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## Officials stress safety during July Fourth holiday

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

The Fourth of July is Tuesday, and government and law enforcement officials are offering safety tips to make it as enjoyable as possible for area residents.

July 4 is the second most deadly holiday of the year for motorists, right behind New Year's, said Trooper Daniel Hawthorne, public information officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety office in Childress.

At least 253 people were killed in alcohol-related vehicle accidents

across America during the Fourth of July holiday period in 2004. Of those, 225 involved a driver, motorcycle operator or non-occupant with a blood alcohol concentration level of .08 or higher.

"Remember to plan not to drive ahead of time," Hawthorne said. "If you wait until you've started drinking, you will make the wrong decision."

"Don't take a vehicle to parties if you're going to drink. Don't drink at all if you are driving. Buzz driving is still drunken driving," he said.

Some residents may be planning

to spend the holiday at an area lake. Lake McClellan, south of Pampa, is still closed and will not be open for at least a couple of months, according to Tom Smeltzer, natural resource specialist with the U.S. Forest Service's Cheyenne, Okla., office. The office manages the Black Kettle and McClellan Creek National Grasslands, which includes Lake McClellan as well as Lake Marvin near Canadian.

Lake McClellan was closed after wildfires earlier this year damaged a number of trees and other structures at the lake, resulting in hazardous

conditions for visitors.

The burned trees at Lake McClellan pose a hazard to the public because they are more likely to drop damaged limbs or to fall over, Smeltzer said.

"About 300 will have to come out," he said. "We're working on getting a contractor for that."

Anything which could potentially fall and hit where people are allowed to camp and picnic must be removed before the lake will reopen, he said.

Lake Marvin, east of Canadian at

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## Rotary club wants to redo Sunset Park

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Gary Sutherland has an idea, or more specifically a plan for an idea, but the Pampa City Commission wants to see more detailed drawings before they commit to backing what Sutherland and his Rotary Club committee want to do with Sunset Park.

Sunset Park is the small triangle of land where U.S. Highway 60 curves coming into Pampa on the west side of town. There was a Welcome to Pampa sign there until about a year ago when a truck failed to negotiate the curve and took out the sign and much of the landscaping around it.

Sutherland, a Pampa businessman and former city commissioner, became the point man for rebuilding the welcoming sign.

"I'm in the Rotary Club and the Rotary Club had adopted Sunset Park several years ago," Sutherland said.

"Then it got run through by a couple of trucks and got torn up pretty badly. Over the last several months, almost a year, the city has cleaned it up."

The city has tried to prepare it for a new welcome sign, he said.

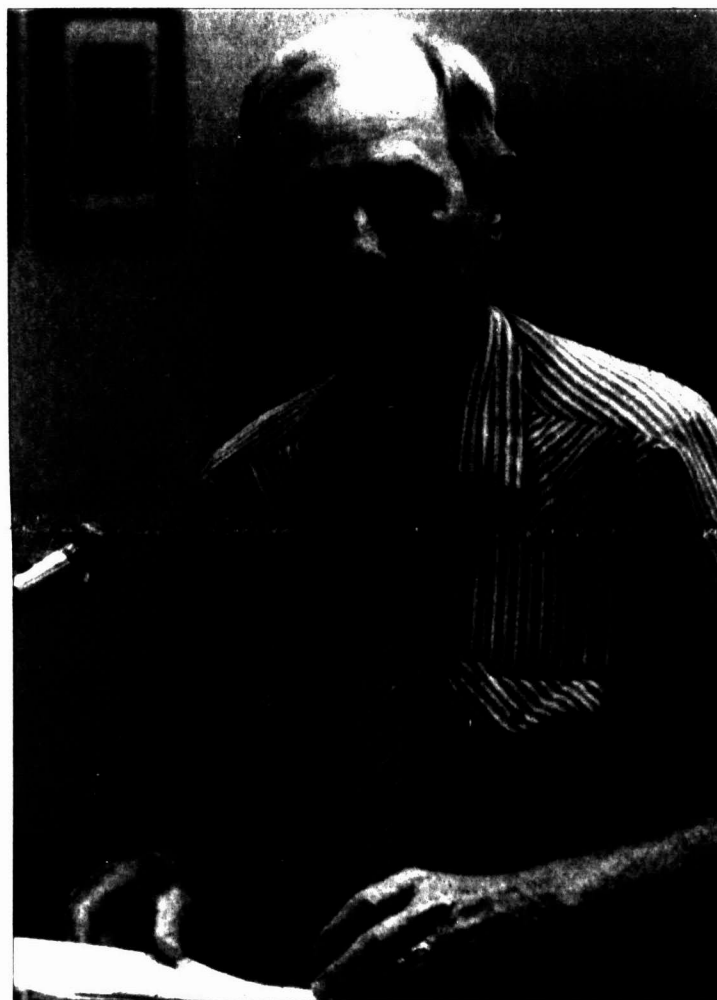
There have been a number of suggestions concerning the park and sign, Sutherland said, but he wanted to know what the commission had in mind.

He says Childress and Quanah both have nice welcome signs to their communities.

"I've seen several that I really do like," Sutherland said.

Appearing before the commission Tuesday night, Sutherland presented them with some of the ideas his Rotary committee had discussed along with sketches of what a sign might look like.

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER  
Gary Sutherland explains the Rotary Club's plan to rebuild the city's entrance at Sunset Park to the Pampa City Commission during their Tuesday night meeting at City Hall.

## Less money in next year's city budget

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

The City of Pampa expects income this year of about \$17,018,000.

As Robin Bailey, the city's finance director, worked on the figures for next year's preliminary budget, she said there is less money in next year's budget than last because of bond issue funds that were available last year.

Last year, the city's budget projected an income of \$19,626,000.

But much of that was because of grants like the one that bought a new fire truck and because of bond revenue that was available.

"The general fund is down almost \$200,000 because of the grant we got for our fire truck," Bailey said.

She said that on the revenue side of the equation, however, revenue streams such as the hotel-motel tax, sales tax and ad valorem taxes should be up.

The hotel/motel tax is expected to be about \$50,000 over last year.

Pampa City Manager John Horst said the city has already collected as much in hotel/motel taxes in the first six months of this year as it did for the entire year last year.

He said the taxes from the new motel that opened earlier this year have not yet begun to flow into city coffers and another motel is expected to open soon.

Sales taxes are projected to be \$2.8 million this next budget year. Last year, sales tax revenues were \$2.75 million.

The city had received \$2,380,722 in sales tax revenue as of June.

That's \$349,028 more than for the same period last year, Bailey said.

Ad valorem taxes will be higher than last year, Bailey said, but that's because

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## Ex-Pampan to lead Houston Baptist U.

Former Pampan Jack D. Carlson has been elected Interim President of Houston Baptist University by the Board of Trustees effective Aug. 1.

Carlson, a 1961 graduate of Pampa High School, has served as an HBU Trustee for more than 11 years.

During that time, Carlson has chaired and served on many of the University's standing board committees, and is currently Chair of the Finance Committee.

Diane Williams, Chair of the HBU Presidential Search Committee, made the announcement at the University Forum held on the University campus on Thursday.

HBU President E. D. "Doug" Hodo, who had announced his retirement effective June 30, will remain in the position until July 31, at which time Carlson will assume the role of Interim President.

"The members of the Board of Trustees feel we are indeed fortunate that Jack Carlson has agreed to serve at this very pivotal time," Williams said. "His leadership skills, proven business

acumen, commitment to HBU and strong Christian faith make him the perfect fit for this role. We are also thankful that Dr. Hodo has agreed to continue in the position through July to allow for a timely transition."

"I am truly honored and humbled with the confidence placed in me by the Board of Trustees," Carlson said. "I have great respect for Houston Baptist University, its legacy and the impact it continues to have on the lives of its students, alumni and the greater Houston community."

"HBU has benefited from the exceptional leadership of Dr. Hodo along with a dedicated faculty and staff. The focus on academic excellence in a Christian environment has been a mainstay of this institution. I look forward to working with the Executive Management Committee and the entire University family during this interim period."

Carlson recently retired from

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## Obituaries

### Services tomorrow

**Services MONDAY**  
**ROE, Myrtle Dee** — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

### Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 92. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.  
 Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low near 66. South wind around 15 mph.  
 Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 91. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.  
 Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68.

Myrtle Dee Roe, 74, of Pampa, Texas, died June 30, 2006, at Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 3, 2006, at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Shane Raulston, pastor of the First Christian Church of Panhandle, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Roe was born Sept. 17, 1931, in Blair, Okla. She had been a lifelong resident of Pampa. She married Earl "Bo" Gage on May 4, 1948. He preceded her in death on Nov. 10, 1962.

### Myrtle Dee Roe, 74

She later married Glenn A. Roe on April 6, 1966. He preceded her in death on April 17, 2004.

She was a homemaker. Survivors include two daughters, Connie McDowell and Lois Moxon, both of Pampa; two sons, Robert Gage of Fort Worth and Lloyd Dean Searl of Ventura, Calif.; her mother, Eula Dee Duncan of Pampa; 12 grandchildren, Marcie Patterson, Dusty Cates, Rebecca Carpenter, Kattie O'Dell, Danny McDowell and Randy McDowell, all of Pampa, Amber Moore of Fort Worth, Cyndi Vanskike of

Dallas, and Margo Shirley, Laura Batausa, Tonja Stines and Todd Stines, all of California; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lester Randall on May 21, 2006.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 1400 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

The family will be at 1933 N. Christy.

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

### Emergency Services

#### Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office on Saturday reported these arrests.

#### Friday, June 30

Paydon B. Ramirez, 19, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO and charged with theft over \$50 and under \$500 and possession of drug paraphernalia.

William C. Miller, 54, of Lefors was arrested by Lefors City Marshall and charged with assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

Kyle Ray Roberts, 31, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department

and charged with driving while license invalid and fleeing a police officer.

David Young Sinches, 51, of Pampa was arrested by Gray County constable on three capias pro fines and on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Becky Louise Lasater, 52, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with theft by check.

#### Saturday, July 1

Josue Daniel Navarrette, 18, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication.


#### Fire

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

#### Friday, June 30

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## Cheney's high-tech pacemaker doing job

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney's pacemaker is working properly and his overall heart condition is stable, according to results from his annual physical Saturday.

The 65-year-old Cheney, who has a long history of heart ailments, had an electrocardiogram and high-tech imaging to check on repaired aneurysms on the back of his knees, his spokeswoman said.

Doctors also checked the condition of a high-tech pacemaker, known as an implantable cardioverter defibrillator, that was placed in his chest in June 2001.

Cheney has had four

*'The vice president's cardiac status remains stable, his ICD is functioning properly and has not treated any arrhythmia.'*

— Lea Anne McBride  
 Cheney spokeswoman

attacks; the first in 1978, when he was 37, and the fourth on Nov. 22, 2000, after the election that made George W. Bush president.

"The vice president's cardiac status remains stable, his ICD is functioning properly and has not treated any arrhythmia," or irregular heartbeat, accord-

ing to a statement from his spokeswoman, Lea Anne McBride.

Cheney is scheduled to have a stress test on a treadmill in the fall.

In addition to the four heart attacks, the vice president has had quadruple bypass surgery and two artery-clearing angioplas-

ties. In September, he underwent six hours of surgery on his legs to repair a kind of aneurysm, a ballooning weak spot in an artery that can burst if left untreated. Cheney had flexible stent grafts put in his knee arteries. The stents, when fully opened, keep the rushing blood from touching the weakened artery walls.

"The stent grafts used to treat the popliteal artery aneurysms are wide open," McBride said.

Cheney was carrying a newspaper and was accompanied by his security detail when he entered the George Washington University Medical Center at about 7 a.m.

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## Lawmakers concerned to know Christian film given a PG rating

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Christian-themed movie about a football coach's faith in God is finding an audience in Congress — not so much for its inspirational message, but for the PG rating it received.

House Majority Whip Roy Blunt, R-Mo., and other lawmakers are

demanding explanations after hearing complaints that the movie "Facing the Giants" was rated PG instead of G due to religious content.

The Motion Picture Association of America claims the controversy arose from a miscommunication with the filmmakers.

It says religion was not the reason for the rating.

"This incident raises the disquieting possibility that the MPAA considers exposure to Christian themes more dangerous for children than exposure to gratuitous sex and violence," Blunt said in a letter to MPAA Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Dan Glickman.

After meeting with MPAA officials, Blunt and a handful of other House members said they remain concerned about the subjective nature of the ratings process.

"I'm not satisfied," said Rep. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., who attended the meeting with Blunt. "We probably will want to revisit this ratings process to have some commonality in the standards that exist for movies, videos and video games."

Blackburn said she wants the House Energy and Commerce Committee to hold hearings on the issue later this year.

Blunt also brought up a recent study by the Harvard School of Public Health that found that the MPAA standards on sex and violence in movies have been getting weaker.

"Mr. Blunt does continue to have questions about the process by which 'Facing the Giants' was rated and what that says about ratings creep in general," spokeswoman Burson Taylor said Friday.

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# Holiday

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the end of Highway 2266, was not damaged by the wildfires and is open, Smeltzer said. The lake is full, and offers fishing, boating, camping and picnicking. A limited number of electrical hookups are available.

Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, east of Fritch, is expecting a busy weekend and holiday, according to Superintendent Karren Brown.

There is a burn ban in place at Lake Meredith and at Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument nearby. Lake visitors may, however, have fires such as charcoal or propane in appropriate closed containers.

All visitors are asked to use extreme caution with any type of fire at the lake, Brown said. Cigarettes and other smoking materials should be completely extinguished before leaving the area, and cigarette butts should not be thrown on the ground, she said.

"Lake Meredith is expecting a busy weekend, and the temperatures will be high, near 100 degrees," Brown said. "Visitors looking for shade should check out the ramadas over the picnic tables at Fritch Fortress and Sanford-Yake

camping areas." Visitors should prepare boats for launching at the parking areas and be alert when approaching or leaving the ramps, she said.

Fireworks are not permitted at Lake Meredith or the flint quarries.

"You can be fined for unauthorized use or possession of fireworks in the park," Brown said.

A burn ban and disaster declaration remains in effect for Gray County, due to continued drought conditions and the danger of wildfires. The ban includes the use of certain aerial fireworks, although all other types of fireworks are permitted.

The types of fireworks banned in Gray County this year are "skyrockets with sticks" and "other pyrotechnic devices that have fins or rudders," according to the Texas Local Government Code.

Local fireworks stands which are selling only items which are permitted this year include the Mr. W's and Jumbo's stands at Highway 60 and South Price Road, and the TNT Fireworks stand south of Pampa on Highway 70.

"We added some extra fireworks to the list. We don't sell Roman candles and cones, for example. The only ones we didn't take off are the legal aerials which go way up in the air and dis-

sipate," said Ron Kotara, who with Randy Milligan owns the Jumbo's stand.

"We have really stocked up on ground items such as sparklers, snakes and tanks. We don't have the intended items.

"What people need to know is that some fireworks such as Roman candles are very unpredictable," Kotara said.

The Texas Forest Service advises that anyone wishing to use fireworks should practice good fireworks safety, because of continued dry conditions, according to a press release from the service.

"Texas Forest Service advises that fireworks should only be used with close adult supervision and that fireworks use should be restricted to safe areas, away from grass and brush. Tools that should be kept nearby or close are a water hose, bucket or buckets of water and wet towels. Fireworks must also be kept away from homes and other structures with untreated wood roofs, which might be ignited by fireworks," according to the release.

"They need to think about safety and where they're at and the environment around them, and not shoot some things if there's any wind," Kotara said.

"If everybody has good common sense, they'll have a safe holiday," he said.

# Park

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Sutherland described the sign as possibly being brick with rock corners or high-lights. The face of the sign would be stucco with dark lettering, flat, not raised, against the surface.

It would read "Welcome to Pampa," he said, and beneath that if there is room would be Est. 1902. Sutherland said if the commission wanted, there could be a city or county seal on the sign.

Although one of Sutherland's sketches showed the pine trees that were planted there long ago, he said that at least one, if not two, of the trees were dead.

"We want to completely redo the thing," Sutherland said. "Hopefully, we could sell or trade the trees that are there. I don't know whether they're salvageable."

He noted that the pine trees are not native to the area. Sutherland said his committee was suggesting replacing the pines with red oaks.

Sutherland said he would like to see buffalo grass around the sign and any trees. It's sturdy and native to the area. Therefore, he said, it would be appropriate.

He said his committee opposed small bushes or shrubs that would need attention and could impair the visibility of the sign. Nor, he said, did he want to see flowers planted there that would require a lot of labor.

"There's water and electricity at the site," Sutherland said. "So there's no problem as far as lights or a sprinkler system."

Sutherland suggested a small guardrail to protect it from being overrun by runaway vehicles again.

"It would need to be a

nice one," he said. Sutherland said that the adjoining land on the triangular block could be purchased from its current owner.

"That little lot is not but about 75 feet long and 45 feet wide," Sutherland said.

"It's the main entrance to the city," Sutherland said. "Probably more folks go by that entrance than any other entrance in our city. There's a good many folks that would like to see something happen there."

The total cost of the project sketched out by Sutherland would be about \$25,000 if no labor or materials were donated.

"There's \$6,000 worth of insurance money from the truck that ran through the sign," Sutherland said.

There's been some discus-

sion about the city putting in money in addition to the \$6,000, he said. There have also been discussions about getting grants or funding from other sources such as Xcel Energy or Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroad or the Pampa Economic Development Corp., he said. A Texas Department of Transportation grant had been explored, but is not an option at the moment.

Sutherland said some people have suggested putting a pump jack or caboose on the lot, but that would drive up the cost and the adjoining lot would need to be purchased for such a move.

Sutherland said that this is a city park. It is a piece of city property and anything that's done to it must be approved by the city commission.

# Budget

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appraisals are up. Gray County Judge Richard Peet told Horst to look for a slight increase in ad valorem collection expenses.

"They have not gone up in since the county started collecting for us," Horst said. "They've done an excellent job on holding the line on those costs."

Unfortunately, Horst said, costs are also going up.

The fuel that runs the city vehicles is obviously up, but Horst said any materials the city purchases from the petro-chemical industry from fertilizer to seal coating is up.

No costs have gone down, Horst said.

Steel, concrete and copper expenses have gone up, he

said. "Water treatment costs have gone up four percent, Bailey said.

"We're looking at higher testing costs," Horst said. "Those, I think, we can look to continue to go up every year just because the regulations increase every year."

The bright spot, however, is that the city is growing and should be able to handle the increased costs.

There may be some new businesses coming in, Horst said.

"We have some prospects that look real good," he added.

Water connections are up, Bailey said.

There were 8,107 active connections this year versus 7,977 last year.

New businesses will mean more water connections and should mean more sales tax revenue.

"As of May of this year,"

Bailey said, "we're up 130 active water connections over last year."

There are 7,470 wastewater connections now versus 7,381 this time last year, she said.

"That's up '89," Bailey said.

The preliminary figures for the budgetary process went to the commission Tuesday night. Horst said the staff is still gathering figures so it doesn't have everything yet.

The final budget has to be completed by Sept. 1, when the city begins its new fiscal year.

Horst and Bailey said they hope to have it ready by the end of July.

The city will be working with the county on the effective tax rate next month, he said.

"We should have it all hashed out in July," Horst said.

# Carlson

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SCO Corp. after more than 36 years of service, having corporate management responsibilities.

Carlson was an officer in the corporation for 29 years, most recently as vice president of real estate and construction. During his tenure on the HBU Board of Trustees he has served as Chair of the Building Committee for three major campus building projects: the Hinton Center, the Eula Mae Baugh Student Center, and the West Wing expansion of the Rebecca Bates Philips Residence College for Women.


A native of Pampa, Carlson graduated from Texas Tech University in 1966 with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He is a member and Deacon of Tallowood Baptist Church. Carlson and his wife, Karen, have two children and five grandchildren.

Houston Baptist University is an independent Texas Baptist institution founded in 1960 with an enrollment of more than 2,300 students.

Carlson's mother Pauline and brother Jerry and family are residents of Pampa.

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ENGL-1302.231	6:00pm-9:45pm	M/W	Eng Comp II	Martin
ENGL-2331.221	1:00pm-4:45pm	M/W	Non Western Lit	Martin
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HIST-1302.921	1:00pm-4:45pm	M/W	US History From 1877	Myers
HITT-1305.221	8:00am-12:00pm	T/TH	Medical Terminology	Estlack
IMED-1416.221	1:00pm-4:45pm	M/T/W/TH	Web Page Design	McCarty
PSYC-2301.221	1:00pm-4:45pm	T/TH	General Psych	Olson
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# Viewpoints

## Internet scams continue to crop up in different versions

My e-mail inbox here at the news office is often filled with junk. I delete probably 90 percent of it that comes in the form of just unusable information or someone phishing for information.

The phishing part is always easy to spot. It is usually a phony e-mail from e-Bay or a financial institution that threatens to close your account if you do not respond with updated information.

These phishing e-mails use official-looking logos that look surprisingly like the real thing. Folks who fall for the ruse give these clowns what they want -- personal information that can be used in an identify theft.

Another scam that is still going on concerns messages from overseas that promise untold riches, usually from someone in Nigeria.

They say they are recently widowed, their spouse had control of a trunk full of money, and they need a place to deposit the cash to get it out of their country.

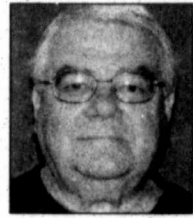
One recent one even claimed that the husband was a high-ranking official and was killed while he was with the president of the country who was seeking exile in another country. Of course, the widow is saddled with a bundle of money that she wants to share with someone.

When this scam first appeared years ago, some people fell for it and lost their life savings. I am surprised that they keep up this scam. I suppose some greedy individuals still respond to them, even after all the publicity.

Most of these originate in Nigeria, but I have seen a few

from England and New Zealand, coming from people claiming to be lawyers that are helping the unfortunate people who have all this money they want to share with strangers.

**Dennis Spies**  
Editor



A new tack some are taking is they will send an e-mail that trumpets they have a new e-mail address, and while discussing a change in their lives will mention that they want to share their wealth.

I hope none of our readers are

drawn into these scams.

Did you hear that the food police at the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), founded by Ralph Nader followers, filed a class action suit against KFC because they use cooking oils that contain trans fat?

J. Justin Wilson, senior research analyst for the Center for Consumer Freedom, pointed out that the same organization waged a campaign in the mid 1980s that was instrumental in getting restaurants to switch to trans fats in the first place.

How ironic. I wonder how the pioneers survived without someone telling them what was good for them and what wasn't.

And how did I survive in the

1940s and 1950s? Most of the fried food I ate back then was fried in lard that my mother used for cooking.

My daughter told one of my grandsons, who will be 9 years old on Friday, that he should be a brain surgeon because he is so meticulous about everything he does.

Several days later he told his mother, "I think I want to be an orthopedic surgeon because they make more money."

A friend of my daughter was visiting and said, "That's good. Then you can help your dad with his back." (My son-in-law has a chronic back problem.)

The boy thought about it and said, "Well, dad, I think I may have to charge you for that."

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, July 2, the 183rd day of 2006. There are 182 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution saying that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, Free and Independent States."

On this date:

In 1566, French astrologer, physician and prophet Nostradamus died in Salon.

In 1881, President Garfield was shot by Charles J. Guiteau at the Washington railroad station; Garfield died the following September.

In 1926, the United States Army Air Corps was created.

In 1937, aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first round-the-world flight at the equator.

In 1961, author Ernest Hemingway shot himself to death at his home in Ketchum, Idaho.

## Our readers write

### What is the winning combination?

Have you noticed that in most of the children's sports programs here in Pampa there almost always seems to be some undefeated or nearly undefeated teams in the various sports? And have you also noticed that usually there is also a team or two that loses almost every game? Question: Why do you think that happens?

From 1970-2000 I had the privilege of volunteering to coach girls and boys in basketball, football, baseball and volleyball in five different states. Some of those seasons were spent with little kids (under 12) and some were with teenagers. With that 30 years as background, let's answer the question: Why do you think that happens?

Some folks suggest that it is better coaching and better coaching can surely have some impact, but it can't account for undefeated records season after season.

Do you want to know why children's sports programs all over the country end up with teams who never taste defeat and teams who never win? The adults overseeing the program do a lousy job of equally dividing the children. Some teams are "stacked," while others get the "short end of the stick." In fact, in most children's sports leagues, equality of competition isn't even a major goal.

You see, the "perfect season" in a children's sports league should be where every team wins half of their games and loses half of their games. That way every kid could learn how to: 1, win with grace, 2, lose with manners and 3, experience the genuine improvement that only comes from fair and equal competition.

**Mike Sublett**  
Pampa

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## Idle American: Art of remaining silent

Dionysius, a man of modest status who straddled Egyptian and Greek worlds at the end of the second century, B.C., once wrote -- in Greek -- "Let your speech be better than silence, or remain silent." (Actually, his birth name is thought to have been "Plenis," but forward-thinking parents figured it would take a Greek name -- like Dionysius -- for their son to be quoted centuries later, and it worked. There is no record of a "Plenis" being credited with saying anything.)

Those in the anonymous-attribution business have pirated many a high-sounding statement -- such as the one by Dionysius -- and, well, modernized it. Old D's quote, revamped some 2,300 years later, typically is mod-

ified to read: "It's better to keep your mouth shut and let people think you're an idiot than open your mouth and remove all doubt."

Good instruction, then and now, whether you like the Greek version or the current "anonymous" retakes emerging from at least one of the hemispheres, probably both. (Can't resist thinking about the dumbo in that Dodge TV commercial: "That thang got a hemi? Sweet...")

The tragedy, of course (Greek or otherwise) is that either statement bounces off,

fades away, doesn't stick or simply is ignored. Americans lead the parade -- with the Information Minister of Iraq running a close second -- in talking first and thinking later. (The "thinking part" seems optional.)

At the head of the line are professional athletes, so many of whom are willing to babble when cameras and microphones are thrust in their faces. (Cue #1: Open mouth, insert foot.)

What about the pro basketball player who boasted on TV that he could "shoot equally well with either hand," adding that he's "so

grateful to be amphibious."

Of course, the old "percentage quotes" from coaches and athletes (coaches may be slightly in the lead on this one) about how much effort their teams give has achieved classic status. It's the old "We gave 110 percent today." (It should be noted that this quote appears only in winning accounts.)

Always wondered, if a coach says his team gives "220 percent," does this mean his team worked twice as hard as a team giving just 110 percent?

Clearly, for teams giving 80-90 percent, well, this just won't get it done. ...

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**Don Newbury**  
Columnist



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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **June 26**  
The Dallas Morning News on xeriscaping:

Maybe Lady Bird should talk some sense into us.

Summer has only started here in thirsty North Texas, and faucets are already at a trickle in some places. Water cops are out in others.

But here we stand, hose in hand, determined to spread whatever amount of water needed to give our landscapes a lush, emerald sparkle.

The reservoirs are dropping and we're planning to dam up more rivers and this despite many local cities having some of the highest water use in Texas, with well over 200 gallons per

person per day. Someone please talk some sense into us.

Lady Bird comes to mind because of the symbolic potency of her namesake Wildflower Center in Austin, a champion of drought-tolerant native plants. The center is officially merging with the University of Texas, an indication of the growing awareness of Texas' water-scarce environment.

But the Dallas area is not without rich expertise in the subject of adapting our landscapes to the conditions.

Inspiration oozes from Texas A&M's Benny J. Simpson Native Plant Collection in North Dallas. And from the Texas Native Plant Garden at the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary in McKinney. And from the Dallas Arboretum's Native Plant Collection and the Texas

Discovery Gardens at Fair Park.

All suggest ways to put away the hose and let the natives do their thing, from acacias to zampantiles, and all the azaleas, daisies, honeysuckles, laurels, mints, and yuccas in between.

No one would suggest there's a fast turnaround from today's bowling green to tomorrow's xeriscape. It's a process of picking and choosing replacement plants with personality and staying power.

And if anyone needs convincing as they go about mowing and trimming in the yard, let them think about the fact that water use doubles in the summer. For a good look at the culprit, they should look around outside.

It's a thirsty garden we've planted in North Texas, and it's impossible to think we can go on like this forever.

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# Letter

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## Teachers get no respect from media, lawmakers

If Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa were an informed individual, he would know that the Code of Ethics of the Education Profession stipulates that the educator "shall not use professional relationships with students for private advantage." (Source: National Education Association Web site)

Frankly, there should be no debate regarding whether a teacher has sex with a 17-year-old or with an 18-year-old. In either instance, the teacher has violated the professional Code of Ethics, if not the law.

Regarding his role in making it illegal for teachers to sleep with students of any age, Rep. Chisum was quoted in the Dallas Morning News as saying

"If they're a student I just think they're off bounds regardless of their age."

To that point, we are in agreement. However, I would like to know what code of ethics Rep. Chisum follows as a legislator. Surely, the legislators' code of ethics does not permit him to say about teachers statewide, "I felt like if we didn't do that we just virtually made it open season on students that are 18 years old."

Does Rep. Chisum believe that the vast majority of teachers fail to follow an acceptable code of moral conduct regarding students?

Does he actually believe that the average teacher has any desire to have sex with a student of any age? If so, there is no wonder the thousands of moral, ethical, hard-working teachers in this state do not feel respected by our state legislators.

I believe that Rep. Chisum owes the teachers of this state an apology. If such remarks are not in violation of the legislators' code of conduct, they should be. Furthermore, they should be against the law.

As a teacher, I am tired of state legislators and the media leaving the public with the impression that all teachers are ignorant, lazy, overpaid, sexual predators.

Linda Glosston  
Plano

## Museum display tribute to fighting men, women

Recently completed by local artist Doug Pollard is an extraordinary compilation of vignettes depicting various scenes of military strength, troop preparation, and hardships encountered by our fighting men in action.

These works of art can be seen at the main meeting room of the VFW Post 1657, 105 S. Cuyler in Pampa.

I am so proud to be an American, and I was truly touched by these works of art that show our brave young men at their finest.

Betty Ireland  
Pampa

# Newbury

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Loved that remark by a basketball broadcaster a few years back describing the Dallas Mavericks, who at the time were at the mercy of every team on the schedule. "I've about run out of adverbs to describe this team," he said.

I laughed, then realized that is EXACTLY what he likely meant — MISERABLY inept, HORRIBLY slow, TERRIBLY outplayed, WOEFULLY uncoordinated, etc.

Oh, the straight news guys open their mouths wide, too. Years ago, before the first space shuttle took off, CBS radio news man Alan Shepard, obviously not a hunter, reported that one astronaut went quail hunting on the day before lift-off. "It was not reported how many they CAUGHT," Shepard droned. ...

Who among us has not said too much, or too much too wrong? Some years ago, fresh into a college presidency, I was asked at a meeting of the board what I believed to be a serious question that deserved a serious, studied response. To buy a bit of time, I asked the trustee, "Do

you want an educated guess or a gut reaction?"

"What makes you think you are intellectually or anatomically qualified to give either one?" he questioned.

I yield. Failure to bow to a board member is as stupid as arguing with a reporter. It has been pointed out, perhaps anonymously, the danger of arguing with anyone who buys ink by the barrel. ...

Every few centuries, famous people figure out "new" ways to communicate the same message, but most of us don't get it. England's William Shakespeare, who no doubt got writer's cramps describing the human condition so eloquently, gave fitting words to Polonius' in his advice to Laertes in Hamlet: "Give every man thine year, but few thy voice."

I salute Dionysius, William Shakespeare, coaches and all the "anonymisers" of the world.

A final salute is reserved for the late Erma Bombeck, who once wrote, "If you can't make it better, you can laugh at it!" And she did. And I miss her. ...

Dr. Newbury, a speaker and author whose weekly column appears in 125 newspapers in six states, is away for a few days.

## Events calendar

• **Habitat For Horses, Inc.**, is in the area distributing horse feed, hay, medical and barn supplies. The volunteer organization will continue to organize feed and hay drives to the fire damaged area and coordinate distribution centers as needed. For more information, call (866) 434-5737 or (806) 681-5858.

• **The Pampa High School Class of 1986** reunion will be held July 28 and 29. For more information, call 665-8685 or 669-4800.

• **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic(s): July 25, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., July 5 and 19, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• **The Texas Photographic Society** is sponsoring a photo contest for both amateur and professional photographers in Texas. The deadline to submit slides for the contest is July 5. The exhibition will be on display at the Dougherty Art Center in Austin in

September. An artist's reception is planned Sept. 5. For an entry form, guidelines and rules, log onto [www.texas-photo.org](http://www.texas-photo.org) on the Internet or call (210) 824-4123.

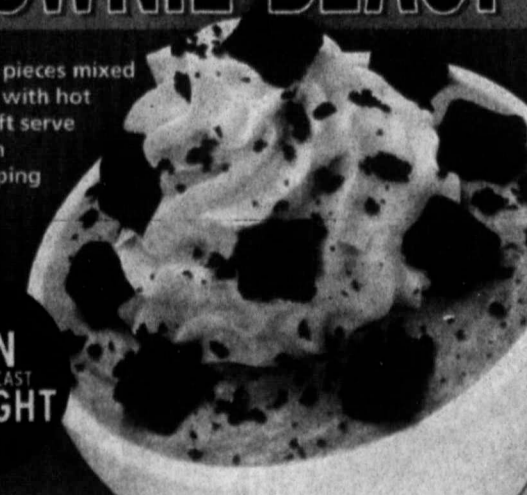
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• **Ogallala Water Gardens Annual Pond Tour** will be conducted July 15 in Amarillo. This year the tour will include structured ponds as well as manicured gardens and lawns. A day tour will be offered from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and a night tour from 9 p.m.-11 p.m. Tickets are \$5 apiece and may be purchased at Coulter

Gardens, Panhandle Green House, Fish Pro, Accent Embroidery, Uncommon Twists Garden and Patio Shop in Amarillo.


• **Registration for the second summer semester** at Clarendon College-Pampa Center will last through July 17, the day classes officially begin. Courses will be conducted Monday through Thursday and include English Comp I and II, Microbiology, Web Site Design, Fundamentals of Criminal Law, Non-Western World Literature, State Government, U.S. History, General Psychology, Human Growth and Development, Micro-Economics, Interpersonal Speech and Social Issues. To learn more or for a complete schedule, call the campus at 665-8801 or e-mail [david.bradford@clarendon-college.edu](mailto:david.bradford@clarendon-college.edu). Offices are closed Fridays.

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## Coffee may reduce risk of cirrhosis

CHICAGO (AP) — Coffee may counteract alcohol's poisonous effects on the liver and help prevent cirrhosis, researchers say.

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It is unclear whether it is the caffeine or some other ingredient in coffee that provides the protection, said study co-author Dr. Arthur Klatsky of the Kaiser Permanente Division of Research in Oakland, Calif.

"Of course, there is a better way to avoid alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver, Klatsky said.

"The way to avoid getting ill is not to drink a lot of coffee, but to cut down on the drinking" of alcohol, he said.

The participants ranged from teetotalers, who made up 12 percent of the total, to heavy drinkers, who made up 8 percent.

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 #6048 Irene Dixon, 990' from North & 1250' from West line, Sec. 48,A-2,H&GN, PD 12770'.  
 #208 George, 2310' from North & 467' from West line, Sec. 8,M-1,H&GN, PD 12860'.  
**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash)** Samson Lone Star, L.P., #3 Fillingim 'A' 89, 1980' from South & 467' from West line, Sec. 89,M-1,H&GN, PD 13000'.  
**HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash)** Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., Prescott '21', Sec. 21,A-1,H&GN, PD 13000', for the following wells:  
 #2, 1980' from North & 1830' from East line of Sec.  
 #3, 1980' from South & 467' from West line of Sec.  
 #4, 1980' from North & 660' from West line of Sec.  
 #5, 660' from North & West line of Sec.  
 #9, 467' from South & East line of

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**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Granite Wash)** Samson Lone Star, L.P., #16 Hobart Ranch '50', 467' from South & 2127' from East line, Sec. 50,A-2,H&GN, PD 13500'.  
**HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE Red Cave)** Rimrock Gas Co., #1R Davis, 330' from North & 530' from West line, Sec. 78,46,H&TC, PD 2600'. Replacement well for Kellerville Operating, L.L.C., #1 Sanford 'A'.  
**HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE Red Cave)** Stallion Energy, L.L.C., #124R Herring, 1171' from South & 1353' from West line, Sec. 6,J,H&GN, PD 2200'. Recompletion.  
**ROBERTS (WILDCAT & ALPPEARSON Brown Dolomite)** Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #11 Courson Ranch '135', 467' from North & 2120' from East line, Sec. 135,C,G&M, PD 4300'.  
**ROBERTS (WILDCAT & ALPPEARSON Brown Dolomite)** Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #11 Courson Ranch '136', 2280' from North & 1245' from West line, Sec. 136,C,G&M, PD 3800'.  
**ROBERTS (WILDCAT & NOTLA Atoka)** Range Petroleum Co., #332 Stella Killebrew, 902' from North &

1469' from East line, Sec. 32,43,H&TC, PD 10500'. Recompletion.  
**ROBERTS (ST. CLAIR Granite Wash)** Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #3 Chambers '79', 550' from South & 1880' from West line, Sec. 79,B-1,H&GN, PD 11000'.  
**WHEELER (PANHANDLE)** Viking Ventures, L.L.C., Pike, Sec. 34,13,H&GN, PD 3200', for the following wells:  
 #1, 1650' from South & East line of Sec.  
 #2, 2310' from South & 1650' from East line of Sec.  
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2,A-3,H&GN, PD 18000'.  
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**WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash)** Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #1 Britt Ranch 'D' 5, 1000' from South & 1800' from West line, Sec. 5,2,B&B, PD 12900'.  
**Oil Well Completions**  
**ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA, S.W. Granite Wash)** Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #1398 Fields-Mahler, Sec. 98,C,G&M, spud 11-20-05, drlg. compl 12-12-05, tested 1-15-06, flowed 212 bbls. of 45.1 grav. oil + 130 bbls. water thru 32/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 5925/1, TD 10600', PBD 10512' —  
**WHEELER (FRYE RANCH Granite Wash 'A')** Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #2 Ona Black '49', Sec. 49,A-3,H&GN, spud 1-29-06, drlg. compl 2-23-06, tested 3-15-06, flowed 37.1 bbl. of 52.2 grav. oil + 86 bbls. water thru 42/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 10593, TD 12365', PBD 12273' —  
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## Edward Jones announces upcoming interactive broadcast events

Edward Jones is preparing to host two special interactive broadcast events in July at select firms across the country. The first broadcast is open to all comers and focuses on travel and budget. The second broadcast is a course designed for tax professionals, CPAs and attorneys. At 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. July 11 "Create an Incredible Travel Experience" will air at all three local Edward Jones


offices. The representatives and their offices are Duane Harp, Ben Watson and Tom Reynolds. Peter Greenberg, "Today" show travel editor and chief correspondent for the Travel Channel, is featured in the travel broadcast. Greenberg's expert, practical advice will help viewers discover unique destinations tailored to their sense of adventure and budget. To reserve a seat or for

more information, contact one of the three offices at 665-6753 (Harp), 665-3359 (Watson) or 665-7137 (Reynolds). Additional viewing opportunities are available for those unable to attend the July 11 broadcast. At 1 p.m. July 12, "Investment Strategies: A Financial Product Primer" will be shown at Harp's office, 1921 N. Hobart. This "course" is worth three credit hours of continuing profes-

sional education for CPAs, tax professionals and attorneys. "A Financial Product Primer" is a panel discussion that introduces CPAs, tax professionals and attorneys to the basic building blocks of investing — how investment strategies work and how to tell a suitable investment product from one that may be unsuitable for a particular client. The program focuses on

what tax and legal professionals need to know in order to discuss investment strategies with their clients and their clients' investment representatives. Topics will include: What risk is and how it relates to investment selections; the difference between an investment strategy and making an investment; and asset allocation and its relationship to an investment strategy. Panelists consist of G.


D'Anne Hanacock, associate professor of finance at the University of Missouri-St. Louis; Carolyn Parmer, director of trust services for Edward Jones; and Kate Warne, Edward Jones' Canadian market strategist. The enrollment fee for the course is \$60 per person and covers admission and course materials. Reservations are required. For more information or to sign-up, contact Harp's office.




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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** What is your take on these two similar situations? We were recently invited to attend a surprise birthday party for a man in his late 40s. We were all to meet at a lovely restaurant. Somehow he found out the day before and called each guest, saying he had "other plans and the party is off." (A blatant excuse.) How about another grown man, my neighbor? I had invited his family over for a small, casual dinner at my home on his birthday. Immediately upon entering, he saw the cake, said, "I don't celebrate my birthday!" slammed the door and left. He didn't even say "thanks anyway." Is this considered normal behavior? I was trying to show his daughter -- my goddaughter -- that you "receive by giving," but it sure backfired. I wasn't trying to embarrass him, just show him that we love him. I will keep my opinions about these men to myself. Let's just say, I'm still shaking my head. -- **NEVER AGAIN IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR NEVER AGAIN:** A birthday party is not a command performance. You have described two individuals who have "birthday party issues." They probably have good reasons for them, and they are entitled to their feelings. The first man called the party off in enough time so that he did not inconvenience any of the guests. As to your neighbor, his response was both immature and ungracious. One would think that his daughter or his wife would have warned you about how strongly he felt about birthday celebrations. For them to have allowed the situation to go as far as it did was wrong. Please do not take what happened too personally. And in the future, if you plan a birthday celebration, try to discreetly find out if one would be welcomed.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I relocated 1,200 miles away from my family because of my husband's work. I haven't seen my mother since last September. My brother is having his 40th birthday, and Mother called my husband and begged him to let me come. Because I don't work, I don't like to ask my husband for vacation money for myself alone. He told her I could go. My daughters, however, are having a hard time dealing with the fact that I'm taking a trip without them. They are 16 and 10, and have their father and grandmother to look after them while I'm gone. Of course, my husband's mother didn't like the fact that I'd be gone for a week. She's afraid she'll have to do something for one of them in my absence. (She does nothing all week but shop.) My girls can take care of themselves, and my 10-year-old will be supervised by my 16-year-old and her father. I am just upset that I'm getting flak about going to see my mother. It has been almost a year! What can I say to my children to make them feel better about Mom taking a trip without them? -- **FEELING GUILTY IN VIRGINIA**

**DEAR FEELING GUILTY:** For heaven's sake, stop allowing them to make you feel guilty! It will only lessen your enjoyment of the family reunion. Tell your daughters goodbye, you'll see them in one week, and when you do, you'll bring them back a nice present. Children tend to be self-centered creatures, so stop expecting them to think more about you than themselves right now. They will survive, trust me. And the respite will be good for all of you.

## For Better Or For Worse



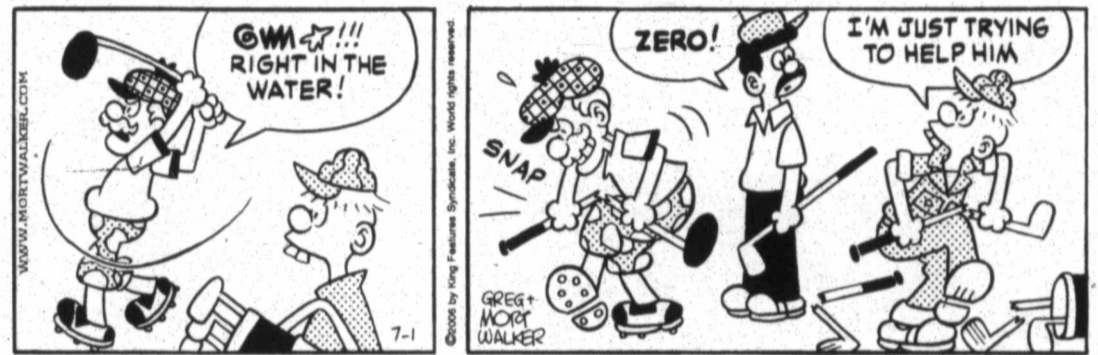
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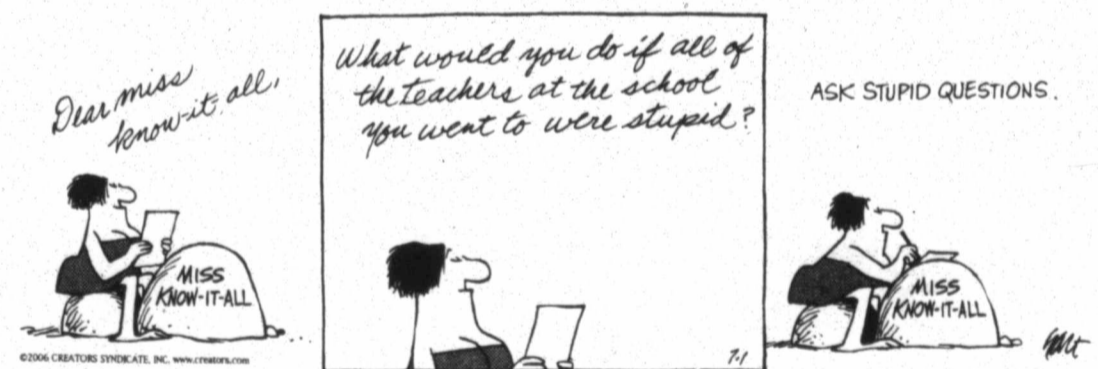
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## Haggar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Blondie



## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

- 1 Play need
- 5 Sniffer
- 9 Writer
- 10 Academy attendee
- 12 Hunter of myth
- 13 Stomach
- 14 "Piece of cake!"
- 16 Father's Day gift
- 17 Brewpub product
- 18 Iberia native
- 20 Trojan War sage
- 22 Fancy planters
- 23 Workout by-products
- 25 Filmflam
- 28 Snare
- 32 Fleet honcho
- 34 Imitating
- 35 Stellar cat
- 36 "Lou Grant" star
- 38 Skylit lobbies
- 40 Make movie changes

### DOWN

- 1 King of music
- 2 Originates Arnold
- 3 Poky
- 4 "Wild Thing" rapper
- 5 Sings like Ella
- 6 File part
- 7 Post man?
- 8 Highway strip
- 9 Role for Arnold
- 11 Cold forecast
- 15 Dolt
- 19 Small statue
- 21 Curbside cry
- 24 Blow up man?
- 25 Bears founder
- 26 One-named folksinger
- 27 Ignoring ethics
- 29 Noisome
- 30 Some Alaskans
- 31 Divides
- 33 Gathers
- 37 P. Diddy's first name
- 39 Little devil



### Yesterday's answer

- 1 ALARM
- 2 KATO
- 3 PIKER
- 4 EVADE
- 5 EVE
- 6 BOLD
- 7 DESTINY
- 8 SSE
- 9 STOLE
- 10 STAR
- 11 HAL
- 12 RAH
- 13 LIED
- 14 HEWED
- 15 ITS
- 16 SITTSFOR
- 17 MATILDA
- 18 IRA
- 19 PLACE
- 20 INFER
- 21 SINEW
- 22 LETME
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## Marmaduke



## The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



## Flo & Friends

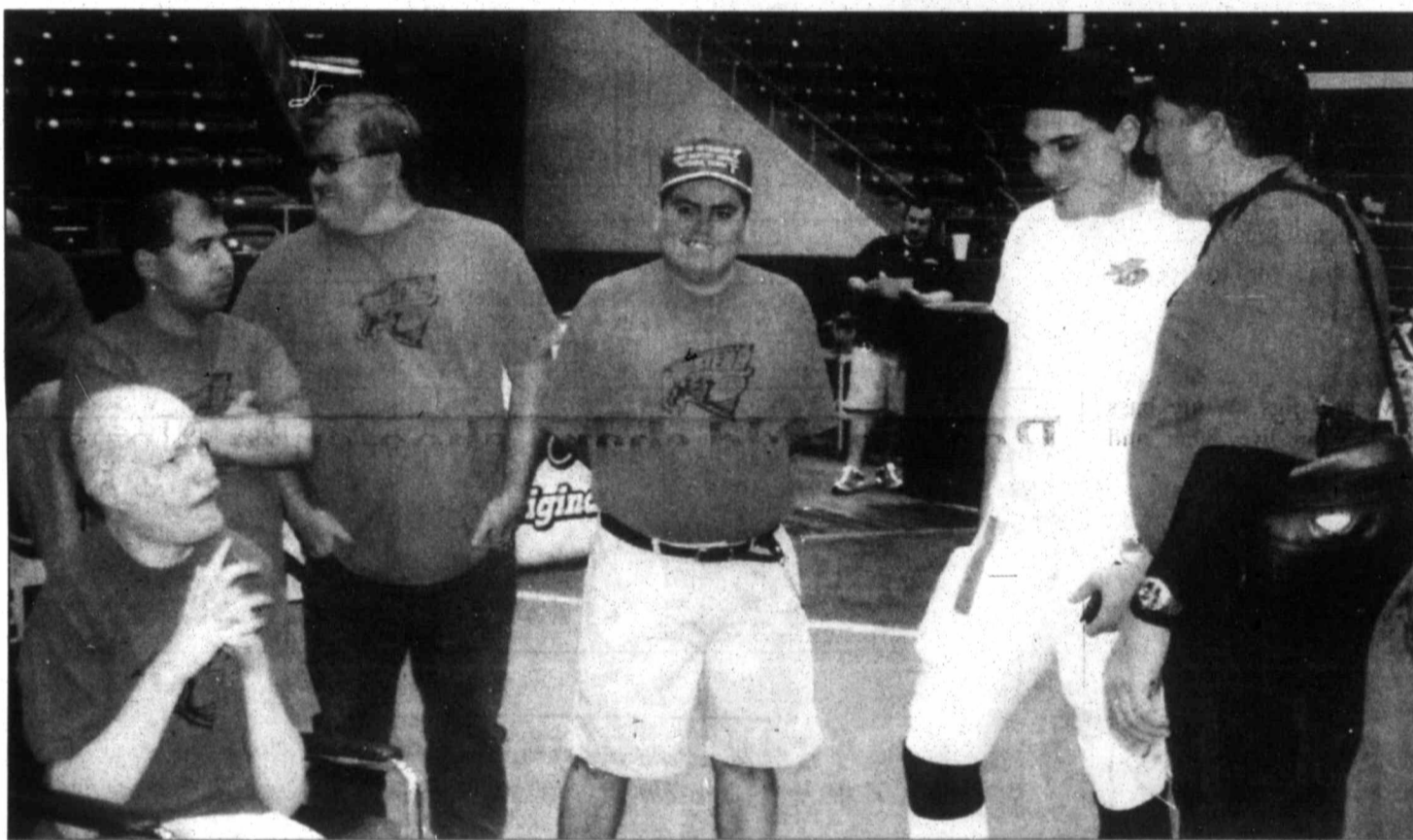


# Sports Day



▲ Don Campbell (far left) waits along with the 40 Pampa Sheltered Workshop and Activity Center clients to meet the Amarillo Dusters May 28. Campbell, a rancher, treated the entourage to the game between the Dusters and Memphis Xplorers at the Amarillo Civic Center.

▼ Brian Peters (left to right), Bobby Garcia, Randy Swires and Hector Estrada share some pregame conversation with Amarillo Dusters quarterback Steve Panella. Also pictured is Ray Boring (far right).



Courtesy photos

## A day with the Dusters: For at least 40 fans, one not to be soon forgotten

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa Sheltered Workshop and Activity Center located at 1301 Somerville is led by an angel. However in late May, the shelter's clients were the recipients of a special gift courtesy of an angelic benefactor who treated them to a night many are still talking about today.

Workshop director Angel Davis says rancher Don Campbell treated 40 of the shelter's clients to a day with the Amarillo Dusters May 28 which included pregame activities and a chance to meet with

and throw the football around with some of the players of the field of the af2 franchise.

Each received a Dusters shirt, snacks and an autographed football. According to Davis, the looks on their faces was priceless. "They were so excited. They got to jump and and down, scream and holler. It was really something special."

The Dusters fell to the Memphis Xplorers, 34-27. But for 40 fans in the stands that day, it was not a matter of win or loss. It was more about the experience. "Are you kidding me? Where else can you do that?" asked Davis. "When they stand and yell, we all stand and yell. They are so special. They are so therapeutic."

It's that gift that places the Pampa Sheltered and Activity Workshop clients close to Campbell's heart. "His son worked with men-

tally challenged individuals in high school. They really touched his heart," shared Davis.

Perhaps even more refreshing is Campbell's wish to keep the focus on the clients and not him or his business. Rare in the corporate sponsored sports world of today.

Davis says the Dusters outing was the largest event not related to the Special Olympics her clients have attended. And there seems to be something about football they really like. "They like the local team, the



Vickie Luster, Tammy White and Angel Davis.

Harvesters," said Davis. They (Harvesters) really like having them at games, cheering for them."

Stapled to one of the walls of the shelter are pictures, lots of them, commemorating the special day. And in many, you will see the man who made it possible.

Campbell has already extended an offer to the group to fish on his land, among the thousands of acres devastated by the fires earlier this year, once repairs have been completed and the ponds restocked.

And there is plenty of room on the walls of the shelter. Room for more pictures. Memories made possible by an angelic benefactor.

The Pampa Sheltered Workshop and Activity Center is a satellite facility associated with the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation Association of Amarillo.

## Rangers 3, Astros 1

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Mark Teixeira finally got a hit to fall, with no questions about whether it was fair or foul.

Teixeira ended an 0-for-17 slump with a leadoff double in the seventh inning, then scored the go-ahead run for the Texas Rangers in their 3-1 victory over the Houston Astros on Friday night that snapped a season-worst five-game losing streak.

"It felt great to break out of it and get a win," said Teixeira, hitless the previous four games.

The only time Teixeira went five straight games without a hit was in April 2003, in his first five games in the major leagues.

Teixeira thought he had a bases-clearing double in the ninth inning Tuesday night in San Francisco, but it was ruled foul even though the ball appeared to land on the line and kick up chalk. After Teixeira argued and was ejected, his pinch hitter flied out and the Rangers lost.

Against the Astros and Roy Oswalt (6-4), Teixeira hit a flare that dropped between center fielder Willy Taveras and second baseman Chris Burke, who collided and were shaken up on the play. Neither left the game.

"A lot of guys get a little woe-is-me and Cadillac down the line. Not many

people would have been on second base there," manager Buck Showalter said.

"I knew it had a chance to fall. I wanted to make sure I got to second," Teixeira said. "I didn't want to take it for granted."

Taveras was coming in and made a sliding attempt and Burke was going out when his left foot slammed into the outfielder's inner thigh and Burke tumbled hard to the ground. Both players remained down for several minutes while being tended to, but remained in the game.

Manager Phil Garner said Burke had a sore big toe and Taveras was spiked in the thigh, but that both players seemed to be OK.

Kevin Mench was intentionally walked with one out in the seventh before Ian Kinsler singled. Brad Wilkerson walked on a full-count pitch with the bases loaded, forcing home Teixeira for a 2-1 lead.

Kinsler also homered for the Rangers, just off a 1-5 road trip. Mark DeRosa and Michael Young had consecutive doubles in the eighth for another run.

Vicente Padilla (7-5), who was hit on the shoulder while throwing Thursday, allowed four hits over eight innings with five strikeouts and a walk. Akinori Otsuka worked the ninth for his 16th save in 18 chances.

PHIL GARNER

## Astros manager granted review of suspension

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Houston Astros manager Phil Garner didn't miss Friday night's game at Texas after asking for a review of his one-game suspension.

Garner was suspended after tossing a chair onto the field following his ejection during a loss in Detroit on Monday. He was supposed to serve the suspension during the opener of the three-game series against the Rangers.

Garner said he would be given the chance to state his case during a conference call with major league officials. He didn't know when that call would occur.

"It will be a fairly quick

process when it's done," Garner said Friday.

Garner and Astros slugger Lance Berkman were ejected after a close play at first base Monday night. Berkman threw his helmet to the ground after being called out, and was immediately tossed by first base umpire C.B. Bucknor.

The manager rushed onto the field and was ejected after throwing his cap to the ground at the end of a long argument.

"He just wouldn't kick me out," Garner said Friday. "I kept telling him to kick me out."

When Garner returned to the bench, he threw a chair onto the field.

## F1 tries to win forgiveness

(AP) — It was one of the lowest moments in recent Formula One history, when 14 cars ducked off the track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in a boycott of last year's United States Grand Prix.

The drivers were concerned about the safety of their Michelin tires, which had several failures during race preparations. When no solution was offered and no compromise could be agreed upon, they refused to race.

"The problem was just too much of a safety issue," driver Giancarlo Fisichella said. "The best thing to do was just go home."

But when they walked out the back gate at Indy, they might have permanently tarnished F1 in America.

As F1 returns to the USGP in Indy this weekend, the series' future is at a serious crossroads in the only country that has yet to embrace it.

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## Cuban, Mavs hope to avoid Nash scenario with Terry

DALLAS (AP) — Jason Terry has been saying for weeks that his goal in free agency is to stay in Dallas. Thing is, wary Mavericks fans remember Steve Nash saying the same things two years ago - until he signed with Phoenix.

Mavs owner Mark Cuban vows things will be different this time.

Cuban plans to make Terry an offer as soon as free agency begins at 12:01 a.m. EDT Saturday. A quick resolution would enable club officials to get on with the next phase of their off-season plans: signing Dirk Nowitzki and Josh Howard to contract extensions.

"Our priority is our own free agents," Cuban said. "I'm pretty sure we should be able to (keep them). We haven't been able to get into the details yet, but they've given us pretty much every indication that they want to stay, so that's good to know."

If all three pieces fall into place, Dallas likely would have the top three players from its Western Conference championship squad locked up through the 2010-11 season. Howard is 26, Nowitzki turned 28 last week and Terry turns 29 in September.

Keith Van Horn, Adrian Griffin, D.J. Mbenga and

Darrell Armstrong are Dallas' other free agents. Armstrong is the most likely of them to return.

The Mavs might also look around for a backup to Nowitzki and a veteran point guard. While deals can be reached now, nothing can be signed before July 12.

Dallas is over the salary cap, but still has the midlevel-exception. Beyond a payday, the Mavericks can offer players a spot on a team coming off a finals appearance and Cuban's reputation for taking care of players.

Terry would be among the top free agents on the market this summer if not for his off-state desire to remain with the Mavericks. He's still likely to get a high-dollar offer, perhaps in the range of \$40 million over five years.

When Nash went into free agency, Cuban didn't make an offer, instead hoping to match the best one Nash could get. Then the Suns offered more years and a lot more money than Cuban ever expected and he let Nash walk. The fact he's been MVP each of his two seasons in Phoenix hurts the Mavs less now that they're coming off their first appearance in the NBA finals.





**NATIONAL STORM SHELTER ASSOCIATION**

# Amarillo site of upcoming storm shelter meeting

LUBBOCK — The National Storm Shelter Association, housed on the campus of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, will conduct a workshop starting at 9:30 a.m. July 7 to discuss construction standards the association has established for safe rooms/tornado shelters and to talk about NSSA membership.

The meeting will be held at the TA&MU Research & Extension Center in Amarillo and is primarily intended for building contractors who work in the Texas Panhandle.

The Texas Panhandle is the inaugural site of a program new to the State of Texas — the Safe Room Rebate Program.

The City of Amarillo and the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission have each received funding from FEMA through the Governor's Division of Emergency Management to implement separate, simultaneous programs.

Amarillo's program is intended to serve residents of that city, while the PRPC's program will focus on residents within the 26-county area of the Panhandle outside Amarillo. Between the two programs,

funding exists to support the installation of at least 900 safe rooms/tornado shelters in the region.

As the administrator for the program, GDEM has determined that all safe rooms/shelters installed under this program must have a NSSA seal affixed to the shelter. Currently, there are only a handful of contractors in the area who have been qualified by NSSA to affix the seal.

Increasing the number of NSSA companies available in the Panhandle will be important to the success of the program.

The Safe Room Rebate Program may provide eligible residents with a cash rebate to cover half the cost of installing a NSSA-certified safe room/shelter in their home up to a maximum amount of \$2,500.

More information about the NSSA mission can be found on the Internet at [www.nssa.cc](http://www.nssa.cc). Information on the implementation schedule for the regional program is available at PRPC's Web site, [www.theprpc.org](http://www.theprpc.org).

# West Texas A&M university to manage 12,000 acres for Bureau of Land Management

CANYON — Faculty and students of wildlife biology at West Texas A&M University are going to be authorized caretakers for almost 12,000 acres of land in Potter County.

Officials from West Texas A&M and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will sign an agreement at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 6 that will formalize the University's long-term commitment to manage what is known as the Cross Bar Cooperative Management Area, an 11,833.8-acre tract about 10 miles north of Amarillo.

The document will be presented and signed in the Agriculture and Science Building, Room 103, on campus. Signatories will be University President J. Patrick O'Brien and Linda S.C. Rundell, BLM state director for New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas.

A mutually beneficial informal agreement has been in place for several years between WTAMU and the BLM. The Cross Bar has served as an outdoor classroom for University students, who in turn have provided expertise and manpower to help accomplish property management objectives for

which the BLM does not have the necessary resources.

*"We are delighted to be entrusted with this important mission."*

— Dr. Brian R. Chapman  
Provost/vice president for academic affairs

"This type of agreement gives our students the chance to get practical experience working with plants and animals in their natural habitat, and at the same time it gives us the opportunity to perform a public service," Dr. Brian R. Chapman, provost/vice president for academic affairs, said. "The Cross Bar ecosystem is a valuable public asset, and it's in everyone's best interest to maintain it properly."

"We are delighted to be entrusted with this important mission."

Dr. Ray Matlack and Dr. Richard Kazmaier, assistant professors of biology, and their students have taken the

lead in managing the Cross Bar — taking down fences, installing wildlife waterers, planting trees, re-seeding closed roads and picking up trash. They are performing research on the effects of fire on natural grasslands, and they are inventorying plant and animal species presently on the property.

"It's a great hands-on opportunity," Chapman said. "We're doing a study on the Texas horned lizard, which is on the Texas Endangered List, and at the same time we're removing non-native vegetation such as salt cedar, which drains water from the soil very rapidly. It's science. It's land management. It's very exciting because it's what a university should be doing."

The Cross Bar is about 10 miles north of Amarillo and was acquired in 1931 from Humble Oil and Refining Company for the acquisition of helium by the Bureau of Mines. The Bureau of Mines was eliminated in 1996, and the acreage was turned over to the BLM, an agency within the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The Cross Bar is the only BLM land within the state of Texas.

# Intents

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**Gas Well Completions**

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #1453 Barker, Sec. 53, M-1, H&GN, spud 2-9-06, drlg. compl 3-5-06, tested 5-3-06, potential 2331 MCF, TD 13455', PBD 13348' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #1007 Peak Bourassa, Sec. 7, 4, AB&M, spud 3-3-06, drlg. compl 3-21-06, tested 5-4-06, potential 1354 MCF, TD 12875', PBD 12819' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #3052A John C. Vise, Sec. 52, M-1, H&GN, spud 3-11-06, drlg. compl 4-2-06, tested 5-3-06, potential 751 MCF, TD 13500', PBD 13394' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Questar E&P Co., #5010 Prater, Sec. 10, 4, AB&M, spud 1-20-06, drlg. compl 2-17-06, tested 4-1-06, potential 2937 MCF, TD 13177', PBD 13032' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Zephyr Lone Star Operating Co., L.L.C., #1025 Buckthal, Sec. 25, A-1, H&GN, spud 9-27-05, drlg. compl 10-13-05, tested 2-28-06, potential 1268 MCF, TD 11252' —

HUTCHINSON (W.T. COBLE Upper Morrow) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #1 Coble Buckskin 'A453', Sec. 21, M-22, TCR, spud 9-21-05, drlg. compl 10-6-05, tested 2-24-06, potential 2168 MCF, TD 8200', PBD 7610' —

HUTCHINSON (S.W. MORSE Brown Dolomite) Comstock Oil & Gas, L.P., #707 Womble, Sec. 7, 1, BBB&C, spud 1-24-06, drlg. compl 1-26-06, tested 2-15-06, TD 3535', PBD 3494' —

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) SNW Operating Co., #1R Gulf-Sanford 'A', Sec. 82, 46, H&TC, spud 3-29-06, drlg. compl 4-3-06, tested 5-30-06, TD 2720' —

ROBERTS (GILL RANCH Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #3016 Gill, Sec. 16, 44, H.A. Gill/J. Poitevent, spud 12-2-05, drlg. compl 2-21-06, tested 2-25-06, TD 12150',

PBTD 11658' — Plug-Back

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con, Inc., #6 Britt Ranch '36', Sec. 36, A-3, H&GN, spud 1-24-06, drlg. compl 2-25-06, tested 5-23-06, potential 1686 MCF, TD 15650', PBD 15650' —

WHEELER (WEST PARK Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #3 Reid '9', Sec. 9, RE, R&E, spud 12-12-05, drlg. compl 1-12-06, tested 2-4-06, TD 14440', PBD 14397' —

WHEELER (WEST PARK Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #4 Truman Zybach '16', Sec. 16, RE, R&E, spud 11-8-05, drlg. compl 12-4-05, tested 1-13-06, TD 14500', PBD 14410' —

**Plugged Wells**  
HEMPHILL (ELLIS RANCH Tonkawa) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #1501 Rush Snyder, Sec. 16, 43, H&TC, spud 9-15-82, plugged 4-3-06, TD 11000' (gas) —

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Mexico Energy Corp., #1 W.R. Campbell, Sec. 15, 1, I&GN, spud unknown, plugged 5-15-06, TD 12300' (gas) —

HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #1 Peacevale '35', Sec. 35, 46, H&TC, spud 10-7-04, plugged 9-16-06, TD 11000' (dry) —

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) SIPs Oil & Gas, Inc., Whittenburg 'A&B', Sec. 33, 47, H&TC (oil) for the following wells:  
#1, spud 11-28-41, plugged 5-25-06, TD 2848' — Form 1 in Dave Rubin  
#2, spud 9-1-41, plugged 5-24-06, TD 2780' — Form 1 in Cy Rieger

#3, spud unknown, plugged 5-30-06, TD 2858' — Form 1 in Dave Rubin  
#4, spud 11-5-46, plugged 6-1-06, TD 2810' — Form 1 in Dave Rubin

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Pioneer Natural Res. USA, Inc., #B-1 Bost, Sec. 9, Y-2, TTRR, spud unknown, plugged 3-31-06, TD 2765' (gas) —

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Energy 2000, Inc., #QIQ Johnson, Sec. 36, Y, A&B, spud 12-23-53, plugged 6-5-06, TD 2565' (gas) Form 1 in Phillips Petroleum  
ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Range Production Co.,

#507 Courson Ranch S. PA-11, Sec. 7, A, H&GN, spud 3-25-06, plugged 5-6-05, TD 12451' (dry) —

ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #7 Courson Ranch '158', Sec. 158, 13, T&NO, spud 12-5-04, plugged 12-30-04, TD 9074' (dry) —

ROBERTS (LIPS Cleveland) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #1 David Wilson, Sec. 217, 42, H&TC, spud 3-26-57, plugged 4-10-06, TD 10056' (gas) —

ROBERTS (PARSELL Lower Morrow) Mewbourne Oil Co., #2 Parsell Ranch '165', Sec. 165, 42, H&TC, spud 3-30-05, plugged 9-29-05, TD 11200' (dry) —

ROBERTS (QUINDUNO Albany Dolomite) Myriad Resources Corp., Form 1 in Sinclair Oil & Gas, for the following wells:  
#2 William R. Cowan Tract 'A', Sec. 194, M-2, BS&F, spud 4-26-53, plugged 5-11-06, TD 4101' (gas) —

#4 W.R. Cowan Tract 'B', Sec. 194, M-2, BS&F, spud 8-13-57, plugged 5-9-06, TD 4122' (gas) —

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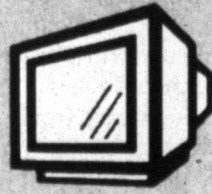
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# Lifestyle

## NEWSMAKERS

Garnett Michael Schafer of Pampa was recently named an All-American Scholar At-Large Award Winner by the United States Achievement Academy.

Schafer, a student at Pampa High School, will appear in the All-American Scholar Official Yearbook, published nationally.



**Schafer** The academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students with this award.

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

The award is given based upon the following criteria: Grade point average, student achievements, and academic and extracurricular activities.

Schafer is the son of Glenn and Leslie Schafer of Pampa and is the grandson of Dan and Geneva Michael of Pampa.

MONROE, La. — Haylee Brienne Murry of Pampa was named to the President's List for the 2006 spring semester at the University of Louisiana.

To qualify for the President's List, a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.9 or higher while enrolled full-time at the university.

Edward Jones investment representative Ben Watson of Pampa was recently singled out for the A.F. McKenzie Achievement Award, a professional award recognizing outstanding sales and service over the past year.

The award is in honor of Al McKenzie who developed Edward Jones' training program over the course of nearly 60 years with the firm.

"When you work for a firm that is known for its outstanding service," Watson said, "it's quite an honor to be singled out for your service record."

Watson was one of only 1,566 out of 9,000 investment representatives to receive this recognition.

"Ben is an outstanding member of the Edward Jones team," James D. Weddle, Edward Jones' managing partner said, "who personifies the ideal investment representative, someone who is 100 percent dedicated to serving the financial needs of his clients. I am very pleased to present this well-deserved award."

Watson has been serving the Pampa area since 1999.

Carrie Johnson, a teacher at Pampa Learning Center, a division of Pampa Independent School District, was recently re-elected District 16 director of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association. The 2006-07 TCTA board also includes another Pampan, Jeanna Miller, immediate past president of the statewide association.

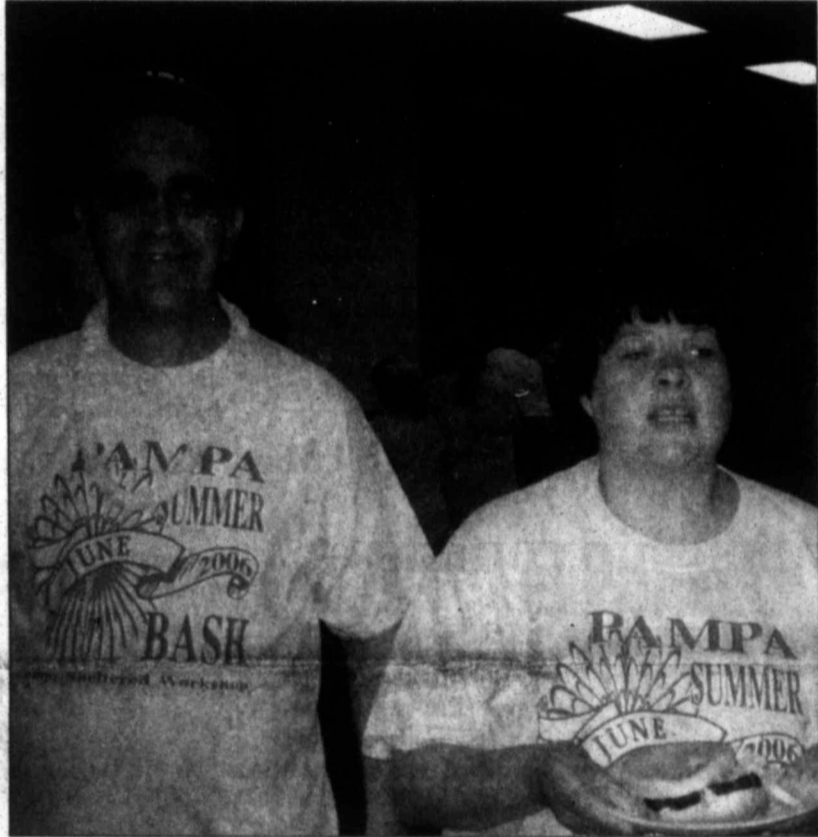
Johnson has served on TCTA board of directors since 2004 and was re-elected to a two-year term at the association's annual convention in Dallas.

Johnson was re-elected by members from within her district. District 16 covers 26 counties in the Texas Panhandle, bordered by Dallam and Lipscomb on the north and Parmer and Childress to the south.

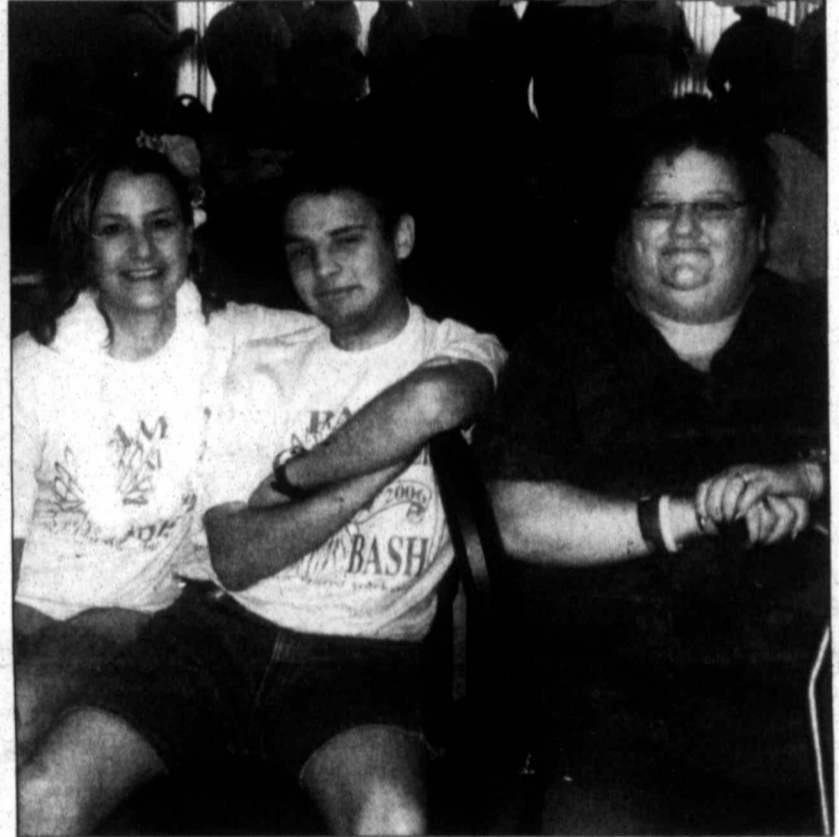
As a board member, Johnson helps set policy for the statewide association and assists leaders of TCTA local affiliates in her 26-county area.

Johnson is also active in Pampa Classroom Teachers Association, sitting as president of the local association.

# Pampa Sheltered Workshop's Summer Bash



▲ Taisey Phillips and Debbie Ellis at Pampa Sheltered Workshop's Summer Bash recently. This year's bash took a Hawaiian theme.



▲ Tammy White, Todd Carter and Gail Moke were among those present at the bash and ready-to party with a Hawaii lei.



▲ Pampa Lions Ray Boring, Kyle Parnell and Brad Pingel cooked during Pampa Sheltered Workshop's summer bash.



▲ Also among the party-goers were Joan Arnold, Donald Stewart and Linda Beth Salmon. Many wore these bright yellow T-shirts to celebrate.



▲ Bobby Garcia, Ronnie Jenkins and Tollie Jinks at the bash.

## Hamel, Wilks Wedding

Nuptials for Jonna Hamel and Doug Wilks, both of Alpharetta, Ga., were held May 20 at Defoor Art Gallery in Atlanta, Ga.

The bride is the daughter of Jon Hamel of Plano and Rhonda Hamel of Alpharetta, and is the granddaughter of Eva Dennis and the late Jerry Dennis of Pampa and Madge Hamel and the late Al Hamel of Allison Park, Pa.

The groom is the son of Ted and Cherie Wilks of Sugarland, and is the grandson of Laura Wilks of Sugarland.

Attending the bride was her maid of honor, Jenna Hamel of Alpharetta, and her bridesmaid, Merideth Robin of Canyon Lake.

Standing up as best man was



Jonna Hamel and Doug Wilks

Gonzalo Grerra of Savannah, Ga. The groomsman was Maximilliano Guerra of Savannah.

Registering guests was Jamie Lahay of Bradenton, Fla.

A reception at the Defoor Center followed the wedding with Ann McGahey and Fran Franzoni serving the guests.

The bride holds an associate of arts degree in business from Perimeter College. She is a professional equestrian trainer and insurance auditor for Hamel Consolidated, Inc.

The groom is president of Top Speed, a performance vehicle shop in Alpharetta.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Florida and intend to make their home in Alpharetta.

## Edwards, Griminger Wedding

Amy Edwards of Canyon and Jeff Griminger of Amarillo exchanged wedding vows Saturday at The Wedding Chapel in Amarillo. Pastor Danny Lucas of Amarillo presided over the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Raymond and Susie Edwards of Pampa and is the granddaughter of the late Dorothy and T.J. Duree and the late Dorothy and A.J. Edwards, all of Pampa.

The groom is the son of the late Harold and Betty Griminger of Paducah.

Jenny Edwards, sister of the bride of Pampa, served as maid of honor. The flower girl was Jade Kenney of Amarillo.

Deidre Griminger, daughter of the groom of Childress, attended the



Amy Edwards and Jeff Griminger

groom, and Jax Kenney of Amarillo acted as ring bearer.

Ushering the guests to their seats were Ben Moore and Brett Moore of Panhandle.

Music was provided by vocalist Jenny Edwards.

A reception followed the ceremony at The Wedding Chapel.

The bride graduated from Pampa High School and West Texas A&M University and is currently a fifth grade teacher with Amarillo Independent School District. The groom graduated from Paducah High and is currently an account manager at Tri-State Bakery in Amarillo.

The newlyweds planned a honeymoon trip to South Texas and intend to make their home in Canyon.

## Menus

Week of July 3-7

### PISD Summer Nutrition Program

#### MONDAY

Closed.

#### TUESDAY

Holiday.

#### WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits.

Lunch: Spaghetti or ham sandwiches, green beans, corn, applesauce cups, bread sticks.

#### THURSDAY

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.

Lunch: Chicken fried steak on a bun or ham sandwiches, vegetarian beans, carrot sticks, peaches.

#### FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast.

Lunch: Burgers or ham sandwiches, fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, pears, pudding.

### Lunch in the Park

#### MONDAY

Closed.

#### TUESDAY

Holiday.

#### WEDNESDAY

Bean/cheese burritos, cheese portion, peach cups.

#### THURSDAY

Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, cheese portion, applesauce cups, fruit.

#### FRIDAY

Burgers, cheese portion, peach cups, pickles.

### Kid's Cafe-Wilson

#### MONDAY

Closed.

#### WEDNESDAY

Meatball with noodles and brown gravy, green beans, salad, dessert.

### Kid's Cafe-Lamar

#### TUESDAY

Holiday.

#### THURSDAY

Chicken spaghetti, mixed vegetables, salad, rolls, dessert.

### Senior Citizens

#### MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chicken spaghetti, mashed potatoes, Scandinavian blend, beets, beans, tomato spice cake, or chocolate sundae cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

#### TUESDAY

Holiday.

#### WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, fried okra, buttered squash, beans, black forest cake or blueberry cheesecake, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

#### THURSDAY

Chicken strips or taco salad, potatoes/vegetables, cheese grits, Spanish rice, beans, lemon bundt cake or pineapple squares, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

#### FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or goulash, potato wedges, peas/carrots, beans, milk chocolate cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls or cornbread.

### Meals On Wheels

#### MONDAY

Closed.

#### TUESDAY

Holiday.

#### WEDNESDAY

Burgers, tater tots, pineapple.

#### THURSDAY

Chicken salad, macaroni salad, lettuce, tomatoes, pears.

#### FRIDAY

Baked fish, rice pilaf, garlic bread, green beans/tomatoes, apricots.

## Great American SPAM™ Championship coming to Amarillo Tri-State Fair

AMARILLO — The Amarillo Tri-State Fair will host the Great American SPAM™ Championship this year, a national recipe contest at the country's top state and county fairs. Cooking creatively with SPAM™ can turn tasty recipes into prize packages and blue ribbon honors, plus a shot at new national grand prizes.

Both adults and youth are invited to participate in the contest.

Entrants must combine SPAM® (any variety) with up to nine other ingredients and deliver it to the fair for

judging. (Pre-registration may be required.) Recipes will be rated on taste (40 percent), originality (30 percent) and presentation (30 percent).

Cooking or baking time should be under 30 minutes. Awards are \$150, \$50 and \$25 for the top three recipes.

Two grand prize winning recipes will be selected from recipes entered at 40 host state and county fairs in 2006. One national grand prize winner will win \$3,000 in cash, and will be chosen

See CONTEST, Page 3-B

## Bridal Registry

Amanda Lee & Michael Peterson  
Jessica Burns & James Hoskins  
Sarah Teague & Roger Wyrick  
Sabrina Johnson & Edgar Barraza  
Brandi Crosnoe & Shane Story  
Ashleigh Patton & Jeremy Seidman  
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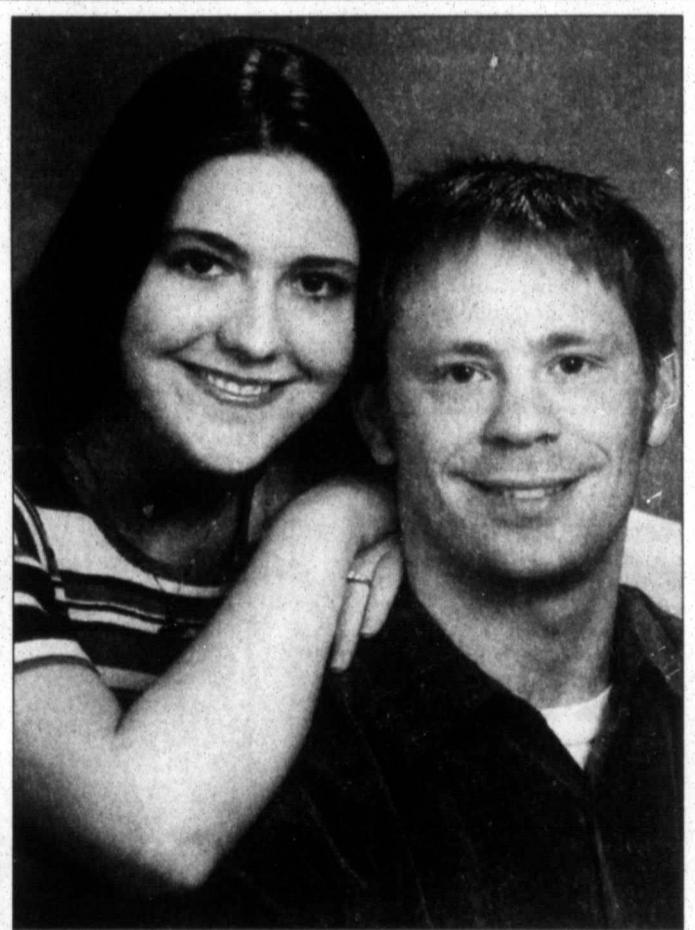
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## Brogger/Keough

Emily Inez Brogger and Michael James Keough plan to wed July 29 at First Baptist Church in Borger. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mark and Gail Brogger of Ponca City, Okla., and is the granddaughter of Vernon and Frances Taylor, C.D. and Ruby Bishop, all of Borger, and James J. Brogger and the late Barbara Brogger of Lamar, Colo. She is a 2002 graduate of Borger High School and holds an associate of science degree from Northern Oklahoma College. She has served as an intern for the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at NOC and worked on the House Christian Radio Station 89.7 in Ponca City. In addition, she has attended Oklahoma Baptist University and West Texas A&M University. The future groom is the son of Jimmy and Robin Keough of Pampa and Tammie Keough of Schenectady, N.Y., is the grandson of J.L. and Vivian Romines and the late Jim F. Keough, Corky and Vivian Godfrey and the late Linda Godfrey, all of Pampa, and is the great-grandson of Thelma Freeman of Pampa. He is a 2000 graduate of Pampa High School and holds an associate of arts degree from Frank Phillips College. He is currently completing a business degree at WTAMU and formerly attended OBU. He previously served as youth pastor at Keeler Baptist Church in Borger and is presently employed by McCoy Meyers and Associates in Amarillo.

## Baseball glove found by brother 42 years later

TORRANCE, Calif. (AP) — A man found his brother's boyhood baseball glove at a flea market — 42 years after it disappeared.

Patrick Reynolds' name and phone number were still legible on the left-hand's mitt, which his brother, Jeff, plucked from a barrel of used sports equipment. Jeff Reynolds paid \$5 for

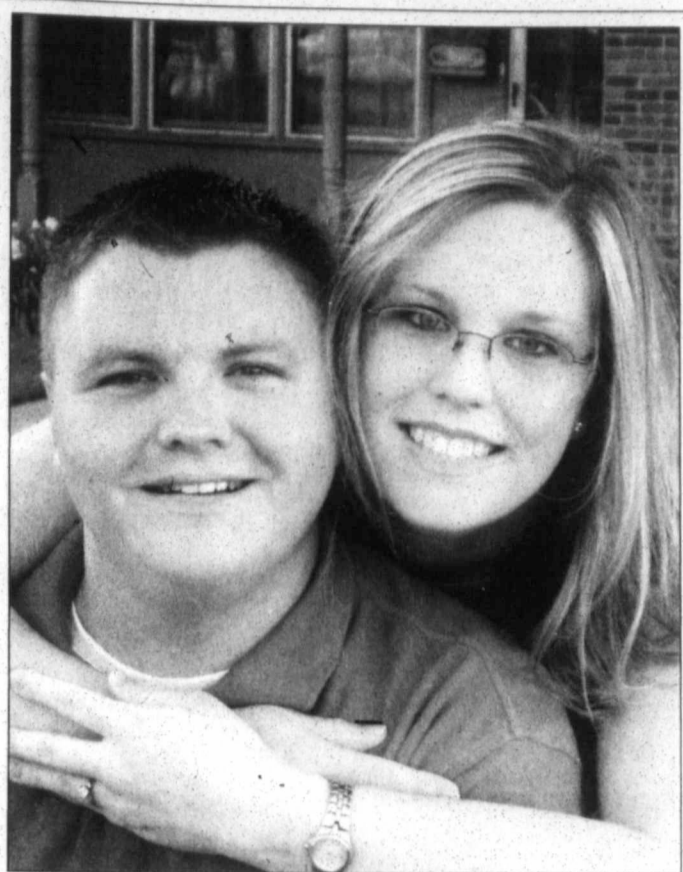
the glove last week and returned it to his brother.

"He thought maybe I'd had the glove all these years," quipped Jeff Reynolds, 47, a telephone service technician.

Patrick Reynolds always thought his father had given the glove away to needy children. His father had been drafted by the old St. Louis Browns

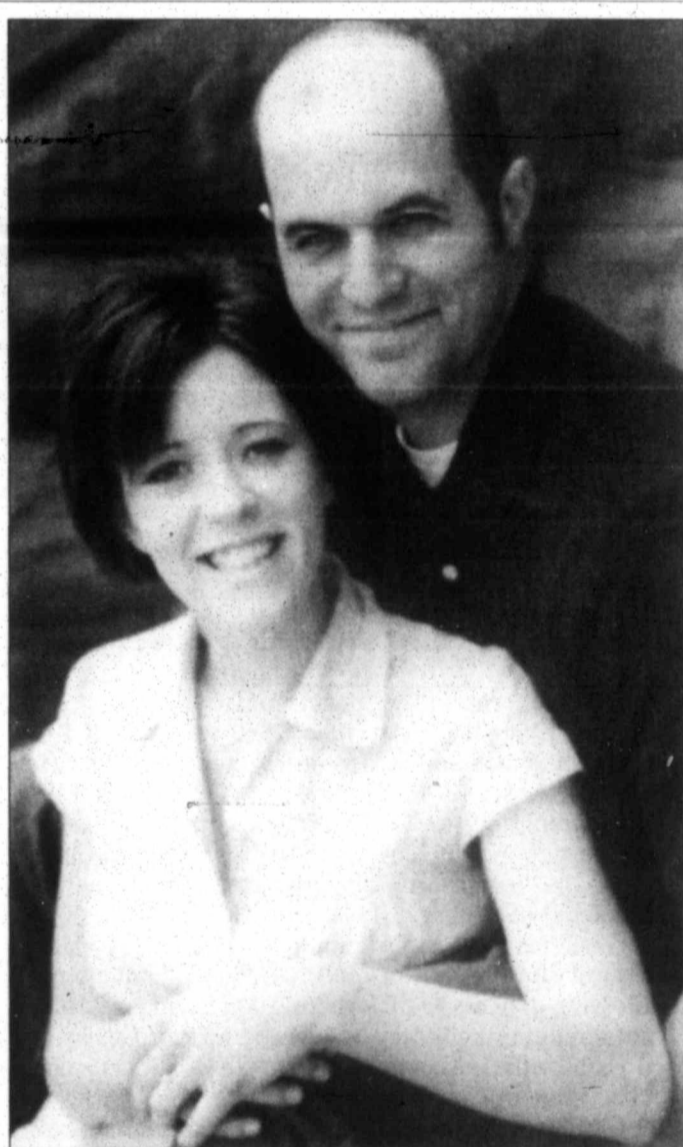
and, after serving in the military during World War II, played recreational ball and mentored young players.

"He was always collecting old gloves and relacing them and giving them to kids who needed them," said Patrick Reynolds, a 57-year-old senior county parks landscape architect from Lomita.



### Waters/Bryan

Jennifer Paige Waters of Longview and Rickey Wayne Bryan of Pampa plan to wed July 15 at Country Home Weddings in Canyon. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Harold and Marsha Waters of Longview. She graduated from Pine Tree High School in Longview in 2001 and is currently pursuing a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies for English language arts and social studies at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She is employed with Amarillo Community Federal Credit Union in Amarillo. The future groom is the son of Rickey and Ruth Bryan of Shamrock. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1998 and received a bachelor of science degree in agricultural business and economics from WTAMU in 2004. He was a member of the HERDSMEN at WT, serving as the organization's secretary and vice president. He is presently employed with Gregg & Valby, LLP., a mortgage law firm based out of Houston.



### Ritchey/Davis

Courtney Ritchey and Jeff Davis, both of Amarillo, plan to wed Aug. 12 at Whitaker Ranch of Canyon. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Lonnie and Danette Ritchey of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2002 and is currently pursuing a special education degree at West Texas A&M University. She is employed in the ITT Division of Amarillo College. The future groom is the son of Dr. Don Davis of Meeker, Colo., and Jerry and Dr. Jessica Franks of Little Elm. He graduated from Midland High School at Midland in 1999 and attends Amarillo College. He is presently employed at Advance Auto.

### Contest

out of all first place winning recipes. In addition, one Kid Chef of the Year will win \$2,000 in cash (selected out of all youth recipes entered.) All grand prizes are selected by Hormel Foods Test Kitchens in early 2007 based on recipes submitted with entry. For contest details and complete entry guidelines, contact the Amarillo Tri-State Fair entry office at (806) 376-7767.

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## Adams, Brown Wedding

Lara Nicole Adams of Irving and Lynuel "Lynn" Don Brown of Grand Prairie were united in marriage June 24 at The Country Abbey in Justin with Gary Rowden, uncle of the bride of Longview, performing the ceremony.

Attending the bride was her matron of honor, Alysa White of Duncan, Okla., and her bridesmaids, Carrie Adams, sister-in-law of the bride of Amarillo, Kelly Ashby of Savannah and Shelly Brooks of Pampa.

The flower girl was Alyssa Wilson, niece of the bride of Amarillo.

Standing up as best man was Brett Pendleton of Grand Prairie. The groomsmen were Kerry Adams, brother of the bride of Amarillo, Jason Dickson of Arlington and Danny Grider of Granbury.

The ring bearer was Sterling Adams, nephew of the bride of Amarillo.



Lara N. Adams and Lynuel D. Brown

Ushering guests to their seats were Kerry Adams, Brett Pendleton and Jason Dickson.

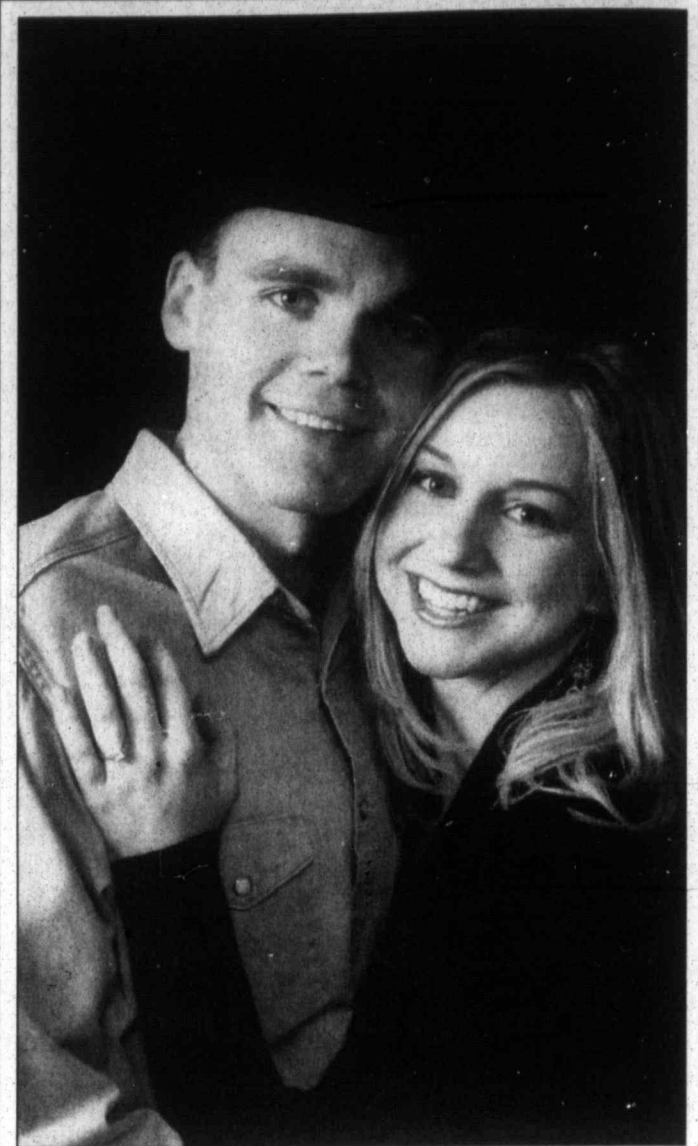
A reception followed the service

at The Country Abbey with Stacey Zeigler, Suzanne Zeigler, both of Coppell, Dana Shields of Justin and Reesie Seward, sister of the groom of Grand Prairie, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Linda and Bobby Adams of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1994 and holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford (1998) and a master of business administration degree from Texas Woman's University in Denton (2004). She is currently pursuing her CPA license and is employed as assistant controller for Lennar Homes of Irving.

The groom is the son of Freta Brown and the late J.T. Brown of Grand Prairie. He attended Grand Prairie schools and is currently employed by Texas Air Composites.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Eureka Springs, Ark., and intend to make their home in Grand Prairie.



## Brown/Rash

Cassi Shea Brown of Wheeler and Marty Ray Rash of Wellington plan to wed Aug. 12 at First United Methodist Church in Pampa. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Ronny and Cindy Brown of Wheeler. She graduated from Wheeler High School and is scheduled to graduate from Oklahoma State University in the fall. The future groom is the son of Kenneth and Jerrye Rash of Gilmer. He is a graduate of Gilmer High School and received his degree from Abilene Christian University in 2003. He is currently a USDA soil conservationist employed with the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

## Venegas, Leal Wedding

Martha Venegas and Hector Leal Jr., both of Pampa, tied the matrimonial knot Saturday at the local Knights of Columbus Hall with Joe Martinez officiating.

The maid of honor was Candia Jimenez of Pampa. The bridesmaids were Laura Miranda, Eva Jimenez and Melissa Leal, all of Pampa.

The flower girls were Ale Jimenez, Serenity Leal and Constance Leal, all of Pampa.

The best man was Gene Barton of Pampa, and the groomsmen were Hector Leal III, Daniel Leal and Pete Montoya Jr., all of Pampa.



Martha Venegas and Hector Leal Jr.

The ring bearers were Gloria and Martin Diosdado of Pampa. Music was provided by D.J. Guero of Dumas.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

The bride is the daughter of Eva Venegas.

The groom is the son of Hector Leal of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Maria Leal of Edcouch. He is currently employed with Halliburton Energy Services.

The newlyweds intend to make their home in Pampa.

## Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. This changes to 12 noon Tuesday on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. Meeting the deadline does not guarantee publication that week. Thank you.

### Altrusa

Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa met June 27 at First United Methodist Church with President Joan Gray-Soria presiding. Terry Gamblin and Leona Willis served as greeters. Kristi Smith attended as a guest.

The following business was conducted and announce-

ments made:

—Penni Pfitzner gave the accent on the Amarillo Altrusa Club which is the new club-building project. She encouraged members to present names of prospective members for the new Amarillo club.

—Carolyn Kessel and Kerrick Horton received special recognition for recently sponsoring new members into Altrusa.

—Dr. Joe Donaldson presented the program on Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization made up of volunteers who build houses for under privileged families.

The next meeting will be at 12 p.m. July 11 at First United Methodist Church.

## Lifestyles Policy

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing births, weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We also reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

2. All information must

be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before a holiday such as Thanksgiving or Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than

three months before the wedding.

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

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

8. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

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

# National Cowboy Museum opens American Indian art exhibition

OKLAHOMA CITY — As Oklahoma prepares for its Centennial, a new National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum exhibit in Oklahoma City celebrates a century of American Indian art that began during the 1870s and concluded 30 years ago.

"The First 100 Years: Southern Plains Painting and Drawing" considers the graphic art tradition of Oklahoma's first residents. On display through Oct. 8, the exhibit has been designated an official Oklahoma Centennial event.

Most of the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum's collection of American Indian painting was acquired from Oklahoma City collector Arthur Silberman. In 1978, Silberman organized an exhibit at the Oklahoma Museum of Art that was called 100 Years of Native American Painting. In

the catalog that accompanied the display, he summarized the American Indian painting tradition in this way:

"Until approximately one hundred years ago, Native American painting was a form of religious expression and a kind of shorthand used mainly to record personal and tribal histories . . .

Painting was part of a lifestyle in which art, refined by a keen sense of aesthetics, permeated every aspect of Indian life from birth to death. Then, under the pressures and stresses of their disintegrating world, Indian artists transformed painting into an expressive and vital art form. Individualistic artists, deeply rooted in the past, absorbed from the surrounding dominant culture many of the aesthetic elements of world art. Native American painting, a spiritual affirmation of Indianness, became the most innova-

tive and creative of any of the forms of Indian art."

The decades of artistic expression that were considered in Silberman's retrospective are revisited in "The First 100 Years: Southern Plains Painting and Drawing."

The 30 displayed works include examples of Fort Marion ledger art, drawings by the Kiowa artist Silver Horn, paintings by various Kiowa Five artists and those within the sphere of Muskogee, Oklahoma's Bacone College, and works produced by self-taught Oklahoma Indian painters.

Due to the age and fragile nature of the Fort Marion and Silver Horn works, 10 images by these artists will be displayed through July 27. They will be replaced by 10 different works that will remain on view through Oct. 8.

## ENTERTAINMENT

# Cable ONE adds GAC to its lineup

Country music fans have even more access to their favorite videos and country artists now that Cable ONE has added Great American Country (GAC) to its Digital Value PAK. GAC is best known for its music intensive format that features the broadcast mix of music videos, original programming and live concert specials.

"Great American Country is the fastest growing cable network," said Terry Harris, general manager for Cable ONE. "It's also the home of 'Grand Ole Opry Live,' one of the most popular television programs in country music today. We are delighted to bring this much anticipated programming to our customers."

Programming on GAC includes a mix of current and past country videos, live concerts, personal interviews as well as high-profile events such as the Academy of Country Music Awards.

GAC also produces country music's only daily request show, "GAC Top 20 Country Countdown," allowing viewers to pick their favorite videos. Other programming includes "My Music Mix," "Celebrity Gossip with Lorianne Cook," "GAC Nights" and "The Edge of Country."

GAC is available on Cable ONE's digital service on channel 320. Lifeline or limited basic service is needed to receive digital service. To find out more, call Cable ONE at 665-2381.

## Air quality issues publication now available for animal agriculture

COLLEGE STATION — To help inform operators of animal feeding facilities about state and federal air quality regulations, a brochure titled "Air Quality Standards and Nuisance Issues for Animal Agriculture" has been published by Texas Cooperative Extension.

"As animal feeding operations in Texas and other states are growing in size and concentration, air quality standards are being strictly enforced," said Dr. Saqib Mukhtar, Extension agricultural engineer.

The concentration of livestock and poultry confinement facilities began in the 1990s, Mukhtar said. These operations may face increased scrutiny and

accountability for impairing the air quality for neighbors and communities, so producers need information on air quality standards and reporting requirements.

The five-page publication was written by Mukhtar and Dr. Brent Auvermann, Extension agricultural engineer. The Clean Air Act, basic air quality principles and new ammonia and hydrogen sulfide reporting requirements are also covered, Mukhtar said.

The publication (No. E-40) is available free on the Extension Bookstore Web site at <http://tcebookstore.org>. Click on the section called "Agriculture" then "Livestock."

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Pampa Fine Arts Ass'n. Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building (Chamber building).
Pampa Garden Club. Pampa Garden Club meets at 2 p.m. the second Monday of each month from September through May. Meeting location changes monthly.
Pampa Pilots Ass'n. Pampa Pilots Association meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Airport Lounge.
Pampa Rotary Club. Pampa Rotary Club meets at 12 noon every Wednesday at Pampa Country Club.
Pampa Takedown Club. Pampa Takedown Club Wrestling for youth 5-15 years of age. Practice is at 900 N. Frost Season starts Sept. 25 through February. For more information, call Rick Uhrhant at 665-8321.
Pampa Woodcarving Club. Pampa Woodcarving Club meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday of each month at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson. Meetings are open to any individuals interested in woodcarving from beginners to all experience. Projects and instructors are available. For more information, call 669-3008.
Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild. Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.
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Top O' Texas Rodeo Ass'n. Top O' Texas Rodeo Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month in the Nona S. Payne Room of Pampa Community Building.
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HOME FRONT

# Some veterans trading combat for classrooms

By **JESSE HARLAN ALDERMAN**  
Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Within a year, Luke Miller went from raiding insurgent strongholds in Iraq's volatile Anbar province to preparing math final exams for seventh and eighth graders at West Junior High School.

During a pre-algebra class before school broke for the summer, Miller drew from an Iraq-inspired scenario to show his students the calculation for rate-of-speed by using the example of a soldier lost in the desert who must accelerate his pace to reunite with his platoon.

Miller, a national guard Marine reservist who served as a tank commander, is one of a growing number of troops returning from combat who are trading the battlefield for the classroom. They are drawn to teaching by a credo they picked up in the military: Help the ones who follow behind.

Many troops enter through a federal program called Troops to Teachers, which places veterans and reservists with college degrees in teacher certification classes. More than 1,500 graduates — and many more combat veterans unaffiliated with the program, like Miller — are working in schools across the West, from California to Colorado, said director John Gantz. More than 4,500 are teaching in the South.

And those numbers are expected to climb, Gantz said.

Miller, 26, landed his first teaching job three months before he was deployed to Iraq in 2004. His unit, Alpha Company, 1st Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, served 200 days last year in Hit, Iraq, and he was awarded the prestigious Military Vanguard Award and a Bronze Star after rescuing three comrades wounded in a roadside bomb attack.

Combat experience, he said, has bolstered an approach to teaching that draws frequently from lessons learned in war.

"The focus of the military is mission accomplishment and that translates to teaching in so many ways," Miller said, sitting before a classroom wall tacked with pictures of platoon mates in fatigues. "You climb the ranks and are expected to teach newer guys. So, teaching is a major component of the military."

Nationally, a looming teacher shortage could befall American schools. According to Department of Education projections, 2 million teachers will be needed to staff mostly inner-city and rural schools in the next 10 years.

Schools are successfully staving off the shortfall by expanding recruitment efforts beyond the college pipeline. In addition to the thousands of military veterans, many of the vacancies will be plugged by a nontraditional group of mid-career professionals and retirees.

There is a deep reservoir to tap. Since 2001, some 240,000 veterans with college degrees have left the armed forces.

People like Daniel Lieja, who received a college degree months before leaving a 22-year career in the Air Force. He was certified through Troops to Teachers and started work two days after military retirement. Today his charges are sixth graders at the inner-city Gregorio Esparza Elementary School in San Antonio, where three other military veterans are among his colleagues.

"If you come to Esparza at 6 a.m., there's going to be four of us there and it's the ex-military," said Lieja, who last year won the White House's American Star Teaching Award, representing Texas. "We're used to being up early and preparing. It's about the mission and getting the job done for us."

Troops to Teachers, whose mantra is "proud to serve again," offers a \$5,000 stipend, plus another \$10,000 if graduates choose to teach in impoverished areas. The program was created in 1994, but was dormant for six years until Congress reauthorized spending in 2001 to help lure the type of "highly qualified" teachers required by the No Child Left Behind Act.

The program has produced 9,000 teachers nationally. More than 75 percent are still teaching — a rate that far outpaces traditional teacher retention of less than 50 percent, according to a 2002 University of Pennsylvania study cited by the group.

While men and minorities are underrepresented in the national applicant pool of teachers — only 18 percent male, and 15 percent minority — military teachers placed by Troops to Teachers are overwhelmingly men; some 37 percent are minorities.

School officials cite maturity and effective discipline techniques as unique skills that veterans bring to the job.

"They've been through a lot more than somebody just out of college," said Phil Wickliff, veterans education coordinator for the Idaho Department of Education. "If I was a superintendent hiring a teacher, I'd be much likelier to hire ex-military than a young person right out of Boise State (University) who just doesn't have that life experience."

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— Luke Miller  
Veteran, teacher

## Blueberry salsa sparkles with flavor

(NAPSA) — Pepper in fruit salsa? If you think it sounds odd, just try this colorful salsa. Blended with blueberries and other fruit, dashes of red and black pepper add just enough heat to kindle a delicious combination.

Serve this lively flavored sauce with ice cream and pound cake, as shown here. Or try it as a side with smoked ham, grilled pork chops or chicken.

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| 2 tablespoons sugar   | In a small bowl, combine blueberries, mixed fruit, sugar, lime juice, lime peel, allspice, red and black peppers and salt. Serve immediately or refrigerate covered, up to 4 hours. |
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