

Obituaries

Marlene Kolb Rice Culberson, 68

TUCSON, Ariz. — Marlene Kolb Rice Culberson, 68, of Tucson, died May 30, 2005. A memorial service was held June 16 at Fresno, Calif.

Mrs. Culberson was born Dec. 28, 1936. She grew up in Pampa and attended Pampa schools, graduating in 1955. She was an employee of The Pampa News in the early to mid 1950s.

Mrs. Culberson lived in Washington, California and the Philippines prior to moving to Arizona in 1993. She was an accomplished pianist, vocalist, artist and historian.

Mary Hughes Hiatt, 84

Mary Hughes Hiatt, formerly of Pampa, passed away peacefully on March 17, 2005, in Cupertino, California. Born January 23, 1921, on a farm outside of Norman, Oklahoma, Mary was the much loved youngest child of eight siblings. She grew up in Norman and graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1939 with a B.A. in vocal music.

Mary is survived by her sister, Regina Creed, of Houston, Texas. She is also survived by her children: Jane Hiatt and husband Robert Pearl of Los Gatos, California; Jo Volkert and husband John Volkert of San Carlos, California; and Mack (Skip) Hiatt III of Austin.

She is greatly missed by her three surviving grandchildren: David Pearl, Annie Pearl, and Andrew Volkert.

Mary was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Mack Hiatt, Jr., and her treasured grandson, Tim Volkert.

Mary lived in Pampa with her husband, Mack, from 1950-57 and from 1963-69. She moved to Austin from Pampa in 1969 following Mack's unexpected death. After being widowed at such a young age, Mary

She was preceded in death by her father, Marion Sherrod, her mother, Mary Ellen Harris, a brother, Gary Holmes Sherrod, and her grandparents, Judge Claude and Mary Cary, all of Pampa.

Survivors include her husband, Skip, of the home; five sons, Duce of Ahwahnee, Calif., Tim of Visalia, Calif., Ronnie of Eucoor, Calif., David of Charlotte, Tenn., and Noah, of the home; one daughter, Sherry Martin of Clovis, Calif.; two sisters, Heidi Rapstine of Lubbock and Marianne Douville of Houston; and 18 grandchildren.

returned to school at the University of Texas, earning an elementary teaching credential, followed by a master's of arts in education.

She was a special education teacher in the Austin Independent School District for 20 years before retiring.

A member of the First Baptist Church in Pampa and later in Austin, Mary soloed and sang in choirs throughout her life. She also was an active member of Chapter CR, PEO Sisterhood, taking pride in her 50 years of membership in that women's organization and in its support of continuing education opportunities for women.

Mary's life in Austin was a rich one. She loved the city, her church family, and her many friends there. She looked forward to the bluebonnets in the spring and enjoyed regularly attending both the Austin Symphony and the Austin Lyric Opera.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 11, at the First Baptist Church, 901 Trinity Street, Austin. In her memory, the family requests memorial donations to the Organ Refurbishment Fund at the First Baptist Church, Austin, or to Chapter CR, PEO Sisterhood, in Austin.

George Arthur Philpott, 97

MIAMI — George Arthur Philpott, 97, died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005, in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, 2005, at the First Baptist Church in Miami with the Rev. Lance Wood, pastor, officiating.

Mr. Philpott was born on Sept. 6, 1907, in Gray County. He was a 1927 graduate of Miami High School. He married Reba Johnson on Dec. 22, 1929, and she preceded him in death.

He was a farmer in the Miami and Pampa areas. He was a co-partner in Philpott Farm Equipment and Philpott Elevators.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, where he was chairman of the building com-

mittee. He was a scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts in Miami.



Philpott

Survivors include one son, Dr. Bill Philpott and wife, Loralee, of Miami; one brother, Kint Philpott and wife, Helen, of Pampa; two grandchildren, Charles Arthur Philpott and wife, Joann, of Houston and Pamela Philpott Human and husband, David, of Richmond, Va.; and six-great grandchildren, Lauren Philpott, Henry Philpott, Juliet Philpott, Travis Human, Mitchell Human, and Anna Blair Human.

Since flowers and memorials were sent after Mr. Philpott's death, the family respectfully requests that no more flowers or memorials be sent.

Larry Dean Simpson, 43

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — Larry Dean Simpson, 43, of Grand Junction, died June 26, 2005, as a result of a roll-over accident near Eagle, Colo. Celebration of life services were conducted Friday, July 1 at First Assembly of God Church in Grand Junction.

Mr. Simpson was born July 1, 1961, at Pueblo, Colo. He served as director of Mesa County Housing Rehabilitation Program for the past 10 years and previously worked as a mechanic, in energy conservation, the oil fields, and other occupations.

Mr. Simpson was known to many people as "Coach," "Larry Dean," and "Taz." He enjoyed spending his time playing and coaching softball, building and racing

hotrods, coaching football and soccer, camping, fishing, and reading. He was programmer for KAFM Radio Station since its inception.



Simpson

Survivors include his wife of 23 years, Coleen Simpson; his son, Dustin Simpson of Grand Junction; his daughter, Shannan Simpson of Lakewood, Colo.; his mother, Sharron Simpson of Northglenn, Colo.; his father, Lawrence Simpson (Bonnie) of Pampa; and brothers, Kurt Simpson of Amarillo and Kevin Salmen of Northglenn.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be to the Larry D. Simpson memorial fund at US Bank 422 White Ave., in Grand Junction.

Gema Denise Venegas, 22

Gema Denise Venegas, 22, was born in Plainview, Texas, March 23, 1983. She attended Baker and Wilson elementary schools, Pampa Middle School, and then graduated from Pampa High School in 2002.

Gema leaves behind her parents, Jose D. and Maria Lourdes; her sister, Jeanette Ivette, 20; Jose Jr., 17; and her deceased little sister, Crystal.

Her family and close friends knew Gema to love sports and to draw. She loved working with people.



Venegas

Gema was a manager at the Sonic here in Pampa. She was an adventurous and outgoing person even though she was scared of heights.

Her faith in God and love for her family made Gema the loving, caring person she was. We will always love and miss her dearly.

The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the chapel at Memory Gardens. Visitation was between 12 and 8 p.m. Saturday at the chapel.

Services tomorrow

Services today

VENEGAS, Gema Denise — 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Chapel, Pampa.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Friday, July 1

Officers conducted five traffic stops; assisted EMS in the 1300 block of Coffee Street, the 2100 block of North Faulkner St., the 500 block of North Zimmers St., and the 300 block of Wynne St.; assisted the fire department in the 2300 block of Navajo Road; served, or attempted to serve, four warrants; provided two escorts including a funeral escort to Fairview Cemetery; and responded to one business alarm in the 100 block of West Alcock St.

Sarah Baston, 18, 408 Magnolia, was arrested for evading arrest with a vehicle.

Mary Helen Rossiter, 50, 1308 E. Francis, was arrested on a motion to revoke theft by check and injury to a child.

Melissa Ann Dabbs, 22, 1400 W. Somerville #4, was arrested for issuance of a bad check and on two capias pro fines for nonpayment.

An assault was reported in the 600 block of North Wells St.

Harassment was reported in the 1800 block of Lea St., and the 2200 block of North Christy St.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported on Highway 60 East, and in the 200 block of West Kingsmill Ave., and the 700 block of North Naida St.

A vehicle foot pursuit was reported at an undisclosed location on South Gray.

A prowler was reported in the 600 block of Red Deer St., and the 1600 block of Williston St.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Magnolia St.

Aggravated assault was reported at One Medical Plaza and in the 500 block of Barnes St.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2000 block of Hamilton St.

Burglary was reported in the 1300 block of Hamilton St., and the 300 block of North Wells.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 1500 block of North Sumner St., the 1900 block North Hobart, the 800 block of East Browning Ave., and at Alcock and Wells streets.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were reported in the 700

block of Scott Avenue.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of Ballard St.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 700 block of Davis St., and the 100 block of South Wells St.

Assault was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill Ave.

Violation of city ordinance-fireworks was reported in the 2300 and 2400 blocks of Navajo Rd., the 1000 block of Cinderella Drive, the 1500 block of North Wells St., and the 800 block of Murphy Ave.

Assault by threat was reported in the 1400 block of Hamilton St., and the 800 block of North Nelson St.

An animal complaint was taken in the 1800 block of Hamilton St.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Wilks and Hobart street.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of Gordon Ave.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office on Saturday reported the following arrests.

Friday, July 1

Billie Jo Hockenbaugh, 32, Enola, Pa., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana.

Billy Jay Hagerman, 48, 424 N. Wells, was arrested for theft by check.

Stephen Charles McAnear, 39, McLean, was arrested by DPS for possession of a controlled substance.

Fire

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

Friday, July 1

8:24 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to One Medical Plaza on a standby for LifeStar helicopter.

2:08 p.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to the 2300 block of Navajo on a grass fire.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low near 70. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Independence Day: Partly cloudy, with a high near 96. South-southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind around 15 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 91. South-southwest wind around 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 94. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Tom Lindsey gives his Schnauzer Scooter a free flea and tick dip at Bo's and Mona's Grooming and Boarding recently. A monthly dip is planned by the grooming and boarding business to help control the local pest population.

New AHA cookbook featuring lean beef recipes

AUSTIN — According to Texas Beef Council, limited supplies of this summer's new paperback entitled "Fast & Flavorful Beef" are going fast at physician offices throughout Texas.

Published by the American Heart Association in partnership with the \$1 beef checkoff program, the 36-page brochure features 14 lean beef, heart-healthy recipes, easy cooking tips and nutrition information.

Its easy-to-follow recipes show consumers how to include lean beef in diets to lower risk for heart disease and stroke.

"People often think their favorite foods can't fit within a heart-healthy diet," said Shalene McNeill, R.D., PhD, senior nutrition communications

manager for the Texas Beef Council (TBC). "This new recipe booklet shows how one of Americans' favorite foods—beef—can deliver great lean options as well as nutrient richness to their plates."

This unique cookbook is being made available to Texans through the offices of 7,000 family physicians and physician assistants and approximately 1,000 cardiologists, a council press release said.

Each health professional received tear pads that their patients can send to TBC to request a copy of the cookbook. The tear sheets give patients the option of going to a special web site and submitting an electronic request for a copy

of "Fast & Flavorful Beef."

TBC also directed the health professionals to www.beefnutrition.org for recent advancements in lean beef nutrition information. And consumers interested in the cookbook are directed to www.beefitswhatsfordinner.com where they could download a wallet card that listed nutrition information and details on beef's 19 leanest cuts.

"This project has the potential of getting this cookbook into the hands of 25,000 Texans," McNeill said. "It's a great example of how the Texas beef industry works with Texas health professionals to provide nutrition information to persons who will benefit most from it."

Expert: Market will survive MCD

COLLEGE STATION — Cattle trading throughout the Lone Star State shouldn't be impacted after a cow linked to Texas tested positive for mad cow disease, a livestock economist said recently.

"I don't think it's going to make that much difference because this is a national market," said Dr. David Anderson, Texas Cooperative Extension livestock marketing economist. "The futures market already had built that trading in after the USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) first announced they were doing the retesting."

Trading activity saw live cattle contracts for June finish at \$82.77 per hundredweight, up 40 cents per hundredweight (cwt).

Texas is the nation's largest beef producing state with more than 5.7 million head of cows. The more than 13 million head of beef and dairy cattle and calves in the state are valued at more than \$10-billion.

The USDA said recently the second case of mad cow disease came from a 12-year-old beef cow in Texas. Its location was not revealed.

The cow originally tested negative in November 2004 but was ordered to be retested by the inspector general. A second test that came back positive was confirmed by a laboratory in Weybridge, England.

Jim Robb, director of the Livestock Marketing Information Center in Denver, said the second case found in the U.S. "certainly adds uncertainty to the market place and the unknowns."

"But it's clear that consumers recognize it's not a human health concern," he said. "This seems to be an isolated case and the USDA and researchers have said (all) along there will be some isolated cases (since the 1997 ruminant feed ban). The U.S. risk assessment said a small number of animals will be found. I think if this unfolds as anticipated, it's clearly related to an older animal born before the ban. It's isolated as most BSE cases are."

After the Agriculture Department's announcement confirming the second case of mad cow disease, cattle futures finished the following Monday on a high note. Fed-cattle futures were up 35 cents a hundred pounds to finish at \$82.52 per hundredweight (cwt).

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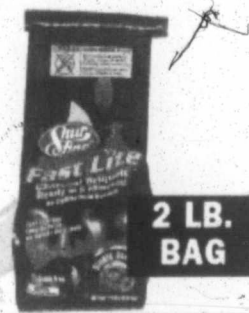
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Viewpoints

Before you 'pass it on,' why not look it up?

Every morning, when I come in to work, I do several things. I boot up my computer, go make coffee, and then settle down to read my first batch of e-mails.

Each day I get dozens of e-mails. Fortunately, our ISP (Internet service provider) screens much of the spam that is directed my way. If not for that, I would probably receive hundreds of e-mails every day.

For awhile, it took much of my limited and valuable time to delete the flood of male enhancement and Japanese school girls missives.

Now the majority of e-mails I receive are press releases and unsolicited edi-

torials. I also get a lot of forwarded e-mails from family and friends.

These e-mails usually are inspirational, political or about strange and unusual happenings.

Sometimes I have a problem with this type of e-mail for two reasons: 1. Many of them are presented as fact when I know or strongly doubt their veracity; 2. Some of them, especially the inspirational ones, end with a prayer or blessing. On this prayer or blessing is what I call a "guilt tag" where whoever originally sent the e-mail enforces that it continues to be sent to others by adding a guilt trip. It's like the chain letter of snail mail

days. You'll be gifted if you pass it on or you'll be cursed if you don't.

In other words, as the recipient, you are left with the feeling that you don't love Jesus or God if you don't send it on, or you'll be hurting the troops or helping some child die, etc. You get the picture ...

All you Internet aficionados out there need an e-mail reality check.

Here it is: www.truthorfiction.com.

I received one such e-mail from a friend this morning.

Titled "Blessings," it told of a woman with six small children who was left by her husband. She got a low-paying job as a waitress at the "Big Wheel" cafe, a truck stop. When Christmas came around, she found the back seat of her car filled with clothes, groceries and toys for her and her children.

I had gotten this e-mail before long ago. It's a neat story, but I didn't think it was real. It sounded like some story from one of the "Chicken Soup for the ..." books.

This time, I checked the truthorfiction.com site to see if this e-mail had been verified or debunked.

It was there and this is what the site says about it: "Summary of the eRumor"

"A touching story about a single mom with six children, little money, and an old car. She got a job at a truck stop and good things started happening. Somebody left some new tires in her car to replace the old worn ones. On Christmas morning, her car was filled with Christmas gifts. She says that angels hung out at the Big Wheel truck stop.

"The Truth
"This may be true or it

may be fictional inspirational writing. We've not been able to find the source. UNPROVEN!"

Now I'm guilty of passing on information from the Internet as truth, too. In particular, I repeated a story of how Al Gore gave the wrong scripture during a speech.

Gore supposedly referred to John 16:3, intending to say John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

The irony appeared when you looked up the text of John 16:3, "And they will do

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Dee Dee Laramore
Editor



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, July 3, the 184th day of 2005. There are 181 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 3, 1863, the three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, Pa., ended in a major victory for the North as Confederate troops retreated.

On this date:

In 1608, the city of Quebec was founded by Samuel de Champlain.

In 1775, Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Mass.

In 1890, Idaho became the 43rd state of the Union.

In 1898, the U.S. Navy defeated a Spanish fleet in the harbor at Santiago, Cuba, during the Spanish-American War.

In 1930, Congress created the U.S. Veterans Administration.

In 1962, Algeria became independent after 132 years of French rule.

In 1971, singer Jim Morrison of The Doors died in Paris at age 27.

In 1986, President Reagan presided over a gala ceremony in New York Harbor that saw the relighting of the renovated Statue of Liberty.

Our readers write

Same laws go for everyone

I know we need law officials in Pampa and that they have a job to do, but it seems that they have different laws for one group or/and associations than others.

In the first two weekends in June, Pampa had two big events. I know that our law officials were at the first one in full force. They threatened to write tickets for parking on the grass at the rodeo arena and gave several open container tickets.

The next weekend, I watched as the people walked and drove around with open containers in the downtown area and I

watched as they drove all over the grass at the rodeo arena after it had rained. Not one law official to say or do anything about it. That weekend those cars did far more damage to the grass area than the weekend before and, not to mention, it had rained so that alone would make you think that someone like the law officials might step in to protect.

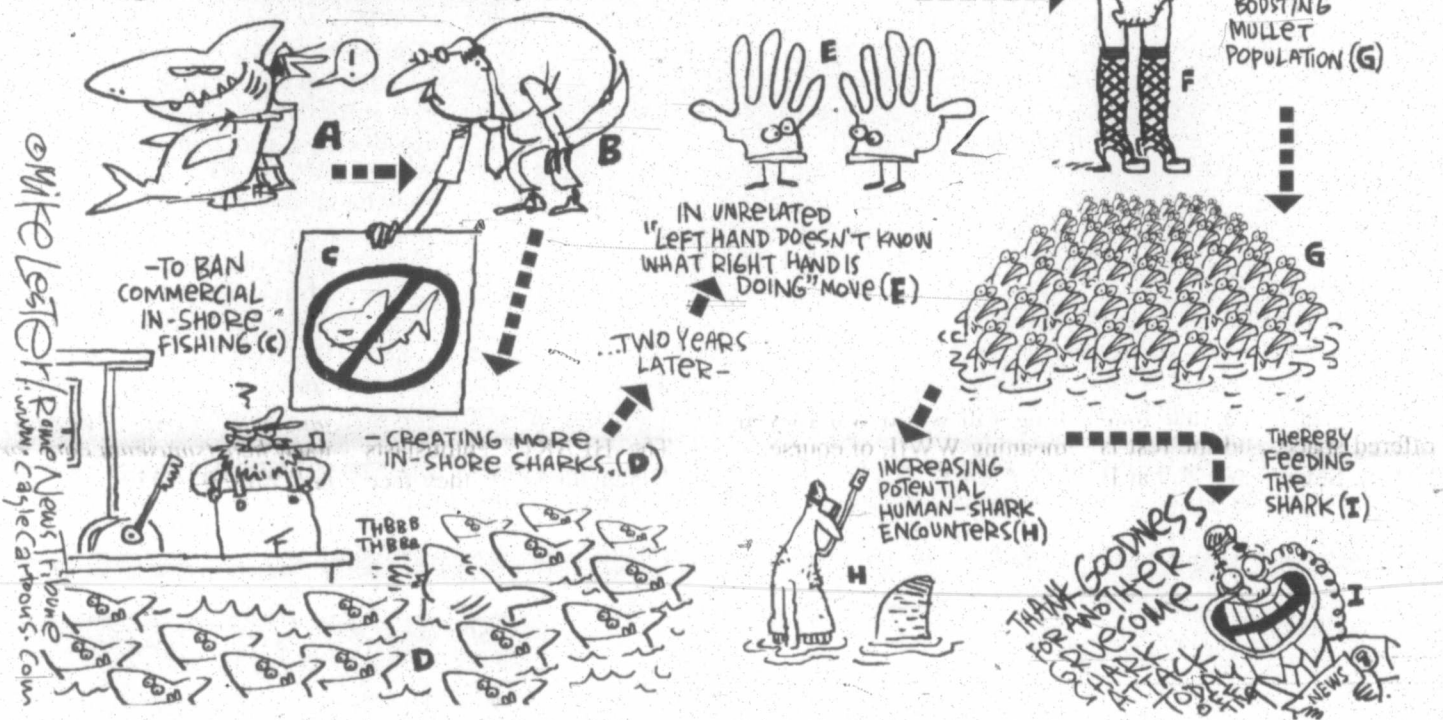
I'm not blaming the people that put on these events. I just want to know where were the law officials at the time? Don't get me wrong, these events are very important to Pampa and we need them to keep Pampa positive.

The law officials need to

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HOW TO FEED A SHARK...

IN 1993, POLITICALLY CORRECT SHARK-HUGGERS (A) PRESSURE LOCAL FLORIDA OFFICIALS (B)...



Matters of the HEART museum

Across the annals of mankind, fortunate are folks who put all else aside to defend their country, return safely after indescribable ordeals on foreign soil, then — decades later — step forward to serve as volunteers for "show and tell."

And lucky are we who hear their stories and sense their passion. Maybe — just maybe — we can avoid the late American philosopher George Santayana's warning — sounded exactly one century ago: "Those who cannot remember the past are doomed to repeat it."* These thoughts rise to the

top while rummaging through the attic, where temperatures have risen to the top. Quickly, fast-forward mode seems prudent in search of our front porch flag as another July 4th rolls around.

Join me in narrowing the focus to a few dozen patriots in Huntsville. They have the grit, vision and spirit of volunteerism to mount an ambitious project: To provide per-

manent facilities for the Veterans Museum of Texas. They're working under the banner of HEARTS —

Helping Every American Remember Through Serving.

The museum's current quarters are in a cramped 5,000 square-foot facility in the interior of West Hill Mall, just off I-45. It can't begin to accommodate the artifacts and the some 20,000 folks who trail

through annually. Growing numbers want to view the exhibits and to hear stories from men and women "who were there." Visitors — mostly wide-eyed school children — look and listen in disbelief.

Back in 1994, a Veterans Day display in Charlotte Oleiniki's downtown antique store stirred initial interest. For the next several years, interest heightened, so she and some veterans took carloads of memorabilia to area schools. They "showed and told."

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Don Newbury
Columnist



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Lowering taxes should benefit all

A month before the Texas Legislature adjourned in a deadlock over public school financing, Gov. Rick Perry described the biennial session as "going actually rather well."

"It's almost a boring session, which I like," he told the Chronicle's editorial board. "That's my job: to make it even more boring."

Perry went on to dismiss the possibility of a special session and predicted the House and Senate would easily bridge their differences on a taxing plan to fund education reform. The governor called the current system of property tax appraisal in the state "an

inherently unfair system from area to area and home to home. For me, this is a bigger debate than just how we are going to pay for schools: ... How are we going to make this system fair?"

Not much has gone the way the governor predicted. The session ended in a legislative train wreck as House Speaker Tom Craddick and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst could not resolve the differences in tax bills produced by the House and Senate.

When lawmakers headed home, they faced angry constituents upset that the main work of the session had not been finished.

After vetoing legislative appropriations for education and calling a special session, Perry then presented his own taxing plan that would raise \$7 billion in new revenue to cut school district property taxes by an equal amount. Unfortunately, it has the same drawback as the House taxing plan.

A Chronicle analysis of

Perry's plan found that its mix of higher sales and professional services taxes, with reduced property taxes, favors affluent Texans at the expense of moderate- and low-income residents. Families with an annual income of more than \$100,000 would receive a collective \$351 million tax cut, while those below that level would pay a combined \$935 million more.

Perry's plan raises \$5 billion from increases in sales taxes and so-called sin taxes on alcohol, cigarettes and other tobacco products. The Chronicle analysis found

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Texas Thoughts

Houston Chronicle

Burns

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historical trail and we can't use it at all."

Now they load their horses in a stock trailer and haul them up to the rim.

"I prefer the new trail because it's a straight shot more or less instead of climbing up the old trail," Burns said. "It's not as hard on your horses."

A native of Hereford, Burns grew up with horses and married a cowboy.

"Ryan's been a cowboy all his life," she said.

It was while working a ranch at Goodnight, that the couple became involved in the musical drama, now called "Texas Legacies," a

serialized musical that changes every couple of years.

It was 2003, when the head wrangler left just a week before the show was to open for the summer.

"I told them I had horses and I ride," Burns said.

She and Ryan went down to the amphitheater and met everybody and agreed to fill in and ride for the show.

Always before, the show had used the stable horses at the state park, but Burns wanted to use her own horses.

"They looked better," she says.

She and her husband found themselves riding more and more in the show.

Burns gave up her day job at the Canyon newspaper to take care of the horses and ride in the play, but the

demands were too much for her husband. He had to back away from the play to take care of the ranch.

"It's too hard having a full-time job during the day and working every night," Burns says.

After the first year, the Texas Legacy officials asked her to come back as head wrangler and work with Bruce Lumpkin, the new director coming in from New York. Lumpkin wanted to incorporate more horse activity in the show.

"We got better riders and better horses," Burns says. "It turned things around or made them look better anyway."

Burns said a stage production can be dangerous for inexperienced horses and riders. The horses have to have the right temperament

and the riders have to know what they're doing. The crowd noise, music and the nightly fireworks can easily spook a horse.

"My horse, you could throw a bomb right at its nose and he might blink an eye," Burns said. "He's 23. He's the type of horse that can do anything."

Her's is a quarter horse named Abe.

The other horse she brought down to the play, the one her husband initially rode, was a little more excitable.

"It took about a week for him to get used to it," Burns said. "Now, I can drop his reins when I get off and I can unsaddle him. I don't have to tie him up while the fireworks are going off. None of that affects that horse."

When Ryan took a job

with Abraham Equine in Canadian, Burns had to step down as head wrangler, but that, she said with a grin, was probably a good thing.

"That gave me the opportunity to come back and ride," she said. "I don't have to be in charge. I can ride and leave. It's kind of nice not to have that responsibility."

A friend of hers, Shannon Timberlake of Canyon, stepped in to fill the job. In fact, it was Burns that had enlisted Timberlake to help

with the horses and riding two years ago.

"It's just working out great for her," Burns said. "I'm glad it is."

With a broad smile, Burns says she likes horses, but Shannon works with people better.

"I didn't have a problem at all," Burns said. "I enjoyed everybody. I got along great with everybody."

But she said it was, after all, the theater.

"It's a different world," Burns said.

eRumor

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this because they have not known the Father, nor me."

When I first heard about truthorfiction web site, I decided to check on this story. It was there.

"The Truth

This is one of those eRumors that gets circulated every election year... with the name of your least favorite candidate inserted.

It's a hoax and never happened to John Kerry.

The story has also been spread using the names of Al Gore and George W. Bush.

Christian author Cal Thomas, however, says he

was present at a convention in Washington, D.C. when that slip of the lip did occur... but to then President George Bush, not Al Gore."

Rich Buhler, a radio and television professional from Southern California, founded the site in 1998 and continues to operate it. He's been verifying or debunking rumors and urban legends

for years. He owns a radio, television, and film production company and is also an ordained minister and author of several best-selling books.

Before you forward another e-mail, do me a favor and look it up on truthorfiction.com.

You may be surprised to find that sometimes truth is stranger than fiction.

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make sure that they can be at all the events to make sure the laws get followed. It would seem like they would ease up on some of the people at these events for the simple fact of fun. I do understand that some people may

get out of control, but those who do not simply leave them alone. Most of the time, these people can take care of themselves.

If the law officials of Pampa make these laws then they should be enforced to all the people of Pampa, not just for certain people here. If there were different laws for different kind of people, it would be nice to see these

rules in writing so that we may abide by them. However, everyone should be treated equally due to the fact that that law was passed many years ago.

I know that some of the law officials of Pampa take pride in their job and actually do the right thing and follow the law, but some of them think that just because they have a badge that they can do

as they please. That is just not the case. They should not abuse the system and think that they are above the law.

We should just remember that just because someone had a prior offense, it does not make them a bad person; there are such things as a second chance. Don't you think?

Michael Craig Pampa

HEART

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Five years ago, the mall offered space, and the rest is history. Several World War II veterans, some of whom had maintained silence on wartime experiences for 60 years, stepped forward as volunteers, and artifacts continue to pour in.

Rarely has such a grassroots undertaking — totally dependent on volunteers — continued to flourish. This one has, and they are dreaming big dreams for the future. A fund-raising campaign for \$2 million is underway to build the first phase of a permanent museum.

Land already has been procured on Highway 75, adjacent to the Texas Prison Museum. They're pulling out all the stops, with proceeds from concerts, spaghetti suppers, garage sales and a July 4th freedom parade to benefit the museum. They also happily accept donations, gifts in kind — even old cars — and gifts are tax deductible.

It's might near impossible to visit the museum (hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays) without finding several veterans present. Often they are sharing questions posed by inquisitive students.

A couple of second-graders had unlikely queries: One asked a vet: "Were you killed in the war?" Another one wondered if he had fought in World War Eleven, meaning WWII, of course.

Weapons, medals, documents and other military paraphernalia abound. However, female visitors spend multiple moments viewing two wedding dresses expertly made from unlikely material.

HEARTS enthusiasts in Huntsville know they face tough odds in raising funds to build the kind of museum they want — and the kind our veterans deserve.

Long story short: Paratroopers, landing in Italy, found true loves there.

And their brides made their own wedding dresses from their grooms' parachutes.

Larry Snyder, a volunteer, tells about a man who peered inside the museum, but never crossed the threshold, despite the host's warm welcome. It

turns out the visitor was in Huntsville to visit his daughter, all the way from Berlin.

"Nein," he responded, "I was on the other side."

The HEARTS enthusiasts in Huntsville know they face tough odds in raising funds to build the kind of museum they want — and the kind our veterans deserve. But, they also believe that Americans, then and now, do not cover when skies are grayest and odds are longest.

To rekindle your own patriotic fires, visit this little museum. Old Glory's colors will brighten, you'll think of the Pledge of Allegiance and leave humming our National Anthem. And I think many who visit will want to help. This is the American way.

"(I don't know if they were products of his day job or not, but philosophical observations by Mr. Santayana (1863-1952), are worth reviewing. Here is a smattering: "There is no cure for birth and death, save to enjoy the interval. The young man who has not wept is a savage; the old man who will not laugh is a fool. Before you contradict an old man, you should endeavor to understand him.")"

Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author whose weekly column appears in 125 newspapers in several states. He welcomes questions and com-

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that a family of four renting a house and earning about \$35,000 a year would pay about \$72 a year more in taxes under Perry's plan.

A similar-sized family owning a \$300,000 home and earning \$150,000 would get a tax reduction of approximately \$567 a year. Sales and sin taxes are classified as regressive because they take a larger percentage of income from the poor than the rich.

The Texas sales tax takes 1.6 percent of the income of the wealthiest families, while absorbing 4 percent to 10 percent of the income

of poorer citizens. Perry is right to be concerned about the fairness of the property tax appraisal system.

It's too bad the governor doesn't show the same degree of concern for average taxpayers who often as not do not own their homes

and under his plan would have to spend more of their paychecks on items taxed by the state.

If Perry is committed to lowering taxes fairly, he shouldn't reserve the benefits for one privileged group.

Assault

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11 a.m., Officer Watson spoke to Dr. Rickwartz who said Hinojosa was in grave condition and had been hooked up to a ventilator. Hinojosa's wife was at his side, the release stated.

The injuries to Hinojosa, according to medical staff, are consistent with either a blow to the head or a hard fall, Courtney said.

Det. Sgt. Fawns Burrows and Det. Beverly Chace of the Pampa Police

Department visited the scene and were going to Northwest Texas Hospital as the press release was being written Friday afternoon.

According to Detectives Burrows and Chace, Courtney said, the incident is being treated as an aggravated assault until it is proven otherwise. Sgt. Burrows said there are some leads they are following and many loose ends to tie up. The investigation continues.

— Dee Dee Laramore, Editor

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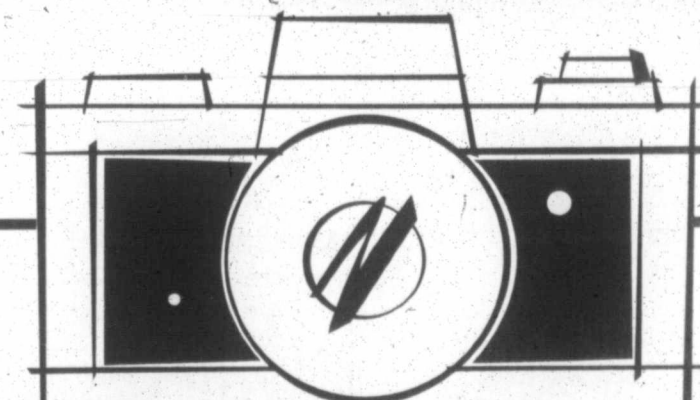
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: As far back as I can remember, my family has been in turmoil over spousal abuse, bitter sibling rivalries, and worse. Not surprisingly, I entered into a relationship with an abuser. My father's advice: "Go back, take your beating, and give that baby a home!"

Years later, after issues of childhood sexual abuse came up, I made a near total break. I have spent years in therapy, learning to protect myself and my child.

My family worships the god of respectability and public appearances. Despite years of spousal abuse, my mother has supported my father completely.

When Dad was near death, I made a final visit with my 7-year-old daughter and a support person, Abby, as my daughter played her violin for "Grandpa," he exposed himself to her. I attended his funeral for my mother's sake -- another mistake. My daughter was snubbed by her cousins and I was verbally attacked by an aunt.

In recent years, I limited our contact with my family. Mother's health is now failing, and she's in severe pain. I wish her no more suffering, but the situation hasn't changed. Do you think I should attend her funeral, or mourn privately for her passing? -- WANTS TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT

DEAR WANTS: Do what is right for you and your daughter, and discuss the ramifications of attending your mother's funeral with your therapist. Funerals sometimes bring out the worst in people, and from your description of them, your family could serve as poster models for dysfunction. If you feel the need to pay your respects, as far as I'm concerned, you and your daughter can visit her grave the following day. I see no reason to set yourself up for any further demonstrations of hostility.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a senior in high school, the oldest of three children. My 14-year-old brother, "Adam," is causing our whole family grief. My parents can no longer

control him and they're lost as to what to do. Although Adam is still in junior high, he stays out until nearly midnight almost every night.

Dad and Mom commute two hours to work five days a week. They're physically and emotionally tired from worrying and waiting for him every night. Adam threatens to hurt us physically because he's the strongest person in the family. He won't listen to any of us and becomes furious if we ask where he spent the day. I'm writing this on behalf of my parents, because it hurts me to see the pain my brother is causing them. -- WORRIED SISTER IN SAN JOSE

DEAR WORRIED SISTER: Your brother's behavior is a cry for help. It's essential that your parents stop ignoring it and assert themselves. Most cities have a curfew for youth, and your brother may be breaking the law.

Your parents need to find out whether his problem is anger, drugs, hanging with the wrong crowd, emotional problems, etc. One of them may have to cut back on working/commuting for a while to assure that he can get counseling and supervision. Under no circumstances should intimidation or violence be tolerated. Please tell your parents to consult their doctor for referral to a mental health professional for your brother, and possible family counseling for all of you.

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

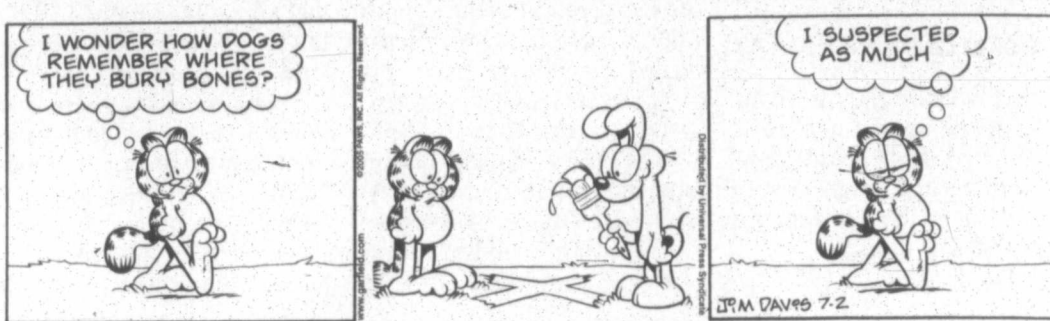
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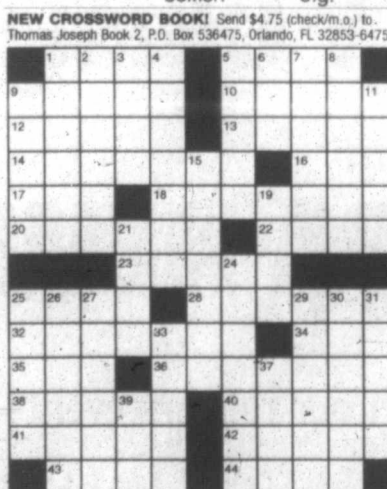
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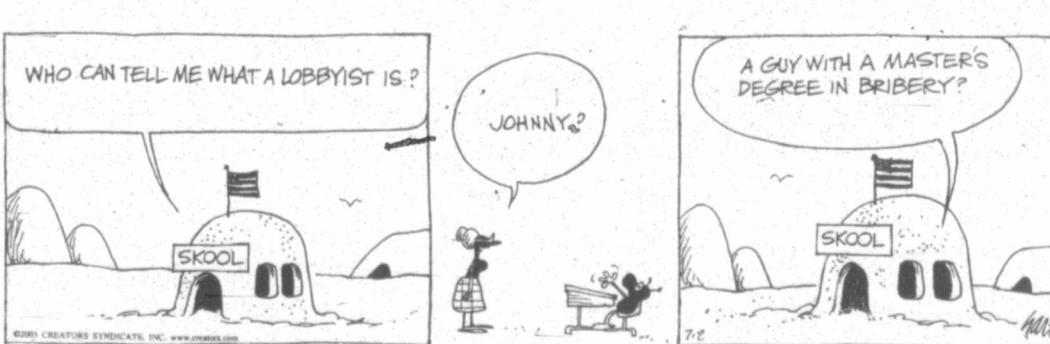
"I think you've got it backwards."

The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



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Where's there smoke, most probably there's a wildfire

KERRVILLE — Where there's smoke, there's wildfire. Texas Cooperative Extension has scheduled the symposium "Fire as a Tool for Managing Wildlife Habitat in Texas" for Sept. 14-16 at the YO Ranch Hotel and Conference Center here.

Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo and the program's coordinator, said fire as a tool for managing wildlife habitats has never been more popular.

"This symposium addresses issues and applications of prescribed burning to enhance wildlife habitat in Texas," Rollins said.

"The symposium is being dedicated to four individuals who have

made special contributions to our knowledge base for using fire to improve wildlife habitat in Texas. These pioneers include the late Dr. Henry Wright, Texas Tech University; the late Dr. Charles Scifres of the Texas A&M University System; Bill Armstrong of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Kerrville; and Alan Heirman of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Albany."

Rollins praised the efforts of these men in making prescribed burning an important method for managing rangelands.

"The adoption of fire as a tool for management purposes has made quite a turnaround from just 20 years ago," he noted.

"Our slate of speakers is a 'who's who' of 'pyro-managers' in Texas. Topics will include fire effects on various wildlife species and its impact throughout various eco-regions of Texas."

The symposium should interest landowners, hunters, wildlife managers, agency staff and anyone else interested in learning more about the role of fire in wildlife management, Rollins said.

The symposium starts Sept. 14 at 1 p.m. at the hotel and ends with a tour of the Kerr Wildlife Management Area near Hunt on Sept. 16. Rollins said the management area showcases how fire can be used successfully to manage habitats for deer, endangered

species and livestock simultaneously.

A total of nine Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available for those holding private applicators licenses. Other continuing education credits are also being given by various professional societies.

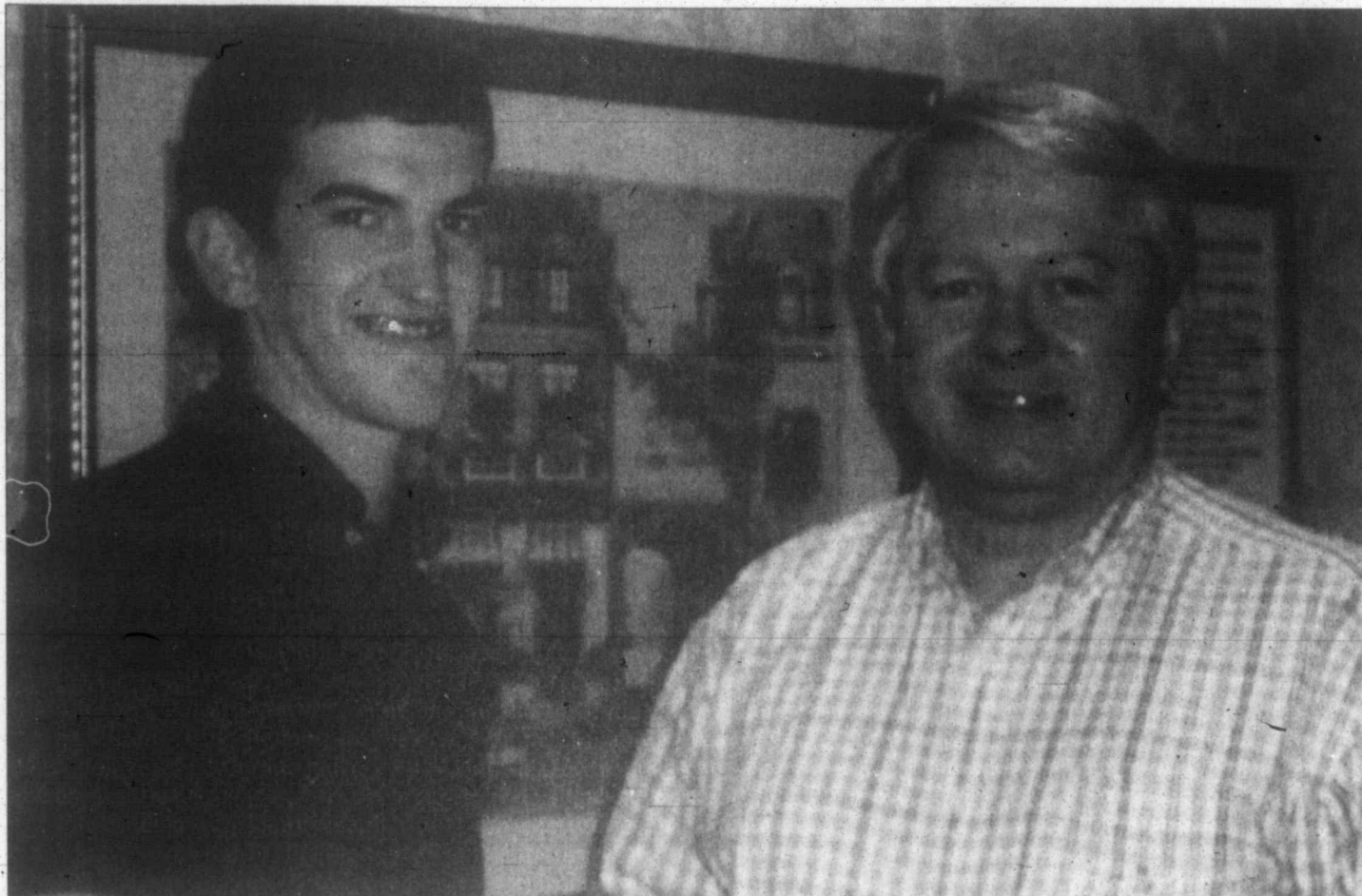
Symposium sponsors include Extension, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Center for Grazing Lands and Ranch Management, Texas A&M University - Kingsville, Texas Tech, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, Noble Foundation, Welder Wildlife

Foundation, Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burning Association, Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Audubon Society, The Wildlife Society, Nature Conservancy of Texas, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Joe Skeen Institute for Rangeland Restoration, and Vulcan Materials Inc.

Individual pre-registration is \$50 until Sept. 1, and \$75 thereafter and at the door. Registration includes two meals, refreshments and a copy of the symposium proceedings.

For more information, see <http://texnat.tamu.edu> or e-mail Rollins at d-rollins@tamu.edu or call him at (325) 653-4576.

Scholarship recipient



Dr. Jay Johnson, right, recently presented Drew Morrison, left, with the Evelyn and H.J. Johnson Scholarship, awarded annually to a deserving Pampa High School graduate in honor of Dr. Johnson parents who were both PHS graduates. Morrison ranked ninth in his 2005 graduating class. The son of Brenda and Dan Morrison, he plans to pursue a degree in landscape architecture at Texas Tech University this fall.

Oil & Gas

Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill

GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Eakin Brothers, #1R Anderson, 330' from North & West line, Sec. 203, B-2, H&GN, PD 3100'. Replacement well

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Kenneth W. Cory, Ltd., #1-B L.P. Humphreys, 2100' from South & West line D. Francis Survey, PD 9400'. Recompletion

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & ALPAR Tonkawa) Mewbourne Oil Co., for the following wells:
#1 Forgery '94', 2250' from South & 900' from West line, Sec. 94,41,H&TC, PD 8750'.
#1101 Francis Wells, 2400' from South & 2200' from West line, Sec. 110,41,H&TC, PD 8450'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) B&W Operating, L.L.C., #4 Meadows '4', 2169' from North & 853' from East line, Sec. 4,4,AB&M, PD 11700'.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., for the following wells:
#1453 Barker, 2283' from South & 974' from East line, Sec. 53,M-1,H&GN, PD 13662'.

#1448A Irene Dixon, 800' from South & 467' from West line, Sec. 48,A-2,H&GN, PD 12985'.

#1548A Irene Dixon, 1389' from South & 2000' from West line, Sec. 48,A-2,H&GN, PD 12974'.

#1752 John C. Vise, 1062' from South & 2446' from East line, Sec. 52,M-1,H&GN, PD 13804'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, L.P., #14 Fillingim '44', 1000' from South & 1900' from East line, Sec. 44,M-1,H&GN, PD 14000'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & ALPAR-PEARSON Brown Dolomite) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #8 Courson Ranch '157', 682' from South & 307' from East line, Sec. 157,13,T&NO, PD 4570' (BHL: 559' from South & 521' from East line of Sec.) Directional well

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & LIPS Novi) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #6 Courson Ranch '136', 1997' from North & 2171' from West line, Sec.

136,C,G&M, PD 9500'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & ALLISON-BRITT 12350') EOG Resources, Inc., #5 Britt '7', 2450' from North & 2150' from West line, Sec. 7,1,B&B, PD 14000'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & B&B Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #202 Reed, 660' from North & 1980' from West line, Sec. 2,2,G&M, PD 14000'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #4065 Davis, 660' from South & East line, Sec. 65,A-7,H&NG, PD 17500'.

Gas Well Completions

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas, E&P, Inc., #9 Hemphill-Walser '11', Sec. 11,4,AB&M, spud 2-15-05, drlg. compl 3-5-05, tested 5-3-05, potential 5764 MCF, TD 13218', PBD 13168' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #5606P Dixon, Sec. 56,M-1,H&GN, spud 2-2-05, drlg. compl 2-16-05, tested 4-24-05, TD 11785', PBD 11660' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #4704P Holland 'C', Sec. 57,M-1,H&GN, TD 12023', PBD 11954' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #7002P Meek '70', Sec. 70,M-1,H&GN, spud 1-29-05, drlg. compl 2-16-05, TD 11765', PBD 11674' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #4202P Teas '42', Sec. 42,M-1,H&GN, spud 2-7-05, drlg. compl 2-23-05, tested 4-24-05, TD 11810', PBD 11730' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd., Partnership, #2 Clifford '30', Sec. 30,M-1,H&GN, spud 7-10-04, drlg. compl 8-7-04, tested 12-10-04, potential 647 MCF, TD 13400', PBD 13340' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star, Ltd. Partnership, #2058 Francis,

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Summer gun and knife show coming to Amarillo

AMARILLO — Texas Gun & Knife Association will present its Summer Gun & Knife Show July 9-10 at Amarillo Civic Center.

Collectors and exhibitors from throughout the Amarillo area will be on hand to buy, sell and trade guns, knives and accessories.

"These items you simply can't find every day," said Kim Hill, vice president of the association. "And even if

you could, you certainly couldn't find them all together in one place at one time like this."

Ms. Hill expects scores of exhibitors at the upcoming show and she herself will be available to visit with the public during the event.

Guns and knives will be just part of the picture at the upcoming show. Exhibitors will offer a wide range of wares including wildlife art, historical

artifacts, "Texana" items, and Native American and military memorabilia plus gold and silver jewelry.

Show hours will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, July 9, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, July 10.

Admission will be two for the price of one both days during the first hour of the show. Children under 12 will be admitted free.

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Medical

Lawmakers introduce bill to cover anti-anxiety medications

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers said Friday they would seek to add to Medicare's prescription drug benefit a category of drugs commonly used to treat anxiety, insomnia and seizures.

The benefit, which begins Jan. 1, currently excludes coverage of a category of drugs called benzodiazepines. Mental health experts say that "benzos" are sometimes the most appropriate drugs for patients, and that a sudden switch to other drugs can be life-threatening.

Xanax, Valium, and Ativan are among the most widely used benzodiazepines.

"This glitch in the Medicare law

threatens the health of our beneficiaries," said Rep. Benjamin Cardin, D-Md., who is sponsoring the bill to strike the exclusion, along with Rep. Jim Ramstad, R-Minn. "The administration recognizes the problem, but it does not have the authority to fix it. Congress does, and I hope that we can pass this bill soon."

The Associated Press reported last week that the drugs were being excluded from the prescription drug benefit, prompting Cardin to take action.

Today, all states provide some Medicaid coverage for benzodi-

azepines, and about 1.7 million low-income senior citizens take the drugs. However, those senior citizens are supposed to get their

pay out-of-pocket costs for their medicine, or pay for extra coverage through additional premiums.

Most states have restrictions on their coverage of benzos because the drugs are highly addictive and often used inappropriately. Most are on the Beers' List, a guide that identifies medications that should be avoided by the elderly, said Dennis Smith, director of the federal Center for Medicaid and State Operations.

Smith urged states to continue coverage for those patients where the drugs are considered medically necessary.

"The blanket exclusion of benzodiazepines from coverage under the (Medicare) program could have serious negative consequences to the physical and mental health of millions of elderly and disabled Medicare beneficiaries, and inappropriately limit physicians' ability to develop the most appropriate prescription drug program for their patients," said Michael Maves, executive vice president and CEO of the American Medical Association.

Groups supporting the Cardin bill include the AMA, the American Psychiatric Association and the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

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prescription drug coverage through Medicare once the program Kicks in Jan. 1. If the exclusion stands, states could decide to eliminate coverage.

Many beneficiaries who are not Medicaid-eligible will be forced to

CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL

Early deaths from smoking cost billions in lost productivity

ATLANTA (AP) — Early deaths caused by smoking cost the nation about \$92 billion a year in lost productivity between 1997 and 2001, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Thursday.

Smoking reduces life expectancy an average of about 14 years by way of lung cancer, heart disease and other illnesses, according to the CDC.

'Cigarette smoking continues to impose substantial health and financial costs on individuals and society.'

— Dr. Julie Gerberding
CDC Director

In the study, "lost productivity" meant lost wages.

The CDC gave no overall estimate of the smoking-related health-care costs over the same five-year period, but estimated them at \$75.5 billion in 1998 alone.

The report also found that 438,000 people died each year between 1997 and 2001 because of smoking or exposure to secondhand smoke.

That compares with 440,000 a year between 1995 and 1999.

"Cigarette smoking continues to impose substantial health and financial costs on individuals and society," CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding said. "We've made good progress in reducing the number of people who smoke, but we have much more work to do."

Bush calls for new U.S. spending to battle malaria deaths in Africa

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Thursday called for spending \$1.2 billion to cut malaria deaths in half by 2010 in Africa where many of its victims are children. "In the overwhelming majority of cases the victims are less than 5 years old — their lives ended by nothing more than a mosquito bite," Bush said.

The president also proposed doubling U.S. spending to \$400 million to promote the education of girls in Africa and said he would ask for \$55 million over three years to improve legal protections for African women against violence and sexual abuse.

The announcement came as Bush prepares to travel to Scotland next week for a meeting of major industrial democracies and Russia that is focused on Africa.

The new initiatives, along with \$674 million in emergency famine relief announced earlier this month alongside British Prime Minister Tony Blair and an agreement on debt relief for

many poor African nations, allow Bush to blunt criticism that he is turning down Blair's proposals to double aid to Africa overall to 0.7 percent of their gross national product. The United States gives far less as a proportion of gross national product than other industrialized nations.

The president says increasing U.S. aid to Africa using the formula Blair wants is not necessary because such assistance has already tripled during his presidency and is set to continue to rise. He said Thursday that U.S. aid to Africa would double from 2004 levels by 2010.

Critics dispute Bush's claim that assistance has tripled, saying he undercounts what was spent in the Clinton years and overcounts that spent during his presidency.

A Brookings Institution study this week says that in 2000, the last year of the Clinton administration, total spending on Africa aid was \$2.3 billion. The total for 2004, the last completed year of the Bush administration, was \$3.4 billion, or just over a 50 percent increase.

Much of the increase was in emergency food aid.

The president also said the U.S. is committed to a peace agreement signed in January to end a 20-year civil war in Sudan. Bush said more troops were needed to protect innocent civilians being slaughtered in the country's Darfur region, and again termed the violence there "genocide."

The U.S. military, as part of a NATO mission, is providing logistics for a planned increase of African Union peacekeepers in Darfur.

Bush announced that U.S. personnel would be constructing 16 base camps and provide communications and vehicle maintenance for the force.

Bush denied suggestions that his administration was not pressing Sudan hard enough to resolve the conflict because it has stepped up counterterrorism cooperation. "That's a preposterous claim," Bush said in an interview with foreign reporters ahead of the Scotland meeting.

Bush urged other African countries, such as South Africa, to do more to pressure Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe on human rights abuses in his country.

"Next door to you is a person who is destroying a country because of bad policy and it's not right," Bush said. "The nations in the neighborhood must be strong... The world needs to speak very clearly about the decisions he has made and the consequences of the

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'Bush said that U.S. aid to Africa would double from 2004 levels by 2010.'

EPA to review board's findings on potential risks of Teflon

DOVER, Del. (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency is taking a cautious approach to a scientific panel's conclusion that a chemical used by DuPont Co. to make the nonstick substance Teflon is a likely human carcinogen.

The EPA stated earlier this year that its draft risk assessment of perfluorooctanoic acid and its salts found "suggestive evidence" of potential human carcinogenicity, based on animal studies.

In a draft report released Monday, the majority of members on an EPA scientific advisory board that reviewed the agency's report concluded that PFOA, also known as C-8, is "likely" to be carcinogenic to humans, and that the EPA should conduct cancer risk assessments for a variety of tumors found in mice and rats.

Neither the EPA nor the advisory board attempted to quantify any cancer risks from the chemical, but the board suggested that EPA

should conduct risk assessments for a variety of PFOA-induced tumors found in laboratory animals.

"It is not yet known whether carcinogenicity will represent the most sensitive endpoint for PFOAs," the board added, suggesting that the chemical may also affect development and poses a potential threat to the nervous and immune systems.

EPA spokesman Rich Hood said Wednesday that the board's draft report is an "important step" in determining whether PFOA is dan-

gerous enough to regulate, but he was unwilling to say whether it increases the likelihood of regulation.

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— Rich Hood
EPA spokesman

"I think there are a lot of questions that need to be more definitively answered before we can say what the agency's final action is going to be," Hood said. "It's not a good thing to jump to unwarranted conclusions."

Environmentalists nevertheless hailed the report, which will be discussed by EPA officials and SAB members in a public teleconference July 6, saying it will increase pressure on the EPA to conduct human health risk assessments for liver, breast, pancreatic and testicular cancer, as well as potentially

toxic effects on the immune system.

"This makes it hard for the EPA not to move forward aggressively," said Richard Wiles, senior vice president for the Environmental Working Group, an advocacy and research organization.

While PFOA is used to make Teflon, it is not present in Teflon itself, which is applied to cookware, clothing, car parts and flooring. PFOA also is used to produce materials used in firefighting foam, phone cables and computer chips.

DuPont officials would not comment on the report but said in a statement that human health and toxicology studies suggest that PFOA exposure does not cause cancer in humans and does not pose a health risk to the general public.

"To date, no human health effects are known to be caused by PFOA even in workers, who have significantly higher exposure lev-

els than the general population," the company said.

DuPont also said data from its employee health studies and those conducted by 3M Co., which stopped manufacturing PFOA in 2000, "deserve greater consideration in the EPA's final risk assessment rather than relying solely on animal testing models."

DuPont's studies, which are still ongoing, have found elevated levels of total cholesterol and fats called triglycerides among workers exposed to PFOA, but no indication that PFOA was the cause of increased serum cholesterol and triglycerides.

DuPont shares fell 31 cents to close at \$44.63 Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange.

On the Net:
EPA: <http://www.epa.gov/oppt-int/pfoa/index.htm>
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Hunt for childbirth infection vaccine shows promise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists hunting a vaccine to protect newborns from a severe infection not only found a promising candidate, they developed a new way to speed the search for vaccines against other hard-to-fight diseases, too.

It's a gene-searching technique that goes by the humble name "multiple genome screen." But the research, led by Chiron Corp., elicited a "wow" from the government's infectious disease chief.

"It opens up a new arena" in developing vaccines against multiple strains of diseases, said Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "This is a very, very elegant, potentially usable avenue to go after that whole concept of universal vaccines."

The first candidate: a possible vac-

STREP FACTS

- Group B streptococcus is found in up to 40 percent of women.
- Group B strep sickens about 2,500 U.S. newborns each year.
- 80 to 100 newborns die of the disease each year.

ine against Group B strep, a germ that lurks harmlessly in many women's bodies but that can be fatal or brain-damaging if passed to their infants during birth.

So far, the experimental vaccine has been tested only in mice. But studies

reported Thursday in the journal Science suggest it's the first candidate in two decades that might protect against all major strains of Group B strep. Chiron's lead researcher says the company is discussing with U.S. regulators how to begin human testing.

"We are very excited because we do have, now, something we believe will work," said Guido Grandi, vice president for research at Chiron's vaccine division in Siena, Italy.

Group B streptococcus, a cousin of the germ that causes strep throat, is found in up to 40 percent of women. It usually causes them no symptoms. But it's the most common cause of blood infection and meningitis in newborns.

In the United States, pregnant women are supposed to be tested for

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Healthy Digestion

Keep digestive system on track

(FeatureSource) - What you put on your plate each day has a great deal to do with healthy digestion. With a busy summer ahead of you, now is a good time to review the basics of how proper nutrition and healthy lifestyle changes can help keep your digestive system on track. "Mayo Clinic on Digestive Health" offers the following "recipe" to keep your digestive system healthy:

- Eat plenty of fiber. Foods that pass more easily and quickly through your digestive system are the same foods that form the foundation for a healthy diet. Plant foods - fruits, vegetables and foods made from whole grains - contain beneficial vitamins, minerals and compounds that may protect against cancer. Plant foods are also an excellent source of fiber, a nutrient that's especially important to digestion.

- Cut the fat. Excess fat slows digestion and can lead to heartburn, bloating and constipation, in addition to increasing your risk of heart disease, diabetes and perhaps even colon cancer.

- Drink ample fluids. Water is the best beverage. Caffeinated beverages and alcohol don't count. Most people should drink 8 to 10 eight-ounce glasses of water each day.

- Practice good eating habits. Eat moderate proportions, eat at regular times and relax while you eat.

- Maintain a healthy weight. Heartburn, bloating and constipation tend to be more common in people who are overweight.

- Exercise regularly. Aerobic exercise - exercise that increases your breathing and heart rate - is the most beneficial for healthy digestion.

- Avoid alcohol and tobacco. Too much alcohol (more than one or two drinks in a day) or chewing or smoking tobacco can lead to serious digestive disorders. When combined with tobacco, alcohol greatly increases your risk of mouth and esophageal cancer.

- Use medications with caution. Anti-inflammatory medications such as aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen (Aleve) and ketoprofen (Orudis) are potentially the most damaging. Taking them with food may help. Ask your doctor for advice.

Digestive problems are among the most common reasons people see their doctors. They're also a leading reason people take medication. "Mayo Clinic on Digestive Health" offers practical advice to help you identify, manage and prevent digestive disorders so you can enjoy life with less stomach and intestinal upset. You can't prevent or control all digestive problems with nutrition or lifestyle changes. Some digestive disorders are hereditary, or they require more advanced care. But good nutrition and healthy lifestyle habits can go a long way toward keeping your digestive system healthy.

Mayo is offering a free booklet, "Your Guide to Vitamins & Supplements." Write to: Mayo Clinic Communications, Vitamin booklet offer OE-6, 200 First Street SW, Rochester, MN 55905.

Or, order the book "Mayo Clinic on Digestive Health" (\$14.95 plus shipping, handling and applicable sales tax) by calling 1-800-291-1128, order code 640 and receive the booklet free with your purchase. Revenues from sales of Mayo Clinic books are used to help support Mayo Clinic programs, including medical education and research.

Scientists find early signs of Alzheimer's as they seek to prevent the dread disease

WASHINGTON (AP) — A subtle change in a memory-making brain region seems to predict who will get Alzheimer's disease nine years before symptoms appear, scientists reported Sunday.

The finding is part of a wave of research aimed at early detection of the deadly dementia — and one day perhaps even preventing it.

Researchers scanned the brains of middle-aged and older people while they were still healthy. They discovered that lower energy usage in a part of the brain called the hippocampus correctly signaled who would get Alzheimer's or a related memory impairment 85 percent of the time.

"We found the earliest predictor," said the lead researcher, Lisa Mosconi of New York University School of Medicine. "The hippocampus seems to be the very first region to be affected."

But it is too soon to offer Alzheimer's-predicting PET scans. The discovery must be confirmed. Also, there are serious ethical questions about how soon people should know that Alzheimer's is approaching when nothing yet can be done to forestall the disease.

Still, the discovery may provide leads to scientists searching for therapies to at least delay the onset of the degenerative brain disease. It already affects 4.5 million people in the U.S. and is predicted to strike 14 million by 2050 as the population ages.

Moreover, researchers are honing in on lifestyle choices that may help protect the brain in the first place.

"It's exciting that we can even talk about prevention," said William Thies, scientific director of the Alzheimer's Association. He noted that just 10 years ago there was hardly any research into that possibility.

Among the findings presented Sunday at the association's first Alzheimer's prevention conference:

—People who drink fruit or vegetable juice at least three times a week seem four times less likely to develop Alzheimer's than nonjuice drinkers, according to a study of 1,800 elderly Japanese-Americans. The theory is that juice contains high levels of polyphenols, compounds that may play a brain-protective role.

—Less education, gum disease early in life, or a stroke were more important than genes in determining who got dementia, concluded a study of 100 dementia patients with healthy identical twins. Education stimulates neuronal growth; gum disease is a marker of brain-harming inflammation.

—Decreasing social activity in old age is a risk factor, a National Institute on Aging study suggests. It is not clear if the men in the study became less social because

Alzheimer's already was at work, but social activity is mentally stimulating.

A brain-healthy lifestyle aside, a big quest is to develop ways to identify Alzheimer's disease before symptoms emerge — finding biomarkers that could be targets for preventive therapies.

Think of it as hunting the equivalent of the cholesterol test for Alzheimer's, Dr. Neill Graff-Radford of the Mayo Clinic said.

He measured blood levels of different types of beta amyloid, the sticky protein that makes up Alzheimer's hallmark brain plaques, in 565 people. Those with lowest ratios of a particular amyloid type were three times more likely to develop dementia within five years.

The reason: Probably less amyloid was floating in the blood because it was sticking

in the brain instead.

PET scans already can show Alzheimer's plaques in advanced disease. Mosconi's study is the first to so rigorously examine people's brains before symptoms appear.

PET, or positron emission tomography, scans show images of how brains use glucose, or sugar, which is the brain's main fuel.

Mosconi scanned 53 healthy people. She tracked them for up to

24 years. Six so far have developed Alzheimer's and 19 developed an Alzheimer's precursor called "mild cognitive impairment," or MCI. Those people showed less glucose metabolism in the hippocampus than the still healthy.

Other research supports the hippocampus' early role.

University of Wisconsin researchers gave a different

brain scan, called a functional MRI, to healthy adult children of Alzheimer's patients. The researchers found that the hippocampus was not as active as in people without that familial risk.

To prove if these early indicators are real, the National Institute on Aging, with financial help from the pharmaceutical industry and Alzheimer's Association, is beginning a \$60 million study to scan the brains of 800 older Americans and try to pin down Alzheimer's earliest biological changes.

That Alzheimer's begins developing so early means even young people should adopt a brain-healthy lifestyle, said Dr. Mark Sager of the Wisconsin Registry for Alzheimer's Prevention.

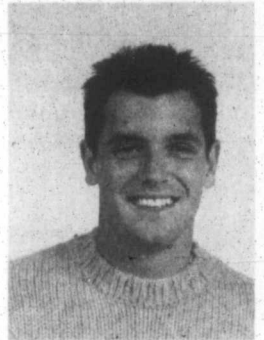
"What we're hoping is that 55 is not too late," he said.

Less education, gum disease early in life, or a stroke were more important than genes in determining who got dementia, one study concluded.

Decreasing social activity in old age is a risk factor, a National Institute on Aging study suggests.

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Malaria

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decisions he has made." The president also said that first lady Laura Bush is scheduled to travel to South Africa, Tanzania and Rwanda next month to highlight women's issues, education and the battle against HIV/AIDS.

Malaria is one of the top killers in Africa. The ancient mosquito-borne disease infects as many as 400 million people worldwide, killing 1 million a year.

The malaria initiative aims to provide tens of millions of dollars to Tanzania, Uganda and Angola in the first year, adding at least four more countries in 2007 and at least five more in 2008 for an eventual total spending of \$1.2 billion, Bush said.

The president said his proposal would eventually cover 175 million people in at least 15 nations most affected by the disease.

In London, Blair's office called Bush's announcement "an important and welcome step."

Blair wants the countries attending the summit to provide universal access to malaria prevention and treatment.

Vaccine

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Group B strep during the third trimester, and carriers are given intravenous antibiotics during labor. That policy has cut infant infections by 70 percent since 1996 — but still, Group B strep sickens about 2,500 U.S. newborns each year and kills 80 to 100.

There are numerous strains of the germ, and previous attempts at vaccines couldn't offer universal protection.

Enter the new genetic technique.

Instead of laboriously growing the bacteria in laboratory dishes — a usual step in vaccine creation — the scientists used computers to rapidly identify all the genes in eight major strains of Group B strep.

First they teased out genes shared by all the strains, said Herve Tettelin, a molecular biologist with The Institute for Genomic Research, a Rockville, Md., nonprofit group that collaborated with Chiron.

Then they identified

additional genes that produce proteins on the germs' surface — easy for the immune system to spot and thus important for a vaccine, he explained.

Mouse testing revealed four proteins that seemed to spark the most immune response. So the scientists brewed those four proteins into a single vaccine, inoculated adult female mice, mated them and exposed the resulting babies to

Group B strep. The vaccine proved 87 percent protective.

Chiron is most interested in testing the experimental vaccine in teenagers, to see if protection would last years later when they became pregnant, Grandi said.

More exciting, the genetic-screening technique may help develop vaccines against a variety of microbes where multiple-

strain protection is a roadblock, said Fauci, whose National Institutes of Health division helped fund the research. "We'll certainly be pursuing it," he said.

Already, Tettelin said his research group is using the technique to identify the genes in multiple strains of food-poisoning E. coli, bacterial pneumonia and a potential bioterror agent called burkholderia.

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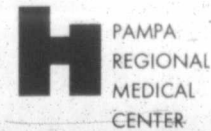
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Sports Day



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PCC: Players praise condition of course

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

With the Tri-State Seniors Tournament looming at the end of the month at Pampa Country Club, many local golfers can be found getting plenty of practice in. Whether practicing for the tournament, or just getting in some playing time with friends, those hitting the links at PCC can be heard singing the praises of the course and the supreme condition it is in.

"This is the best our course has looked in a long time, a very long time," said Dr. Joe Donaldson. Donaldson was part of a foursome that included James Stavenhagen, Harrold Salmon and Deck Woldt. All concurred with Donaldson's praise of the course.

The course is in magnificent shape. The tee boxes are well tended and the greens and fairways are equally well manicured.

The great thing about PCC is the scenery and the landscaping. It's as relaxing to take in the natural elements of the course as it is to play it. The change in terrain and pin placement makes PCC challenging.

The Tri-State Seniors Tournament is set for the final week of July.

PCC will host the 2005 Club Championship next Saturday and Sunday. It will be a 36-hole tournament with the Club Champion being the player who returns the lowest gross score. There will also be a net champion for each flight.

There will be a Men's, Women's, Senior and Super Senior flight. The Senior Flight will be for those 55-years-old and older who play from the white tees. Super Senior will include those over 70 and will play from the gold tees.

For additional information, please contact the Pampa Country Club.

◀ With Dr. Joe Donaldson looking on, Deck Woldt sends a tee shot toward the green at Pampa Country Club Friday afternoon. The two were part of a foursome that also included Harrold Salmon and James Stavenhagen.

Swoopes, Catchings top WNBA All-Star voting

NEW YORK (AP) — Houston Comets forward Sheryl Swoopes and Indiana Fever forward Tamika Catchings were the top vote-getters for the WNBA All-Star Game in balloting released Thursday.

Swoopes, one of nine remaining players from the WNBA's inaugural season in 1997, garnered the most votes for the fifth time — receiving 108,999. She will be joined in the Western Conference starting lineup by Sacramento Monarchs center Yolanda Griffith, Phoenix Mercury guard Diana Taurasi, forward Lauren Jackson and guard Sue Bird of the defending champion Seattle Storm.

Catchings, leading the league in steals and fifth in assists, received 93,842 votes. Other starters for the

Eastern Conference are guards Dawn Staley of the Charlotte Sting and Becky Hammon of the New York Liberty, forward Swin Cash and center Ruth Riley of the Detroit Shock.

Cash, recovering from offseason knee surgery, has yet to play this year. She was cleared to resume on-court activities Wednesday, but Detroit coach Bill Laimbeer was still not sure when she will be able to play.

The sixth WNBA All-Star Game will be played July 9 at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Conn. Last year, the U.S. national team played an All-Star team of remaining WNBA players at Radio City Music Hall at the start of the league's monthlong Olympic break.

TOUR DE FRANCE

Basso on shortlist of rivals to beat Armstrong

CHALLANS, France (AP) — One name is almost always mentioned on the shortlist of cyclists who can stop Lance Armstrong during Saturday's opening stage — an 11.8-mile trial from Fromentine to Noirmoutier-en-l'Île on France's Atlantic coast.

The 27-year-old Italian finished third last year and even beat Armstrong in a mountain stage in the Pyrenees. Armstrong considers him a serious rival.

"He has improved dramatically in time trials and is always strong in the mountains," Armstrong said. "He will be among the main challengers. I'm a real fan of Basso."

Basso appreciates the compliment but will not be fooled into believing the Texan's aura of invincibility has diminished in any way.

"It's a pleasure for me to hear that," Basso said Friday. "But a race is a race. Lance is here to win again, and I'm here to do better than last year. That means either second place or a win."

"I will attack more, but it's not easy against Lance," he added. "Hopefully, I will have the legs to do better. I think I'm ready to do a nice Tour. We have

the best team possible, every rider is ready."

Basso rides for CSC and will have a chance to test himself against Armstrong during Saturday's opening stage — an 11.8-mile trial from Fromentine to Noirmoutier-en-l'Île on France's Atlantic coast.

"Lance is here to win again, and I'm here to do better than last year. That means either second place or a win."

— Ivan Basso
Rider, Tour de France

Armstrong looks as fit as ever, having improved since a sluggish performance at the Paris-Nice race and a mediocre showing at the Tour de Georgia.

"I think he's 100 percent and he's still hungry," Basso said.

Basso finished with the white jersey as the best young Tour rider in 2002. He placed 11th that year and seventh in 2003. He has not raced in more than a month at the Giro d'Italia, where he finished 28th after being weakened by stomach pains.

"I am at 90 percent now but after two or three stages I will pick up rhythm," Basso said. "I will not be 100 percent for the first week but for the second part of the Tour I will be ready."

Basso lost both time trials to Armstrong last year, conceding significant time in the opening prologue.

"It depends a lot on the wind," Basso said. "If you have wind on your back it's very fast, but wind against makes it feel like 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) more. It's not a catastrophe to lose time. You can make it back up in the mountains."

Only one problem for Basso: Armstrong is just as strong in the climbs as he is on sprints.

"When a rider wins six Tours he's not a normal person in the head," Basso said. "He's stronger than the other riders, fully motivated."

Gordon hopes to get back into championship cup race

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Fans have resorted to giving Jeff Gordon good luck charms, anything to help him break his six-week slump and get him back into NASCAR's

Chase for the Championship.

At an autograph session in Michigan last month, he was flooded with trinkets and personal items. One man even painted a horse-

shoe to match Gordon's rainbow-colored car.

"They are coming in pretty strong," he said. "It's great to have the support of our fans that we do and know that, even though they are frustrated like they are, they are still supporting us and knowing that we are going to get back on track and trying to help us any way that he can."

The four-time series champion has dropped from second to 14th in the standings the past six weeks. With just 10 races left to qualify for NASCAR's 10-race playoff series, Gordon is in danger of being shut out of the competition.

Will it actually happen? Well, he's only 14 points away from the qualifying cutoff mark — hardly far enough back to be considered out of it. And he races Saturday night at Daytona International Speedway, where he's taken over as the master of restrictor-plate racing: Gordon has won four of the past five plate races and two in a row.

And he has at least one supporter who still believes

Rogers suspended for 20 games

NEW YORK (AP) — Texas pitcher Kenny Rogers was suspended for 20 games and fined \$50,000 by Major League Baseball on Friday for an outburst that sent a television cameraman to the hospital and prompted a police investigation.

There was no immediate word on whether Rogers would appeal the penalty.

Rogers shoved two cameramen before Wednesday's game against the Los Angeles Angels in a tirade that included throwing a camera to the ground, kicking it and threatening to break more. The incident was captured on videotape and led to KDFW cameraman Larry Rodriguez being treated at a hospital.

Rodriguez filed an assault report, and

Arlington police spokeswoman Christy Gilfoof said the case was being investigated as a misdemeanor assault. Rogers hadn't been interviewed by investigators and no charges had been filed Thursday.

In a statement Friday before the ruling, Rogers' attorneys said: "Kenny Rogers would like to make a statement. However, in light of the ongoing investigation, it is not advisable for Kenny to comment directly and publicly at this time."

"On Kenny's behalf, though, we would like to express to Mr. Rodriguez, Ranger fans, all baseball fans and his teammates that Kenny is truly sorry for the incident that occurred and regrets that it happened."

Ginobili assists NBA in going global

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Manu Ginobili is home again and trying his best to lower the volume on his celebrity. That is no easy thing for someone who is greeted by his president and likened to Diego Maradona in a country where soccer is king.

"Even if I had a chance to put on 17 championship rings, I'd still feel no different," he said. "Talking about achievements makes me uncomfortable."

Ginobili, who helped the San Antonio Spurs to their second NBA title in three years, received an effusive welcome Friday from President Nestor Kirchner at the pink Government House.

"Manu is a superstar," Houston Rockets center Dikembe Mutombo said. "To win a championship is how legends are born. He's already legend. ... He has a strong heart and a strong will and you can tell just

the way he plays: He plays very hard."

Ginobili and Mutombo are in Argentina, mentoring the next generation of Latin American stars. They are taking part in a "Basketball Without Borders" training camp, teaching some of the best youth players from 20 Latin American and Caribbean countries what it takes to make it in the NBA.

A foreigner was once a rarity in the NBA. Now, Manu told 57 teenage stars from across the Americas, the barriers are falling fast for international players with the skills and tenacity to survive in the world's toughest basketball league.

"The NBA is looking to all the countries of the world, wherever there is talent," Ginobili said at the start of the three-day camp. "Argentina is one of those countries ... and it's only a question of time before more players break into the NBA."

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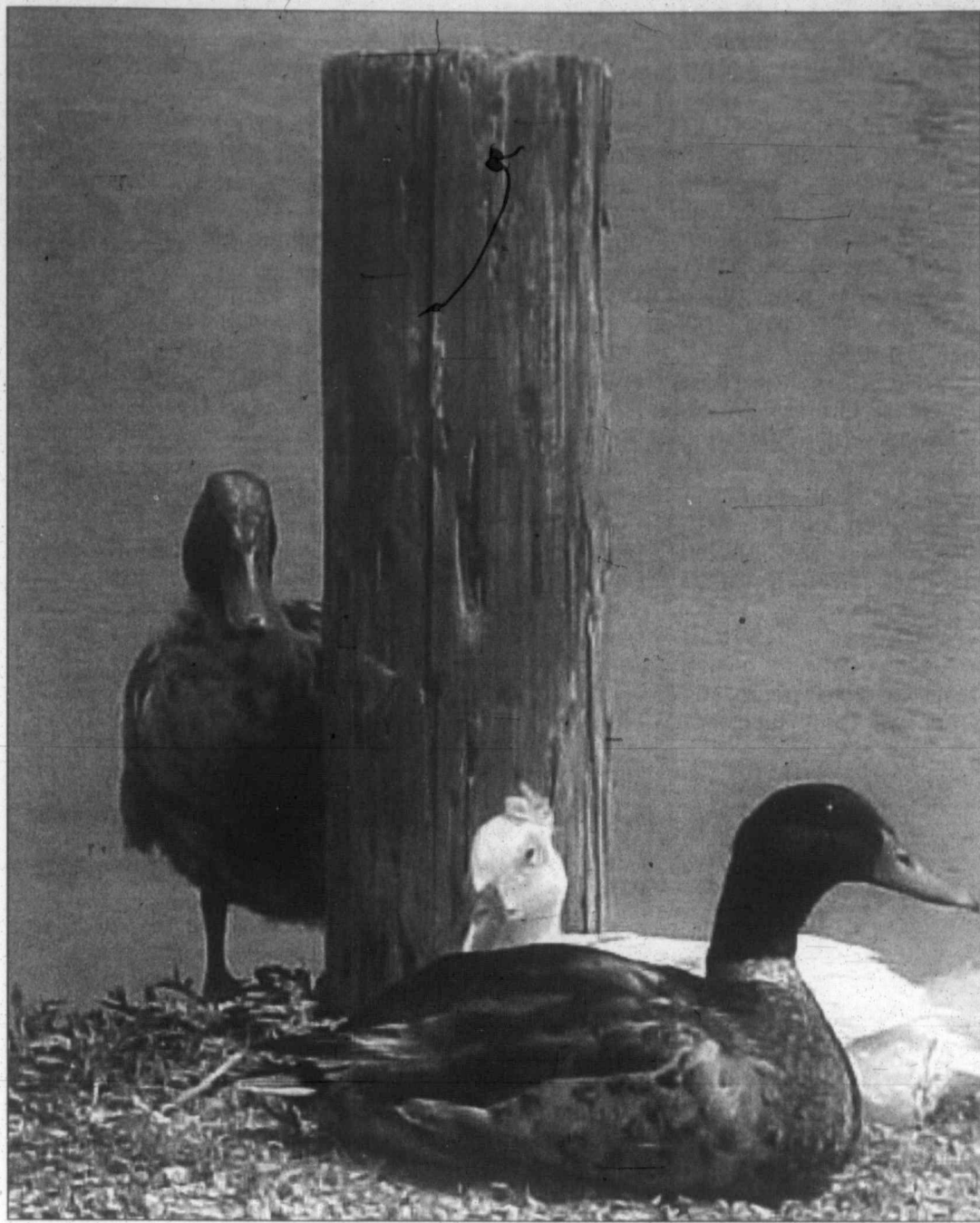
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Peeking duck



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

A curious duck appears to be keeping an eye on his pals by peering around a post at Recreation Park Friday afternoon.

Cup

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Gordon will be a contender at the end of the season: During a conference call with reporters earlier this week, NASCAR chairman Brian France broke in for a final remark before Gordon hung up.

"All of this business that Jeff Gordon is not going to be in the Top 10 and all of those things ... I bet by the time we get to September, he'll not only be in the Top 10, he'll probably be a favorite to win it all," France said.

But not even that ringing endorsement could convince Gordon that he's a lock to make the Chase.

"This is the Nextel Cup series and it's tough," he said. "Just because we've

won four championships, there is no guarantee, especially when you've had some of the issues we've had."

Gordon started the season with a dominating win in the Daytona 500, then scored two more victories to emerge as a legitimate threat to win his fifth Cup title.

But since finishing sixth at Darlington two months ago, Gordon has five finishes of 30th or worse.

It looked as if he was going to right the ship last weekend at the road course in Sonoma, Calif., where he started from the pole.

But a blown transmission took him out of contention and he ended up 33rd.

"I feel like we're as good and as strong as any team out there," Gordon said.

He added, "We've just got to get things going in

the right direction and make some good decisions."

"We haven't really lost confidence. That's still there. The attitude of the guys is as good as it can be under the circumstances. I don't think we've panicked or have lost control. We're just trying to put those behind us and learn from them and go to the next one."

Daytona is the place Gordon must get on the gas and get back near the top of the standings.

With 11 victories on the 2.5-mile superspeedway, Gordon comes to the Pepsi 400 as the driver to beat.

"This is a good weekend for us," he said.

"I'm definitely looking forward to Daytona and hoping that one of these weekends, it's going to get turned around."

Rookie feels ready to take over Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Deron Williams talked about his love for passing the ball and playing defense when he was introduced as the Utah Jazz's point guard of the future.

No wonder coach Jerry Sloan already likes him.

"We felt like some of the things he has will make our players better," Sloan said Wednesday. "Not every player who plays this game can do that."

The rookie out of Illinois already is being considered by fans as the missing cog

in the Jazz offense, which sputtered last season to a 26-46 record. Injuries also didn't help, but Utah has a huge need at the point.

The Jazz tried to fill it by trading three first-round draft picks to Portland in exchange for the No. 3 selection Tuesday and a shot at Williams. He knows even more will be expected of him after the Jazz went to such lengths.

"I think they're going to love playing with me just because I'm going to make the game a lot easier for

them," Williams said. "I look forward to that."

Panhandle, West Texas Fishing Report

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for June 29. (Report also available on Web at www.txfishing.com.)

PANHANDLE

BAYLOR: Water lightly stained; 80 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow on minnows. Catfish are slow.

GREENBELT: Water lightly stained; 79 degrees; 17.65' low. Black bass to 6 pounds are good on watermelon and white soft plastics worked along grass lines, and topwaters early and late in day. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live bait and Rat-L-Traps along the dam. Smallmouth bass are good on jerkbaits and small crankbaits. Walleye up to 4 pounds are good at night on live bait and crankbaits. Catfish are good on cut bait.

MACKENZIE: Water lightly stained; 78 degrees; 60.45' low. Black bass are good on shad-colored spinnerbaits and jerkbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and striped bass are good on live bait and chrome/blue back Rat-L-Traps. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait and jerkbaits. Walleye are fair on minnows and small crankbaits. Catfish are good on minnows.

MEREDITH: Water lightly stained to stained with water rising; 78 degrees; 14.15' low. Black bass are fair on chartreuse/white spinnerbaits along brush lines, and watermelon red jigs or soft plastics in brush. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass are good on live bait and small crankbaits. Smallmouth bass are fair on black back jerk-

baits on north end. Walleye are good on jigs tipped with minnows suspended in 12-18 feet and on black back jerkbaits along main lake points near dam. Channel and Blue Catfish are good on cut bait, shad and perch.

PALO DURO: Water lightly stained; 75 degrees; 36.5' low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and topwater lures. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Smallmouth bass are fair on minnows. Walleye are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are good on minnows and cut shad.

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 80 degrees. Black bass to 7 pounds are good on green pumpkin jigs in the brush and white soft jerkbaits or topwater lures along brush line. Crappie are good on minnows and white jigs in the brush.

ARROWHEAD: Water muddy in upper end; 80 degrees; 5' low. Black bass are fair to slow on spinnerbaits around rocky areas and flooded brush. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs as fish moving deeper. White bass are fair on shad-imitation baits. Blue catfish are good on cut shad and prepared baits.

BUFFALO SPRINGS: Water lightly stained; 68 degrees. Black bass are good on waterdogs near dam and fair on perch near Crappie House. Crappie are good on minnows and cut shad in Crappie House. Hybrid strippers are fair on crankbaits, Rat-L-Traps, and live bait near cattails and Crappie House near cattails and dam. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait, punchbait and liver near docks and northeast shores.

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

are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 77 degrees; 25' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on minnows and small crankbaits. Catfish are fair on minnows and cut baits.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 79 degrees; 11.3' low. Black bass are fair on white buzzbaits and chartreuse/white spinnerbaits along main points and stickups, and red shad jigs in the reeds.

Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striper are fair on minnows and crankbaits. Catfish are good on worms.

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

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 77 degrees; 22.5' low. Black bass are fair on live bait. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on cut shad and minnows. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

OH. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 79 degrees; 2.35' low. Black bass are fair on live bait and watermelon or black neon soft plastics along brush and topwater lures near grass lines. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait and small crankbaits.

Channel catfish are good

on live and cut baits.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 81 degrees; 4.7' low. Black bass are fair in Rock Creek and Caddo Creek areas.

Crappie are slow on live bait. White bass and Striped bass are good near lighted piers at night. Blue and channel catfish are fair in the upper part of reservoir.

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 78 degrees; 47.45' low. Black bass are fair on shad-colored soft plastics and white/chartreuse spinnerbaits.

Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait and chrome jerkbaits. Striped bass and hybrid striper are fair. Catfish are fair on live bait.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 77 degrees; 4.2' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White and striped bass are fair on jigs tipped with minnows. Catfish are fair on minnows and cut baits.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 77 degrees; 30' low. Black bass are fair on live bait and white/blue spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are good on minnows and shad.

WHITE RIVER: Water lightly stained; 77 degrees; 16.4' low. Black bass are fair on black/blue soft plastics and white spinnerbaits along grass lines.

Crappie are fair on minnows. Walleye are fair on minnows and chrome crankbaits. Channel catfish are good on minnows.

WICHITA: Water clearing; 81 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow in old yacht club, American Legion and Lakeside City areas. White bass and hybrid

striped bass are good on large minnows, white twister-tails and silver spoons along dam and near Lake Wichita Park.

Channel catfish are fair on shrimp, punchbait and shad. North side public ramp is closed for maintenance.



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Sec. 58,M-1,H&GN, spud 12-16-04, drlg. compl 1-20-05, tested 4-20-05, potential 3236 MCF, TD 12800', PBDT 12730' —
 HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #7 Meadows '5', Sec. 5,4,AB&M, spud 1-6-05, drlg. compl 2-1-05, tested 4-12-05, potential 881 MCF, TD 12616', PBDT 12474' —
 HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #21 Hobart Ranch '50', Sec. 50,A,2,H&GN, spud 1-30-05, drlg. compl 2-20-05, tested 4-26-05, potential 4028 MCF, TD 12739', PBDT 12800' —
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Morrow) Brighton Energy, L.L.C., #1401 Dillman, Sec. 14,1,H&GN, potential 2910 MCF, TD 11587', PBDT 11587' —
 HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Pogo Panhandle 2004, L.P., #2 Byrd, David Luce Survey, spud —, drlg. compl —, tested 5-17-05, MD 2240', TVD 2310' — Horizontal
 ROBERTS (MORRISON RANCH Lower Morrow) Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Morrison '36', Sec. 36,43,H&TC, spud 3-1-05, drlg. compl 3-20-05, tested 4-15-05, TD 11300' PBDT 11220' —
 WHEELER (ALLISON PARKS Granite Wash) Texakoma E&P, L.L.C., #1 Texakoma-Holt '19', Sec. 19,RE,R&E, spud 12-29-04, drlg. compl 2-13-05, tested 4-4-05, potential 10380 MCF, TD 13103', PBDT 13040' —

WHEELER (WEST BRITT Granite Wash 'A') Pogo Panhandle 2004, L.P., #4015 Britt-Caldwell, Sec. 15-A-3,H&GN, spud 12-14-04, drlg. compl 2-28-05, tested 4-1-05, TD 15800', PBDT 15788' —
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 WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #5048 Hefley, Sec. 48,M-1,H&GN, spud 1-14-05, drlg. compl 2-15-05, tested 4-20-05, potential 1912 MCF, TD 13797', PBDT 12750' —
 WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Apache Corp., #2068 Stiles Ranch, Sec. 68,A-7,H&GN, spud 11-14-04, drlg. compl 12-19-04, tested 3-11-05, potential 5500 MCF, TD 14262', PBDT 14202' —
 WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash)

Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #1070 Reed, Sec. 70,A-7,H&GN, spud 11-11-04, drlg. compl 12-8-04, tested 2-17-05, potential 1448 MCF, TD 14400', PBDT 14352' —
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 WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., #9 Britt Ranch 'C',

3'35', Sec. 35,S-3,H&GN, spud 1-28-05, drlg. compl 2-24-05, tested 3-28-05, potential 19122 MCF, TD 14770', PBDT 14770' —
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 #16, spud 1-30-47, plugged 5-26-05, TD 3037' —
 #20, spud 3-8-69, plugged 6-7-05, TD 3021' —
 #22, spud 3-8-69, plugged 4-14-05, TD 2864' —
 #25, spud 1-30-69, plugged 4-20-05, TD 2803' —
 #26, spud 9-25-69, plugged 4-13-05, TD 2875' —
 #28, spud 9-15-69, plugged 5-23-05, TD 3000' —
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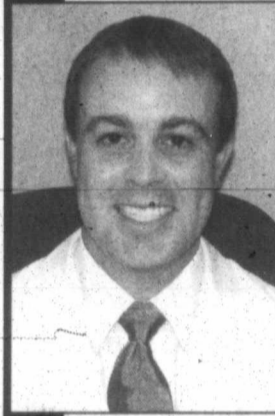


◀◀ One of the displays at White Deer Land Museum in Pampa is a military exhibit coordinated by Freedom Museum, USA, and WDLM. Visiting hours are 1-4 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. WDLM is located at 112 S. Cuyler.

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Chapter 404 of Vietnam Veterans of America recently participated in a parade in Guymon, Okla. Seen here are (left-right) Gary Heeter, Myron Peterson, both of Fritch, Dannie Hoover of Pampa and Buster Newberry of Fritch.

Area vets participate in Guymon parade

Dannie Hoover of Pampa and several other Vietnam Veterans of America members from Chapter 404 of Fritch recently participated in the Pioneers' Day Parade in Guymon, Okla.

Chapter 404 members come from various communities in the Texas Panhandle.

The chapter float contained a mock-up of the Vietnam Wall along with a soldier's grave. Some members of the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America rode in the back of the truck that pulled the float.

Chapter 404 sponsors and participates in many community activities, such as the 911 and Veterans' day ceremonies at Frank Phillips College in Borger, and sponsors an area college scholarship in memory of a deceased Vietnam veteran.

Once a year, VVA hosts an annual POW/MIA Banquet in honor of all POWs from the Texas Panhandle. The speaker at this year's banquet will be Congressman

Mac Thornberry.

Chapter 404 members provide help for homeless vets in Amarillo and prepare food baskets during the holidays. The chapter provides information and education on PTSD and Agent Orange and offers programs to educate youth about the Vietnam War. As a fund-raiser, the chapter will hold a garage sale July 15 and 16 in Borger.

VVA again plans to participate in the annual motorcycle run on Highway 83, known as the Vietnam-Veterans' Memorial Highway in Texas. The next run is scheduled in March of next year.

Chapter 404 members hail from Pampa, Fritch, Borger, Stinnett, Amarillo and Perryton. Meetings are scheduled at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month and include a meal.

For more information on VVA or to learn how to join, call 665-0819, (806) 857-3950, or (806) 8567-0409.

TDA seeking historic Texas farms and ranches

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Agriculture is seeking applications for the 2005 Family Land Heritage Program, a program which recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural operation by the same family for 100, 150 and 200 years.

Since the program started in 1974, more than 4,020 farms and ranches have been recognized in 226 Texas counties.

"We must not forget our past," Agricultural Commissioner Susan Combs

said. "There was a time when few buildings and roads could be seen on the Texas landscape. Instead, there were pioneer families, one after the other, homesteading on a great wilderness, building their homes and staking their claim to the land. This program recognizes these pioneers and the generations who have continued the farming and ranching heritage."

Farms and ranches that qualify will be honored during a ceremony in Austin in March 2006. The history of the farm or ranch will be

chronicled in the 2005 Family Land Heritage Registry. In addition, honorees can obtain historic farm or ranch signage for their property.

Program applications are available through TDA, county judges and on TDA's web site at www.agr.state.tx.us.

For more information, contact Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711, (512) 463-2631 or melissa.blair@agr.state.tx.us.

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STORY TIME

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NEWSMAKERS

Megan Schafer, soon-to-be freshman University of Oklahoma student and recent Canadian High School graduate, is the recipient of the Sam Walton Community Scholarship. Schafer's future academic goal is to major in psychology.

Her honors, activities and accomplishments in high school included the following: All-Region Concert and Symphonic Band Qualifier; All-Area Band Qualifier; State Qualifier Solo/Ensemble band contest; varsity tennis; Academic All-District Tennis; Regional Qualifier in Doubles Tennis; UIL; SADD; Spanish Club; Speech Club; FCA; National Honor Society; varsity basketball manager (Academic All-District); class treasurer; student council representative; student council sergeant-at-arms.

SADD officer; prom committee member; Spanish Club treasurer; cheerleading mascot; National Honor Society president; band officer; tuba section leader; band bouncer/counselor; Lions Club sweetheart; Class Favorite; Most Scholarly; Who's Who in AP English; Who's Who in Spanish I; Who's Who in Science; 2004 Pantex Outstanding Math Student; President's Education Award; UIL Scholar Award; Federal Reserve Bank Essay finalist; and senior class valedictorian.

Schafer will attend the University of Oklahoma this fall.

STILLWATER, Okla. — Nathan Lynch, a 2005 White Deer High School graduate, has been selected to receive a \$1,500 President's Leadership Council Scholarship

to attend Oklahoma State University this fall.

The scholarship is bestowed based upon academic achievement, leadership potential, and school and community service.

Each student will take a three-hour leadership class and will serve on the President's Leadership Council, which is both an honorary and a working organization, according to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Lynch, the son of Bill and Miriam Lynch of White Deer, has also been awarded a Non-Resident Achievement Scholarship to the university. He plans to major in architecture at OSU.

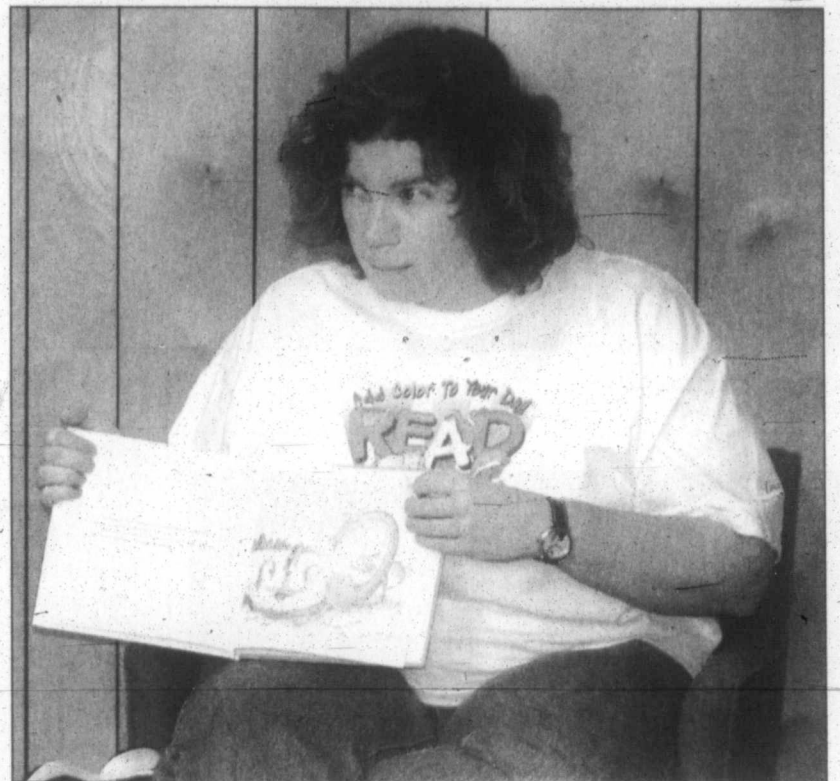
Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas 2004, Amanda Puckett recently participated in the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant in San Antonio.

Puckett won three out of six categories including personality, most photogenic and congeniality. For her efforts in selling the most donation tickets, Puckett received a diamond ring.

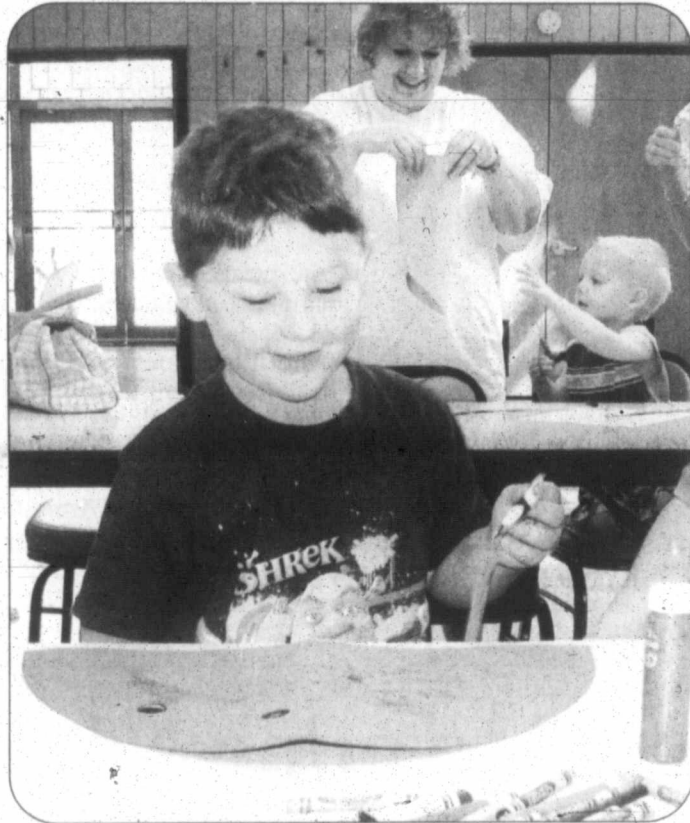
"While disappointed that she didn't win the Miss See NAMES, Page 3-B



Breydn King, left, and Jackson Hughes, right, both age 8, listen to a magical tale at the June 29 Story Time at the library.



Shanla Brookshire held her audience "spellbound" with a story that included a dragon.



Shane Stephenson, 4, foreground, enjoys placing stickers and glitter on his construction-paper pointed hat. Seth Erickson, background, gets a little help from his mother, Jerri Erickson.

Tales of wizards, dragons, monsters, Cinderella and even a magic chicken kept 27 children enthralled at last Wednesday's Story Time at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston.

Stories were followed by crafts, where the children got a chance to transform construction paper, glitter, stickers and streamers into pointed hats such as Merlin the Magician or well-dressed ladies wore in medieval times.

Story Time is one of the programs offered by the library to area children. The stories and activities focus mainly on children 7 years of age and younger, but all children are welcome to attend.

Crafts supplies and books for Story Time are provided by the library. The program is free to the public, and no registration is required.

June's schedule of library events included a Story Time every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. In July, Story Time will be held at 10 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, with the exception of July 4.

Wednesdays in July will feature programs for older children, from kindergarten age up.

A "Heavy Machinery Petting Zoo" is planned for July 6. The city fire, street and police departments will have their big trucks and other items at the library for children to see. The "heavy machinery" will be on Kingsmill Street on the north side of the library.

"Wild About Science Day" will be on July 13. Children attending on that day will participate in experiments.

A "Stuffed Animal Circus" is planned for July 20. Children are to bring their favorite stuffed animal to enter in contests.

On July 27, there will be a final party for all children who participated in the summer reading game and other summer activities. Cookies will be served, and drawings for gift certificates will be held. Children wishing to be in the drawing for gift certificates must turn in their reading logs by July 25.

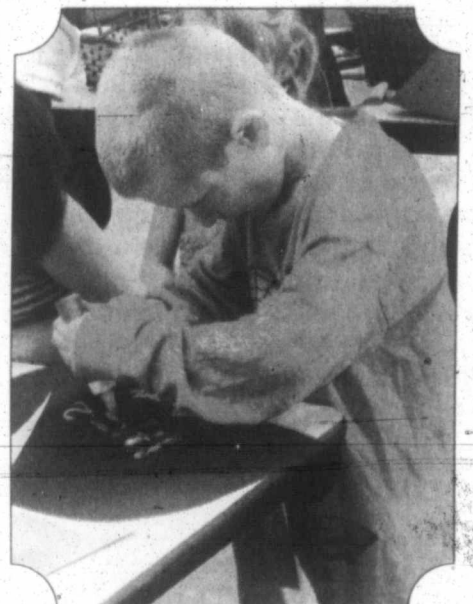
There is still time to sign up for the summer reading game. For the first three hours a child reads, they will receive a free book donated by the Friends of the Pampa Library.

For more information on the library's programs, call 669-5780.



Brooklyn Ledbetter, 6, right, plans placement of a green streamer on her pink hat as Ashlyn Organ, left, considers where to apply glitter glue.

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Chance Butler, 6, applies red and silver glitter to his black pointed hat.



Sharing a chair during Story Time last Wednesday are, from left, Alexis Stuart, 7; Marianna Nada, 2; and Elaine Nada, 6.

July	
4	No Story Time—Holiday
5	10:00—Story Time
6	10:00—Heavy Machinery Petting Zoo
11	10:00—Story Time
12	10:00—Story Time
13	10:00—Wild About Science
18	10:00—Story Time
19	10:00—Story Time
20	10:00—Stuffed Animal CIRCUS <i>Bring your favorite stuffed animal for a contest!</i>
25	10:00—Story Time
26	10:00—Story Time
27	10:00—Final Party <i>Will have cookies, drawings and certificates.</i>



▲ Cara Michele Swart

Country Home Weddings site of Swart, Hodges nuptials

Cara Michele Swart and Brock Taylor Hodges, both of Amarillo, were united in marriage on Friday, June 10, at Country Home Weddings in Canyon by Pastor Brent Thornton of First Christian Church of Miami.

Crystal Milburn, sister of the bride of Lubbock, served as maid of honor. The bridesmaids included Marissa Davis, of Houston, Amanda Kilcrease of Pampa, Lori Risley of Amarillo, Lindsey Young of Fort Worth, and Monica Carter of Canyon.

The flower girl was Mackenzy Milburn, niece of the bride of Lubbock.

Wes Weatherly of Amarillo served as best man. The groomsmen included Josh Grisham, Josh

Home and Adam Graves, all of Amarillo, Phillip Shelton of Lubbock and Montana Murrell of Plainview.

The ring bearer was Tristen Douglass, nephew of the bride of Lubbock.

Ushering the guests was cousin of the bride, Bryan Kincannon of Amarillo. Registering the guests was Lysie Cleavinger of Canyon.

A reception and dance followed the ceremony at Country Home Weddings.

The bride is the daughter of Ron and Kay Swart and is the granddaughter of Cecil and Marie Gill, all of Miami, and Alene DeLeon of Amarillo.

Parents of the groom are Don and Jackie Hodges of Clovis, N.M.

He is the grandson of Christina Hodges of Clovis.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Miami High School.

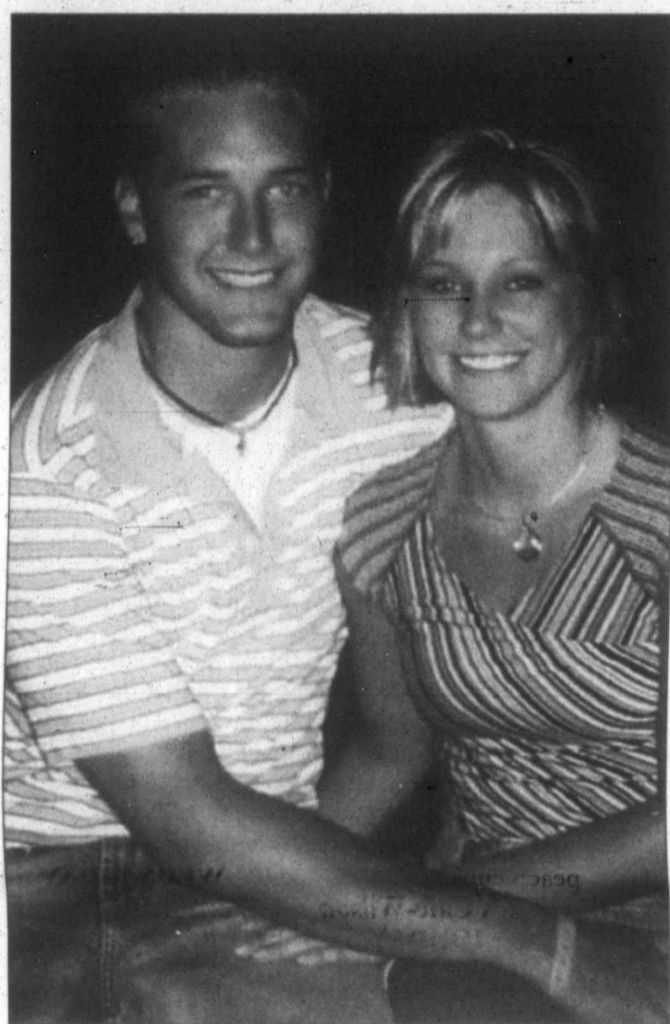
She graduated from West Texas A&M University in 2003 and is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha.

She is employed as a credit manager for Wells Fargo Financial in Amarillo.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Clovis High School. He attended West Texas A&M University and is a member of Alpha Tau Omega.

He is employed as a sales representative for Sprint in Amarillo.

The newlyweds honeymooned with a cruise to Key West and the Bahamas. They intend to make their home in Amarillo.



Lloyd/Carr

Jennifer Ann Lloyd of Amarillo and Sergeant Cade Carr of Friedberg, Germany, plan to wed Aug. 6 at Las Tiendas in Amarillo. The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late Charlotte Lloyd and the late Melvin Lloyd of Stinnett. She graduated from Stinnett High School in 2000 and from West Texas A&M University in 2005. She is currently employed by Clifton Gunderson Accounting Firm in Amarillo. The future groom is the son of J.D. and Cindy Carr of Fritch and is the grandson of the late Glenn and Vera Darling and the late D.C. Carr Jr., all of Pampa. He graduated from Sanford-Fritch High School in 2000 and is currently serving in the U.S. Army's 1st Armored Division stationed in Germany.

Couple tie knot at local guest ranch



Candace Cathey and Robert Helton

Candace Michelle Cathey and Robert Dwayne Helton exchanged wedding vows in a ceremony held May 7 at Cottonwood Springs Guest Ranch, located near Pampa, with Monty Joiner of McLean officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Bonita Chronister and the late Dan Cathey and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Plez Meadows and Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Cathey, all of White Deer.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Helton of Amarillo and is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Braddock and Mr. and Mrs. Revada Helton.

The bride's mother served as matron of honor. Eddie Helton, brother of the groom, stood up as best man.

The flower girl was Macie Helton, daughter of the groom.

Patsy Morris of Pampa was in charge of registering the guests. The ushers were Denver Dyer of Pampa and Jeff Adkins and Shane Dunlap, both of Amarillo.

Music was provided by Jim and Della Moyer and by soloist Ian Jones, all of Pampa.

A reception followed the ceremony at the guest ranch. Patsy Morris, Mandy Phillips of Pampa, and Jackie Tollett and Michelle Tollett, both of Canyon, served the guests.

Though living in Amarillo, the newlyweds intend to make Pampa their permanent residence.

West's treated to anniversary dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Roland West of Pampa celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner hosted by their children at Red River Steakhouse in McLean on July 2.

Roland West and Dixie Hampton were married July 8, 1955, at Clovis, N.M. They have lived in Pampa for 50 years and are members of Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship Church of Pampa.

Mr. West retired from Ingersoll-Rand on Jan. 26, 1997. He worked for Cabot Corporation 19 years and Ingersoll-Rand for 16 years.

Mrs. West is a homemaker.

Children of the couple are Debbie and Ken Miles, and Jacki and Kenneth West, all of Albuquerque, N.M., and Julie and Kevin West of Wichita Falls; and three grandchildren, Michelle and Matthew West of Albuquerque and Elizabeth West of Wichita Falls.



Mr. and Mrs. Roland West

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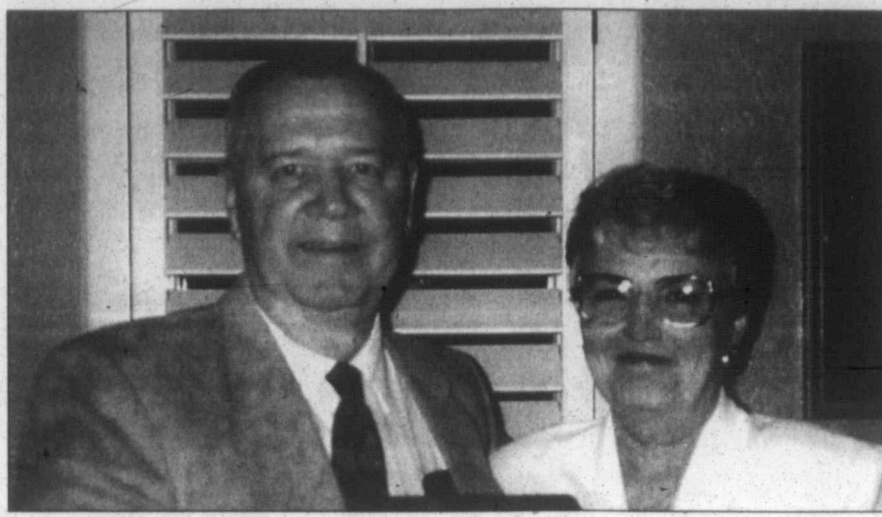
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Pampans marry 50 years ago



Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkins

Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkins of Pampa are celebrating 50 years of marriage this month. A reception, hosted by children of the couple, was held July 2 in the fellowship hall of Highland Baptist Church.

James Hawkins and Janice Smithisler were married June 30, 1955, in Holy Souls Catholic Church in Pampa. The couple moved back to Pampa, after growing up here, in July 1996.

Mr. Hawkins retired in 1995 as district manager for Harbison-Fischer Sales Company. He worked for the company 35 years. Mrs. Hawkins is a homemaker. Both are members of Highland

Baptist Church. Children of the couple are Judy Hawkins and Debbie Alcaraz, both of Pampa. They have one grandchild.

Names

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Rodeo Texas title," a local press release said, "Amanda accomplished her goal of representing Pampa in Texas style."

"Most of all," Puckett said, "I would like to express my appreciation to the community of Pampa for all of the support this past year."

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University School of Law student Joy Gibbs of Pampa is one of two Texas Tech University School of Law students, both of whom earlier this year placed second in the American Bar Association's Negotiation Competition, to be invited to represent the United States in the 2005 International Negotiation Competition July 4-8 in Dublin, Ireland.

The competition is sponsored by the Law School of the Law Society of Ireland and the Honorable Society of King's Inns in Dublin, Ireland.

Gibbs and fellow student Mandy Gundlach, coached by Law School associate deans Brian Shannon and Nancy Soonpaa, is the first duo from Texas Tech to be invited to the International Negotiation Competition, which began in 1998. Texas Tech has won the national Negotiation Competition twice and has had numerous top-five finishes.

Gibbs and Gundlach will face off against teams from Ireland, Canada, England, Denmark, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore, Puerto Rico, South Korea and Scotland. They will also have an audience and tea with the president of Ireland.

Texas Tech Law School Dean Walter Huffman said competitions like the International Negotiation Competition and those sponsored by the American Bar Association are invaluable for preparing students to be lawyers.

"The practice of law is not just about trying cases, but good lawyers also develop other critical practice skills such as negotiating on behalf of their clients' interests, and doing so in an ethical manner," Huffman said.

"At Tech Law, we have a long tradition of preparing students to practice law from their first day on the job. Being involved in competitions that highlight essential lawyering skills is a key way to produce better lawyers. Mandy, Joy, and their coaches have worked very hard this year. We're absolutely thrilled that they will represent both Texas Tech Law School and the United States at this prestigious international competition."

CANYON — Degrees were officially conferred on 650 West Texas A&M University students during spring commencement held recently at the WTAMU Event Center. The university awarded 503 baccalaureate and 147 master's degrees.

Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as honor graduates and wore gold honor cords. The three levels of honor recognition are summa cum laude (3.90-4.00), magna cum laude (3.75-3.89) and cum laude (3.50-3.74).

The WTAMU Class of 2005 included 31 graduates with summa cum laude honors, 30 students with magna

cum laude honors and 84 with cum laude honors.

The spring graduates included: Susan M. Furgason, master of education degree, Stacy C. Hamilton, bachelor of business administration degree, Chera L. Harrison, bachelor of general studies degree, Jeremy K. Huffman, master of business administration degree, Lena K. Mendoza, BGS, cum laude, Hayle S. Monds, bachelor of science degree, summa cum laude, Alicia L. Nicholas, BGS, Anna M. Resendiz, BBA, Angela E. Roberts, MED, Windy T. Wagner, BA, cum laude, and Mandy J. Waldrip, MBA, all of Pampa.

Angela D. Bivins, BBA, and Jake W. Ramp, BS, both of Canadian; Cody D. Britten, bachelor of applied arts and sciences degree, and Julie D. Richardson, BS, both of Groom; and Suzanne C. Lee, BS, magna cum laude, of Wheeler.

Lance Edward Burton of Pampa was recently selected for induction into Alpha Chi, a national honor society recognizing the highest 10 percent in academic standing of junior and senior students at McMurry University in Abilene.

Kelly Stowers of Pampa was recently named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges at McMurry University in Abilene. Who's Who is a national honors program.

Inclusion into Who's Who is bestowed upon students exhibiting outstanding campus leadership and scholastic achievement.

Lance Edward Burton and Kelley Renee Stowers, both of Pampa, were named to the Dean's List at McMurry University in Abilene for the 2005 spring semester.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university.

Lance Edward Burton, a political science and sociology major from Pampa, graduated cum laude from McMurry University in Abilene this spring.

Bishop Dan E. Solomon, bishop-in-residence at McMurry and president of Texas United Methodist College Association, was the keynote speaker at the commencement ceremonies. The Rev. Kathryn Boren delivered the baccalaureate sermon.

Michael R. Ruff, CPA/PFS, CFP, CFE, CSA, of Pampa, has been named an officer of the Kansas City Life Insurance Company President's Club, an elite group of agents who have achieved high production and retention standards within a 36-month qualification period.

Ruff was chosen as Vice President, Persistency, for 2005-06. He has been affiliated with Kansas City Life and the Albers Financial Group, Scottsdale, Ariz., since 1995.

During his 10-year affiliation with Kansas City Life, Ruff has qualified for six President's Club and Top Hatters conferences.

ABILENE — Wyatt E. Fenno, a native of Lefors, was recently awarded a doctor of ministry degree from Abilene Christian University during spring commencement.

Fenno is the son of C.E. and JoAnn Fenno of Pampa.

Cradle call



Charles Roy McGee

Charles Roy McGee was born at 3:13 p.m. April 24 at University Medical Center in Lubbock, to Wayne and Shelly McGee of Lubbock. At birth, the infant weighed 8-pounds and was 21-inches long. He is the grandson of Roger and Shari Davenport of Miami and Richard and Ann McGee of Fort Stockton.

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

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TUESDAY	Senior Citizens MONDAY
Breakfast: Egg patties, toast.	Closed.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets or ham sandwiches, mashed potatoes, English peas, pineapple, rolls.	TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY	Chicken fried steak or teriyaki chicken/rice, mashed potatoes, carrots, spinach, beans, milk chocolate cake or cherry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits.	WEDNESDAY
Lunch: Spaghetti or ham sandwiches, green beans, corn, applesauce, bread sticks.	Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, California blend, hominy, beans, hurricane oatmeal cake or peach cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
THURSDAY	THURSDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.	Chicken strips or meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, succotash, fried squash, beans, black forest cake or lemon icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.
Lunch: Chicken salad sandwiches or ham sandwiches, vegetarian beans, carrot sticks, peaches.	FRIDAY
FRIDAY	Catfish/hushpuppies or spaghetti/meatballs, potato wedges, broccoli/cheese, beans, brownies or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls or cornbread.
Breakfast: Cereal, toast.	Meals On Wheels MONDAY
Lunch: Hamburgers or ham sandwiches, French fries, lettuce/tomatoes, pickles, pears, pudding.	Closed.
Lunch in the Park MONDAY	TUESDAY
Closed.	Sausage/cabbage, blackeyed peas, fried potatoes, cake.
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Ham sandwiches, cheese portion, raisins, applesauce cups.	Pork roast, green beans/tomatoes, pears, cornbread salad.
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Hamburgers, cheese portion, pickle spear, peach cups.	Chicken spaghetti, pickled beets, peas, pineapple.
THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken salad sandwiches, cheese portions, baby carrots, applesauce cups.	Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, autumn salad.
FRIDAY	
Bean/cheese burritos, cheese portions, peach cups.	
Kid's Cafe-Wilson MONDAY	
Closed.	
WEDNESDAY	
Taco casserole, salad, pinto beans, dessert, treat.	
Kid's Cafe-Lamar TUESDAY	
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Smuggler pipelines channel illegal immigrants into United States from nations with terror ties

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA and OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ
Associated Press Writers

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — The men flocked to the cafe under the sign with the cedar tree, symbol of their Mideast home. In this alien border land, it was the beacon that led to an Arab "brother" who would help them complete their journey from Lebanon into America.

They would come to find Salim Boughader Mucharrافی — the cafe owner who catered to some of Tijuana's more affluent denizens, including workers at the U.S. consulate. His American customers were unaware that the boss of La Libanesa cafe ran a less reputable business on the side.

Until his arrest in December 2002, Boughader smuggled about 200 Lebanese compatriots into the United States, including sympathizers of Hezbollah, designated a terrorist organization by U.S. authorities. One client worked for a Hezbollah-owned television net-

work, which glorifies suicide bombers and is itself on an American terror watch list.

"If they had the cedar on their passport, you were going to help them," Boughader told The Associated Press from a Mexico City prison, where he faces charges following a human-smuggling conviction in the United States. "What's the crime in bringing your brother so that he can get out of a war zone?"

A report released by the Sept. 11 commission staff last year examining how terrorists travel the world cited Boughader as the only "human smuggler with suspected links to terrorists" convicted to date in the United States.

He is not unique. After Boughader was locked up, other smugglers continued to help Hezbollah-affiliated migrants in

their effort to illicitly enter from Tijuana, a U.S. immigration investigator said in Mexican court documents obtained by the AP.

Another smuggling network that is controlled by Sri Lanka's Tamil Tiger rebel group tried sneaking

of people into the United States from so-called "special-interest" countries.

The AP reviewed hundreds of pages of court indictments, affidavits, congressional testimony and government reports, and conducted dozens of interviews in Mexico and the United States to determine how migrants from countries with terrorist ties were brought illegally to America.

Many of the travelers, unassociated with any extremist group, genuinely came fleeing war or in search of work. Some committed fraud to obtain Social Security numbers, driver's licenses or false immigration documents, court records showed.

One, Lebanese carpenter Mahmoud Youssef Kourani, admitted spending part of his time in the United States raising money to support Hezbollah — at least \$40,000, according to an FBI affidavit.

U.S. homeland security officials maintain they know of no cases of al-Qaida operatives using smuggling operations to enter over the northern or southern boundaries, though they warn that intelligence suggests the terror group is eyeing the borders as a way in.

"Several al-Qaida leaders believe operatives can pay their way into the country through Mexico ...," Jim Loy, deputy secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, told a congressional committee in February. Further, he said, "entrenched human smuggling networks and corruption in areas beyond our borders can be exploited by terrorist organizations."

The Boughader case and others show just how easy it would be. Smugglers employ recruiters and facilitators in such "special-interest" countries as Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Iraq and Pakistan. One immigrant testified in a 2002 case about a "market of passports" in Iraq where individuals could illegally purchase travel documents.

These "special-interest" smugglers use staging areas and transportation coordinators in such places as Quito, Ecuador; Lima, Peru; Cali, Colombia; and Guatemala City. They pay for foot guides, drivers and stash-house operators in Mexico and the United States.

They have moved people by plane — into suburban Washington, D.C., Florida, California. And they have crossed clients in vehicles or on foot into Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California and over the Canadian border.

They have partnered with other smugglers transporting Mexican or Central American migrants.

"People from places in the Middle East will hear about who to go through, and they tend to be people from their same country, but once you get into the system we saw associations that really were driven by, 'What's the most effective way for me to move my product?'" said Laura Ingersoll, an assistant U.S. attorney in Washington, D.C.

"A Mafia," is how one of Boughader's clients, Roland Nassib Maksud, once described the business.

Maksud, a liquor distributor, traveled from Lebanon to Mexico on a legal visa in late 2000, he told investigators in Mexican court documents. Two compatriots passed along Boughader's name for help crossing the U.S. border.

Boughader informed his newest client the fee would be \$2,000 up front, plus another \$2,000 once Maksud was in the States. In January 2001, Maksud was taken to a house on the Mexican side where migrants of "different nationalities" were awaiting passage, he told investigators. One morning, he was crammed into the

trunk of a vehicle and driven through the border port of entry.

Other people-couriers, including convicted smuggler Mohammed Hussein Assadi, use altered passports to fly clients to the United States. Assadi schooled his Iraqi customers to carry nothing identifying them as Arab. He advised one migrant to shave his mustache, still another to get a "European" haircut, U.S. court records showed.

Central and South America are popular transit points. Assadi, an Iranian, worked from Ecuador.

Bribery is also common. Boughader's clients told U.S. and Mexican investigators they paid thousands to obtain fraudulent visas from Mexico's consular office in Beirut.

Former U.S. immigration supervisor Maximiano Ramos admitted taking \$12,500 to smuggle immigrants from the Philippines, home of the al-Qaida-linked militant group Abu Sayyaf. From 1996 to 2002, at least 40 migrants were diverted from connecting flights at Los Angeles International Airport and escorted out by security guards while Ramos was on duty.

Linda Sesi, an assistant ombudsman for the city of Detroit, is awaiting trial on charges of conspiring with four others to smuggle more than 200 migrants from Iraq, Jordan and other Middle Eastern countries into the United States from 2001 until last September.

Some say human smuggling is too risky to be used by terror operatives. But a former Sept. 11 commission counsel, Janice Kephart, said smuggling already is a chosen transportation mode for such groups.

Intelligence suggests that since 1999 human smugglers have facilitated the travel of terrorists associated with more than a dozen groups, according to the Sept. 11 commission travel report that Kephart helped write.

Terrorist groups, including al-Qaida, "use human smugglers and document forgers to a great extent," Kephart said. "It only makes sense that they would transfer that to infiltrate the United States."

Dismantling groups smuggling people from countries with terrorist ties is a priority, said John Torres, ICE's deputy assistant director for smuggling. But often when one smuggler is busted another eagerly fills his shoes.

Following Boughader's arrest, smuggling of Lebanese through Tijuana ceased for several months, ICE investigator Ramon Romo said in court documents filed in Mexico. Then intelligence in April 2003 revealed that five members of Hezbollah were preparing to cross the border, Romo stated. Mexican authorities made some arrests.

Kourani entered the United States via the Lebanon-Tijuana pipeline, in Beirut to get a Mexican visa, according to court documents. On Feb. 4, 2001, he and another man were smuggled into California in the hidden compartment of a vehicle.

Last month, Kourani was sentenced to 4 1/2 years in prison for conspiring to provide material support to a terrorist group.

Boughader acknowledged transporting a Lebanese man who worked at al-Manar, a global satellite television network owned and operated by Hezbollah and included on the U.S. State Department's Terror Exclusion List.

"I regret that what I was doing is against the law," said Boughader, a Mexican of Lebanese descent, "but I don't regret what I did to help people."

People are still getting such help. "The checks they do at the border are still very bad," Boughader said, "because, regardless of everything, it is still easy to cross."

EDITOR'S NOTE — Pauline Arrillaga, an AP national writer, reported from Phoenix. Olga R. Rodriguez, AP's correspondent in Monterrey, Mexico, reported from Tijuana and Mexico City.

AP INVESTIGATION: Border Insecurity

four Tigers over the California-Mexico border not long after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, said Steven Schultz, of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE. The four were caught.

An AP investigation found these are just some of the many pipelines in Latin America and Canada that have illegally channeled thousands

This Week: Dive into handling your finances — which might look like putting in overtime.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★ ★ ★ You might be out of kilter, and whatever you hear or see could trigger you. Take a personal day to pull away from your immediate world. You need lots of rest. You have pushed very hard. Let someone's criticism go. Tonight: Screen calls.

This Week: You peak from Tuesday on.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ News from a distance certainly gets you going. Realize that your initial reaction could change, especially during a discussion with a key person. Let go of this issue for now. Go to a ballgame or join friends. Tonight: Where you want to be.

This Week: You might want to keep to yourself, if possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★ ★ ★ Others look to you for leadership and direction. Know when you have had enough. Let someone else take the role of leader of the gang. Don't be pushed by a close loved one. Just say no. Tonight: Call an older relative. He or she is delighted to hear from you.

This Week: The weekend renewed your energy. Such enthusiasm!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ Take off, if you can. A day away from your life could do you more good than you realize. A partner might be difficult or angry. You need space right now. You'll come back later with a smile and a new point of view. Tonight: Understand rather than fight.

This Week: Demands and responsibilities greet you on Tuesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★ ★ ★ ★ Let a partner make his or her choices, as you really cannot control him or her. Realize that you have had a strong say recently. Let this person express his or her feelings and thoughts. You might like what happens. Tonight: Continue the theme.

This Week: Don't get tied up in uproar or gossip. You want facts only.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★ ★ ★ ★ You have the personality to draw out others' points of view. Merging your creativity and imagination allows many possibilities. If someone wants to go in a different direction, let him or her. Variety is the spice of life. Tonight: You know what you want. Go for it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★ ★ ★ You could feel pressured and very tired. Though summer isn't the right season, you might have a Scrooge attack. Take some time away from others. Don't let negativity interfere with your relationships. Tonight: Early to bed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ You say exactly what you think or feel. Others respond to your openness. When you're around, the good times flow. Others relax and lighten up. They see what they normally don't. Dreams can happen in this climate. Tonight: You could go till the wee hours.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★ ★ ★ You might be the chief cook or organizer. Whatever you do, you do well, with excellence and efficiency. You have an idea for a get-together. Carry through with it. Pressure builds with a willful family member. Tonight: The lead actor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★ ★ ★ ★ Travel might figure into your plans. On the other hand, others might be coming to visit you from a distance. Whatever you do, use that touch of creativity you are known for. You make whatever happens fun. Go with a change of plans. Tonight: Look beyond the obvious.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★ ★ ★ Listen to a partner or friend. In fact, follow his or her lead. You will know what to do. Remember, you can only stretch your budget so far. Keep that in mind, and make plans that don't break the bank. Tonight: Spend time with your

★ ★ ★ ★ Others make overtures that could delight you but might cause a hassle for someone else. Right now, you don't want to deal with this person or problem. Set guidelines. Then you can be more comfortable. Tonight: Out where people are.

This Week: Work with one person at a time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★ ★ ★ Get into a book or project. A family member needs time and attention. Move furniture (maybe this will change his or her mood), or help this person work through his or her mood in some other way. Together you make a great team. Tonight: Start thinking about tomorrow.

This Week: Network and socialize, as you might not be in a heavy work mode.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★ ★ ★ ★ You are more playful and lively than usual — which says a lot. Others have a great time. Make an effort toward someone who has been reticent or out of kilter. Add more joy to life — yours and others'. Tonight: Paint the town red.

This Week: You relax with a major project. Don't get distracted.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★ ★ ★ Home is where it's at. Know when to say no to excessive spending. On the other hand, if you continue on this route, you might want to consider putting in overtime or getting a second job. Don't be uppity if you can help it. Tonight: At home.

This Week: Staying on topic might be close to impossible. Your mind is elsewhere.

BORN TODAY

Actor Tom Cruise (1962), TV journalist

Geraldo Rivera (1943), novelist Franz

Kafka (1883)

★ ★ ★

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, July 3, 2005:

You need to listen to your inner voice more frequently. You'll discover how intuitive you can be. Others, especially superiors, push you hard. Don't let them. You might want to start your own home business. If you detach and pull away from the uproar, you'll get answers. Learn to handle your emotions through understanding others' motives. If you are single, carefully check out anyone you meet before getting involved. This person might not be all he or she seems. Winter provides an interesting new friend. If you are attached, spend more quiet time away together, but also individually. Reveal more of your private thoughts. GEMINI is a natural healer.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Others present many ideas. In general, others seem positive and ready. You might meet unexpected resistance. Get over it. Get together with friends. A friend could push you very hard. The end results are positive. Tonight: Happy as a clam.

This Week: You might never get into this week. Think of maybe taking off!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★ ★ ★ Unexpected changes could impact your plans. Your finances seem to be out of control, or perhaps you have made too many commitments. Give yourself permission to change your plans. Don't blame anyone for your problems. Tonight: Accept your responsibilities.

This Week: Many messages greet you. You might be busy clearing them out until Thursday.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★ ★ ★ ★ You might jolt someone with a new stance or a different view. On the other hand, you might see someone very differently than you have in the past. Join in with friends. Let go of serious concerns, for now. Tonight: Live for the moment.

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, July 4, 2005:

Others prove to be instrumental this year, when even more major issues enter your life. You will profit financially and emotionally through associates. You might have a tendency to feel that you never have enough money. An investment will be slow to come to fruition. Unexpected elements involving education, foreigners or travel open new mental doors; walk on through. Some might go back to school to learn a new field. Much attention will surround your family and home through October. You will be sprucing up the pad or maybe moving to a new home. If you are single, from the winter on you could meet someone who makes your heart throb. Lucky you! If you are attached, your relationship will build with careful nurturing. If you're at the right age, you might be adding to your family. GEMINI understands you.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★ ★ ★ Your chattiness could carry many through an awkward moment or two. What someone says might get your dander up. Try to think in terms of the way this person thinks. You'll understand much more. Tonight: You're likely to chat till the wee hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★ ★ ★ Someone puts pressure on you. Though you might feel this tension financially, you could also feel disappointed by this situation emotionally. While out and about, you project creativity and don't let others see this hassle. Tonight: Treat yourself, for a change.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

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formalities or technicalities. /s/ Phyllis Jeffers City Secretary C-48 June 26, July 3, 2005

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These Texas Lottery Commission scratch-off games will close on July 31, 2005. You have until January 27, 2006, to redeem any tickets for these games: #455 9'S IN A LINE (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.68, #456 CASINO BINGO (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.55, #480 COOL 5'S (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.14, #489 SUNNY MONEY (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.85, #522 BONUS NUMBERS (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 4.79, #525 MYSTERY MONEY (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.39. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including \$599. Prizes of \$600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over \$999,999 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at 1-800-37-LOTTO or visit the Lottery Web site at www.txlottery.org for more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures and final decisions of the Executive Director. A scratch-off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. Play responsibly. Remember, it's just a game. The Texas Lottery supports Texas education by contributing to the Foundation School Fund. C-50 July 3, 2005

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 The City of Lefors, Texas will receive sealed bids for the sale of the following until 4:00 p.m. July 11, 2005. The bids will be opened and read publicly during the regular meeting of the Lefors City Council beginning at 7:00 p.m. July 11, 2005 at the Lefors Civic Center, 103 N. Court St., Lefors, Gray County, Texas.

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1711 Aspen	\$49,500	3/1/1	1200 SF/GCAD
2705 Navajo	\$46,900	3/1.75/1	1125 SF/GCAD
2121 Chestnut	\$45,000	3/2/1	1332 SF/GCAD
2126 N. Russell	\$38,000	2/2/None	1485 SF/GCAD
2122 Hamilton	\$35,000	3/1/None	1212 SF/GCAD
615 Frost	\$35,000	3/1/1	1308 SF/GCAD
2314 Mary Ellen	\$32,500	3/1/1	1148 SF/GCAD
1534 Hamilton	\$31,000	2/1/1	1293 SF/GCAD
2630 Seminole	\$28,500	2/1/None	1020 SF/GCAD
1324 Gariand	\$28,500	2/1/1	909 SF/GCAD
1013 Mary Ellen	\$26,000	2/1/1	1280 SF/GCAD
1105 Gariand	\$25,000	2/HT cp	898 SF/GCAD

LAMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT		South West	
1512 Oklahoma	\$71,500	2/1/2	1669 SF/GCAD
304 N. West	\$46,500	2/1.5/1 cp	2288 SF/GCAD
200 N. Sumner	\$28,500	3 or 4/1/1 cp	1452 SF/GCAD
405 N. Somerville	\$19,000	2/1/1	936 SF/GCAD
936 S. Nelson	\$8,500	1/1/1	560 SF/GCAD

TRAVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT		West and North West	
1801 Lynn	\$92,000	4/2/2	1892 SF/GCAD
1520 N. Zimmers	\$89,900	3/1.75/2	1542 SF/GCAD
2232 N. Sumner	\$79,500	4/1.5/2	1894 SF/GCAD
1032 Sierra	\$74,900	3/1.75/2	1505 SF/GCAD
1932 N. Zimmers	\$67,500	3/1.75/2	2150 SF/GCAD
2237 N. Zimmers	\$59,900	3/1.75/2	1226 SF/GCAD
2105 N. Banks	\$57,500	3/1.75/1 cp	1632 SF/GCAD
825 N. Wells	\$49,000	3/1.75/1	1186 SF/GCAD
825 N. Wells	\$38,000	3/2/1 cp	1612 SF/GCAD
809 N. Dwight	\$31,000	3/2/1	1269 SF/GCAD
1800 Faulkner	\$29,900	2/1/1	1405 SF/GCAD
1129 Seneca	\$29,500	3/1/1	864 SF/GCAD
623 Roberta	\$28,500	2/1/1	845 SF/GCAD
638 N. Banks	\$23,000	3/1/None	1197 SF/GCAD

WILSON SCHOOL DISTRICT		South East	
106 S. Cuyler	\$89,000	3/2/2	3560 SF/GCAD
812 Denver	\$68,000	3	Mobile Homes
615 Tignor	\$35,000	3/1.5/2	1368 SF/GCAD
604 Red Deer	\$33,000	2/1/None	1081 SF/GCAD
415 N. Warren	\$24,500	3/1.5/2 cp	812 SF/GCAD
1329 E. Kingsmill	\$23,000	2/1/1	679 SF/GCAD
623 Sloan	\$19,900	2/1/2 det	936 SF/GCAD
821 Lefors	\$16,000	3/1/2 det	1056 SF/GCAD

OTHER AREAS		Outside Pampa City Limits	
10268 Hwy. 60 Canadian	\$245,000	3/2	

Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

The story behind the Art: PPHM hosting special western exhibit

CANYON — The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum is currently featuring the nationally-touring exhibition "Capturing Western Legends: Russell and Remington's Canadian Frontiers." This exhibition is organized and circulated by the Glenbow Museum in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

PPHM is the only venue west of the Mississippi to host the exhibition. The exhibition will close on Aug. 21 and return to the Glenbow Museum. One of the more than 100 pieces in the exhibition is "Frederic Remington's An Indian Trapper."

Frederic Remington, a PPHM news release said, was deeply impressed by the Blackfoot and mixed bloods he saw in Alberta on his first visit in April 1887. He photographed and sketched them, and the images he fashioned appeared in Harper's Weekly magazine over six months.

In 1902, Remington created a popular print series of what he called Western "types." He emphasized the

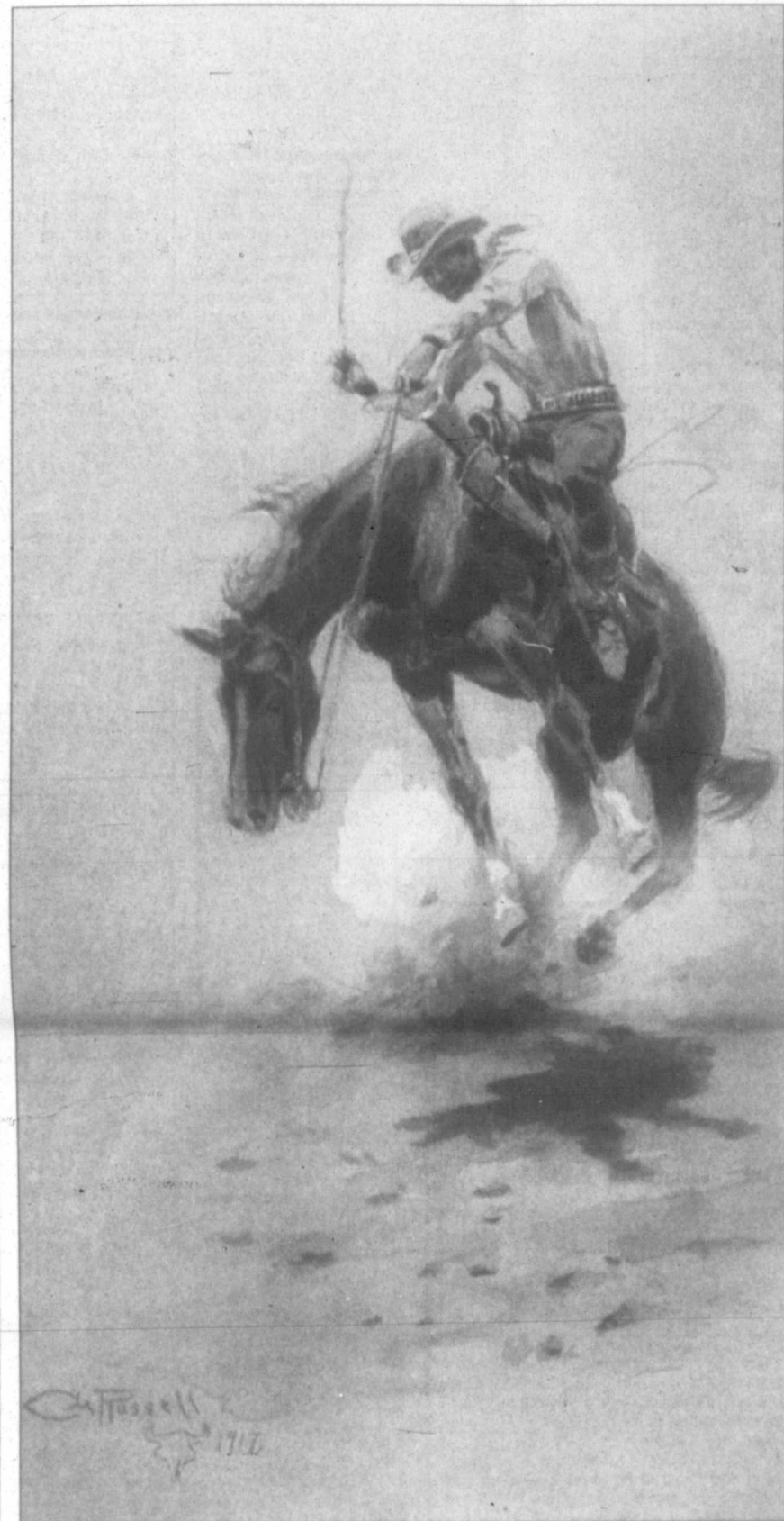
the leggings appealed to Remington's artistic tastes, and he depicted them in numerous important paintings and illustrations. Wolf fur, a magpie head, and its long tail feather decorate the Blackfoot bonnet.

In Remington and Charles M. Russell's paintings, this distinctive headdress frequently appears to identify a Blackfoot warrior.

called the Blood); the Pikani (including the Amsskaapikani in Montana and Apatohsipikani in Southern Alberta; these are also called Peigan); and the Siksika (Blackfoot; also called the Northern Blackfoot).

They share a common language and a common culture. They intermarried and fought to keep common enemies such as the Sioux and Crow from their

Free July 4th



In honor of Independence Day, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon is offering a special discount to visitors on Monday, July 4, to see the nationally touring exhibition "Capturing Western Legends: Russell and Remington's Canadian Frontier." For any additional information, contact the museum at (806) 651-2243.



Artist Frederic Remington, (1861-1909), painted this oil on canvas in 1889. It is entitled "An Indian Trapper."

picturesque clothing and certain facial characteristics of frontier people, grouping them as scouts, trappers, cowboys, and "half-breeds" or "breeds" as seen in An Indian Trapper.

The images of Remington's western "types" were wide spread, and Easterners thought they saw and knew the true frontier through Remington's art.

The trapper's rifle and clothes reflect Canadian origins, and his defiant glance seems to challenge the viewer and any changes to his traditional way of life. He carries what is probably British-made "Indian trade gun" probably acquired from the Hudson's Bay Company.

The coats he wears was made from Hudson's Bay Co. trade blankets during the 1800s. They were popular with a number of native people including the Blackfoot and the Métis in the southern areas of the Canadian frontier.

The trapper also wears leggings and a headdress Remington bought for his studio collection while in Alberta in 1887 or 1890. The distinctive horizontal stripes and heavy leather fringe of

Commonly called Blackfoot in Canada, and Blackfeet in the United States, these native peoples have different names for themselves.

They recognize three Blackfoot tribes: the Kainai (Many Leaders; also

territory. For more information on Capturing Western Legends, ticket prices, and the museum, visit the PPHM's website at www.panhandleplains.org or call 806-651-2244.

Lake Meredith NRA losing two key fire personnel

FRITCH — Karren Brown, superintendent of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries, recently announced staff changes at the recreation area. Fire Program Assistant Tambre Lumpkin has left the park area to be with her husband who was transferred by Conoco Phillips to Midland in 2004.

Josh Erickson has accepted a promotion as GS-8/9 Fuels Management specialist at the Bridger-Tetons National Forest in Wyoming. While at Lake Meredith NRA, Erickson was a GS-7 Forestry (Fuels) technician.

Lumpkin began her career with the National Park Service in 1998 as a seasonal GS-4 Visitor Use assistant. Part of her duties was collecting fees for boat permits and park passes and greeting visitors at the park headquarters in Fritch.

In 2002, Lumpkin became GS-5 Fire Program assistant in charge of the primary administrative function of the prescribed fire program for Lake Meredith/Alibates Fire Group consisting of Washita Battlefield National Historic Site, Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Capulin Volcano National Monument, Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site as well as the newly established Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site.

Lumpkin also participated in many national call-outs including the Columbia Space Shuttle Discovery, wildfires across the nation and other federally-funded public emer-

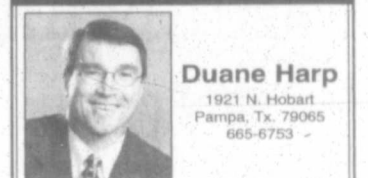
gency projects. "We wish Tambre and her family all the best at their new home," stated Brown. "Over the past few years, Tambre has assisted in keeping hundreds of firefighters fed, housed, paid and cared for! She has been a great asset to the local and national fire community."

Erickson came to Meredith from Bandelier National Monument in April 2004. He has provided a variety of mandatory training for firefighters and other staff, assisted with the writing of various fire management plans, and led crews on several prescribed burns at Meredith and with the Southern Plains Fire Group.

Erickson, the park service said, was "detailed as a single fire resource throughout the United States for the past several years."

"Josh," Brown said, "has been an excellent employee who gained the respect of his peers and is well liked by the fire team and other park employees. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors, wherever they take him across the nation."

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West Texas A&M among state's top 25 for HUB participation

CANYON — West Texas A&M University and seven other members of The Texas A&M University System were among the top 25 agencies recognized statewide for buying goods and services provided by companies certified as Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs).

The rankings are based on the semi-annual report for fiscal year 2005 and reported by the Texas Procurement and Building Commission.

More than 25 percent (\$1,917,103) of West Texas A&M's total expenditures for goods and services (\$7,558,559) went to HUBs.

West Texas A&M University has a history of sponsoring seminars and networking opportunities for HUBs.

This is the third consecutive semi-annual reporting period in which the A&M System has increased its minority and women-owned business participation, spending more than \$51 million out of a total of more than \$252 million, or 20.56 percent, for goods and services through the HUB program.

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