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By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Lee Waters

Lee Waters, 223rd District designed to judge, is among 146 graduates of the Texas College for Judicial Studies to receive a Presidential Commendation tion skills and acquire more

from State Bar Texas President Eduardo Rodriguez.

Waters was awarded the commendation for leadership in improving justice in Texas and for being among the first judges in the state who have met the stan-

dards of certification of special competence, according to a news release from the Texas Center for the Judiciary. The commendations were

presented at the State Bar of Texas' annual meeting, June 15-16 in Austin.

The Texas College for Judicial Studies is a multiyear program curriculum

advanced educational opportunities to judges who desire to improve their adjudica-

> knowledge in their jurisdictional specialization.

The Texas Center for the Judiciary, Austin-based non-profit judicial education develgroup, oped the College curriculum. Judges who currently serve on the bench of a

Texas county court at law, district, or appellate court with four years of judicial experience were invited to apply for admission to the College.

Waters is in his 16th year as judge of the 223rd Judicial District, which consists of Gray County. Before

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Waters singled out Novak: Rove one of his sources in outing Plame

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now that Karl Rove won't be indicted, now that the president won't fire him, now that it really doesn't matter any- .spokesman

more, more details of the Valerie Plame leak investigation trickle out.

In his latest syndicated column released Wednesday, columnist Robert Novak revealed his side of the story in the Plame affair, saying Rove was a con-

firming source for Novak's story out- other reporters talked publicly ing the CIA officer, underscoring Rove's role in a leak President Bush once promised to punish.

still refuses to publicly identify, and then confirmed with Rove - and then-CIA Bill Harlow,

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whose roles in talking Novak have Novak wrote that, been previmore recently, ously report-Fitzgerald told his Novak said lawyer that after 2 for the first

1/2 years his time that prosecutors lookinvestigation of the ing into the CIA leak case leaks already knew concerning matters sources when directly relating to he agreed to Novak has been disclose them. Novak concluded, freeing comes late to him to talk now.

Plame game, long after several

about the involvement of Rove and of Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, I. Lewis Libby, in leaking the The columnist said he CIA identity of the wife of learned of Plame's CIA Bush administration critic

employment from a source he Joseph Wilson. Novak says he kept his mouth shut so long because prosecutors asked him to.

A month ago, Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald said he didn't anticipate seeking charges against Rove. Novak wrote that, more recently, Fitzgerald told his lawyer that after 2 1/2 years his investigation of the CIA leak case concerning matters directly relating to Novak has been concluded, freeing him to talk now.

Triggering the criminal investigation that resulted in Libby being charged with perjury, obstruction and lying to the FBI, Novak revealed Plame's CIA employment on July 14, 2003, eight days after her husband went on the attack against the Bush administration.

Initially refusing to identify his sources to the FBI, Novak knew that Fitzgerald had obtained signed waivers from every official who might have provided Novak information about Plame.

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Nature's bouquet



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Recent rains have been a boon for local landscapes as flowers and lawns respond to the moisture. A little girl and her pet are the subject of a lawn ornament nestled in a colorful bed of flowers on Evergreen

Immigration opponents muddy Voting Rights Act renewal

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backlash to the massive street demonstrations aggravating fall elections.

WASHINGTON Republican leaders' (AP) — A conservative carefully orchestrated plans to renew the landmark Voting over immigration is Rights Act before the

After Latinos came tives out in greater force Republican leaders not than they have in to force a vote last decades to protest a month to extend for 25 House-passed immi- years the law that

gration bill, conserva- requires bilingual bal-

persuaded lots in precincts with large non-Englishspeaking populations. They joined with a

group of Southern Republicans

object to extending the law's requirement that nine states have federal oversight decades after

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Services tomorrow

HARVEY, Lloyd Rankin — 4 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Miami.

Lloyd Rankin Harvey, 92

Services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 13, 2006, at the First United

Methodist Church in Miami with the Rev. Mindy McLanahan, pastor, and Mr. John Curry officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 15, 2006, at the Nelson Family Cemetery in St. Joseph, Mo. Arrangements are under the direction of Meierhoffer Harvey Funeral Home in St. Joseph, Mo.

Mr. Harvey was born July 30, 1913, in St. Jo, Montague County, Texas. After moving to New Hope, Texas, in 1920, he attended elementary school and graduated from Lubbock High School in 1930. He married Catherine Virginia Nelson of Pampa in 1930, and they began a life of farming in Farwell,

In 1944, they moved to Gray County to farm the Harry Nelson land east of Pampa. As Farm Bureau "Farmer of the Year" in 1970, he was involved in raising crops of wheat and milo.

He was a member and trustee of the First United Methodist Church of Miami. He enjoyed his family, music, traveling, photog-

Lloyd Rankin Harvey, 92, of Pampa, raphy, designing metal sculpture, wood-Texas, died July 11, 2006, at Pampa. working, fishing and growing tomatoes.

> He was preceded in death by his wife Virginia in 2004; his parents, Annie and Druery Harvey of Clovis, N.M.; and a brother, Ernest

Harvey of Clovis, N.M. Survivors include four children, Jeannine Johnson and husband Bobby of Houston, Mary Ann McIlvain and husband E.J. of Victoria, Lloyd Harvey and wife Kay of Pampa, and Drew Harvey and wife Paula of Pittsburgh, Pa.; one brother, E.D. Harvey of

Clovis, N.M.; seven grandchildren, Whitney Young of Houston, Vonda Hellner and husband Todd of League City, Meredith Phillips and husband Brent of Waco, Rankin Harvey and wife Jennifer of Ruidoso, N.M., Angela Overman and husband Clark of Dallas, Tyson Harvey of Burlington, Vt., and Allyson Harvey of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and five great-grandchildren, Anderson Phillips and Keyson Phillips, both of Waco, Victoria Hellner, Ava Hellner and Andrew Hellner, all of League City.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, 201 S. Main, Miami, TX 79059.

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

Audrey Ann Meadows Ladd, 71

LUBBOCK, Texas — Audrey Ann Meadows Ladd, 71, died July 11, 2006, at Wolfforth, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Ladd was born Nov. 6, 1934, in Niothaze, Kan. She graduated from Clayton High School in Clayton, N.M. She was a former longtime resident of Pampa, and she had been a resident of Lubbock since 2002, moving from Elk City, Okla.

She married W.J. "Bill" Ladd on Jan. 3, 1953, in Clayton, N.M. He preceded her in death on Dec. 21, 1986.

Survivors include four sons, Kent Ladd and wife Cathie of Bedford, Doug Ladd and wife Stacey of Pampa, Jeff Ladd and wife Eloise of Weatherford, Okla., and Brett Ladd www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent thunderstorms.

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and wife Tracy of Lubbock; two daughters, Pam Branscom and husband Ray of Grand Junction, Colo., and Karen Wasiak of Colleyville; one brother, Dan Meadows of Colorado Springs; three sisters, Norma Patterson of San Diego, Calif., Shirley Robinson of Phoenix, Ariz., and Lana West of Parker, Colo.; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lowell and Georgia Meadows; a sister, Mary; and two brothers, Paul and Donny.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of Lubbock, P.O. box 16800, Lubbock, TX 79490.

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Madge Marie Thompson, 93

reported in the 1200 block of

North Hobart St., and the

Criminal mischief was

reported in the 800 block of

North Duncan St., and the

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In the incident on Sumner,

two windows in a house

were reported broken. The

estimated value of loss was

Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 1800 block of

North Holly Lane, the 300

block of North Hobart St.,

and the 1300 block of East

A prowler was reported in

An injured animal was

reported in the 2400 block of

Accidents

Pampa Police Department

Saturday, July 8

12:15 p.m. - A 1993

Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera

driven by Tabatha Jene

Herring, 26, of 628 N.

Dwight; a 2003 Toyota Echo

driven by Kelly Dee

Lawrence, 43, of 7784

County Road 12/2; and a

1999 Toyota Tacoma driven

by Blake Allen Howard, 44, of 926 W. Sierra Dr., collid-

ed in the 1100 block of

North Hobart St. Herring

was charged with failure to

control speed/instanter, no

today reported the following

motor vehicle accidents.

the 700 block of East 15th

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CLYDE, Texas - Madge Marie Thompson, 93, of Clyde died July 11.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel in Clyde. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Rock Cemetery in Duke, Okla.

Mrs. Thompson was born Jan. 28, 1913, at Boyd, Texas, to Edward Lee and Nancy Jane (Splawn) Crabb. She grew up and attended school at Ladessa Community School near Mangum. Okla. She was the widow of Truman James Thompson, whom she married Dec. 21, 1935, at Mangum, Okla.

They moved to Pampa in 1950, where she worked as a home caregiver, and he worked as a mechanic. She came to Clyde from Pampa in April of 1996. She was a homemaker and a member of Kingdom Life Fellowship Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and three brothers.

Survivors include one son, Ronald Wayne Thompson; one grandson, Scott Macartney; three great-grandsons, Kory Daniel McNutt, Tyler James Macartney and Ryan Wayne Macartney; and one sister, Minnie Smith.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Officers conducted 11 traffic stops, made three welfare checks and provided one agency assist.

Traffic accidents were reported in the 100 block of North Sumner St., and at an unspecified location.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee St., and the 1000 block of North Hobart

Fraud was reported in the 300 block of West Francis Ave. Fraud involving fraudulent money orders was reported. The estimated value of loss was \$3,940.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 800 block of West Wilks St.

Assault was reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner St., and the 600 block of North Lowry St. Harassment was reported

at the PD. disturbances Domestic were reported in the 1300 block of Coffee St., the 300

block of Canadian St., and the 300 block of North Faulkner St. Burglary was reported in the 1000 block of East Gordon St., and the 1400 block of North Russell St.,

card and cash were taken for an estimated loss of \$30. Fraud was reported at the

where a cell phone, credit

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 100 block of South Hobart St. A stereo, three envelopes containing cash and CDs worth an estimated \$5,000 were reported stolen.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 2000 block of North Hobart St.

Suspicious persons were

insurance/instanter and no driver's license/instanter. Tuesday, July 11 1 a.m. - An unknown

vehicle struck a 2000 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup truck legally parked in the 500 block of North Somerville St. The Dodge Ram is owned by Joseph Kelly

Sheriff

O'Brien, 120 N. Sumner St.

Gray Sheriff's Office port.

today reported the following arrests.

Tuesday, July 11 Keith Ross Franks, 28, of Lefors was arrested by Lefors Marshall and charged with DWI-second offense.

Manisha Bergdoll, 20, of White Deer was arrested by GCSO and charged with no seat belt and failure to appear.

Richard Randall Drake, 43, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO and charged with three counts of indecency with a child and aggravated sexual assault/child.

Fire

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

Tuesday, July 11 7:04 p.m. - Three units seven personnel and responded to the 2500 block of North Christine on a smoke investigation. A motor on an air conditioning unit evidently burned up, releasing smoke into the air ducts and into the structure itself.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, July 11

5:06 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Canadian and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:56 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

Wednesday, July 12 6:25 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Murphy. No trans-

Waters

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becoming a judge, he was an attorney for approximately 15 years.

He received his bachelor of business administration and doctor of jurisprudence

degrees at the University of Texas at Austin. He is a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and is on the advisory board of the Dispute Resolution Center in Amarillo.

Waters is board certified in civil trial law and is a member of the College of the State Bar of Texas. He is a certified mediator by the American Academy of Attorney-

The Pampa native is married with three children and two grandchildren. He is a member of First Baptist Church of Pampa, where he teaches an adult Sunday School class, and is chairman of the M.K. Brown Foundation.

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"I want to finish this bill this week," House Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, said Tuesday. "But to tell you honestly that everything has been resolved and everyone is happy would not be the truth."

Immigration and civil rights groups and lawmakers who support them are mobilized for a fight over what

they see as the latest in a long history of attempts to undercut burgeoning political influence of racial minorities.

"The historical record suggests that when minority communities are in a position to exercise political power, efforts to limit that exercise of power follow," said Debo Adegbile, associate director of litigation at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

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and hot, with a high near 99.

Thursday: Mostly sunny

Thursday Night: A 20 per-

cent chance of showers and

Tonight: A 20 percent

access to voting booths through Jim Crow laws.

Now back from their July 4 recess, House leaders want to try again to extend the 1965 law that outlawed antiblack voting practices and, through later amendments, practices that also discriminated against other minority groups. They were considering a vote on Thursday, but prospects of it occurring were dim.

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West wind 5 to 10 mph

cloudy, with a low around

74. South-southwest wind

Saturday: Partly cloudy,

with a high near 96. South-

southwest wind between 5

between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Partly

Friday: Partly cloudy and

becoming calm.

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and 10 mph.

Republican leaders and the Southern lawmakers who object to the bill were considering a compromise Wednesday that would renew the act for a shorter period than 25 years, perhaps for a decade, according to two officials close to the discussions who spoke on

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Change in academic structure gets thumbs up at West Texas

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's request to streamline its academic structure has been approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The reorganization plan will be implemented in phases, and several changes will be in place by the fall 2006 semester.

The University currently has four colleges (plus a Graduate School) that serve approximately 7,300 students. The restructuring calls for five colleges and the Graduate School.

Brian R. Chapman, provost/vice president for academic affairs, said the time has come for West Texas A&M to realign programs and colleges into groups with common missions because enrollment is rising, and new degree programs have been added or revised to meet regional needs.

"This is primarily an academic change to enhance cooperation between similar or related departments," Chapman said. "It will augment collaboration among faculty and students, allowing them to perform additional research and attain even higher levels of academic suc-

"No physical changes are planned this fall; the primary changes will occur in the area of jurisdiction."

The most extensive change will be the immediate creation of a College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Scheduled for implementation in time for the fall 2006 semester, the new college will include the Department of Nursing, a newly formed Department of Communication Disorders and the Department of Sports and Exercise Sciences.

"Development of a College of Nursing and Health Sciences will help all of the health-related departments attract even higher quality faculty and students," Dr. Heidi Taylor, head of the present Division of



Brian R. Chapman

Nursing, said. "It also will provide new opportunities for innovative, interdisciplinary learning communities within the college.

"We believe these kinds of innovations are what students are looking for in the collegiate experience and what patients and clients expect in the preparation of their health providers."

Also in time for the fall semester, due to the departure of nursing to its own college, the renamed College of Agriculture, Science and Engineering will include the Department of Agricultural Sciences; Department of Life, Earth and Environmental Sciences; Department Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics; a new Department of Engineering and Computer Science.

The College of Business, previously home to computer science, will otherwise remain intact this fall with the Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance; Department

of Computer Information Systems: and Department of Management, Marketing and General Business.

The College of Education and Social Sciences will experience some changes in time for the fall semester, the first being the move of the Department of Sports and Exercise Sciences to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

The Division of Education will be renamed the Department of Education. The Department of Behavioral Sciences will become the of Department Psychology, Sociology and Social Work. The Department of History, Political Science and Criminal Justice will remain intact this fall.

A newly created Office of General and Applied Studies will be added to the Sybil B. Harrington College of Fine Arts and Humanities by fall.

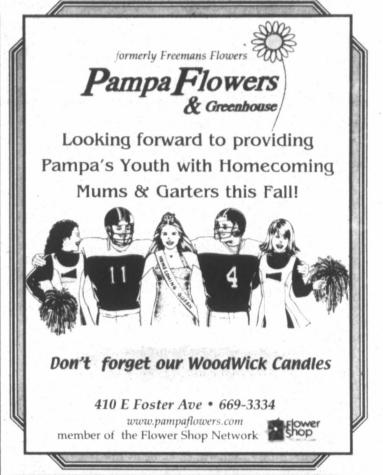
Other departments within the college are the Department of Art, Communication and Theatre and the Department of Music and Dance, which remain unchanged, while philosophy will be added to the Department of English, Philosophy and Modern Languages.

Administrators estimate the entire plan will cost the University approximately \$850,000, with some additional restructuring anticipated in

"We're not only reorganizing, we're expanding," Chapman said. "We're adding, not subtracting. This is a positive reflection of the University's enhanced stature and steadfast mission."

Chapman said most deans and department heads are already in place, but some personnel decisions are pending.

West Texas A&M University offers 61 baccalaureate degree programs, 43 masters' programs and 1 doctoral pro-



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House bill to limit Internet gambling

'Supporters of a

ban say the

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it too easy to

gamble, something

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betting addictions

and financial

problems.'

WASHINGTON (AP) — If online poker is your pas-

sion or if you fancy Internet roulette, you might want to consider taking up a new hobby.

Congress has taken a significant step toward banning most online gambling.

The House voted 317-93 Tuesday for legislation that would prohibit credit cards and other payment forms from being used to settle Internet wagers. It would clarify and update current law to spell out that most gambling is illegal online.

It also would allow law enforcement officials to work with Internet providers to block access to gambling Web sites. The bill would exempt state-run lotteries and horse racing.

The fight now moves to the Senate. Leaders in that chamber have not identified Internet gambling as a priority,

and the bill's supporters say the House vote gives them online gambling in the past but recently softened its momentum to push the Senate to act. The bill's main stance and backed a study of the feasibility of regulating champion in that chamber, Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., said it. Tuesday he would pursue it aggressively.

Supporters of a ban say the Internet's widespread availability makes it too easy to gamble, something that can create betting

addictions and financial problems. "It puts gambling in every living room, at every school desk and at every work station," said John Kindt, a business professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign who has studied the issue and supports the

Critics argue that the legislation favors some gambling industries over others and that regulating the \$12 billion industry and collecting taxes on it would be more effective than a ban.

"Prohibition as a general principal is a bad principal, because it doesn't work," said Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas.

The American Gaming Association, the industry's largest lobby, opposed

People in the news

LOS ANGELES (AP) -Christie Supermodel Brinkley and her fourth husband, Peter Cooke, have separated, her publicist said.

"Yes, it's true. The couple has separated,2 publicist Elliot Mintz said in a state-

Cooke and Brinkley married in 1996 and have a daughter.

Brinkley, 52, was previously married to Frenchman Jean-François Allaux, singer Billy Joel and developer Richard Taubman.

She and Joel have a daughter, and she and Taubman have a son.

"Her immediate concern is for her children, and she's hoping during this obviously difficult time that people will be kind enough to respect her privacy," Mintz said.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Country singer LeAnn Rimes was resting after undergoing surgery for a leg infection, her publicist said.

Rimes, 23, canceled three performances on her "This Woman" tour to undergo outpatient surgery for a tissue tear, publicist Diana Baron

"She is doing just fine," Baron said Tuesday. "She's now resting in a hotel room. She won't be able to travel for a day or two."

Rimes is scheduled to return to the stage July 19 at the Country Thunder USA festival in Twin Lakes, Wis.

The publicist said she did not know the cause of the

Rimes, best known for hit songs "How Do I Live" and "Can't Fight the Moonlight," won two Grammy awards in

NEW YORK (AP) — Sally Field is signing on for a drama "The Court" in 2002. weekly TV series.

Field has joined the cast of "Brothers & Sisters," a drama set to air this fall, ABC announced Tuesday.

"Brothers & Sisters" follows a close-knit family socially and financially intertwined by love, business and secrets. Field will play the mother of five adult siblings, the network said.

The series also stars Calista Flockhart, Rachel Griffiths, Ron Rifkin, Balthazar Getty and Patricia

Field, 59, won Oscars for her roles in 1984's "Places in the Heart' and 1979's "Norma Rae." She's won two Emmys - for "Sybil" in 1977 and for a guest role on NBC's "ER" in 2001.

She played a Supreme Court justice on the TV

MILWAUKEE (AP) Doc Severinsen, Johnny Carson's longtime bandleader on "The Tonight Show," plans to step down as the principal pops conductor of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra after next season.

Severinsen has held the job since 1994. He's scheduled to conduct seven concerts during the upcoming 2006-2007 pops season, the orchestra said Tuesday.

Severinsen, 79, also will leave a similar job with the Minnesota Orchestra, according to the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. In a statement, Severinsen said he wants to spend more time with family.



Viewpoints

Base desires: The GOP and immigration

A recent poll by Tarrance informed Associates shows how outof-touch the House leadership is with rank and file Republican voters. Far from appeasing the "base" by their tough position on immigration, they are alienating the very voters upon whom they most depend.

Tarrance is a Republican polling firm. The poll's sponsored was by the conservative/free-market Manhattan Institute.

The Tarrance survey asked Republicans how they feel about the Senate approach (without identifying it as such), thoroughly describing the broad outlines of the bill passed in that house.

would: "provide resources to greatly increase border security, impose much tougher penalties on employers who hire illegal workers, allow additional foreign workers to come to the United States for a temporary period, and create a system where illegal immigrants could come forward, register, pay a fine, and receive a temporary workers permit, provide temporary workers with a multi-year earned path to citizenship if they get to the end of the line and meet certain requirements like living crime free, learning English, and paying taxes."

After this voluminous description, Republican vot-One approach, the survey ers indicated their approval

of the proposal by 75 percent only temporarily, and proto 17 percent. By 39-49, they reject the description of this legislation as "amnesty." By 60-27, that

Dick

Morris

Columnist

said they'd more rather than less likely to vote for a candidate

h o embraced the proposal.

The survey then tested the House bill, also without calling it that. It described an alternative approach would "tighten the borders, put tougher penalties employers and workers who violate the immigration laws, create an expanded guest worker program that allows people to work here

vides that most current illegal immigrants would never be eligible for citizenship."

Republican voters broke even on this legislation, with 47 percent backing it and 46 percent

opposing it.

The survey then asked Republicans if they would support "an earned legalization program in which illegal immigrants could earn legal status and eventual citizenship by working, paying taxes, learning English, and waiting their turn behind people in their home countries who are already waiting in line for visas." They backed that proposal, 80-17.

"Creating a program in which illegal immigrants could earn legal status as a foreign worker but would have no possibility of ever becoming citizens." They objected to this approach, the essence of the House legislation, by 25-70.

So when the House Republicans maintain that they are vindicating the views of their base, they are just wrong. Republicans are far more tolerant of illegal immigrants - as long as they earn the tolerance by good conduct – than their political leaders seem to be.

This approach is also selfdefeating. If House leaders succeed in typing the GOP

as an anti-Hispanic party, they will be guaranteeing that red states like Texas and Florida slip into the blue category by delivering the swelling Hispanic vote to the Democratic Party.

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Bush's President approach, on the other hand, is inspired.

It creates a well-crafted balance between those who want to control our borders and the bulk of the voters of both parties who want to avoid having a disenfranchised class within our country that toils away with no hope of political participa-

Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 12, the 193rd day of 2006. There are 172 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 12, 1862, Congress authorized the Medal of Honor.

On this date:

In 100 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was born. In 1543, England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr.

In 1690, Protestant forces led by William of Orange defeated the Roman Catholic army of James II at the Battle of the Boyne in Ireland.

The tragedy is not that things are broken. The tragedy is that they are not mended again.

> — Alan Paton South African author (1903-1988)

In 1817, naturalistauthor Henry David Thoreau was born in Concord, Mass.

In 1948, Democratic national convention opened in Philadelphia.

In 1972, George McGovern won the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in Miami Beach.

In 1977, Presiden defended Supreme Court deci-

sions limiting government payments for poor women's abortions, saying, "There are many things in life that are not fair."

In 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced he'd chosen U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York to be his running-mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major-party tick-

In 1985, doctors discovered what turned out to be a cancerous growth in President Reagan's large intestine, prompting surgery the following day.

In 1993, 196 people were killed when a magnitude-7.8 earthquake struck northern Japan.

Ten years ago: The House voted overwhelmingly to define marriage in federal law as a legal union of one man and one woman — no matter what states might say. Hurricane Bertha slapped North Carolina's Cape Fear, then moved on to batter a string of coastal towns.

Five years ago: Abner Louima, the Haitian immigrant tortured in a New York City police station, agreed to an \$8.7

One year ago: Mohammed Bouyeri, a Muslim extremist on trial in the slaying of Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh, unexpectedly confessed in court, saying he was driven by religious conviction

A moratorium should be called on immigration

The population, according to the Census Bureau, is now 300 million. That's about 150 million too many, in my opinion.

I liked those days when you could travel on highways and not see a car in front of you or behind you. I liked it when you could visit an attraction or a park and not get caught in a traffic jam or a huge crowd. Today, practically everywhere you go, it's crowded.

And it will get worse, especially if the American people continue to act like sheep and allow virtually unlimited immigration, both legal and illegal. A crowded country will mean a lower standard of living, greater pollution and environmental degradation, and all those ratlike neuroses that develop when you can't turn around without bumping into somebody. And, as you can already see, there will be increasing racial and ethnic conflicts. Diversity is a bad thing, not a good thing.

Not only should we seal the borders and evict the illegals already here, but we should also declare a moratorium, for at least five years, on all immigration. We need those five years to assimilate the people already here.

If you look around the world, the most stable countries are those with the most homogeneous populations, and the most unstable are

Charley

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Columnist

those countries with much too diversity. Sweden and Japan are examples countries

with nearly homogenous populations; Iraq and Brazil are examples of countries with too much diversity.

Diversity need not be along racial lines. Much, if not most, of the conflicts in Africa are tribal in nature. Scotland for many years was plagued with tribal conflicts even though they called their tribes clans. Tribal, as well as sectarian, differences are a key factor in the turmoil in

It's likely that at the very beginning, all humans were tribal, so it's part of our nature to be attracted to people who are most like us. The neighborhoods in most American cities show clusters of Hispanics, blacks, Asians and whites. I don't think this is racism or anything else that is malign or sinister. We just feel more comfortable around people who have similar backgrounds and life experiences. As long as no coercion is involved, I don't see anything wrong with it.

bad forced segregation. We are already as diverse as

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we can afford to be. That's why there is a great need for a period of assimilation. We should not want our newcomers to live in ghettos and to be victimized by charlatans who claim they can deliver the (pick your group) vote for a price. There should be only one vote in American elections - the American vote.

There is no greater lowlife, dishonorable bum than those Washington politicians who practice ethnic and racial politics. A policy of divide to conquer is the policy of an enemy, not that of a friend to the American republic. Every such bum should be hounded out of office.

But even if we solve all of our social and political problems, large numbers of people will be a problem. There is only so much livable land.

There will always be a finite number of jobs that pay a decent wage. There will always be those who are extremely rich and those Forced intewho are extremely poor, and the question is, Can both of those groups be held to a manageable size?

Some people are predicting a world of global slums, and you can already see them in the megacities. Every American should be determined to do all in his power to make sure we never reach the point where we have people living here the way so many are forced to live in places like Calcutta, Cairo, Manila, Rio and Bombay, just to cite a few examples. The slums in those cities make our poor neighborhoods look like country estates.

But that will happen here if we don't control the borders. From time to time, there are mass migrations of people. I believe this is one of those times. Our country is a lifeboat, and the question is, Are we a tough-enough people to prevent others from swamping it? We are entering an era of hard choices and hard consequences.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 29-year-old woman, married with two sons, 7 and 8. My husband of nine years and I try to set a good example and teach them the difference between right and wrong. My mother is dating a man who has been married for many years. Mom and this married man have been "dating" for about four years. He says he's miserable and still married only because a divorce would lose him half his assets. I know there will come a day when our boys find out that "Grandpa" is married to someone else. My husband and I have taught our children that marriage is a faithful and truthful act that only two people who love each other very much should engage in. We have also taught them that marriage is forever -- until death do us part. How do I answer the questions I know are going to follow? Please don't tell me to let Grandma tell them the story. Her take on the situation may warp our kids' sense of marriage. I refuse to lie to my sons, but I don't want them to look at Grandma as a horrible person, either. Any suggestions? -- DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY

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DEAR DON'T KNOW: First of all, your sons should not be calling your mother's boyfriend "Grandpa," because he isn't their grandfather. And Grandma isn't a "horrible" person; she is someone who has allowed herself to become the "side dish" of a man who values his money more than he values her. If asked, tell your sons that you do not approve, but that Grandma is a big girl -- and this is the decision she has made.

DEAR ABBY: I was in an abusive relationship for about a year before I was finally arrested last summer for domestic violence. Since then I have enrolled in anger management class and have seen a psychologist. I have learned a lot since then

and feel overwhelming remorse for what I have done. I want to apologize to her, but there is a restraining order in effect. I feel so guilty. Any suggestions? -- DIS-TRAUGHT IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR DISTRAUGHT: In your case, guilt is good. It means you have a conscience. Do not, under any circumstances, try to contact your former girlfriend until you have successfully completed the anger management course and the therapy. Because there is a restraining order in place, any move you make in her direction will be construed as hostile and could land you in jail.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Shawn," and I have been having sex for three years. We are both seniors in college. My family is against sex before marriage, and I have told them that I am against it, too. I promised them that I wasn't having sex with Shawn. Last week, my little sister, who is a freshman in high school, found my birth control pills in my car. She told my parents, and they asked me about it. I lied and told them they belonged to one of my friends. Should I tell my parents the truth and just accept that we have different opinions, or continue to lie to them? -- CONFOUND-**ED IN SANTA BARBARA**

DEAR CONFOUNDED: As a senior in college, I presume you are an adult. As an adult, you should be prepared to take responsibility for the decisions you make. Your parents are not stupid. Lying about your behavior is childish and, frankly, it is degrading to you and your relationship with Shawn. Therefore, you should tell your parents the truth, and apologize to them for lying.

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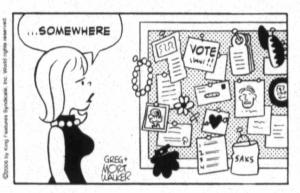






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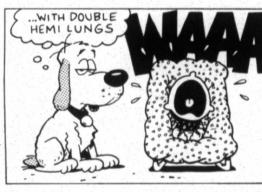




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CROSSWORD By THOMAS JOSEPH

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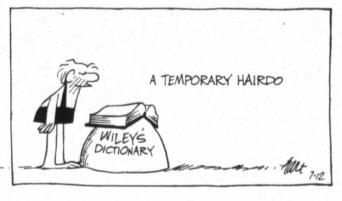


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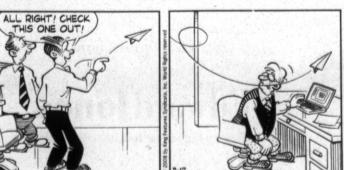
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Sports Day

Pampa All-Star teams fall

11-12 Cal Ripken All-Stars

HEREFORD — Two ill advised throws. one in the third inning and one in the sixth, cost the Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken All Star Team a heartbreaking 2-1 loss to North Randall County in the finals of the West Texas 11-12 Cal Ripken District Tournament here Monday.

Pampa forced a final game with a 6-1 win over North Randall County in the first game of Monday's double-header. Collin Killgo held the North Randall team to only three hits and one unearned run. He struck out seven and walked one.

The all stars from Pampa broke open a scoreless tie in the bottom half of the third inning. Latigo Collins lifted a fly to center which the center fielder lost in the sun as Collins scampered to second. A wild pitch sent him to third. An excuse me swing from Cole Engle resulted in an RBI single. The ball dribbled down the first base line. The first baseman charged to try to get Collins at the plate, could not and had nobody covering first. Killgo followed with a booming home run to left giving Pampa a 3-0 lead.

In the fourth inning, a Randall single, a Pampa error, a wild pitch and a ground out narrowed the score to 3-1. Pampa came back in the bottom of the inning. Cody McIntyre got things started with a double. A single by Cody Davis moved him to third. Davis stole second base. A ball hit by Reid Miller went through the shortstop which sent McIntyre home and Davis to third. Miller went to second on a ground out while Davis held third. Both runners scored when Killgo singled to right center giving Pampa its final margin of victory.

Killgo with a single and a home run and four RBI was the leading hitter for Pampa. The defensive plays of the game were made by James Thompson in left field and Collins in center with fly ball catches.

In the championship game Miller was the leading hitter with a triple and a home run. Pampa twice had a runner at third with less than two outs but could not hit the ball on the ground to get either of them home.

Both teams will participate in the West Texas 11-12 Cal Ripken State Tournament in Canyon this weekend. Look for the Pampa United Way agency to avenge its

14-15 Babe Ruth All-Stars

The Pampa Optimist 14-15 Babe Ruth All Star team resembled the month of March Tuesday in the finals of the West Texas 14-15 Babe Ruth All Star Tournament which concluded here Tuesday.

They came in like a lion scoring three runs in the first inning and went out like a lamb scoring no more runs until a wild pitch in the seventh inning allowed a meaningless run to score in a 10-4 loss to North Plains.

Both teams will compete in the West Texas 14-15 Babe Ruth State Tournament which North Plains will host in Dumas later this month.

In the top of the first inning John Luke Covalt was hit by a pitch. Hayden Skinner drilled a single to left field. Covalt went to third. Skinner took second on a fielder's choice. A wild pitch scored Covalt and sent Skinner to third. Heath Skinner walked. The brothers executed a double steal with Hayden Skinner scoring and Heath Skinner winding up on third when the catcher's throw went into center field.

Heath Skinner came in to score moments later on a passed ball to start Pampa with a 3-0 lead. Pampa had other chances. Lane Douglass and Jonathan Anguiano opened the second inning by reaching base on North Plains' errors, but a base running error cooled the potential rally.

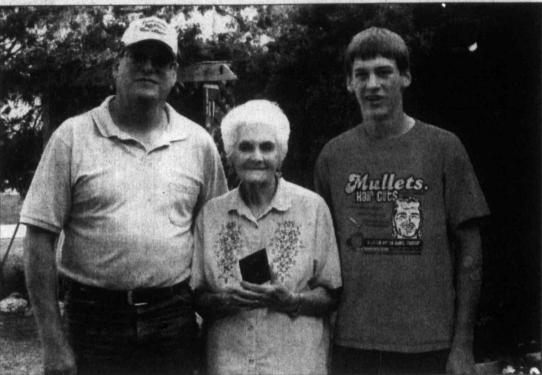
Braden Hunt, Mitchell Killgo and Anthony Allen walked in succession in the third inning without scoring.

Walks to Jeremy Busse and Covalt in the fourth inning were for naught when a base running error turned into a double play. Hits by Hunt and Allen in the fifth came up empty. Heath Skinner scored the last Pampa run in the seventh inning after he singled, went to second on an error, to third after walks to Hunt and Killgo and hustled home on a wild pitch. Hunt, Covalt, Hayden Skinner, Busse and Heath Skinner pitched

North Plains was undefeated in tournament play to win the district championship while Pampa managed a 2-2 record to be the runner-up.

Monte Covalt is the manager of the team. Coaches are Mike Killgo and Jeff Skinner.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.



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Pampa High School Soccer Booster Club President Don VanHouten (left) and son Andrew VanHouten present Helen Kastein with a Wal-Mart \$100 gift certificate raffled by the club to help raise funds. Andrew VanHouten, a member of the Harvesters' soccer team, will be a senior at Pampa High School this year.

Coach True returni

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Some would say former Pampa High School soccer coach John True is coming

The former Pampa High School soccer coach has been at the helm of the Coronado High School program in Lubbock, but returns to take over both the Harvesters boys and girls soccer programs.

"He's going to be great for our teams, " said former Pampa boys soccer coach Byron May during a break while working with those boys attending football camp Tuesday. "He's been a mentor to me even while he's been away.'

According to those close to Harvesters

soccer, True will lead both the boys and

May will serve as an assistant coach for the boys.



Coach John True

Sports Briefs: AL nabs win; Materazzi admits to insult

on the mound, the National League can't find a way to close out an All-Star game.

With the AL down to its final strike, Michael Young hit a two-run triple off Trevor Hoffman for a 3-2 victory that kept the Americans unbeaten for the past decade.

Behind David Wright's homer and some daring, old-style baserunning, the NL took a 2-1 lead into the ninth and brought in Hoffman to try to finish it.

But the San Diego Padres' reliever failed to put this one away. He gave up a two-out single to Paul Konerko, who was replaced by pinch-runner Jose Lopez.

Troy Glaus' smash bounded over the leftfield fence for a ground-rule double, perhaps preventing Lopez from scoring. He was held at third, but Young made that

Young earned the MVP award — and the AL again earned home-field advantage in the World Series.

SOCCER

MILAN, Italy (AP) - Marco Materazzi acknowledged he insulted Zinedine Zidane

before the French captain head-butted him PITTSBURGH (AP) - No matter who's in the World Cup final, but repeated his denial that he called Zidane a "terrorist."

> A Paris-based anti-racism group issued a statement Monday saying Materazzi had called Zidane, whose parents emigrated to France from Algeria, a "dirty terrorist."

> Zidane and Materazzi exchanged words in extra-time of Sunday's final in Berlin. Seconds later, Zidane lowered his head and rammed Materazzi in the chest, knocking him to the ground. Zidane was ejected from the match.

HORSE RACING

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. (AP) -Barbaro was resting comfortably and eating with gusto, one day after the colt's veterinarian said the Kentucky Derby winner was in for "tough days ahead."

Barbaro had a new cast applied Monday - his sixth overall, and the fourth change in a week. He also underwent three other procedures on the right hind leg he shattered in the Preakness seven weeks ago, including surgery on Saturday to correct "potentially serious" complications to the injured leg.

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July

You often are swayed by others and then become aggravated with the situations that emerge. Assume more responsibility, and you will be happier. Make up your mind on your own, though weigh other people's views. You will feel better as a result. You will want to laugh and relax more often. Make that OK and enjoy the many people in your immediate life. There is no reason to do anything halfway. Your popularity soars, which might be very nice if you are single. Your magnetism and humor are attractive. If you are attached, let the relationship become more of a balance. CAPRI-CORN has similar issues but a different

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** What you thought was solid, you find out otherwise. You might spend a lot of today scrambling to put together another plan or agreement. You are the master of this happening. Trust yourself and go with the present situation. Tonight: Take a stand.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** You might want to weave a new path, especially after certain facts come forward. You know how to handle changes and integrate a better result or product. Trust yourself more deeply. Sort

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** A money misunderstanding could have you regrouping and rethinking your commitments. Work with others and think before you decide to spend any money or overindulge. What you think could change dramatically because of what happens. Tonight: Togetherness

works. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Others run with the ball. You might want to think before you acquiesce to another's plans. You could be overwhelmed by what heads down your path. Consider your options more carefully. Others want to go with you. Tonight: Say

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** All work and no play might be hard for even the most self-disciplined Lion. Take your time completing details. Figure out what is best for you. Your emper could unleash out of the blue. Tonight: Happily out the door. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Your imagination will be called upon to put together two seemingly conflicting ideas. Your softer side emerges, allowing greater flow and thoughtfulness. You might not believe what you hear. Tonight: Have fun! LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** You might want to think about recent pressure that seems to draw you in a different direction. Ultimately, you are encouraged to do a juggling act - something that your sign is very well known for. Your efforts help someone feel comfortable. Tonight: At home. Take time for

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Discussions take you in a new through misinformation. Tonight: Rent a direction. You might not be sure about what is happening. Just flow with oppor-tunity, which could be bathed in confusion. You have a different way of handling a problem. Tonight: With favorite

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** You might be concerned with money and your cash flow. Considering what might be going on astrologically, you are well grounded. Decisions made right now will only help you. A little selfdiscipline goes a long way. Tonight: Easy

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** You are the cat's meow, and

you know it. Someone might indulge in uproar, but it is nothing you cannot deal with. Trust yourself and your choices. You might want to think before you launch into action. Tonight: What heads your way might make you smile AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

** Your instincts guide you as they haven't in a long time. You know what is workable and good for you. Follow your instincts. Your work and health play strong roles in how you feel. Be easygoing. Tonight: Get some extra R and R. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Zero in on what while you can. Not everyone has to or will agree with you. Knowing when to pull back can define the end results. A meeting or gathering of friends draws much of what you like. Tonight: Time to wish upon a star.

BORN TODAY Actor Harrison Ford (1942), actor Patrick Stewart (1940), Cameron Crowe (1957)

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Auditorium. Membership fees are \$30 for adults, \$70 for families; and \$15 for students. For more information, call 665-0343 or 665-2631.

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will conduct a blood drive from 12 to 7 p.m. July 13 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center. To schedule an appointment, call 1-877-574-8800. A T-shirt will be given to each participating

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Ogallala Water Gardens Annual Pond Tour will be conducted July 15 in Amarillo. This year the tour will include structured ponds as well as manicured gardens and lawns. A day tour will be offered from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and a night tour from 9 p.m.-11 p.m. Tickets are \$5 apiece and may be purchased Coulter Panhandle Gardens, Green House, Fish Pro, Accent Embroidery, **Uncommon Twists Garden** Shop Patio and Amarillo.

· Amarillo Museum of Art will open to a "Free Family Festival" from 1-4 p.m. July 16 to celebrate the summer 2006 exhibition "Material Terrain: A Sculptural Exploration of Landscape and Place." Follow the gallery hunt

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second summer semester at Clarendon College-Pampa Center will last through July 17, the day classes officially begin. Courses will be conducted Monday through Thursday and include English Comp I and II, Microbiology, Web Design, Fundamentals of Criminal Law, Non-Western World Literature, State

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Researchers looking for better beetle for Salt Cedar Control

By KAY LEDBETTER **Extension News**

BUSHLAND — Beetles from Uzbekistan are more prolific salt cedar eaters than beetles from Greece. At least that's what Agricultural Experiment Station researchers hope.

Uzbekistan salt cedar beetles being released by the Experiment Station's entomology department are the same species as those released on the salt cedar stands near Lake Meredith. They are just from a different collection point, said Vanessa Carney, Experiment Station entomology research associate.

Researchers first looked at latitude and longitude to find the beetle they thought would be best suited to this region, and they came up with salt cedar beetles from Posidi, Greece, Carney said.

"Because some of the releases in other states haven't been successful, we're starting to think it may be more complicated than that," she said. "These beeat the same latitude and lon-

gitude.' At the Meredith site, the Posidi beetles released in 2004 have made it through two winters and had two summers of success, Carney said. However, because of an early warm-up followed by a cold spell, they seem to be less prolific this summer and haven't exploded in num-

Dr. Jerry Michels, Experiment Station entomology research project leader, and Carney are making new releases of the Uzbekistan beetle this year in the heavy salt cedar stands on private land north of Borger.

The new site was selected because of its remote location and because it is not subject to other control methods, such as fire and chemical treatments, Carney

A total of 25 egg masses have been released at three different sites, all within cages, Carney said. While the Posidi beetles are approved for open release, the Uzbekistan beetles have not been approved by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for open release so they must be enclosed in tents.

The beetles being released into the confined salt cedar trials were provided by Dr. Jack DeLoach with the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service at Temple, where

other studies are being done. Each egg mass had 10 to 30 eggs. Another 60 adults were released between the three sites, Carney said. Each egg will go through three larval stages, during which time they feed on the salt cedar, before they drop into the ground and emerge a week later as a beetle.

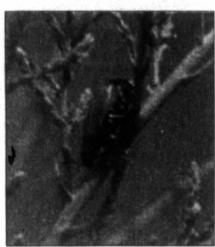
"Almost immediately they will start mating and will live for about 30 days," she said. "We're doing more extensive work on those fig-



(Texas Agricultural Experiment Station photos by KAY LEDBETTER) Vanessa Carney, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station entomology research associate, unzips the tent containing the newly released Uzbekistan salt cedar beetles that was set up in a dense stand on private property.

ures in our lab at Bushland. We want to determine how many eggs they lay, the life tles from Uzbekistan seem to cycle times and how many be most suited to our climate batches of eggs they lay in a lifetime."

Damage is what the the scientists to gauge what



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limb in one of the confinement tents that are a part of Agricultural Experiment Station study. Beetles from Posidi, Greece, and Uzbekistan are a part of

A salt cedar beetle climbs a

beetles at Lake Meredith and Nebraska. defoliate small branches, but the damage hasn't been the differences of these widespread. So far, the strains at different latitudes," Uzbekistan beetles haven't Michels said. "People have been here long enough for released a strain here or a

> they can do. "They just came in

May and the first year we don't expect to see major damage," she said. "But they may defoliate the trees within the cages. We were warned that it will go quickly, and we may run out of food within the tents."

Michels and Carney said their Texas salt cedar beetle work is part of a larger study that is looking at beetles from Fukang, China; Crete, Greece; Tunisia, Africa; and

Turpan, China. These four strains of beetles will be released in various sites throughout the U.S., with emphasis on establishing them

researchers want to start see- at two Texas sites, and in ing, Carney said. The Posidi Colorado, Wyoming, Utah

"What we want to see is strain there, but what we want to do is release all of these strains at each site and maybe then be able to make some decisions that are backed up by research."

Ultimately, the study should help determine which strains are adapted to which latitude, he said. The Crete strain was released from Wyoming to South Texas and did not work everywhere. At the same time, some of these strains are new and haven't been tested anywhere.

This new widespread will begin once study researchers receive approval from USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Michels said.

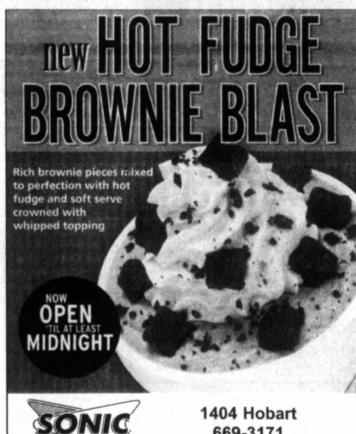
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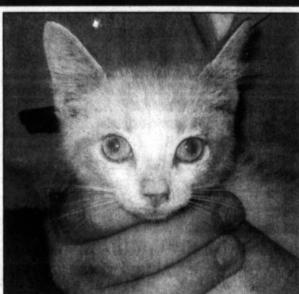
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