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Praise, protest greet hearing on hazardous trees

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Comments ranged from praise to protest Thursday evening as about two dozen area residents and Texas Department of Transportation representatives met in the M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building to discuss the final proposal for TxDOT's Hazard Elimination Safety Project.

The main bone of contention, as it has been since the project was first announced, is the removal of a number of trees from along 147 miles of Highways 60 and 83 in Gray, Hemphill,

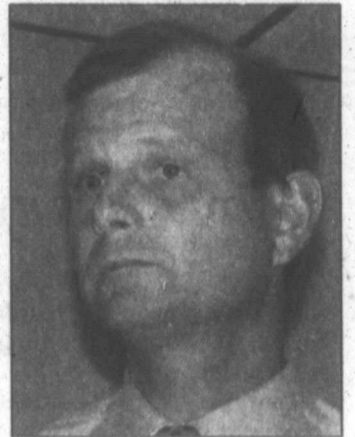
Lipscomb, Ochiltree and Roberts counties.

Mark Tomlinson, district engineer from TxDOT's Amarillo office, reviewed the history of the project, from its unveiling in May 2004 to the current version of the plan, which also includes lowering speed limits in some areas, improving the grades on some slopes, upgrading guardrails and putting protective bars over culvert openings.

Tomlinson also focused on the tree removal portion of the current project, while Kenneth Corse, area TxDOT

engineer for Pampa, explained plans for culverts, slopes, curb and gutter work, and guardrails.

The original plan of felling 1,185 trees has been trimmed to removal of 93 trees, composed of 20 in Gray County, 47 in Hemphill, seven in Lipscomb, 16 in Ochiltree and three in Roberts. The numbers of trees per county provided Thursday evening were a correction from the totals previously reported to The Pampa News by Paul F. Braun, public information offi-



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Africanized bees have moved into the Panhandle.

'Killer Bees' found in area

By KAY LEDBETTER Extension News

AMARILLO - Bees confirmed as the Africanized strain have been found in the Panhandle, prompting a word of caution from a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension entomologist in Amarillo, said this summer he has received two to three samples of bees a week to send for testing, compared to two to three a month in the past.

"We just need people to understand we have them (Africanized honey bees) in the area, and there will be bees throughout the Panhandle that act a little more aggressively than they have in the past," he said.

The first confirmed case was collected

Jan. 30 in Armstrong County, Patrick said. Since then, bees from Amarillo in Randall County were collected and tested positive on April 19, May 16 and June 1.

"We knew they had moved as far north as Swisher County in the past years, but this is the first year they've been found this far north," he said. "We haven't received anything from the northern Panhandle, but we have to assume they run throughout the area now."

Distinguishing between native honey bees and the Africanized strain cannot be done visually, Patrick said. All bees must be sent to the Texas Honey Bee Identification Lab in College Station to be confirmed through

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Business Expo offers food, prizes, services

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Food, prizes and free services will be among the things available to local residents at Saturday's annual Business Expo, which opens at 9 a.m. and continues until 4 p.m. at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

As of Thursday afternoon, 65 exhibitors had reserved space at the Expo. Seven of those are outside exhibits, including the Coffee Memorial Bloodmobile.

Some businesses at the Expo plan to have hourly door prizes. The Greater Pampa Area Chamber of

Commerce will give away a Texas flag.

A bicycle tour is planned in conjunction with this year's Expo. Proceeds from the tour will go to benefit the National Alliance for Mental Illness.

Participants may sign up beginning at 6 a.m. at Coronado Center. The ride begins at 8 a.m., with four routes and four skill levels.

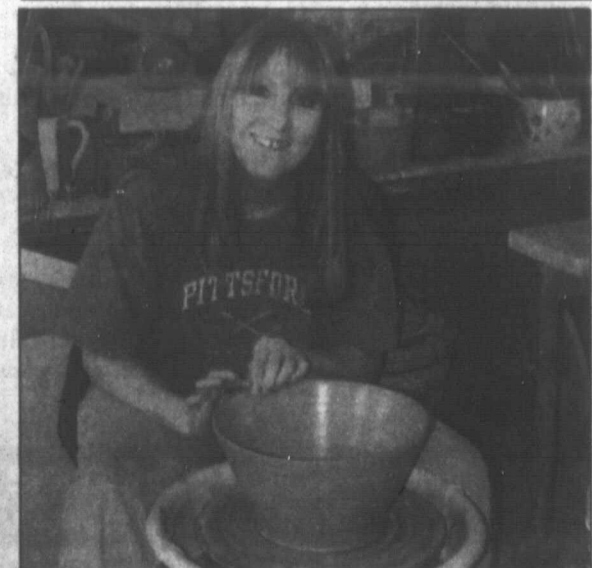
Free weight and blood pressure checks are among the services scheduled to be offered at the Expo. Free child ID kits will be provided.

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

A jackhammer was the method used Thursday to tear down a brick picnic shelter on the west side of Hobart Street between Braum's and the AmericInn. The structure, owned by the City of Pampa on city park land, is being cleared away to make room for an improved structure, said Richard Morris, public works director for the city.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS Linda Nowell of Pampa creates a bowl on her potter's wheel in her workshop.

Pampa potter selected for award

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A Pampa potter whose work was chosen as one of just over 100 pieces nationwide to be exhibited at an annual competition earned the People's Choice award with her entry.

Linda Nowell's stoneware bowl, "Winter's Sting," sold after the awards were announced at the recent 16th San Angelo National Ceramic Competition.

"The San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts put out an invitation for entries. You could submit three slides of your work," Nowell said.

She created the winning entry in her backyard studio by shaping it on a potter's wheel, carving the openwork design, firing the piece, glazing and staining it, followed by a final firing.

"Winter's Sting" was one of the approximately 100 pieces selected from more than 1,000 entries submitted for the exhibition.

The San Angelo award was not Nowell's first for her ceramic works. She won first place last year at the Oklahoma City Arts Festival, first place at an Austin show, second place at a show in Miami, and two third places at

Amarillo events.

Nowell will mark her seventh year as a potter in September. She started out by buying a potter's wheel, and then searching for someone to teach her how to use it.

"A woman and I were visiting, and I heard a local potter here had moved to New Mexico. I thought Pampa needed a potter. I went and bought a wheel, and it never occurred to me that there was no one to teach me how to use it," she said.

About three months after buy-

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

WELLS, Winfred Wilson "Winnie" — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Johnnie Mae Rogers, 59

Johnnie Mae Rogers, 59, of Pampa, Texas, died June 22, 2006, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Rogers

Mrs. Rogers was born Aug. 16, 1946, in Hereford. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1968. She married Benton Rogers, Jr., on Dec. 17, 1968. She worked for Montgomery Ward and Texas Furniture, and for the past 19 years at Wal-Mart in the bookkeeping department.

She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. She was an inspiration to her family and others. She was always willing to help those in need, putting others before herself; she was a good soldier. She was affectionately known as "Miss Johnnie" or "Johnnie Mae" by her family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Benton

Rogers, Jr., of the home; two daughters, Benita Christian and husband Matthew of Tulsa, Okla., and Debbie Flores and husband Leslie of Pampa; her mother, Melba Presley of Lefors; one sister, Lajuan Fowler and husband Roy of Hereford; two brothers, Harold Wayne Presley of Lefors and Kenneth Presley of Lubbock; three grandchildren, Tyler Kimbley, Brenden Kimbley and Olivia Flores; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, H.L. Presley in 1994; and a brother, Donnie Presley in 2004.

The family requests memorials be to Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065, or BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

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

Winfred Wilson 'Winnie' Wells, 92

DALLAS, Texas — Winfred Wilson "Winnie" Wells, 92, died June 22, 2006, at Dallas. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 24, 2006, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Ashley Hood, granddaughter and a Presbyterian minister, officiating.

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

Mr. Wells was born Feb. 16, 1914, in Mexia, Texas. He graduated from Sudan High School in Sudan, Texas, and graduated from business college in Fort Worth. He married Helen Lemons on Nov. 19, 1938, in Amarillo.

After living in Amarillo and White Deer, he and his family moved to Pampa in 1955. He and his wife owned and operated Hi-Land Fashions from 1955 until his retirement in 1980.

During his retirement, he and his wife lived for 12 years in Palo Mesa and Fallbrook, Calif. In 1999, Mr. Wells and his wife moved to Dallas.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pampa and was a mem-

ber of the Pampa Noon Lions Club. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving in the Admiralty Islands in the Pacific.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Wells, of the home; two daughters, Judy Chisholm of Dallas and Jane McDaniel and husband David of Lubbock; four grandchildren, Kyle Abraham and wife Elizabeth of Lubbock, Ashley Hood and husband Doug of Dallas, Curtis McDaniel and Gregory McDaniel, both of Austin; and four great-grandchildren, Elliot Abraham and Katherine Abraham, both of Lubbock, Phillip Hood and Helen Hood, both of Dallas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six sisters; and one brother.

The family requests memorials be to Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Panhandle Chapter, 6222 Canyon Dr., Amarillo, TX 79109, or the Faith Hospice, 6100 Colwell Blvd., Suite 225, Irving, TX 75039.

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Wells

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east-southeast.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 90. South-southwest wind around 5 mph.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 66.

East-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 88. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61. South-southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thun-

derstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 83. East-northeast wind around 5 mph becoming south.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. West-southwest wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 83. Calm wind becoming south between 5 and 10 mph.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of White Deer:		
Wheat	4.30	
Milo	3.17	
Corn	4.06	
Soybeans	4.65	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:		
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BP PLC ADR	67.37	+0.98
Cabot Corp	32.43	+0.16
Celanese	19.64	-0.23
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Coca Cola	42.78	-0.09
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People in the news

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Owners of a small museum wanted a piece of Elvis Presley's favorite amusement park ride but ended up instead with the whole thing — a roller coaster called the Zippin Pippin.

The Pippin was bought by the city's park commission in 1947. Most of the super-structure for its 2,800 feet of track was replaced over the years but it's still billed as one of the oldest wooden roller coasters in the country.

The ride was a top attraction at Libertyland, a 30-year-old amusement park

Presley often rented for private parties.

Libertyland is closing and its rides and concession stands were sold at auction Wednesday.

Robert Reynolds and Stephen Shutts, partners in a traveling museum called the Honky Tonk Hall of Fame & Rock-N-Roll Roadshow, showed up planning to bid on one of the roller coaster cars.

Instead, they bought the whole Pippin for \$2,500. It went cheap because the sale agreement gives the buyer a month to take it down and haul it away.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "American Idol" runner-up Katharine McPhee struggled for years with bulimia before

seeking help, the singer said in a published interview.

At her worst, she would throw up as many as seven times a day, putting her singing career in jeopardy.

It was like "putting a sledgehammer to your vocal cords," McPhee told People magazine in an interview published Thursday on its Web site.

Attempts to reach McPhee were not successful. Phone numbers for her, her family or her publicist could not immediately be located.

McPhee, 22, told the magazine she sought help last fall after successfully auditioning for "American Idol." She enrolled in an eating disorder center in Los Angeles and spent three months in therapy.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Six traffic stops were made.

A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Crawford and Huff streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 100 block of East Browning, the 500 block of North Summer, the 2100 block of North Dwight, the 1900 block of Charles, the 2200 block of Mary Ellen, and the 2300 block of North Hobart.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of Gwendolyn.

Animal complaints were received from the 1300 block of North Hobart, the 800 block of North Gray, the intersection of Kentucky and Baer streets, and the 1800 block of North Dwight.

Welfare checks were made in the 2200 block of Dogwood, the 300 block of East Tuke, the 700 block of Doucette, and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Civil matters were reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive and on Highway 152.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 600 block of South Somerville.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from one mile east on Highway 60.

A prowler was reported in the 1900 block of Gwendolyn.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby and the 600 block of Lowry.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1300 block of Charles.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the police department lobby.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Assault was reported in the 600 block of Lowry and the 700 block of East Brunow.

Assault and a dispute were reported in the 800 block of East Frederic.

A follow-up investigation concerning a deadly conduct/discharging a firearm occurred in the 1100 block of Sirroco.

Three burglar alarms were reported.

One open door was checked.

Theft of services was reported at the Best Western Northgate Inn, 2831 Perryton Parkway.

Theft was reported at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart. Taken were food, dishes, a household item and hairspray, with estimated value of loss at \$101.66.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive. Cash valued at \$50 was taken.

Theft of services was reported by Aaron's, 211 W. 30th. The incident occurred in the 200 block of West Craven. Computer hardware and software were taken, for an estimated loss of \$1,598.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Sunset.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, June 22

Mark Lloyd Bresee, 26, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on bond surrenders for assaulting a public servant, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and escaping custody.

Shane Adam Willett, 19, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a sentence for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls

during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, June 22

2:14 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the intersection of the Loop and Chaumont Terrace on a grass fire.

4:10 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2600 block of North Hobart on an odor investigation.

11:36 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 600 block of North Price Road on a downed power line.

Friday, June 23

12:41 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart on a smoke scare.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, June 21

2:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of Nelson and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Garland and transported a patient(s) to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

10 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Thursday, June 22

3:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Browning and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

8:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Helton Road and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Friday, June 23

4:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Browning and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Marine reservist dies after training collapse

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Marine reservist has died after collapsing while undergoing light swimming exercises at Fort Sam Houston,

military officials said. Pfc. Paul H. Flores, of Austin, collapsed Monday at the post's fitness center. He died Wednesday after spend-

ing two days in critical condition at Brooke Army Medical Center. The cause of death is unknown.

Flores, a 29-year-old member of the 4th Reconnaissance Battalion, was participating in "swim prescreening," said Marine Maj. Humberto C. Rodriguez.

Investigators were probing the details of what happened, Rodriguez said. He described the activity as similar to Marine infantry training and "very light in nature."

"Flores never went under the water and never submerged," Rodriguez said.

Life guards were present along with instructors and others trained in first aid, he said.

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cer for TxDOT's Amarillo District office.

The first 30 minutes of Thursday's meeting was a project briefing and an opportunity for residents to ask questions and make comments. After a short break, a public hearing was held, in which residents could again comment and ask questions. TxDOT representatives responded to comments and questions during the briefing, but will make their responses to questions from the public hearing in future written statements.

"In this area, trees are such a commodity," said James Johnson of Amarillo, who came to Pampa to attend the meeting. "I've been a licensed driver for 53 years, and I've never ever had a fixed object run out in the road. I'd like to see every tree saved."

"This is the first meeting I've attended on this issue," Tim Fatheree said. "They talk about selling our water down south, and now they're cutting down trees. God put those trees there for a reason. If we cut down a tree, plant 10 more in its place."

"I still fail to see why they should be removed unless they're very, very

close to the roadway," Cleo Meaker said. "They shouldn't be cut down to protect drunks. The federal government is protecting us from ourselves now to the point it's ludicrous."

"We really appreciate that you have been willing to work with us," Faustina Curry said.

One-third of fatalities, on average, are from run-off-the-road crashes, Tomlinson said.

TxDOT's current view on hazard elimination is, "The penalty for an inadvertent roadside encroachment should not be death or serious injury."

"Our aim was to provide a reasonable space outside the travel way so they won't run into a fixed object and cause a fatality," Tomlinson said. "The original clear zone width was 30 feet. With a 30-foot clear zone, 80 percent of vehicles that leave the roadway are able to safely recover before crashing."

When the clear zone is narrowed to 16 feet from the solid stripe on the outside of the lane, the percentage of vehicles which can safely recover after leaving the roadway decreases to 65, he said.

The 16-foot clear zone is the revised measurement being used for the project, and is the TxDOT minimum standard, Tomlinson said.

In a 10-year period, seven of eight fatalities in

which a vehicle ran off the road involved trees, Tomlinson said.

The 93 trees still included in the hazard elimination safety project represent 7.8 percent of the original number of trees to be eliminated.

Tree removal is not a new or localized practice for TxDOT, Tomlinson said.

"Practically every district in the state is using ongoing tree removal, using the same parameters. We are using practically the same standards as are used nationwide," he said.

The price tag for the entire hazard elimination safety project is \$4,111,128. Included in that total is \$72,600 for earthwork, \$1,157,000 for drainage structures, \$115,000 for curb and gutter work, \$610,020 for guard rails and \$48,360 for tree removal.

A transcript of Thursday evening's meeting will be used by TxDOT and the Federal Highway Administration.

Persons wishing to mail written comments concerning the project must include their name and address, and mail the comments to Mark Tomlinson, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 2708, Amarillo, TX 79105-2708. Comments must be received in the Amarillo office no later than July 2 in order to be included in the public hearing record.

Bees

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genetic tests or by measurements.

Africanized honey bees were brought to Brazil in 1956 to improve honey production of the European honey bee, he said. In 1957, containment measures failed and several swarms escaped into the countryside.

The Africanized bee passed on its aggressive traits through mating and began moving north at a rate of 200 to 300 miles per year, first entering Texas in 1990, Patrick said.

"These bees will not look different and the single bees out foraging among the flowers will not act any different than they always do," he said. "Usually, even the swarms you see in the open will not act any different."

The Africanized bees are

more aggressive in protecting their brood, Patrick said. European honey bees may chase intruders up to 100 feet from the colony, but the Africanized bees will go as far as 400 feet.

The sting is the same whether the bee is European or Africanized, but many more bees will aggressively attack if it is the Africanized bee, he said. "What we've learned over the years is certain things really irritate the Africanized bees," Patrick said. "They don't like small engines, such as lawnmowers, weed-eaters and chainsaws."

Also, the European honey bees tend to nest above ground in houses, trees or vacant structures, he said. In addition to those nesting sites, Africanized bees also nest in holes in the ground, irrigation pipes, control boxes and underneath houses.

Patrick offered some advice for individuals com-

ing in contact with any bees.

- Stay away or get away as quickly and as far as possible.

- Get into a vehicle or house or if it is a brushy area, put as much brush between the source of the bees and yourself.

- Call 911 if you witness someone being stung, and be sure to tell emergency personnel exactly what the situation is so they can come prepared to deal with the bees when trying to administer aid.

- Scrape stingers from the body, don't try to pull them out. Each stinger has a venom sack and pulling only mashes more venom into the wound.

"People who know of an established colony should call someone in the pest control industry to take care of it," Patrick said. "It's not for the novice person to deal with. There are a few pest control folks who will do it. They charge, but to me, it would be worth it."

Potter

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ing the wheel, Nowell heard about a class in Lipscomb being offered by a potter from Dallas.

"I got my fundamentals, and then came home and started practicing. It took me nine months to make something that didn't lean to one side. Everything looked like gravy boats," she said.

The People's Choice award from the San Angelo show means a great deal to the Pampa artist.

"It was the thrill of my life to be picked by the people. A majority of people picked my piece," she said. The award was determined by votes cast by persons attending the show.

"I just want to make pretty

pottery that people like," she said.

Her work may be seen at The Colony in Amarillo, La Mesa Gallery in Santa Fe, N.M., and at Pampa Custom Frame Shop.

Expo

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ed, and a bounce house and picture taking will also be available for children.

Free samples and giveaways will be on hand from businesses which include employment services, shipping services, cable television and technology, health care products, custom framing, financial services, home health care services, cosmetics, plumbing, assisted living, hospice care, leather goods, real estate and Internet services.

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Viewpoints

Helping kids make the most of summer vacation

Summer is officially here and most children are enjoying their time away from school and the rigors of tests and homework.

Herein lies the potential for problems as well, due to the amount of free time that summertime provides.

A recent story by Laura Beil explains what "experts" are calling our newest generation of children: Generation M. Generation M means media and the idea that the media, all types of media, have become as influential

as parents and teachers.

In 2005, government health agencies launched a program called We Can! — Ways to Enhance Children's Activity & Nutrition. This program aims to help young people maintain a healthy weight and to stay physically active.

Recommendations from this program include: planning family time for physical activities, keeping high calorie snacks out of the house, taking a walk after dinner instead of turning on the tel-

evision, limiting the amount of time for watching television and playing video games, and planning healthier meals.

Now all of these are good ideas and in the perfect world I am confident we would all want to do these things for our families. However, time to shop for the right foods, time to pre-

pare the family meal every night, and time for family exercise has become more difficult to find in our fast paced society.

One thing that we as parents can control is the amount and type of television programs that our children watch.

The things that children watch and hear on television

are definitely not the single indicator of how they will behave, but it can certainly have an effect.

Dr. Michael Rich, director of the Center on Media and Child Health at Children's Hospital Boston explains, "The approach we take is not that TV is bad, but that it is a very powerful tool that we have to use thoughtfully and safely."

By taking an active role in limiting the television, parents can become more of an influence in children's lives

as well as turn couch time into physical activity time.

During a recent United Way board meeting, one of the goals for the group focused on getting the younger generations involved in our community projects and activities.

There is no reason we shouldn't start that trend this summer.

Who knows, maybe we can get the kids to read a book or even their local newspaper.

Sean Smith
Publisher



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 23, the 174th day of 2006. There are 191 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on June 23, 1956, Gamal Abdel Nasser was elected president of Egypt.

On this date:

In 1836, Congress approved the Deposit Act, which contained a provision for turning over surplus federal revenue to the states.

In 1868, Christopher Latham Sholes received a patent for his "Type-Writer."

In 1892, the Democratic national convention in Chicago nominated former President Cleveland on the first ballot.

In 1931, aviators Wiley Post and Harold Gatty took off from New York on the first round-the-world flight in a single-engine plane.

In 1938, the Civil Aeronautics Authority was established.

In 1947, the Senate joined the House in overriding President Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act.

In 1967, President Johnson and Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin held the first of two meetings in Glassboro, N.J.

In 1969, Warren E. Burger was sworn in as

chief U.S. justice by the man he was succeeding, Earl Warren.

In 1972, President Nixon and White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman discussed a plan to use the CIA to obstruct the FBI's Watergate investigation. (Revelation of the tape recording of this conversation led to Nixon's resignation in 1974.)

In 1985, all 329 people aboard an Air-India Boeing 747 were killed when the plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean near Ireland, apparently because of a bomb.

Ten years ago: Congressional Democrats unveiled a "families first" legislative package aimed at winning middle class voters and retaking Capitol Hill. Former Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu died at age 77.

Five years ago: Pope John Paul II arrived in Ukraine, seeking to reconcile divisions between Catholics and the Orthodox Church. Peru's fugitive ex-spy chief Vladimiro Lenin Montesinos, wanted on human rights and corruption charges, was captured in Venezuela.

A powerful offshore earthquake shook southern Peru, killing at least 100 people. Yvonne Dionne, one of three remaining Dionne quintuplets, died at age 67.

One year ago: The White House defended presidential adviser Karl Rove against Democratic demands he apologize or quit for saying "liberals saw the savagery of the 9/11 attacks and wanted to prepare indictments and offer therapy and understanding for our attackers" while conservatives "saw the savagery of 9/11 and the attacks and prepared for war."

"It is not the fact of liberty but the way in which liberty is exercised that ultimately determines whether liberty itself survives."

— Dorothy Thompson
American journalist
(1894-1961)



Speculation, gossip don't belong in the news

In regard to the various crimes some members of the armed forces are alleged to have committed recently in Iraq, the fact is that we don't know at this point what the truth is. We know what the accusations are, but accusations may be true or false.

Therefore, any comment on the matter is nothing more than speculation and gossip, neither of which belongs in a newspaper.

I have been somewhat amused, however, by how often people back here talk about the "tremendous stress" our soldiers and Marines are under. I seriously doubt that any of them are anywhere close to the stress levels of the men who landed in Normandy or defended the Pusan Perimeter in Korea.

War, or I should say combat, is indeed stressful, since one risks death or serious injury. The kind of war being waged in Iraq, however, is the least-stressful kind.

Probably 90 percent of our people, 90 percent of the time, are not exposed to enemy fire. That's why we've lost an average of two men a day out of the 130,000 or so in the country. That's a far cry from the casualty rates of World Wars I and II and the Korean War, or even Vietnam in the latter stages of that war.

According to the histories I've read and the conversations I've had with veterans of the Vietnam War, only about 10 percent of the men "in country" ever saw combat. Our military has an extremely long shaft attached to the "tip of the spear." It is only the tip of the spear that does the fighting.

In three years, we've lost 2,400 people in Iraq. In

World War I, we lost 90,000 in one year. In World War II, we lost 400,000 in just over three years. Counting both Germans and Russians, there were 2 million casualties in the single battle of Stalingrad, and altogether,

55 million people were killed in what some people have obscenely referred to as "the good war."

I've also heard people attribute the stress to the fact that our guys in Iraq don't know who the enemy is. I can assure you that the combat soldier makes the logical assumption that everybody he sees is an enemy until proven differently. That's why it's hard to "win the hearts and minds."

Some general all safe and comfy in one of Saddam Hussein's palaces can yak about winning over the pop-

ulation, but the soldier on patrol is thinking about one thing only — coming back alive and in one piece. He will be inclined to resolve any doubts by pulling the trigger. Nor, after being shot at and seeing his friends killed or wounded, will he be in a very friendly frame of mind.

One of the things that bugs me about armchair warriors who love war as long as they don't have to fight it is that some people seem to have no understanding whatsoever of what it's like. It's not a Boy Scout outing. To train men to kill, you necessarily brutalize them somewhat, and the experience of war will brutalize them even more. Plus, let's admit it, not everybody in uniform is a nice guy. Why should we expect that they would be? Not everybody in any city in America is a nice guy.

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ June 12

San Antonio Express-News on Internet neutrality:

The Internet has managed to thrive with a minimum of interference and regulation by the government. What began as a decentralized communications network for the military during the Cold War has become a critical medium for the exchange of ideas, goods and services.

Private ingenuity and the demands of the marketplace are the primary forces behind the growth and innovation of the Internet. Now some members of Congress want to put a brake on those

forces by invoking the well-intentioned but misguided notion of Net neutrality.

The basic principle behind Net neutrality is that Internet users should be able to access the Web content of their choice without restriction from their Internet service providers. A broad alliance of interest groups supports this reasonable-sounding concept.

But an extension of that principle would cripple Internet innovation. As Web content has become more graphic and video intensive, the amount of bandwidth it consumes the volume of data flowing through the pipes that make up the Internet has grown tremendously.

To keep up with demands for bandwidth and to support the growth and innovation of the Internet, service

providers that build and maintain its infrastructure companies like Verizon and San Antonio-based AT&T that own the pipes make major capital investments. To pay for them, service providers want to offer tiered service to content providers.

For Verizon and AT&T, that means allowing the owners of high-bandwidth Web sites Yahoo, Google and Amazon.com, for instance to purchase premium service for the fastest delivery of their content. For advocates of Net neutrality, that amounts to discrimination and creates the potential that service providers will limit or altogether block access to sites that don't pay for premium service.

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VFD award



Robert Ford of Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department recently accepted a check from Bill Terry of Enbridge Energy Co. in Shamrock. The company made monetary contributions to several Panhandle-area volunteer fire departments in appreciation for their efforts in bringing the wildfires under control earlier this year. The fires burned nearly 1 million acres of land in the Texas Panhandle. Terry, manager of area operations for the company's TexOk District based in Shamrock, presented the area volunteer fire departments with a donation of more than \$1,000 for a grand total of \$13,700.

Reese

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Except for the cops and robbers, we civilians rarely experience that kind of situation, and when we do, it is brief and temporary. If we deal

with a burglar tonight, we don't have to deal with one tomorrow. That's why calls for an independent civilian investigation should be ignored. If any crimes were committed, they were committed in the context of war, and the military understands that better than any civilian.

I don't have much confidence in

the military justice system. It seems attracted to scapegoating, but we live in an imperfect world inhabited by imperfect people. Letting the military handle the investigations is the best we can do.

Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

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There's a public interest in ensuring access to content and in prevent-

ing Internet service providers from effectively becoming content censors. But there's an equally compelling public interest in ensuring the market forces that have created a vibrant Internet aren't impeded and the investments necessary for inno-

vation aren't hampered.

The House voted down a Net neutrality bill Thursday. The debate, however, continues. As Congress takes up new legislative measures on Net neutrality, it needs to carefully weigh both of these interests.

AAA: Texas gas prices fall after rising for two weeks

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas motorists are getting a little relief from rising retail gasoline prices this week, according to the weekly AAA Texas gas price survey released Friday.

The new survey found the average price of regular, self-serve gasoline at Texas pumps fell 4 cents per gallon this week to \$2.78. The national average fell 5 cents per gallon to \$2.85.

Pump prices could fall further if crude oil prices remain below 70 dollars a barrel, auto club spokeswoman Rose Rougeau said. "Oil prices have been trading below \$70 for the last several days, although closing prices have occasionally been above \$70," she said.

The most expensive average pump prices were in the Galveston-Texas City area at \$2.90 per gallon, down 3

cents from last week. The cheapest gas was in Corpus Christi, where they fell almost 13 cents to \$2.53 per gallon.

These are the average prices of regular, self-serve gasoline in Texas metro areas and the change from last week, according to Friday's Triple-A Texas Weekend Gas Watch:

Austin-San Marcos — \$2.720, down 2.6 cents
 Beaumont — \$2.689, down 4.4 cents
 Corpus Christi — \$2.525, down 12.6 cents
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• **The Texas Panhandle Chapter of National Alliance for the Mentally Ill** is planning a bicycle tour in Pampa Saturday. The tour is being staged to raise public awareness for the mentally ill in Texas. Sign-in will begin at 6 a.m. at Coronado Shopping Center. Registration is \$30 for adults and \$20 for children 18 and under. The first 300 riders will receive a tour T-shirt. To find out more or to register, call Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation at (806) 349-5663.

• **Pampa Fine Arts Association** will hold a silent auction and bake sale from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at the Pampa Community Building (Chamber building). The association is currently seeking donations for both events. For more information, call Liz at 665-0343.

• **Pampa Cancer Support Group** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Pampa Regional Medical Center. For more information, call 669-7190 or 669-9667.

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

• **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil**

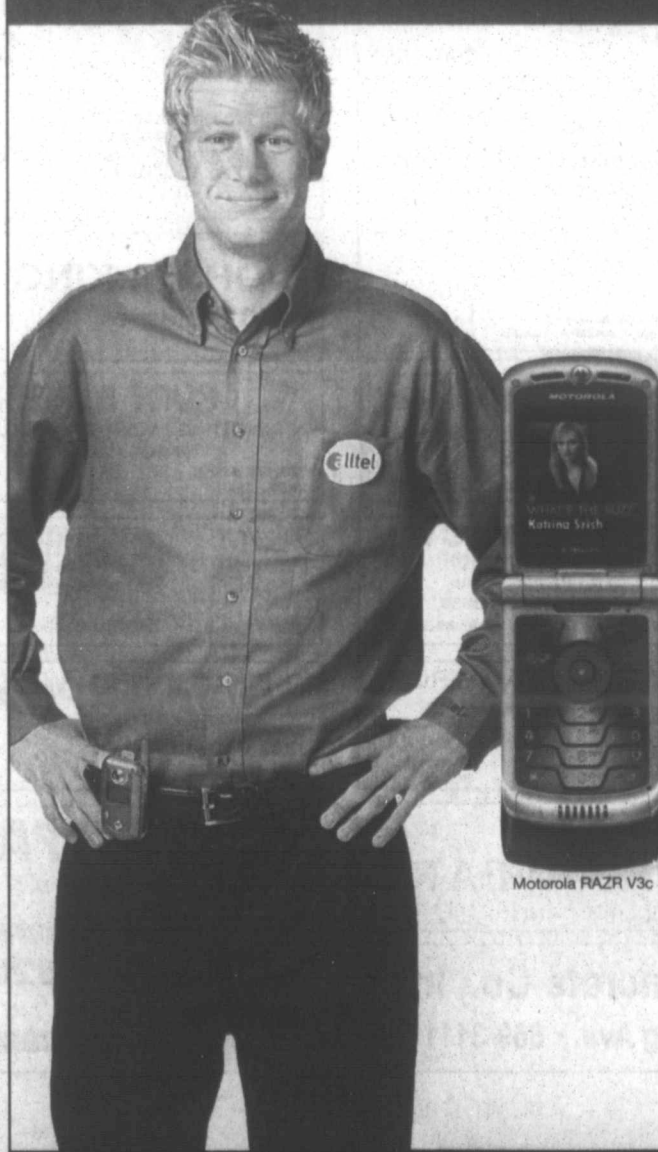
Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic(s): Tuesday and July 25, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered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

• **The Texas Photographic Society** is sponsoring a photo contest for both amateur and professional photographers in Texas. The deadline to submit slides for the contest is July 5. The exhibition will be on display at the Dougherty Art Center in Austin in September. An artist's reception is planned Sept. 5. For an entry form, guidelines and rules, log onto www.texasphoto.org on the Internet or call (210) 824-4123.

• **Hereford High School Alumni Association** will hold its first annual multi-class reunion July 14-15 at Grapevine. For more information, log onto www.herefordalumni.com; e-mail info@herefordalumni.com or phone (817) 267-2068.

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Religion

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

Minister's Musings: 'One Wing in the Fire' burns me

Currently on the Country Music charts there is a song that is getting a lot of play-time that just burns me every time I hear it. Trent Tomlinson sings a song called "One Wing In The Fire."

It is about a son, a mom and a dad. In the song, the mom is supposedly a devoted Christian. It doesn't really say if the boy is one or not, but the dad definitely isn't.

Dad is best described with the words, "Daddy's been a back-row Baptist, With his share of front-row sin. His Saturday night still on his breath, Every Sunday when he'd walk in."

Now that isn't the part that burns me. In fact, I have known quite a few people like him, and I feel sorry for them and pray that they surrender to know the Lord before it is too late. However the mom is a different story.

She is described, "Mamma lives by the Bible, The Bible lives by the bed. An' she's lain alone so many nights, With scrip-

tures in her head. Prayin': Good Lord, just be with him, I know his Faith is tired."

No faithful disciple of Jesus would ask God to lower the standard for entrance into heaven just to get a friend or relative in. Or would they? In the song, she does. She knows her husband isn't a faithful follower of Jesus, but expects God to overlook his unfaithfulness because "his faith is tired."

Baloney! Nobody will enter the pearly gates without genuine repentance. How dare any believer expect God to cut some friend or relative of theirs some "extra slack" so that they can get into heaven. Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people! In this song, dad ain't prepared.

In another verse, the son points out the dad's good

points to God: 1) his dad always helped him with his baseball and football; 2) his dad helped him fix his car when it broke down; 3) his dad listened when he was heartbroken.

He does this to help make his dad's case before God, and, if that wasn't enough, then the son tells God, "Well, I just can't imagine,

What Heaven might be like. If me an' Mamma make it, Without Daddy by our side."

So because the mom and son are going to be heartbroken, God is supposed to let the dad "slip in?" Hogwash!

And I wish I could say that this was only true of idiotic country songs, but it is true of way too many people who sit in a church pew on a fairly regular basis.

Way too many Christians have forgotten about the "few" and "many" part of

the Bible. Too many choose to be blind to the "broad" and "narrow" verses in the Sermon on the Mount when it comes to "their" friends and relatives.

I thought that the goal was for us to become more like God, not for us to beg God to be more like us. And don't think that your theology concerning "eternal security" will force God to be blind to the unfaithfulness in the lives of those close to you.

Only those who are faithful disciples of Jesus Christ at the time of their death will inherit heaven.

Those who care more about their own friends and relatives than they do the holiness and justice of God won't have to worry about taking up any heavenly space.

So ask God to help you see things more like Him and get out there and witness to those friends and family. If they don't surrender to Jesus, they will spend eternity with more than a wing in the fire. God bless.

Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian



A million-dollar miracle for a 50-cent prayer

What a good boy I am! Today I bowed my head before each meal, giving thanks to my Lord Jesus Christ for the good food and for all blessings of life, and tonight I remembered to ask God to send a special blessing on my friend who is pronounced incurable.

Having done my prayerful duty for the day, I am ready for a night's rest.

In church, I sure enjoyed that song they sang.

"Lord, send us more Elijahs to pray the power down."

Elijah's prayers stopped the rains for 3 1/2 years. What power with God that prophet had! He just said, "It will not rain until I give the word."

Let us remember, Elijah had to pray earnestly to bring a judgment drought upon a wicked world. It is this writer's opinion that Elijah had to pray seven days to bring the rain that broke the drought. (1 King 18:42-46)

Notice Elijah's humility before the God that holds or sends the rain.

Today's revivals come about by cheap prayers and get the same quality results. Please listen to me dear readers, we are losing everlasting souls to the fires of hell, and very few tears are shed because of such a loss.

Also, we could lose our souls. Please do not forget what I am trying to say, effectual fervent praying is seldom done by most of the church people. Yet,

we pat ourselves on the back for even saying our prayers.

Remember, Jesus said, "Many will seek to enter in and shall not be able." (Luke 13:24)

A soul that does not prepare for heaven, cannot be prayed out of hell. The choice is made while a person is able to decide who will be master of their life - Christ or the devil.

Do not let the funeral services deceive you. Funerals speak of everyone going to heaven. Dr. Billy Graham

Archie Cooper
Pentecostal Holiness



and many other preachers, including myself, say that 70 percent of church members are not prepared for heaven. Some will say that is judgmental, but, no, we are measuring people by the standard that Jesus set up. Many are weighed in the balance and found wanting.

We also have many national needs that Christians are losing the battle to win. I am convinced that we think God should give us the victory because we spend a fraction of time with Him.

Jesus taught us a lesson in prayer when He said He will not arise and give him bread because his is a friend, yet because of his continual knocking.

Jesus said: "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." (Luke 18:1) In verse seven, He said: "And shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him?"

I am dead serious about this. We are expecting God to give us a million-dollar miracle as a result of a 50-cent prayer.

Most church people today know very little about travail and prayer. If our 50-cent prayer and the doctor's medicine does not heal our little child, then it must have been the will of God for my child to die. And with that reasoning we console ourselves. We should first know whether we fasted and travailed in prayer.

People ask, "Why do you get all worked up about the way the vote went on the abortion issue? Or how the decision went about the same-sex marriage, when you can't do one thing about it?"

Yes, Christians can do something about it. Very few Christians pray effectual fervent prayers, and until we do, there is something we can do to bring about a change in our nation. Christians that travail in prayer will be blessed with answers.

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Lighthouse Covenant to host Step by Step Ministries

Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship, 1733 N. Banks, will host Rodney and Karen Stoker of Step by Step Ministries at 10:30 a.m. and again at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Step by Step Ministries of Plainview is an evangelistic outreach that ministers through music and testimony.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have a unique problem. My mother-in-law is too nice. She insists on taking my children once or twice a week so that she can have her own time with them -- often taking them on fun outings for entire afternoons or evenings. I am not invited. Although she cannot refuse to let me come, any time I do, she makes me feel that I am intruding. I guess she likes to "play mom," and my presence interferes. While I appreciate the fact that she goes out of her way to develop a good relationship with my children, it bothers me that she demands to see them so often and at my exclusion. Am I just being selfish for feeling left out? In my family, the attitude was always "the more the merrier." We have a good relationship otherwise. -- **LEFT OUT IN SAN DIEGO**

DEAR LEFT OUT: Many people reading this column would fall on their knees and kiss the ground if their parents or in-laws treated their children the way yours does. However, because you feel left out, it's time to have a frank talk with "Granny" and tell her that you would like to be able to join some of those outings without feeling that you are intruding, as you have been made to feel -- however inadvertently -- in the past. She may not be aware of the message she has been conveying.

DEAR ABBY: I believe my husband is headed for a nervous breakdown, and I don't know what to do. He is having a mid-life crisis. His hair is thinning very quickly, and he's having a problem sexually. Things have gotten so bad that I'm contemplating filing for a divorce. Can you please tell him that he is not alone, and that there are many men his age experiencing the same problems? Please tell him that there is help. -- **DESPERATE IN PITTSBURGH**

DEAR DESPERATE: Of course your husband is not alone. And the proof of it lies as near as your television set, with its endless ads for Viagra, Levitra and other "male enhancements." Add to that the testimonials for hair replacement surgery, and it adds up to many thousands of men and many millions of dollars for available treatments. This is not the time to leave your husband. What you should do is urge him to discuss his concerns with his doctor, because what is "ailing" him can almost certainly be fixed.

DEAR ABBY: I have two active boys who are 8 and 2 1/2. We are going on a 12-hour road trip to a family wedding. I shared with my mother-in-law that I am dreading the long ride and am trying to think of ways to keep the boys occupied. We have a DVD player and are taking books, toys, etc. on the trip. I was shocked to hear my mother-in-law suggest that I give the boys Benadryl to put them to sleep. This is not the first time I have heard someone say this. Is this common practice? My husband and I would never do such a thing. Isn't that child abuse? -- **APPALLED IN FREMONT, CALIF.**

DEAR APPALLED: I would certainly call it child endangerment. Children should not be given medications without a doctor's prescription. If I were you, I'd start that trip at night, when the children are normally sleeping. And bring along lots of things to keep them entertained. I would also schedule stops at regular intervals so they don't get cabin fever. But drug them? Never.

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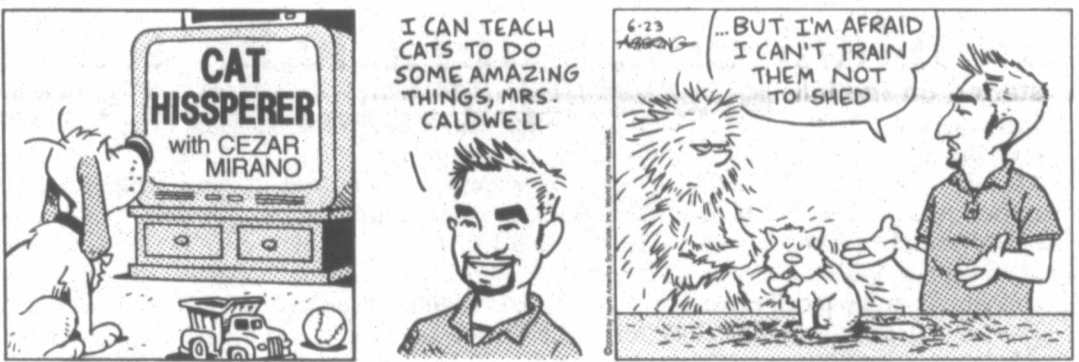
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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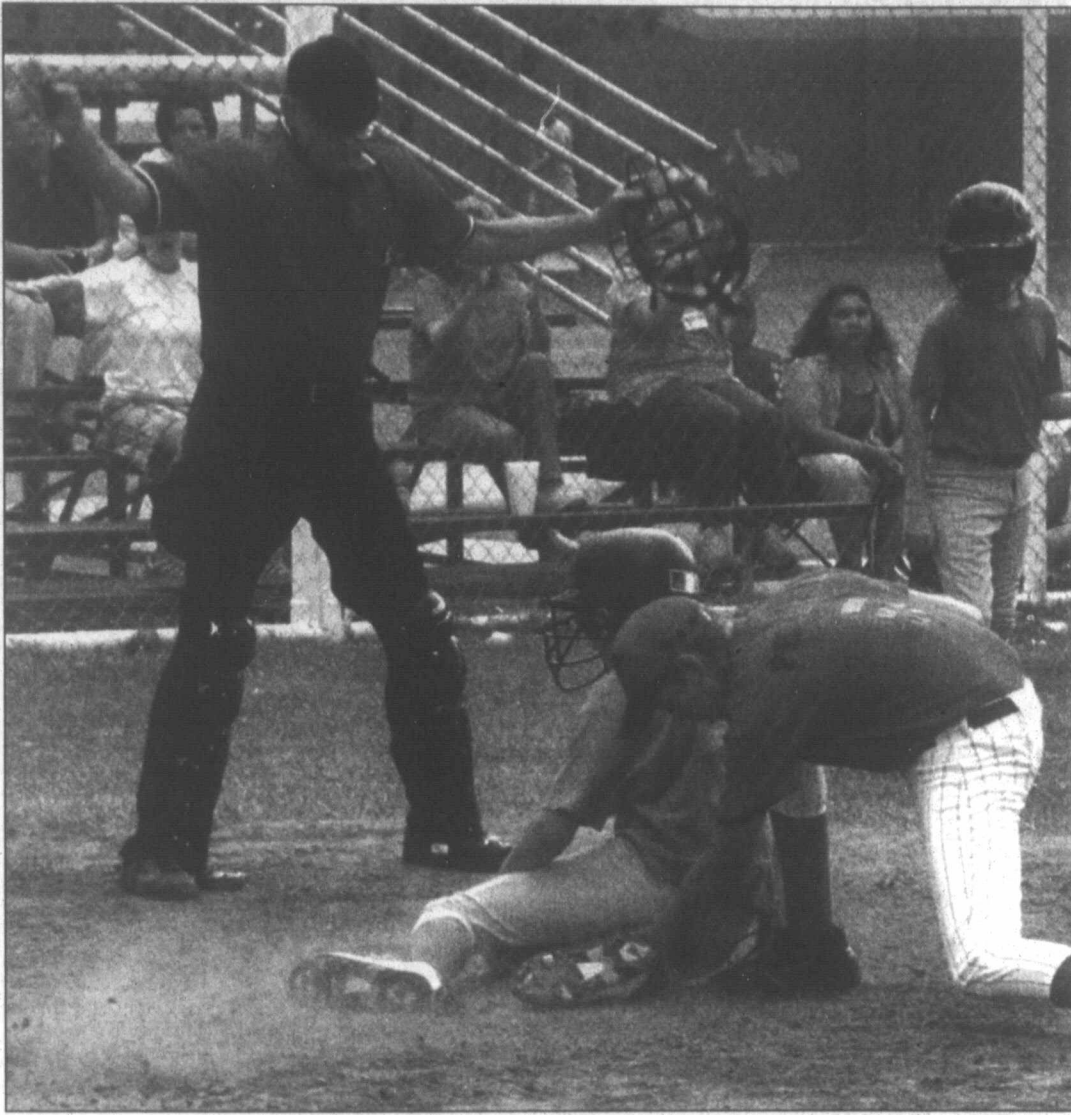
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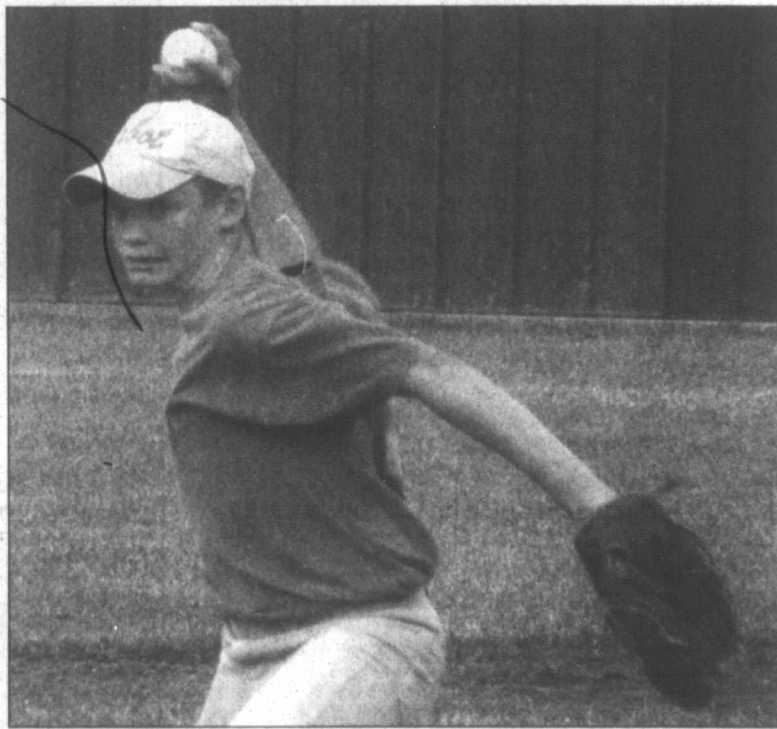
Sports Day



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

▲ Umpire John Warner calls a sliding Shane Smith safe at home after the Cabot runner took advantage of a DFB passed ball. Pitcher Dane Pereira is pictured covering home for DFB.

► Smith, who started on the hill for Cabot, focuses his attention on home as he sends a pitch toward a DFB batter.



Killgo crushes grand slam to help lead Cabot Corp. past DFB for city title

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Sprinkles of rain fell as the players arrived at Pampa Optimist Youth Club Park Thursday afternoon. Anxious kids, gear bags slung over their shoulders, raced through the gate while their ride found a space in the parking lot. Nothing was going to rain on their parade. In fact, before the night was over, clouds would give way to blue sky and sunshine.

There were a number of games on tap Thursday evening. However, the primary focus would fall on the first field to the left as you enter the POYC complex. Cabot Corp. and Duncan, Frazer & Bridges Insurance Co. were set to square off for the Cal Ripken 11-12 year old city championship.

Cabot entered the night undefeated in the City Tournament and just one win away from a championship. DFB had a 3-2 season record against Cabot. In their last meeting earlier in the week, Cabot had to come from behind for the win. All the elements were in place for a great game — possibly two — between two very good teams.

The early innings were filled with errors it would be fair to attribute to young nerves. Coaches did their best to settle their players down. "Hey, smile and just have some fun up there," Cabot coach Mike Killgo shouted from third base to one of his batters. Passed balls, mishandled throws and line drives that found their way out of the infield proved troublesome. Once the kids hit their stride and the nerves subsided, the game

came to them.

Brandon Yates started the game off with a stand up double for Cabot off DFB starter Dane Pereira. Teammate Shane Smith followed with a single that moved Yates to third. Both would make it home on passed balls to give Cabot an early 2-0 lead. They would stretch it to 4-0.

DFB scored twice in the second inning to close the gap, 4-2. A DFB win would have forced a second and deciding game Thursday night. Pereira looked strong on the hill. His pitches had plenty of pop and seemed to be finding the strike zone.

Cabot starter Shane Smith looked strong as well, working quick from home plate glance to delivery. He would later be spelled by Yates.

Pereira would give way to Shelby Carpenter and Cody McIntyre before returning late.

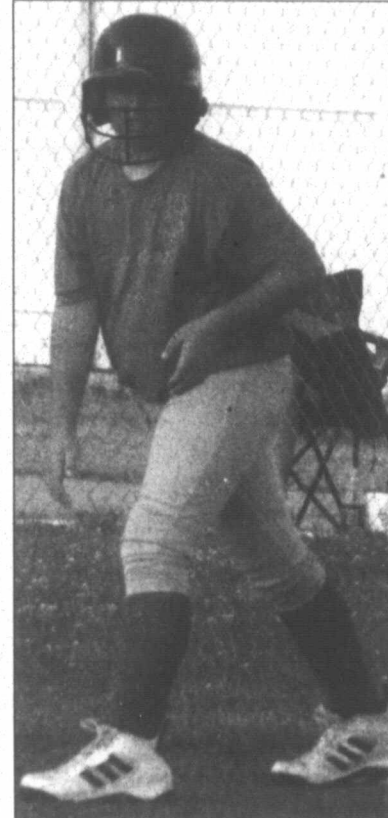
The two teams kept things close and exciting through four innings, DFB hanging on to a narrow 5-4 lead.

In the top of the fifth, Cabot's Collin Killgo took matters into his own — bat.

Cabot had moved back in front of DFB, 7-5, and had the bases full when Killgo took a DFB offering and sent it over the left center field fence for a grand slam and an 11-5 Cabot advantage.

DFB refused to fold, however, and scored two more runs in the half of the inning to tighten up the contest, 11-7.

Cabot plated the final four runs of the game to take the 15-7 win and the city championship.



Cabot's Collin Killgo stands at first base during Thursday night's city championship game against DFB.

ROCKET'S RETURN

Clemens outdueled by rookie

HOUSTON (AP) — Roger Clemens showed his age. Francisco Liriano showed his stuff.

In The Rocket's return to the majors, the Minnesota rookie ace looked more like the Clemens of old, striking out seven in eight strong innings to lead the Twins to a 4-2 victory over the Houston Astros on Thursday night.

"You take a lot of memories away from a game like this," the 22-year-old Liriano said. "You maybe will not ever be on the field with him again."

Liriano, 7 months old when Clemens started his big league career, improved to 7-1, allowing his only runs on Jason Lane's two-run homer in the seventh.

With a Minute Maid Park-record 43,769 fans on hand to see the 43-year-old Clemens, the seven-time Cy Young winner threw 100 pitches in five innings in his first start since leaving Game 1 of the World Series eight months ago with a strained hamstring.

He allowed two runs on six hits and had four strikeouts and two walks. He also made an error, struck out in his only at-bat and hustled to first to complete a double play.

"It was positive," Clemens said. "My body felt better than expected and I hope and expect to get stronger each time I get out there."

Clemens got a standing ovation as he walked from the dugout to the bullpen 20 minutes before the game. As he warmed up, a fan held up a fluorescent sign that read: "Clemens is Proof the 40s is the new 30s." Another fan wearing a helmet and a bright orange spacesuit had one that said, "That's a Roger, Houston, Our Rocket Has Landed."

Cameras flashed in every corner of the park as Clemens fired his first pitch, a 91-mph strike, to Luis Castillo.

"When I walked out, it was great," Clemens said. "After I came out of the game, I was hearing the numbers and the record crowd and the people turning out. It was very gratifying that they appreciate your hard work and that they're out here to support us."

On a 1-2 count, Castillo bounced a ball

back to Clemens, who dropped the ball and couldn't scoop it up before Castillo reached first base safely. Clemens was charged with an error.

The next batter grounded into a double play before Joe Mauer, who leads the majors in hitting, struck out.

Clemens (0-1) glided through the first inning in 12 pitches, nine of them strikes.

"I was really excited about how my legs felt in my warmup session," he said. "I knew I was going to be fairly crisp."

Astros manager Phil Garner said Clemens would throw "around 100 pitches" in the game and he was more than halfway there after a withering third inning.

He gave up an RBI double to Jason Kubel and a run-scoring single to Michael Cuddyer, finally ending the 38-pitch inning by striking out Tofiri Hunter.

"I had that one long inning and I was trying to make a point to work fast and see how winded I could get and it worked out fine," Clemens said. "I really didn't feel like I was sitting on my back leg or collapsing. Overall, it was just good to get back out there."

In the fifth, Clemens lumbered over to cover first base on a 3-6-1 double play. He pointed at the umpire to make sure he got the call before slowly retreating to the mound.

Russ Springer relieved Clemens to open the sixth and the Twins extended their lead to 3-0 on Justin Morneau's homer.

Garner said Clemens may have rushed his return, but Clemens insisted he's ready for the grind of the remaining season.

"I'm excited about it, but I know the work that's involved," Clemens said. "I've got a lot of work in front of me. It's going to be a huge challenge."

Picking up a trend from last year, the Astros failed to give Clemens much run support. The Rocket was 13-8 with a career-best 1.87 ERA in 32 starts last season, but Houston was shut out in nine of his starts and scored three runs or fewer in 20 of them.

This time, it was mostly due to the left-handed Liriano, who baffled the Astros with a slider that made Clemens look bad when he struck out in the third.

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Laredo	10	23	.303	16	Saturday's Games
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					Sunday's Games
					Alexandria at San Angelo
					Laredo at Edinburg
					Rio Grande Valley at Amarillo

Thursday's Games
Amarillo 10, Alexandria 5, 6 innings, rain
Rio Grande Valley 10, Laredo 2

9-10 Champions



Courtesy photo

Kiwanis Club won the POYC Cal Ripken League 9-10 title earlier this week by defeating National Oilwell, 8-4. Pitcher Caden Sander struck out 11 and gave up just three runs for Kiwanis. Teammate Brandon Stokes went 3-for-3 at the plate, with three doubles and three RBI. National Oilwell's Keagan Jameson smacked a long triple, driving in three runs in the top of the sixth. Pictured for Kiwanis are (left to right), back row- coach Bino Facio, coach Eric Willingham, and manager Shane Stokes. Middle row- Jonathan Doyle, Jarret Dougherty, Caden Sander, J.T. Skinner, Drew Facio and Damon Flores. Front row- Lane Smith, Brandon Stokes, Destry Baten, Chance Douglas and Hunter Hall. Not pictured- Braxton Maul.

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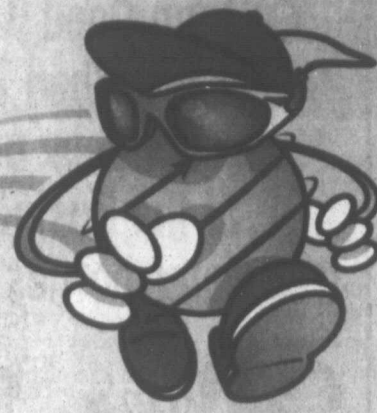
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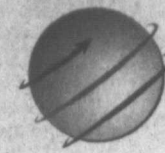
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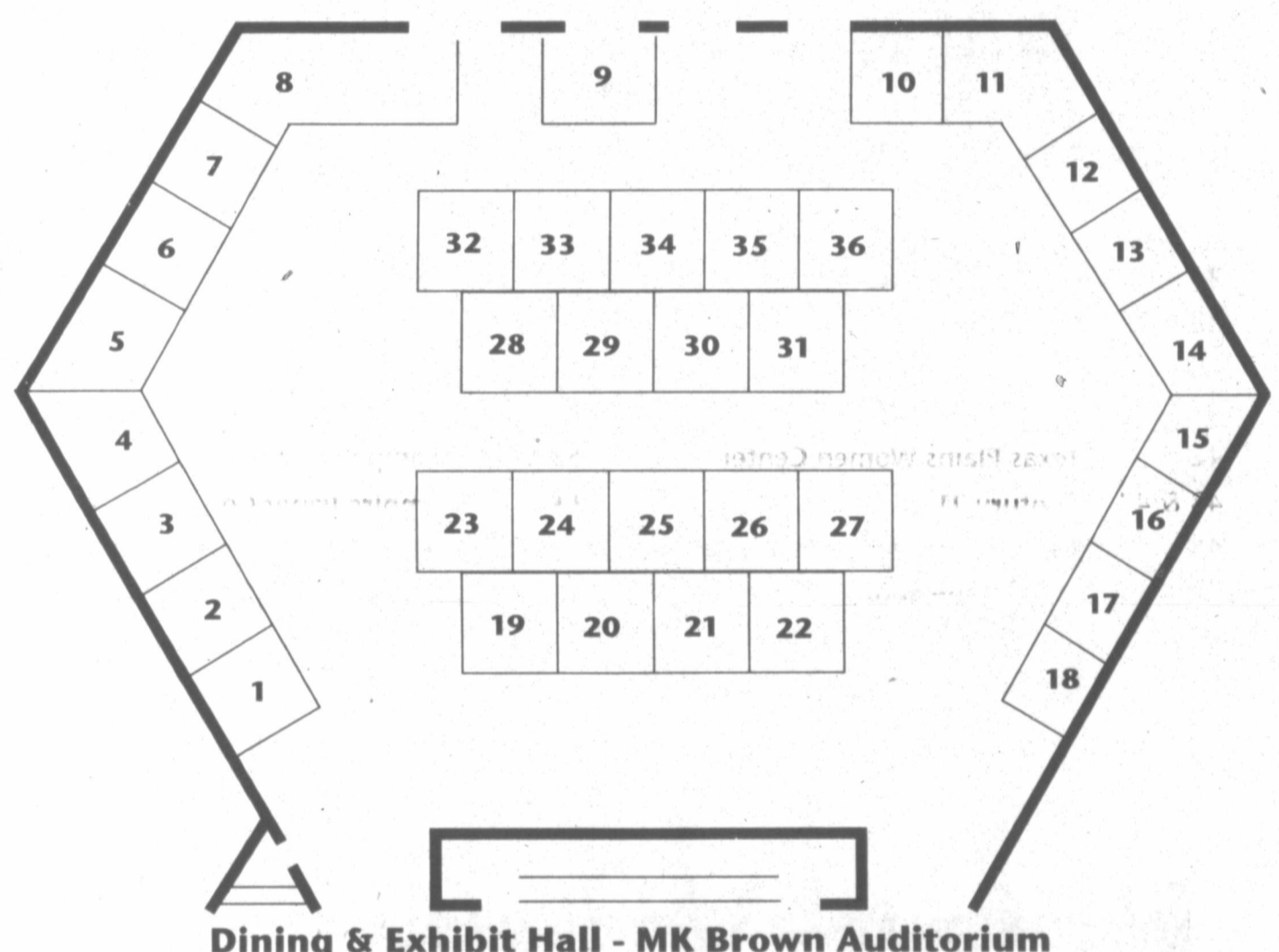
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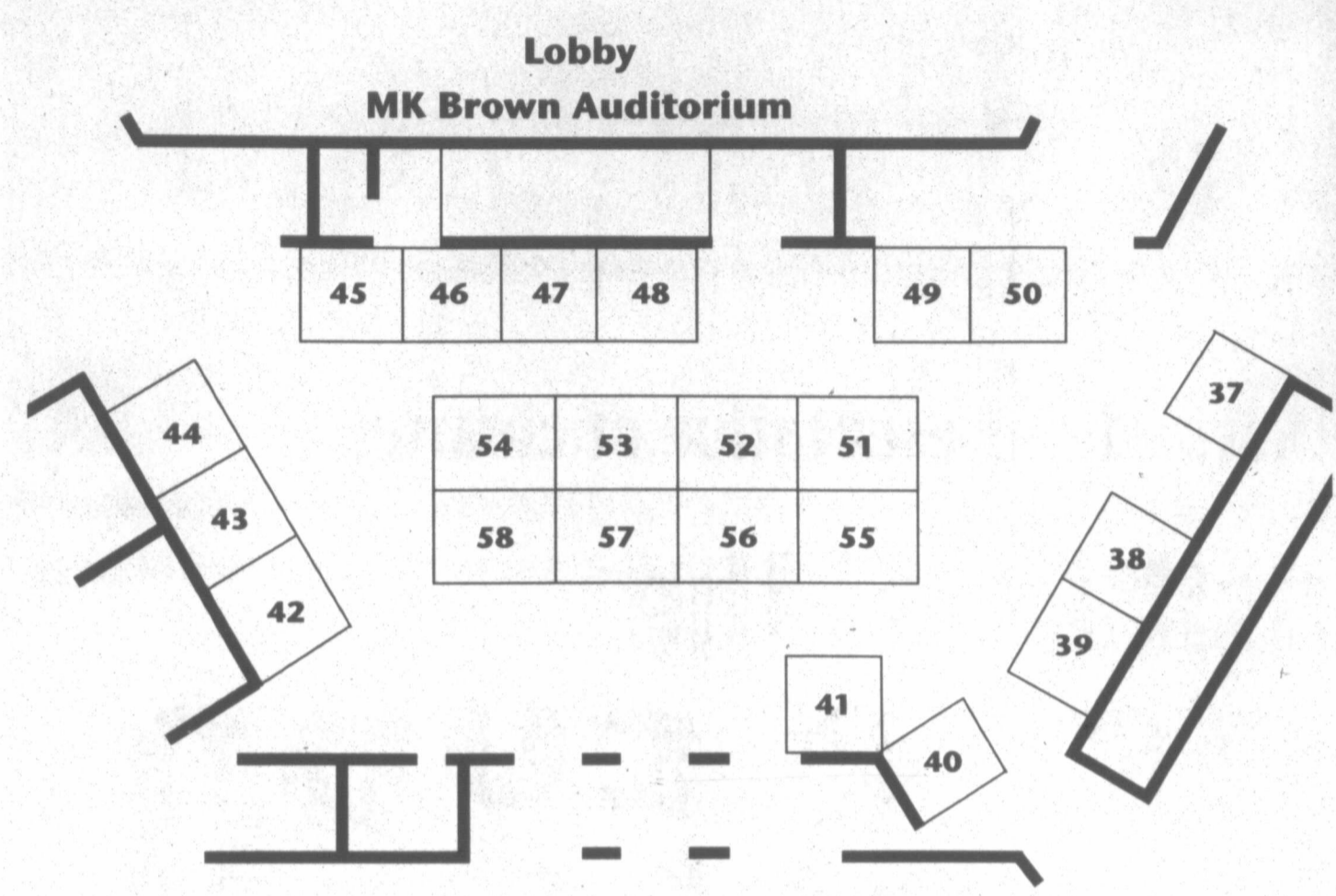
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