

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Monday, June 27

Twenty traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from Hamilton Street, the intersection of Gwendolyn and Wells streets, and the 1100 block of North Hobart.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the intersection of Alcock and Sumner streets.

An animal complaint was received from the 800 block of South Hobart.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive, the 1100 block of Huff Road, the 300 block of Anne, the 900 block of South Nelson, and the 1100 block of Darby, all concerning fireworks.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 300 block of East Tuke.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

Public intoxication was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported at the intersection of Randy Matson and Coffee streets, and the 1300 block of Coffee.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1000 block of North Wells and the 800 block of Bradley.

A welfare check was made on Huff Road.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of Campbell. One female was arrested in connection with the incident.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of North Faulkner and on two occasions in the police department lobby. One of the reports made in the police department lobby involved a car that was vandalized in a parking lot in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of South Cuyler. A radio, television and videocassette recorder were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$200.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of South Cuyler. A stereo, woofers and electronics were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$600.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 800 block of Beryl.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. Fuel valued at \$39.09 was taken.

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Theft was reported in the 400 block of Hughes. A refrigerated air conditioner unit valued at \$225 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of East McCullough. A wallet was taken.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of Warren. A cell phone valued at \$100 was taken.

Theft was reported at Wal-Mart, 2801 Charles. A videotape, printer cartridge, and oil and filter change were taken, resulting in a loss valued at \$45.

Theft was reported in the 1800 block of North Sumner. A radio, television and videocassette recorder were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$2,000.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner. A license plate valued at \$60 was taken.

Burglary of a building was reported at E C Fashion, 108 S. Cuyler. No further information was available.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Assault by threat was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of East Randy Matson, and the 400 block of Powell.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 200 block of West Foster.

John Michael Calvert, 22, 319 E. Commercial, was arrested in the 200 block of South Naida for displaying expired registration and failure to obtain inspection.

Billie Sue Kelly, 38, 922 E. Campbell, was arrested in the 900 block of East Campbell for simple assault.

Tuesday, June 28

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of Neel road.

Theft was reported in the 700 block of West Brown. A box of motorcycle trophies was taken from the back of a vehicle. Estimated value of loss is \$60.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Sunday, June 26

2:08 p.m. — A 2000 Toyota Corolla, driven by Amanda Dawn Whinery, 27, 1108 Sirroco, and a 2000 Toyota 4 Runner, driven by Maria Rivera, 58, 1108 Sandlewood, collided in the intersection of North Crest and Sirroco streets. Rosa Montes, 73, no address given, a passenger in Rivera's vehicle, was transported by private vehicle to Pampa Regional Medical Center with possible injuries. Whinery was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

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Obituaries

Jerry L. Carpenter, 63

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

Services are set for 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 29, 2005, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Fred Palmer, pastor of the Carpenter's Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Memphis, Texas, under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

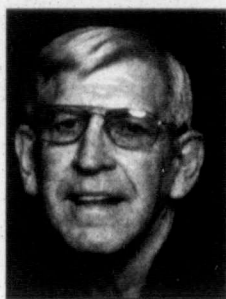
Mr. Carpenter was born May 22, 1942,

at Pampa. He married Alice Stacy on June 26, 2004, in Pampa. 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 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-whatley.com.



Carpenter

Maria E. Flippo, 67

AMARILLO — Maria E. Flippo, 67, died Monday, June 27, 2005, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 29, 2005, at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Flippo was born Aug. 31, 1937, in Kingsville. She married James Flippo on

Sept. 13, 1988, in Abilene. She had been a resident of Amarillo for 10 years. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, James Flippo of the home; three nieces, five great-nieces and one great-nephew.

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

Martha Kathryn Kennedy, 50

Martha Kathryn Kennedy, 50, died Sunday, June 26, 2005, at Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m., Wednesday, June 29, 2005, at Fairview Cemetery, with Suzie Wilkinson, deacon with St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Miss Kennedy was born Nov. 10, 1954, in Pampa to Richard and Jean Kennedy. Her love for her fellow man led her to be a "candy stripper" while attending Pampa High School. She graduated from

Northwest Texas School of Nursing, receiving her degree as a registered nurse. She worked at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo in the NICU until 1992. She was an active support of the Arthritis Foundation as well as the Humane Society. She was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. She enjoyed scrapbooking and painting.

Survivors include one aunt, Elizabeth Winchester of Lawrence, Kan.; special friends, Emily Burrows, Paula Simpson, Sally Pond, Cheryl Wollard, Cassie Burrows and Tim Burrows.

Memorials may be made to Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society, 3501 S. Osage, Amarillo, Texas, 79109, or the Arthritis Foundation, 4300 MacArthur, Suite 245, Dallas, Texas 75209-6524.

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Kennedy

Raymond Wesley Parks, 68

Raymond Wesley Parks, 68, of Pampa, died Friday, June 24, 2005, at Amarillo.

Services are set for 9 a.m., Thursday, June 30, 2005, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Fred Palmer, pastor of the Carpenter's Church, officiating. Cremation will follow under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Parks was born Oct. 1, 1936, at Alma, Mich. He moved to Pampa in 1984 from Coldwater, Mich.

Mr. Parks was an auto mechanic. He

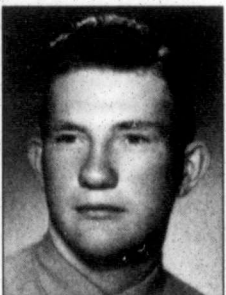
served in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict.

He married Barbara Smillie on July 19, 1958, at Alma. She preceded him in death on Jan. 8, 2004.

Survivors include one son, Scott Parks of 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, Mich.; two sisters, Bonnie Brown of Alma and Sharon Fernandez of California; 16 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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

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Services tomorrow

CARPENTER, Jerry L. — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

FLIPPO, Maria E. — Graveside, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

KENNEDY, Martha Kathryn — Graveside, 3 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. South southwest wind around 15 mph. Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 71. South southwest wind around 15 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high around 99. West southwest wind around 15 mph. Wednesday night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 70. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 94. East northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Thursday night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. East southeast wind around 15 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 94.

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Business Review

LA Nails offers wide range of nail-care services

Want to brighten your look without going to extremes? In the mood for a little pampering? Then LA Nails, right here in Pampa, might just be the salon for you.

Situated in Coronado Shopping Center, 1201 N. Hobart, next to Thai Delight restaurant, LA Nails is run by a husband and wife duo named Thao Luong and Thang Nguyen.

The couple introduced the business to Pampa about three years ago.

"I've wanted to own my own salon," Thao Luong explained, "since right after high school."

Though several LA Nail salons exist in the area, each, Thao said, is individually owned and operated.

She has been a nail tech for a total of six years. Thang, she said, has worked as a professional nail technician for approximately three years.

Thao and Thang offer at their salon a full slate of nail care services, performing both manicures and pedicures for their customers. Among the services patrons may choose from, for

example, is a special "spa" pedicure.

"It's called a spa pedicure," Thao said, "because we have a chair that massages your back while you sit for a pedicure."

All pedicures, she emphasized, include a luxurious foot massage, but only the spa pedicure includes the additional bonus of the specially-designed comfort chair.

Besides giving pedicures, LA Nails offers a variety of manicures and full-set false nails, solar nails among them.

"Usually solar nails are for people who prefer the French manicure," Thao explained, adding that this type of treatment is particularly effective in warding against any hint of yellow on the nail.

"It looks like a new set all the time because we fill the white areas back in," she said. Plus the white powder does not easily chip off, she said.

In addition, the salon handles a selection of lotions and scrubs for the hands and feet and keeps a stock of cuticle oil on hand for customers to purchase.



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Viewpoints

Greatest American: A win for 'the Gipper'

The Republicans have scored another victory over the Democrats.

A television miniseries which ended Sunday raised the question of who was the greatest American.

A hundred people were on the original list, and viewers were invited to vote their choices by telephone, text messaging and e-mail.

Entertainers, politicians and social activists were on the list. They ranged from Benjamin Franklin to Dr. Phil, from Elvis to Oprah.

The field was narrowed to the top 10, and Sunday evening's finale included a last chance to vote during the first few minutes of the show.

The top 10, in their final slots, are as follows:

10. Franklin Delano Roosevelt; 9. Oprah Winfrey; 8. Elvis Presley; 7. Bill Clinton; 6. George W. Bush; 5. Benjamin Franklin; 4. George Washington; 3. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; 2. Abraham Lincoln; and 1. Ronald Reagan.

Reagan, the Great Communicator, edged out Lincoln with .44 percent more votes than the Great Emancipator.

Millions of people reportedly voted in this unofficial naming of the greatest American.

I decided to cast my vote at the beginning of the show, but never could get through.

I kept getting a message that "all circuits were busy."

Some of the reasoning behind the votes was discussed. Washington had been in first place before Sunday, but his ownership of slaves was one of the factors against him when it came time for the final ballot.

Elvis made it into the top 10 when Southern states such as Texas and Georgia entered their choices.

Reagan became a front-runner via California votes, and remained a contender to

the end.

One of the reasons given for Reagan's popularity was his insistence on the removal of the Berlin Wall. Who doesn't remember his famous demand, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"?

Reagan was also credited for ending the Cold War and bringing about the end of the nuclear arms race. The Iran-Contra affair was mentioned as a black mark on his record, but apparently the good things he accomplished outweighed the rest.

Some members of the audience said that another factor in Reagan's win was that he had been President fairly recently, and had just died last year. Thus, his memory is still relatively fresh in everyone's minds.

I didn't watch the entire miniseries, so I don't know who all of the 100 are. I believe that Bob Hope and Lucille Ball were listed, along with several other entertainers not in the top 10 (including, as mentioned before, entertainer-counselor Dr. Phil).

Only two entertainers made it to the final top 10, however. Yes, Oprah is an entertainer first and foremost. She may do a variety

of things to try and help others, but she couldn't do what she does without first having her successful talk show.

I found it interesting that six Presidents, including our current one, were in the top 10. After all, they had plenty of detractors during their terms of office. I'm sure it was just as true of George Washington as it is of George W.

In fact, I can think of criticisms I've heard about each one of the top 10.

These complaints include some of FDR's more socialistic policies, Oprah's beefs about beef, Elvis' pelvis, Bill's Monica, George W.'s

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Marilyn Powers
Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, June 28, the 179th day of 2005. There are 186 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 28, 1914, Austrian Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife, Sofia, were assassinated in Sarajevo by a Serb nationalist — the event which triggered World War I.

On this date:

In 1491, England's King Henry VIII was born at Greenwich.

In 1778, "Molly Pitcher" (Mary Ludwig Hays) carried water to American soldiers at the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth, N.J.

In 1836, the fourth president of the United States, James Madison, died in Montpelier, Va.

In 1838, Britain's Queen Victoria was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles was signed in France, ending the First World War.

In 1939, Pan American Airways began regular trans-Atlantic air service.

In 1944, the Republican national convention in Chicago nominated New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for president and Ohio Gov. John W. Bricker for vice president.

Our readers write

Divisiveness more serious

Editor's Note: This is an edited letter written to State Rep. Warren Chisum that the writer asked to be printed in The Pampa News.

Representative Chisum, I am a former resident of Pampa, born and raised there. I lived with my parents. As a proud Pampan and Texan, I still follow news of my hometown and my state. I must say that I am perplexed by your legislative agenda. I don't see much legislative responsibility in it for the citizens of Texas and your district. It appears that much of the news you

generate surrounds a frightening — to me — and dangerous encroachment upon affairs that have nothing to do with your responsibilities as a legislator for the citizens of your district and state.

The gay marriage amendment you proposed is one such action. It is ridiculous and needless and it certainly is popular with many legislators in many other states. For what reason? I do not understand since almost all states already have laws dealing with this issue. In my opinion, American churches already do an admirable job of protecting marriage, whatever that means.

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Americans live in state of delusion

Many Americans are living in a state of delusion, fed by the politicians who keep telling us we're the greatest, the strongest, the freest, the wealthiest, etc., etc., and so forth. Actually, we are heading toward becoming a Third World country.

The difference between a First World country and a Third World country is this: First World countries manufacture finished goods and import raw materials; Third World countries export raw materials and import manufactured goods.

Why does this account for a difference in standard of

living? It's easy to explain. A skilled machinist adds more value to a product than someone who flips a burger with a spatula. Therefore, the machinist can demand a higher salary.

Unfortunately, our manufacturing base is rapidly diminishing, and the villains are none other than our own corporate executives, who are moving production to cheap-labor countries.

The law of supply and demand works this way in regard to labor. Countries that have a surplus of people

can bid the price of labor way down. India, China and Central America have a surplus of people. The alternative in those countries to taking a job with stingy wages and no benefits is to face no job and no income.

That was the old way of looking at economics, but

there is a new factor that makes the old economic theory break down. That new factor is the multinational corporation. Much of what the U.S. government classifies as "exports" and "imports" are really nothing more than intracorporate transfers.

Under the old theory, if, say, all the bluejeans sold in America were manufactured in El Salvador, then El Salvador would prosper. After all, it would be exporting manufactured goods. Unfortunately for El

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Medicaid costs eating up state's budget

Here's the problem: Medicaid works. And its success is eating states alive. Medicaid pays for many Americans' nursing home costs. It helps mothers find prenatal care. And it allows families to get health insurance for their children, if they can't find it elsewhere.

As a result of these achievements, and the growth in health costs, Medicaid's expenses are running sky-high. On average, Medicaid eats up about 22 percent of states' budgets, which is more than what most of them spend on schools. Unless Washington and state capitals get on top of this problem, Medicaid will crowd out spending for just about every-

thing states do. Fortunately, a bipartisan group of governors has stepped forward with ways to save Medicaid. Led by the impressive Republican Mike Huckabee of Arkansas and Democrat Mark Warner of Virginia, the governors particularly want more flexibility in running their Medicaid programs.

Being close to the problem, they think they can save money and serve families. We agree. For example, the governors are right to ask for more leeway in offering benefits. Not all states have the

same needs. Let the governors respond to them, just as they do with other health programs.

Governors also deserve more authority to require patients to pay a small portion of their services. Congress exempts Medicaid patients from "copayments" for some services, such as family planning.

Governors need ample authority to press drug companies to increase their rebates. States buy plenty of medicines. They deserve a

price break. These ideas aren't complete, but they could control costs without sacrificing health care. They also show governors aren't going to let Medicaid career off the cliff.

We particularly hope Texas legislators join them. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick could do Texas a huge favor by appointing a committee to examine the state's Medicaid program, which now consumes about 20 percent of Texas' budget.

Like many states, Texas needs a better way to run its Medicaid program. Neither bankrupting the budget nor leaving families high and dry is an acceptable option.

Texas Thoughts

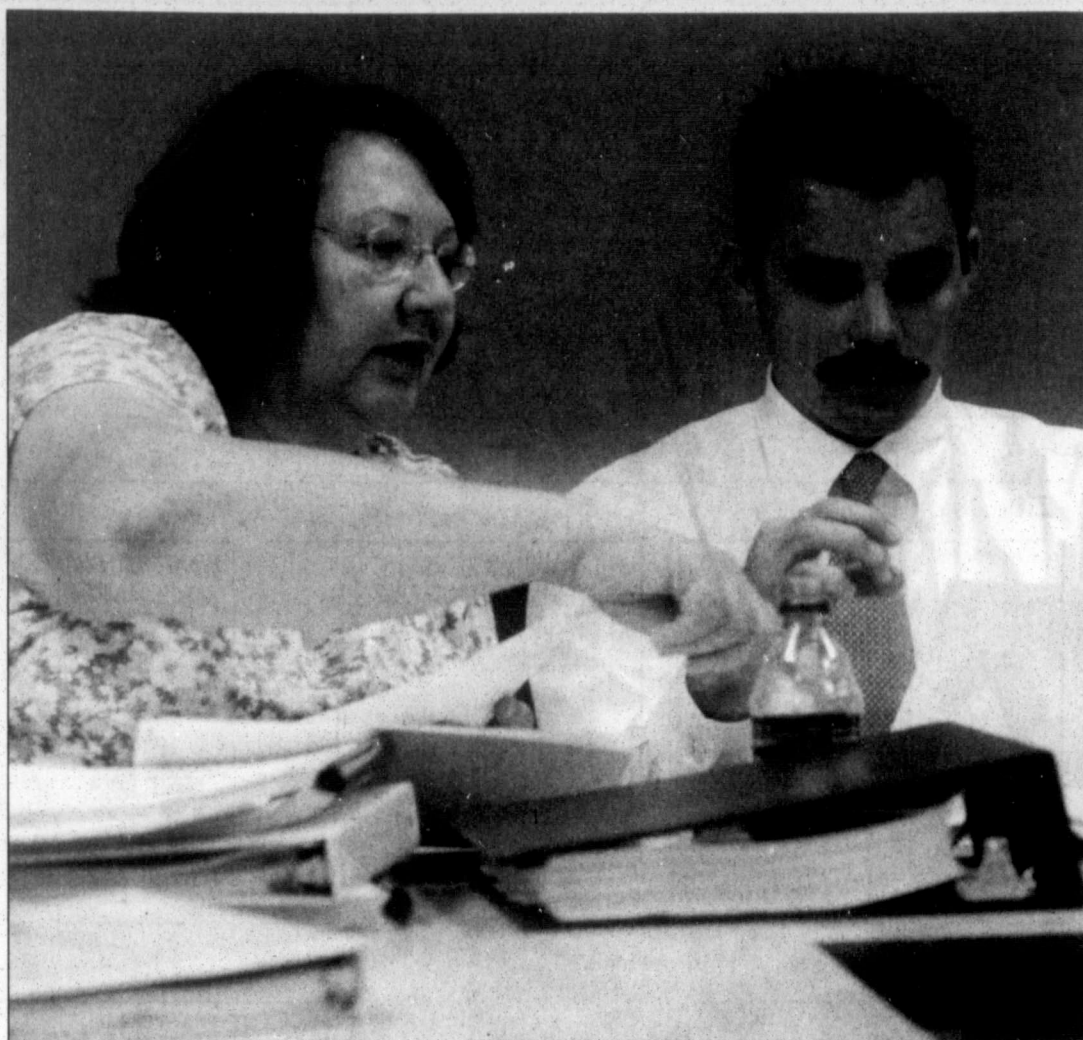
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Pampa City Commissioners Faustina Curry, left, and Brad Pingel discuss the list of city bills before approving them during a special meeting of the commission Monday afternoon.

City

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"The rates are the same," Horst said.

The city would get five percent of the gross proceeds earned by Atmos.

In other business, the commission approved the purchase of a fire truck using a \$193,000 grant and \$50,000 in matching city funds.

Former City Commissioner Gary Sutherland appeared before the commission Monday and said that the Pampa Rotary Club was interested in seeing a sign welcoming people to the city at Sunset Park.

"He approached me a few months ago after the second truck drove through Sunset Park," Horst said.

Sunset Park is a small triangle of land on the west side of the city where U.S. Highway 60 curves coming into town. At least two trucks have missed the curve in recent years, hitting the sign that is there now.

"We had a discussion in our Rotary board meeting about trying to do something

to the park that might make it a little more of an attractive entrance," Sutherland said.

He said, having served on the commission, that he understand all the problems of upkeep, but Sutherland said he would like to see the rock there now removed and grass planted.

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— Gary Sutherland
Rotary representative

"I think that the little bit of grass there wouldn't require that much mowing," Sutherland said.

He said he'd like to see something like Prestige Auto Parts had done. Sutherland said he thought something like that could be done for

\$10,000 to \$12,000.

Horst said the city would get about \$6,000 from the wreck at Sunset Park.

Sutherland also cited new signs at Quanah and Childress. Those, he admitted, may have been done with Texas Department of Transportation money. Such funding, he said, could take a couple of years.

"I would just like to get the commission to think about this," Sutherland said.

Commissioner Faustina Curry said she had just returned from a vacation up the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains and had noticed signs welcoming travelers to many of the Colorado cities along Interstate 25.

"There are really wonderful signs out there," she said.

"I'm here to say we're willing to try to help and do something," Sutherland said.

He said he thinks the Rotary Club can raise from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for such a sign.

Mayor Lonny Robbins said the commission would be interested in seeing some designs if anybody was interested in coming up with one.

Bush

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nents of the war planned protests.

"There's a groundswell against this war," said Bill Dobbs, spokesman for United For Peace and Justice, an anti-war coalition

of more than 1,300 local and national groups. "You can see it in Congress, you can see it in newspaper editorials and what young people are saying to military recruiters: 'No.'"

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Bush will stress the need for patience as Iraq moves toward establishing a permanent democratic government.

She acknowledged that continuing insurgent violence and the loss of life makes it hard for Americans "to focus on the quiet process that's going on in Iraq of building a political consensus toward a stable and democratic Iraq."

"I know it's difficult and the president will acknowledge that," Rice said on

NBC's "Today" show. "But the United States has been through difficult times before to come out on the other side with a more stable world."

As of late morning, ABC was the only broadcast network planning live coverage. CBS, Fox and NBC had announced no decision. The cable networks CNN, Fox News Channel and MSNBC

were planning to carry the president's remarks.

Although attacks frequently take the lives of American troops, Bush has said they will not leave until Iraqi security forces are trained and equipped to keep the peace.

He has refused to give a timetable for troop withdrawal, even though some

Democrats and a few Republicans in Congress are supporting a resolution that calls for Bush to start bringing them home by Oct. 1, 2006.

"The key to success in Iraq is for the Iraqis to be able and capable of defending their democracy against terrorists," Bush said Monday.

Record

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Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests and incidents on Monday.

Sunday, June 26

William Bradford Houck, 46, 12048 E. Frederic, was arrested for displaying a fictitious registration and for displaying a fictitious inspection sticker.

Delbert DeWayne Music, 19, 817 Locust, was arrested for Pampa Police Department on a capias pro fine for no helmet.

Brandon Craig Bowman, 19, 534 S. Reid, was arrested on a probation violation for theft.

Fire

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

Monday, June 27

5:21 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a LifeStar medical helicopter standby at One Medical Plaza.

Appeals

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The court had held in Monday's decisions that exhibits would be upheld if their main purpose was to honor the nation's legal, rather than religious, traditions, and if they didn't promote one religious sect over another. For example, justices said their courtroom frieze is OK as a mural of "lawgivers," which includes Moses holding the tablets with no text on it.

How long an exhibit has stood also will determine its constitutionality, with wide-open lots more acceptable settings than schoolhouses filled with young students, the justices held.

Justices let stand a Cincinnati-based 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that ordered Judge James DeWeese of Richland County Common Pleas Court in Ohio to remove a poster of the Ten Commandments in his courtroom.

Delusion

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Salvador, under the new theory all of the bluejean factories would be owned by American corporations. Thus, the multinational corporation screws both the people of El Salvador and the American consumer. The Salvadoran gets a low wage, and the American consumer pays an inflated price for a very cheaply produced garment. The capitalists pocket the profits.

But in the meantime, what happens to the Americans? Well, as their income is reduced by the loss of high-paying manufacturing jobs, they will at first take out second mortgages and max out their credit cards in a vain attempt to maintain their standards of living. This will eventually, however, result in bankruptcies and foreclosures. Interest will eat them alive. Then there will be a shrinking market for the high-priced goods no matter where they are manufactured.

Poverty will also affect the services sector. Poor

people can't afford a doctor, a lawyer, an architect, an interior decorator, life or medical insurance, a nursing home or a funeral. The idea once touted by the wet-behind-the-ears gurus in Washington that we could easily replace manufacturing with services is false. A consumer economy only works if the consumers have money to spend, and they can only have money to spend if they can find jobs that pay a decent wage.

President George Bush likes to talk about an 'ownership society,' but what he and his predecessors are creating is a 'sharecropper's society.'

You can see the signs of the gradual impoverishment of America if you think about what is happening. First, supermarkets started accepting credit cards; then fast-food joints did. Many car dealers are now reduced

to "sign and drive" promotions — nothing down, low monthly payments. What all of that tells you is that more and more Americans are squeezed for income.

All of this damage has been done under the guise of free trade. That is a false label. It's actually managed trade, and it's designed to facilitate the off-shoring of American jobs. The evidence of the failure of this policy is plain, but ignored. It has produced nothing but huge trade deficits and turned us into a debtor nation. The amount of U.S. dollars held by Asian countries is about \$1 trillion. We will eventually be tenants in our own country if we don't change course.

President George Bush likes to talk about an "ownership society," but what he and his predecessors are creating is a "sharecropper's society." The only consolation Americans will have when everything goes south is that they will have done it to themselves.

Charley Reese is a retired journalist and syndicated columnist.

Gipper

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Iraq War, Ben Franklin's womanizing, Washington's slave owning and Masonic membership, King's dream

(yes, plenty of people still oppose it), Lincoln's insistence on keeping the Union together at all costs and ending slavery (plenty of people disagreed, thus the Civil War), and Reagan's aforementioned Iran-Contra affair.

Hindsight, fortunately, has

a way of showing us a person's achievements and the lasting effect of those achievements. We gain a better perspective of that person's contributions versus their mistakes.

And, in the end, we decided to win one more for The Gipper.

Letter

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This is my concern. From what I see, too many people holding positions of responsibility are doing what the "crowd" wants them to do; not the responsible thing.

As a youngster growing up and attending schools in Pampa in the 1960s and 1970s, I was introduced to many people who happen to be gay. It was not unusual and none of us gave it a second thought. Those people were no different to us than anyone else. We hadn't yet been taught, as I fear you are trying to do, that homosexuality was bad.

I certainly did not get that direct message from any

church I have attended.

I do not understand the "mission" of people such as yourself to try and attempt to marginalize these and other people. It is against everything I was brought up to believe in growing up in Pampa.

I would like to see you be a little less radical and pandering to the fundamentalist segment of Texas ...

I would like to see you be a little less radical and pandering to the fundamentalist segment of Texas and be

more attentive to your job and your responsibility to all of your constituents as a Representative to the Texas House. There are certainly much more pressing and serious needs of the public that you can have an important impact on and return the trust of the people who have elected you to such an important public position.

Politics should not be divisive nor should it be trivial or mean-spirited, but I'm afraid you continue to contribute to the problem which to me is a much more serious issue today in America than any gay issue.

I wish you the best and hope to see more positive things from you in the future.

David Chambless
Phoenix, Ariz.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Your answer to Brenda in Lakeland, Fla., who asked whether she should leave dead pets buried in her yard when she moves to another home, was off base.

I thought my pets were safely buried under a tree five years ago when we sold our home. Two years ago, I drove by my old house and, to my horror, saw that the tree had been torn out and a swimming pool now sat where we buried my beloved "Prince." The poor thing probably ended up in a landfill or a freeway base. Fortunately, before we moved, I had dug up another precious dog and had his remains cremated. He will go with me when I go.

I urge anyone who loves a departed pet and who is moving to always cremate. With real estate as valuable as it is, you can't trust any land to remain untouched by developers. The house I grew up in was in the country in 1955. Million-dollar homes now sit on that same acreage. My advice is to cremate pets and have them buried with you when the time comes. -- **WE'RE ALL GOING TOGETHER IN GARDENVILLE, NEV.**

DEAR GOING TOGETHER: Please accept my sympathy. The responses I have received to that letter have been varied, but all have been heartfelt. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I agree with you that the remains should stay where they are. However, I have a suggestion to offer that will help her feel as though her pets are still with her.

When my parents moved from our childhood home where our three family dogs were buried, my brother gathered some dirt from their burial site along with three large rocks. At my parents' new home, he buried the dirt and marked the spot with the rocks, representing each beloved dog. This way they are close to our family, while staying where they lived their lives. -- **ALISON IN BOTHELL, WASH.**

DEAR ALISON: Now that's what I call a

workable compromise.

DEAR ABBY: Sorry, but I don't agree about leaving the pets buried in the back yard when the family moves. Imagine the trauma when the new owner's kids accidentally dig up one of them. Instead, they should contact their veterinarian or the health department about proper disposal of their pets. -- **GUS IN WOODSTOCK, ILL.**

DEAR GUS: Trauma? Much would depend upon how old the children were. A young child might be frightened; an older child might be curious -- especially if he or she was with friends when it happened.

DEAR ABBY: You advised leaving the pet's remains where they are. My husband and I couldn't bring ourselves to do it. When we moved three years ago, we exhumed our beloved schnauzer's remains (his ashes were buried in a container in our yard) and took the container and headstone with us. We find it comforting knowing he's nearby, and he now has a lovely new spot in our new yard. -- **LU IN JACKSONVILLE, FLA.**

DEAR LU: If his presence brings you comfort, more power to you.

DEAR ABBY: I buried my pet bird in my back yard many years ago and installed a concrete marker. That marker, dated June 1944, now rests in my daughter's garden, hundreds of miles away, and still looks as good as new. It no longer marks my bird's burial place, but rather a place in our family's heart. Your answer was perfect. -- **LARRY IN EMERY, S.D.**

DEAR LARRY: Your letter echoes one I received from Pam C. of Duluth, Ga., who wrote: "Tell Brenda to take the markers but leave the animals. The markers will mean nothing to the next owner, but they will bring her warmth every time she sees them in her next yard. I've been there and done that."

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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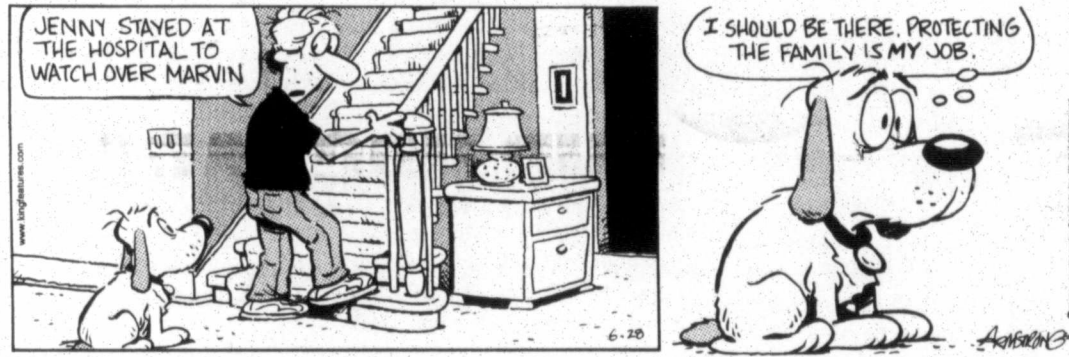
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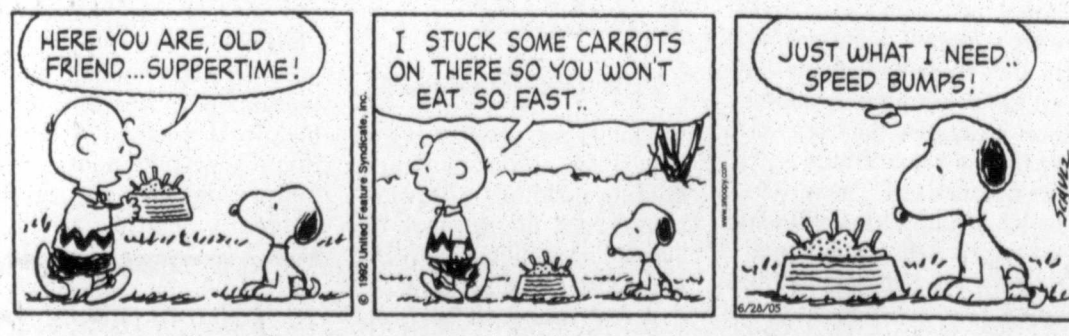
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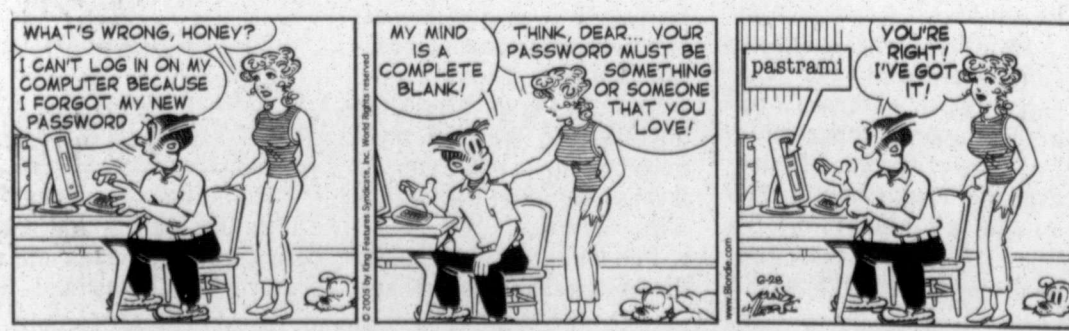
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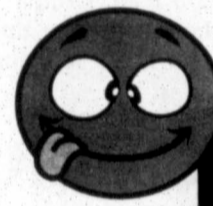
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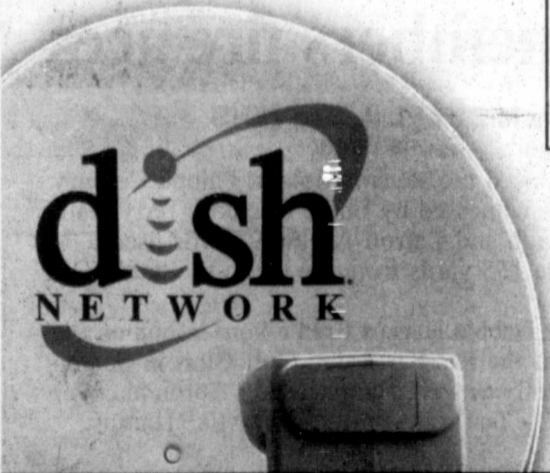
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Sports Day



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We have contact

Robbie Dixon makes contact during Saturday's Wooden Bat Tournament at Harvester Field.

14-15 All Stars drop NRC, Dumas up next later today

DUMAS — It was deja vu for the Pampa Optimist Babe Ruth 14-15 All Star Team here Monday. They defeated the North Randall County All Stars by an identical 12-2 score with which they opened the District I 14-15 Babe Ruth Tournament on Saturday.

Pampa plays Dumas today at 6 p.m. A win by Pampa will force a second game 30 minutes later for the District I championship.

Saturday, it was Aaron Carr, who was the winning pitcher. He received fifth inning help from Blake Sieck. Monday it was Dakota Gowin throwing four strong innings to knotch the win. Colden Fortenberry relieved in the fifth inning. The Pampa team also defeated Dalhart 19-1 behind the pitching of Sieck on Saturday. That victory set up a winners' bracket game between Dumas and Pampa on Sunday in which Dumas prevailed 11-7.

In the first inning Sunday Gowin survived a hit and two walks leaving the bases full. Sieck started a Pampa rally in the bottom of the first with a walk. On the next pitch Chase Herriman tripled him home. Herriman scored on a grounder by Fortenberry to give Pampa an early 2-0 lead. Pampa made it 4-0 in the bottom of the third. Sieck singled. Herriman sent him to third with a

single and was picked off first as Sieck scored on the run down. Gowin singled and stole second and third. After Ryan Funderburg walked, Carr was safe on an error with Gowin scoring.

After Gowin had retired seven in a row, North Randall County put together three hits in the fourth inning to push a run across to narrow the score to 4-1.

Pampa began putting the game out of reach in the bottom of the fourth. Casey Trimble ignited a rally with a triple. A single by Sieck plated Trimble. Herriman followed with his third hit of the night sending Trimble to third.

A double steal left Herriman on second as Trimble scored. Walks to Fortenberry and Gowin loaded the bases. A fielder's choice hit by Funderburg brought in Herriman. A ground out by Carr brought in Fortenberry giving Pampa an 8-1 lead.

Fortenberry took over on the hill in the fifth and struggled. The first batter reached first on an error. Fortenberry walked the next two batters. The Pampa team then made a silk purse out of a sow's ear on a wild pitch, a bad throw to the plate attempting to get the runner from third and another wild throw to third trying to get the runner who had come from second. Third baseman

Carr ran down the overthrow and fired to Fortenberry covering home who threw back to Carr, who had hustled back to cover third, for a most unusual 5-1-5 double play. Fortenberry ended the inning with a strikeout.

The game-ending rally in the fifth began with walks to Trimble and Sieck. Madison Wilson, in a pinch hitting role, was hit by a pitch loading the bases. Trimble dashed home on a wild pitch. Gowin and pinch hitter, John Anguiano, walked forcing in Sieck.

Wilson and Gowin scored on wild pitches. John Luke Covalt walked. Heath Skinner got the only hit of the inning with a single to plate Anguiano for a baker's dozen but which was officially listed as only 12-2.

Gowin allowed four singles and one run in four innings to pick up the win. He struck out six and walked two. The run against Fortenberry was unearned. He permitted no hits, walked two and struck out one.

Herriman went three for three, including a triple and two runs scored, to pace Pampa's hitting. Sieck had two singles, two walks and scored four times to have also a perfect night at the plate.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

A.S.S.I., Team America teams still undefeated

Pampa Park and Rec Summer League Standings as of June 28, 2005

Team	Wins	Losses
Mens Open		
A.S.S.I.	3	0
Team America	3	0
Prestige Auto Body	2	1
Domino's	2	1
WT Pest Cont./Disco	1	2
N'l Oilwell Varco	1	2
Trinity Fellowship	0	3
Jerry's	0	3
Mixed Open		
Division 1		
Pampa Machine	4	0
B.D.C.I.	4	0
Rick's Body Shop	3	1
O.C.B.	2	2
CTW Brakes & Rims	1	3
Jays Drive Inn	0	4
Tip Top Used Cars	0	4
Division 2		
The Rednecks	2	0
ECF/Milano's Pizza	2	0
City Of Pampa	1	1
V.F.W.	1	1
Fenton Motors	0	2
Centramedia	0	2

af2 Conference Standings

af2 Conference Standings through June 28, 2005

American Conference			
East Division			
Team	W	L	T
y-Manchester Wolves	10	2	0
y-Green Bay Blizzard	8	4	0
WB/Scranton Pioneers	7	5	0
Louisville Fire	7	5	0
Albany Conquest	3	9	0
South Division			
Team	W	L	T
x-Florida Firecats	10	2	0
Macon Knights	5	7	0
Arkansas Twisters	3	9	0
S. Georgia Wildcats	2	10	0
Birmingham Steeldogs	1	11	0
National Conference			
Mid West Division			
Team	W	L	T
Memphis Xplorers	10	2	0
Amarillo Dusters	8	4	0
Oklahoma Yard Dawgz	7	5	0
Quad Steamwheelers	6	6	0
Bossier Battle Wings	3	9	0
West Division			
Team	W	L	T
Rio Grande Dorados	8	4	0
Tulsa Talons	8	4	0
Gen. Valley Coyotes	6	6	0
San Diego Riptide	4	8	0
Bakersfield Blitz	4	8	0

y - clinched playoff berth
x - clinched division and First Round bye

PHS FOOTBALL

Woods' camp set to begin July 18

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Future stars of the Harvester gridiron, get ready. Pampa head football coach Bryan Wood and his staff are ready to host this year's PHS Football Camp. Camp is open to students who will be enrolled as third through ninth graders this fall. Wood says camp will introduce students to specific individual skills while promoting the team concept. "We want out campers to learn and understand the importance of the tradition that exists here in Pampa," says Wood.



Coach Bryan Wood

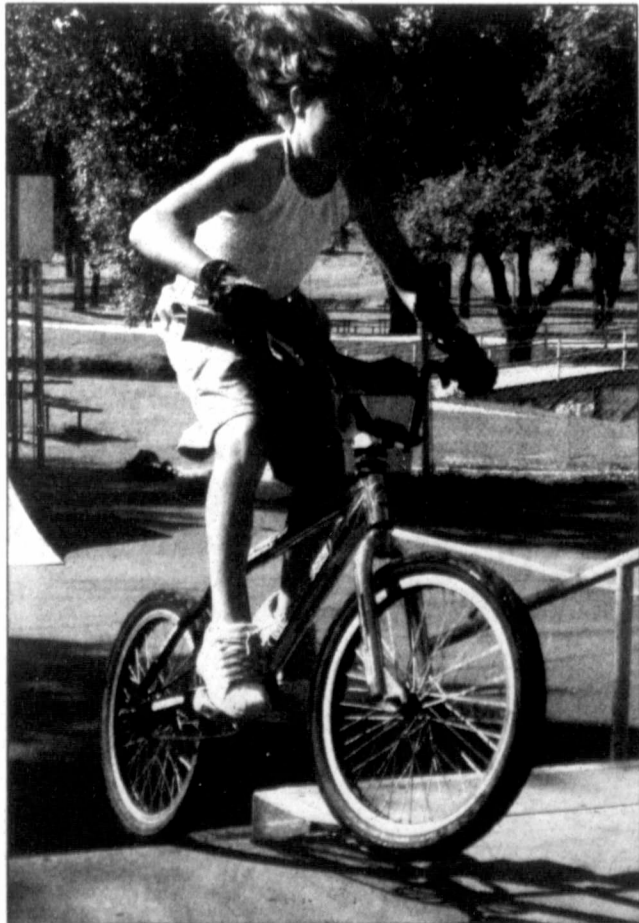
This camp will teach skills such as throwing, catching and covering in the game of football. Though there will be an emphasis on skilled positions such as quarterback, receiver and linebacker, all facets of the game will be covered. All campers will benefit from intensive one-on-one instruction.

This year's camp will run from July 18 through July 22 and cost \$50 per camper.

Registration forms are available at the Pampa Athletic Department. They need to be filled out and returned with fees by July 1.

For additional information, please call the PHS Athletic Department at 669-4830.

Go girl



10-year-old Bailey Beck spends the morning working the ramps and other obstacles on her bike at the Skate Park located in Pampa's Central Park Tuesday.

Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Lance starts clothing line

NEW YORK (AP) — Lance Armstrong's retirement bash is less than a month away, and he's more concerned with the open road in front of him than the void he's leaving behind.

The six-time Tour de France champion is shifting gears after this year's race, with or without another yellow jersey, and his departure from the sport comes at a time when there's no obvious American ready to assume his spot on the world stage.

Sit tight, Armstrong says. Everything's going to be all right — eventually.

"I'm not worried about it, but I'm certainly reminded of it every day," Armstrong said Monday during a video teleconference from Nice, France.

"People wonder what's going to happen to cycling and to the popularity of cycling when they're not necessarily focused on somebody who's trying to win the granddaddy of them all.

"I understand that, and I hope and believe that someday we'll produce another champion, but that may not happen tomorrow."

In the meantime, Armstrong is taking steps to make sure he doesn't fall out of the public consciousness.

On July 2, Nike will launch a new apparel line called "The 10/2 Collection" that plays off the success of Armstrong's LiveStrong yellow wristbands.

PCC members fire aces

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Jackie Curtis aced the seventh hole at Pampa Country Club recently as witnessed by Eddie Duenkel, Terry Hall, Frank McCullough and Carroll Langley. Curtis used a 7-iron to cover the 155 yards from the tee to the bottom of the cup.

PCC member Debbie Hargus fired a hole-in-one on the sixteenth hole at the Paa-Ko Ridge Golf Club in Sandia Park, N.M. recently as well. Hargus used a 6-iron to cover the 111 yards. The feat was witnessed by Mike Hargus.

Baker bests his own age

The Hidden Hills Ladies Golf Association sponsored last night's scramble at Hidden Hills golf course. The next is scheduled for July 12.

Also of note, Ralph Baker shot one under his age yesterday, firing a round of 72 (36-36). Baker is 73-years-old. He was part of a foursome that included Bill Hammer, Jim Brashears and Scott Wiseman, all of Pampa.

Monday Night Scramble Results June 27, 2005

- 1st Place (30)
Martin Stevens
Bob Cook
Betty Scarbrough
Benny Silva
- 2nd Place (30)
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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, June 29, 2005:

You will have a sixth sense with money — but not your money. You could do well with lottery tickets or bingo, but never risk beyond your means. You gain financially through others. Your professional and public lives could take up much of your time. You will gain because of your focus and abilities. Work and daily life take priority. Use good sense with your health habits and physical exercise, and see the doctor for regular checkups. If you are single, your home life is very important to you, and you want to share it with others. Late fall or winter, you could meet someone quite important and special. Explore this relationship. It will have possibilities. If you are attached, you seem more into being a couple than usual. Late fall, you become especially snugly. ARIES is an anchor.

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)

★★★★★ Share your ideas in a meeting or with key associates. Others are nothing but enthusiastic. You get the go-ahead and feel good about the support and general enthusiasm you receive. You might need to do some research. Tonight: Your wish is another's command.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Much needs to happen, but let someone else carry the ball. You intuitively know how to handle a superior. Do just that. A partner changes his or her tune. Tonight: Take some time for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Though others could be reactive, you get solutions from a specific individual. In fact, this person might wish he or she was as innovative as you. Discussions bring mutuality and a new understanding. Tonight: Out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Responsibilities fall on you, whether you like it or not. Revamp your plans in order to get the job done. If you want some inspiration, tap into a special creative friend. Accept new technology, if possible. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You might not be clearly seeing someone who's significant to your life. Do your best to see this person realistically, because he or she could only fall off his or her pedestal. Detach and take a new look at those close to you. Tonight: Get into a game of Scrabble, or do some other mind exercise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Listen to a key associate or partner, especially when this person has suggestions that will make your daily life work better. Sometimes you need to push harder. Revise your thinking if need be. In fact, you'll gain a new perspective. Tonight: Exchange ideas with a partner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Others seek you out with news you'll want to hear. You find a loved one especially desirable. Realize that someone could be pulling the wool over your eyes. Ask more questions, and observe the body language as well as the answers. Tonight: Accept an invitation out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Give that extra push at work or in your daily routine. You might have an idea you are mulling over. Be careful if it involves an investment. Asking for a pay

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You cannot help but share what you think and feel. Make that OK, because you seem to have some unusual ideas. Let your creativity flow into the different realms of your life: Be careful with your innate flirtatiousness. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Deal with family. You might find that money slips right through your hands. Be careful. You might want to add to your home or make an investment that feels good. Don't. Wait. Take your time. Tonight: Relax at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Your unusual ideas come out. Others might need to hear some of your thoughts. Return calls; schedule meetings. By all means, stay up-to-date on news. Use your sixth sense in a conversation. Tonight: Find your favorite person.

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★★★ Your intuition comes through in a financial matter. Check in with someone you admire and care about. You gain a new perspective from this person. Listen, because this person knows more than you. Tonight: Fun doesn't need to cost.

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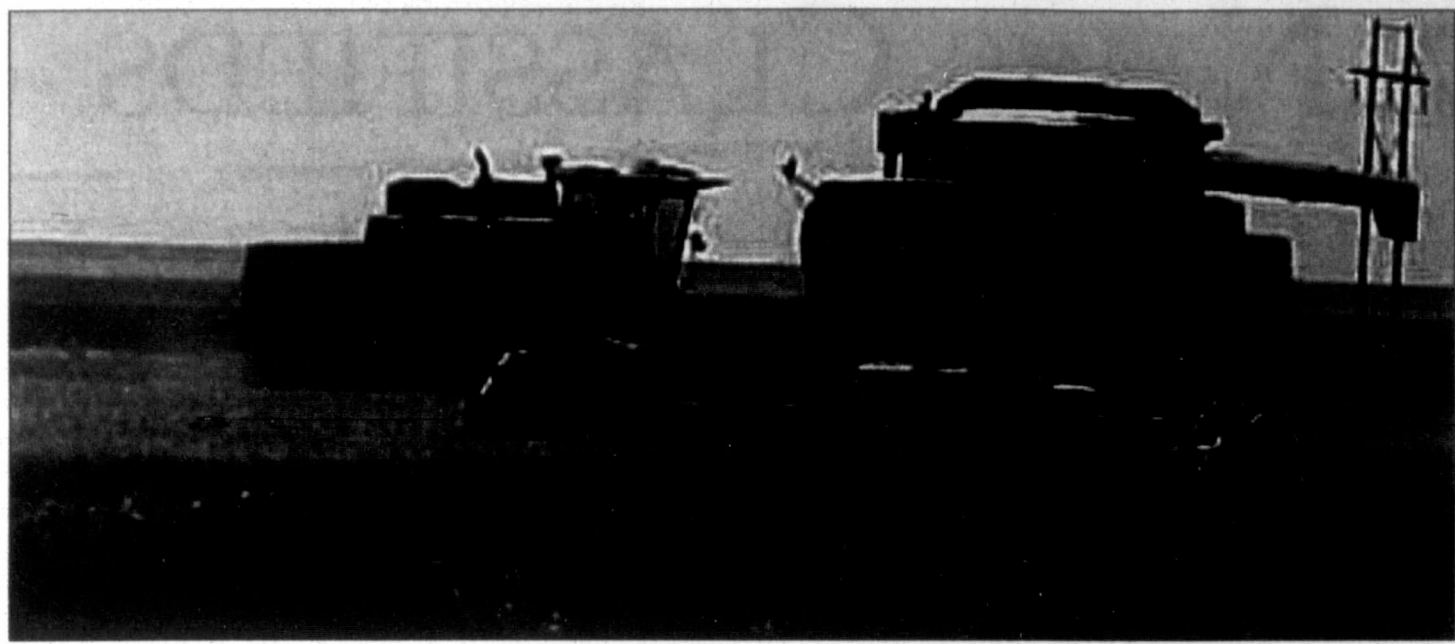
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Bloody pools of water return

Vacationers witness second shark attack off Florida Coast

CAPE SAN BLAS, Fla. (AP) — For a second time in three days, vacationers on Florida Panhandle beaches heard screams for help and saw a bloody pool of water as rescuers tried to fight off an attacking shark.

This time the victim, Craig Adam Hutto, 16, of Lebanon, Tenn., survived the attack but his leg was amputated and he remained in critical condition early Tuesday.

Hutto was fishing in waist-deep water about 60 feet from shore with his brother and a friend on Monday when the shark grabbed him in the right thigh, nearly severing the leg, said Capt. Bobby Blair of the Gulf County Sheriff's Office.

Dr. Reed Finne, a cardiovascular surgeon at Bay Medical Center in Panama City, said Tuesday the teen's leg suffered irreparable dam-

age to blood vessels and nerves between the hip and knee, as well as most of the surrounding muscle.

Finne said Craig was expected to survive, but it was too soon to tell if he suffered any brain damage from the blood loss.

"We're hopeful. He's young, he's healthy. He should be OK, but he's still sick," Finne said of Hutto.

Three days before the attack on Hutto and about 80 miles away near Destin, 14-year-old Jamie Marie Daigle died from her injuries after her leg was mutilated by a bull shark.

The attack on Hutto was witnessed by Karen Eaker, 42, of Horn Lake, Miss.

"Within five seconds it was obvious there was something wrong," Eaker

said. "We had heard the word 'shark' and then we saw the red water and the tug-of-war going on between the brother and the shark."

Nearby, Bill Pascoe, 37, of Jacksonville, was scooping up shells with his 5-year-old son when they heard a commotion. As he got closer, he saw blood in the water.

"One man jumped in and kind of looked like he had it in a head lock and was punching it on the head to get him to let loose," Pascoe said.

A doctor who happened to be nearby began treatment once the teen was ashore. He was then taken to Panama City's Bay Medical Center, where the leg was amputated. Craig's family members declined comment at the hospital.

Gulf County's Board of

County Commissioners issued a mandatory closure for beaches in the county until midday Tuesday. Destin-area beaches reopened Sunday.

The number of shark attacks rise in the summer because the animals come closer to shore to search for food, said John Tyminski, a senior biologist with the Center for Shark Research at Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota.

"I don't think there is any reason to come to a conclusion that this is strange," Tyminski said of the two recent attacks.

Daigle, of Gonzales, La., had been had been swimming with a friend about 100 yards from shore in neighboring Walton County when a shark bit her in the leg. Paramedics and an air ambulance crew were unable to revive her.

Study says horses are \$39 billion industry

RICHARDSON, Texas (AP) — Freya Warren scooped up a handful of hay on the floor of her 21-stall horse barn.

She turned the yellow shoots over in her palm, satisfied that the mixture had enough large stalks — too fine and the horses will swallow the hay without chewing, causing digestive problems.

Warren had reason to be picky: She had just taken a delivery of fresh hay — \$5 apiece for 261 bales, or more than \$1,300. And that's just the start of Warren's expenses, including the salaries of four employees, \$5,000 a year for insurance, \$800 a month for feed, and \$300 a month to haul away all the manure.

It's the same story across Texas, the nation's No. 1 horse state, and hundreds of stables, breeders and training farms around the country, who support a network of veterinarians, horeshoers and tack shops.

Deloitte Consulting LLC estimates that the horse industry contributes \$39 billion to the U.S. economy. That covers everything from the cost of saddles and salt blocks for backyard ponies to the earnings of millionaire jockeys and trainers at the nation's thoroughbred racetracks.

When indirect costs are included — the money spent at grocery stores, car dealers and dry cleaners by people who work in the business — the economic impact is \$102 billion, according to the consultants.

Several horse racing groups paid for the study, which the American Horse Council planned to release Tuesday.

According to the report, the owning, showing and racing of horses supports 1.4 million jobs. The consultants say there are 9.2 million horses in the United States.

That would be an increase of about 2 million animals since the last survey of this type nearly 10 years ago. Horse fanciers say there is a nostalgic yearning for simpler times, when horses were a part of daily life, doing chores and providing transportation.

"Even though they're not used as much in commerce as they once were, horses are still an important part of many people's lives," said Jay Hickey, president of the horse council. "It's an agribusiness. It's a sport. It's gaming. It's a breeding industry."

Hickey said the horse groups had no particular aim for the study other than getting fresh research on their industry. However, trade groups in Washington frequently use such studies when lobbying Congress and the executive branch for policies that would help their industry, and the horse lobby has several of those.

Equine groups are pushing for more favorable capital-gain tax treatment of horses. They want to be eligible for federal disaster relief. Several states allow slot machines at racetracks, and racing interests in others, including Texas, want to do the same. They generally oppose laws that would ban or limit Internet betting.

The groups also are lobbying for more public land to be available for riding trails. In urban areas, from Long Island to Dallas, stables and other operations are being pushed out to make room for homes and other development.

Horse farms line the horizon in Pilot Point account for nearly half the agricultural commodity production.

Hard numbers

- Texas is the number one state in horse sales.

- Deloitte Consulting estimates that the horse industry contributes \$39 billion to the U.S. economy every year.

- There are 9.2 million estimated horses in the United States.

Firefighters in Utah spend night battling with flames

NEW HARMONY, Utah, (AP) — Firefighters aided by an air tanker worked through the night to successfully hold back a 10,000-acre fire licking at the edges of a southwestern Utah development.

Winds that forced many residents in the New Harmony area to evacuate had diminished and no homes were believed still in immediate danger, said Bureau of Land Management information officer David Boyd.

A heavy air tanker made some rare nighttime retardant drops. "The air tanker paid a key role in keeping the community protected and keeping flames away from homes," Boyd said Monday.

At a community meeting earlier in the day, officials announced the evacuation of Harmony Heights development, with 27 homes. But within the next hour, the evacuation was extended to

'The air tanker played a key role in keeping the community protected and keeping the flames away from homes.'

—David Boyd
Bureau of Land Management Information Officer

the whole New Harmony area — about 1,200 residents.

Boyd said only about 80 families evacuated, primarily those in and near Harmony Heights, south of New Harmony, which is 280 miles south of Salt Lake City.

Don and Emily Jones, who were among the first to build in the Harmony Heights subdivision in 1993, were among those who evacuated. They got back to their home to see a wall of fire heading toward the subdivision.

"When we looked out the

back, we thought if our home is still there, it will be a miracle," Emily Jones said. It's not just your property, she said, "it's your dreams."

Further south, the Westside Complex Fire near St. George, which began almost a week ago as five smaller blazes and then grew into one, was 90 percent contained by Monday. The 68,264-acre fire was expected to be fully contained by Tuesday night, said fire spokesman Dave Olson.

The National Interagency Fire Center said Monday that 20 large fires were burning on more than 735,000

acres in Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Washington.

In Nevada, a 33,500-acre wildfire that had blanketed Las Vegas with smoke and prompted the evacuation of a Boy Scout camp was nearing containment. "We're basically in a mop-up mode now," fire information officer Joe Colwell said of the blaze southwest of Las Vegas.

Arizona's biggest blaze, about 30 miles north of Phoenix, grew to 116,550 acres Monday, but it was burning away from populated areas that had initially been threatened by the lightning-sparked fire.

In Southern California, a brush fire swept across 800 acres in the western Antelope Valley on Monday, destroying one building and forcing some residents to evacuate before firefighters managed to contain it.

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