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School arrests up from 2004, PD report says

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

The arrest report for the spring 2005 semester for Pampa Independent School District shows an increase over the fall 2004

totals, according to information provided by Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner to the school district.

The report will be presented at Thursday's 6 p.m. meeting of the PISD Board of

Education, at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

"The spring semester numbers increased somewhat from the fall. This could be from several things . . . I have compared our overall numbers (comparing the school to our off

campus activity), and all of our numbers are up and the local crime rate has increased slightly. The Pampa Police Department's overall activity has increased in the spring

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Pair of Pampa youths attacked by bear

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A 14-year-old Pampa boy has been treated and released from a Colorado hospital after a black bear attacked him and his 12-year-old cousin as they slept in a tent at a campground outside Coaldale, Colo.

Keelan Patton received 14 stitches in one hand. He also suffered an abrasion to his face, teeth marks on his head, and other abrasions and bruises.

His cousin, Brenden Rice, was not injured in the attack, said Clay Rice of Pampa, Brenden's father.

"He's doing fine, and so is our nephew Keelan," Rice said this morning in a telephone interview.

A black bear entered the boys' tent at about 1 a.m. Tuesday. Patton's mother, grandmother, and sister were sleeping in a nearby camper.

Patton first knew something was wrong when he felt pressure, Rice said. As Patton struggled with the bear, Brendan was able to escape the tent and run to the camper for help.

"The women heard the screaming, and by then the bear had run off," Rice said.

Colorado Division of Wildlife officers looked for the bear, which will be killed if found, according to a story by the Associated Press. Division spokesman Mike Seraphin said officers found paw prints around the tent, and Patton described other identifying features of the bear.

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Pond tour

A turquoise-colored pond at the home of Doug and Teresa Davis features a "turtle" crawling up out of the water onto the rocks. The Davis' home is one of 15 included in this year's koi pond tour, Saturday, July 23. The tour, sponsored by Las Pampas Koi and Water Garden Society, will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and from 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 200 N. Ballard; West Texas Landscaping, 120 S. Hobart; or any society member.

City preparing to address 'tear-down list'

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Cleaning house will take on a whole new meaning next week as the City of Pampa begins tearing down abandoned structures and clearing lots.

Pampa City Manager John Horst said the city should begin tearing down houses next week as part of a clean up campaign.

Some of the structures have come to the city through default on taxes. In many instances, Horst said, property owners have given the city permission to take down the houses.

Horst said the city is renting a large backhoe on tracks with a claw on the bucket for the project. The bucket has a 'thumb' on it, he said, that would enable the backhoe operator to crush the structure, pick up the splintered wood and load it in a truck for the trip to the landfill.

In the past, Horst said, the city has simply taken a bulldozer to the property and leveled everything. He said they tore down any structures, ripped up the concrete and pushed over trees.

'We won't destroy any trees unless absolutely necessary.'

— John Horst Pampa city manager

With the large backhoe, he said they will be able to take down the structure without having to tear out trees.

"We won't destroy any trees unless absolutely necessary," Horst said.

The timber from the houses will go to the landfill. The concrete will go to the concrete stockpile at the landfill but won't fill up the landfill pit.

The city has some 400 vacant buildings on its list to tear down.

"There's a large volume of condemned properties," Horst said.

Utah company hired to investigate TAKS cheating within state

DALLAS (AP) — Texas will pay a Utah test security company to investigate allegations of cheating on the state's high-stakes standardized test.

Caveon has been hired as a sub-

contractor for Pearson Educational Measurement, which oversees testing for the Texas Education Agency. The company will be paid with tax dollars, but Caveon vice president Don Sorensen said he

could not say how much his firm would make.

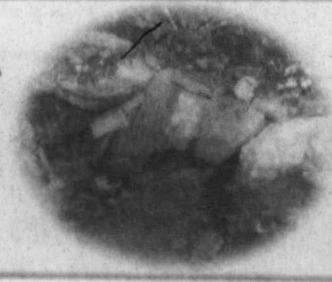
Caveon will analyze scores from this spring's Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills or TAKS. The company will look for unusual

patterns in the scores, such as a student whose scores went from poor to stellar in one year or classrooms where all students answered the same questions the same way.

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Obituaries

Elvira Guerra, 64

Elvira Guerra, 64, of Pampa, Texas, died Monday, July 18, 2005, at Pampa. Rosary will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, 2005, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, and funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 21, 2005, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating.

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

Mrs. Guerra was born March 16, 1941, in Amarillo. She married Edward Guerra on Dec. 8, 1958, in Amarillo. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1958.

Mrs. Guerra worked for the Coronado Inn, and the Best Western Northgate Inn for 30 years. She was a member of St. Vincent de

Paul Catholic Church and a Guadalupana.

Survivors include her husband, Edward Guerra, of the home; one daughter, Tina Marie Williams of Joshua; two sons, Edward Guerra, Jr., of Amarillo, and Danny Guerra of Corsicana; two sisters, Concha Diaz of Pampa and Mary Lou Olivarez of Dalhart; two brothers, Raul Ramirez of Thornton, Colo., and Chico Ramirez of Pampa; and eight grandchildren, Erica Williams, Erin Williams, Tyler Williams, Matthew Guerra, Haleigh Guerra, Taylor Brooke Guerra, Michelle Arriaga, and Becky Stroh.

The family requests memorials be to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 810 W. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065.

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



Guerra

William Crosswell (W.C.) Epperson, 82

William Crosswell (W.C.) Epperson, 82, of Buda, Texas, formerly of Pampa, Texas, passed away on July 17, 2005. He was born in Winchester, Kentucky, on May 3, 1923. His parents, Orban Scott and Minnie Epperson, and older sister Nancy Avery preceded him in death.

W.C. leaves behind his loving wife and best friend of 60 years, 11 months, Betty Jo Epperson. He is also survived by his children, son, Gary Epperson and wife, Vickie, of Pampa, Texas, son Scott Epperson and wife, Donna, of Buda, Texas, son John Epperson and wife, Becky, of Lubbock, daughter Betty Ann Epperson of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and his brother Buddy Epperson and wife, Joyce, of Pampa, Texas, and sister Jean Johnston of Odessa, Texas, nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and other loving family and friends including Mario Zorati of Padova, Italy, their foreign exchange student of 1968.

W.C. and Betty went to high school together in Pampa, Texas, and were married August 15, 1944. They lived in Pampa until W.C. retired from farming in October 1999 and moved to Buda, Texas. W.C. was a graduate of Pampa High School in 1941 and was a member of FFA. After their wedding W.C. and Betty made their home in Pampa where W.C. farmed for 58 years.

He was a major organizer in starting the Farm Bureau of Gray County in September 1959 and severed as their first membership chairman. He was also among the first farmers in the Panhandle to introduce irrigation farming, drilling the first irrigation well in the Pampa area. He had many accomplishments as a farmer throughout his career.

In the 1950's he won a First Place Ribbon at the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo and a

Second Place Ribbon in the Chicago Exposition for grain sorghum entries. In May 1959 he was honored by the Texas Soil & Water Conservation Association for being in the top 25 soil and water conservationist in Texas. W.C. was a member of the Southern Hills Church of Christ in Buda, Texas, and the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa, Texas. He served as deacon for 10 years for his church in Pampa.

W.C. loved farming. In addition to raising wheat, maize, corn, and cotton, he grew vegetables and had a vegetable stand in Pampa for many years. Area people came for miles to buy his farm fresh tomatoes, blackeyed peas, okra, watermelons, and much more. The only thing he loved more than farming and his family was Harvester football and basketball.

Even after he moved to Buda he had a weekly report on the athletic teams called to him from his grandson, Greg Epperson. W.C. would even take the time to call and talk with the coach. In 1968 W.C. and Betty opened their home and welcomed a foreign exchange student. They maintained a very close relationship.

W.C. loved his church family, eating catfish and steak, music, and talking to people. There was never a stranger in the room when W.C. was there. He loved the rich warm soil, the rain and a field of golden wheat. He had a loving heart and open spirit for his Lord. W.C. was a loving Christian, husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

The family will receive friends and family from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 22, 2005, at the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ building. Services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 23, 2005, at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. Interment will follow services at Memory Gardens.

Services tomorrow

GUERRA, Elvira — Funeral mass, 10 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.

Policy

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time during meetings.

The current policy states that audience participation at a board meeting is limited to the public comment portion of the meeting. A total of 15 minutes for comments is allowed, with three of those minutes available to each person who wishes to speak. Persons who wish to make

public comments must sign up to do so before the meeting begins, and must list the topic on which they plan to speak.

These and other details of current public participation policy may be viewed in the office of the superintendent, at Carver Center.

Fund-raisers for the 2005-06 academic year will be submitted for approval by board members. Eighty-seven fund-raisers by 22 groups are listed for approval for the coming

school year.

The reorganization plan for PISD Central Administration will be offered for approval, as will salary schedules and the superintendent's compensation for the upcoming year. Personnel matters are also listed among the action items.

Discussion items on Thursday's agenda include seating at McNeely Field House, the school district's grading policy, and expense reimbursement for employees.

Reports will be presented on TAKS results, the school district's budget, and arrests made during the spring 2005 semester. A Highly Qualified report and Pampa High School's quarterly report will also be given.

Other items include consideration of purchase of a walk-in freezer for PHS.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrest today.

Tuesday, July 19

Sixteen traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 900 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Rham and Faulkner streets, and the 800 block of Duncan. Motorist assistance was rendered in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

A hit and run accident was reported in the 500 block of West Brown.

Five business alarms were reported.

Welfare checks were made in the 1900 block of North Wells and the 100 block of North Cuyler.

Civil matters were reported in the 100 block of North Sumner, the police department lobby, and the 1000 block of South Sumner.

An animal complaint was received from the intersection of Buckler and Sumner streets.

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 600 block of Short.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

A suspicious vehicle was

reported in the 700 block of South Cuyler.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported twice at One Medical Plaza.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville, the intersection of Varmon and Neel, and the 1300 block of North Starkweather.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 1900 block of North Nelson.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1900 block of North Faulkner.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1900 block of North Christy.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby. Minor injuries were reported.

An offense against family was reported in the 1900 block of North Wells.

Two gas drive-offs were reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. Fuel valued at \$5.86 was taken in one instance, and the other report concerned fuel valued at \$36.

Burglary was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Burglary was reported in the police department lobby. Items were taken from a

trailer. Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of South Christy. A window and door lock were damaged. Estimated cost of damage is \$100.

Information on a theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft of services was reported in the 1000 block of Buckler.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. A bed valued at \$900 was taken from the 1500 block of North Sumner.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of North Dwight.

Wednesday, July 20

Mary Louise Floyd, 31, Mobeetie, was arrested in the emergency room at Pampa Regional Medical Center for public intoxication.

Fire

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

Tuesday, July 19

10:49 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 500 block of Carr on a call for medical assistance.

Stocks

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

Wheat 3.02
Milo 3.60
Corn 4.37
Soybeans 5.86

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

Oxy 79.78 -0.64
BP PLC ADR 64.78 -1.18

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Cabot Oil Gas 36.95 -0.39
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HAL 48.80 -0.44
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KMI 88.43 -1.21
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Report

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and early summer compared to last summer and fall," Pitner said in a letter which includes the report.

The letter is in the agenda packet for Thursday's board meeting.

"I feel no reason for any alarm at this time, but we do need to stay in tune and watch this trend through this next fall. At that time, we may want to re-look at some strategies," Pitner said in the letter, addressed to Superintendent Barry Haenisch.

The report states that there were no elementary campus arrests during the 2005 spring semester.

There were 12 arrests at Pampa Junior High School. These consisted of destruction of property, five arrests; disorderly conduct/disruption of class, four; and sim-

ple assault, three.

Nineteen arrests were made at Pampa High School. They were for disorderly conduct/disruption of class, seven; simple assault, two; theft, one; deadly conduct, one; public intoxication (from marijuana use), one; warrant service, three; and directive to apprehend/pick-up order, four.

High school arrests involve both juvenile and adult student arrests. Persons 17 years of age or older are considered adults, according to the report.

The warrants listed at PHS are for adult students.

Pick-up orders are issued by a court for juvenile probation and parole violations for those who are placed on probation or parole as a juvenile. They may be 17 years old or older when the order is issued, Pitner said in the letter.

The police department's K-9 narcotic dog, Sjeffe, a Belgian malinois handled by Officer Dave Thomas, will be used to conduct searches at Pampa schools in the fall 2005 semester, Pitner said in the letter.

Attack

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Jim Aragon, area wildlife manager, said in the AP story that Patton "did everything right."

"He fought back and was able to fend off the bear," Aragon said in the story.

Seraphin said there was no food in the tent that would have attracted the bear.

The campers are "supposed to come back to Pampa today. They had originally planned to stay until Friday," Rice said.

"I want them to come back. We want to see for ourselves that they're all

right," Rice said.

"There's no words to express how grateful we are that they're okay," he said.

Bears that cross paths with people are relocated, but ones that attack people don't get a second chance, according to the AP.

Seraphin said campers can practice preventive measures to help avoid an unwanted visit from a bear. Campers need to keep their campsite clean and store food in coolers in the trunk of a car or suspended from a tree, at least 10-feet from the ground. Garbage should be put in bear-proof containers.

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Today: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 70. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high around 97. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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

Friday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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

Saturday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high around 98. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 70.

Producers can learn to balance cattle production with wildlife

MIAMI — Producers who want to balance their cattle operations and potential wildlife benefits are invited to attend a seminar Aug. 5 at the Roberts County Community Center, according to a press release from Texas Cooperative Extension.

"One of the most challenging aspects of ranching is the need to balance your time, finances and natural resources between competing production units and entities," said Ken Cearley, Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist in Canyon.

"Cattle and wildlife are often at the top of the list," Cearley said. "In today's agricultural business climate, additional or alternative enterprises are many times being considered by producers."

With this in mind, he said, the Roberts County meeting will discuss what healthy

'In today's agricultural business climate, additional or alternative enterprises are many times being considered by producers.'

— Ken Cearley
TCE wildlife specialist

rangeland looks like, what is necessary to foster sustainable wildlife populations, and ideas about enterprises and activities with the potential to bolster agriculture profitability.

Registration is at 11:30 a.m., immediately followed by a meal sponsored by First Ag Credit.

"In this day and age, it is necessary to use all available resources we have at our fingertips to make our operations more profitable," said Brandon Dukes, Extension agent in Roberts County. "Total Resource

Management is a concept that producers can use to make this happen," Dukes said.

He will kick off the program with a discussion on rangeland health. Rick McDowell of Miami, owner of Top Hand Outfitters, will follow with a discussion on the management of hunting leases.

Luke Lewis of Canadian, a wildlife biologist with Texas Prairie Rivers, will talk about opportunities through Texas Prairie Rivers, which promotes ecotourism in the Texas

Panhandle.

Cearley will wrap up the program with a discussion on balancing the demands of livestock and wildlife.

"Making some well thought-out adjustments to our various involvements on the ranch can yield dividends toward helping families stay on the land," he said. "Ranching is a balancing act, especially when it comes to enterprises which can compete for the same resources."

The program will offer two general continuing education units for pesticide applicators.

Producers from Roberts, Carson, Gray, Armstrong, Wheeler, Hutchinson and Hemphill counties are expected to attend, Dukes said.

Registration is needed by Aug. 1 to help with planning. Call the Extension office in Roberts County at (806)-868-3191.

Pampa High School's class of 1975 planning reunion celebration

Pampa High School's Class of 1975 will hold its 30-year reunion July 29-30.

The reunion will begin with a reception from 7 p.m. to midnight July 29 at Pampa Country Club.

Registration will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon July 30 in the Pampa High School library. A light breakfast will be provided.

A dinner and dance will begin with dinner at 7 p.m. July 30 in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. A group picture will be taken at 8 p.m., followed by a dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

For more information, contact Dan Morrison at 665-3228 or Beverly Bradford Alexander at 665-6130.

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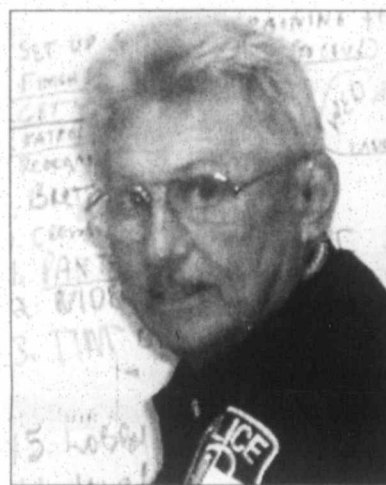
Every area of town has a pretty good-sized park that will accommodate nearly any size activity. Four of the parks (Hobart Street Park, Central Park, Lions Club Park, and Recreation Park) have bathrooms, playground equipment, and other amenities. Several of the parks have baseball fields and/or soccer fields.

The parks are open for use from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day of the week. It is a violation of City Ordinance, # 1207

(enacted May 12, 1992), to be in the park or be parked next to the park between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Of course, there are exceptions to every rule. Anyone can make an application to the City for a permit to use the park after hours. You will need to contact the Parks Department on how to obtain the permit. Also, remember that alcohol is allowed at only one park. That park is the softball field at Recreation Park.

For the most part, vehicles of any type are generally not allowed in the parks especially 4-wheelers, motorcycles, and ski mobiles (when it snows).



Fred Courtney

Take advantage of the outdoors this summer, enjoy one of Pampa's many parks.

Cop Corner is provided by Pampa Police Department.

Summit follow up:

Rice promises increased U.S. support for African trade

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice announced increased U.S. funding Wednesday to support an African trade program that lifts export duties for thousands of products shipped from Africa to the United States.

The United States will provide \$1 million in grants to help West African nations improve transportation safety and infrastructure, Rice said. The improvements are intended to help those countries move goods for international trade.

"The United States will always offer our full support as the people of Africa build thriving democracies and achieve lasting development," she told delegates to a U.S.-Africa trade conference in this western coastal capital.

Rice's two-day trip to Africa includes a trip to Sudan on Thursday, where she will encourage a new unity government to heal two decades of civil war and press for an end to the

fresh conflict in Sudan's Darfur region. Tens of thousands have died or been evicted in Darfur in what the Bush administration has called a genocide.

The United States is urging African producers to diversify the kinds of goods they sell abroad. The United States already buys large amounts of oil from Africa, but both places would benefit from increased trade in an array of other goods, especially farm products, U.S. officials at the trade conference said.

En route to Africa on Wednesday, Rice told reporters she credits a trade program with sub-Saharan countries for a 22 percent increase in non-oil African exports to the United States between 2003 and 2004.

"The theme of this trip is Africans

who are empowering themselves through good governance in their trade and through using development assistance wisely," Rice said.

Past pays

• The United States imported \$26.6 billion from Africa in 2004. A significant amount of the imports were oil related products.

The 5-year-old African Growth and Opportunity Act, or AGOA, allows duty-free exports for more than 6,400 African products to U.S. markets. Examples include baskets, textiles and canned tuna.

Thirty-seven countries have met strict eligibility requirements to participate, but far fewer have seen major increases in U.S. trade so far. Another 11 sub-Saharan countries do not meet the eligibility standards for economic and political reform, commitment to human rights or other meas-

ures. Under the program, the United States imported \$26.6 billion from Africa in 2004.

Canadian Senate approves bill to legalize same-sex marriage nationwide

TORONTO (AP) — Canada's Senate late Tuesday voted to adopt landmark legislation to legalize gay marriage nationwide despite fierce opposition from Conservatives and religious leaders. The bill could be signed into law as early as Wednesday.

The bill grants same-sex couples legal rights equal to those in traditional unions between a man and a woman, something already legal in a majority of Canadian provinces.

The legislation drafted by Prime Minister Paul Martin's minority Liberal Party government easily passed the Senate, which essentially rubber stamps any bill already passed by the House of Commons, which passed it late last month.

The bill becomes law when it is signed by Canada's Governor-General. Once that happens, Canada will become only the fourth country in the world to legalize gay marriage nationwide,

after the Netherlands, Belgium and Spain.

The 47-21 Senate vote came after years of court battles and debate that divided families, religious groups and even political allies.

Martin, a Roman Catholic, has said that despite anyone's personal beliefs, all Canadians should be granted the same rights to marriage.

Churches have expressed concern that their clergy would be compelled to perform same sex ceremonies.

The legislation, however, states that the bill only covers civil unions, not religious ones, and no clergy would be forced to perform same-sex ceremonies unless they choose to do so.

The Roman Catholic Church, the dominant Christian denomination in Canada, has vigorously opposed the legislation, saying that it would harm children in particular.

In the U.S., Massachusetts is the only state that allows gay marriages.

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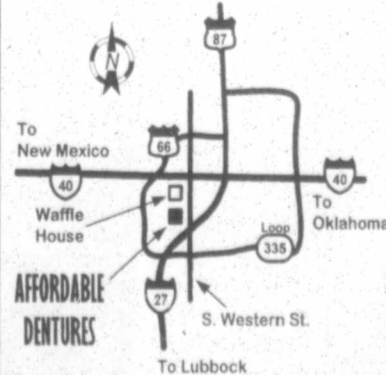
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Viewpoints

Good direction gives us a step up on road ahead

My biggest fear was getting lost when I attended the orientation program at the college where I will be starting next month, Southern Methodist University, this past weekend.

While I have driven to Dallas on numerous occasions in the past, I have never before taken this trip by vehicle by myself. I was not concerned about traffic congestion or hazardous driving conditions, such as the heavy rain that ferociously beat at my windshield on the way down

there. All I was worried about was getting lost.

That is why before I left for my highway venture, I made sure to print out directions courtesy of mapquest.com.

Even though the on-line service was free, it is safe to say that these directions were right on the money. They told me exactly where to turn and how many miles I would travel on each road. But more importantly they just got me there.

It was nice to know I had conquered my biggest fear

about the trip by the time I even stepped foot on campus; however, I still had some nervousness, although not a lot, about the activities that would take place over the next two days at orientation — seemingly endless ice-breaker games, awkward conversations with my roommate from Singapore who did not seem to be interested in get-

ting to know anyone, and how can I forget the tedious lectures from campus police about where I was and was not allowed to park my vehicle on the grounds this fall.

Even though I might have had some slight worries about all of these things and more, I worked through them very quickly by simply realizing that everyone else

in my freshman class was experiencing the same feelings and thoughts.

While it would have been nice to be able to print out free directions on how to deal with all of these problems on-line, I felt proud that I was able to make my own path and work through each and everyone. I think the reason I was able to make my roommate come out of his shell and be able to remember most, not all, but most, of the people's names and faces from the ice-breaker games was not

because of some instant directions that I could pull up in less than a minute from the 'Net, but because of a lifetime of directions instilled into me by my family, friends, and teachers.

Here I was worried about getting lost, but all the while I had directions already inside of me put there by those who spent a great deal of time over the past 18 years caring, nurturing, and preparing me for the lifetime journey that lies ahead.

**Ben
Briscoe**

Staff Intern



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 20, the 201st day of 2005. There are 164 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon as they stepped out of their lunar module.

On this date:

In 1810, Colombia declared independence from Spain.

In 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States began holding sessions in Richmond, Va.

In 1871, British Columbia entered Confederation as a Canadian province.

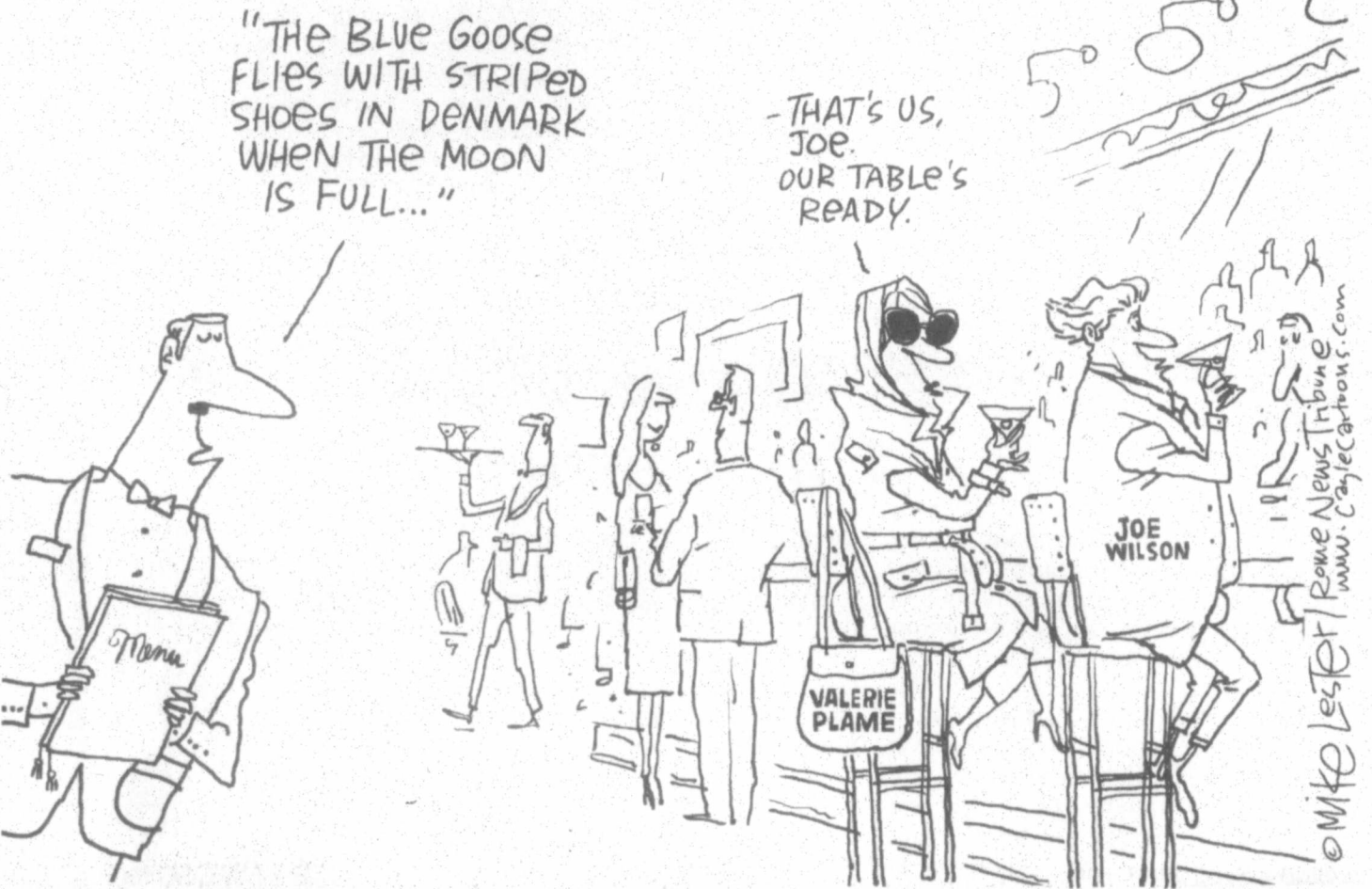
In 1881, Sioux Indian leader Sitting Bull, a fugitive since the Battle of the Little Big Horn, surrendered to federal troops.

In 1942, the first detachment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps — later known as WACs — began basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

In 1944, an attempt by a group of German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler with a bomb failed as the explosion at Hitler's Rastenburg headquarters only wounded the Nazi leader.

'A very great part of the mischiefs that vex this world arises from words.'

— Edmund Burke
British statesman
(1729-1797)



Our readers write

Every American household should possess a copy of the Constitution

Each of the ten amendments in the 1791 Bill of Rights is clear, concise, and only one sentence long. The fourth, per se, may be the greatest safeguard of human rights and freedom in world history. In Churchill-type language, "Never have so many Americans owed so much to so few words."

My copy of the Patriot Act has 139 full pages of legalese. There is no doubt that it is a very valuable tool in the fight against terrorism in the United States, and the Act must be renewed at expiration. However, if the present act contains "sneak and peek" provisions that are illegal, un-American, and a shocking violation of

the Fourth Amendment, they must be excised from a renewed act.

The United States is not a police state as Russia was under Stalin. The Fourth Amendment stipulates that, "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches, and seizures, shall not be violated," and defines warrant issue.

Personally, I think that the United States' households would benefit if each contained a copy of our Constitution and its few amendments.

**Rick Corbyn
Amarillo**

Limit ideologues in nominee process

Nobody in Washington will pay any attention to what you or I say, but outside groups should be excluded and gagged when it comes to Supreme Court nominees and the confirmation process.

The only people providing input should be the president and the members of the U.S. Senate.

In recent years, to the detriment of all of us, special-interest groups have mounted what amounts to political campaigns for or against certain nominees. Usually they are negative and amount to nothing more than slander campaigns and character assassinations. Nominees have been pressured to answer questions judicial nominees shouldn't answer, such as how they would rule on specific topics. Rather than address questions they should address — such as intelligence, education, temperament and judicial record — opposing senators want to pry into every word ever

written or spoken by the nominees.

If you wished to look back into my writings over 30 years, you would certainly find some things that today even I disagree with. Any human being who avoids brain paralysis will change his mind over a period of time as he expands his knowledge. That would certainly be true of lawyers and judges.

Aside from the constitutional reasons, you would think U.S. senators would wish to preserve their prerogatives instead of allowing the 40,000 to 50,000 camp followers in the D.C. area to, in effect, take over the confirmation process. They could easily do this by limiting the testimony to the nominee instead of opening the door to any ideologue who wishes to make wild charges against the person.

They could also verbally condemn the special interests for meddling in something that is not their business.

We get to elect our legislators and our president. We have no say -- and don't need to have a say -- in the appointment of judicial officers. Our Constitution gave us a republic, not a democracy, and three separate branches of government. The federal judiciary is the responsibility of the president and the Senate, not ours.

Presumably no modern president will nominate a crook, so the Senate Judiciary Committee need not act like a grand jury or special prosecutor's office. Actually, the game they play in the Senate is as clear as their ideology.

On one side, any nominee, no matter how distinguished,

who has indicated any degree of disagreement with pro-abortion and affirmative action will be labeled an extremist and unfit for duty.

In truth, the extremism exists only in the minds of the liberal ideologues. Roe v. Wade was a lousy decision because the Court usurped the right of state legislatures to decide moral and philosophical questions. Affirmative action is obsolete. We are now 41 years past 1964, and it is no longer needed. It never was legal in the real sense, because affirmative action that sets double standards is by definition an injustice and a form of reverse racism. Affirmative action that seeks to recruit and encourage qualified people is good; affirmative action that sets up a double standard is wrong. Only an ideologue and an opportunist could equate double standards with equality.

On the other side, some ideologues of the right are

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Cornyn, Leahy package promotes FOI reform

Think it should be easy to know what your government's doing? Then get on your phone or computer and contact the Senate Judiciary Committee. (202-224-5225 or www.judiciary.senate.gov) Tell its members and staff that you hope the panel quickly passes Sen. John Cornyn's bipartisan proposals to open up Washington to everyday citizens.

The committee has heard testimony on the Texas Republican's ideas, which he's sponsoring along with Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy. But it has not voted on the proposals, which are

the best update of freedom-of-information laws in a decade or more. If the panel approves the reforms before Congress starts its August break, the full Senate could take them up after Labor Day. Americans would gain in several ways. The legislation would:

Eliminate legal "outs" that agencies use to deny a citizen's request for a government document.

Penalize agencies if they don't meet an acceptable information request within 20 days.

Create a tracking system so citizens can keep abreast of their request as it moves across various agencies.

Establish an ombudsman to help citizens get information from the government. Mr. Cornyn championed open government laws while serving as Texas' attorney

general. Some of these ideas are based on his work here. He's also teaming up with a diverse group. For example, he's saddled up with the American Civil Liberties Union to ensure we all have better access to Washington.

Yes, the Judiciary Committee has plenty to consider with a Supreme Court nominee heading its way.

But that's no reason to slow down this legislation. In fact, that's even more reason to pass the package now. Otherwise, it could stall out behind lengthy confirmation hearings. We'd all lose if that happens.

Texas Thoughts

The Dallas Morning News

Former soldier executed for murder

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — A former U.S. soldier who said steroids turned him into a killer was executed Tuesday evening for the 1991 murder of a convenience store clerk during a botched robbery attempt.

Michael L. Pennington, 37, who changed his name to Sharieff Sallahdin after converting to Islam at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, was given a lethal injection and pronounced dead at 6:10 p.m., corrections officials said.

Pennington's only comment was, "No statement." He then mouthed the words "I love you" to two family members who witnessed his execution.

The former weightlifter and body builder was convicted in

1993 of murdering Bradley Thomas Grooms, 20, during a robbery attempt at a Lawton convenience store.

Pennington, who was stationed at nearby Fort Sill, shot Grooms once in the back with a sawed-off shotgun, then left the store empty-handed because he couldn't open the register.

Police tracked Pennington to his wife's house in Akron, Ohio, where he was arrested.

Pennington said that anabolic steroids, which he took to enhance his weightlifting and body building regimen, altered his normal behavior and transformed him from a disciplined soldier into a fleeing killer.

Judges

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equally demanding that the nominee conform to their ideological positions.

What's wrong with this is that judges don't make broad and sweeping ideological changes. That is the province of the legislature. Judges hear specific cases and must rule on specific cases. As a matter of fact, as I have pointed out before, the Supreme Court has no enforcement powers. In other words, any president bold enough could simply disregard a Supreme Court ruling. Who's going to put him in jail? The U.S. Marshals work for the attorney general, who is an agent of the president. President Andrew Jackson famously disregarded a ruling when the Supreme Court said he couldn't move the Indians to the West. "It's Marshall's ruling (Chief Justice John Marshall); now let him enforce it," Jackson said, and ordered the Army to proceed with the removal.

If I were the president, I would urge the Republican senators to hold a brief judiciary hearing, limit the debate to five days and force an up-or-down vote, even if it means using the so-called nuclear option. There is simply too much to be done to waste the summer and fall listening to ideologues bloviate. Democrats are entitled to a vote; they are not entitled to obstruct the confirmation process.

Heat takes 12 victims

PHOENIX (AP) — A blistering heat wave is being blamed for the deaths of 12 people in Phoenix, prompting officials to ask for donations of ice and water bottles for those sweltering without air conditioning.

From Saturday to Tuesday, Phoenix police reported a dozen people had died of apparent heat-related illnesses. Ten were homeless; the other two were elderly women, including one whose home cooling system wasn't on.

By comparison, the Arizona Department of Health Services documented 34 heat-related deaths among all Arizona residents last year. The number of illegal immigrants killed by heat-related illnesses are counted separately.

Phoenix has endured above-average temperatures every day since June 29, with the high reaching 111 degrees on Tuesday. Even during the coolest part of the day, the mercury failed to descend lower than 91 degrees.

The spike in deaths prompted the mayor on Monday to ask for bottled water donations. Bill Manson, development coordinator for Central Arizona Shelter Services, said a number of companies and individuals had been donating water and organizing drives to collect bottled water.



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Summer Celebration

Nick Eakes gets in some practice before the skateboarding competition begins at the Summer Celebration event, held recently in Central Park.

Homeland Security deports thousands of foreign registered child-sex offenders

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal authorities have deported thousands of foreign child-sex offenders who were illegally in the United States over the past two years, the Homeland Security Department announced Tuesday.

Additionally, Homeland Security investigations have led to at least 1,200 arrests in the United States and overseas on Internet child pornography charges, officials said.

In all, more than 7,000 accused and convicted sex offenders have been swept up in the department's "Operation Predator" sting, which began targeting foreign pedophiles,

international sex tourists, Internet child pornographers and human traffickers in July 2003.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff called the operation "one of most successful efforts ever launched to protect America's children."

The investigations were coordinated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, an arm of the Homeland Security Department, which has federal jurisdiction over international crime crossing U.S. borders.

Poll: Public views Bush as less trustworthy, less effective

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans have growing doubts about President Bush's honesty and his effectiveness, according to a poll taken at a time people are uneasy with the war in Iraq, uncertain about the economy and nervous about the terrorist threat.

Half of those in the poll taken by the Pew Research Center, 49 percent, said they believe the president is trustworthy, while almost as many, 46 percent said he is not. Bush was at 62 percent on this measure in a September 2003 Pew poll and at 56 percent in a Gallup

poll in April. One of Bush's strong suits throughout his presidency has been the perception by a majority of people that he is honest.

The slide in trust in Bush comes at a time the White House is answering questions about top aide Karl Rove's involvement in the public leak of the identity of a CIA operative.

"If the economy were doing better, the Iraq war wasn't as tenuous and people

weren't as uneasy about terrorism, then they might be willing to cut Bush some slack on the Rove issue," said Robert Shapiro, who specializes in public opinion at Columbia University. "And it's all tied back to how the war was justified, so it raises all those issues as well."

44
percent of Americans approve of Bush's actions as president

Only half the public is closely following the allegations that Rove leaked the identity of a CIA operative, according to Pew.

Democrats are predictably more inclined to say Rove should resign than Republicans.

But GOP support for Rove is lukewarm. About four in 10 Republicans said Rove shouldn't resign; about the same number said they were not sure.

Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center, said an analysis of the survey suggests the Rove controversy is contributing to the president's credibility problem. The belief that Rove has committed a serious offense is having an impact on Bush's ratings.

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- **The 13th Annual Dallam 4-H Arts & Crafts Bazaar** will be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5 and 6 at Ranch Market Building in Dalhart during the 69th Annual XIT Rodeo and Reunion Celebration. Hours will be 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Forty-six booth spaces are available. Registration deadline is Monday, July 25. For more information, call (806) 244-4434.
- **The USS Long Beach CGN-9 Association, Inc.**, is organizing its 2005 reunion Sept. 11-19 at San Francisco, Calif. For more information, contact Don Shade, 299 Kiantone Rd., Jamestown, NY 14701-9370, (866) 352-2469 or LBCGN9@aol.com. Further details are also available at www.uslongbeach-

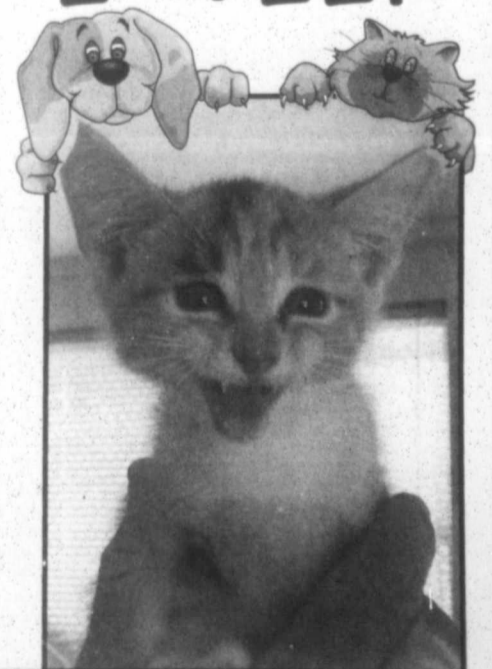
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- **Alzheimer's Association will conduct its Memory Walk fund-raiser** Sept. 24 at Sam Houston Park in Amarillo. To register for, or donate to, the walk, log onto www.alztexas.org. For more information, call (806) 372-8693.
- **The reunion of the USS Cascade AD-16** is planned for Oct. 9-16 at Branson, Mo. For more information, contact Lyle "Preacher" Burchette, P.O. Box 566, Hollister, MO 65673, (417) 334-5627; or Bob Croghan, Sr., 7827 Cassia Court, St. Louis, MO 63123, (314) 843-6615.
- **SW USA Aleutian Island Veterans** will reunite Nov. 9-11 at Laughlin, Nev. All service branches, veterans, and guests' spouses are welcome at the upcoming gathering. For more information send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Al King, POB 130327, Sunrise, FL 33313.

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Sports Day

Pampa Xtreme: Extremely good

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

The Pampa Xtreme 13-and-under girl's fast pitch softball team faced some stiff competition during the recent Amarillo High Plains Fast Pitch League and City Championship for girls 14 and under.

But the Xtreme was up to the challenge, taking the league title and championship with a perfect 12-0 record.

Pampa faced five teams en route to the title, including McLean, Hereford, Amarillo and two teams from Dumas.

The Xtreme only allowed 35 runs during the season while playing 90.

And though all wins are big, Coach Bino Facio said, "The biggest win of the season was the

tournament championship game against the Black Diamonds of Dumas."

"We have competed against Dumas five times prior to having to play them in the championship," Facio continued.

He added, "In those five meetings, we came out on top, which makes it more difficult to keep winning against a great team like Dumas."

Pampa also took part in the West Texas State 14U tournament in Lubbock where they placed seventh out of 17 teams.

The Xtreme has since earned a berth in the 13-and-under USSSA World Series which is to be held next week in Mesquite, Texas.

Opening ceremonies are scheduled for Monday night. Pool play will begin Tuesday.



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Pampa Xtreme members are, front row (left to right)- Katelin Wall, Shelbie Watson, Callie Preston, Kelby Doughty and Kamie Doughty. Back row- Sammie Pearson, Ashley Facio, Carlyn Teichmann, Brooklyn Barker, Emilie Troxell and Libby Dyson.

Armstrong set for 79th yellow jersey

REVEL, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong's teammate Paolo Savoldelli won the longest stage of the Tour de France, finishing far ahead of the six-time champion and other top riders who took it easy over the 148.8-mile trek Wednesday across southern France.

But awaiting Armstrong at the finish was the 79th race leader's yellow jersey of his storied career. That matched the number won by French great Bernard Hinault, though it was still behind Eddy Merckx's record of 111.

Hinault, Merckx, Miguel Indurain and Jacques Anquetil won the Tour five times — a record

Armstrong beat last year.

Savoldelli was part of a breakaway group that built up a lead of more than 24 minutes over Armstrong's following pack. Because the riders ahead were no threat to his overall lead, Armstrong did not give chase.

Instead, Armstrong and the others in his pack, which included all of his closest rivals, soaked up the scenery of rolling hills, picturesque villages and freshly harvested fields, chatting among themselves and occasionally joking with the television crews on motorcycles covering the race's stage 17.

PHS tennis team sponsoring first ever Mini Tennis Camp

The Pampa High School Tennis Team will be sponsoring the first ever Mini Tennis camp, Saturday, Aug. 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the PHS tennis courts.

The camp is for children in kindergarten through the 5th grade.

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CAMP AND COURT

Volleyball registrations continue; PHS Open will benefit program

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

Volleyball Camp

Just a reminder that Coach Sonia VanGilder is still taking registrations for this year's Harvester Volleyball Camp, set to begin next Monday. Cost for the camp is \$60 per student. Registration forms are available at the PHS Athletic Department. For more information, call 669-4830.

Pampa Open Tennis Tournament

Coach Emily Laurence has announced this year's Pampa Open tennis tournament will be held July 30-31. Cost for the event is \$10 per event entered. All proceeds will benefit the PHS tennis program.

For additional information, contact the Harvester Athletic Department at 669-4830.

Pampa teams special at 2005 summer games

Twenty two Pampa area Special Olympians, along with 13 coaches and volunteers, traveled to San Marcos, Texas to participate in the 2005 Summer State Special Olympic Games. The athletes competed with over 3,000 other Special Olympians from across the Lone Star state. The Pampa Storm, Gold and Wizards participated in basketball and came away with team trophies for second place (1) and third place (2). A few Storm members were honored for individual skills and achievement as well.

Results DIVISION-BRUINS

- 1st Place Sherman Bearcats
- 2nd Place Richardson Roadrunner Bulls
- 3rd Place Pampa Gold

Pampa Gold- Cody Bowers, Lisa Busby, Cody Dyer, Tina Hinson, Chaney Jones, Cole Browning-Nall and Jennifer Roden.
Coaches/Assistants- Kyle Parnell, Ace Acevedo, Jim Bob Nall, Robyn Bell, Judy Haynes, Diana Nall.

DIVISION-CLIPPERS

- 1st Place Northwest Leopards
- 2nd Place Pampa Storm
- 3rd Place Deer Park Fireballs White

Pampa Storm- Amanda Childress, Eric Knott, JoAnn Morehart, Taisey Phillips, Kasey Smith, Kinsey Smith and Amee Street.
Coaches/Assistants- Shannon Loter, Helen Robinson and Pat Childress.

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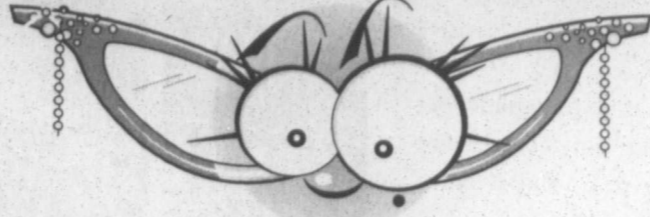
- 1st Place Blaze Red
- 2nd Place Special Delivery
- 3rd Place Pampa Warriors

Pampa Warriors- Liberty Bloxom, Hector Estrada, Bobby Garcia, Kevin Reece and Randy Swires.
Coaches- David Swires, John Hervey and Vickie Goheen.

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Jerry L. Evans
Independent Executor of the Estate of Helen C. Harmon, Deceased
Peterson Farris Pruitt & Parker, P.C.
208 N. Russell
Pampa TX 79065
(806) 665-9764
(806) 665-9765 Fax
Attorneys for Applicant
c-59 July 20, 2005

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 21, 2005:

You have a way of making waves when you want to this year. Choosing the time and place could prove to be instrumental. Value the opinions of others. In fact, you often juggle two different, seemingly opposite interests. You will learn to agree to disagree with others, honoring your different backgrounds. Relationships are important. So is learning how much to give or accept. Work on boundaries. You make strong investments with real estate or with your home. If you are single, you will want someone to share your life with. This could easily happen within the year. If you are attached, be happy just being with your sweetie rather than have hot discussions. AQUARIUS helps you see the basics.

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) ***** You might wake up with many ideas or remember a special dream. You might do well following this path; you seem to be on the victory path. Others support you in your ideas, actions and desires. What more could you ask for? Tonight: A child or loved one could be down.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Your mental life might be more important in your decisions than you realize. Though you seem to be in charge as you make key choices, you actually might not know the source of your ideas. Tonight: Could be working late.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** A partner or associate could

shake you up in the early hours, but by midmorning, you will have gained a perspective. Do not accept any information on hearsay. You need to do your own research and fact-finding. Tonight: Relax to music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Deal with others graciously, even if you question their intentions. They might not know where they are coming from. Make time for individual discussions. You'll learn much more as a result. Tonight: Special time with a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** You might think you are working today, but events quickly turn social, or shall we say "networking"? Be gracious and not uptight. Others want to try out their ideas on you. Give feedback that can be understood and accepted. Tonight: Accept an invitation out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Focus on getting done what you must. With the weekend closing in, you will want to have a clear desk or feel as if you have completed as much as possible. Others will help you accomplish what you want. Tonight: Be efficient.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Use your creativity with people, work or problem situations. You will be delighted by the outcome. You have finally seemed to figure out a problem. Don't take any grand risks anyway. Tonight: Let your smiling ways bubble over.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) HHHHThe more you can accomplish at home or quietly with your door closed, the better the end results will be. Handle a situation in which your mind keeps floating off topic. Otherwise, you won't be able to focus. Tonight: Head home and

relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Get over the heavy feeling you have been carrying around. In fact, if you just make an effort to reach out to others, you might have a lot to smile about. Start making plans to get together with friends soon. Tonight: Hang out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** You have been a veritable whirlwind this week. Finally, it is time to stop. Take care of necessities that impact you. You might not realize how depleted you have become. Take care of yourself first. Tonight: Treat yourself to something relaxing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** The Moon in your sign might make you feel invincible. It could make you a bit of a daredevil. Remember that your natural traits are emphasized when the Moon is in your sign. Watch what happens. Tonight: Zoom in on what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Know when to back down and do your own thing. Sometimes you are overwhelmed by what goes on. Right now, take in what is happening around you. Refuse to make a judgment just yet. Process first. Tonight: Do something just for you.

BORN TODAY — Musician Cat Stevens (1948), actor Robin Williams (1952), lawyer-turned-judge Kenneth Starr (1946)

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 15. Just 18 days before our three-month anniversary of dating, my boyfriend, "Brandon," broke up with me. He was my first love and I am heartbroken. Seeing him having fun with someone else, while I am alone and hurting, is awful. I want to be happy, but I still love Brandon and want him back. My friends and my parents all tell me to get over him. I don't want to get over Brandon. I want to know how to get him back. I miss everything we had together. When I think about the fun we had, I break down and cry. What do I do, Abby? I'm miserable without him. How do I stop loving him? -- CRYING IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR CRYING: Teenage romances can be complicated and painful, and you have my sympathy. Your problem isn't a new one; it's been happening ever since boys and girls started noticing each other. In my booklet for teens there is a section titled "Breaking Up -- or What to Do With the Pieces." In it, I say:

"Speak only well of each other -- or not at all -- after the break.

"Attend parties and school affairs, and develop new interests.

"Keep busy. Avoid the 'old reminders,' which tend to make you moody and broody. Put away or get rid of the pictures, photos and gifts ... unless you enjoy punishing yourself.

"Turn a deaf ear to anyone who wants to pry or question you.

"Girls: A boy says 'it's over' when he stops calling. Usually he gives no reason, but he has them. This means it's time to forget him.

"Boys: A girl will generally give you her reason. Accept it, whatever it is. This means, for you, too, it's time to move on.

"Once it's over, all the note-writing, phoning or conniving will not help your cause. Don't ask a mutual friend to help you 'get him (or her) back.' It will only make you look foolish.

"For all of you -- chalk it up to experience and a part of growing up. There's no growth without a little pain; and it only hurts for a little while."

There are dozens of other things I tell teens to ease them through these difficult, tumultuous years. "What Every Teen Should Know" can be ordered by sending a business-sized, self-addressed envelope plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby -- Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

DEAR ABBY: Is there a tactful way to let a good neighbor know that her wind chimes are driving us crazy? This neighbor hung the chimes on the opposite side of the house from their bedroom -- right next to our screened porch and bedroom window. I suspect that they never hear them, yet we must listen to them all day and all night. -- CRAVING PEACE AND QUIET, LEXINGTON, KY.

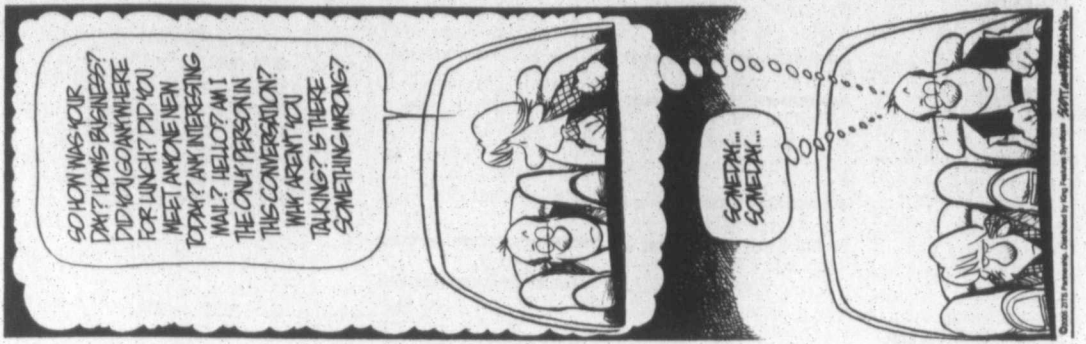
DEAR CRAVING: Here's how I'd handle it. I'd bake a batch of cookies or a pie and take it next door. As I offered the goodies to my neighbor, I would say, "I'm sure you're probably not aware of this, but your wind chimes clink day and night -- and they're driving my husband and me to distraction. Would you mind hanging them someplace else?" If she's as good a neighbor as you say, I'm sure she'll accommodate you.

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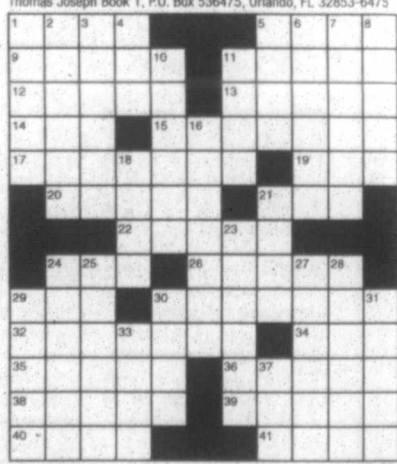
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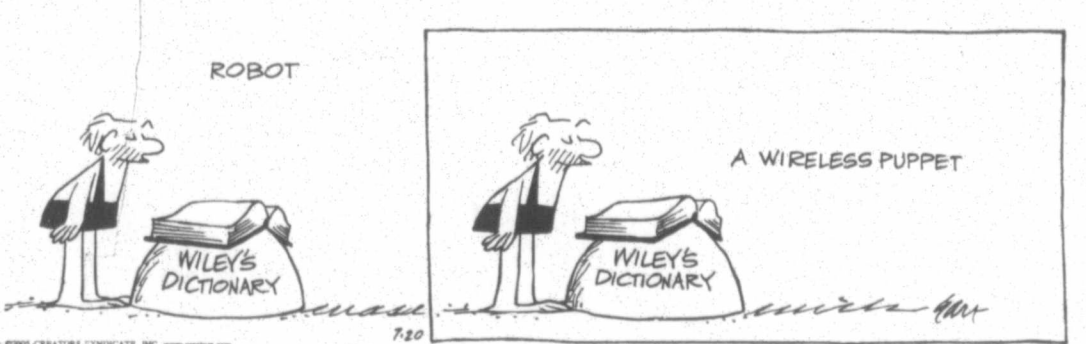
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