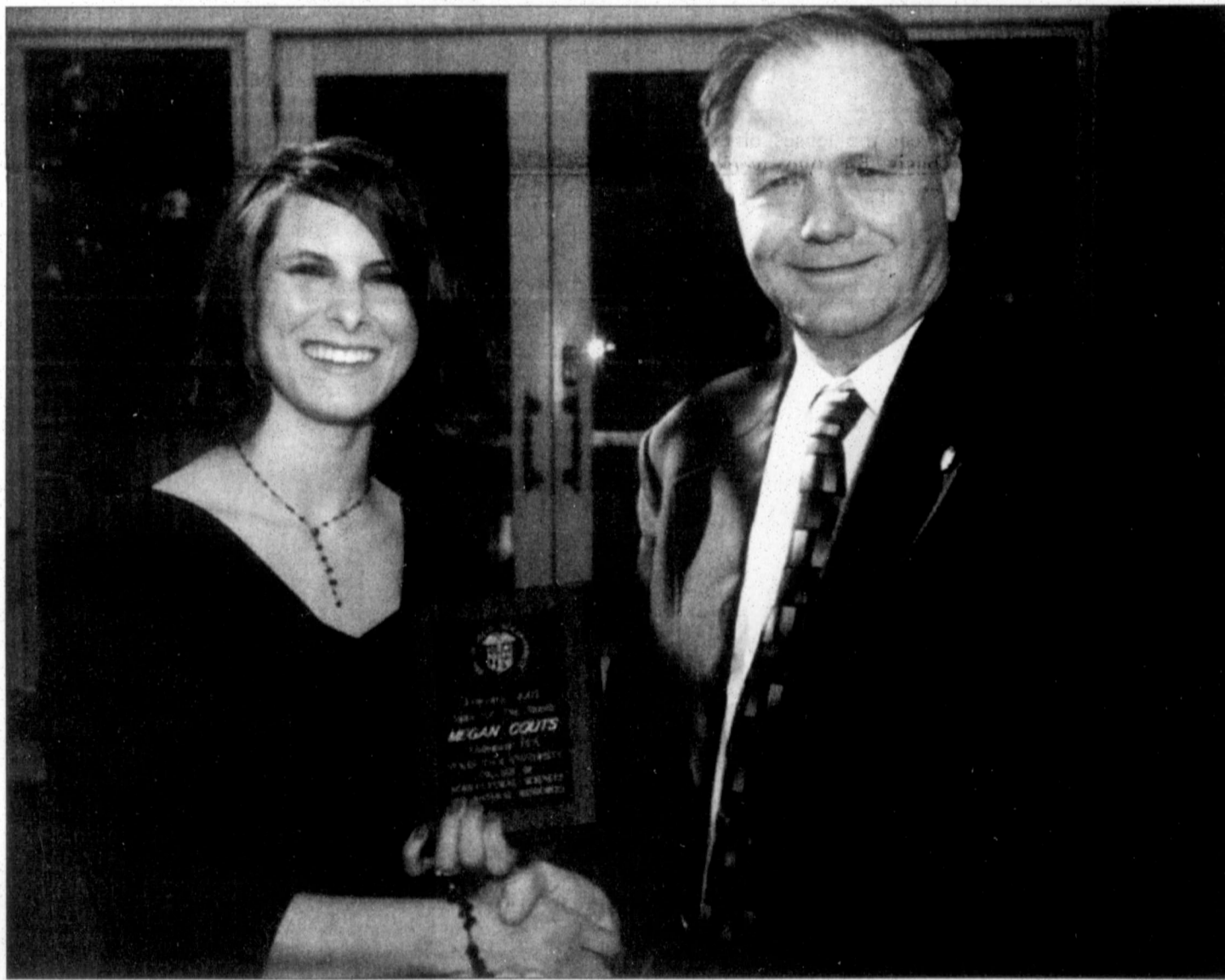
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Aggie honoree



Megan Couts, a senior animal science major from Pampa, was recently recognized as "Aggie of the Month" during the spring semester at Texas Tech University College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources' 2005 Student Agricultural Council Honors Banquet held on the campus of TTU. The honor is bestowed upon students exhibiting outstanding academics and leadership. Couts is seen here with Dr. Norman Hopper, associate dean for academic and student affairs.

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Feds deny Massachusetts's request for relief for shellfish industry

BOSTON (AP) — Federal emergency officials have turned down the state's request for financial aid for its shellfish industry that is battling a red tide outbreak, saying the toxic algae bloom doesn't qualify as a major disaster.

Michael D. Brown, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, told Gov. Mitt Romney that the bloom has mostly had an economic impact, and so doesn't warrant disaster aid from the agency.

Romney's spokesman, Eric Fehnstrom, said recently the state would appeal. It has 30 days to do so.

The state has been offered disaster aid from two other federal agencies — the Small Business Administration and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

A disaster declaration from FEMA would have been a boon for idled shellfisherman, who could have applied for unemployment insurance while out of work.

Red tide has shut down the majority of shellfishing from Maine to Massachusetts. The algae makes shellfish unsafe for people and animals to eat, but does not pose a risk to people who eat lobsters, scallops and finned fish.

Medical

Live good life: teach your children well

(NAPS) — Even when school is out, the opportunity to learn is always available. Especially since your children follow your example. That's why the American Heart Association recommends that parents take time to establish smart and healthy lifestyle habits your kids will have for life.

Nutritionists say it can be easy for school-aged kids to learn healthy eating habits. In fact, studies show that healthy habits established early in life tend to remain with people well into their adult years. The American Heart Association offers tips that parents can use year-round!

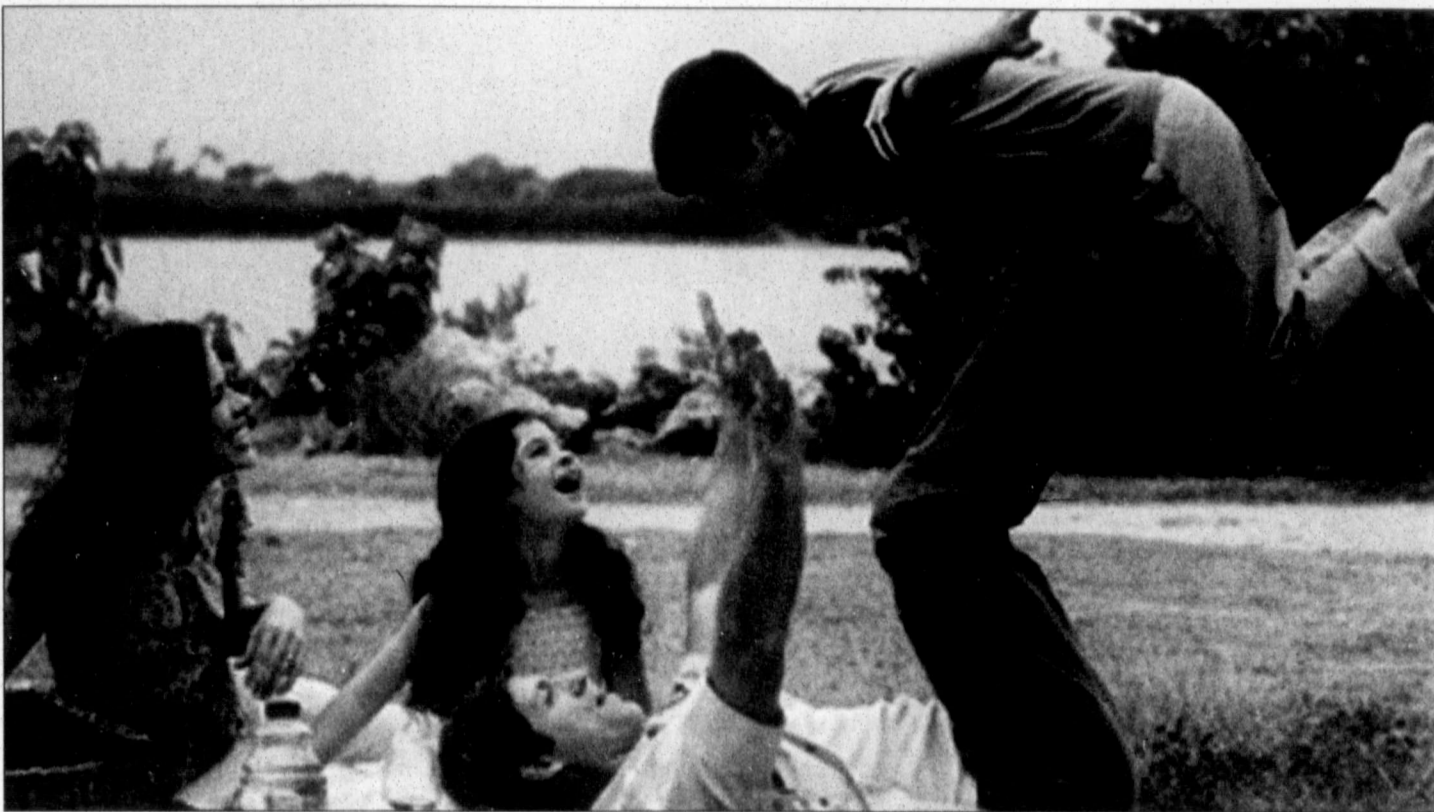
First, be active with your family. Go for walks. Enjoy a bike ride. Toss a ball during a backyard picnic. Not only will you share extra playtime with the kids, but physical activity is a fun way to burn extra calories, stay fit and maintain a healthy heart!

Second, pack your and your children's lunches with nutritious, low-fat, low-cholesterol foods like:

- Low- or nonfat dairy products such as skim milk and low-fat string cheese;
- Sandwiches made with whole-grain breads and extra-lean meats or fish;
- Low-fat condiments such as mustard instead of mayonnaise;
- Fresh fruits and vegetables such as apples and oranges, carrots and celery;
- Baked pretzels, baked tortilla chips and salsa, and low-fat yogurts for tasty treats.

Third, look for the American Heart Association's heart-check mark while grocery shopping. The distinctive red heart with a white check mark on food labels from the association's Food Certification Program helps you quickly and reliably find healthy foods that can be part of a sensible eating plan. Food packages bearing the simple logo have been evaluated to ensure they meet the American Heart Association's criteria for heart-healthy levels of saturated fat and cholesterol for healthy people over age 2.

For even more convenience, use the association's online Grocery List Builder to create, print and take your heart-healthy shopping list with you to the store. (Your kids might



Take This Message To Heart-Healthy habits established early in life tend to remain with people well into their adult years.

enjoy building their own special list!) The Web site features a complete list of certified foods. Log on to heartcheckmark.org. It's a great way to shop smart-and fast!

To learn more about reducing the risk of heart disease and stroke through good nutrition, visit the American Heart Association Web site at americanheart.org or call 1.800.AHA.USA1 for your free copy of the "Shop Smart with Heart" brochure.

New acuvue advance brand contact lenses for astigmatism

(NAPS) — Vistakon, a division of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Inc., announced the availability of Acuvue Advance Brand Contact Lenses for Astigmatism, the first silicone hydrogel daily wear contact lens for individuals with astigmatism, a common vision problem experienced by millions of children, teenagers and adults.

Acuvue Advance for Astigmatism utilizes a breakthrough stabilization technology which harnesses the natural pressures of a blinking eye to balance the lens in place while the eye is open and quickly realigns the lens if it rotates out of position, providing patients with astigmatism with consistent, all-day vision and comfort.

Most currently available soft contact lenses worn by individuals with astigmatism are prone to rotating with the eyelids' movements, causing wearers to experience some blurriness or fluctuation in vision. The new lenses also feature Hydraclear, a proprietary technology that combines an oxygen-rich material with a moisture-rich wetting agent that gives the lenses a moist, smooth feel.

Astigmatism is a vision condition that occurs when surfaces of the eye, such as the cornea, have an oval shape-like an egg.

This shape prevents light from focusing properly on the back of the eye, the retina. People with astigmatism will usually have blurred vision, and in some cases may also experience headaches, eyestrain or fatigue.

"Almost all types of astigmatism can be optically corrected," explained Dr. Susan Resnick, an optometrist at a New York City-based specialty contact lens practice. "A comprehensive optometric exam will include testing to diagnose and determine the degree of astigmatism and the appropriate vision correction."

The stability, comfort, and quality of vision throughout the day of Acuvue Advance for Astigmatism was demonstrated in a two-week, masked, multicenter clinical trial of 435 men and women between the ages of 18-39 who were contact lens wearers and had been diagnosed with astigmatism.

Participants were fit with either Acuvue Advance for Astigmatism or one of two currently available soft toric lenses (Bausch & Lomb Soflens66 Toric, AcuvueBrand Toric).

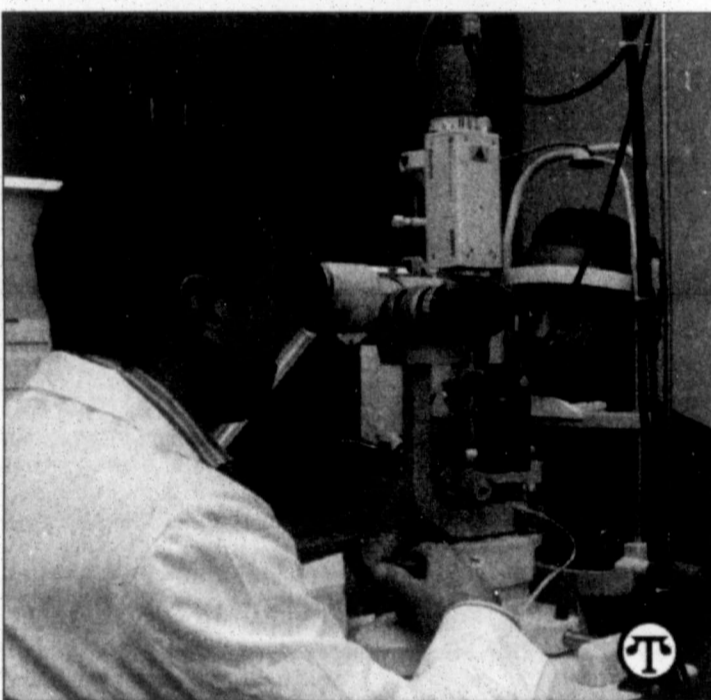
Patients were instructed to wear the lenses on a daily basis for two weeks. On average, study lenses were worn 12-13 hours a day. At the conclusion of the study, patients and doctors filled out a questionnaire to evaluate the performance of each lens.

In the study, Acuvue Advance for Astigmatism was the top-rated lens by both eye care professionals and patients on nearly all vision measures, including quality of vision at the end of the day, during night driving, and while playing or watching sports.

Patients also reported fewer incidences of the Acuvue Advance for Astigmatism lenses moving in and out of place than did wearers of the toric lenses.

Additionally, patients wearing Acuvue Advance for Astigmatism were significantly more likely than wearers of the other lenses studied to remain comfortable with their lenses throughout the day, including time spent in front of computers and televisions, and in heated, and air-conditioned or smoky environments.

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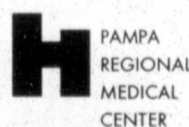
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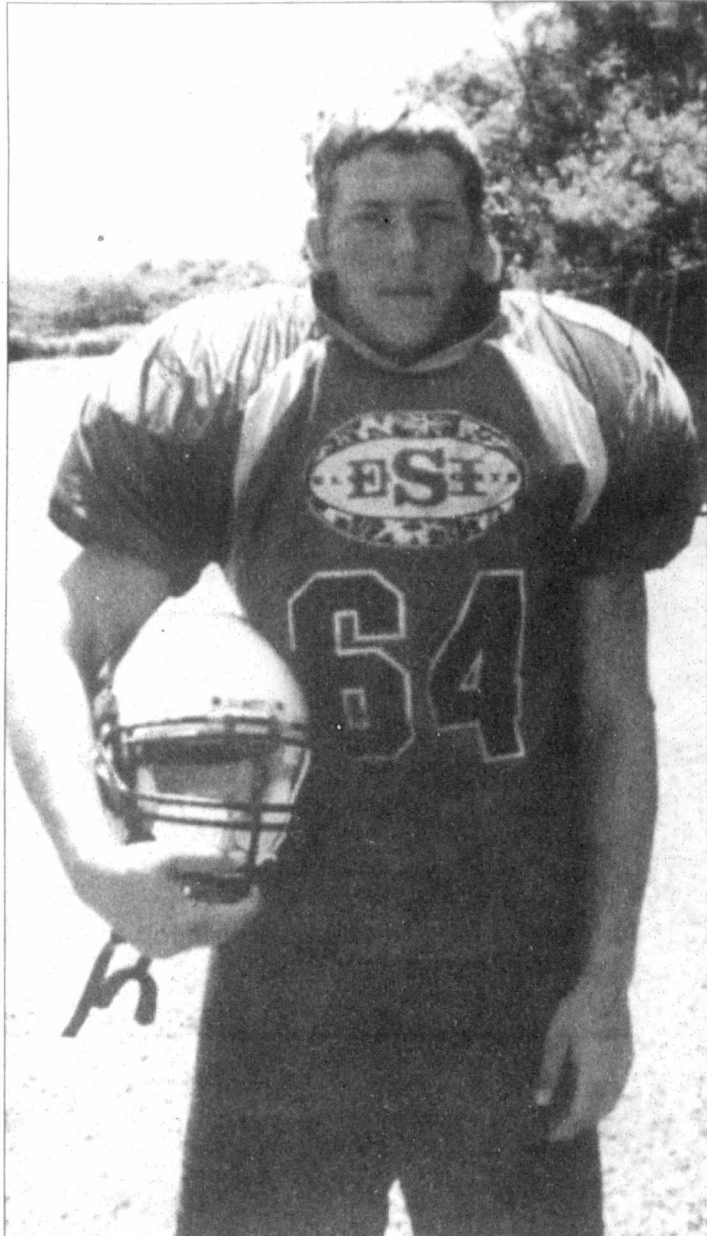
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Sports Day



Michael Pergeson (above) poses for a snap-shot. With the Polynesian backdrop of a Honolulu hillside behind them, Pergeson and his teammates, upper right, gather for a group photo.



Pergeson played in Paradise

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

So what did you do when you graduated high school? Michael Pergeson didn't do much. All the 2005 Pampa High School graduate did was take a little trip, saw a few things and played some football.

Okay, the young man boarded a plane, flew to Hawaii — Honolulu to be precise — toured area landmarks including Pearl Harbor where they visited the U.S.S. Arizona memorial, the Dole pineapple plantation and Hawaii's famed North Shore.

He even managed to squeeze in time to take in a giant flea market at Aloha Stadium. And then he played some football.

Pergeson was among many to take part in the annual King Kamehameha Pigskin Classic. The June 7-14 event featured 12 teams from across the country.

So how does one get invited to play in such a game? "I think the coaches must have turned in our names, I'm not sure," said Pergeson, who wore his familiar #64, the same number he wore while playing for the Harvesters.

And though he was a fixture at tight end and defensive end. "It was different," said the well-mannered Pergeson. "Some things changed between here and there, but it was still fun."

Now that he is back stateside, what are his plans? "I want to go to college and play a little ball," he said. He added that he will be visiting Cisco Junior College this weekend.

Cisco head football coach Kurt Nichols was among those coaching in the King Kamehameha Pigskin Classic. Pergeson is also considering Eastern New Mexico.

What academic interests will Pergeson pursue? "Wildlife management," he said.

An interesting answer from a young man who has spent the past few years hunting ball carriers on the gridiron.

Whether Duncan or Ginobili was MVP, both are winners

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — In the end, it didn't really matter whether the true MVP of the Finals was Tim Duncan or Manu Ginobili. The big winners were the San Antonio Spurs.

The confetti had been swept away Friday from the downtown streets where thousands partied into the wee hours of the morning following San Antonio's Game 7 victory over the Detroit Pistons in the NBA Finals.

What remained was the Spurs' legacy.

For Duncan, it'll be a summer of basking in redemption after he put together his

strongest quarter of the Finals, a series-altering 12 minutes that negated an otherwise pedestrian effort for a player of his caliber.

For Ginobili, it'll be a chance to enjoy the latest accomplishment in a career defined by his uncanny knack for winning.

For the rest of the NBA, including the Pistons, it'll be a summer of trying to make the right moves in an effort to elevate to the level the Spurs reached for the third time in seven years.

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Spurs to be featured on Wheaties box

GOLDEN VALLEY, Minn. (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs will be featured on a commemorative Wheaties box after winning the NBA Championship on Thursday.

The special edition package will feature Spurs stars Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili on the front and a photo of the whole team on the back. The company said Friday the box would be available nationally in two to

three weeks.

The Spurs were also featured on a box of Wheaties, produced by Golden Valley, Minn.-based General Mills, when they won the league championship in 2003.

The Spurs beat the Detroit Pistons 81-74 Thursday night to win the best-of-seven series. It was the Spurs' third title since 1999.

NBA SEASON WRAP

A champion no more, Pistons look to regroup

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Detroit Pistons finished the season under a shower of silver and black confetti a year after bits of red, white and blue paper fluttered overhead.

Detroit fell a victory short of celebrating back-to-back titles, losing 81-74 Thursday night to the San Antonio Spurs in Game 7 of the NBA Finals.

"We just have to remember this feeling," Chauncey Billups said in a somber locker room. "Remember how it feels to lose, with somebody celebrating in front of us. We'll be back here again."

With their top six players under contract, the Pistons will have a shot at contending for a championship in 2006 and perhaps beyond, since each of those players will be 31 or younger when next season starts.

The only new look in Detroit might be on the sideline.

Hall of Fame coach Larry Brown plans to check into the Mayo Clinic on

Wednesday, the day after next week's draft, for a three-day stay. A problem stemming from complications following November hip surgery did not go away after a second procedure in March.

Brown has said if doctors deem him healthy enough, he wants to return next season with the Pistons. He insists he will not coach another NBA team.

He is expected to be an executive, perhaps with the Cleveland Cavaliers, if he can't coach. However, some won't be shocked if he ends up coaching the New York Knicks next season.

"I'm pretty sure we'll have some sort of team meeting when we get back home," Tayshaun Prince said.

If Brown's two-year run with the Pistons ends, Nate McMillan and Flip Saunders are possible candidates to replace him. McMillan's contract in Seattle ends after this month; Saunders was fired during last season in Minnesota.



9-10 Champions

After having to forfeit its first game due to lack of players, FirstBank Southwest worked its way back through the loser's bracket to win the end-of-year tournament. FBSW had to beat Kiwanis twice June 17 to capture the championship. Pictured left to right are (bottom row)- Darion Snell, Michael Butler, Sheldon Reeve and Krystan Miller. Middle row- Dallan Poole, Cyler Clifton, Ty Hutto, Kyler Allen and Colten Helfer. Back row- Coaches Chad Snell, Ted Hutto and Shawn Clifton. Not pictured are Andy Morris, Zarek Baten and Adam Williams.

6-foot-10 Young among top rookies

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Chris Young looks like a basketball player, his 6-foot-10 frame towering above his teammates.

Instead of posting up under a basket, though, Young is on an elevated mound in the center of the infield — making him appear even taller. The baseball he holds is engulfed by his huge right hand.

Young is the tallest pitcher in Texas Rangers history and one of baseball's best rookies (6-4, 3.16 ERA through 14 starts).

Still, he might have been trying to block shots in the NBA rather than throwing strikes if he hadn't made it to the major leagues late last season. The Sacramento Kings offered him a guaranteed two-year contract last fall.

"I always thought that if baseball didn't go well, there would be some opportunities with basketball," said Young, a two-year starter in baseball and basketball at Princeton who was drafted by Pittsburgh in the third round of the June 2000 baseball draft. "It wasn't completely out of the blue, but it was probably more than I thought at the time."

Texas made the decision easy for Young after he told manager Buck Showalter about the NBA offer that had been more than a year in the making.

Satisfied with the progress Young had made in six months after coming in a trade from Montreal at the

end of spring training, the Rangers gave him a \$1.5 million, three-year deal that includes a team option for 2008.

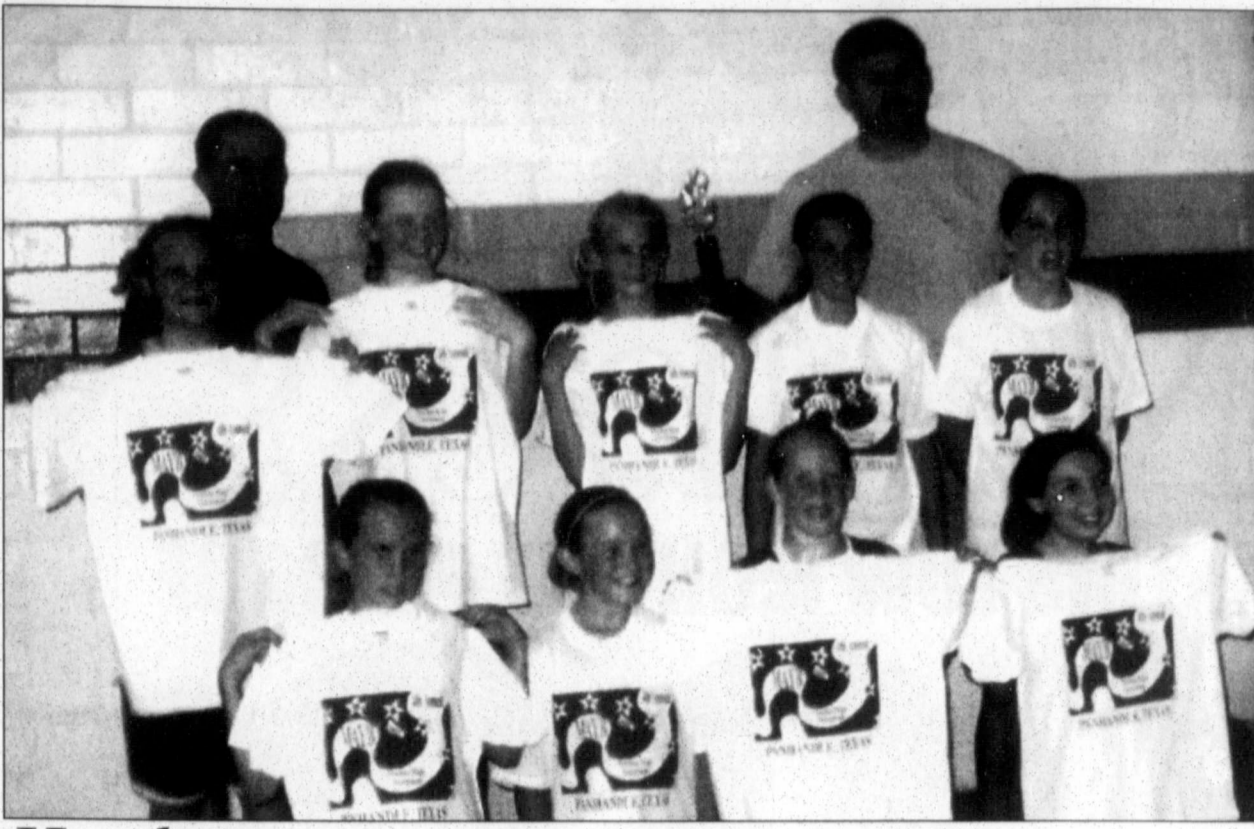
"It would have been a completely different context to make the decision if he had come into (Triple-A) Oklahoma City and told Bobby Jones versus coming in here to Texas to talk to Buck," Rangers assistant general manager Jon Daniels said. "We had that month plus to get comfortable with him, and saw the strides he made at two different levels."

After going 9-5 with a 3.72 ERA in 23 games in Double-A and Triple-A, Young was pitching in a pennant chase last season for his hometown Rangers. He was 3-2 with a 4.71 ERA in five starts, his first victory coming at Fenway Park against eventual World Series champion Boston.

The 28-year-old right-hander gave up 10 runs (seven earned) over just 7 2-3 innings his first two starts this season, both against the Los Angeles Angels, who he beat twice last September. He lost again this week to the Angels, the team Texas is chasing in the AL West.

In between the Angels, Young allowed just 16 runs over 11 starts. He threw eight shutout innings against Detroit and seven scoreless innings against Atlanta.

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Hot shots

The Pampa Hot Shots basketball team displays the trophy and shirts they won during the Panhandle MAYB Tournament last weekend. The team, coached by Kevin Sieck and Steve Kuhn, finished third overall. Pictured are, from left to right, (front row)- Caitlin Sieck, Lindsey Brown, Kirsten Kuhn and Kaitlynn Ramirez. Middle row- Alanna Stephens, Delaney Clending, Kailyn Troxell, Kara Stabel and Autumn Chidester. Back row- Coach Sieck and Coach Kuhn.

Young

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"He's tough because you're not used to seeing a pitcher that tall," said Braves outfielder Andruw Jones, who was 0-for-3 against Young. "It's hard to see where he's releasing his pitches."

Washington pitcher Jon Rauch, who is on the disabled list, is listed as an inch taller than Young, who is the same height as Randy Johnson of the New York Yankees.

The Kings got interested in Young during the summer of 2003. He returned to his college campus one day after pitching a minor league game nearby and was shooting hoops when Kings assistant and former Princeton coach Pete Carril also happened to be there.

After an on-the-spot workout, Carril — who left Princeton before Young played there — called Sacramento president of basketball operations Geoff Petrie, an alumnus of the Ivy League school.

Young wasn't ready to abandon his dream of being a major league pitcher, but stayed in contact with the Kings.

Young met with Petrie during a minor league trip last summer, but

was called up by the Rangers soon after that.

The basketball plans changed, and Young instead became the first Princeton alum to start a major league game since Dave Sisler of the Washington Senators in 1961.

"I probably would have gone to Sacramento training camp to see what kind of player I could be in the NBA," Young said. "It's not to say I wouldn't have come back to baseball, but I probably would have wanted to test the waters and see what my potential could be there."

While Young won't find out how he could have done in the NBA — his new contract includes restrictions on basketball activities — he's off to a pretty good start in the major leagues.

His 3.16 ERA heading into this weekend was fifth best in the American League (without the Angels games, it would be 2.18), and he had 70 strikeouts and 19 walks over 87 2-3 innings.

"There's only one way to really gain experience, and that's to go through it. That's what I'm going through right now," he said. "There's going to be ups, going to be downs. I need to learn from both of them. I've learned from every start that I've had."

West Texas, Panhandle Fishing Report

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for June 22. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

PANHANDLE

BAYLOR: Water lightly stained; 78 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow on minnows. Catfish are slow.

GREENBELT: Water lightly stained; 77 degrees; 18' low. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on watermelon and white soft plastics worked along grass lines, and topwaters early and late in day. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live bait and Rat-L-Traps along the dam. Smallmouth bass are good on jerkbaits and small crankbaits. Walleye up to 4 pounds are good at night on live bait and crankbaits. Catfish are good on cut bait.

MACKENZIE: Water lightly stained; 77 degrees; 60.5 low. Black bass are good on shad-colored spinnerbaits and jerkbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and striped bass are good on live bait and chrome/blue back jerkbaits. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait. Walleye are fair on jerkbaits and small crankbaits. Catfish are good on minnows.

MEREDITH: Water lightly stained to stained with water rising; 77 degrees; 14.25' low. Black bass are fair on chartreuse/white spinnerbaits along brush lines and watermelon soft plastics in brush. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass are good on live bait and small crankbaits. Smallmouth bass are fair on black back jerkbaits on north end. Walleye are good on jigs tipped with minnows suspended in 15-20 feet and on black back jerkbaits along main lake points near dam. Channel and Blue Catfish are good on cut bait, shad and perch.

PALO DURO: Water lightly stained; 72 degrees; 36.75' low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and poppers. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Smallmouth bass are fair on minnows. Walleye are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are good on minnows and cut shad.

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 79 degrees. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on green pumpkin big tubes and jigs, and topwater lures along brush line, watermelon red soft plastics in the brush. Crappie are good on minnows and red/white jigs in the brush.

ARROWHEAD: Water muddy in upper end; 76 degrees; 4.6 low. Black bass are fair to slow on spinnerbaits around rocky areas and flooded brush. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs as fish moving deeper. White bass are fair on shad-imitation baits. Blue catfish are good on cut shad and prepared baits.

BUFFALO SPRINGS: Water lightly stained; 67 degrees; .5 low. Black bass to 7 pounds are good on waterdogs near dam and fair on live bait on northeast shores. Crappie are good on live bait in Crappie House. Hybrid strippers are fair on perch near cattails and Crappie House and on liver near docks and northeast shores. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait, punchbait and liver near docks and northeast shores.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 78 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 75 degrees; .25' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair on prepared baits.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 78 degrees; 11.25 low. Black bass are good on white buzzbaits and chartreuse/white spinnerbaits along main points and stickups, and red shad soft plastics in the reeds. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid stripers are good on minnows. Catfish are good on worms.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 77 degrees. Black bass are fair on white/chartreuse spinnerbaits and live bait. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. Redfish are fair on live bait. White bass and striped bass are good on minnows chartreuse crankbaits. Catfish are good on liver and

cut shad.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 75 degrees; 23 low. Black bass are fair on live bait. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on cut shad and minnows. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

OH. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 78 degrees; 2.5' low. Black bass are fair on live bait and green pumpkin soft plastics along brush and white soft jerkbaits popped on water near grass lines. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait and small crankbaits. Channel catfish are good on live bait. POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 77 degrees; 4 low. Black bass are fair in Rock Creek and Caddo Creek areas. Crappie are slow on live bait. White bass and Striped bass are good near lighted piers at night. Blue and channel catfish are fair in the upper part of reservoir.

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 76 degrees; 47.5' low. Black bass are fair on shad-colored soft plastics and spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait and chrome jerkbaits. Striped bass and hybrid stripers are fair. Catfish are fair on live bait.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 76 degrees; 4.3 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White and striped bass are fair on jigs tipped with minnows. Catfish are fair on cut baits.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 76 degrees; 30 low. Black bass are fair on live bait and white/blue spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are good on minnows and shad.

WICHITA: Water clearing; 77 degrees; .5 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow in old yacht club, American Legion and Lakeside City areas. White bass and hybrid striped bass are good on large minnows, white twistertails and ghost minnows along dam and tight-lined near the spillway. Channel catfish are fair on shrimp, punchbait and shad.

Jack Roush finally has NASCAR powerhouse

By MIKE HARRIS
Associated Press

the five-car Roush Juggernaut.

For his first 15 years in NASCAR's top stock car series, Jack Roush spent tons of money, hired the best people he could find and tried in vain to win a Cup championship.

Mark Martin, the driver who came with Roush to what was then called Winston Cup in 1988, never quite made it to the top, finishing second four times, the last in 2002.

Roush, a mathematician, innovator and owner of a company that supplies parts to the automotive and transportation industry, sometimes waged verbal war with NASCAR's rulesmakers and became bitter about several decisions that went against him over the years.

"I honestly never thought NASCAR was going to allow me to win a championship, no matter what I did," Roush said after Matt Kenseth finally gave him a Cup title in 2003.

Now, with Kurt Busch having given Roush his second straight title last year and his powerful team off to a tremendous start in 2005, with eight wins in the first 15 races, some of his competitors are wondering if there's any way to stop

Last Sunday at Michigan International Speedway, Greg Biffle, who has emerged as the sport's newest star, won for the fifth time this season and the sixth time in 16 races, including the 2004 season finale.

Carl Edwards, in his first full season in Cup, won his second race of the year the previous week in Pocono.

Martin, Kenseth and Edwards finished third through fifth at Michigan, and Busch, who had run in the top 10 throughout the race, faded to 12th at the end.

Biffle summed up the prevailing feeling among the Roush drivers. "Man, I just feel so lucky to be able to be where I'm at driving these race cars and being able to win these races," he said. "I just feel pretty special about it."

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"We just have to remember this feeling, remember how it feels to lose with somebody celebrating in front of us," Pistons guard Chauncey Billups said. "I'm sure that we'll be back here again."

Duncan won the Finals MVP award over Ginobili by a vote of 6-4, with ballots cast by four beat writers from Detroit and San Antonio, two broadcasters, three national NBA writers and fans who voted online.

The wisdom of that choice was an object of debate in the hours following San Antonio's 81-74 victory, with Ginobili's backers arguing that he was the Spurs' best player in Games 1 and 2, and in the fourth quarter of Game 7. Ginobili also was the one who threw the pass to Robert Horry for the game-winning shot in overtime of Game 5.

Duncan's 12 points and six rebounds in the third quarter of Game 7 put the Spurs in control, a factor that must have weighed heavily in the minds of those voters who cast their ballots late in the fourth quarter of the final game.

"I don't know if it was about the critics. I doubt that he knew anybody was criticizing him, because he's not that kind of guy who's going to be worried about what people say," Ginobili said. "But he always feels so responsible, he's so hard on himself every time that he doesn't play that good. I knew sooner or later he

was going to show up, especially down the stretch. "That shows the character and the type of player he is, so I'm very, very proud to be his teammate."

The championship was the latest in a long list of accomplishments for Ginobili, who won an Olympic gold medal last summer, an NBA title in 2003 and Italian League

MVP awards in 2002 and 2001.

A larger segment of the global population gained an appreciation for his special talents during the Finals, and his partnership with Duncan should make the Spurs the odds-on favorite to repeat as champions in the 2005-06 season.

It's up to the other 29 NBA teams to find a way to catch the Spurs, with the next step coming Tuesday in the draft. The Milwaukee Bucks hold the first pick, and the Los Angeles Lakers — with Phil Jackson back at the helm — will have a lottery pick to add a young talent to their core led by Kobe Bryant.

The Phoenix Suns, who finished the regular season with the league's best record behind MVP Steve Nash, are already at work trying to find a big man to help them better compete with Duncan in the Western Conference.

Talks with the New York Knicks about a Kurt Thomas-Quentin Richardson trade were ongoing Friday.

The Minnesota Timberwolves were also looking to retool around Kevin Garnett after dropping from conference finalist to a lottery team, while the Miami Heat were preparing to lock up Shaquille O'Neal to a long-term contract that will take him through the remainder of his career.

Detroit will move forward with or without coach Larry Brown, who planned to check into the Mayo Clinic on Wednesday to undergo a surgical procedure to correct a bladder problem. Brown said he did not want to go through another season dealing with the effects of the medical problem, and he could retire from coaching if doctors cannot cure him.

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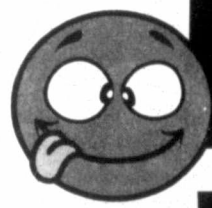
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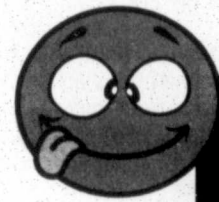
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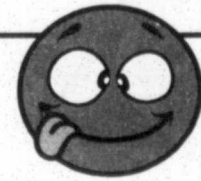
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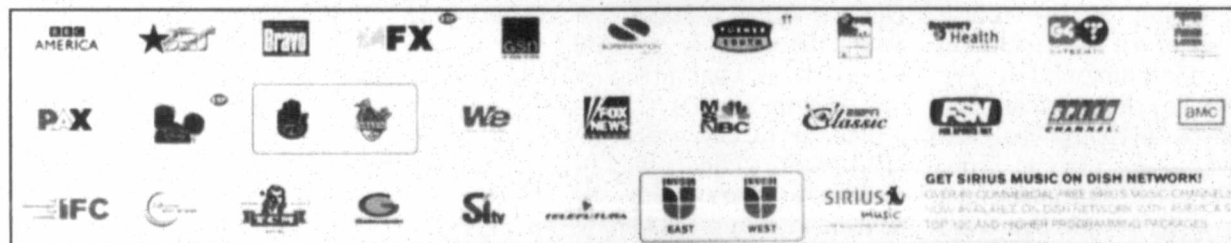


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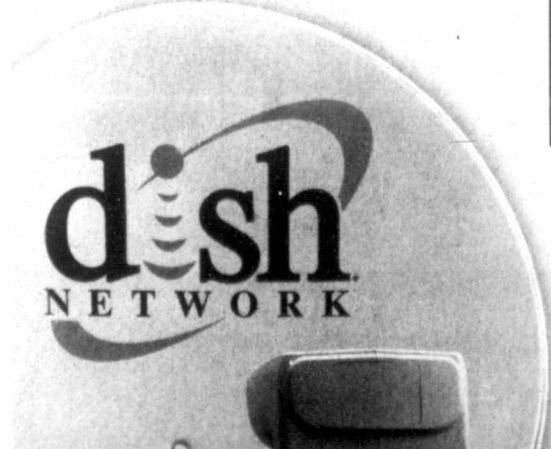
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Justin Hampton, according to a press release, recently completed training in "Peace Corps Honduras."

Hampton will spend two years working as an extensionist with local water authorities.



Hampton

He and several other extensionists, along with engineers, develop and implement plans with various Honduran departments to improve potable water systems.

As part of his community projects, Hampton teaches typing, guitar and art classes to teenagers.

Hampton, son of Jimmy and Brenda Hampton of Pampa and brother of Lindsey Been of White Deer, is a 1999 graduate of Pampa High School. He holds a bachelor of fine arts degree from West Texas A&M University (2004).

SEGUIN — A McLean resident was among 203 students participating in commencement at Texas Lutheran University this past spring semester.

Gregory Allen Hartman earned a bachelor of arts degree with a major in theology.

Dr. Ron K. Calgaard, president emeritus of Trinity University, presented the commencement address on the university's Chapel Lawn.

Calgaard, is a graduate of Luther College with a bachelor of art's degree in economics and received his doctoral and master's degrees in economics from the University of Iowa.

Shelley Smith of Pampa was recently inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta national honor society at McMurry University.

Alpha Lambda Delta recognizes academic excellence in freshman students.

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Oklahoma Baptist University recently announced students named to its President's Honor Roll for the 2005 spring semester.

To qualify for the honor roll, a student must maintain a 3.7 grade point average for the semester. Students named to the honor roll include Andrea Marie Shank of Pampa.

WACO — Baylor conferred degrees on approximately 1,800 graduates during spring commencement at Ferrell Center. Susan Lee Brackey of Pampa received a bachelor of fine arts degree.

Two graduation ceremonies honored students who completed their degree requirements in the College of Arts and Sciences, the Graduate School arts and sciences programs, the Schools of Business, Education, Engineering and Computer Science, Music and Nursing, the Graduate School professional school programs and George W. Truett Theological Seminary.



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▲ Banana Split Dessert Pizza

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Prep Time: 10 minutes

Makes one (12-inch) pizza

Ingredients:

1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk

(NOT evaporated milk)

1/2 cup sour cream
6 tablespoons lemon juice, divided

1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup (1 stick) plus 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, softened and divided

1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1 cup all-purpose flour
3/4 cup chopped nuts
3 medium bananas, sliced and divided

1 (8-ounce) can sliced pineapple, drained and cut in half
10 to 12 maraschino cherries, drained and patted dry

Additional chopped nuts for garnish

1 (1-ounce) square semi-sweet chocolate

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375F. In medium bowl, combine sweetened condensed milk, sour cream, 4 tablespoons lemon juice and vanilla; mix well. Chill.

In large bowl, beat 1/2 cup butter and brown sugar until fluffy. Add flour and nuts; mix well.

On lightly greased pizza pan or baking sheet, press dough

into 12-inch circle, forming rim around edge. Prick with fork. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool.

Arrange 2 sliced bananas on cooled crust. Spoon filling evenly over bananas. Dip remaining banana slices in remaining 2 tablespoons lemon juice; arrange on top along with pineapple, cherries and additional nuts.

In small saucepan, over low heat, melt chocolate with remaining 1 tablespoon butter; drizzle over pie. Chill thoroughly. Store leftovers covered in refrigerator.

Tip: Crust and filling can be made in advance and held until ready to assemble. Cover crust and store at room temperature; store filling in refrigerator. Best if eaten same day as assembled.

drained and chopped (about 1 cup)

3/4 cup semi-sweet mini chocolate chips

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

1/2 teaspoon almond extract

Directions:

In ice cream freezer container, combine all ingredients; mix well.

Freeze according to manufacturer's instructions. Freeze left-overs.

Refrigerator-Freezer Method:

Omit half-and-half. Whip whipping cream. In large bowl, combine sweetened condensed milk, 1/2 cup chopped maraschino cherries, 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips, 2 teaspoons vanilla and 1/4 teaspoon almond extract; mix well.

Fold in whipped cream. Pour into 9 x 5-inch loaf pan or other 2-quart container. Cover. Freeze 6 hours or until firm. Freeze left-overs.

CHERRY MAGIC COOKIE BARS

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Makes 2 to 3 dozen bars

Ingredients:

1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs

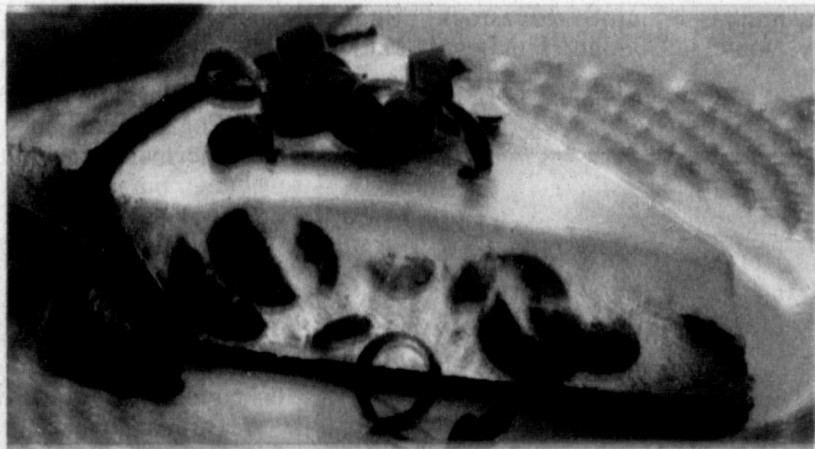
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, melted

1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)

1 cup (6 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips

1 (10-ounce) jar maraschino

See RECIPE, Page 12-B



▲ Frozen Cherry Cream Pie

CHERRY CORDIAL ICE CREAM

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Makes about 1 1/2 quarts

Ingredients:

1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)

2 cups (1 pint) half-and-half

2 cups (1 pint) whipping cream, unwhipped

1 (10-ounce) jar maraschino cherries (without stems), well

All materials courtesy of Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk National Sweet Cherry Foundation.

Pampans to exhibit artwork at Square House Museum

PANHANDLE — Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle will host a reception for an exhibit featuring the work of Pampa artists Lois and Don Minnick between 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., Sunday, July 3 in both the Hazlewood and Square House galleries.

"Lois and Don Minnick have been working with the museum for several years," a museum press release said. "What started as an exhibit of Lois and her sister, Gerry's, artwork expanded to include members of both Lois' and Don's family."

Ron Minnick, a sculptor, will exhibit articles crafted from mesquite, bronze, alabaster and raku. Several two-dimensional pieces by Gerry Gray will be on display along with the Minnicks' pastels.

Cherine Marie Kuster will also be exhibiting at the Square House.

"Cherine describes herself as 'Colorado pine mingles with Texas sage' and admits she is inspired by nature and animals, but enjoys depicting the ironies of

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Couple wed in candlelight ceremony

Saturday evening, June 18, 2005, Amy Wyn Bradley became the bride of Aaron Kent Ladd. The Rev. J.P. Burks, of Mount Pleasant, Texas, officiated the candlelight ceremony at 6:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Pampa, Texas.

Parents of the bride are Gaylene and James Bradley of Pampa. Parents of the groom are Cathie and Kent Ladd of Bedford, Texas.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in an Amsel gown. The bride carried out the tradition of something old, her mother's wedding rings; something new — she carried a handkerchief given to her by the groom's aunt; and for something borrowed she wore a diamond and pearl drop necklace belonging to her sister.

She wore a veil that was designed to include the veil worn by her mother at her wedding. To complete the traditions, she had a sixpence in her shoe that was given to her by her father.

Attending the bride was her sister, Abby Bradley of Pampa, as maid of honor. Laura Frye of Houston was matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Laura Allen of Pampa, Michele Rose of Amarillo, and Kimberly Young of Rancho Viejo. The

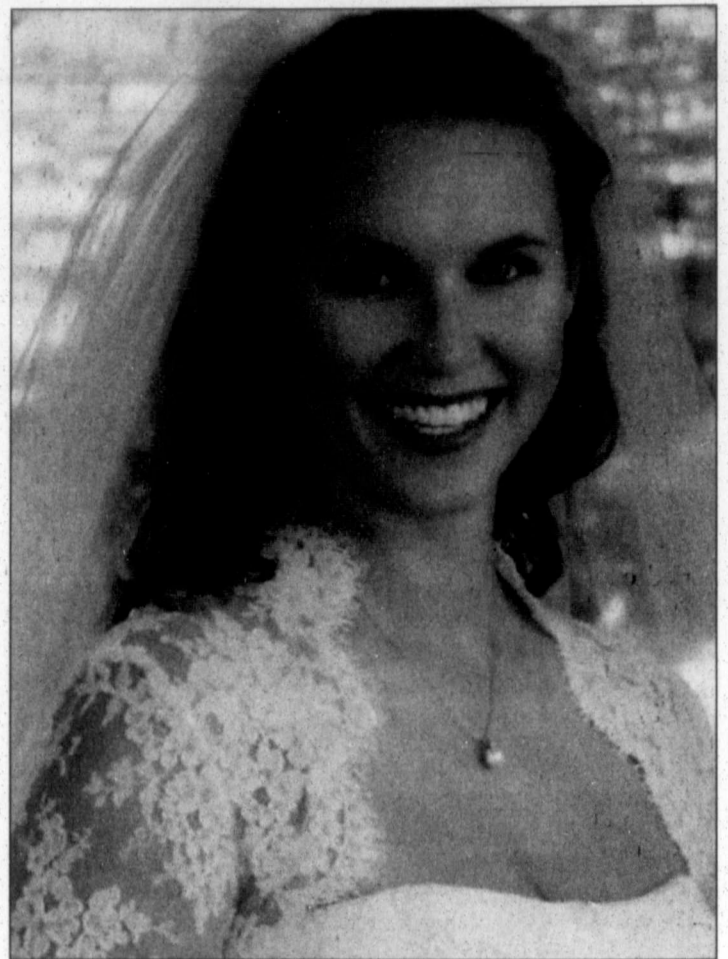
flower girl was Natalie Winborne of Pampa. Bell ringers were Ashley Stucker of Pampa and Kristen Ladd also of Pampa.

Standing with the groom as best man was Justin Spooner of Southlake. Groomsmen were Travis Clegg of Keller, Brett Ehrlich of Grapevine, Brian Meyers of Keller, and Paul Morris of Grapevine. The ring bearer was Brandon Manz of Flower Mound. The ushers included Evan Ladd of Annapolis, Maryland, Jonathan Ladd of Austin, Brad Stucker of Stillwater, Oklahoma, and Britton White of Pampa.

The candlelighters were Morgan White of College Station, Brooke Ladd of Bedford and Melissa Ladd also of Bedford. Registering guests were Sarah Blair of Carlsbad, New Mexico, and Jane Calfy of Round Rock. The reader was Amy Ladd of Bedford.

The organist was Loralee Cooley of Pampa. The trumpeter was Jason Jones of Pampa. Vocalists were Angela Sweeney of Mesa, Arizona, and Larry Stucker of Pampa. They were accompanied by pianist Michael Huerta of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Guests were greeted by Susan Meeker of Tulsa,



Amy Wyn Bradley

Oklahoma, Candice Unger of Friendswood and Kelley Simpson of Wichita, Kansas.

The reception was held on the lawn of the church in a beautiful white tent. "Insufficient Funds" provided the music for the recep-

tion. Afterwards the bride and groom were driven to the airport by Tommy Winborne of Pampa in a 1976 El Dorado Cadillac convertible belonging to Paul Howard.

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Annual Saints' Roost celebration to include Arts and Crafts fair

CLARENDON — The Annual Arts and Crafts Fair, part of the 127th Saints' Roost Celebration, will be held this year in the City Park, located at the corner of Kearney and 6th St., in Clarendon. The fair will open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, July 2, and is being sponsored by Donley County 4-H.

The fair will include games, contests, baked goods, raffles and a variety of booths offering such wares as bits, spurs, buckles, wood crafts, jewelry, note cards, patriotic gifts and more.

Friends of Donley County Junior Livestock Show Building Fund will hold a

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Newlyweds plan honeymoon cruise

Amy Michelle Spearman and Kyle Newton Gamblin, both of Pampa, exchanged wedding vows June 25 at First Christian Church in Pampa with the Rev. Barry Loving, of the church, officiating.

Heather Rice of Lubbock was maid of honor and David Gamblin, brother of the groom of Amarillo, stood up as best man.

The bridesmaids were Amber Estes and Michelle Gamblin, both of Amarillo. The flower girl was Ella Gamblin, niece of the groom of Amarillo.

The groomsmen were Zach Crossman of Las Vegas, Nev., and Justin Thomas of Pampa.

Ushering the guests to their seats were Reid Spearman and Ryan Spearman, both brothers of the bride of Pampa.

Reagan Meadows of Amarillo registered the guests.

Music was provided by Phoebe Reynolds of Amarillo.

A reception was held following the service at the church with Mindee Ferland and Jaclyn Spearman, both of Pampa, Celeste Locknane of Lubbock, and Kristen

Stowers of Dallas, all cousins of the bride, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of John R. and Lisa Spearman of Pampa, is the granddaughter of Ted and Tommie Forsythe of Lubbock and John and Angela Spearman of Pampa, and is the great-granddaughter of Ferne Duncan of Pampa.

She graduated from Miami High School in 2000 and earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from West Texas A&M University in 2004. She is currently employed by Pampa Independent School District.

The groom is the son of Kris and Terry Gamblin of Pampa and is the grandson of Maurice and Pat Newton of Kerrville and George and Mardell Gamblin of Pampa.

He graduated from Pampa High School in 1999 and earned an associates degree in drafting from Amarillo College in 2003. He is currently employed by National Oilwell Varco.

The newlyweds chose to honeymoon with a cruise to the Western Caribbean and intend to make their home in Pampa.

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

Kellers observing 25th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Keller, longtime Pampa residents, have been married 25 years today. Gary Keller and Debra "Debbie" Vanhooser were married on June 26, 1980, in Pampa.

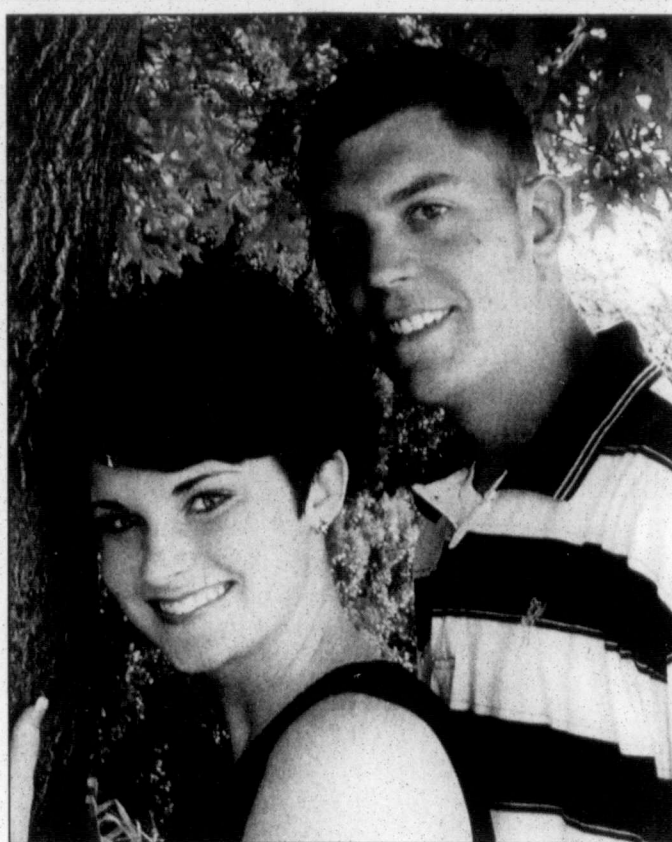


Mr. and Mrs. Gary Keller

Mr. Keller has worked for Conoco/Phillips for eight years.

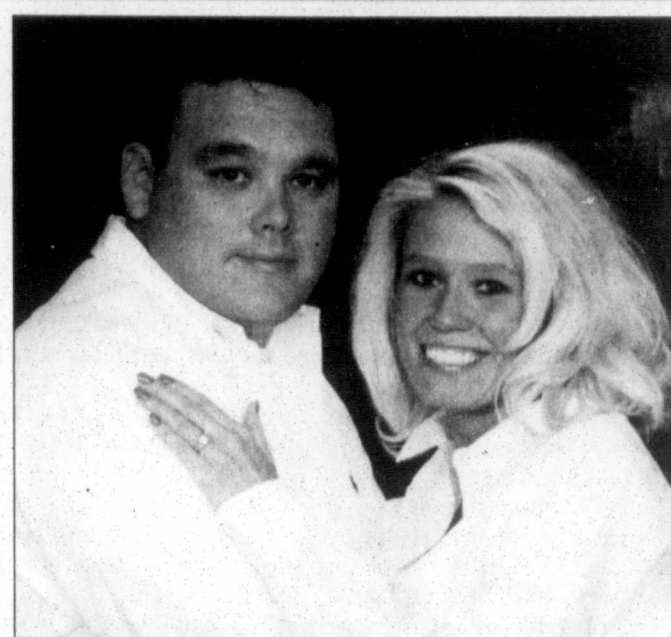
Mrs. Keller is cafeteria manager for Pampa Independent School District, serving the school district for 15 years.

Children of the couple are Adam Keller and Aaron Keller, both of Pampa. They have one grandchild.



Williams/Smith

Angie Williams of Pampa and Steven Smith of Canyon plan to wed July 15 at the home of the bride's parents in Pampa. The bride-elect is the daughter of Victor and Patti Williams of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2003 and attended Frank Phillips College in Borger. She is currently enrolled in Exposito School of Cosmetology in Amarillo. The future groom is the son of Terry and Christi Smith of Canyon. He graduated from Canyon High School in 2002 and is pursuing a business degree at West Texas A&M University. He is currently employed with John Chandler Ford.



Britton/Herring

Shelly Rae Britton and Robert Gerald Herring II plan to wed Aug. 6 at Bowers Ranch south of Pampa. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Britton of Pampa. She is a student at Frank Phillips College in Borger. The future groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gerald Herring of Pampa. He is employed with Mundy in Pampa.

Menus

Week of June 27-July 1

<p>PISD Summer Nutrition Program</p> <p>MONDAY Breakfast: Egg patties, biscuits. Lunch: Corndogs or steak fingers, corn, spinach, pineapple.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Toast. Lunch: Salisbury steak or steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, rolls.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy. Lunch: Chicken and noodles or steak fingers, English peas, carrots, pears, rolls.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: French toast bagels. Lunch: Beef/cheese nachos or steak fingers, pinto beans, Spanish rice, peaches.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch: Hot dogs/chili or steak fingers, French fries, vegetarian beans, applesauce, pudding.</p> <p>Lunch in the Park</p> <p>MONDAY Corndogs, cheese portion, apricot blooming cake, applesauce cups.</p> <p>TUESDAY Burritos, cheese portion, raisins, peach cups.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Hot dogs, cheese portion, pickle spears, applesauce cups.</p> <p>THURSDAY Ham/cheese pockets, cheese portion, baby carrots, peach cups.</p> <p>FRIDAY Pizza, cheese portion, peach cups.</p> <p>Kid's Cafe-Wilson</p> <p>MONDAY Chicken strips, corn cobs, green beans or asparagus, dessert, treat.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Ham/cheese sandwiches, pork and beans, chips, dessert, treat.</p> <p>Kid's Cafe-Lamar</p> <p>TUESDAY Chicken spaghetti, corn, salad, fruit.</p> <p>THURSDAY Sloppy joe's, spicy</p>	<p>fries, baked beans, dessert.</p> <p>Senior Citizens</p> <p>MONDAY Chicken fried steak or lasagna rollups, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, beans, German chocolate cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>TUESDAY Baked cod/rice or Salisbury steak/gravy & onions, cheese potatoes, English peas, cauliflower, beans, pineapple cake or rice pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, fried okra, breaded tomatoes, beans, Boston cream pie or cherry cheesecake, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>THURSDAY Chicken strips or sausages and sauerkraut, German potato salad, Italian green beans, carrots, beans, strawberry shortcake or chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>FRIDAY Catfish/hushpuppies or ham salad, potato wedges, brussels sprouts, beans, liberty cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>Meals On Wheels</p> <p>MONDAY Barbecue, potato salad, baked beans, pudding.</p> <p>TUESDAY Hamloaf, hominy casserole, asparagus, pineapple.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Chicken/dressing, gravy, English peas, YamBoree.</p> <p>THURSDAY Shepherd's pie, pickled beets, corn, salad, peaches.</p> <p>FRIDAY Chicken nuggets, baked potatoes, peas/carrots, cookies.</p>
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Patron donates art to Cowboy Museum

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Longtime patron and museum member Miriam Hogan recently made a major art contribution to the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum® in Oklahoma City, a press release from the museum said.

A donation of 28 paintings and objects will become part of the museum's permanent collection. Included in the acquisition are several important works of art by well-known early Western artists William H.D. Koerner, Frank Schoonover, Oscar E. Berninghaus and A.D.M. Cooper.

A member of the museum's Prix de West Society, Hogan frequently attended the annual Prix de West Invitational Art Show and Sale where she acquired paintings by participating contemporary Western artists Robert K. Abbett,

Harley Brown, Duane Bryers, Don Crowley, Jim Morgan, Kenneth P. Riley, Lowell Ellsworth Smith and Tucker Smith.

Her recent donations to the museum include works from these artists. In addition to Western art, Hogan also gifted several Native American items including a 1929 Kiowa Five Portfolio, a wood carving by Oklahoma Native artist Willard Stone, an Apache basket, an Ojibwa beaded Bandleer bag, a unique Great Lakes beaded belt and a Plains style catlinite pipe.

This recent contribution is Hogan's second major gift to the museum. In 2000, she donated 111 important Native American paintings and historic objects.

The museum's executive director, Chuck Schroeder,

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Roost

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drawing for a John Deere Riding lawn mower.

The fair is just one of the scheduled activities set to take place throughout the day. An Old Settler's Reunion and a Shriners barbecue will be staged at the park.

A Bicycle Parade will get under way at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Western Parade at 10 a.m. A kite flying contest will begin at 1 p.m. in the ball field west of the park, and the yearly Turtle Race is slated at 4 p.m. at Henson's.

To find out about available booth space for the Arts and Crafts Fair, contact the

Donley County Extension Office at (806) 874-2141.

Bridal Selection

Veronica Arreola & Rodney Ramirez
Olga Viotti & Joshua Gibson
Emily Waters & Mike Laurence
Lindsay Scribner & Matthew Hudson
Amy Spearman & Kyle Gamblin
Gina Berger & Micah Cobb
Amanda Thacker & Jay Martin
Shauna Broadus & Joshua Robertson

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Art

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'hidden quirks' of life," the museum release said.

An award-winning artist, Kuster has studied with Ben Konis, Mike Mahon, Rich Allen and Jo Beth Gilliam.

For more information about this and other exhibits, contact the museum at (806) 537-3524.

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Parenting: 10 time-tested tips for traveling with toddlers

(NUC) — Traveling with toddlers can be torture. New sights and sounds can be overwhelming to a young child and vacation excitement can quickly turn into temper tantrums if you're not prepared.

Here are 10 parent-practiced tips to help make traveling with toddlers fun.

1. Choose a family-friendly destination. Skip the crowded tourist destinations and opt instead for a locale that is accustomed to having kids around.
2. Safety first! Always make sure your child's car seat is properly secured. Also, use a removable window shade to help block the sun.
3. Pack entertainment. "Best bets for entertaining your child in the car and hotel room include favorite books, games and toys," says Nancy Wolpert of Nickelodeon Home Entertainment. For all-inclusive entertainment, she recommends two new DVDs that feature a collection of kids' favorite TV shows. "The Nick Picks and Nick Jr. Favorites DVDs will keep them entertained for hours," Wolpert promises.
4. Plan rest stops. If you're driving, break up the monotony by stopping every couple of hours (or more frequently if necessary). Kids need to stretch out after being cooped up in a car for a while. Consider bringing along a ball to kick or throw around during these breaks.
5. Be flexible. Set realistic expectations and let your child soak up the experience at his or her own pace. You might want to limit your activities to one a day. Otherwise, you

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Family reunion



Mrs. Imogene Curry of Amarillo, Eddie Behrends of Canadian, Mrs. Marjorie Whitaker of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mrs. Chleo Worley of Pampa visit at a family reunion recently.

Armstrong family gathers at guest ranch

Descendants of James T. and Fredonia M. Armstrong of Canadian gathered recently in Pampa for a family reunion. The last reunion the family held was in 1937 in Canadian. Forty-eight family members came from eight states for the barbecue dinner at Cottonwood Springs Guest Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Worley (Whitehouse Lumber) of Pampa hosted the event.

A Memorial Day theme was accented with flags and patriotic colors. A display board of pictures honored all family members who served

in the military both past and present all the way back to the Civil War. One family member recently returned from serving 2 1/2 years in the Peace Corps in Benin, West Africa.

Long-time family genealogists Sandra (Armstrong) Macdonald, Cara Pat (Armstrong) Tunstall, Harley J. Armstrong and Pat Armstrong provided a written family history. Other family members shared items of memorabilia, some dating to the early 1800s including a spinning wheel from Georgia.

Entertainment was provided by

Harley Armstrong, "The Great Harlini" of Grand Junction who performed a magic act, and by Angela Worley, "Safia al Zarqa" of Columbus, Ohio, who performed a belly dance, balancing a tray with lighted candles on her head.

A trip to Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery in Canadian offered an opportunity to visit family graves and to continue to share family history. Paying respect to all the family members buried there linked a total of six generations of Armstrongs together, the family said.

Consumers can earn while shopping if they get the right reward program

(NU) — Point-based reward programs are proliferating. You can earn enough miles to fly to Paris just by using your credit card or you can accumulate points that can be spent like cash merely by shopping at your favorite stores. But with so many options available, how do you know you're getting the biggest bang for your buck?

The following tips will help ensure that you pick the right program for your needs.

— Know your lifestyle. Choose a reward program that fits your priorities and lifestyle. If you travel a lot, try air mile travel reward

programs like www.milesources.com.

Similarly, if you like outdoor activities, look for a credit card like the Cabela's Club Visa, found at www.cabelas.com. You can earn points, in the store and on-line, that can be redeemed for all types of hunting, fishing and camping gear.

— Reap your rewards. Select a reward program that doesn't add an expiration date to your hard-earned points. If it does, make sure you know the date and use the points before you lose them.

— Look for flexible rewards. Avoid choosing reward programs that tie you into redeeming points only at specific vendors. Look for more flexible options like FreeStyle Rewards, found online at www.freestylerewards.com. It lets you build points by shopping online at more than 175 participating merchants. You redeem your points for a debit card that can be used anywhere MasterCard is accepted, on-line or off-line.

— Click 'n' save. Select on-line shopping reward programs that provide gateway access to your most frequently visited stores. You'll find everything you need, save money while you shop and build points as you go.

— Share the wealth. How would you like to make point donations to family, friends or charities? Select a reward program that allows you to do so. The Make-A-Wish Foundation, for example, accepts air mile donations at



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Cowboy

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said of the recent donation, "This special gift has everyone buzzing. Mrs. Hogan is both a knowledgeable collector and a

wonderful friend to our museum staff, so the opportunity to select these items which will add strength to our collection was especially gratifying."

The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum marks its 50th anniversary in 2005 with special exhibitions and activities. Nationally accredited,

the museum is located in Oklahoma City's Adventure District. The museum offers annual memberships that include year-round admission for six people.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I lost a very dear friend. At one point, 12 years ago, "James" was the air I breathed. Things didn't work out for us to be together like we planned. James started dating my best friend at the time, and I began dating a friend of his. Eventually, I married someone else.

I have just learned that James is dead. I haven't fully recovered from the news. I am still close to his family.

My husband has always made comments like, "There's your boyfriend," or, "You still love your boyfriend." And honestly -- yes, I do. Twelve years ago, James was my everything -- my first love, my first sexual experience.

In the interest of my marriage, I stopped communicating with James, and he understood why. We moved half a continent away from my hometown. I have new friends, a new life. But I'm having the worst time accepting that James is gone. I have no one to grieve with. How do I get through this? How do I make my husband a part of my sadness? What hurts most is I never got to say goodbye. Please help me. -- SAD IN NEVADA

DEAR SAD: Please accept my sympathy for your loss. Do not try to make your husband a part of your sadness. He has suffered enough. After feeling like second-best all these years, he may be experiencing a feeling of relief.

You say that James was your first everything. It's interesting how we tend to idealize our "firsts." However, things didn't work out between you for a reason. Try to remember what that reason was.

While James had dwelled in your heart, he has never grown repetitious or boring, lost any hair, or grown thick around the middle. He has never come home late without calling, forgotten to throw dirty laundry in the hamper or argued with you over money. Perfection is a difficult act for anyone to compete with. Your husband must love you very much.

Because you weren't able to say goodbye to James, another way to gain closure would be to write him a letter. Put in it all of the things you would like to have told him if you'd had the chance -- and end it by telling him goodbye. Then send it off to heaven by burning it. That way nothing will have been left unsaid, and your message will be forever private. If that doesn't help you to heal, then please consider grief counseling.

DEAR ABBY: I interviewed today for my dream job and have been asked back for a second interview. My problem is, the interviewer was borderline about recommending me because I came across as timid. I know I'd be great for the job. I believe I'll be one of their best -- maybe even THE best. However, I also know that interviewers often perceive me as shy and timid. How can I come across as more sure of myself? -- HOPING AND PRAYING

DEAR HOPING AND PRAYING: Be conscious of your posture and don't slump. When you walk in for the interview, smile. It projects confidence and will put those around you at ease. Do not be afraid to make eye contact. When you speak, if you tend to talk softly, pretend you're addressing someone a foot or two behind the interviewer, and it will cause your voice to project with greater volume. Individuals who speak up are perceived as being more self-confident. When the interview is over, smile and make your handshake a firm one. Good luck!

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

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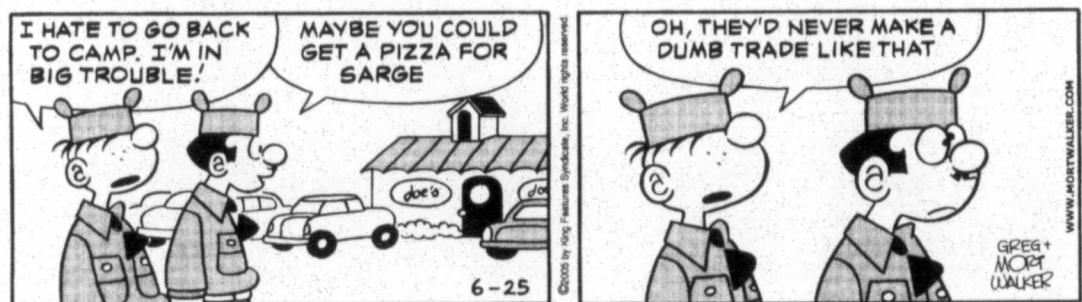
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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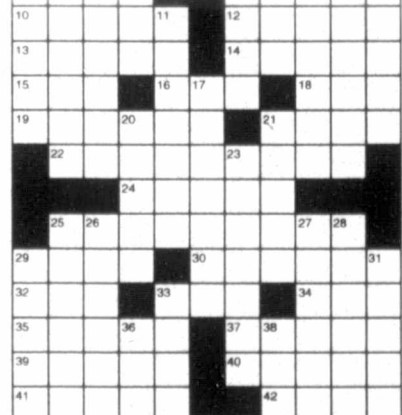
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- 7 Taking the place
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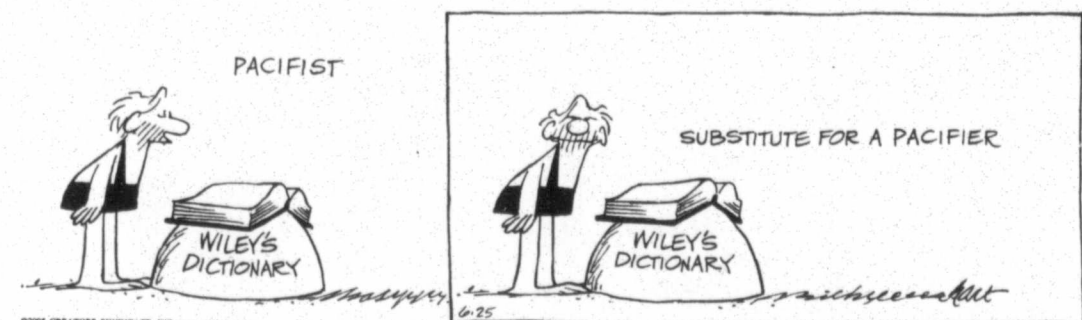
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"I've been colorin' a meadow and my green crayon is almost empty."

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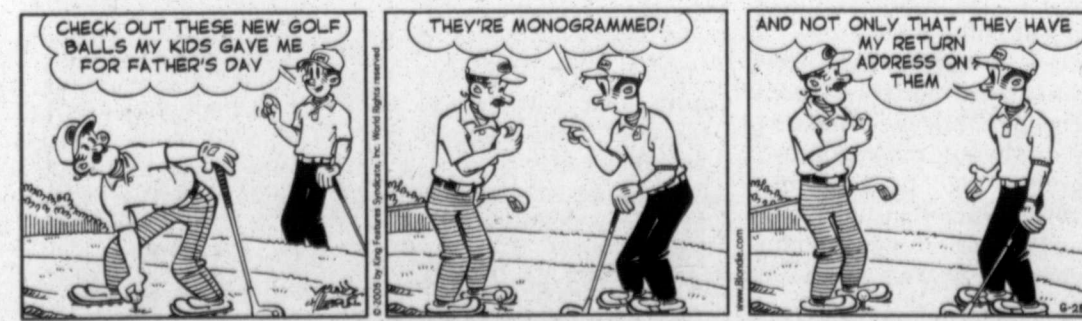
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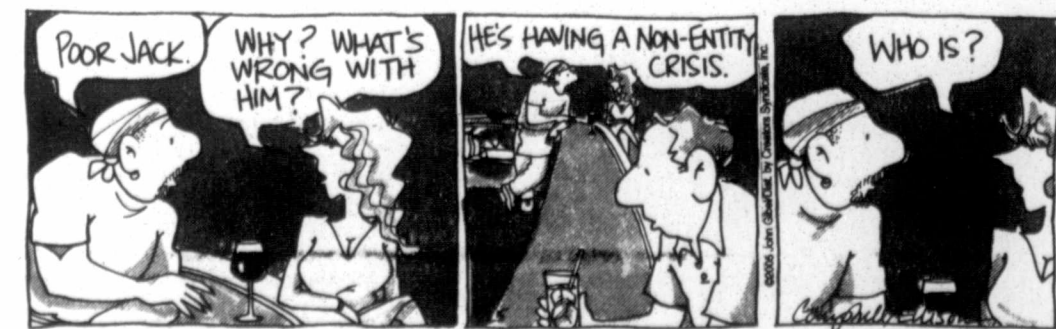
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Museum Mementos: Painting depicts region's early history

The two paintings that hang on the north wall of the reception room at the White Deer Land Museum depict some of the early history of this area. The artist, W.J. Woloszka of Tulsa, Okla., was commissioned by **Eloise Lane** and **White Deer Land Museum, Pampa** to produce the paintings to hang on the wall of the **Motor Company** when it opened at 835 W. Foster in 1988.

The lone animal shown in the upper left corner of the painting on the viewer's left represents the vast herds of buffalo (bison) that roamed unhampered over the plains in the 1540s when Coronado was searching for the seven cities of gold.

Indians, who depended on the buffalo for food, shelter and clothing, followed the buffalo. The main tribes of this region were the Comanches, Kiowas and Kiowa-Apaches, although there were some Cheyennes.

The Comanches were known as the "Lords of the Plains" because of their great skill in horseback riding.

In the 1870s, buffalo hunters around Kansas had killed most of the animals and were searching for new hunting grounds. They began to hunt in the Texas Panhandle although they were invading Indian hunting grounds by going south of the Arkansas River. William F. "Billy" Dixon (upper right) was one of the best known buffalo hunters.

To supply ammunition and other needs for the hunters, some men from Kansas built a trading post known as Adobe Walls in present Hutchinson County. Quannah Parker, (center left), leader of the Kwahadi (antelope-eaters) band of Comanches, and other Indians were determined to drive the hunters from their territory, and in the early morning hours of June 27, 1874, a large number of

Indians attacked Adobe Walls.

For three days, the outnumbered hunters held the Indians at bay. On the third day, Billy Dixon raised his Big 50 Sharps rifle and fired the "shot of the century" that traveled 1,538 yards and toppled an Indian from his horse. The Indians then gave up their struggle and traveled sorrowfully to the reservation at Fort Sill (Lawton, Okla.)

Three months later, on Sept. 12, 1874, the next famous battle of the Red River War occurred at Buffalo Wallow in present Hemphill County. Two scouts and four soldiers defeated 125 Kiowa and Comanche Indians.

Since Indians were no longer a threat, ranchers began to move into the area. They knew that the grass that had nourished the buffalo would be good for their cattle.

Charles Goodnight (lower left corner) was the first permanent rancher in the Panhandle. He had blazed several cattle trails from Central Texas to the northwest and had built the first known chuckwagon before



This is one of two paintings that hang on the north wall of the reception room of White Deer Land Museum in Pampa. It depicts some of the early history of the region.

he came from Colorado to Palo Duro Canyon in 1876.

He found the walls of the canyon so steep that he had to take his wagons apart in order to ascend. With J.A. Adair, he established the JA Ranch, but he had his own Home Ranch.

In 1882, Charles G. Fracklyn of New York and London purchased 637,440

acres of land for a ranch to be managed by B.B. Groom and his son Harrison Thompson Groom. The Diamond F brand was recorded by B.B. Groom at Mobeetie in 1882. Four years later, in 1886, the Grooms could not meet their financial obligations and the British Landholders foreclosed.

A picture above the Diamond F brand shows men laying rails. In 1887, the Fort Worth and Denver laid a line into Amarillo and the Southern Kansas Railway of Texas (Santa Fe) laid a line into Panhandle City. In 1902, the Rock Island was built across the southern part of Gray County.

Railroad Commission sets gas production allowables

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission recently set July 2005 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 22,156,054 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

For these fields, the July 2005 allowable represents a

decrease of 5,509,617 Mcf when compared to actual production of 27,665,671 Mcf in July 2004. In setting the July 2005 allowable, the Commission used historical production figures from July 2004 and producer forecasts for the July 2005 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 2005 is 264,759,430 Mcf compared to 248,664,450 Mcf in May 2004. The June 2005 gas storage estimate is

274,416,029 Mcf.

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

Preliminary statewide production reported for April 2005 is 27,078,977 barrels of crude oil and 346,102,598 Mcf of gas well gas.

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Recipes

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cherries (without stems), drained, patted dry and chopped (about 1 cup)

1 1/3 cups flaked coconut

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350F (325F for glass baking pan). In small bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs and butter; mix well. Press crumb mixture firmly on bottom of 13 x 9-inch baking pan.

Pour sweetened condensed milk evenly over crumb mixture. Layer evenly with remaining ingredients; press down firmly with fork.

Bake 25 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool. Chill if desired. Cut into bars or diamonds. Store covered at room temperature.

FROZEN CHERRY CREAM PIE

Prep Time:
10 minutes
Makes two
(8-inch) pies

Ingredients:

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)

1 (12-ounce) package frozen sweet cherries, chopped (about 2 cups)
1 tablespoon lemon juice

1/4 teaspoon almond extract

1 (8-ounce) container frozen non-dairy whipped topping, thawed

2 (8-inch) prepared graham cracker or chocolate pie crusts

Directions:

In large bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth.

Mix in cherries, lemon juice and almond extract. Fold in whipped topping.

Pour mixture into crusts and freeze overnight. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Garnish as desired. Store leftovers covered in freezer.

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