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## TxDOT officials meet to discuss tree removal

Engineers explain revisions to proposed plan at gathering ...

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Texas Department of Transportation's tree removal plans now target one-tenth the original number of trees, down from 1,185 to 115, according to Mark Tomlinson, a TxDOT engineer in the department's

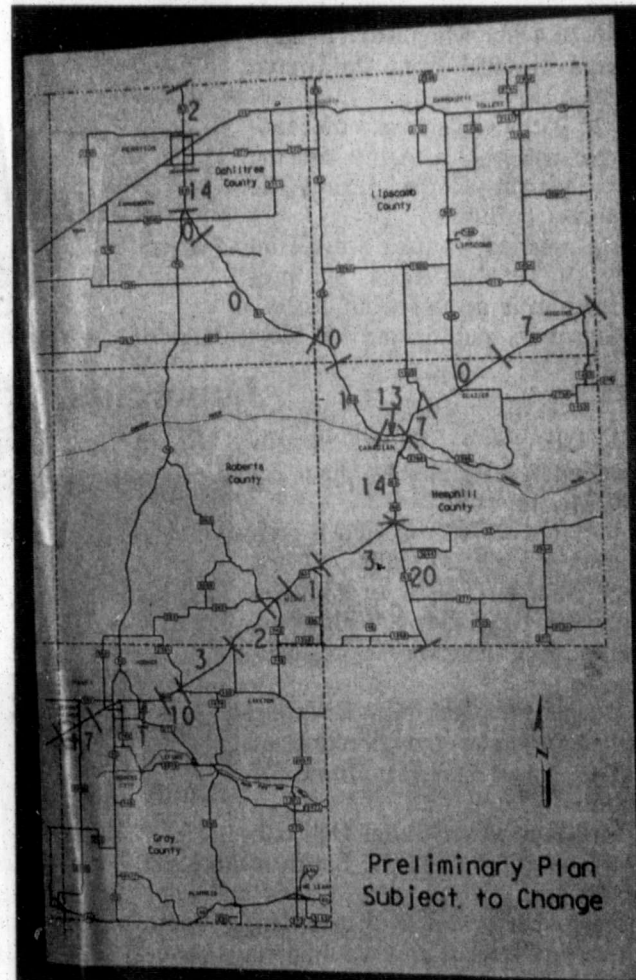
Amarillo office.

Tomlinson and Kenneth Corse, a TxDOT engineer in the Pampa office, explained the revised tree removal proposal on June 24 to members of a citizens' group and other area residents. The morning meeting was held in the M.K. Brown Room of Pampa

Community Building.

The number of trees has been decreased in part because TxDOT's plans had originally included trees just outside the city limits of each city in the targeted five-county area, Tomlinson said.

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS  
The map above shows where trees have been targeted by the Texas Department of Transportation for removal along Highways 60 and 83 in a five-county area. The large green numbers between the green hash marks along the two highways indicate the number of trees between those two marks which are included in the removal plan as of last Friday's meeting.

### Down at the Pickin' Shack

## Friends, townspeople wish Lefors 'bluegrass legend' happy birthday

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

LEFORS — It was Eudell's birthday. Lefors bluegrass musical legend Eudell Gifford turned 74 this past weekend.

To celebrate, Gifford had a few hundred friends over. Cars, trucks and SUVs from three states lined Fourth Street here in Lefors outside the Pickin' Shack, Gifford's gift to the Texas Panhandle.

For his birthday, Gifford's brother, Melvin from Geronimo, Okla., gave him a new Martin guitar.

"It's the first new guitar I've ever had," Gifford said Saturday night in the Pickin' Shack. "I'm real proud of that."

Originally from Comanche County, Okla., Gifford was born in the community of Faxon. His father moved the family to Borger during World War II, where his dad went to work at the Columbia Carbon Black Plant.

Gifford said he remembers the move. "Melvin and I rode on top of the furniture in the back of the truck," he laughed. "We got pretty sunburned."

Growing up in company housing south of Borger, the Giffords were about three houses into Carson County. The rest of the kids in the

neighborhood went to school in Borger. Gifford and his brother went to Panhandle.

Before and after school he worked at a local dairy, getting to bed at 11 p.m. only to get up at 4 a.m. to mix feed.

"Out in the bunkhouse," Gifford said, "there was an old guitar."

That's where Gifford first began playing. Initially, he just wanted to accompany himself when he sang.

His mother taught him a few chords.

"Both my parents were musicians," Gifford said.

His father picked a five-string banjo.

"He picked in the old style," Gifford remembered fondly.

On his 17th birthday, Gifford went into the Navy where his musical ambition flourished.

"There was always some one with a guitar," Gifford said.

After getting out, he traveled back and forth across the country, stopping in Nashville and making friends with a man named Fred Rose, a partner with country music icon Roy Acuff in Acuff-Rose Music.

"I was writing songs at that time," Gifford said.



Eudell Gifford

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## Pocket bikes not legal on public roadways

AUSTIN — Miniature motorcycles are illegal to operate on public roadways, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The miniature motorcycles, also known as pocket bikes and pocket rockets, can only be operated on private property.

"The pocket bikes are becoming more popular, and they are illegal and dangerous on public roadways," said DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr. "Some buyers have been told they are legal on public streets in certain circumstances, but there are no exceptions, period."

Pocket bikes do not meet the statutory requirements of a motor assisted scooter as stated in Chapter 551.301 of the Texas Transportation Code.

There are several reasons why the mini-

motorcycles are illegal on public roadways, according to the DPS. The two primary reasons are that they cannot be registered as vehicles and they do not meet equipment standards required by federal and Texas law.

Drivers using mini-motorcycles on public streets could face numerous potential citations, according to the DPS, including operating an unregistered vehicle, no driver's license, no insurance and various equipment violations.

It is also illegal to operate pocket bikes on sidewalks.

"It could be a very expensive proposition to use these vehicles on public roads, so our advice is don't," said Davis.

## Board looking at new ways to utilize M.K.

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the second of two stories dealing with the June 23 meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Auditorium Advisory Board. Sunday's story concerned events planned for the Summer Celebration Tour Day, July 15 at Central Park.

Bids for new lighting, sound and video equipment at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium are due by 11 a.m. Tuesday,

June 28, according to Shane Stokes, city community services coordinator, at a meeting June 23 of the Parks, Recreation and Auditorium Advisory Board.

City commissioners are scheduled to meet that day, and will open the bids and make their choices for who will do the work, he said.

"We will have the ability to show movies in the auditorium. This might be a way to raise funds, by having a movie night."

— Shane Stokes  
City community services coordinator

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## Obituaries

### Jerry L. Carpenter, 63

Jerry L. Carpenter, 63, of Pampa, died Saturday, June 24, 2005, at Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Carpenter was born May 22, 1942, at Pampa where he married Alice Stacy on June 26, 2005.

He was a member of United Methodist Church of Lefors and was a longtime employee of Frank's Foods.

Survivors include his wife, Alice, of the home; three sons, Michael Carpenter of



Carpenter

Mexia, and Terry Carpenter and Alvin Carpenter, both of Amarillo; two daughters, Melody Carpenter of Waco and Rhonda Carpenter of Albuquerque, N.M.; two sisters, Patricia Kindle of Pampa and Betty McCarthy of Odessa; and eight grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 1131, Fairfax, VA 22038-1131.

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

### Raymond Wesley Parks, 68

Raymond Wesley Parks, 68, of Pampa, Oklahoma City, Okla.; three daughters, Debbie Parks of Pampa, Michelle Cole of Gatesville and Valerie Peterson of Marlin; three brothers, Gary Parks and Lee Underwood, both of Florida, and Keith Eckoff of Alma; two sisters, Bonnie Brown of Alma and Sharon Fernandez of California; 16 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.



Parks

The family requests memorials be to Carpenter's Church, 939 S. Barnes, Pampa, TX 79065.

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### James Smith, 56

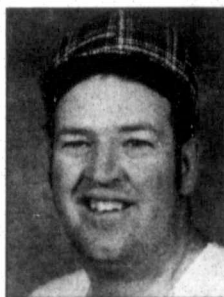
McLEAN — James Smith, 56, of McLean, died Thursday, June 23, 2005, at Amarillo.

Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, 2005, at the First Baptist Church of McLean with the Rev. Dean Williamson and the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating.

Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

Mr. Smith was born Oct. 10, 1948, to Riley and Effie Smith in McLean, Texas.

He loved to visit with people. No matter where you were James would always have a "HEY! HEY!" And a, "How are you?" for you.



Smith

He worked as a custodian at the U.S. Post Office in McLean for years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Larry V. Smith; and a brother-in-law, Jimmie A. Anderson.

Survivors include five brothers, Arvin H. Smith (Nona), Colleyville, Texas, Freddy J. Smith (Brenda), Indianapolis, Ind., Warren G. Smith (Clara), Pampa, Texas, Casper D. Smith (Jean), McLean, Texas, and Hershel L. Smith (Francis), Lela Lake, Texas; two sisters, Sadie M. Green (Cecil), McLean, Texas, and Helen L. Anderson, McLean, Texas; and a sister-in-law, Wanda Smith, Altus, Okla.

The family requests memorials be to Assembly of God Church of McLean, Texas.

## Services tomorrow

SMITH, James — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, McLean.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Cabot Corp.	31.35	-0.30	Pioneer Nat.	42.52	+0.57
Cabot Oil Gas	35.26	+0.24	JCP	52.05	-0.06
Coca Cola	42.25	+0.05	COP	59.19	+0.98
VLO	81.26	+1.69	SLB	78.18	+1.72
HAL	49.38	+1.26	Tenneco	15.80	-0.07
TRI	54.79	-0.05	CVX	57.32	+0.63
KMI	83.46	+0.25	Wal-Mart	47.60	+0.23
XCEL	19.56	+0.12	OKE	32.30	+0.60
Kerr McGee	77.25	+1.31	NS Grp	32.56	+0.57
XOM	58.83	+0.68	New York Gold	439.95	
Limited	21.31	+0.10	Silver	7.28	
Williams	18.80	+0.03	West Texas Crude	59.84	
MCD	28.32	+0.04			
Atmos	28.51	+0.01			

## Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 94. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 70.

South wind between 10

and 15 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 96.

South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 71.

South-southwest wind around 15 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high around 100. West-southwest wind around 15 mph.

## Court issues split decision on commandments displays

WASHINGTON (AP) — A sharply divided Supreme Court on Monday upheld the constitutionality of displaying the Ten Commandments on government land, but drew the line on displays inside courthouses, saying they violated the doctrine of separation of church and state.

Sending dual signals in ruling on this issue for the first time in a quarter-century, the high court said that displays of the Ten Commandments — like their own courtroom frieze — are not inherently unconstitutional. But each exhibit demands scrutiny to determine whether it goes too far in amounting to a governmental promotion of religion, the court said in a case involving Kentucky courthouse exhibits.

In effect, the court said it was taking the position that issues of Ten Commandments displays in courthouses should be resolved on a case-by-

case basis.

In that 5-4 ruling and another decision involving the positioning of a 6-foot granite monument of the Ten Commandments on the grounds of the Texas Capitol, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor was the swing vote. The second ruling, likewise, was by a 5-4 margin.

Justice Antonin Scalia released a stinging dissent in the courthouse case, declaring, "What distinguishes the rule of law from the dictatorship of a shifting Supreme Court majority is the absolutely indispensable requirement that judicial opinions be grounded in consistently applied principle."

The justices voting on the prevailing side in the Kentucky case left themselves legal wiggle room, saying that some displays inside courthouses — like their own courtroom frieze — would be permissible if they're portrayed neutrally in order to honor the nation's legal history.

## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

#### Saturday, June 25

Eighteen traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received in the police department lobby and from the 1500 block of North Faulkner.

Two separate vehicle accidents were reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 800 block of South Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at the intersection of Browning and Sloan streets.

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 1800 block of Lea, the 400 block of Pitts, and the 2200 block of Charles.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

One residential alarm and one business alarm were checked. One business check was made.

A welfare check was made in the 1000 block of Sierra.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 800 block of South Hobart.

Animal complaints were received from the 400 block of North Hobart, the 500 block of Lowry, and the 2500 block of Christine.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee, the 500 block of North Sumner, the 1100 block of North Somerville, the 300 block of Henry, and the 1100 block of Vernon Drive.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 800 block of North Frost.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby, concerning rocks being thrown at a house.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of North Russell. Paint balls were shot at a house. No damage was reported.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of North Christy.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of South Hobart.

A domestic disturbance and criminal mischief were reported to have occurred in the 700 block of North Faulkner. Damage to a truck bug guard and mirror were reported. Estimated damage is \$400.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 600 block of East Foster. One person was arrested and booked into jail in connection with the incident.

Found property was reported at the intersection of Browning and West streets.

Found property was reported in the 1700 block of Williston. A bicycle valued at \$65 was found.

Found property was reported in the 600 block of Lefors. A bicycle valued at approximately \$75 was found.

Found property was reported in the 400 block of Rose.

Burglary was reported in the 2700 block of North Hobart. Jewelry valued at \$1,700 was taken.

Assault by threat was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville and in the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of Henry. Two bicycles were stolen, for an estimated loss of \$200.

Theft was reported at the intersection of Brunow and Tignor streets. A rototiller was taken.

Theft of services and criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of South Hobart. A lock out device on a water meter was damaged, and 1,000 gallons

of water was used. Estimated damage is \$50; value of the water is unknown.

Javier Solis, 32, 131 S. Nelson, was arrested in the 600 block of East Foster for violation of a protective order.

Curtis Andrew Camp, 31, 205 Tignor, was arrested in the 1000 block of Neel Road for unlawful carrying of a weapon.

#### Sunday, June 26

Fourteen traffic stops were made. Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Alcock and Hobart streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Harvester and Hobart streets and the intersection of North Crest and Sirroco streets. A hit and run accident was reported in the 900 block of Denver.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered on Highway 152, in the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets, and in the 700 block of North Nelson, the 200 block of Tignor, and the 900 block of South Nelson.

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 400 block of Pitts and the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Fire department assistance was rendered in the 1700 block of Holly.

A welfare check was made in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

Two business alarms and one residential alarm were reported.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 600 block of East Frederic and the intersection of Brown Street and Municipal Drive.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1300 block of North Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 2100 block of Mary Ellen.

Civil matters were reported in the 800 block of Jordan and the 700 block of North Somerville.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 400 block of North Wells. Fireworks were reportedly being set off.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of East Kingsmill.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of Lynn.

Possible burglary was reported in the 2300 block of Aspen.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks. Fuel valued at \$10 was taken.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks. Fuel valued at \$3 was taken.

Assault was reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Assault was reported in the 400 block of North Faulkner. Information on any possible injuries was unknown.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1300 block of North Duncan and involved minor injuries.

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of North Russell. A bicycle was taken.

Found property was reported in the 800 block of Locust. A bicycle was found.

A possible kidnapping was reported in the 900 block of South Dwight.

Spencer Ray Boyd, 51, 445 Graham, was arrested in the 200 block of Craven for public intoxication.

Marvin Monroe Finney III, 29, Lefors, was arrested in the 300 block of West Browning for no valid driver's license, expired motor

vehicle inspection, and warrants for expired vehicle registration and failure to appear.

James Cole Davis, 20, 1917 N. Banks, was arrested in the 1000 block of West Wilks, for no seat belt, passenger.

### Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

#### Friday, June 24

2:44 p.m. — A 1996 Chevrolet 1500, driven by Bradley Joe Johnson, 16, 1834 N. Price Road, and a 2002 Chevrolet 2500, driven by Rebecca Jane Carpenter, 32, 1120 E. Kingsmill, collided in the 1400 block of North Hobart. No injuries were reported. Johnson was cited for failure to yield right of way from a private drive.

#### Sunday, June 26

11:58 a.m. — A 2002 Oldsmobile Bravada, driven by Antonio Soria, 32, 1104 N. Christine, and a 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe, driven by Brenda Parrish Morrison, 47, 824 N. Christy, collided in the 600 block of West Harvester. No injuries were reported. Soria was cited for backing without safety.

### Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Saturday, June 25

7:09 a.m. — Three units and 11 firefighters responded to a call for medical assistance in the 400 block of Pitts.

9:43 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to the 400 block of Pitts on a call for lifting assistance.

#### Sunday, June 26

2:04 p.m. — One unit and five firefighters responded to the 400 block of Pitts on a call for lifting assistance.

2:25 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 2100 block of Mary Ellen on a call for lifting assistance.

4:34 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1700 block of Holly Lane on a call for medical assistance.

### Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. today.

#### Friday, June 24

2:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of North Nelson and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of Hobart. No transport.

4:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2300 block of Comanche and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

7:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to White Deer and transported a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

10:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of Vernon and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

#### Saturday, June 25

1:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1800 block of Lea and transported a patient to PRMC.

#### Sunday, June 26

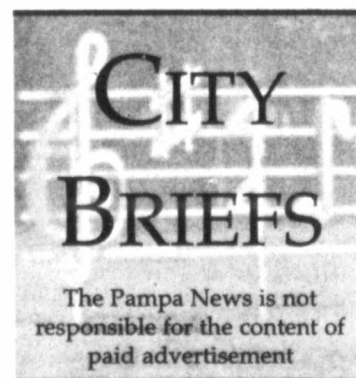
8:22 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Pitts. No transport.

10:22 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Farley and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

2:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Pitts. No transport.

2:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU

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## Gifford

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Rose liked the songs Gifford wrote and wanted Gifford to record them and send them to him, but in those days, tape recorders were large, bulky and expensive.

As Gifford began sending his songs to Rose, the old man died.

"I wrote a song about him," Gifford said.

Over the years that followed, Gifford formed several bands with friends. One of them was with Jody Grubb of Pampa.

"He and I picked for 30 years," Gifford said.

In 1965, Gifford married his bride Mary Ann, and they settled in Lefors.

During that time, friends and acquaintances would stop by with their guitars, mandolins and banjos.

"We'd play in the living room or in the garage," Gifford said.

He decided they needed some place they could play other than at home, so in 1967, he bought a shotgun shack and turned it into what was to become known as the Pickin' Shack.

When it was blown away in a tornado in 1975, Gifford bought a vacant house in Skellytown and had it moved to Lefors.

It cost him \$500 for the two-bedroom house and another \$500 to move it.

"It took forever to get it plumbed," Gifford said.

Eventually, it became the place to gather for bluegrass musicians from across the region, indeed the country. The ceiling of the old house holds the record. Visitors sign the ceiling and the names range from itinerant newspaper reporters to Arlo Guthrie.

"He was a picker," Gifford said of Woody Guthrie's son.

In 1988, Gifford added a large room on to the house just to accommodate the crowd that stopped by to play or just listen on Friday nights.

In the fall, the picking doesn't really begin until after the Lefors Pirates' home games, but on soft summer evenings, the crowd gathers outside on the patio as the music floats on the breeze.

There's usually a bountiful supply of food and beverage on the counter indoors.

Saturday night, among the barbeque, cookies and chips, there was



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER  
Gifford sits in the large music room with all its memorabilia, collected over his life, with friends who gathered to help him celebrate his birthday.

a birthday cake.

Sitting in the large music room looking around at the memorabilia that had collected over his life and the friends that had started gathering Thursday night to help him cel-

brate, Gifford seemed happy as he held his new guitar.

"These are some of the finest people I ever met in my life," he said.

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unit responded to the 700 block of North Christy and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1700 block of Holly. No transport.

6:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of Kingsmill and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

8:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

(AP) — In the Today in History column for June 22, The Associated Press incorrectly stated that the Battle of Okinawa in World War II lasted 81 days. In fact, it began April 1, 1945, and American forces officially declared victory on June 22 — a total of 83 days.

(AP) — In the Today in History column for June 24, The Associated Press incorrectly reported the date of the sinking of the excursion steamer Eastland in Chicago in 1915. The Eastland sank on July 24 of that year.

## TxDOT

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They had also originally planned to include trees within 60 feet of the center of the nearest highway lane line, the solid line marking the separation of the driving lane and the highway shoulder, he said.

The current removal plans are to consider, with one exception, only those trees within 70-mile-per-hour speed zones, and only those trees which are within 30 feet of the nearest lane line, Tomlinson said.

The only tree still under consideration for elimination that is not within those guidelines is just east of Pampa near Red River Dairy on Highway 60, Tomlinson said. The tree is in a speed zone lower than 70 mph.

The five counties are Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, and Roberts. The targeted trees are along 147 miles of Highways 60 and 83 within those counties.

Trees included in TxDOT's plans have a trunk diameter of four inches or larger.

Hemphill County will lose the most trees, with 58 targeted. Gray County is next, with 31. Sixteen trees in Ochiltree County are planned to be cut down, with another seven in Lipscomb County.

Roberts County will lose the fewest trees, with three planned to be removed.

The proposed tree removal plans were first unveiled by Corse in May 2004 at a Lions Club meeting in Canadian.

The plans sparked protests, and TxDOT asked mayors and county judges in the targeted counties to submit names to make up a 20-member citizens committee to provide input.

The committee proceeded to divorce itself from TxDOT for several reasons, including to avoid any possible disbanding by the department.

Tomlinson said after last Friday morning's meeting that public reaction to the proposed tree removal was "a surprise" to TxDOT.

Reasons for the negative reactions include damage to wildlife and bird habitats, the fact that some of the trees are part of a national historic site, adverse effects on tourism including the fall foliage festival in the Canadian area, and aesthetic reasons.

"When this was first steamrolled through town, I was worried. There are a lot of people who would have seen this as a terrorist attack," Dr. Malouf Abraham of Canadian said at last Friday's meeting.

"The Tree Preservation Committee wants you to be very, very careful and not

take down any of the (historic) trees," said Bill Arrington of Pampa at the meeting.

Abraham said the trees and hills in the Canadian area contributed to residents' quality of life and helped make the area a desirable place in which to live.

"You have allowed Xcel to put two high line poles within 12 feet of the Highway 152/Highway 294 split (near Skellytown in Carson County). You're worried about trees and allow high line poles?" Arrington said.

Tomlinson answered that he was not aware of the poles and would look into it.

Some of the approximately 35 citizens at last Friday's meeting also offered praise for TxDOT's handling of their concerns about the trees.

"It's encouraging that you're being very careful and selective," Arrington said.

"I want to thank you for your consideration of our concerns. I really appreciate it," said a woman in the audience.

The tree removal is part of a hazard elimination plan which also includes other fixed objects near Highways 60 and 83.

Most of the affected trees in Gray County are in the vicinity of Red River Dairy, just east of Pampa, Tomlinson said.

commissioners approved purchase of a new pool heater at a June 15 meeting.

Ron Hadley addressed board members concerning his being asked to move his vehicle off the grass at Recreation Park during one night of the recent rodeo events there.

Stokes explained that a city ordinance prohibits parking on the grass at Recreation Park, but that during special events, enforcement of the rule is generally relaxed.

He said he would talk with Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner about the issue and report to the board next month.

"It is a standard policy of the Texas Department of Transportation to constantly address our safety problems and address ways to reduce or eliminate them.

"We draw our safety rules from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. Most states either directly use their statutes or adapt them for their use.

"We're trying to follow the rules, and we're also trying to use good judgment.

"If we just blatantly ignore the rules of our agency and someone gets hurt or killed on the highway, we cannot defend ourselves or the State of Texas," Tomlinson said.

When asked where the idea of cutting down the trees originated, Tomlinson said, "Where that came from in this case is that guy and this guy," indicating himself and Corse.

Citizens struck a bargain with Tomlinson, promising to remove yellow tape they had tied around some of the trees along the two highways in exchange for having the currently targeted trees marked.

One member of the audience also proposed that individual meetings in each of the five counties be conducted, and that each county be given 30 days to "look at each tree and formulate a recommendation."

TxDOT plans to begin

"We need to be consistent," Kathy Cota, board secretary, said concerning the parking law.

The law enforcement officer who asked Hadley to move his vehicle at the rodeo was not a city police officer or a sheriff's deputy, Hadley said.

Kim Lincycumb, city public service supervisor, reported on the city's mosquito spraying program and on a bridge near M.K. Brown Municipal Swimming Pool. The bridge has been blocked off from use due to damage, she said.

## Board

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having a movie night.

"Right now, no food or drink is allowed in the auditorium. We might need to make a policy change. We would also need to check into copy-right laws," Stokes said.

Further repairs are needed first, however. The air conditioning in the auditorium is not working, and sections of the floor in the Heritage Room are buckling, Stokes said.

"One solution for us may be to cut the floor tiles to allow them to lay flat, and then lay carpet on top. It would take a four-man crew three days to pull up all the floor tiles. Carpeting is probably the least expensive option," Stokes said of the

Heritage Room floor, adding that the City of Amarillo had laid carpeting in their banquet room.

"The city commission is aware of the air conditioning problem, and it's budget time, and they're talking about it. It is being discussed," he said of the non-working air conditioning in the auditorium.

"We're working on it, and I'm excited about the improvements we're going to see over there in the near future," Stokes said.

The water temperature at M.K. Brown Municipal Swimming Pool "has reached the point where a heater isn't needed right now anyway," he said. The pool's heater quit working a few weeks ago, and at the time, air temperatures were not warm enough to adequately heat the pool water for comfort. City



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# Viewpoints

## They issue them to every family ...

They issue one to every family.

There's always one member that has a different point of view. There's always one that's not always on the same page as everybody else.

In my case, I think we got more than our quota, especially when it comes to my mother's side of the family. She was a Yankee, but we don't talk about that.

I find it reassuring though when I hear other people talk about their family members.

There's one guy that I occasionally have morning coffee with who got wound up this morning about his brother.

My friend was talking about a family vacation to

Colorado Springs one time years ago. My friend and his brothers were going to Colorado Springs to join their father who was up there on business. The boys' mom was driving.

As they headed north and west through New Mexico and into Colorado, they saw the usual herds of cattle and antelope, but they also saw some elk that had come down out of the mountains.

The boys' mom, a city girl, wondered aloud about what they might be. They were obviously too large for deer.

"Oh, they're naugas," my friend's brother said. "That's where they get material to cover furniture and car seats."

Of course, my friend's favorite story about his brother was the time in their youth that his brother and mother were on another trip. As they drove down the highway, the brother climbed over into the back seat.

**David Bowser**

Staff Writer

"My mom thought he was going to take a nap," my friend explained.

But the brother had several of his mother's scarves. He tied one around his mouth like a gag. The others, he wound around his wrists.

Each time a car would pass them, the brother would

rise up, hold up his bound wrists and point at his mother driving the car, then slink back down below the car window.



My favorite story about his brother, actually about both his brothers, is more recent.

The younger brother is a staunch Republican and active in party politics. He gave a lot of money and worked hard for George W. Bush's election, particularly the first one. Because of his loyalty and dedication, he was invited to one of the inaugural balls.

Now the older brother, the one of Naugahyde and scarf fame, was also on the team, according to my friend, but he wasn't quite as wrapped up in the process. Still, he joined his younger brother in going to the inaugural ball.

The two of them stood there that night in Washington waiting for the newly elected President to make an appearance. They stood there and stood there and stood there.

Finally, the younger went outside for a breath of fresh air.

You got it. As soon as he stepped outside the doors locked behind him. The hall was made secure by the Secret Service and George W. Bush arrived. No one in

or out. The younger brother missed congratulating the President.

But my favorite part of the story was inside.

As the newly elected President, Bush was going around shaking hands with his supporters, thanking them for their support and asking what he could do for them.

When he got to my friend's brother, the President addressed him by name and asked, "What can I do for you, Vincent?"

Vincent thought for a moment, then drawled, "You can find out what really happened at Roswell."

They issue them to every family.

## Texas Thoughts

The Victoria Advocate

The military's ongoing recruiting shortfall underscores the wastefulness of the "Don't ask, don't tell" policy that prohibits gays and lesbians from serving in the U.S. military unless they hide their sexual identity in the closet.

Earlier this year, the Government Accountability Office reported that "Don't ask, don't tell" has cost taxpayers at least \$200 million in wasted training of personnel booted out of the military for disclosing their sexual identity and the expense of training their replacements. More than 9,400 service members have been discharged since the policy took effect in 1993.

Meanwhile, "Army recruiters are finding young men and women — and especially their parents — increasingly unwilling to sign up for training and what is likely to be more than one deployment overseas. Last month, the Army's original goal was to attract 8,050 new recruits; instead, only about 5,000 headed for boot camp. Applications to all three U.S. military academies have dropped as well," The Christian Science Monitor reported recently.

In the aftermath of the U.S. Supreme Court's 2003 decision in Lawrence vs. Texas, overturning the anti-sodomy laws in the states that still had them, the Clinton-era policy is under increasing legal pressure. Congress should repeal "Don't ask, don't tell," or the federal courts are likely to do so. One way or the other, this discriminatory, wasteful policy should be ended.

"When you get down to it, no American able to serve should be allowed, much less given an excuse, not to serve his or her country. We need all our talent," retired U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater wrote in The Washington Post and Los Angeles Times during the debate over adopting "Don't ask, don't tell."

The 1964 Republican presidential nominee, former U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee chairman and retired U.S. Air Force Reserve major general was right a dozen years ago. Today, as the military is undergoing increasing difficulty filling the ranks with volunteers, it is inexcusably absurd to exclude some who want to serve simply because they are gay or lesbian.

### Thought for Today

*'A man, after he has brushed off the dust and chips of his life, will have left only the hard, clean question: Was it good or was it evil? Have I done well — or ill?'*

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## Government: An institutionalized force

Microsoft Corp. has reportedly eliminated some words, such as "freedom" and "democracy," from its search engines that are licensed in China. A couple of self-righteous journalists think that's just awful.

It's not. It is not Microsoft's job to spread freedom and democracy, nor is it the job of any other corporation to do so. This confusion in the minds of some journalists as to the nature of business leads many of them to the fallacy of believing that trade with a dictatorship will make it less of a dictatorship. That's 100 percent wrong. Trade with a dictatorship makes it a stronger dictatorship.

The Soviet Union might well have collapsed much earlier without Western investments, bank loans and trade. Dictators, gangsters that they are, need money. The fact that China welcomes Western capital by no means indicates that it welcomes Western ideas. The Chinese government leaders have no intention whatsoever of giving up power, and given the huge diversity in the country, they are probably right not to. Democracy in China would probably lead to civil wars.

It is dumb by several orders of magnitude for the U.S. to express "concern" about the Chinese arms buildup when the U.S. trade policy with China is financing it. When we run a huge trade deficit with China, that means it ends up with a heap of U.S. dollars. Since the dollar is still the world's currency, the Chinese can spend those dollars anywhere on anything they wish to buy. Right now, it appears they are engaging in a military buildup, and I can't say as I blame them, given President Bush's bombastic and reckless foreign policy.

But if you are worried about China's potential threat, you should be more worried about the mutual-defense treaty it signed recently with Russia. And, if the American press is interested in promoting democracy and freedom, then maybe it should spend more time reporting on matters more important than Michael Jackson and Paris Hilton.

But let's get back to the subject of what business is

and what it isn't. Business is not a government or a humanitarian or human-rights organization. The business of business is to make money. End of story. A multinational business must obey the laws of every country in which it operates. If the Chinese tell an American business operating in China to do certain things, the choice is either obedience or departure.

Before people criticize Microsoft for conforming to the Chinese government's rules and regulations, you'd think it would dawn on some of these critics that Microsoft is acting no differently in China than it does in the United States. Microsoft cannot defy the U.S. government's rules and regulations in its U.S. operations. In fact, as far as the effect of government regulations on business goes, there is no difference between the Chinese government and the American government.

And that leads to the definition of government, which is institutionalized force. George Washington com-

pared government to fire — a useful servant but a fearful master. The late Mao Tse-tung was more succinct. The power of government comes out of the barrel of a gun, he said. Amen. That it does. And business, not having any guns of its own, does what government tells it to do.

Imperial Japan and even Nazi Germany did not have socialist economies. Their industries were privately owned, and the industries, not the government, produced all of those armaments, as our war industries do. I haven't noticed that our capitalistic economic system has made us any less warlike. Let's see — aside from the Korean and Vietnam wars, we have attacked Panama, Libya, Serbia, Lebanon, Grenada and Iraq. Did I leave out any? We meddle in other people's business so routinely, it's getting hard to keep track.

At any rate, we should not expect to get diplomacy, patriotism or compassion from a business. Business is an almost monastic pursuit of profit and nothing else. And in that pursuit, business will always do what it's gotta do.

**Charley Reese**

Columnist



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, June 27, the 178th day of 2005. There are 187 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 27, 1950, President Truman ordered the Air Force and Navy into the Korean conflict following a call from the U.N. Security Council for member

nations to help South Korea repel an invasion from the North.

On this date:

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

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

In 1880, author-lecturer Helen

Keller, who lived most of her life without sight or hearing, was born in Tuscumbia, Ala.

In 1893, the New York stock market crashed.

In 1944, during World War II, American forces completed their capture of the French port of Cherbourg from the Germans.



# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** Last night I was having trouble accessing the Internet on my computer and wanted to see if my wife's laptop was having the same problem. When I opened her computer, I found she had left open an e-mail from a family friend, and my name caught my eye.

The letter was about how much he and she loved each other, and what they should do about it because they didn't want to hurt me.

I didn't read any further, and I haven't mentioned to my wife that I saw it. I can understand what's behind it -- I'm almost 40 and I've gained a lot of weight in recent years. I have never been a great husband, and my wife has made it clear she doesn't feel the same way about me as she once did. The man who wrote to her is a really nice person, and I trust both of them enough that I doubt there is anything physical going on. They're just trying to deal with their emotions. Complicating things, my wife and I have an 8-year-old daughter.

What should I do? I want my wife to be happy, and maybe she'd be happier with him than with me. I know she wouldn't want to hurt me, so I'd rather not let her know how badly this has wounded me because it would make her feel awful. Counseling is pretty much out of the question, because she would not be comfortable with that.

I feel like all I can do is find a way to get out of the picture and let her go on with her life, but I hate the thought of being away from her and our daughter because I love them both very much.

Do I have any options here, or am I as trapped as I feel? -- **DEVASTATED IN SANTA MONICA**

**DEAR DEVASTATED:** Let me get this straight. Your wife is having an affair, definitely emotional and possibly physical, and you don't want to confront her because you're afraid it might hurt HER? She has "made it clear" she doesn't feel the same

way about you that she once did, and you're afraid that marriage counseling might make HER uncomfortable?

Sir, it's time to get your head straight -- and the quickest way to do it is counseling for yourself to discover where you left your self-esteem. Before you make any decisions about the future of your marriage, it is vital that you get some therapy. Sneaking away is not the answer; the answer is putting your house in order.

**DEAR ABBY:** My ex-husband is being married next week to a woman who was the catalyst in breaking up our 21-year marriage. My children don't care for her, although they are respectful in her presence. I am friendly toward her, but refuse to be her "friend," and, in her words, "put the animosity in the past."

Because I have chosen to remain friendly toward my "ex" for the sake of our three children, I feel a need to give him a wedding gift. Is that proper? Thank you for your suggestions. -- **STILL HURTING IN PENNSYLVANIA**

**DEAR STILL HURTING:** Any number of token items might be suitable as a wedding gift: a nut dish (because he was crazy to leave you), an alarm clock ("Disregard the ticking and open anyway!"), or a welcome mat (so you can wipe your feet on it when you must cross their threshold). As far as I'm concerned, you have already given a significant "gift" -- your husband and all the years you invested in the marriage. (Priceless!)

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## For Better Or Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

1 Soak up the sun

5 NBA's O'Neal, for short

9 African nation

10 Got together

12 Battery end

13 Loosen, in a way

14 Parrot sound

16 Lyricist Gershwin

17 Some wordplay

18 High-interest lender

21 Turf

22 Ignores the Surgeon General

23 Arouse

24 Serious quarrel

26 Big galoot

29 Tome of film

30 Refer to 31 Battleship letters

32 Twisting force

34 Team

37 Sees the sights

38 Oklahoma city

39 Binding need

40 Simple



**Saturday's answer**

19 First course, some-times

20 Hawaiian instrument

22 Use a sofa

23 Letter before omega

24 Pyrenees language

25 Address of "Dr. No"

26 Mercury's state

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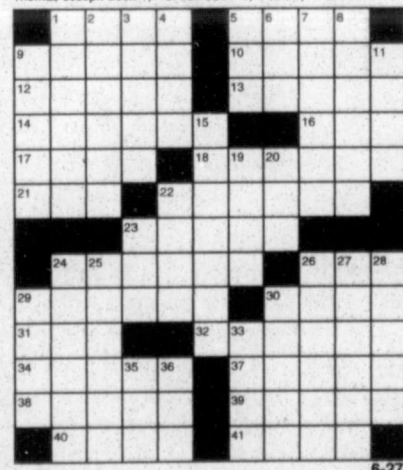
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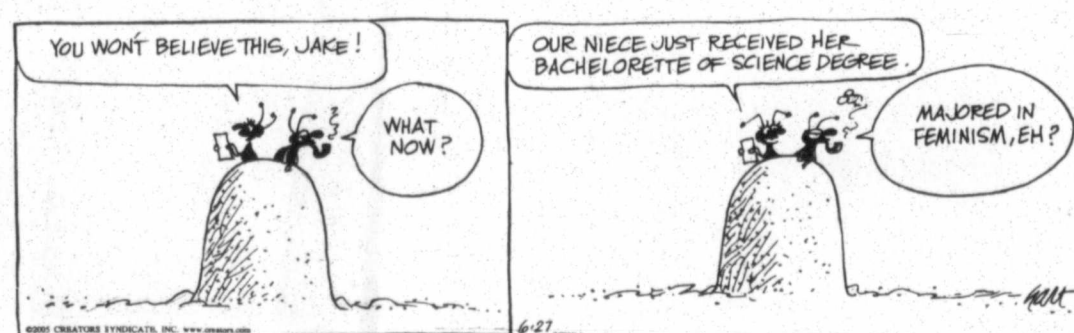
## The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



## B.C.



## Haggar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Flo & Friends



## Blondie





# Sports Day

## Pampa All Stars struggle at weekend tournament

**NORTH RANDALL COUNTY** — After banging out seven hits and scoring eight runs against Canyon in the opening game of the District 11-12 Cal Ripken All Star Tournament Saturday, the bats of the Pampa team fell silent as they lost to the host team, North Randall County, 10-0, and to Deaf Smith County, 2-1, Sunday.

Pampa made only one harmless error in the game against Canyon but fell apart defensively with six errors in the first two innings against North Randall handing them six unearned runs.

The all stars' offensive effort was limited to only two base runners on a hit by Collin Killgo and reaching base on an error by Garrett Ericson. The only defensive bright spots for Pampa came when Micheal Fisher threw out a runner trying to steal second for his second caught stealing of the tournament and when Reid Miller threw out a runner at second base from center field.

In an elimination game, Hereford put together three of its four hits in the second inning to score both its runs.

Malone reached base on a bad hop single in the third inning, took second and third on a wild pitch and a passed ball and scored Pampa's only run when Miller was safe on an error. Pampa wasted a single by Dane

Pereira and one by Cole Engle. They also had chances with walks to Killgo in the first and fifth innings and to Shane Smith and Chase Ferguson in the second inning and to Brent Green in the sixth.

Tyler Malone and Joseph Mechelay pitched for Pampa against North Randall. Malone allowed no earned runs and three hits. He struck out two and walked two in two innings. Mechelay gave up four runs on three hits. He walked one and did not strike out a batter in 1 2/3 innings.

Against Deaf Smith County, Ferguson was touched for both runs and three hits. He struck out two and did not walk a batter in two innings. Malone pitched three innings. He permitted no runs and one hit. He walked three and struck out five.

Pampa played well defensively with a catch by Ericson of a foul ball hit to deep right field, a catch in center by Miller and a smash which knocked down first baseman, Killgo, who crawled and stretched to beat the batter to first.

Frank Graves was the manager of the team. Mike Killgo and Dustin Miller were coaches. This ends the season. The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

## Haynes asks all equipment be returned by Wednesday

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**  
Sports Editor

Pampa Optimist Youth Club president Ronnie Haynes would like to remind coaches and players that all equipment and raffle tickets must be turned in by either 5 p.m. Tuesday or Wednesday. "We would like for everyone to turn in their equipment at the

Optimist building on either of those days," said Haynes.

He also noted that medals of participation for all players can be picked up at the same time.

If you have any questions concerning equipment or raffle ticket returns, please call 664-2543.

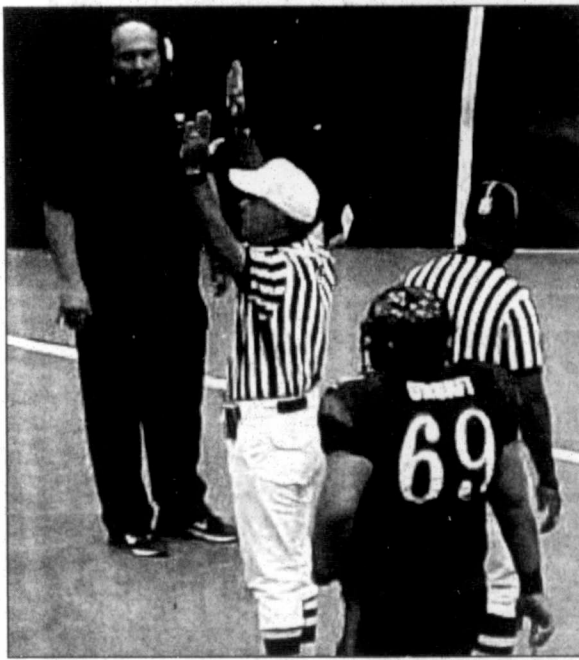
## Summer heat

**Pampa's Brett Ferrell hurls a pitch toward home during Saturday's Fenton Motors Wooden Bat Tournament at Harvester Field. Pampa defeated Caprock 11-1 in game one and Canyon 8-2 in game two to take the tournament. Caprock downed Canyon 19-4 in game three.**



◀ **Former Pampa Harvester Devin Lemons poses after recovering a fumble for a Dusters touchdown during Saturday's 51-34 af2 win over Bossier-Shreveport in Amarillo.**

▶ **With a dejected Battling coach looking on, a referee signals confirmation of Lemons' feat.**



Photos by CAROLYN THERO

## Finishing touch

BY **JACQUELINE BIGAR**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Tuesday, June 28, 2005:

You have an interesting way of mobilizing others' ideas and making them work. As a result, many will seek you out, hoping a little of your magic will rub off. You have strength and direction with your commitments and responsibilities. You are capable of getting a lot done. A partnership plays a role in finding new solutions. Most of all, because you feel so good about yourself, you do well in nearly everything you touch. A new home or renovation remains a strong possibility. Real estate investments work. If you are single, a significant romantic tie will knock on your door after the fall. If you are attached, spend more time together, doing what you enjoy as a couple. ARIES pushes you hard.

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

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

★★★★ Finally, you feel better and feel that you make a difference. Others might overload you with their requests or social calls. You might have a longer day than you'd expected, but it will be worthwhile. Tonight: Enjoy others.

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

★★ Take some time alone. You might need to close your door if you are going to get anything done. Your mind wanders, as you have so much turf to cover. Be careful if you find yourself seeing red. Talk rather than charge ahead. Tonight: Express your feelings so that someone else can hear them.

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

★★★★ You might not be sure which

way to go, but a friend certainly has some strong ideas. This person can be helpful if you use his or her ideas and opinions as a starting place. Your creativity surges. Others respond. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

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

★★★ Whether you like it or not, you become pivotal in a situation. You could easily lose your temper or push others too hard. Center yourself first, and delegate with grace. Others respond better to sugar than to vinegar. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

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

★★★★ Take the high road rather than get into a fuss. You might be on overload, as so many people want your time. Take time to make a long-distance call. Find an expert or search the Net for more information. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

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

★★★★ A partner or associate needs your attention. You might even be witness to a tantrum or some other drama in order to draw your focus. Don't go overboard with spending; use a talent or gift to help make more money. Tonight: Be with that special person.

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

★★★★ Your present pace could be excessive and a bit tough on you. Others might expect more from you as you deal with their individual situations. Avoid scattering yourself. Prioritize and give 100 percent. Tonight: Talk over dinner.

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

★★★ Dig into a project with the enthusiasm and energy you are known for. Your instincts come through for you. News from a distance could demand more time than you have. You cannot

change what is. Tonight: Exercise away stress.

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

★★★★ Once more, you serve as the solution-finder. Ideas come to you. With friends or in a meeting, a brainstorming session starts up. Someone wants you all to him- or herself. You might feel pushed. Tonight: Funnel your imagination where it counts.

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

★★★★ Build on what is already established. A family member will push to have something go his or her way. Refuse to do anything that doesn't feel comfortable. Check out an investment carefully. Your sense of responsibility takes over. Tonight: At home.

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

★★★★ Sometimes you aren't clear enough. Other times, others don't get your message. Right now, you can get your concepts across. Detach and try to think as others think. You will know what to do. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

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

★★★★ Expenditures might be rising, but you will be getting more money from another source. You also might want to take a more active role in your spending as well as moneymaking. Yes — if you think you are lucky, buy a lottery ticket. Tonight: Redo your budget.

**BORN TODAY**  
Actress Aileen Quinn (1971), comedian Mel Brooks (1926), King of England Henry VIII (1491)

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## Texas wins sixth CWS title

**OMAHA, Neb. (AP)** — A year after watching another team celebrate at the mound, Augie Garrido's Texas Longhorns punctuated their sixth College World Series title with a pileup of their own.

"It's mandatory for us to be here and it is a relief," the Texas coach said. "If we fall short of being here, we've fallen short of our first level of expectations."

Blending power pitching from closer J. Brent Cox and starter Kyle McCulloch with an unlikely spark from No. 8 hitter David Maroul, Texas beat Florida 6-2 on Sunday to win the national championship.

Texas (56-16) won five elimination games just to qualify for a berth at Omaha and then swept five straight, including two from the Gators in the best-of-three championship round.

## FORMULA ONE FLAP

## Series still paying price for June 19 Indy incident

The flap from the Formula One fiasco at Indianapolis Motor Speedway little more than a week ago continues to resonate throughout the auto racing fraternity. And what is being said paints a grim picture of the rich man's racing series' survival.

Seven teams refused to race in the June 19 Indy event because the Michelin tires they use were reported to be unsafe for the speeds the cars would generate at the famed facility. All seven teams rolled their rides back to the garage, leaving just three teams to run the race. Trophy dashes at local Saturday night tracks have more entries.

The problem here is that the teams knew this race was on the schedule. They knew of the speed issue. Frankly, they knew of the Michelin issues as did the manufacturer. That being said, they (the F1 teams) should have better prepared for the event. They should have purchased the right equipment to insure they could not only compete, but do so without the known fear any item on their car was susceptible to catastrophic problems.

It is a bit of a quandary however. This whole incident reminds me of the 1986 Space Shuttle Challenger disaster. You'll recall Morton Thiokol had pressed NASA not to launch the shuttle that fateful late

January morning. Officials at Morton Thiokol had grave reservations about the freezing temperatures and the impact it would have on the rocket boosters. Having already suffered delays, NASA wanted to do everything it could to assure the launch went as scheduled that morning. Of course, we know it did not.

If the F1 drivers, or even the officials at Michelin, suspected there might be a safety issue, what course of action should they have taken? And could have been taken before the scheduled start of the event itself? I am all about safety. I am also all about protocol and procedure. The way those teams went about voicing their concern was wrong. What they did was to place themselves above the governing body of their sport. In essence, they held the sport and that particular event hostage. Worse still, they cheated the fan who paid to watch them out of what they paid for.

Like Polo and Off Shore Racing, Formula One is, and always has been, a rich man's sport. However, the growth of NASCAR and the Indy Racing League has had a negative impact on the F1 series. A series that was already in dire straits before June 19.

At the end of the season, it may be nothing but a series of memories.

**Michael J. Stevens**  
Sports Editor





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# Billy Graham winds up his last revival meeting

Billy Graham winds up what could be his last revival meeting

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By RICHARD N. OSTLING

AP Religion Writer  
NEW YORK (AP)—The Rev. Billy Graham concluded a three-day revival meeting by raising spirits and leaving open a question that was on the mind of most who attended: Will this be the last time the celebrated evangelist preaches a mass meeting?

Graham had all but indicated this would be his last revival in the United States, but hedged as he began his final sermon at a New York City park near Shea Stadium.

"We hope to come back again someday," he told New Yorkers, then perhaps more seriously noted he had told journalists asking if this is the end, "never say never."

Among the 90,000 who turned out despite blistering heat was an Anglican rector from London, part of a committee that wants Graham to preach a meeting there in November around his 87th birthday. He'll discuss that with Graham now that the New York event is over. But Graham had said previously he doubted he would accept.

The evangelist demonstrated he's still up to the task. Despite various ailments, he looked reasonably fit and was firm of voice, though he seemed to tire and after only 23 minutes in the pulpit rather abruptly delivered the invitation for listeners to step forward and commit to Jesus.

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Graham's staff said 2,691 "inquirers" registered decisions for Jesus on Sunday, bringing the total for three days to 8,273 out of a cumulative attendance of 230,000.

The expectation that this might be Graham's farewell, and thus a milestone for American religion and world evangelicalism, hovered over the event. Noting his own advanced age, he said, "I know it won't be long."

"We are celebrating the end of 60 years of ministry with Billy Graham," said the Rev. A. R. Bernard, crusade chairman and pastor of Brooklyn's booming Christian Cultural Center.

Ismael Rivera, a New York City firefighter in the throng, couldn't bring himself to believe this was the windup. "Hopefully, praise God, I'm sure he will go on."

Joe Lin, a Brown University graduate student from Singapore, said "I just wanted to see Billy Graham preach the last time... This is a historic moment. Nobody has had such impact on the people."

*'We hope to come back again someday. Never say never.'*

—Billy Graham  
Evangelist Preacher

## Bear kills couple at campsite

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Two people camping along the Hulahula River in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge were killed by a grizzly bear, officials said Sunday.

Officials discovered the bodies and an unused firearm in a tent Saturday at a campsite near the river. They also shot and killed the animal.

The couple, whose names were not released, was believed to be in their late 50s or early 60s, North Slope Borough police said. They were from Anchorage and had been on a recreational rafting trip down the river, Alaska State Troopers said.

The victims were in their tent when the attack occurred, according to Tim DeSpain, spokesman for Alaska State Troopers.

The campsite was clean, with food stored in bear-proof containers.

"The initial scene indicates that it was a predatory act by the bear," DeSpain said.

A rafter had seen the animal at the site and notified authorities.

The couple's injuries were consistent with a bear attack and there were no signs of foul play, said Kelly Alzaharna, a lieutenant with the North Slope Borough Police Department.

There were no other people at the campsite, which was about 12 miles up river.

## Agriculture

# 'Natural' grazing study helps build pasture, range management ops

By PAUL SCHATTENBERG  
Texas A&M News/Public Affairs

UVALDE — A recently completed study on cattle grazing shows working with Mother Nature can benefit both cattle and cattle producer.

The three-year "natural" grazing management study examined grazing patterns based on the natural behavior of cattle. The study was conducted by researchers from the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center here, with support from the beef research and development department of Land O'Lakes.

The study complements other research done by the Uvalde center over the past several years.

"We set out to identify the motives behind why cattle graze the way they do, then to find out what could be done to alter these natural patterns," said Dr. Bill Holloway, resident director of research at the Uvalde center and lead researcher for the study.

The research team's goal was to find range management "tools" to help provide year-round nutrition for cattle, plus reduce costs for the producer and improve range or pasture quality.

Researchers studied more than 100 crossbred cattle in two approximately 2,500-acre South Texas pastures. A third of the cattle studied were Brahman x Angus; another third were Senepol x Angus, and the final third were Tuli x Angus.

"There have been different approaches to grazing over the years and there are problems with all of them," Holloway said. "Rotational grazing, especially high-intensity grazing, is labor intensive and requires a lot of time and money, increasing the risk in production. On the other hand, continuous grazing frequently leads to pasture deterioration from overgrazing."

Even more moderate grazing systems often do not produce adequate range improvement, he added.

"We wanted a natural approach that would mean better grazing uniformity and long-term pasture or range management at minimum added cost to the producer," he said.

During the study, researchers discovered new information on grazing distances by placing global positioning system, or GPS, collars on different cattle to track their daily grazing activity.

"We noted that larger-framed cattle like the Brahman x Angus grazed over greater distances than cattle with smaller frames," Holloway said. "Our data showed that an animal with a small frame will graze about three miles a day, while a large-framed animal covers up to a half-mile more in a day."

The researchers also saw that cattle with smaller frame sizes or those not adapted to heat stay closer to water than larger-framed breeds or breeds adapted to heat.

"So in order to help prevent overgrazing around water, producers should consider grazing large-framed, heat-adapted cattle," said Dr. Robert Warrington of Uvalde, a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station beef cattle researcher involved in the study.

"The data relating to frame size will be useful to those with larger native ranges and pastures," he said. "It will help them determine which cattle may



(Texas Cooperative Extension photo by Dr. Robert Warrington)

Dr. Bob Lyons, left, Texas Cooperative Extension range specialist, and graduate student Shollie Falkenberg collect data on daily grazing distances for "natural" grazing research by tracking cattle using global positioning systems mounted on collars.

get the most use from the available grazing area."

The researchers also determined that cattle tend to graze into the wind.

"Grazing into the wind is probably a behavior cattle developed as a way to protect themselves from predators," Holloway said. "It also allows them to keep cooler while they are grazing."

Most of the wind in Central and South Texas blows in a southeasterly direction, so cattle tend to graze in that direction, he said.

"Our research showed cattle tended to overuse the windward portion of a pasture, so producers could potentially reduce grazing activity in that direction by making access to water in the windward area more difficult," Holloway said. "Pasture shape can influence grazing behavior due to the terrain and the prevailing wind. We noted that a pasture should have a 'broad front' on the windward side to prevent cattle from being funneled that direction."

Another part of the team's research was to determine cattle's overall need for water.

"Our research validated that cattle need frequent access to water during their grazing," Holloway said. "Developing water resources in under-used portions of a pasture was effective in making sure those areas would be used."

Team members also noted that, like humans, cattle tend to travel the path of least resistance, said Dr. Bob Lyons, a Texas Cooperative Extension range specialist at the Uvalde center who was involved in the study.

"Cattle use roads, pathways and trails to get from one place to another," Lyons said. "They will avoid rough terrain, so impediments such as dense brush or rock affect their overall use of range and pasture area."

Producers who have rough pastures will likely need to adjust their cattle stocking estimate to better reflect the true acreage cattle will use, he said.

The researchers also studied how vegetation affected natural grazing. "We looked at livestock distribution in relation to natural vegetation distribution," said Dr. Keith Owens,

Experiment Station range ecology researcher at the Uvalde center and a study contributor. "There are many types of vegetation cattle won't eat, so there will be range or pasture areas they won't visit as much."

Researchers found that cattle only occasionally visited shallow ridges of the research areas which were dominated by guajillo and black brush.

"These areas didn't provide a major forage resource for the cattle," Lyons said. "They spent most of their time grazing in low areas or draws. A producer just can't stock a pasture as if it's all going to be used."

Producers may also want to consider bringing in other animals, such as wildlife or goats, to eat the vegetation that is less appealing to cattle, he added.

The team also studied whether an external food source could be used to alter grazing patterns. A molasses-based liquid feed was chosen as the "exogenous" or outside food source.

"We wanted to see if the cattle would respond to the liquid feed," Holloway said. "We limited the cattle's consumption of the feed, but provided it year-round so they had nutritional security. The result was fatter cows throughout the year, heavy weaning weights and high levels of reproduction."

The liquid feed was also portable, so lick tanks could be placed in different areas of the pasture to see what effect it had on where the cattle grazed, Holloway added.

Researchers discovered moving the lick tank was often effective in drawing cattle away from preferred grazing areas and water sources, as well as toward unused forage areas.

"Grazing patterns can be influenced by applying knowledge of several natural factors relating to cattle and the physical area in which they graze," he said. "We feel this research will help producers get a better understanding of the natural behavior of cattle. This, in turn, will allow them to select which grazing management practices will be optimal for their range or pasture areas."

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