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Officials concerned about continued wildfire danger

COLLEGE STATION — Texas is experiencing one of its worst wildfire seasons on record this year, with 19 lives lost since last fall, and Texas Forest Service responding to 1,873 fires for 1,343,914 acres since Dec. 1, 2005. With the Memorial Day weekend approaching, state fire officials are concerned about the increasing threat of wildfires due to the continued extreme dryness in the state.

"Some areas of the state have

grasses turning green where rain has occurred," said Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator with Texas Forest Service. "However, we are also seeing the transition of the green grasses turning into heat-stressed dry vegetation due to the higher temperatures and lack of rainfall in many regions."

Texas Forest Service Predictive specialists are watching several areas of the state very carefully, including the western part of the

Panhandle and Southeast Texas. Spencer said that the western portions of Texas are experiencing wildfires on a regular basis, such as the Devil's Canyon fire in Jeff Davis County this week in which 4,000 acres have burned so far. The eastern two-thirds of the state has seen varying amounts of rain resulting in grasses turning green; however, even the green grass is taking on a decidedly drier look in the face of continued hot, dry Texas weather.

"With these conditions, outdoor burning is going to become more risky," Spencer said. "We could see an increasing frequency of other accidental starts along the roadsides, as well as those due to escaped debris burning and equipment use are increasing in frequency."

Texas Forest Service recommends that campers, hikers and picnickers take extra safety measures with outdoor fire use all across the state to prevent senseless wildfires.

King hearing postponed

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

PINEVILLE, Mo. -- A hearing today for a Missouri man accused of killing two people near Pineville and suspected of killing a family in Gray County has been postponed to June 9.

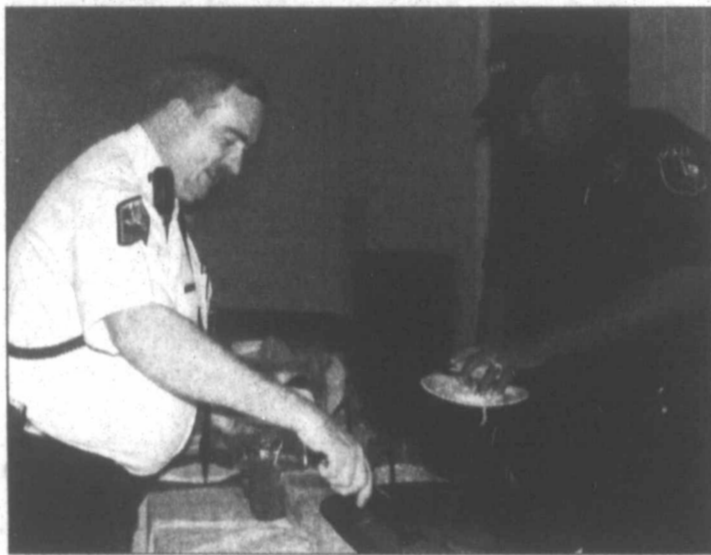
Levi King, 23, was to be in court here today concerning a motion filed by his defense team to dismiss murder charges against him in connection with the shooting deaths of Orlie and Dawn McCool last September.

A preliminary hearing was rescheduled for 9 a.m. July 6, for McDonald County Associate Circuit Court Judge John LePage's courtroom in Pineville.

A hearing on motions in the case was set for 1 p.m. June 9.

King is charged with the Sept. 29 murders of Orlie McCool, 70, and his daughter-in-law, Dawn Burr

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Deputy Fire Chief Randy Dunham, left, of Pampa Fire Department and Officer Michael Ryan of Pampa Police Department build their hamburgers at a luncheon Wednesday in observance of National Public Works Week.

City employees honored

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

City of Pampa employees were treated to lunch, door prizes and awards during the noon hour Wednesday at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium in conjunction with National Public Works Week.

"We do appreciate you and the public appreciates you," City Manager John

Horst said at the luncheon. "You have saved the city money with some of your ideas. You fix a lot of things that you're not even called on to fix."

Wayne Terry of the wastewater collection department received the "Get 'Er Done" award for computerizing records used by his depart-

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Woman sentenced to 30 months

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Shirley Waller of Pampa was sentenced Wednesday to pay \$186,871.61 restitution and serve 30 months in a federal penitentiary on a federal charge of false entries by a credit union employee.

Judge Mary Lou Robinson handed down the sentence in U.S. District Court's Northern District of Texas in Amarillo federal court, according to court documents filed Wednesday in the U.S. District Court clerk's office in Amarillo.

Waller's incarceration will begin by 2 p.m. June 13 in a federal prison designated by the U.S. Bureau of Prisons to be as close to Pampa as is consistent with her classification.

She will be on supervised release for five years following her release from prison.

Terms of the supervised release include that Waller must report to the probation office in the district to which she is released within 72 hours of release from custody; shall not commit another federal, state or local crime; shall not unlawfully possess or use a controlled substance; shall not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device or any other dangerous weapon; and shall coop-

erate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer.

Special conditions of supervision upon Waller's release include payment of the restitution; refraining from incurring new credit charges or opening additional lines of credit without approval of the U.S. probation officer; provide to the U.S. probation officer complete access to all business and personal financial information; and not be employed in any fiduciary capacity or any position allowing access to credit or personal financial information of others, unless the defendant's employer is fully aware of the offense of conviction and the U.S. probation officer approves.

Waller must pay the restitution to the U.S. District Clerk's office in Amarillo for disbursement to CUMIS Insurance Society Inc. of Madison, Wis. The court determined that Waller does not have the ability to pay interest and ordered that the interest requirement is waived for the restitution.

The restitution is payable in monthly installments of \$500 beginning 60 days after release from imprisonment.

Waller must also pay a special assessment

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

MANN, Dean "Pappy" — 11 a.m., DeBerry Funeral Directors, Denton.

Gladys Langford, 89

Gladys Langford, 89, of Pampa, Texas, died May 23, 2006, at Pampa. Services were at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, May 25, 2006, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor, officiating.



Langford

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Langford was born Aug. 22, 1916, in Van Zandt County, Texas. She met W.F. "Bill" Langford while playing basketball, and they married on Dec. 23, 1934, in Grand Saline. He preceded her in death in 1984.

She had been a resident of Pampa since 1943, and she worked for the First Baptist Church in the nursery for 48 years, retiring in 1993. She

was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Senior Adult I Sunday School Class.

Survivors include two daughters, Rose Tuggle and Gloria Stephens and husband Roy Don, all of Pampa; one sister, Bonnie Kendrick of Granite Bay, Calif.; five grandchildren, Lisa Hornell and

Scott Tuggle, both of Amarillo, and Lori Barker, Leslee Jewett and Craig Stephens, all of Pampa; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church Children's Ministries, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621.

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

Karmen and Kamryn Barnes

Karmen and Kamryn Barnes, infant children of John and Kimberly Barnes of Pampa, died May 24, 2006, the same day they were born.

Graveside services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Glen McCathern, of Coulter Road Baptist Church of Amarillo, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Karmen and Kamryn are survived by their parents; a sister, Bailey Barnes, of the

home; their paternal grandmother, Nora Barnes of Pampa; their paternal grandfather, John H. Barnes, Jr., of New Orleans, La.; their maternal grandmother, Marie McCathern of Pampa; and their maternal grandfather, Derrell McCathern of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to the Golden Spread Chapter of the March of Dimes Defects Foundation, 104 SW 6th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101.

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Dean 'Pappy' Mann

OAK POINT — Dean "Pappy" Mann of Oak Point died at Trinity Medical Center of Carrollton May 23, 2006, after a long illness.

Services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Friday at DeBerry Funeral Directors in Denton. Burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Park in Denton under the direction of DeBerry Funeral Directors.

Mr. Mann was a long-time resident of Crane, where he attended high school. He co-owned the former Snappy Tom Service Co., and was a past deacon and past elder of Crane Christian Church.

He was also a 20-year res-

ident of Pampa, driving for Mission Petroleum Transport, was a past elder of Highland Christian Church and was a charter member of Body of Christ Church.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn; two sons, Douglas of Anchorage, Alaska, and John of Azle; a daughter, Denice Bosquez of Oak Point; several grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests be to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 9652, Fort Worth, TX 76147.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sixty-nine traffic stops were made, with 55 citations issued.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1100 block of East Frederic and the 700 block of Magnolia.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Highways 60 and 70, the 1500 block of North Zimmers and the 1600 block of North Sumner.

Vehicle accidents were reported from the 1100 block of Sierra, the 400 block of East Browning, the 2200 block of Evergreen and the intersection of Cuyler and Atchison streets.

An animal complaint was received from the 2200

block of North Christy.

Found property was reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

Civil matters were reported in the 300 block of North Wells and the police department lobby.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 700 block of South Finley, the 1800 block of Chestnut, the 500 block of Doucette, the 1200 block of South Dwight, the 1000 block of North Christy, the 1100 block of South Christy, the 900 block of South Faulkner and the 1100 block of South Faulkner.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 300 block of Anne and the 400 block of East 17th.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1100 block of East Foster, the 1100 block of East

Kingsmill, the intersection of 15th and Dogwood streets and the 1000 block of South Barnes.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1800 block of North Hobart, the 1800 block of Alcock and the 1200 block of East Francis.

A prowler was reported in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of Doucette.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of Beryl and the 2700 block of Navajo.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2400 block of Charles, the 700 block of Mora and the 1100 block of Cinderella.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 700 block of North Dwight and involved an estimated \$6,800 in structure damage.

Possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Driving while intoxicated and public intoxication were reported in the 100 block of West Francis.

Harassment was reported in the 900 block of South Wells and the 200 block of West Craven.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 200 block of South Tignor and the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby and the 900 block of South Nelson.

Two burglar alarms were reported.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of Dogwood. A DVD player valued at \$700 was taken.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of North Christy.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Wednesday, May 24

Francisco Sotero Cruz, 28, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.

James Tolleson, 67, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of East Francis by PPD for driving while intoxicated.

Debera Lynn Tolleson, 49, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of East Francis by PPD for public intoxication.

Thursday, May 25

Nicky Dewayne Click, 36, of Perryton was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. South wind around 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 67. South wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 96. South wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 66. South wind around 20 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 87. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62. Windy, with a south wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer.

Wheat	4.53
Milo	3.51
Corn	4.40
Soybeans	4.65

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

OXY	96.60	+2.73
BP PLC ADR	70.82	+1.28
Cabot Corp	33.38	+0.36
Celanese	19.44	+0.28
Cabot Oil Gas	43.07	+0.96
Coca Cola	44.14	+0.11
VLO	59.01	+0.90
HAL	71.34	+1.31
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KML	83.82	+1.25
XCEL	18.48	+0.07
Kerr McGee	104.83	+1.55
XOM	60.83	+0.73
Nat'l Oilwell	62.68	+1.27
Limited	27.14	+0.15
Williams	20.60	+0.20
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King

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McCool, 47, near Pineville.

King has also been indicted by a Gray County grand jury in connection with the murders of a family south of Pampa on Sept. 30.

Brian Conrad, 31; his wife Michell, 35, and her son, Zack Doan, 14, were shot to death in their farm home south of Pampa on Texas Highway 70. Michell Conrad was six months pregnant. Michell's daughter, Robin Doan, 10, survived the slaughter and called 911 after the assailant left.

Earlier this month King's defense team, Charles Moreland and Thomas

Marshall of the Missouri State Public Defenders Office, filed a motion to have the Missouri murder charges against King dismissed.

Moreland and Marshall argued that the prosecution should not be allowed to seek the death penalty after King attempted to plead guilty to the McCool murders at his March 21 arraignment.

At his first arraignment in March, King pleaded guilty to the murders, but the prosecution had not included aggravating circumstances to the charges. That meant that the maximum sentence King could have gotten was life without parole.

Under Missouri law, like Texas law, the death penalty cannot be sought unless there are aggravating circumstances such as murder while committing a felony.

McDonald County Circuit Court Judge Timothy Perigo allowed the prosecutors to reword the charges during a 15-minute recess to include the aggravating circumstances. Two weeks later McDonald County Prosecutor Steve Geeding dropped the charges and refiled them, including the aggravating circumstances.

Moreland argued that King now should not be subject to any proceedings in which the death penalty may be a possible punishment.

Special Prosecutor Tim Finnical said King's initial plea was an apparent attempt to avoid the death penalty. Finnical said case law in Missouri allows the addition of aggravating circumstances to a charge up to the day of the trial.

Sentence

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of \$100, due immediately, to the U.S. District Court Clerk.

Waller pled guilty to the charge March 15 after being indicted Jan. 18 on one

count of embezzlement and two counts of making false entries by a federal credit union employee.

Maximum penalty for the charge to which she pled guilty is imprisonment for a period not more than 30 years, a fine not to exceed \$1,000,000 or twice any pecuniary gain to the defen-

dant or loss to the victim(s), and supervised release of not less than three years but not more than five years following any term of imprisonment.

A defendant who violates the conditions of supervised release could be imprisoned for the entire term of supervised release.

Power

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Pampa Fire Department and Xcel Energy personnel

responded to the alley between the 2600 blocks of Comanche and Navajo.

Wes Reeves, senior representative for Xcel in Amarillo, confirmed that a squirrel had somehow gotten into a transformer in that

alley, causing the power outage.

Power was restored to the 10 customers at 1:20 p.m., Reeves said.

The squirrel was the only casualty in the incident.

City

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ment. Terry implemented a global positioning system program in the department's vehicles, along with laptop

computers, so that workers in the department can access a database and find locations precisely.

Members of each public works department received a folder with a photo of their department members and a copy of a proclama-

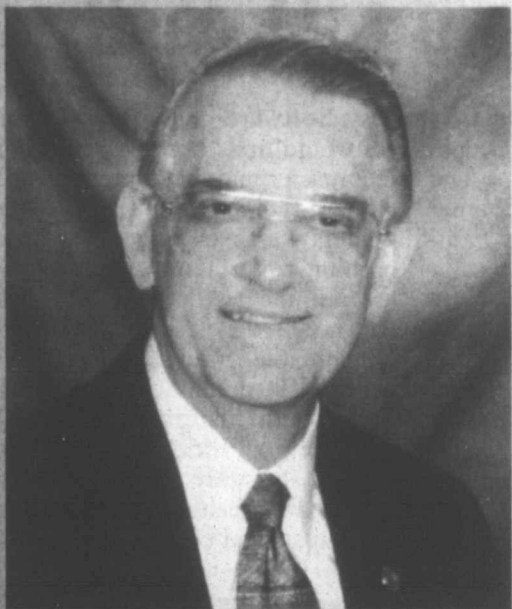
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Viewpoints

Nail down that futon lest it up and flees the bedroom

As so-called "lifestyles editor" here at The News, I come across my fair share of press releases. I must allow that, for the most part, I enjoy them — probably for the same reason I enjoy watching TV commercials.

Some press releases are silly. Some are wacky, and some, I hate to say, are just plain weird. Some make me laugh. Now and again, I'll get one that is truly original.

Most recently I received a press release on behalf of Futon Association International — which gives me pause to ponder, is there an association for everything

out there? I mean, are circus ponies represented by an association, do you think?

I digress. What struck me about this particular press release was the headline — "Futons: All Grown Up and Ready to Leave the Guest Room."

What a humdinger.

I read that and immediately my admittedly precarious imagination leapt ahead of me. Are futons like baby ducks, into the water then into the air? I can just picture a mama futon (queen-sized, of course) kicking a teenage futon (full-sized) out of the bedroom.

OK, for those of you with futons, consider yourselves forewarned. Your futon is no mere adolescent any longer. Don't be surprised if you come home one day and that futon has left the proverbial nest.

In fact, you might want to nail a few things down in case he (or she?) decides to take off with items it considers community property. (I don't think homeowners' insurance will cover that

type of loss.)

Where do people come up with this stuff? A grown-up futon? Um, I'm scratching my head: What are "The Wonder Years" of a futon? Good-bye, Sponge Bob Square

Pants. Hello, Franky Futon.

According to the Futon Association facsimile, "futon" actually means bedding. Though I've never possessed a futon or known anyone who does, for that mat-

ter, I must confess they've always seemed rather funky and hip to me.

"(T)he futon and its accompanying frame is much more than just a bed," the news release said. "Simply put, a futon is a mattress, though it does not have the rigid construction of a conventional mattress. The outer layer of a futon tends to be a sturdy, canvas-weight cotton, and the filling is commonly densely-packed cotton batting. Other fillings can be foam or Visco (also known as 'memory foam') or even spring coils."

Oh, my back hurts just

thinking about that.

"(A) wardrobe of covers," the FAI release continues, "can be had for many hundreds of dollars less than the cost of reupholstering one sofa."

So is the futon a bed or a sofa?

"The futon is at home," concludes the FAI fax, "anywhere."

Just don't count on this "adult" to pay any rent. Which brings me to my next question: Can you buy a fully-matured futon or are they all "babes" until you take them home?

Skyla Bryant
News Editor



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 25, the 145th day of 2006. There are 220 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 25, 1787, the Constitutional Convention was convened in Philadelphia after enough delegates had shown up for a quorum.

On this date:

In 1810, Argentina began its revolt against Spain.

In 1844, the first telegraphed news dispatch, sent from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore, appeared in the Baltimore Patriot.

In 1895, playwright Oscar Wilde was convicted of a morals charge in London; he was sentenced to prison.

"There is nothing final about a mistake, except its being taken as final."

— Phyllis Bottome
English author
(1884-1963)

In 1935, Babe Ruth hit the 714th and final home run of his career, for the Boston Braves, in a game against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

In 1946, Transjordan (now Jordan) became a kingdom as it proclaimed its new monarch, King Abdullah Ibn Ul-Hussein.

In 1961, President Kennedy asked the nation to work toward putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade.

In 1968, the Gateway Arch, part of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St. Louis, was dedicated.

In 1976, U.S. Rep. Wayne L. Hays, D-Ohio, admitted to a "personal relationship" with Elizabeth Ray, a committee staff member who claimed she'd received her job in order to be Hays' mistress.

In 1979, 275 people died when an American Airlines DC10 crashed on takeoff from Chicago's O'Hare airport.

In 1986, an estimated 7 million Americans participated in "Hands Across America," forming a line across the country to raise money for the nation's hungry and homeless.

Ten years ago: President Clinton, honoring the men and women who died in military service, used his weekly radio address to defend America's global military role, saying it "is making our people safer and the world more secure."

Five years ago: A federal appeals court lifted an injunction on publication of "The Wind Done Gone," Alice Randall's satirical retelling of "Gone With The Wind" from a black viewpoint.

One year ago: Texas Supreme Court Justice Priscilla Owen won Senate confirmation as a federal appeals judge after a ferocious four-year battle.

The defense rested in the Michael Jackson child molestation trial without calling the pop star, who ended up being acquitted. Country sweetheart Carrie Underwood won the latest edition of "American Idol." Ismail Merchant, half of the prestigious Merchant-Ivory filmmaking team, died in London at age 68.

Today's Birthdays: Lyricist Hal David is 85. Former opera singer Beverly Sills is 77.



Knack of burning a CD easily acquired

If you've been reading my columns lately, you've noticed how hard I have been coming down on floppy disks and their associated drives. Small, slow, and prone to data loss, "floppy disks" are better for drink coasters than data storage. I can't tell you how many important files I've lost on them.

When the Zip drives came out, I thought I was saved. After all, the \$200 (now \$28) drive was able to use 100-megabyte disks (a lot more than the 1.44mb floppies I had been using). However, as with all new technologies, I ran into problems. First, I could easily store information on my Zip drive, but if I gave the resulting disk to a friend, they would have to own a Zip drive to access it. Second, the price of Zip disks was a little high (\$10/disk).

There had to be a better way. That's when I discovered the CD-RW drive. Now, before I get too much into the technology here, let's get some of the terminology out of the way. "CD" is short for "Compact Disk." Information is stored on these disks in a long spiraling track of "pits" on a metal surface. Low wattage lasers interpret the pits into data based on the differing reflective properties of the pits. Clear as mud, right?

In the old days, we only

had one type of CD: the CD-DA (although most people just called them CD's). The "DA" was short for "Digital Audio." That's right, all music CD's are technically called CD-DA's.

Anyway, some bright engineer soon discovered that a person could store data on a CD just as easily as music. Enter, the CD-ROM. "ROM" is short for "Read Only Media."

The main difference between CD-DA's and CD-ROM's is the type of information stored (music vs. data). The format was basically the same. That's why you can put a music CD in your computer just as easily as a CD-ROM. Note: Don't put a CD-ROM into your stereo unless you like hearing the sounds of tortured cats.

Since CD-ROM's could store upwards of 650 megabytes, software manufacturers started to use them in droves. Of course, their overall cost of production (less than 20-cents per disk) also made it more economical than copying 15 floppy diskettes. Every computer started coming with a CD-ROM reader which furthered the acceptance of this new media.

The creation of CD-ROMs was not

easy. Software manufacturers would first "burn" a perfect master and then "press" all of the copies from it. This process was extremely cost-prohibitive for home use ...

Until the advent of CD-R. The "R" stands for "Recordable." Using a special CD-R drive, a person could "burn" their own CD-R's for a little bit of money. The only downside to this new technology was the "no second chance" limitation. If you made a mistake while burning the CD-R, you had to throw it away and start again.

In other words, CD-R's could only be "written to" once.

Finally, a Japanese scientist developed the first CD-RW disk. "RW" stands for "ReWritable." The disk used a special alloy that would change from an amorphous state to a crystalline state under an intense laser beam.

Using different laser illumination, the crystalline alloy could then be returned to its amorphous state. (You have my permission to use the previous two sentences to impress people at parties.)

Using a CD-RW drive, a person could write and rewrite data to CD-RW disks up to 1,000 times. Welcome to the present. Today, CD-RW drives are dropping in

price faster than personal computers.

Most new computers now have CD-RW drives as standard equipment. If you are buying a new system, verify it has a CD-RW drive. You'll be glad you did.

Remember, a CD-RW drive can read all CD-ROM's (just like your old "reader"), create CD-RW disks (duh), burn CD-R disks, and even create CD-DA disks (hmmmm ...).

CD-RW drives are ranked by three speed factors: Recording Speed, Rewritability Speed, and Reading Speed. For instance, a 52x32x52 drive could record (burn a CD-R) at 52x speed, rewrite (create a CD-RW) at 32x speed, and read standard CD-ROM's at 52x speed.

Obviously, the higher the number, the faster the drive, the more expensive it would be. As a gauge, recording a full CD-R or CD-RW disk at 2x speed would take around 45 minutes. Recording at 4x speed would take roughly half that amount of time.

Should you buy one? Definitely! I use mine all the time for system backups, and large data archival. Best of all, disks I create can be read on most CD-ROM readers in other PC's. (Older, slower CD-ROM readers have trouble reading CD-RW and CD-R disks.)

See you in Cyberspace!

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Sports Day

Coach Wilson's baseball camp set to start May 30

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Pampa High School baseball coach Clay Wilson will host a baseball camp May 30 through June 2 at Harvester Field.

Camp times will be 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. for grades 1 through 3, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for grades 4 through 6, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for grades 7 and 8.

The fee for Coach Wilson's camp will be \$50 per camper and registrations are currently under way.

Registration forms are available at the PHS athletic office. Call 669-4830, 662-0362 or 669-6211 for more information.

Mets net help

NEW YORK (AP) — The pitching-thin New York Mets acquired Orlando Hernandez from the Arizona Diamondbacks for reliever Jorge Julio.

The deal was announced before the NL East leaders hosted Philadelphia, which placed rookie pitcher Cole Hamels on the 15-day disabled list with a strain in his left shoulder.

Golf should be fun, not work

By MARK HUGHES

Editor's note — Mark Hughes is the PGA head professional at Pampa Country Club. Sports Day will publish his article twice monthly.

Today marks the beginning of a series of instruction articles designed to make you a better golfer. Some of the instruction presented will be technical in nature, most will be about concepts and ideas.

My goal in writing these articles includes helping you to shoot lower scores. First and foremost however, I want to help you enjoy the game more.

Playing golf

If we would all remember that's what we're doing the game would be much more enjoyable. I see too many players who are working at golf. I see too many whose enjoyment is tied up in their score.

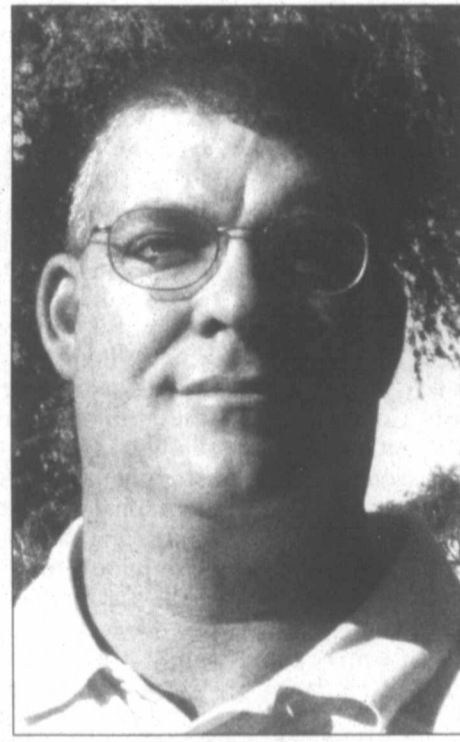
I'm not saying that scoring well isn't thrilling and satisfying, I'm just saying that as recreational golfers we need to learn to enjoy the activity regardless of score.

When we are on the course it is time to play, the driving range and the putting green are the places to work.

Over the next several months we will discuss a variety of techniques, as

you work to develop them I would like you to keep this in mind.

Work on the techniques in the practice area, not on the golf course.



Mark Hughes

Assuming you are practicing two to three times per week, you can expect to see progress on the range or putting green about three weeks before you

see progress on the golf course. Above all else, remember this, when you play golf do the best you can with the game you have right now and work off the course to develop the game you wish you had.

When on the course don't try shots you're not sure you can hit, make your way around the course with shots you know you can hit.

You will find my views on teaching the swing to be somewhat different than the conventional thoughts presented in monthly magazines or 30-second television spots.

I feel most of what appears in those two mediums is directed toward what this or that professional does or is working on in their swing.

I have no disagreement with what is being said. I just feel it is akin to teaching a first semester pre-med student some advanced surgical technique without laying the basic foundation of four years of undergraduate work, not to mention med school and residency.

Next article we will begin at the beginning. We will look at the golf club, how it is designed, and how it is intended to be used.

When we begin to understand that then so many other things about golf will become clearer.

Until then, happy golfing.

BREAK A LEG

The aches and pains of getting in shape

I can't be that old, can I?

So I get a call from my pal and Pampa High School baseball coach, Clay Wilson, late Wednesday afternoon. He calls just as my kid and I are breaking into a game of 21 (basketball) in the driveway. As our conversation went on — and I finally caught my breath — Wilson issues some sort of threat about getting me back into any resemblance of shape. As the talk wound down, he says, "Well, you get back to your game but be careful." I think he was laughing as he said it. Less than five minutes later, I'm on the ground in agonizing pain. Jammed my stupid thumb into my hand.

To make the scene even more comical, I said to my neighbor before the boy and I started the game, "If you see me on the ground, phone 911."

"I thought I told you to call 911 if you saw me on the ground," I said to him later. "Well, you didn't go to the

ground fast enough," he replied. "You started off bent over. Then you fell to your knees. Then your hands and knees. Only then did you finally go to the ground. You took too long."

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



As if that weren't enough

I have dedicated myself to getting back into shape. So if you see me limping around and whining, you will know why. I have reasoned the pain will eventually morph into something good. I mean, there is always hope, right? Part of my training includes visits to the gym three nights a week. However, this is a new gym that fea-

tures a fitness program based on boxing. It is truly awesome. In fact, I will be working out with a name familiar to Pampa tonight...Devin Lemons. Forgive me the plug, but www.nicks-fightclub.com will tell you a little more about it.

Let's go golfing

Today we introduce something new in Sports Day. Pampa Country Club pro Mark Hughes has offered to write a series of articles meant to highlight the truly recreational aspect of golf while helping to improve your game. I am really looking forward to it. Heaven knows my game needs help.

To my friend Buddy Epperson...I promise I will start toting my sticks with me. So any time you and the guys want to take me out and teach me a lesson, I'm ready. Well, once I recover from this horrible, horrible pain, that is.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in response to "Polar Opposites," who wondered if she should marry her boyfriend because they are so different. (You told her no.) My husband and I have been married 12 years and a couple for 15. We are the perfect example of why it can work. If there are two people more different than we are, I have yet to meet them. My husband is an intellectual with an Ivy League education. I never went to college. His family is small and -- well -- not like mine at all, which is huge and loud. He grew up with no religion; I was raised Catholic. As for the other differences she mentioned, they are small and insignificant. People don't get along 100 percent of the time, regardless of how alike they are. Marriage is about compromise and respect. As long as you have those things, and open lines of communication, it will work. I love that we're so different. My husband gives me courage when I want to hide. I drag him out to play when he'd rather sit on the couch. We each make up for what the other lacks -- and that's a good thing. -- **WROTE THE BOOK ON THAT**

DEAR WROTE THE BOOK: I advised the young woman against marriage to her boyfriend because her letter reeked of negativity. Not once did she mention what they have in common or that either of them was willing to work on their relationship, and that does not bode well for a successful future. Readers were divided on the issue. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The differences between them are crucial, and any one of them is a deal breaker. Fighting for what can only bring heartache is foolish, and I think that young woman should be applauded for her wisdom. I know -- I married an "opposite" and have lived to regret it. -- **ALLIE IN PORT HUENEME, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: Opposites are often the best pairs! Her description of their differences sounds exactly like my husband and me, and we just celebrated the 27th anniversary of our first date. (My romantic husband celebrates everything that has to do with us.) Many people tell us we have the best marriage in St. Louis -- which may or may not be true -- but what we DO have is mutual love and respect, and the desire to work hard on our marriage. You told her she has a negative mind-set. Let me add that in addition to that, she also seems judgmental and superior. Her boyfriend sounds like a winner to me. Do you have his number? We have four daughters! -- **LAUREN IN ST. LOUIS**

DEAR ABBY: After 25 years of marriage to my polar opposite, I wouldn't recommend it to anyone, especially when it comes to having children. "Do not be yoked to an unbeliever." It's a choice she'll regret for the rest of her life! -- **GINA IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

DEAR ABBY: Yes, "Polar Opposite" may have a negative attitude, but it's probably because she's analyzing her relationship with her boyfriend rationally. Happy marriages require more than mutual attraction and love. Differences in family, beliefs, likes and dislikes all can make or break a marriage. I think they could make it work, and I found her rationality refreshing. If more people were that informed about the realities in their relationships, there would be fewer divorces. I suspect she has just outgrown this relationship and will be happy to move on. You were right to give her "permission." -- **DIANE IN PROVO, UTAH**

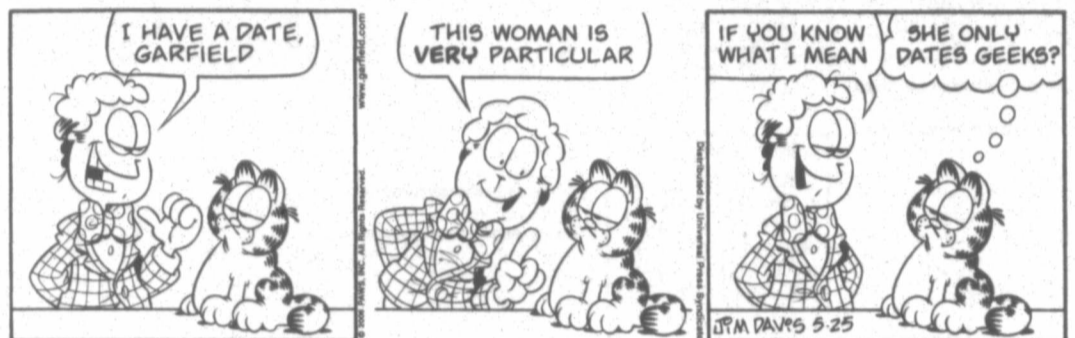
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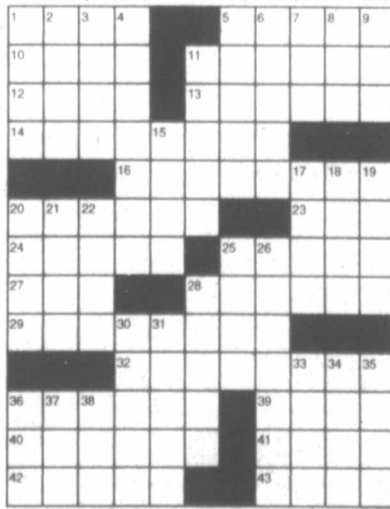
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