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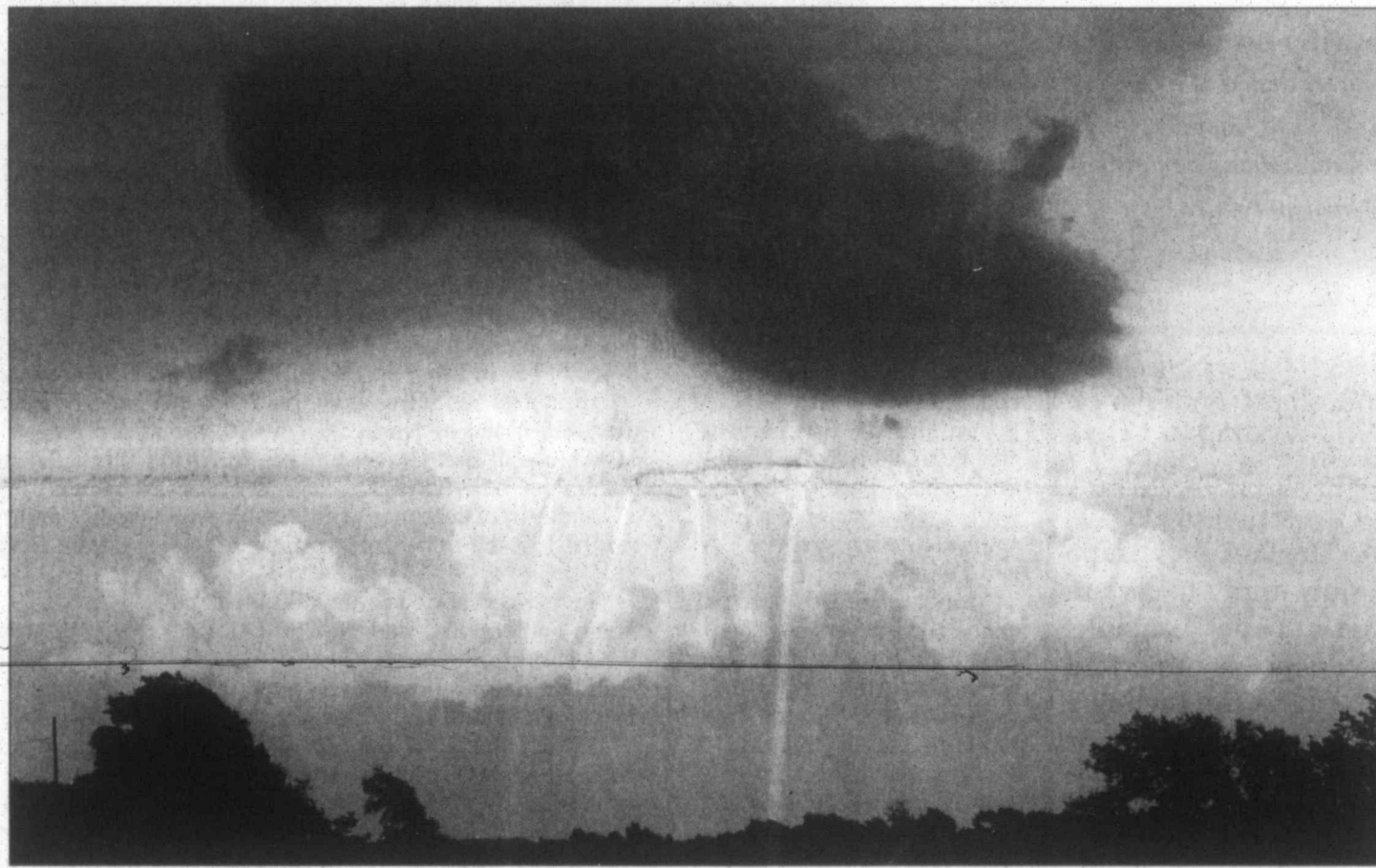
By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gray County property owners will have a chance to be heard concerning a proposed property tax rate of .488926 cents per \$100 valuation. A public hearing is scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday in the second floor courtroom at Gray County Courthouse concerning the proposed rate. A second public hearing concerning the proposed rate is scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday at the same location.

The proposed rate is the same as the 2005 proposed rate, but it will result in more tax revenues collected for 2006, which is why a public hearing has been set. In 2005, \$5,486,273 in property taxes was collected. For 2006, \$5,750,990 will be collected, which is an increase of \$264,717. "An effective rate creates the same amount of revenue that was collected last year using new appraisals. If we go above that effective rate, it is considered a tax increase even though the rate stays the same," said County Judge

Richard Peet. "We know we have inflation; we have higher costs. Our total expenditures budget is going to be greater than last year," Peet said of the proposed 2006 county budget. "We have proposed a rate that will meet these budget needs. It is not the final rate yet. We have to pass the budget first, and then set a final rate to meet that budget," he said. The proposed 2006 county budget is \$8,164,534, according to County Auditor Elaine Morris. The budget, which has not yet been finalized or approved by county commissioners,

consists of \$6,490,265 for the county's general fund, \$1,553,840 for the road and bridge fund, and \$120,429 for debt service. "Expenditures last year were about \$7 million. We now have a greater expenditure need. We will need a little more," Peet said. Rising fuel costs are one factor in the increased budget amount. At the Aug. 15 county commissioners' meeting, Peet said that fuel costs had risen about 30 cents per gallon after departments had submitted their budget requests. See HEARING, Page 5



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Under a storm cloud

This weekend's weather forecast calls for showers and thunderstorms. If the weather prognosticators are correct, residents can expect to see some storm clouds like these floating around the Pampa area.

Discovery set to arrive in Florida

(AP) — Space shuttle Discovery will have to wait a day to complete the last leg of its trip home. Discovery had been expected to arrive at Kennedy Space Center in Florida on Saturday after riding piggyback atop a jumbo jet across the country, but NASA delayed the trip for a day because of weather concerns, said Bruce Buckingham, a spokesman with the space agency. The jet took off Friday from California and arrived at Louisiana's Barksdale Air Force, one of several refueling stops. Shuttle managers were to meet Sunday morning to reassess the flight plan, Buckingham said. An Air Force KC-135 has flown ahead of the shuttle and the modified Boeing 747 to monitor weather along the route. The expected cost of the trip: at least \$1 million.

Veteran honorees had varied war backgrounds

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Four Texas Panhandle veterans were named to the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor at a dinner Friday at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The Hall of Honor is located at Freedom Museum USA, 600 N. Hobart. This was the 16th year for the Hall of Honor dinner. Arthur B. Baker, Christopher N. Hoover, Harry B. McGregor and Jerrold E. Thomas are this year's honorees. Baker was drafted into the U.S. Army in February 1941 at Amarillo, when he was 22. He arrived on Corregidor Island in April, and by August he had been captured by the Japanese and imprisoned at Manila's Bilibid Prison. He escaped into the



Arthur B. Baker
mountains, where he survived for a few months in the jungle with the help of some local residents. In return, he helped train the locals to fight the Japanese before he was recaptured and sent to Cabanatuan POW Camp No. 3. At Cabanatuan, after digging his own grave, Baker and two other Americans



Christopher Hoover
were told to stand on stools holding sticks over their heads. They were left to continue the pose through a day and a night. One of the two other Americans fell and was immediately shot. From Cabanatuan, Baker was sent by freighter to Japan, where he was taken to POW Camp Tanagawa. He survived a bout of dysentery




Harry B. McGregor
and spent the next two years helping to build a dry dock near Osaka. He was later transported by rail to the northern mountains, where he worked at Camp Aomi, a mine, until the war's end. Baker spent 1,219 days as a POW and returned to Texas after his discharge on June 9, 1946. He received the Prisoner of War Medal,



Jerrold E. Thomas
the Bronze Star Medal, the Philippine Liberation Medal, the Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation Badge, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and a special citation from President Harry S. Truman. See VETERANS, Page 3

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Obituaries

William C. Bradford, 81

William C. Bradford passed away in Oklahoma City, Okla., on Aug. 11, 2005, after a brief illness. He was surrounded by his first love, his family. Bill was born Dec. 23, 1923, in Anaheim, Calif. He attended USC and graduated with a degree in Geology from the University of Arkansas. Bill worked as a Geologist for the State of California, where he was both Registered and Certified. He also worked in many areas of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Wyoming and Texas for Western Petroleum, Arkla, Hadson Petroleum and Beta Oil Company, which he co-founded.

The second love of his life, the Parker Fee "A" lease near Lefors, Texas, was where Bill

focused his abilities for over 32 years. He was well rewarded for his hard work and was known for his insistence that others work with the same passion that sustained him.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Lucille Bradford; two children, Anita Holmes and husband Steve, Dr. Bill Bradford Jr. and wife Sherri, all of Oklahoma City; five grandchildren; two stepgranddaughters; one stepgreat-grandson; his sister, Katherine Bradford of Laguna Nigel, Calif.; and cousin Conrad Trecker of Seminole, Okla.

Private services were held at Resurrection Memorial Cemetery Aug. 15 in Oklahoma City.

Raymond King Mallard, 49

Raymond King Mallard, 49, of Pampa, Texas, died Aug. 18, 2005, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2005, at the Macedonia Baptist Church with the Rev. I.L.

Patrick, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Mallard was born July 14, 1956, in Shreveport, La. He had been a lifelong resi-

dent of Pampa. He worked for IBP in Amarillo for several years.

He was a member of the Macedonia Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Fay Williams, of the home; one stepdaughter, Chansity Proctor of Dallas; his parents, Lucille and Robey Mallard, Sr. of Pampa; one brother, Robey Mallard, Jr., of Pampa; one sister, Marlene Nibblet of Pampa; one stepbrother, Marvin McPherson Mallard of Crockett; and one step-granddaughter, Sierra Williams of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Gray County Weather

Today: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 85. West-southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast.

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 65. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before noon. Partly cloudy, with a high around 87. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Robert Lee Brown, 80

Robert Lee Brown, 80, of Pampa, died Aug. 13, 2005, at Pampa. Graveside services were Saturday afternoon in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. I.L. Patrick, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Brown was born April 17, 1925, at Hugo, Okla. He married T. Etta Jackson on May 14, 1968, at Tulsa.

Mr. Brown had been a Pampa resident for the past 25 years where he was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church. He was self-employed.

He was preceded in death by two sons and a daughter.

Survivors include his wife, T. Etta, of the home; nine sons, Robert Lee Brown, Jr., and Vernon Lee Brown, both of Phoenix, Ariz., Curtis Brown, Robert Joe Brown and L.S. Jackson, all of Pampa, Darry Brown of Boswell, Okla., Billy Jean Brown of Tyler, Paul Brown of Dallas and Fedrick Brown of Tulsa; six daughters, Elaine Ware and Valen Brown, both of Boswell, Lela Davis of Albuquerque, N.M., Selina Richardson of Lawton, Okla., and Yvette Brown and Teresa Brown, both of Pampa; a sister, Anis Brown of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 62 grandchildren; and 44 great-grandchildren.

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

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department on Saturday reported the following incidents.

Friday, Aug. 19

Officers conducted six traffic stops; responded to three welfare checks; assisted the fire department in the 1900 block of Nelson Street; provided motorist assistance at Hobart and Highway 60; and provided a funeral escort to Fairview Cemetery.

Found property was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee St.

Burglary of a building was reported in the 300 block of South Starkweather St.

Assault was reported in the 800 block of Deane Drive and the 1100 block of South Wells St.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of West Somerville St., the 1500 block of North Hobart St., and the 1900 block of Chestnut Dr.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 600 block of Carr St., and the 900 block of East Albert St.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of North Hobart St., and in the 700 block of East Kingsmill Avenue, where a window was allegedly shot out with a BB gun.

Phone harassment was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler St., the 200 block of West Kingsmill Ave., and the 700 block of North Frost St.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 1000 block of North Dwight St., the 1100 block of East Harvester Ave., and the 1000 block of Wilcox St.

Domestic disturbance with assault was reported in the 900 block of East Albert St.

Theft was reported in the 800 block of South Faulkner St., and the 200 block of West Kingsmill Ave.

Public intoxication was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester Ave.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 2400 block of Charles St., and at the Cole Addition.

Disorderly conduct-other was reported in the 500 block of Powell St., and the 100 block of North Nelson St.

Burglary was reported in the 300 block of Roberta St.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 300 block of Roberta St.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1100 block of West Alcock St.

Disorderly conduct-noise was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee St., the 1000 block of Neel Rd., the 2100 block of Williston St., and the 100 block of Hamilton St.

Assault by threat was reported in the 600 block of North Dwight St.

Disorderly conduct-fighting was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Dr.

A runaway was reported in the 300 block of Sunset Dr.

Theft of a horse was reported in the 900 block of Llano St.

Sheriff

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

Friday, Aug. 19

Caroline Joy Smith, 52, 408 Hughes, was arrested by GCSO for criminal trespass.

Bennie B. Owen, 64, 730 Perry, was arrested by GCSO for criminal trespass.

Lana Whitely Roberts, 43, 816 N. Wells, was arrested by GCSO for criminal trespass.

Andrea Joyce Reed, 57, 730 Perry, was arrested by GCSO for criminal trespass.

Saturday, Aug. 20

Keith Elliot Young, 24, Berger, was arrested by Pampa Police Department for disorderly conduct-fighting and for failure to identify.

Michael Douglas Crocker, 25, 507 Red Deer, was arrested by GCSO for unlawful carrying of a weapon.

Cedric Deshun Parker, 18, 1072 Prairie Drive, was arrested by Pampa PD for disorderly conduct-fighting and for failure to identify.

Luis Ubaldo Baca, 19, 923 Rham, was arrested by Pampa PD for assault causing bodily injury-family violence and on a warrant for theft.

Fire

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

Friday, Aug. 19

10:26 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire in the 800 block of South Price Road. The fire burned approximately one acre of grass before it was extinguished.

10:35 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire, believed to be started by fireworks, in the 1900 block of North Nelson. The fire was out on arrival and burned an area of approximately 20 x 20-foot.

6:48 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a call for medical assistance.

We wish to thank everyone for their thoughts & prayers for Kathy Kennedy.

Most Sincerely,

Emily Burrows & Elizabeth Winchester

The Family of Timothy J. Parsley

would like to extend sincere thanks to all.

Thanks for all the cards, calls, visits, support and concern throughout Tim's hospitalization and passing.

Linda, Amber and Jeremiah Parsley

Lefors Volunteer Fire Dept has applied for another variance for your local ambulance. This variance allows for the ambulance to run with only one certified EMT and one firefighter. This is a last resort but if we do not get this variance we may have to depend on Pampa for services. This would only apply to certain hours and only if two EMT's are not available. WE feel at this time the variance is important to our community. TDH will be conducting a meeting Monday, August 22, 2005 at 7:00 PM at the firestation. Your attendance and support will be needed. EMS Director Melanie Ray.

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Veterans

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Hoover was born Oct. 6, 1966 in Amarillo and graduated from Booker High School in 1985. He attended college in San Antonio and Amarillo before enlisting in the Air Force.

He served four years, was released after a training jump accident, and then re-enlisted in 1999. He is currently a staff sergeant stationed at McChord Air Force Base in Tacoma, Wash.

After Sept. 11, Hoover was a member of the U.S. Special Forces Team in the mountainous border regions of Afghanistan. His job as Combat Control Operator was to use radios, which he carried in backpacks, to guide aircraft in for air support.

During one mission, Hoover volunteered for a two-man team to help an Afghan military force which was pinned down along the border. He orchestrated close air support by attack helicopters to suppress the enemy force.

Hoover's actions in the

battle resulted in him being awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Second oak-leaf cluster with Valor.

As the United States later prepared to enter Iraq, Hoover was a member of a Special Forces team that crossed the border several days ahead of the main U.S. invasion to look for Scud missiles.

Iraqi soldiers dressed as civilians ambushed Hoover and his team. Hoover called in F-16s to drop bombs and end the battle.

Hoover's mission in Iraq lasted about 55 days. His team sustained no casualties and captured approximately 40 Iraqi soldiers.

McGregor was born and raised in Panhandle, where he graduated from high school in 1937. He graduated from Harding Junior College in Wichita Falls in 1939.

McGregor entered Army Air Corps Flight Training in January 1942. He received his wings on Sept. 1, 1942, at Ellington Field in Houston.

He served in the European Theater of

Operations during World War II. He survived a number of high-loss missions over Germany, but was shot down on his 50th mission in August 1944 during a raid over the Rhine Valley.

McGregor was reported Killed in Action almost a year later, after first being classified as Missing in Action. Records are unclear as to what happened to him before being listed as killed. It was later learned that three crew members parachuted from McGregor's plane.

His body was returned to the United States and interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

In a Presidential Citation, President Truman said of Capt. McGregor, "He stands in the unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die that freedom might live, and grow, and increase its blessings. Freedom lives, and through it, he lives -- in a way that humbles the undertakings of most men."

Thomas was born Oct. 2, 1922 at Kingfisher, Okla. and graduated from high school in 1941 at

Wellington, Kan. Shortly after his graduation, his family moved to Canadian, where he enlisted in the Navy in 1942.

He was stationed in the Philippines and around many islands in Southeast Asia. He was awarded the Navy Cross as a Painter Third Class aboard the U.S.S. Santee, which participated in the Battle for Leyte Gulf on Oct. 2, 1944, against the Japanese.

"When a Japanese attack set fire to depth charges aboard his ship, Thomas brought the fire hoses to the scene of the damage and assisted in fighting the fires until they were totally extinguished," reads a Presidential Citation to Thomas. He also served aboard the first carrier to be hit by a suicide bomber; the carrier was also torpedoed but did not sink.

After his discharge, Thomas returned to the Texas Panhandle. He settled in Pampa in 1976, where he still lives with his wife, Eulah. He retired from Diamond Shamrock in 1982. He has two children and five grandchildren.

Organizers gearing up for caravan

AMARILLO — The "free" American Freedom Corvette Caravan, a concept of Amarillo Area Corvette Club, is scheduled to take place Sept. 11 at Westgate Chevrolet in Amarillo. The parking lot will open at 11 a.m.

A barbecue lunch will be available for a fee. The meal will be open to the public.

A drivers' meeting will begin at 2 p.m. The caravan will pull out at 2:30 p.m. with a full motorcycle police escort. It will return to the parking lot at approximately 4:30 p.m. If you own a Corvette, you are invited to drive in the caravan. Spectators are urged to come out to Westgate Chevrolet to see the cars.

The caravan began in October 2001 as an idea of the

Amarillo Area Corvette Club to commemorate the events of Sept. 11, 2001. The idea was to drive through the city sporting American flags.

The caravan, flags flying, travels past the veterans hospital and most all of the Amarillo fire houses.

The first caravan saw 63 Corvettes toiling through the city. Many businesses and organizations became involved. Each year, organizers say, the caravan has grown bigger and better. In 2004, more than 130 Corvettes participated, showing support for Panhandle veterans, firefighters, police and military personnel.

To learn more about the upcoming caravan, call (806) 374-0055.

KACV to feature 'Wage of Sin' during annual drive

AMARILLO — Local entertainment is the focus of KACV-TV's August Membership Drive, now through Aug. 28. Regional artists, institutions and performers will also be highlighted during the pledge drive in a special production of "Celebrate the Arts in the Panhandle."

Entities and individuals participating in "Celebrate the Arts in the Panhandle" will include the following: Tennessee Tuckness, John Mordachai, Andy Chase and Maggie Scales, Amarillo Symphony, Chamber Music Amarillo, Amarillo Art Institute, Amarillo Opera, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, AC Youth

Theater, Jim Gardner, Scott Nelson, Sweet Adelines, Amarillo Little Theater, American Quarter Horse Association, Amarillo Youth Choir, Devlin Jones and Josh Knapp.

Produced in cooperation with the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Arts Committee, this production will offer an insight into the variety of arts opportunities in the region.

"This show will spotlight the wide variety of artistic expression in the Texas Panhandle and give the audience an opportunity to learn more about the upcoming season," said Jackie Smith, program producer. "It's a great way to showcase our region's creativity."

Throughout the evening, viewers will have opportunities to support KACV and receive tickets, recordings and other materials from the performers.

Another highlight of the programming Monday at 8:30 p.m. is the premier of "The Wage of Sin" produced in cooperation with Amarillo Opera.

Composed by Canyon resident Gene Murray and based on local history, the opera follows the last few hours of life for the Rev. George Morrison, a Methodist minister in Panhandle in the late 1890s. Morrison was convicted of poisoning his wife and sentenced to be hanged.

The cast will include local

singers and musicians and will feature Lee Kendle in the role of Morrison, KACV worked closely with Mila Gibson, Amarillo Opera's general director, on the production.

Other broadcast programs during the drive will include "John Denver: A Song's Best Friend," "Motown - The Early Years," "Branson Jubilee" and "Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band: Live in New York City."

For more details about the August Pledge Drive or to learn how to become a member of KACV-TV, call (806) 371-5479 or 1-800-999-9243. Additional information is available on-line at www.kacv.org.

Town hall meeting set for barbers, cosmetologists to solicit input

AMARILLO — William Kuntz, executive director of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), and Brian Francis, TDLR's deputy executive director, will conduct a town hall meeting in Amarillo for Panhandle residents who are involved in the barber and cosmetology professions to acquaint them with the agency and solicit information that will help shape the future of barber and cosmetology regulation in Texas.

"The barbering and cosmetology professions are about to undergo their most significant change in decades and we want everyone involved to have a voice in the future of their professions," Kuntz said. "TDLR is committed to working with the members of these professions to ensure that our regulations are fair and reasonable and based on common sense."

The meeting will be on Monday at the Education Service Center, Panhandle Conference Room, 5800 Bell Street, in Amarillo. To ensure that all interested individuals have the opportunity to participate, TDLR will conduct two sessions:

- 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. — Barbering Schools and Shop Owners, and Cosmetology Schools and Shop Owners;
- 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. — Barbers, cosmetologists and specialty licensees, such as manicure specialists, facial specialists, hair weaving/braiding specialists and shampoo specialists.

Senate Bill 411, which was passed by the 79th Texas Legislature and signed by Gov. Rick Perry on June 18, transferred regulation of the cosmetology and barbering professions to TDLR, effective Sept. 1, 2005.

The town hall meeting

Barbers and cosmetologists who are unable to attend the meeting still may provide comments and suggestions to TDLR in writing or by e-mail ...

will allow barbers and cosmetologists to become acquainted with TDLR and agency leadership. It also will provide an opportunity for barbers and cosmetolo-

gists to voice concerns and offer suggestions related to the rules and regulatory efforts affecting their professions. It will help TDLR to gain a better understanding of how the barbering and cosmetology professions work so that the agency can be better prepared to provide services when the programs are transferred.

Barbers and cosmetologists who are unable to attend the meeting still may provide comments and suggestions to TDLR in writing or by e-mail, at strategic-plan@license.state.tx.us.

For more information about the meeting, barbers and cosmetologists may call (512) 463-3173.

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We know, because we've cried.

You've left behind our broken hearts and precious memories too.

But we've never wanted memories, we only wanted you.

No farewell words were spoken, no time to say goodbye.

You were gone before we knew it, and only God can tell us why.

Our thoughts are ever with you, we miss you more each day.

For life is not the same to us, since you were called away.

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No sorrow life could bring us, to equal losing you.

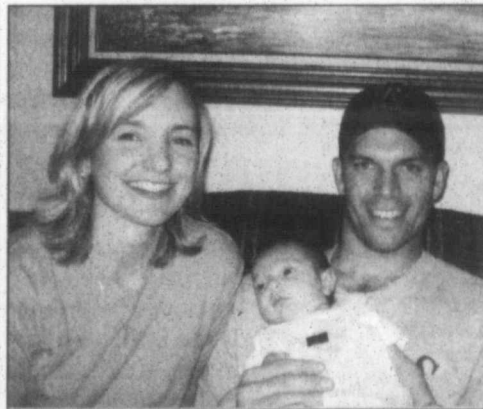
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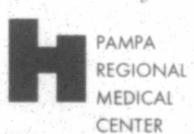
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EYE CLINIC

Optometrist helps bordering community with vision needs

By **CHRISTOPHER MAHER**
Alice Echo-News Journal
ALICE, Texas (AP) — Nearly every Monday for the past year, Alice optometrist Gary Cloud has left town at 7:30 a.m., heading south. Cloud, normally accompanied by his two assistants, drives just over two hours to the town of Roma, Texas, where he crosses the border and enters the community of Miguel Aleman.
There, in a small room in a building owned by the Red Cross, Cloud operates a clinic where he performs free eye screenings. The clinic includes modern equipment, most of it donated by Cloud through the Alice Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Roma-Miguel Aleman.
La Clinica de los Ojos, as it is called in the community, is well known in the town of 40,000 people, and is the only recourse for those with vision problems who cannot afford medical treatment.
Cloud said he was initially introduced to the community of Miguel Aleman through a Rotary Club project 10 years ago, so he was aware of

the need in the area. Although his Alice clinic is still open, he recently closed a clinic in Kingsville, leaving him with extra equipment.

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— **Victor Gutierrez**
Roma-Miguel Aleman Rotary Club rep

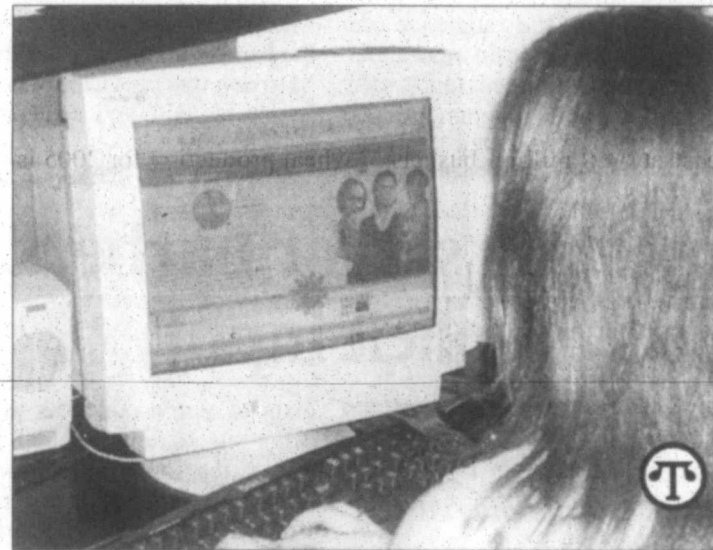
Cloud said while he was thinking of possible uses for the equipment, he remembered how helpful the Rotary Club members from Roma-Miguel Aleman had been and the idea for the clinic quickly came together.
"I had all this extra equipment, and I speak Spanish, and I love Mexico, and I knew how hardworking these

guys were," Cloud said, "Everything just kind of fell in place."
Victor Gutierrez, a representative of the Roma-Miguel Aleman Rotary Club, said his group quickly moved to support Cloud's idea.
"We are never scared of any of the projects that we do," Gutierrez said. "We always work with the idea of helping the communities."
Volunteers helped transport the heavy equipment from Alice to Miguel Aleman and turned a small supply room in the Red Cross building into an exam room.
A local resident donated an air conditioner to the clinic, which now has the only air conditioned room in the building. Several doctors and assistants have volunteered their time and resources to help run the clinic.
Since the clinic opened a year ago, Cloud and his volunteers have performed 955 screenings at the clinic and in 14 area schools.
Gutierrez said he and the other volunteers are constantly approached by people on the street who thank them
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Fight against cervical cancer far from over

(NAPSA) — Although cervical cancer screening has been the most successful cancer prevention campaign in United States' medical history, there is still a long way to go in the fight against the disease.
According to a recent poll, 97 percent of women age 18 and over are unaware that the human papillomavirus (HPV) is the cause of cervical cancer, and seven percent say they haven't been told by their health-care provider that an HPV test is available. But now there is a new resource to help women manage their risk of cervical cancer: an interactive Web site, TheHPVtest.com.
For those without Web access, a companion brochure is available by calling 877-HPV-FACT.

Medical specialists now know that when an HPV test is combined with a Pap in women 30 and older, the ability to identify women at risk increases to nearly 100 percent. Although the Pap "smear" has greatly reduced the development of cervical cancer over the past 60



A new Web site and brochure may help women prevent cervical cancer.

years, it can miss abnormal cells while they are still in their pre-cancerous stage.
The HPV test directly detects the virus that causes those abnormal cells in the first place.
Christine Baze, a cervical cancer survivor, musician and founder of Popsmeat.org, urges women to visit the site.
"When I was diagnosed with cervical cancer, after having repeated Pap tests that appeared normal, I didn't know anything about HPV or the fact that the Pap by itself could miss women with abnormal cells," says Baze. "Today, women are lucky, because they can take charge of their own 'education' by visiting
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PKD: What everyone should know about life-threatening genetic disease

(NAPSA) — Polycystic kidney disease (PKD) is the most common life-threatening genetic disease in the world — yet few even know it exists.
PKD affects more newborns, children and adults than cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy, hemophilia, sickle cell anemia and Down syndrome combined—yet it still doesn't have a cure.
More than 600,000 Americans and 12.5 million across the globe battle PKD every day — yet many don't know they have it.
For Kirsten and Stuart Sclater-Booth, statistics like those are scary. And all too real.
Their son, 4-year-old Luke, has a relatively rare form of PKD called autosomal recessive polycystic kidney disease or ARPKD.
According to the PKD Foundation, the often deadly disease only affects one in 10,000 babies and can cause significant mortality in the first month of life.
Although Luke survived, his short life hasn't been easy. The Cross River, N.Y.,

boy is small for his age and tires easily.
In addition to swallowing several pills a day and baring his arm for shots each week, Luke also struggles with high blood pressure and, at times, dehydration.
Despite those challenges, Luke will attend prekindergarten this fall and undergo a kidney transplant sometime soon. His dad plans to be the donor.
Like Luke, more than 60 percent of PKD patients experience kidney failure and are forced to rely on dialysis or a transplant to live.

Approximately one-third of children with Luke's form of PKD need dialysis or a transplant by their 10th birthday.
The Hope
Luke's experience with PKD has been tough. Not just for him, but for the entire family. That's why the Sclater-Booths have decided to reach out to other families and help spread awareness of PKD.
In the last year, Kirsten has helped organize an ARPKD Chapter of the PKD Foundation, the only organization in the world dedicated to finding a treatment and a cure for PKD.
She also established Luke's Team, which raised
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WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #17 Zybach '65', 467' from South & East line, Sec. 65,M-1,H&GN, PD 14500'.
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BRITT Granite Wash) Pogo Panhandle 2004, L.P., #43 Thomas, 1470' from North & 1980' from West line, Sec. 3,5,B&B, PD 19000'.
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HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT & SHIRE Simpson) Latigo Texas, L.P., #3 Coble

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for the work they are doing. Gutierrez also said the impact the clinic has had on the community is very noticeable.
 "Just by seeing all the little kids that have these changes," Gutierrez said. "Sometimes they didn't even know they had a problem, and sometimes they knew they had a problem,

but they didn't have the resources to go to a doctor."

The clinic is seeking status as a nonprofit corporation, and Cloud said he hoped that would allow it to accept donations to increase the amount of care he can provide.

A fellow doctor in Alice has agreed to perform cataract surgeries at the clinic, so volunteers are working to bring the necessary equipment.

Cloud said one of the most difficult jobs in the clinic is obtaining high-prescription lenses. Although some companies have donated

frames for glasses and normal lenses can be produced relatively cheaply, Cloud said he hopes to receive donations that will allow him to decrease the cost of high-prescription lenses to patients.

There is still a lot of work to be done at the clinic, and Cloud said he plans to continue making the 298-mile round trip every Monday.

"I guess the main reason I go down and do this is because it makes me feel good," Cloud said. "I've had a good life, and it feels good to help."

Texas wheat production down this year

AUSTIN — The 2005 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 99.2 million bushels, 9 percent lower than last year, but 3 percent higher than 2003.

This estimate is down 6 percent from the June forecast.

According to a July 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, statewide yield is expected to average 31.0 bushels per acre, identical to

last year and up 1 bushel from the June forecast. Harvested acreage, at 3.2 million acres, is down 9 percent from 2004.

"There were quite a few acres lost to hail and wind on the Panhandle, but yields held strong as harvest drew closer to completion," State Director Robin Roark reported.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 54.0 million bushels,

up 12 percent from last year. Winter wheat production on the Low Plains is forecast at 23.3 million bushels, down 9 percent from last year.

Blacklands' production is estimated at 7.8 million bushels, down 49 percent from last year. Production on the Edwards Plateau is forecast at 5.8 million bushels, 27 percent higher than the 2004 crop.

United States winter wheat production for 2005 is

forecast at 1.53 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last month but 2 percent above 2004.

Yield is expected to average 44.5 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from last month and 1.0 bushel higher than last year.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 34.3 million acres, down 1 percent from a year ago.

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TheHPVtest.com."

The interactive site offers in-depth information about HPV and cervical cancer, as well as a number of interactive features including a "Myths vs. Facts Quiz," that allows women to check their HPV IQ, a tool that allows women to forward information to a friend or relative and HPV test and annual exam appointment reminders and much more.

For those women who would rather sit back and listen, an interactive audio "tuto-

rial" is available.

TheHPVtest.com was developed by a health-literacy expert and reviewed by a medical team for completeness and accuracy.

A randomly selected group of women in the Washington, D.C., suburbs of Maryland was consulted prior to the site's launch to make sure it is user-friendly and meets the needs of a variety of age groups and educational backgrounds.

The HPV test is FDA-approved both for follow-up evaluation in women younger than age 30 whose Pap results are inconclusive and for routine screening (along with the Pap) in women age 30 and older.

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\$45,000 for the Walk for PKD. This year, she hopes to top that donation and encourage other families to get involved.

Learn More

The 2005 Walk for PKD is scheduled for Sept. 17 or 18 in cities across the country. While teams raised more than a million dollars in 2004, this year they're pushing for 1.5 million.

The money goes directly to funding research and raising awareness for PKD and the millions of families bat-

ting the disease every day.

Anyone can start or join a Walk for PKD team. And if there's not a Walk nearby, friends and families can participate in a Virtual Walk or start a walk of their own.

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West Texas A&M chooses Tana Miller to be new registrar

CANYON — Officials at West Texas A&M have reached into their own ranks and named Tana Miller as registrar. Miller, associate director of admissions, will begin her new duties Aug. 29.

WT's registrar works with a staff of nine and a

number of student workers. Miller will oversee registration activities, curriculum records management, student records management and document imaging.

She will be responsible for veterans' certification and enrollment verification. "I'm very excited and

look forward to the challenge," Miller said.

Miller received bachelor's and master's degrees from WT in 1985 and 1992 respectively. She joined the WT staff in 1986 as an admissions adviser and was named assistant director of admissions in 1988.

She's also held positions as director of student activities, part-time instructor, evaluations supervisor and TASP coordinator.

She fills the position vacated by Anita Gray.

"Tana brings experience in both recruitment and retention to the position, as

well as enthusiasm for the university and what it has to offer," said Dr. Troy Johnson, dean of enrollment management. "The registrar is a key player in our efforts to recruit, retain and graduate students, and Tana will definitely be an asset."

Miller is active in the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, serving on committees and presenting programs at conferences.

She is also a member of the University Lions Club.

Research seeks answers about Lygus Bug

By TIM W. McALAVY
Texas A&M News

LUBBOCK — Got Lygus? You may indeed, without knowing it. Sampling your alfalfa, cotton or even roadside vegetation with a sweep net will tell the tale pretty quickly.

Research under way at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center here is geared toward finding out more about lygus bugs and their potential impact on cotton.

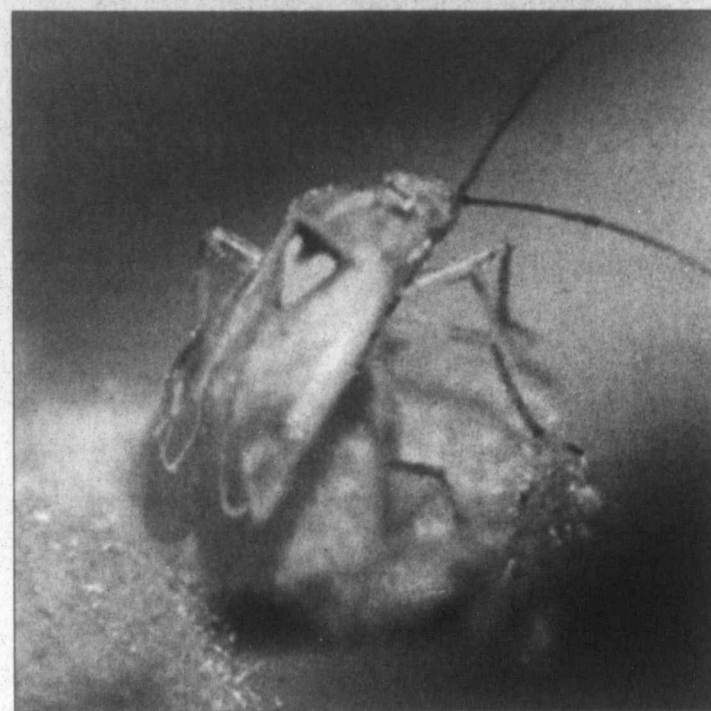
"Lygus are an unknown quantity here," said Dr. Megha Parajulee, a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station entomologist. "They can damage cotton by feeding on young squares ... the fruit that becomes lint-bearing cotton bolls. In 2002, we began a study to determine which species of Lygus are common here and which host plants they prefer to inhabit during their life cycle."

The study has revealed two species of lygus bugs in a 25-county survey area around Lubbock: pale legume bugs and western tarnished plant bugs. The latter is more numerous and can pose a threat to cotton if its preferred food plants are not abundant.

"In our species survey we determined that Lygus prefer to live in and feed on flaxweed and mustard from mid-March through mid-April," Parajulee said. "Then they move into alfalfa, pigweed and Russian thistle. They overwinter here in alfalfa and pigweed."

"They are opportunistic feeders. We believe they prefer these hosts plants over cotton, but there is a June through September window when they will move into cotton and feed on squares, blooms and bolls ... if they are forced to. That window closes after cotton plants attain about 350 heat units — a measure of daily heat accumulation based on maximum and minimum temperatures. The bolls then harden and become impenetrable to lygus bugs."

Lygus feeding can cause cotton plants to abort squares and small bolls, or



(Texas Cooperative Extension photo by TIM W. McALAVY) **Adult lygus bugs such as this western tarnished plant bug are occasional cotton pests on the Texas High Plains. When deprived of other vegetation, they can move into and damage cotton by feeding on squares, blooms and bolls. Research at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock is geared toward finding out more about lygus bugs and their impact on cotton.**

stain and reduce the amount of lint. This damage means fewer dollars for farmers at harvest and in the market place.

"Lygus populations on the South Plains have been pretty static for several years," said Dr. James Leser, a Texas Cooperative Extension cotton entomologist who partners with Parajulee in this research. "Lygus and flea-hopper damage was especially high in 1999, but has generally been much lower and spotty during the last six years. In 1999, combined damage from Lygus and fleahoppers averaged about 12 percent, and control costs added up to more than \$7 million dollars."

Lygus are difficult to control, often requiring two or more expensive applications, Leser said.

"Another species of Lygus is a real threat to cotton in the southeastern U.S. now that the boll weevil and bollworm have been taken out of the picture through eradication programs and by planting Bollgard cotton," Leser said. "The resulting reduction in sprays for these two

pests has allowed their Lygus infestations to reach damaging levels. I think they are becoming more noticeable in the Texas High Plains because we, too, are eliminating boll weevils and reducing bollworm infestations."

"But more importantly, our producers read about the eastern Lygus problems and assume that they, too, will have similar problems. Thus far this has not been the case."

By studying the host plants that lygus bugs prefer, their feeding behavior and patterns of movement, the scientists hope to develop tools farmers can use to protect their cotton.

"We are also evaluating methods for sampling and detecting Lygus in the field. If we can combine accurate sampling with knowledge of how and when they move and feed, we may be able to control them before they move into cotton," Parajulee said. "We are also evaluating host plants in the lab to see which ones Lygus favor for reproduction. And we are evaluating cotton varieties

for Lygus resistance and tolerance in the field as well as in the lab."

Knowing which varieties are more tolerant to lygus bug feeding damage and when bolls become safe from the damage may help the researchers develop solid thresholds for spray treatments.

"All of our current treatment thresholds are from Arizona," Leser said. "It will be helpful to have treatment thresholds for Texas and to know which insecticides and doses will work best here. We are also looking for a simple, hand-held tool producers can use to gauge boll hardness in the field — so they can tell when Lygus are no longer a threat."

The researchers are also studying how irrigation regimes may affect Lygus populations.

As the researchers gather more information about Lygus, they will step up their education campaign with area farmers. Leser's weekly "Focus on Entomology" electronic newsletter provides information about many important insect pests. Lygus will also be a featured topic in an ongoing series of Crop Production Guides Leser and other scientists are compiling. Extension's integrated pest management agents are another avenue of sharing lygus bug information with producers.

"Focus on Entomology" is available weekly during the cotton growing season on the Internet at <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/focus/>.

"This is a team effort that combines applied research with a strong Extension component," Parajulee said.

"We hope to one day have more solid information about Lygus than questions."

Their research is funded by the Plains Cotton Growers, Cotton Incorporated and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

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Texas Upland cotton shows decrease

AUSTIN — The 2005 Texas Upland cotton crop is expected to total 6.1 million bales, 21 percent lower than in 2004, but 41 percent higher than 2003. This year's crop is expected to be the second largest ever. Yield is expected to average 532 pounds per acre, compared with 694 pounds last year. Acreage expected for harvest is estimated at 5.5 million acres, up 3 percent from 2004.

Corn production is forecast at 223.2 million bushels, down 4 percent from last year, but 15 percent more than in 2003. Based on Aug. 1 conditions, statewide yield is expected to average 124 bushels per acre, 15 bushels less than in 2004. Acres to be harvested for grain, at 1.8 million, is up 7 percent from last year.

Texas peanut production is up 18 percent from last year, at 912 million pounds. Statewide yield, at 3,800 pounds per acre, is up 500 pounds from last year and harvested acreage is up 2 percent to 240,000 acres.

Sorghum production is forecast at 62.7 million hun-

dredweight (cwt), 12 percent less than last year. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 2 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. Yield, at 3,136 pounds per acre, is down 336 pounds from last year.

The 2005 Texas soybean crop is forecast at 7.4 million bushels, down 14 percent from last year's production. Harvested acreage, at 275,000, is up 2 percent from last year, and yield is expected to average 27 bushels per acre, compared with 32 bushels last year.

Oat production is forecast at 6.72 million bushels, up 5 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 42.0 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from 2004.

Texas grape production is

forecast at 10,000 tons, up 14 percent from last year's 8,800 tons.

United States corn production is forecast at 10.3 billion bushels, down 12 percent from last year's crop. A yield of 139.2 bushels per acre is forecast, down 21.2 bushels from last year's record high. The sorghum crop is expected to be down 16 percent to 213.0 million cwt.

The U.S. Upland cotton crop is expected to total 20.6 million bales, down 9 percent from last year. Soybean production is forecast at 2.79 billion bushels, down 11 percent from last year. The U.S. peanut crop is estimated at 5.14 billion pounds, up 21 percent from a year ago.

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Viewpoints

Common sense needed in everyday decisions

Sometimes I wonder if it would be worth it to pursue legislation that would make it a crime for morons to breed. Of course I'm being facetious, but after reading about the PCPSBs recently, it makes me wonder what happened to common sense. PCPSB stands for Politically Correct Paper Shuffling Bureaucrats.

You know who I'm talking about. Those people who have jobs that require no skills or sense at all. Well, it does take some skill to successfully shuffle papers most of the day.

What sent me off, you might ask. Two things I read

about. One in the Houston Chronicle earlier this week, and one in Thursday's Amarillo Globe-News.

The Associated Press story in the Chronicle told about a public radio station in Lexington, Ky., that was going to ban an episode of Garrison Keillor's "The Writer's Almanac" radio show because it feared the Federal Communications Commission would censure them for airing obscene language.

The content? Use of the word "breast" and the phrase "get high." Fortunately, a flood of telephone calls and e-mails

from listeners with common sense helped overturn the decision and the show aired.

The Associated Press article in the Globe-News related the plight of a decorated Marine who enrolled at Austin Community College in Austin. He was told by college officials that his two tours of duty in Iraq kept him out of the state too long and he did not qualify for Texas resident tuition.

He was born in Texas, is registered to vote in Travis

County, has a Texas driver's license and has his money in an Austin bank. In addition, he lived most of his life in the Waco area.

The PCPSBs at the college said he had to have been a resident of Texas at least one year before enrolling.

He graduated from high school and enlisted in the Marine Corps in Louisiana.

The one-year rule is the guideline, but common sense would dictate that Basham had lived in Texas

most of his life, and as a returning combat veteran he should be entitled to better treatment.

The cost of in-state tuition is about \$500; the out-of-state designation calls for paying about \$2,600.

Basham has other people on his side. State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said, "Mr. Basham has gone to war for us, and I intend to go to war for him!"

Rep. Suzanna Hupp, R-Lampasas who represents veterans at Fort Hood, said, "It doesn't make sense that people who have bullets flying over their head aren't

treated properly when they get back."

Ray Grasshoff, a spokesman for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, said he did not know if other returning service members are facing the same problem.

"Our staff is trying to talk to the ACC staff and trying to figure out what can be done ... to resolve the issue," Grasshoff said.

Mr. Common Sense ought to put on his cape, buzz on down to Austin Community College and sprinkle common sense dust on the PCPSBs.

Dennis Spies
Editor



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Aug. 21, the 233rd day of 2005. There are 132 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 21, 1945, President Truman ended the Lend-Lease program that had shipped some \$50 billion in aid to America's allies during World War II.

On this date:

In 1831, former slave Nat Turner led a violent insurrection in Virginia. (He was later executed.)

In 1858, the famous debates between senatorial contenders Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas began.

In 1878, the American Bar Association was founded in Saratoga, N.Y.

In 1904, jazz musician and bandleader William "Count" Basie was born in Red Bank, N.J.

In 1940, exiled Communist revolu-

tionary Leon Trotsky died in Mexico City from wounds inflicted by an assassin.

In 1944, the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and China opened talks at Dumbarton Oaks in Washington that helped pave the way for establishment of the United Nations.

In 1959, President Eisenhower signed an executive order proclaiming Hawaii the 50th state of the union.

In 1984, Democratic vice-presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro appeared before reporters in Queens, New York, to field questions about her family's finances.

In 1991, the hard-line coup against Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev collapsed in the face of a popular uprising led by Russian federation President Boris N. Yeltsin.

In 1993, in a serious setback for NASA, engineers lost contact with the Mars Observer spacecraft as it was about to reach the Red Planet on a \$980 million mission.

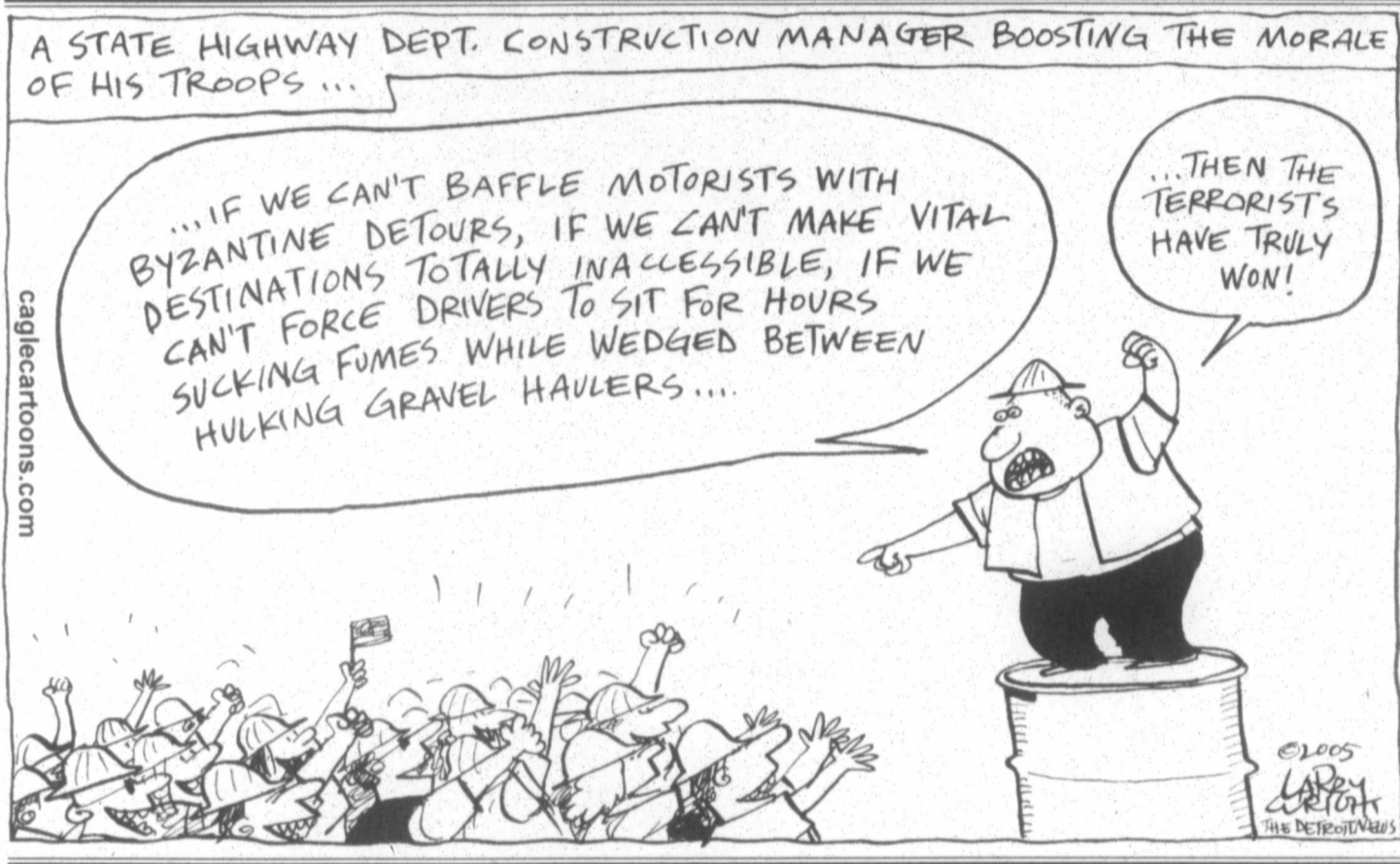
Ten years ago: ABC News settled a \$10 billion libel suit by apologizing to Philip Morris for reporting the tobacco giant had manipulated the amount of nicotine in its cigarettes. A suicide bomber set off an explosion that tore through two crowded Israeli commuter buses, killing five others. A commuter plane crashed near Carrollton, Ga., killing nine people.

Five years ago: Rescue efforts to reach the sunken Russian nuclear submarine Kursk ended with divers announcing none of the 118 sailors had survived.

One year ago: The International Gymnastics Federation ruled that South Korean Yang Tae-young was unfairly docked a tenth of a point in the all-around gymnastics final at the Athens Olympics, costing him the gold medal that ended up going to Paul Hamm of the United States; however, the ruling did not change the final result.

'To know a little less and to understand a little more: That, it seems to me, is our greatest need.'

— James Ramsey Ullman
American author (1907-1971)



Myth-makers seem to be a vanishing breed

Those Greeks back in "BC" times had no idea that stories they were passing around might centuries later be described as "myth-stakes." Some original mythologies bore shreds of truth, but most were clearly fictional. The latter stretched until imaginations snapped, and a bunch of them have held on.

We've added "urban" to many myths, but folks telling stories warranting deep belly laughs are dwindling. Check out cafes and drugstores in your community. Diminishing are the Monday morning quarterbacks who solved the world's problems over coffee. 'Course, maybe there was more to laugh about when java was a nickel a cup.

I miss community storytellers. Some didn't recognize truth when they saw it and lied for no more reason than to stay in practice. (My mom NEVER called people liars. "You can make your point by accusing them of fibbin, or windjammin" she opined.)

Accomplished myth-makers, licensed to embroider a bit — a nip here, a tuck there — come up with whoppers. Inflated with re-tellings like descriptions of fish caught long ago, stories take on "could have happened" status.

Maybe that's reason enough to rekindle the ones that are instructive or amusing for future generations.

I have made genuine efforts to verify an account first heard 35 years ago. It was oft-repeated at lecterns, and I confess to being among the leather lungs dispensing it.

Here's the gist of it: It is alleged that around 1970, Bart Starr of Green Bay Packers fame, Most Valuable Player of Super Bowls I and II and arguably one of the most notable athletes of all time, stopped for lunch at the Huffman House café in Winters, Texas.

Old No. 15 was said to

have bragged to Mrs. Huffman about the wonderful food. He extended a hand forward, introducing himself as "Bart Starr of the Green

B a y Packers." "I'm mighty glad to meet you, Mr. Starr," Mrs.

Huffman responded. "And I guess the reason I didn't recognize you is that we get our meat from Gooch's over in Abilene."

Reportedly, Bart collapsed in laughter, figuring she might be the only person on the planet who had never heard of him. He sent an autographed picture, and it was proudly displayed at the Huffman House until it closed several years ago.

This vignette came to mind a few weeks back, so I called friends in Winters. I learned that they've just completed a 13-year, \$330,000 project to upgrade the Winters Historical District. The little community of 3,000 souls raised all of

the funds — all without raiding tax coffers. They are more than proud of their Z.I. Hale Museum, Rock Hotel, "The Caboose," Blue Gap Post Office, Gus Pruser Agricultural Exhibit and Drummer House.

I asked Randall Conner about the Starr story. "I've heard it for years, but eye witnesses may all be dead or gone," he said, including both of the Huffmans.

"We've got the autographed picture of Mr. Starr in the museum," he said. He's mighty proud of the eclectic memorabilia including the first patented mechanical cotton picker (1912), old wedding dresses dating back to 1904, and the Rogers Hornsby baseball exhibit. "Yes, Rogers was born here in 1896," Conner assured. "And I'm not 'myth-speaking.'"

Conner, drawing a second breath, spoke of the old hotel's honeymoon suite, a horse-drawn hearse (circa 1905) and accounts of world-famous jockey Willie Shoemaker spending sum-

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Don Newbury
Columnist



Arthur Laffer — the happy supply-sider economist

Last time I talked to economist Arthur Laffer was in 1979 when I interviewed him at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. In those miserable economic times, before he was dubbed "The Father of Supply-Side Economics," Laffer was considered a kook by the liberal econ-

establishment for pushing his idea that cutting taxes in certain circumstances can simultaneously stimulate economic growth and put more tax revenue into government coffers. Today his famous "Laffer Curve" is no longer ridiculed, and the former member of President Reagan's Economic Policy Advisory Board is famed for

sparking a worldwide tax-cutting revolution. I talked to him by telephone from his home in San Diego:

Q: How do you define your politics?

A: I'm pro-growth. I'm Democrat when

Democrats are into pro-growth, and I'm Republican when they are. I vote the issues really hard-core, and they're all economic issues. That doesn't mean that I don't have strong views on social issues. That's just not where government is

involved in my life.

Q: What grade do you give Bush on economics?

A: I'm really shocked by it. As you probably know, I

was not a fan of his father's. I voted for Clinton twice. I really thought

Bush (the elder) and Bob Dole were tax collectors for the welfare state. The reason I voted for Bush W. was more Al Gore than it was Bush. And now I am just totally a fan. This guy is just incredibly good at economics.

Q: You are not concerned

about the big deficits or the former steel tariffs?

A: Oh, the steel tariffs (were) terrible. They're embarrassing. By putting on steel tariffs, what you do is cause U.S. companies that buy steel to pay higher prices for lower-quality steel. Now you tell me what happens to the American automobile industry and the other products that use steel as an import? I was born and raised in Youngstown, and I know steel pretty well. It does not help America, it doesn't help steel, and it doesn't help Youngstown. It hurts everyone.

Q: The biggest economic issue of the moment?

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Bill Steigerwald
Columnist



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Events calendar

• A meeting to discuss a proposed "Ten Commandments monument" is scheduled at 7 p.m. Aug. 22 at McLean City Park in McLean. The Rev. Archie Cooper is spearheading the effort to erect the monument. All townsfolk are invited to attend. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will convene in First Baptist Church of McLean. Kim Fowler, of Wallace Monument Company of Clarendon, will be present with pictures of the project. A site for the monument has been singled out. All attendees are advised to bring their own chairs.

• To promote World Breastfeeding Month, the local WIC office, 1201 N. Hobart, Suite 1-1 (near Beall's) will host a celebration from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 23. The event will explore breastfeeding and other infant feeding topics and products with participants. The theme will be "Mother's Milk: It's more than just food." For more information, contact WIC at 665-1182. The event is being co-

sponsored by Gray County Texas Cooperative Extension.

• A Saturday Night Jamboree will be staged from 6-10 p.m. Aug. 27 at the Armstrong County Activity Center in Claude. The jamboree will include food, music and will benefit a good cause. Proceeds will go to Methodist Church Community Outreach Program. Fish fry plates will cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for children or \$12 for all you can eat. All are invited to bring an instrument and play along. Musicians will eat for free. For more information, call (806) 226-2061.

• The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Aug. 30, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. All exams

are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

• Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout August. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day" and "The Tree Book" with information about tree planting and care. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Blue Spruces, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Aug. 31.



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Hearing

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Another factor may be Xcel Energy's motion earlier this month to correct more than \$7 million on property tax valuations.

"The issue will be brought before the Appraisal Review Board for the Gray County Appraisal District as soon as possible at a date to be deter-

mined. The amount in contention is \$7,024,660," Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley said in an Aug. 12 letter to Peet.

A review board hearing to consider Xcel's motion had not been scheduled as of Friday, Bagley said in an Aug. 19 telephone interview.

Commissioners estimated the amount quoted in the letter from Bagley would result in a difference to the county of approximately \$35,000.

A cost-of-living increase

of \$100 per month for elected officials and full-time county employees has also been factored into the 2006 budget. A public notice is scheduled to be published in the Monday issue of The Pampa News concerning the pay increase.

The effective property tax rate needed to collect the same amount of funds as were collected for the 2005 budget amount is .465741.

Under the proposed rate

of .488926 cents per \$100 valuation, a house valued at \$31,206, the median value of a home in Gray County, would have taxes totaling \$156.51 levied against it. If the effective rate were to be used, the taxes would be \$149.09 for the same home, a difference of \$7.42.

County commissioners plan to vote on the 2006 budget and property tax rate at their Sept. 1 meeting.

Myth

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mers there with his grandparents.

Taking a final shot for authenticity on the Starr story, I contacted Mr. Starr's office in Birmingham, Ala. His assistant said he'd contact me if the account was true.

Within minutes, an email revealed that Mr. Starr has never visited Winters, Texas. He indicated that such stories are common, and that

he's heard this one several times.

A part of me is sorry that I made the final call. But, I am glad that during most of my years, folks have gathered in coffee shops to share yarns, always eager to return another day. Urban myths and Internet jokes pale by comparison.

Oh, I forgot to salute Winters citizens, where a "can do" spirit still exists. When you're out in West Texas, visit the museum district. The Chamber of Commerce will load you down with brochures and

"glad ya'll came" comments.

And be sure to see Bart Starr's photo autographed to the Huffmans. It's hanging in the mythology department.

A few Winters citizens figure colorful humanitarian Edd Fishel might first have concocted the Starr story. Fishel, longtime Abilene businessman who helped several thousand students pay college bills over the years, was born in Winters in 1918. He admits to participating in numerous crocks of myths, but not this one. Now

age 87 and retired, Winters friends describe Edd as a "recovering windjammer."

—Dr. Newbury is an author and speaker whose column appears in 125 newspapers in six states.

Laffer

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A: I like low, flat-rate taxes. I like sound money. I like free trade. And I like minimal regulation for serving social purposes. That's it.

Q: Is that a definition of supply-side economics?

A: (It's the supply-side definition in each of the major areas of macroeconomics. There are four areas: fiscal policy, monetary policy, trade policy and a sort of catchall, incomes policy. Those are all the indirect ways government affects business—regulations, restrictions, minimum wage, wage and prices, etc.)

Q: What's something that's true about economics right now that every layperson should know about?

A: If you tax people who work and you pay people who don't work, do not be surprised if you find a lot of people choosing not to work.

Q: What's the most prevalent and most dangerous economic myth that the public believes that needs to be debunked?

A: Bottom line, I think the public's got it.

Q: Really?

A: I'm really impressed with the public. The electorate really sees through all this crap. They understand free trade. They understand low, flat-rate taxes. They understand sound money. The electorate is really cool. I'm superly impressed by democracy — and I'm not natively that way inclined, just so you know.

Q: I was going to ask you whether the public and its leaders were getting smarter in economics. I guess you answered it.

A: They've been great. Look at what's happening.

Since that '79 interview we had, OK, let's take a look at what happened to marginal tax rates. The highest rate has gone from what — 70 percent — down to what, 35 percent? What's happened to inflation? What's happened to regulation restrictions? What's happened to America and the world? What's happened to the stock market? What's happened to everything you and I believe in? Do you remember what unemployment rates looked like back in 1979? Do you remember what the prime was when Ronald Reagan came into office on Jan. 20, 1981? It was 21 percent.

Q: This is a happy economist. It's not dismal at all, is it?

A: I cannot believe how wonderful it is. When (Nobel Prize-winning economist) Bob Mundell and I sat there at the University of Chicago in 1967, '68 and '69, we dreamt of a world. That world is now. Can you imagine a world with no inflation? Everything that's happened. It's absolutely

spectacular. I'm just so happy about what's happened to this world. Don't you feel that way?

Q: I'm a libertarian, and I'll probably never be satisfied. But I think in economics a lot of people have gotten a lot smarter over the last 20 or 30 years.

A: If you look at (House Minority Leader) Nancy Pelosi and (Senate Minority Leader) Harry Reid (on TV), they look really, really uncomfortable. They were running everything in 1979. They had the president, the Senate, the Supreme Court, the Fed chairman. They had every damn position in the world. They had everything — the states, the houses, the governors. It was a Fabian redistributionist nightmare. Now it's really beautiful. I'm an old man, and old men are supposed to be curmudgeons and hate the modern day and love the ancient. But the truth of the matter is, we've won.

—Bill Steigerwald is a columnist at the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

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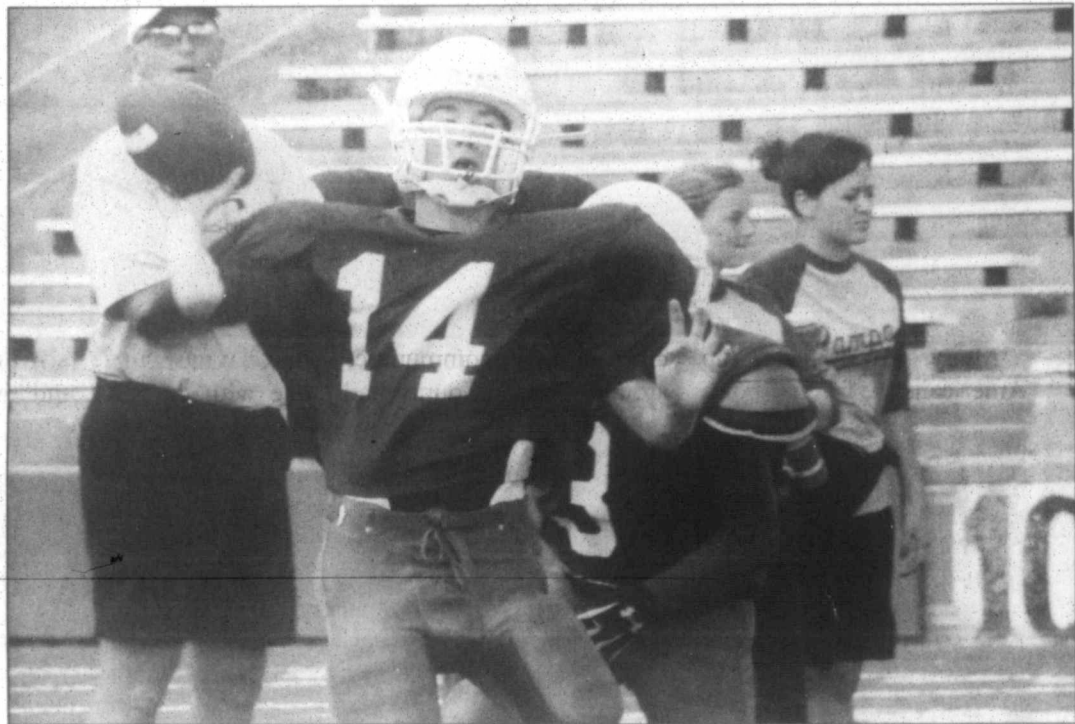


Sports Day



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Junior James Coffee (above) sprints past a Tiger defender on his way to the Harvester end zone Friday during both teams' varsity scrimmage at Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon. Among the many bright spots for the Pampa junior varsity squad was J'Mico Mitchell (right) who leaves a Frenship defender at his feet during a run. Freshmen player Casey Trimble (below) unleashes a pass.



Harvesters looking good

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

It was only an afternoon of scrimmages against the Frenship Tigers, but the Pampa High School freshmen, junior varsity and varsity football teams looked good Friday on the Astroturf of Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon.

Each showed signs of early off-season rust. The freshmen and junior varsity teams both struggled with holding onto the ball. The freshmen offensive line had a tough time with the size speed of the Tiger's defense. But as the afternoon wore on, things began to click for both.

The JV offense appeared to score as often, if not more than the Tigers. The defense showed signs of strength, especially against misdirection/counter plays and wide sweeps. Pampa picked off a few passes as well.

The freshmen offensive line began to adjust to the opposing defense, which allowed for better ball movement and a few scores. The defense remained up to the Tiger challenge all afternoon.

The varsity squad looked like a team that has already bought into and believes in whatever it is new Harvester head coach Bryan Wood has brought to the tradition-rich Pampa program.

Junior James Coffee in particular made it apparent from the onset he will be one of

the Harvesters the opposition will need to pay close attention to. Coffee began the afternoon with a towering punt that not only covered a lot of distance, but had great hang time as well. Within the next 10 minutes or so, he would find the Tiger quarterback while on defense, and the end zone as a running back on offense.

Seniors Nick Robbins and Keenan Davis each drilled extra point and short/medium range field goal attempts.

Senior Brody Smith looked comfortable at quarterback, whether under center or in shotgun formation. And those curious about Smith's passing ability need only have seen the connection he made with senior Sharod Young who had gained position on his defender down the left sideline, made a sensational catch, and darted to the end zone.

It was easy to forget that as both teams worked on basic schemes, that this was just a scrimmage. However, given Frenship is a perennial 4-4A power, Pampa looked great. Probably more accurate to say they looked disciplined. And though he will no doubt say there is still work to be done, Coach Wood must have been pleased by what he saw from his team yesterday.

Now he and his Harvesters can busy themselves this week with preparing for the season opener Friday at home against the Rangers of Perryton. That game will start at 7 p.m.



Stewart racing in rarified air

By DICK BRINSTER
Associated Press

Tony Stewart is in a zone rarely achieved in NASCAR.

With five victories in the last seven races and his spot in the Nextel Cup playoffs virtually assured, Stewart can take it easy.

Don't count on it.

"Even though we have that flexibility to relax a bit from knowing that we're going to make the Chase, we still have the pressure to make sure we've done everything we can to be prepared for when the Chase starts," he said. "We're pretty much guaranteed to be in, but we don't want to just settle for being in."

"We want to do what we can to win the championship."

And in case he forgets, crew chief Greg Zipadelli will be certain to remind him of that. Stewart probably will be on top when NASCAR squeezes the points after 26 races to five-point intervals among the top drivers, who'll chase the title over the last 10 events.

His lead is 105 points over Jimmie Johnson heading to Michigan for Sunday's GFS Marketplace 400.

"We can't even think about getting complacent," said Zipadelli, the only crew chief Stewart has had since his rookie season with Joe Gibbs Racing. "My attitude after last week is we've got to work even harder. I want to win more than I did last weekend because it's the following weekend."

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Smashing birdies at the World Badminton Championships

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Birdies are everywhere inside Anaheim Arena and there's not a golf club or perfectly manicured green in sight.

These birdies are made of goosefeathers and whiz through the air across five courts set on top of the ice rink used by the NHL's Mighty Ducks.

This week, the Asian- and European-dominated sport of badminton is staging its world championships in the United States for the first time, and this isn't the version played with a beer in one hand at backyard barbecues.

That's the image familiar to most Americans, who might be surprised to learn badminton is called the world's fastest racket sport because a shuttle can be smashed at more than 200 mph. Put a 3 1/2-ounce racket in the hands of the world's best players, most of whom are Chinese, Korean, Malaysian and Indonesian, and watch them turn the game into a survival of the fittest.

They might cover more than a mile in

one match — jumping, running and going up-and-back or side-to-side on a dime. The shuttle — weighing just under a quarter of an ounce — and its 16 feathers fixed in a cork base can be obliterated with one brutal leaping smash.

The shuttles are humidified to prevent dryness and brittleness. They are made from left wing and right wing feathers plucked from white geese. Only six or seven specific feathers from each wing can be used to make a shuttle, and the feathers cannot be mixed. Three geese can produce two shuttles, with four feathers left over.

Players need split-second reactions to keep the shuttle from touching the ground during play, which is illegal.

"It's the athleticism, the effort and the skill that goes into it," said spectator David Turner, an Englishman who planned his U.S. vacation around taking in the championships.

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Bears' Benson last first-round pick unsigned

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — Upset and frustrated that running back Cedric Benson is still a holdout and the only first-round draft pick without a contract agreement, the Chicago Bears have made their final offer to the No. 4 pick.

"After missing all of training camp, we want to make it abundantly clear that the Chicago Bears have made their best and final offer to Cedric Benson," Bears general manager Jerry Angelo said in a statement released by the team.

"No dollars are left on the bargaining table and at this point the only contract discussions that will be entertained will be reflective of the considerable loss of value to the club created by the player's extended absence," the statement said.

Benson's holdout reached its 26th day Thursday and the former Texas star has

already missed two preseason games. The Bears' training camp at Bourbonnais, Ill., ended Wednesday.

The Bears are back at their Halas Hall training facility and play again Saturday at Indianapolis. They have two exhibitions remaining after that before opening the regular season Sept. 11 at Washington.

The Bears have been burned by holdouts from first-round running backs in the past, most notably Curtis Enis, who was drafted in 1998 and is who is no longer in the NFL after a disappointing injury-plagued career.

"The Chicago Bears have always placed a premium on having our players in camp on time," Angelo said noting that two other first-rounders represented by Benson's agent, Eugene Parker, were in on time — quarterback Rex Grossman and defensive tackle Tommie Harris.

LOW LEVELS, WARM TEMPERATURES

Panhandle, West Texas Fishing Report

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Aug. 17. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

PANHANDLE
BAYLOR: Water lightly stained; 83 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are slow.

GREENBELT: Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 17.2' low. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on chartreuse/white or watermelon/white soft jerkbaits and spinnerbaits with some topwater action along grass lines, main lake points and near timber. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live bait and Pop-R's. Smallmouth bass are good on live bait. Walleye are good on live bait. Catfish are good on minnows and stinkbait.

MACKENZIE: Water lightly stained; 78 degrees; 60.55 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/black jerkbaits. Smallmouth bass are fair on live bait and silver spoons. Walleye are fair on live baits. Catfish are good on live bait.

MEREDITH: Water lightly stained; 79 degrees; 14.57' low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits or soft plastics along rocky points. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass are good on live bait and small crankbaits near rocky points. Smallmouth bass are fair on jerkbaits and minnows near main lake points. Walleye are fair on minnows. Channel Catfish are fair on minnows and chicken liver.

PALO DURO: Water lightly stained; 78 degrees; 36.38' low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and shad-colored soft jerkbaits. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Smallmouth bass are fair on minnows. Walleye are fair. Catfish are good on minnows and cut shad.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 81 degrees. Black bass are good on shad-colored soft jerkbaits and dark jigs near the brush or spinnerbaits along brush line. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water stained in upper end; 81 degrees; 5.6 low. Black bass are fair to slow on spinnerbaits and Carolina rigs around rocky areas and flooded brush. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs suspended about 15 around derricks. White bass are good to excellent on shad-imitation baits and silver spoons with some topwater bites early and late in day. Blue catfish are good on cut shad and prepared baits.

BUFFALO SPRINGS: Water lightly stained; 72 degrees. Black bass are fair on red plastic worms in cattails on NE shores near boat ramp. Crappie are fair on minnows and silver shad in Crappie House. Hybrid strippers are fair on live perch near dam on NE shores. Catfish are good on chicken liver and cut silver shad near dam

and NW shores.
COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 81 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 82 degrees; 12' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live bait and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair on cut baits.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 11.5 low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and dark jigs along main points and watermelon red soft plastics in the reeds. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid stripper are fair on live baits. Catfish are good on minnows and prepared baits.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 81 degrees. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and small crankbaits. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair on cut shad and minnows. Catfish are good on chicken liver and minnows.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 80 degrees; 22.45 low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on live baits. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

OH. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 84 degrees; 15.55 low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and watermelon red jigs along brush lines. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live baits. Smallmouth bass are fair. Channel catfish are good on cut shad.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 82 degrees; 5.8 low. Black bass are fair in Rock Creek and Caddo Creek areas. Crappie are fair on live bait. White bass are good and Striped bass are fair near lighted piers at night. Blue and channel catfish are fair in the upper part of reservoir.

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 81 degrees; 47.35' low. Black bass are fair on chartreuse/white soft plastics and live bait. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live baits and small crankbaits. Striped bass and hybrid striped are fair on live baits. Catfish are fair on cut baits and minnows.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 84 degrees; 4.53 low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White and striped bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 83 degrees; 29.7 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 live bait and cut baits.

WHITE RIVER: Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 16.53' low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and live baits along tree lines. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Walleye are fair on live baits. Channel catfish are good on cut and worms.

Little League not immune from talk about 'The Juice'

BELLEFONTE, Pa. (AP) — It's 30 minutes before the biggest game of the season and the kids from the French Creek Valley American Little League team are arguing about who's on "the juice."

Apple juice? Gatorade? Tang, perhaps? No, these kids are talking about which big-time slugger might be on steroids, proving that even the littlest of Little Leaguers isn't immune from the controversy engulfing the majors.

"I think it's cheating," French Creek Valley player Mitchell Wood said before his team played recently in the Pennsylvania Little League tournament for 9- and 10-year-olds in Bellefonte.

Organizers of the Little League World Series, the tournament for 11- and 12-year-olds starting Friday in South Williamsport, expect talk about steroids to come up there, too. "We're disappointed and concerned with what message that it's sending to Little Leaguers," said Stephen Keener, president of Little League Baseball and Softball. Keener says Little League, which doesn't test players for drugs, has no plans to address the steroids issue during the series.

To the boys from French Creek Valley, at

least, it's all about answering "Who's on the juice?"

Taking a break under a tree as teammates took batting practice, several French Creek Valley players rattled off a list of names they'd seen hit home runs on the nightly highlights over the year.

Mark McGwire? "Yeah," some say in unison while a couple others say "No." McGwire has denied using illegal performance-enhancing drugs but refused to do so under oath while testifying before Congress in March.

Sammy Sosa?

"I think Sammy's too good a guy," says 10-year-old David Bradley about the Baltimore Orioles outfielder who denied having used performance-enhancing drugs at the same congressional hearing.

Bradley's teammate John Macken interrupts. "No, he's on the juice, David," the 10-year-old says.

Macken is even more convinced about Sosa's teammate, Rafael Palmeiro, suspended 10 days earlier this month for violating Major League Baseball's new steroids policy. "He's a great ballplayer, but what he did wasn't right," Macken said.

Birdies

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China and Indonesia are badminton's superpowers, having won 70 percent of all International Badminton Federation events. Denmark and England are strong, too.

Then there's the rest of the world. About 300 players are in the tournament, with Iceland, Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan, Slovenia, South Africa and Vietnam are among the more than 50 countries represented this week.

Used to dominating much of the sports world, the United States is an also-ran in badminton, which became an Olympic event in 1992.

Many of the top Americans are foreign-born, including 19-year-old Eva Lee, who lives in nearby Orange but was born in Hong Kong. She learned the game by watching her parents play.

"We're kind of slowly catching up," said Lee, who lost her first-round singles match to one of Estonia's two competitors. "We could definitely use sponsorship. You can't really make a career out of badminton."

Unless you're in Asia, where matches attract up to 15,000 fans. The Chinese government funds training, travel and equipment for its athletes, something Lee can only dream about.

"For them, it's like their job," she said. "For us, it's just like something you do if we don't have school."

Trying to beat the powerful Asian athletes can be demoralizing to the mixed doubles team of Daniel Shirley and Sara Runesten-Petersen from sparsely populated New Zealand.

"If you can compete with them, the reward is bigger

and it's a great feeling, but sometimes it is a bit hard, a bit of a battle," Shirley said.

Runesten-Petersen moved to New Zealand because there was less badminton competition than in her native Denmark. She is good-natured about the lack of recognition the game receives in many parts of the world.

"It's the passion that keeps you going, you love the sport so much," she said, explaining why she quit a customer service job to train full-time at 30.

Marketing the world championships to Americans who perceive badminton as a backyard game was a challenge for local organizers. Street teams papered liquor stores, churches and recreation clubs in Asian communities around Orange County and Los Angeles with fliers and ticket offers.

"You don't expect to fill the arena," said Mike O'Donnell, general manager of Anaheim Arena. "We are helping the International Badminton Federation kind of set the future for the game of badminton in the U.S. They are trying to introduce a very heavy Asian and European sport to the U.S. and redefine the

game in our eyes."

O'Donnell hoped to attract about 3,000 daily spectators for the preliminaries through Thursday and about 5,000 for the final rounds Saturday and Sunday. ESPN2 planned delayed coverage.

Clearly, Americans need educating about a sport that originated in China in 500 B.C. and made its way to India, where British army officers stationed there brought it to England in the 1870s.

Singles player Nina Weckstrom of Finland had to explain the game to confused U.S. customs officials.

"It's a bit strange that people actually don't know what badminton is," she said, laughing. "They were like, 'What's that? Is it the one with the stick and the rink?'"

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Stewart

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That was his philosophy after the most coveted victory of Stewart's seven seasons in NASCAR — when the Hoosier climbed the fence to celebrate at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Last Sunday, Stewart won again, this time on the road course in Watkins Glen, N.Y., further cementing his spot in the Chase.

"It's real easy to say, 'Hey, we're in this thing. We're OK,'" Zipadelli said before the race at The Glen. "We've got to keep the intensity, the pressure on ourselves to perform, not slip up, not sit back and let your guard down."

Every point counts, and for the Home Depot team there is no alternative other than racing as hard as it can each time the rubber meets the road. It's been that way for most of Stewart's 34 years — from the time he began beating the rest of the kids in go-karts.

So then, Stewart has won in dirt cars, midgets, sprints and everything else he's driven. He came to the fore as the 1997 IRL champion, and then moved to NASCAR.

Only racing greats Mario Andretti and A.J. Foyt

showed that sort of versatility. Now, some are comparing Stewart to them.

Even with several years of racing ahead of him, that might be a bit of a stretch. And who would want that kind of pressure anyway?

Stewart doesn't mind. "It doesn't put pressure on me," he said. "If anything, it's very flattering."

"Hopefully, I'm one of those guys who can go anywhere.

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— Greg Zipadelli
 Crew Chief, Tony Stewart

Even if it's a car I haven't driven before. I might not be able to win right away, but at least I'm competitive and don't look like I've never driven something like that before."

He's demonstrated that repeatedly, and his victory Sunday at Watkins Glen leaves him as the unchallenged king of the road courses.

It was his fifth win on a serpentine layout, not bad for a kid from Indiana who grew up in the left-turn-only environment of midwestern tracks.

There have been plenty of growing pains and temper

tantrums along the way. He was placed on probation Tuesday until the end of the year for hitting another car after the Busch series race Saturday. But nothing seems to hurt his performance.

"This sport is mental," Zipadelli said of Stewart and the team. "We've been through a lot of adversity in the last seven years. But as a group we've been able to put things behind us and believe in ourselves and in our driver."

Given Stewart's immense talent, that's not difficult.

He has won 24 times on the world's premier stock car racing circuit, and was a threat to win virtually every week from 2000 to his championship season of 2002. Now

the domination is back, but Stewart isn't taking it for granted.

"There are no guarantees that because you're good one year you should be good the next," Stewart explained. "If everybody would quit working to get better and you were good, you could just not have to worry about it. You'd be good all the time. It just doesn't work that way."

Right now, everything seems to be working, and Zipadelli hopes the opposition doesn't figure out why Stewart is the favorite far more frequently than anyone else.

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Shire '60', 268' from South & 1226' from East line, Sec. 9, G, H&GN, PD 10000'.

HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT & SUFFOLK Granite Wash 'A') Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #1 Coble Suffolk '850', 2913' from North & 1892' from East line, Sec. 16, M-25, TCRR, PD 9000'.

Gas Well Completions

GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Ken Burger, #1 Lynn, Sec. 134, B-2, H&GN, spud 6-7-05, drlg. compl 6-11-05, tested 7-15-05, TD 2960' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #7030 Peak Walsler, Sec. 30, A-2, H&GN, spud 2-19-05, drlg. compl 3-8-05, tested 5-14-05, TD 13835', PBD 12793' — Form 1 filed in Peak Operating of Texas, L.L.C.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #4 Meadows '5SE', Sec. 5, 4, AB&M, spud 2-12-05, drlg. compl 3-6-05, yrdyrf 5-3-05, potential 1130 MCF, TD 12600', PBD 12550' —

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas) Mewbourne Oil Co., #2 Lucille Wright 'D', Sec. 124, 41, H&TC, spud 6-9-05, drlg. compl 6-18-05, tested 7-9-05, TD 7800', PBD 7647' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #2065 Davis, Sec. 65, A-7, H&GN, spud 2-27-05, drlg. compl 3-24-05, tested 6-14-05, potential 2242 MCF, TD 14040', PBD 13993' —

Plugged Wells

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) C&C Oil Producers, Pei-Jaten, Sec. 57, 46, H&TC (oil) — Form 1 filed in Petroleum Exploration, Inc. of Texas, for the following wells:

#1, 982.2' from South & 330' from West Lease line, spud 12-18-60, plugged 8-2-05, TD 2838' —

#2, 2310' from South & 990' from West Lease line, spud 4-8-61, plugged 8-28-05, TD 2870' —

#A-1, 2310' from South & 330' from West Lease line, spud 9-13-61, plugged 7-26-05, TD 2893' —

#A-2, 2970' from South & 330' from West Lease line, spud 9-18-61, plugged 8-4-05, TD 2873' —

#B-7, 1960' from North & 330' from West Lease line, spud 7-6-58, plugged 8-4-05, TD 2760' —

#C-5, 1909' from North & 330' from East Lease line, spud 5-4-62, plugged 8-2-05, TD 2825' —

#C-11, 1642' from South & 990' from East Lease line, spud unknown, plugged 7-27-05, TD 2872' —

#C-12, 330' from South & West Lease line, spud 11-11-62, plugged 7-12-05, TD 2779' —

#C-13, 982' from South & 990' from West Lease line, spud unknown, plugged 7-26-05, TD unknown —

Boys Ranch Rodeo, Tascosa Rendezvous in offing at Boys Ranch

BOYS RANCH — Dust off your cowboy boots and shine your spurs — it's time for the 61st Annual Boys Ranch Rodeo at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. Cheer the riders from Boys Ranch and Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A., as they compete for buckles and saddles while displaying their skills in pole bending, barrel racing, calf and bull riding, bull fighting and breakaway roping. And don't miss the younger buckaroos in the crowd-pleasing favorites of mutton bustin' and stick-horse barrel racing.

This year's new event, breakaway roping, is a timed event requiring skillful coordination between the roper and his trained horse. The event begins as a calf is given a head start into the arena, followed by a horse and roper. One end of the rope is tied to the saddle horn with a string.

The roper attempts to throw the other end of the catch rope onto the calf. Once the catch is made, the horse slides to a halt and the rope breaks away from the saddle horn. A brightly colored cloth is attached to the end of the rope to assist the judges in seeing and timing the break. The breaking of the string marks the end of the run, and the fastest time wins.

Before the action in the rodeo arena begins each day, a barbecue lunch will be served. The meal is free with the purchase of a rodeo ticket.

Tickets are \$5 general admission; \$8 box seats. For ticket information, call 372-2341.

On Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-4, barbecue will be served from noon until 2 p.m. The rodeo is set to begin at 2:30 p.m. each day.

The 6th Annual Old Tascosa Rendezvous is held in conjunction with the rodeo. The Rendezvous allows visitors to experience the "rough and rugged" times of Old Tascosa as early cowboys, explorers and Native Americans lived it in the old town's heyday.

Historical re-enactors will display their wares in primitive campsites and teepees typical of the 1800s. Step into the past to watch games and demonstrations such as fire making, black powder shooting, hide tanning, beading and campfire cooking.

The Rendezvous is open to the public and free of charge. Dates and times: Friday, Sept. 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 3-4, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For information about setting up a camp, call (806) 322-2635.

Stamp series to feature 1950s autos

The Postal Service issued a 37-cent "America on the Move: 50s Sporty Cars Commemorative stamps" in five designs Saturday in Detroit, Mich. The stamps, designed by Art M. Fitzpatrick of Carlsbad, Calif., go on sale in Pampa and nationwide on Sunday.

This new car stamp series

will feature the sporty look of American cars designed in the 1950s — a decade marked by post-World War II euphoria and economic prosperity. The cars selected are 1952 Nash Healey; 1953 Chevrolet Corvette; 1953 Studebaker Starliner; 1954 Kaiser Darrin; and 1955 Ford Thunderbird.

Referring to photographs

of each car and his own cache of landscape images for the stamp backgrounds, artist Art M. Fitzpatrick has rendered each stamp in meticulous detail.

Fitzpatrick was once a car designer and a long-time advertising designer and illustrator for General Motors.



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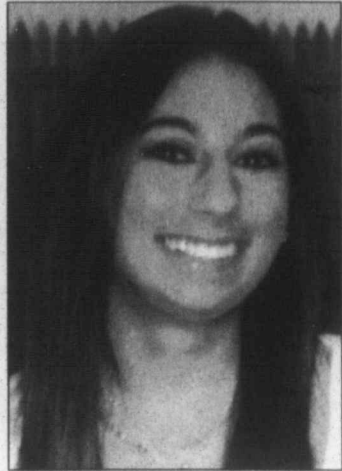
TULSA, Okla. — Scott Andrew Johnson, son of Chris and Rose Johnson of Pampa, was recently named to the President's List at Spartan School of Aviation and Technology in Tulsa. Johnson, a Pampa High School graduate, is currently pursuing a degree in non-destructive testing.

WEATHERFORD, Okla. — Southwestern Oklahoma State University recently announced students named to its President's and Dean's lists for the 2005 summer semester.

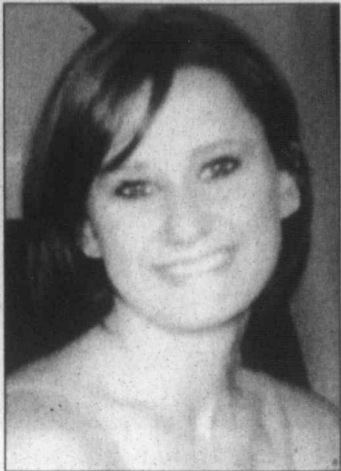
An undergraduate student who earns all A's in six or more hours during the summer semester qualifies for the President's Honor Roll. There were 196 students who were named to the President's Honor Roll including Narcisso Soliz Jr. of Pampa; Glenda Janell Pinion of Allison; Millie Abigail Baker and Brooke Nicole Wilson, both of Canadian; Randi Jo Riley of McLean; and Sandra Beth Rose of Wheeler.

There were 126 students on the Dean's Honor Roll after completing six semester hours of undergraduate work with a grade point average of 3.5 ("B") or higher, with no grade lower than a ("C"). Students named to the Dean's Honor Roll include Amanda Jean Crogrove and Christine Lea Pankratz, both of Canadian; Calley Ann Martinez of Shamrock; and Hadley Dan Mitchell of Wheeler.

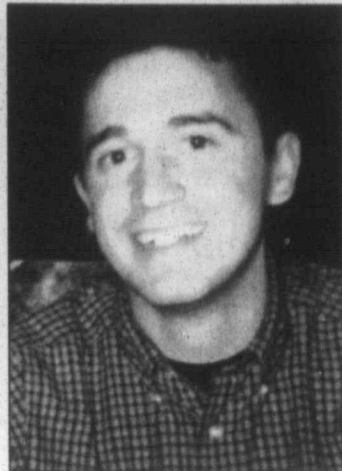
API chapter announces scholarship awards



Lauren Acker



Kayla Graham



Michael Graham



Tianna Hardin



Natalie McVay

The Panhandle Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute recently awarded \$17,595 in scholarship monies to both area high school graduates and college students for the 2005-06 school year.

The scholarships were bestowed upon children of current API members on the basis of academic achievement and need.

To be eligible, recipients must enroll as full-time college students in the fall and maintain good academic standing throughout the year.

The scholarship recipients include the following:

Lauren Acker, daughter of Greg and Lisa Acker of Pampa — she plans to attend Texas Tech University.

Kayla Graham and Michael Graham, children of Robbie and Lana Graham of Canadian. Kayla plans to attend Amarillo College and Michael, West Texas A&M University.

Tianna Hardin, daughter of Terrel and Debbie Hardin of Canadian — she plans to attend TTU.

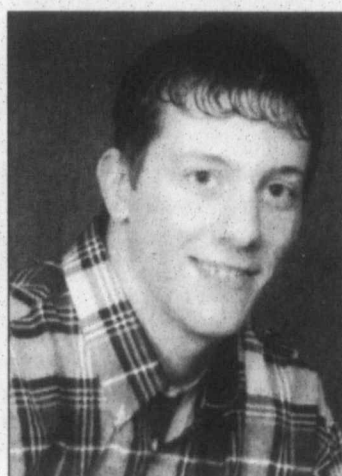
Natalie McVay, daughter of Mark and Ginger McVay of Pampa — she plans to attend TTU.

Jessica Nicolet, daughter of Dan and Sherrie Nicolet of Pampa — she plans to attend Texas State University.

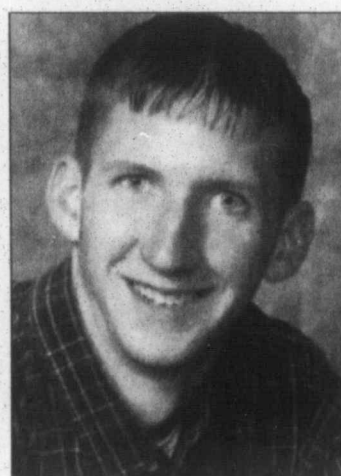
Michael Pergeson, son of Diane Pergeson of Pampa —



Jessica Nicolet



Michael Pergeson



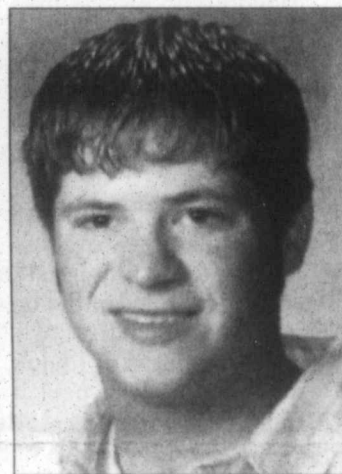
Cory Pittman



Brianna Rankin



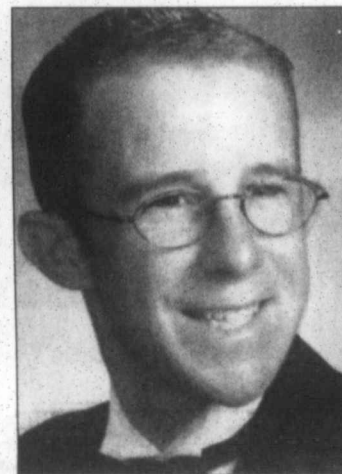
Jerod Rankin



Jeremy Smith



John Derek Smith



Jacob West

he plans to attend Eastern New Mexico University.

Cory Pittman, son of Burl and Melanie Pittman of Canadian — he plans to attend WTAMU.

Brianna Rankin and Jerod Rankin, children of Paul "Charlie" Rankin and Debbie Black of Canadian.

Brianna plans to attend WTAMU and Jerod, TTU.

Jeremy Smith and John Derek Smith, children of Dave and Kay Smith of Pampa. Jeremy plans to attend Sam Houston State University and John, Montgomery Junior College.

Jacob West, son of Hal

and Kay West of Pampa — he plans to attend Frank Phillips Junior College.

The local chapter has over 300 members from throughout the Texas Panhandle. It is a non-profit organization consisting of professionals engaged in all aspects of exploration, production and

marketing of oil and gas. API has awarded more than \$264,945 in past years to qualifying students with the help of a yearly golf tournament fund-raiser. A shrimp boil and membership drive are slated in September. The group meets monthly in Pampa.

Club News

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

Altrusa

Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa met recently with President Billie Dixon presiding. Guests welcomed were Carlene Adams and Jo Bailey.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Minutes of the July 12, business meeting were approved as distributed.

—The treasurer's report for July 2005 was filed as printed.

—A certificate of appreciation was presented to Mayda King for completing financial audits. The audits were accepted as presented by the board.

—The correspondence received and sent was read by Penni Pfitzner.

—The accent was delivered by Leona Willis on the Altrusa International Foundation.

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GO TEXAN to take center stage at Tri-State Fair

AMARILLO — A special GO TEXAN Showcase spotlighting local, Texas-made products will make its debut at the Tri-State Fair and Rodeo in Amarillo on Sept. 21.

The showcase will feature an array of Texas products for sale from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Art and Ag Building located on the Tri-State Fairgrounds at 3301 E. 10th St. Products will include everything from soaps and lotions to jewelry,

marinades, relishes and more. GO TEXAN is a Texas Department of Agriculture initiative designed to market and promote products grown and processed in Texas.

Featured items will include Norlander's Original Jerky and Marinade, which NASA's Johnson Space Center will be shipping to the crew aboard the International Space Station next spring, and Canyon Bakery cinnamon rolls, pies, breads,

jams and relishes. Fat Tony's Salsa and Flying V BBQ will be among the exhibitors offering special recipes.

In addition to delicious tastes, shoppers will also have the opportunity to select from 25 varieties of handmade soaps, lotions and lotion sticks manufactured by the Canyon Creek Soap Co. Yellow Rose of Texas tabletop domes and Christmas ornaments by Cherish Texas Studios

will be on display. Home decor items will be available as well with original western boot purses with gemstone handles and handmade turquoise jewelry by Accessorize in Style of Amarillo. Souvenir T-shirts will be offered by S.O.S. from Texas, which produces organic clothing.

For more information about the event, contact Lacy Crow, TDA marketing specialist, at (806) 358-7285.



Cool ride

Bill Anderson, left, of California and his sister Lois Barrett of Pampa perch on a 1930 Model A, complete with rumble seat, owned by Kenneth Cox of Pampa who was gracious enough to give the two a ride in the Model A recently.

Genealogy group announces meeting

The public is invited to join the Gray County Genealogy Society members to learn more about the historical significance of the "Magna Carta," written by the English people demanding rights from a tyrannical king. It has become a landmark in the history of all democracies and is the basis for much of the American law concerning the rights of an individual.

A.L. Roden will present the program in the auditorium of the Lovett Memorial Library at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 22.

A.L. Roden will present the program in the auditorium of the Lovett Memorial Library at 7:30 p.m. Monday. Roden is past-president of the Pampa genealogy group and is a long-time member. He is currently tracing his English ancestors to the period of the Magna Carta.

The genealogy group will also present to

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Carson County Square House plans 'Museum Days,' veteran's service

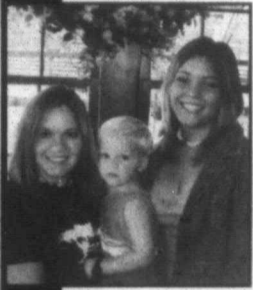
PANHANDLE — Carson County Square House Museum is gearing up for a full slate of activities this month and next. KACV-TV will broadcast "The Wages of Sin," an Amarillo Opera production, at 8:30 p.m. Monday and again at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 28.

The opera was first presented at the museum by members of the opera company in 1997. "The Wages of Sin" is a story about the Rev. Morrison, a Methodist minister who was accused of poisoning his wife in Panhandle in 1897.

On Sept. 2, the museum will hold a service to recognize the museum. See MUSEUM, Page 3-B

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Couple wed at Briarwood Full Gospel

Jera Skinner and Josue Salazar, both of Pampa, exchanged wedding vows July 16 in Briarwood Full Gospel Church in Pampa with Lynn Hancock officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry Skinner and Shannon Beck of Pampa.

The groom is the son of Lety Salazar and Magda Blanco of Pampa.

The maid of honor was Erika Skinner of Amarillo. The bridesmaids were Nerissa Perry, Amber Freeman, Tamara Gutierrez, Miranda Woodruff, Bailey Beck and Clarissa Salazar, all of Pampa, and McKinley Miller of Amarillo.

The flower girl was Alyson Gutierrez of Pampa.

Standing up as best man was Johnny Salazar of Pampa. The groomsmen were Julian Salazar, Junior Morales, Cameron Seger,



Jera Skinner and Josue Salazar

Austin Beck, Rhett Skinner and J.T. Skinner, all of Pampa, and Randy Ellis of Amarillo.

The ring bearer was Cade Engle of Pampa.

The ushers were Heath Skinner, Hayden Skinner, Sergio Salazar and Eric Morales, all of Pampa. The candlelighters were Halei Skinner, Jade Skinner,

Delissa Salazar and Chrystal Blanco, all of Pampa.

Katie Kidd of Pampa registered the guests.

Music was provided by vocalist Jade Skinner of Pampa.

A reception in Knights of Columbus Hall followed the ceremony. Toni Engle and Debbie Skinner, both of Pampa, and Andra Canaday of Skellytown served the guests.

The bride is currently attending Clarendon College and works at FirstBank Southwest and Dyer's Bar-B-Que.

The groom graduated from ATI technical school and is currently employed at Titan Specialties.

The newlyweds visited the Bahamas and Disney World for their honeymoon and intend to make their home in Pampa.

Guess, Adams tie the knot

Misty Michelle Guess, daughter of Mike and Brenda Guess of Pampa, married Jeffrey Justin Adams, son of CD and Barbara Adams of Amarillo, June 24 at Trinity Fellowship Church in Amarillo.

Attending the bride was matron of honor Deawn Sims of Pampa.

Standing up as best man was David Shiplet of Amarillo.

Ushering the guests to their seats were Bryan Sims of Pampa and Jasen Garren of Amarillo.

Lissa Garren of Amarillo registered the guests.

Music was provided by vocalist Susan White of Amarillo.

Among those present at the wedding were grandparents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. James Schaffer of Pampa and Mrs. Frank Guess of Idalou.

A reception was held at the Party Barn in Amarillo with Dr. Allyn Schaub of Chicago, Ill., Monty Schaub of

Pampa, Tracy Thornlow of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Lissa Garren, Krista Jones, Kelly Shiplet and Brandi Wagner, all of Amarillo, serving the guests.

The bride graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural communications. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority at TTU. She received a certificate of education from West Texas A&M University in Canyon and will pursue a master's degree in speech pathology this fall.

The groom attended Frank Phillips Junior College in Borger and is the owner and operator of Adams Enterprises, Inc., in Amarillo.

Both are involved with Make a Wish Foundation in Amarillo.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Washington, D.C., and plan to make their home in Amarillo.



Misty Michelle Guess

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Bill Norris and Melba Sorrell Lambright

Newlyweds marry in Vegas

Bill Norris of Pampa and Melba Sorrell Lambright exchanged wedding vows Aug. 6 in Las Vegas, Nev.

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

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

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

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

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7. Birth announcements See POLICY, Page 3-B



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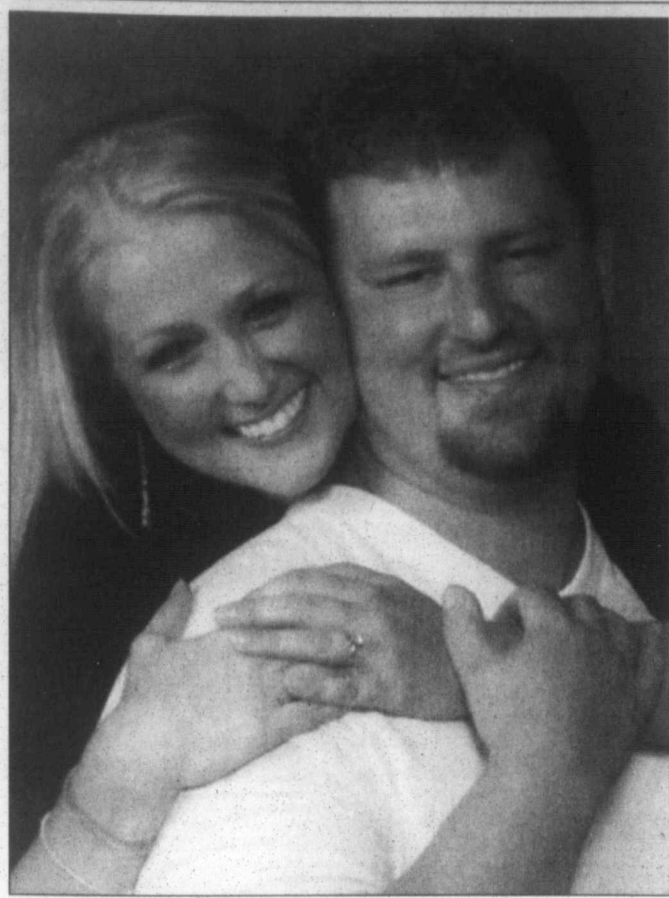
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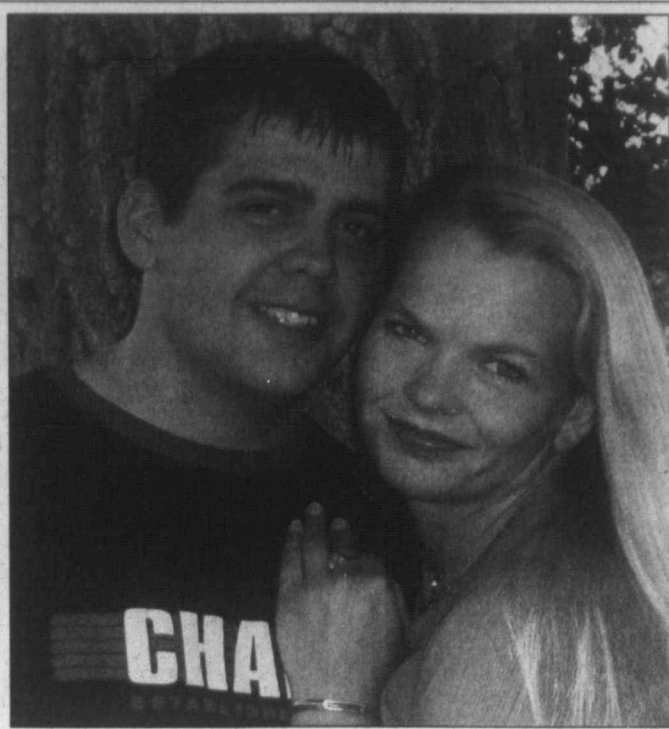
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Parks/Kincannon

Brooke Parks and Bryan Kincannon, both of Amarillo, plan to wed Sept. 17 at Sam Houston Park in Amarillo. The bride-elect is the daughter of Jeannie Parks of Pampa, Gregg Parks of Cortez County and Joe Hamlin of Gypsum Co. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1994 and from Academy of Professional Careers in 2004. She is a registered massage therapist. She is currently employed in office administration at Thomas and Israel Engineering. The future groom is the son of Calvin and Evelyn Kincannon of Mobeetie and Rita Gill of Kerrville. He graduated from Miami High School in 1993 and earned an associates degree from Amarillo College in 2003. A physical therapy assistant, he is currently employed at Pampa Regional Medical Center.



Kosechata/Fedric

Heather Lillian Kosechata of Groom and Cody David Charles Fedric of Pampa plan to wed Aug. 27 at Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jerry and Sherry House of Groom. The future groom is the son of Angie Archibald of Pampa and Randy Fedric of Wellington.

Devil's Rope sponsoring photo exhibit

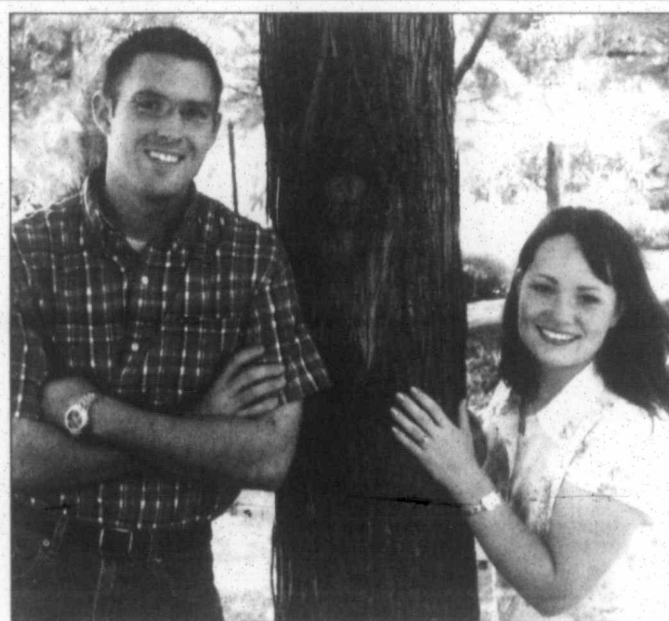
McLEAN — Devil's Rope Museum is seeking entrants for an upcoming free photo exhibit it is sponsoring.

Anyone interested in entering their photographs is invited to bring them — matted, framed and ready to be hung — to the museum prior to Sept. 10.

A prize will be awarded via people's choice for best of show.

The exhibit will be on display in the museum gallery Sept. 10 through Nov. 12. Photos will be available for pick up Nov. 12 or the following week.

Admission is free to the public. For more information, call (806) 779-3164.



Hudson/Cantrell

Esther Marie Hudson and Karl Joe Cantrell plan to wed Sept. 9 in Bible Baptist Church of Pampa. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Bob and Marilyn Hudson of Pampa. She graduated high school from Pampa Christian School, a ministry of Bible Baptist Church which she attends. She earned a degree in elementary education with a minor in missions from Oklahoma Baptist College in May. The future groom is the son of Kenny and Kimberlyn Cantrell of Decatur. He graduated high school from George Washington Academy and is currently enrolled at Oklahoma Baptist College where he is scheduled to graduate in May 2006.

Museum

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nize and to honor American veterans from Carson County. The service will begin at 9 a.m. in Conway Church.

Museum Day, a yearly celebration, will kick-off at 9 a.m. Sept. 10 with the opening of the Country Store in the County Ag Building. Homemade crafts, baked and canned goods will be featured. A barbecue dinner will be served between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. followed by a pioneer memorial service at 3 p.m. in Conway Church. A street dance will wind up the activities starting at 7 p.m. between the courthouse and the War Memorial Building.

For ticket information or other questions, contact the museum at (806) 537-3524.

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

8. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or

by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

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



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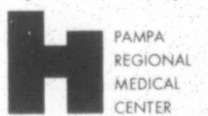
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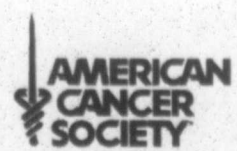
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I recently received a modest inheritance. My husband and I are about 10 years from retiring. The money is just enough to put away for a secure retirement, not enough for a lavish lifestyle.

The problem is my mother-in-law, "Vera." She is 70, healthy and active. She manages very well in her paid-for home. Vera has now begun looking at assisted-living communities that, for a hefty monthly rent, provide chef-prepared meals in a dining room, activities and transportation. She's assuming that my husband and I will pay this rent, since we are now "wealthy" in her estimation.

Abby, if we take on this responsibility, the money will be spent by the time we retire, and Vera will still need to pay her rent. I never discussed this inheritance with my mother-in-law. It came from my side of the family and is really not her business. We didn't brag or start making showy purchases.

My husband feels as I do about putting it aside for retirement, but we're both stumped about how to handle his mom. Have you any suggestions? -- "THE HEIRESS" IN UPSTATE N.Y.

DEAR "HEIRESS": Before your mother-in-law's fantasy about dwelling on easy street becomes any more grandiose, you and her son must schedule a reality session with her. If she's planning on upgrading her lifestyle from what it is now, she should first consult her CPA or financial planner to make sure her assets will cover the cost. It may be a rude awakening for the lady, but better now than later.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in a real bind. I have an employee who decides on her own hours even when a schedule is posted every month. Some days, she doesn't show up for work at all, and other times she leaves before her shift is over.

When I confront her about it, she gets angry and threatens me with, "I'm going to phone Labor Standards on you!" Can she be fired for this kind of behavior? --

IGNORED IN CANADA

DEAR IGNORED: Here in the United States, it is recommended that the matter be handled by calling the employee in, reminding her of the posted work schedule, and "counseling" her that she must be at work during work hours. Afterward, a memo -- signed or initialed by the employee -- would be placed in her employee file. If this doesn't remedy the situation and the woman is still noncompliant, there would be grounds for dismissal, and the Labor Board would probably agree the dismissal was justified.

Because I am not familiar with the law in Canada, I urge you to discuss the matter with someone familiar with labor law there.

DEAR ABBY: When we're together, my middle-aged daughter insists on talking about her mother, from whom I've been divorced for many years. Our daughter always mentions her in a caring way, as if it really mattered to me what's going on in my ex-wife's life. I should point out that the divorce was a bitter one for all parties. My daughter isn't happy that I don't show an interest in her mother. I have tried to explain why I feel the way I do, but she keeps saying, "She IS my mother!" What's your take on this, please? -- PERPLEXED IN CACTUS COUNTRY

DEAR PERPLEXED: Your daughter is either insensitive to your feelings, or she's trying to drum up some interest on your part regarding her mother. The next time she tells you, "She IS my mother," tell her, "Well, she's no longer my wife -- so please stop inflicting her on me" and change the subject.

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

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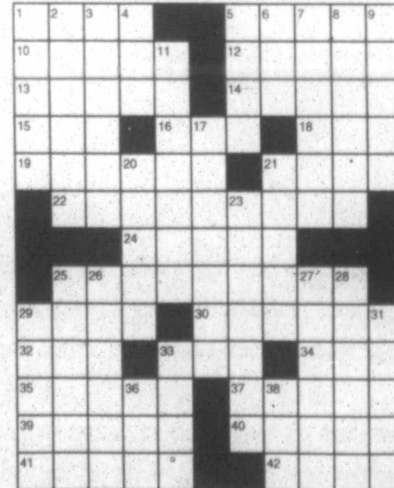
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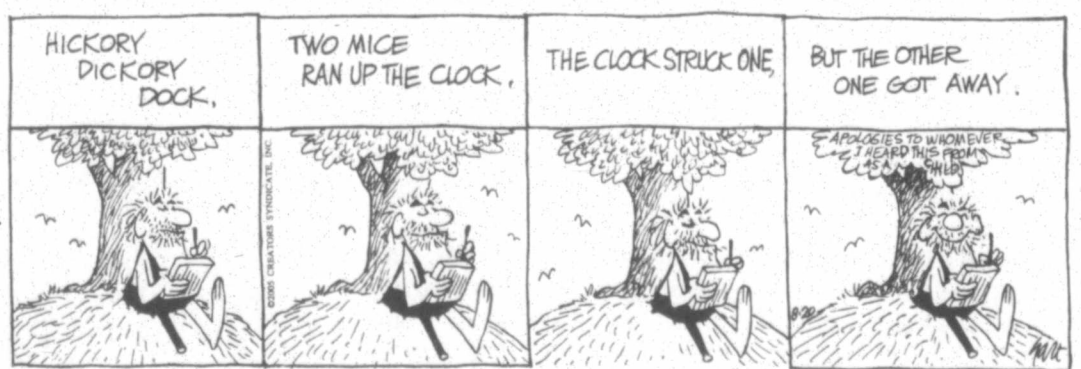
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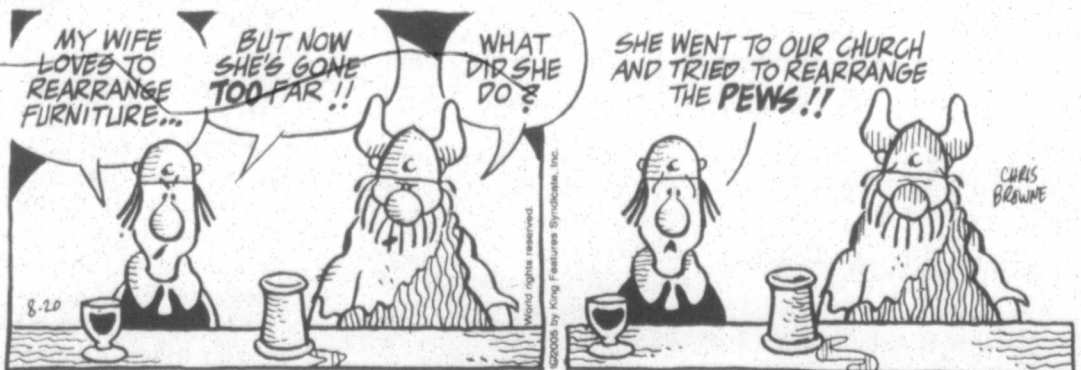


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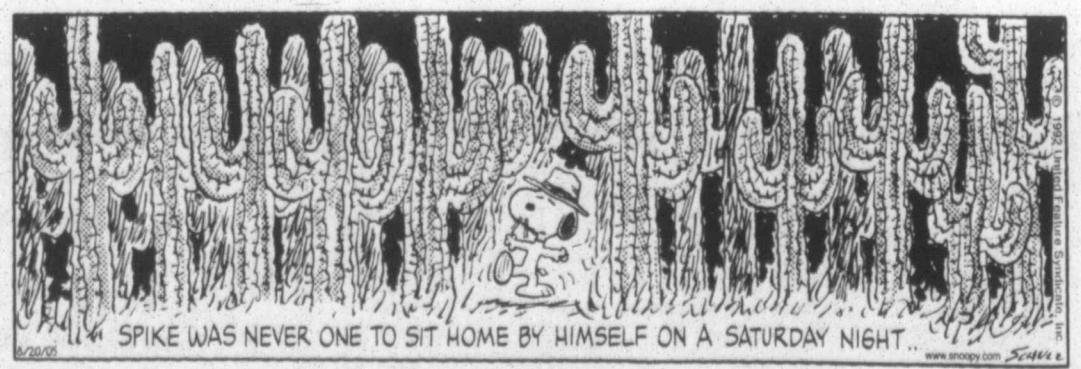
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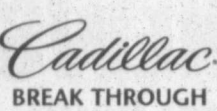
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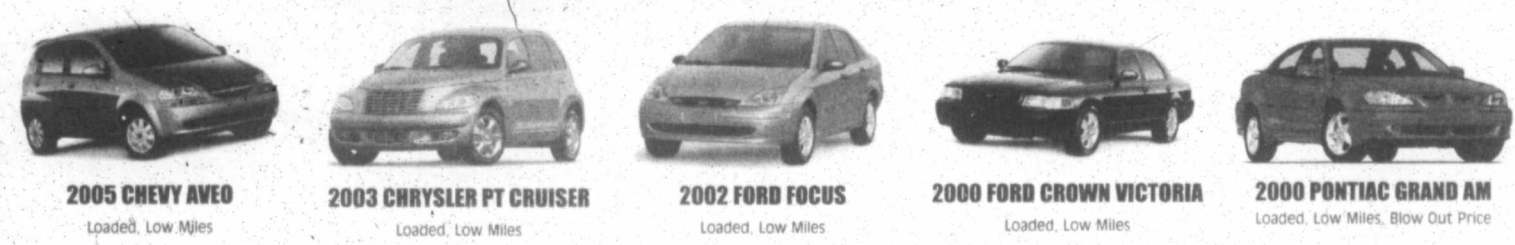
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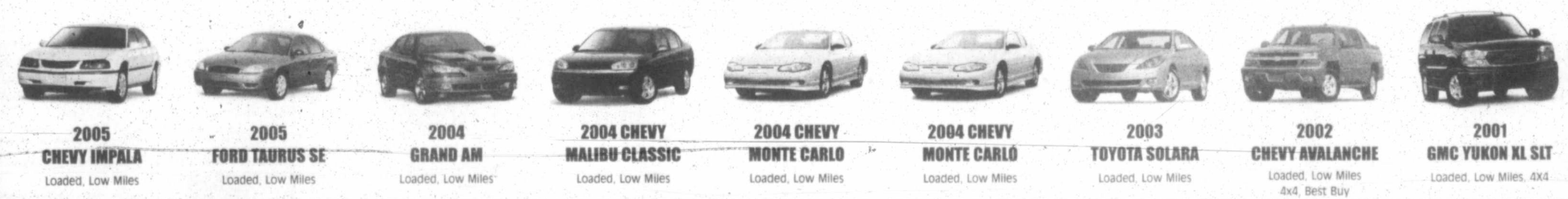
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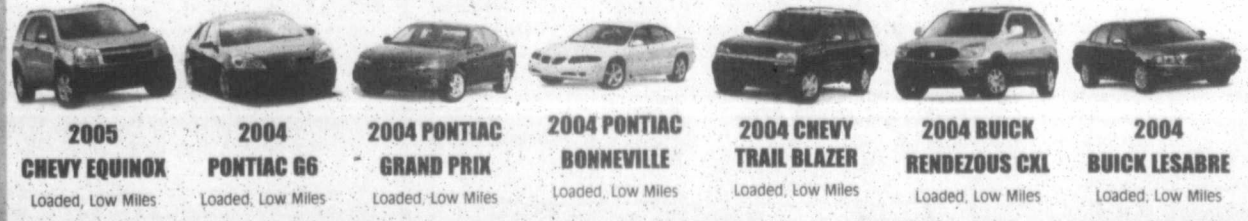
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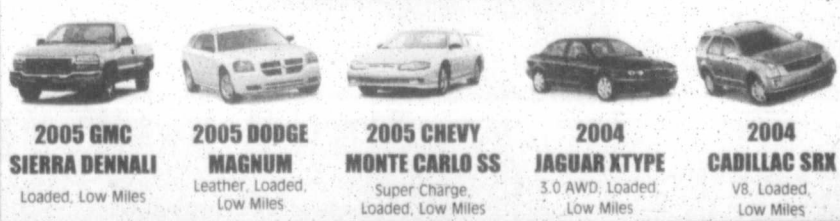
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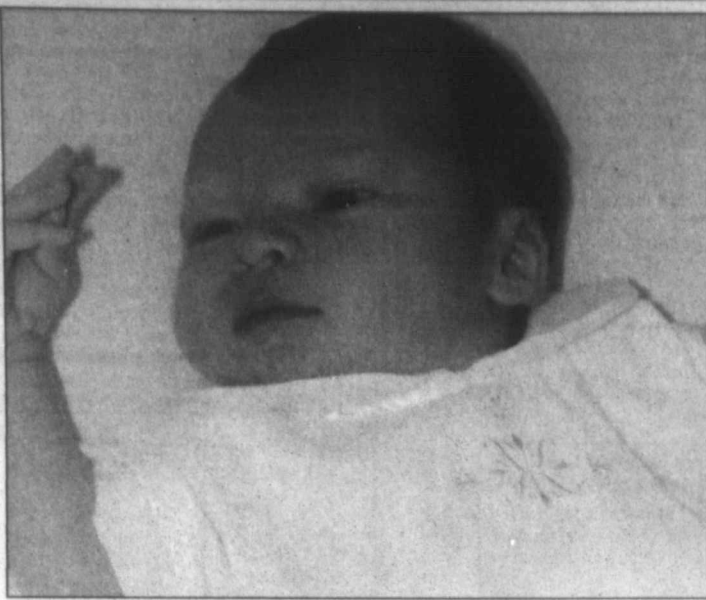
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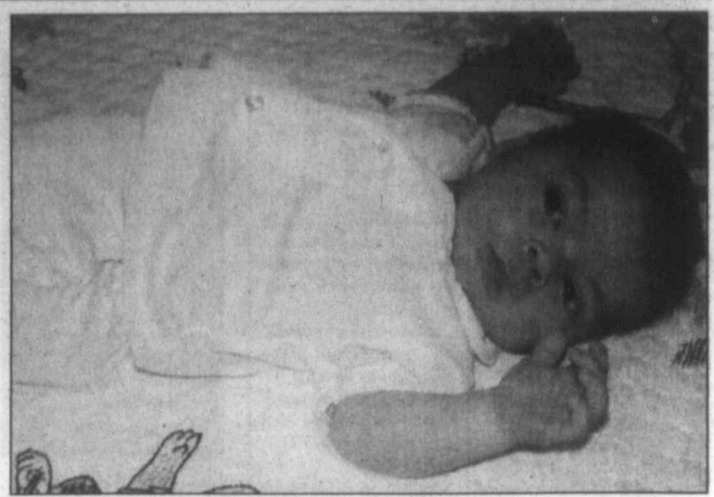
Lance Osborne Lafferty

Lance Osborne Lafferty was born at 9:53 a.m. July 23 at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, Okla., to Ladd and Leigh Ellen Lafferty of Watonga, Okla. At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 3-ounces and was 19-inches long. Relatives include a sister, Lydia Lafferty; and grandparents, Wyeth and Sandy Osborne of Pampa and Owen and Cinda Lafferty of Amarillo.



Jacob Kale Kirkwood

Jacob Kale Kirkwood was born at 8:05 a.m. July 7 at Pampa Regional Medical Center, to Jared and Shelley Kirkwood of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 6-pounds, 9-ounces and was 20-inches long. Relatives include grandparents, Richard and Sherry Tackett of White Deer and Tim and Veronica Kirkwood of Pampa.



Dasen Wayne Sellers

Dasen Wayne Sellers was born at 1:45 p.m. July 21 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, to Keith and Shelley Sellers of Amarillo. At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 12 1/4-ounces and was 20.25-inches long. Relatives include grandparents, Will and Sherry Hahn of Pampa and Butch and Liz Sellers of Victoria; and great-grandparents, Billy and Nan Hahn and Doris Swan and the late Hardy Swan, all of Pampa, Bobbie Ryman and the late Robert Ryman of Bay City and Ruby Sellers and the late Ray Sellers of Victoria.

Club

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—The board approved a request for leave of absence for Susan Winborne.

—The club voted to adopt Harrington Cancer Center as a volunteer project. Barb Hahn will compile a schedule for volunteers who are needed twice a month on Thursdays. Additional projects were approved. The club will help with silent auction items for the Chamber of Commerce Country Fair and will pay for shipping shoes to children in Afghanistan as an international project.

—A report of ASTRA activities was given by Darlene Birkes. The mural on the Sears' building is progressing, and the group is making welcome bags for the new high school students. Two young men helped feed the children in the park this summer. Volunteers were requested to assist the club during Chautauqua.

—"Bring a Guest Night" is slated Tuesday. The program will feature Sherry Seaborn on Digital Photography.

—An ice cream social is scheduled on Tuesday Fun Night, Aug. 30, at the home of Irvine Riphahn.

—Kerrick Horton was recognized at International Convention for being one of 11 members in the world to sponsor four members during 2004-05. She is the only one in District Nine to receive this honor and was given a clock and pen set in recognition.

—Dixon recognized Leona Willis for the Accent; Beth Miller and Pfitzner for greeting; Diann Birdsell for the decorations; and Mattie Norton for passing the new brag basket given by Betty King.

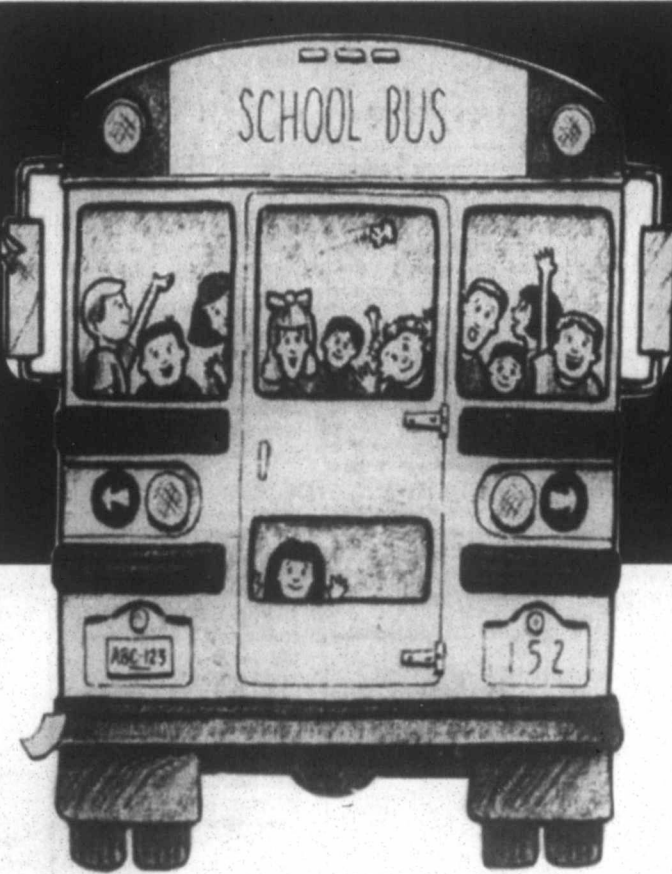
Birthday wishes were extended to Virginia Dewey, Hahn, Horton, Carolyn Kessell, Myrna Orr, Pfitzner, Lynn Switzer and Jeanne Townson.

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John Forister and the Texas Historical Commission three notebooks of genealogical and historical research information on the "Soldiers of the Red River War."

The research project was requested to support the Red River War Museum Project currently under way at 13 area museums to show the public the history of the opening of the Panhandle to Anglo settlement in the late 1800's. The notebooks will give information on the soldiers, military leaders and Native American leaders who participated in the battles of this war.



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