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Meeting

City officials to convene

By DAVID BOWSER
The Pampa News

Bids on delinquent tax properties and a few housekeeping chores await the Pampa City Commission Tuesday morning.

The city commission will consider a bid in connection with a five-year bank depository agreement.

It will also consider on first reading an ordinance establishing a limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes for homeowners who are disabled or are 65 years old or older. Voters approved the limitation for residential homesteads for disabled and older Pampa citizens in the May 10 election.

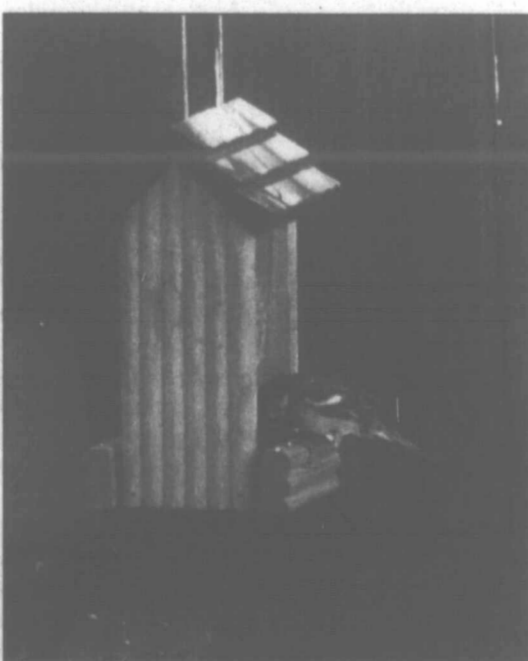
The commission will also consider amending the city's budget to pay for new scales and scale house at the landfill.

Commissioners will also consider on first reading an ordinance amending an ordinance passed in March concerning the ability of Pampa firefighters to participate in collective bargaining.

Vanessa Buzzard is leaving the Amarillo law firm of Peterson, Farris, Pruitt and Parker to join her husband Mark in the Buzzard Law Firm in Pampa. The city commission will consider an agreement with her continuing her work as legal counsel for the Pampa Economic Development Corp. The agreement will remain the same with the exception of the law firm's name.

City Manager Trevlyn Pitner will speak to the commission concerning a volunteer program for handicap parking and a code enforcement clean up program for the city.

The city commission will meet at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, on the third floor of City Hall. The meeting time was changed from the regular 4 p.m. meeting time to avoid a conflict with a scheduled meeting with Mesa Power at 4 p.m., Tuesday, at M.K. Brown Civic Center.



Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers
This inquisitive bird recently took a load off at this bird feeder during good weather at a residence here in town.

Remembering our dead



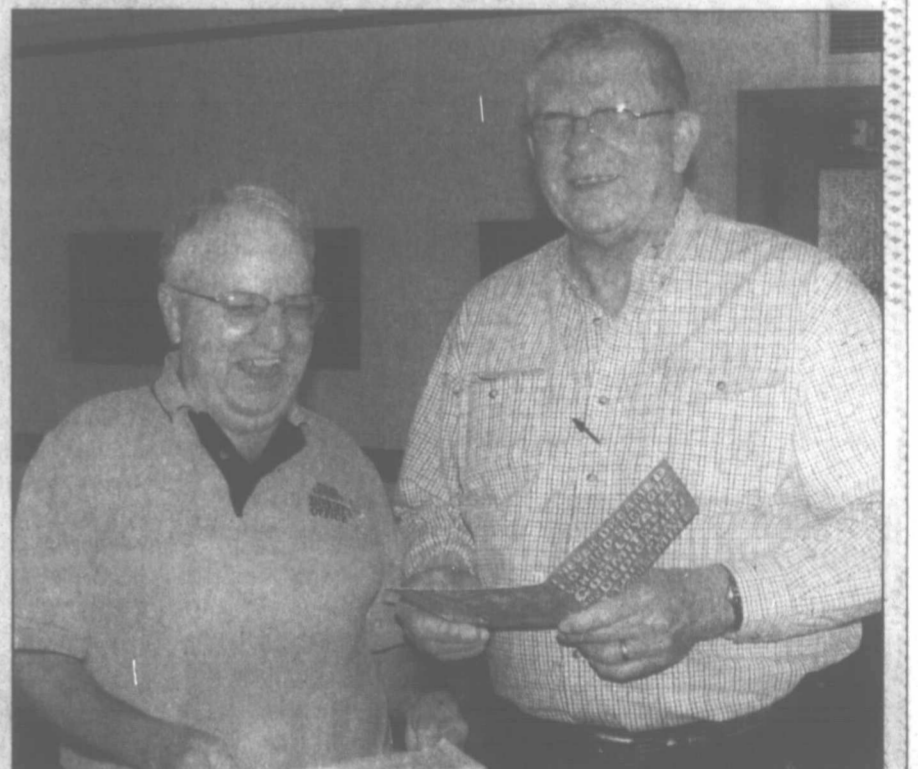
Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers
A plaque at Memorial Park, adjacent to Freedom Museum USA at 600 N. Hobart, honors members of the military. Memorial Day began as a day to honor Union soldiers who died during the Civil War. After World War I, it was expanded to include those who died in any war or military action. A Memorial Day candlelight ceremony is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. today at Memorial Park.

PISD to launch seasonal meal program

Pampa Independent School District will kick-off its Summer Nutrition Program with breakfast and lunch on Tuesday, June 3, at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School. The seasonal conclusion of the program is scheduled Friday, July 25.

Breakfast will be served each day, Monday-Friday excepting the July 4 holiday, at 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Lunch will served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. In addition, lunch will be offered at Mann Building, Central Park and Marcus Sanders Swimming Pool between 11:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Children ages 1-18 will eat for free. Adults must pay a \$3 fee to participate in each meal. Children age 1-6 must be accompanied by an adult or older brother.



Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers

Farewell reception

Gray County Jail Administrator David Potter, left, shares a laugh with Sheriff Don Copeland over a greeting card Potter received concerning his retirement from the county. A farewell reception was held Friday afternoon in the second-floor courtroom at Gray County Courthouse for Potter, whose last day on the job is May 31. He has worked for Gray County since Jan. 2, 1985, when he filled the unexpired term of Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace. He left that office after an election in March 1986 and then worked as a jailer at Gray County Jail through Dec. 31, 1996. He became jail administrator in January 1997.

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Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 77. North-northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. Windy, with a north-northeast wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 79.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. South-southeast wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Scientists test brain pacemakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a new frontier, for psychiatric illness: Brain pacemakers that promise to act as antidepressants by changing how patients' nerve circuitry fires.

Scientists already know the power of these devices to block the tremors of Parkinson's disease and related illnesses; more than 40,000 such patients worldwide have the implants.

But psychiatric illnesses are much more complex and the new experiments with so-called deep brain stimulation, or DBS, are in their infancy. Only a few dozen patients with severe depression or obsessive-compulsive disorder so far have been treated in closely monitored studies.

Still, the early results are promising. Dramatic video shows one patient visibly brightening as doctors turn on her brain pacemaker and she says in surprise: "I'm starting to smile." And new

reports this month show that some worst-case patients — whose depression wasn't relieved by medication, psychotherapy, even controversial shock treatment — are finding lasting relief.

Six of 17 severely depressed patients were in remission a year after undergoing DBS and four more markedly improved, and more than half of 26 obsessive-compulsive patients showed substantial improvement over three years, say studies from a team at the Cleveland Clinic, Brown University, and Belgium's University of Leuven.

"Not all patients get better, but when patients respond, it's significant," says Dr. Helen Mayberg of Emory University, who has implanted about 50 depression patients. Her first remains in remission after five years; she estimates that four of every six show enough improvement to be classified "responders."

"We're rewiring the brain in many ways," says Dr. Ali Rezai, chief of the Cleveland Clinic's Center for Neurologic Restoration.

There's a need for innovative therapies. Up to 20 percent of depression patients and 10 percent of those with obsessive-compulsive disorder are treatment-resistant — several million people in the U.S. alone.

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Obituaries

Sybile O. Kellison, 69

ALTUS, Okla. — Sybyle O. Kellison, 69, of Altus, died Saturday, May 24, 2008, at Jackson County Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Martha Road Baptist Church with the Rev. Kevin Baker officiating. Burial will follow at the Restlawn Cemetery under the direction of Kincannon Funeral Home.

Sybyle O. Wadley was born May 3, 1939, in Terrell, to Fred and Juanita (Latham) Wadley. She graduated from Arnett High School in 1957 in Arnett, Okla. She married Wendel Kellison on Oct. 19, 1957, at Childress.

Mrs. Wadley was a homemaker and a member of the Martha Road Baptist Church. She enjoyed plants, flowers, shopping

and church work.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Cathy Wadley.

Survivors include her husband, Wendel Kellison of Altus; three daughters, Karen Jones of Pampa, Wendy Cobb of White Deer and Brenda Simmons of Altus; one son, Danny Kellison of Altus; three sisters, Rita Chance and Kellie Wright, both of

Hollis, Okla., and Jo Nell Murphy of Winslow, Ark.; five brothers, Kenneth Wadley of Amarillo, Carl Wadley and Eddy Wadley, both of Hollis, Gary Wadley of Sherman and Ronnie Wadley of Childress; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be made at kincannonfuneral-home.com.

Emergency Services

Sheriff

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

Saturday, May 24

Christopher Charles Perez, 22, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department and charged with unlawful restraint.

Nicholas Adam Herbig, 25, of Amarillo was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety and charged with possession of less than 2-ounces of marijuana.

Karen Anderson McLain, 49, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with theft of property involving greater than \$50 and less than \$500.

Ignacio Vargas III, 34, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD on capias pro fines for no valid driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

William Roger Klink, 49, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with DWI, third or more offense, no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Sherry Lee Nunley, 36, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD on capias pro fines for child not secured by safety belt, driving while license is suspended, failure to maintain financial responsibility, displaying expired registration and expired motor vehicle registration.

Garnet John Walkup, 23, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, no liability insurance and expired motor vehicle registration.

Sunday, May 25

Scott Alan Hyde, 37, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and

charged with theft of property, greater than \$50 and less than \$500.

Monday, May 26

Javier Garcia, 19, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with failure to identify fugitive with intent to give false information, no driver's license, speeding 10 percent over the limit, failure to appear, no valid driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no registration and no inspection.

Justin Robert Holman, 22, of Miami was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with DWI and unlawful carrying of a weapon.

Ambulance

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

Saturday, May 24

7:02 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Sunday, May 25

11:21 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Sierra and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Barnes and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East Campbell and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

4:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 800 block of 25th.

5:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, May 24

No calls.

Sunday, May 25

11:10 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to a false fire alarm in the 400 block of North Ward.

12:09 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of South Barnes on a call for medical assistance.

8:32 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to McCullough and Clark on arcing power lines.

9:28 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to a structure fire in the 100 block of East 28th. The fire was out on arrival.

10:07 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a natural gas leak in the 600 block of Lefors.

Clinton speaks of faith in adversity

HORMIGUEROS, Puerto Rico (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton on Sunday offered a spiritual defense for continuing her presidential campaign, as she sought to put to rest the uproar over her comments about the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.

Speaking to a full congre-

gation at the Pabellon de la Victoria evangelical church, Clinton spoke in measured terms about faith in the face of adversity.

"There isn't anything we cannot do together if we seek God's blessing and if we stay committed and are not deterred by the setbacks that often fall in every life," Clinton said.

Clinton is campaigning for Puerto Rico's primary on June 1, which offers 55 pledged delegates to the national Democratic convention. The New York senator is expected to win the contest, thanks partly to her ties to the large Puerto Rican community in her home state.

Clinton spoke of her determination to stay in the race despite trailing Illinois Sen. Obama, who picked up one more superdelegate in Hawaii on Sunday, giving him a total of 1,975 delegates, just 51 delegates short of the 2,026 needed to clinch the nomination. Clinton still has 1,779.

"If I had listened to those who had been talking over the last several months we would not be having this campaign in Puerto Rico today," she said, alluding to calls during the past few months for her to drop out of the race and support Obama.

"But I believe this is an

opportunity unlike any in recent history for the needs and interests and diversity of the people of Puerto Rico to be in the spotlight. This is an opportunity to educate everyone about this wonderful place," Clinton said.

In an op-ed piece in Sunday's New York Daily News, Clinton revisited her reference to the June 1968 assassination of Robert F. Kennedy during a meeting Friday with a South Dakota newspaper's editorial board when she was asked whether she would stay in the presidential race. Clinton's comments were sharply criticized, and she later said she regretted any offense she might have caused.

"I was making the simple point that given our history, the length of this year's primary contest is nothing unusual," Clinton wrote. "But I was deeply dismayed and disturbed that my comment would be construed in a way that flies in the face of everything I stand for — and for everything I am fighting for in this election."

Campaigning for his wife Sunday in South Dakota, Bill Clinton said she treated unfairly for the assassination reference. "That really made my blood boil," he said.

On television Sunday, top advisers to both Clinton's and Obama's campaigns said

they were moving on from the issue.

"This issue is done," David Axelrod, Obama's top strategist, declared on ABC's "This Week."

In London, meanwhile, former President Carter said Sunday that Clinton should abandon her battle by early June.

"I'm a superdelegate, having been president before, and I think that a lot of us superdelegates will make a decision ... quite rapidly, after the final primary on June 3," Carter told Sky News. "I think at that point it will be time for her to give it up." Carter has not declared his preference.

In Puerto Rico, Clinton took the stage after more than an hour of joyful noise — religious singing and dancing, led by an eight-piece band and 16-person chorus. Women and girls in bright red, blue and white dresses danced in front of Clinton, shaking tambourines as parishioners clapped and waved.

Then it was off to a beach in Boqueron on the southwest coast, where Clinton was mobbed by vacationers, some still dripping wet from swimming. She also was treated to a traditional dance by girls in bright, multicolored tiered skirts.

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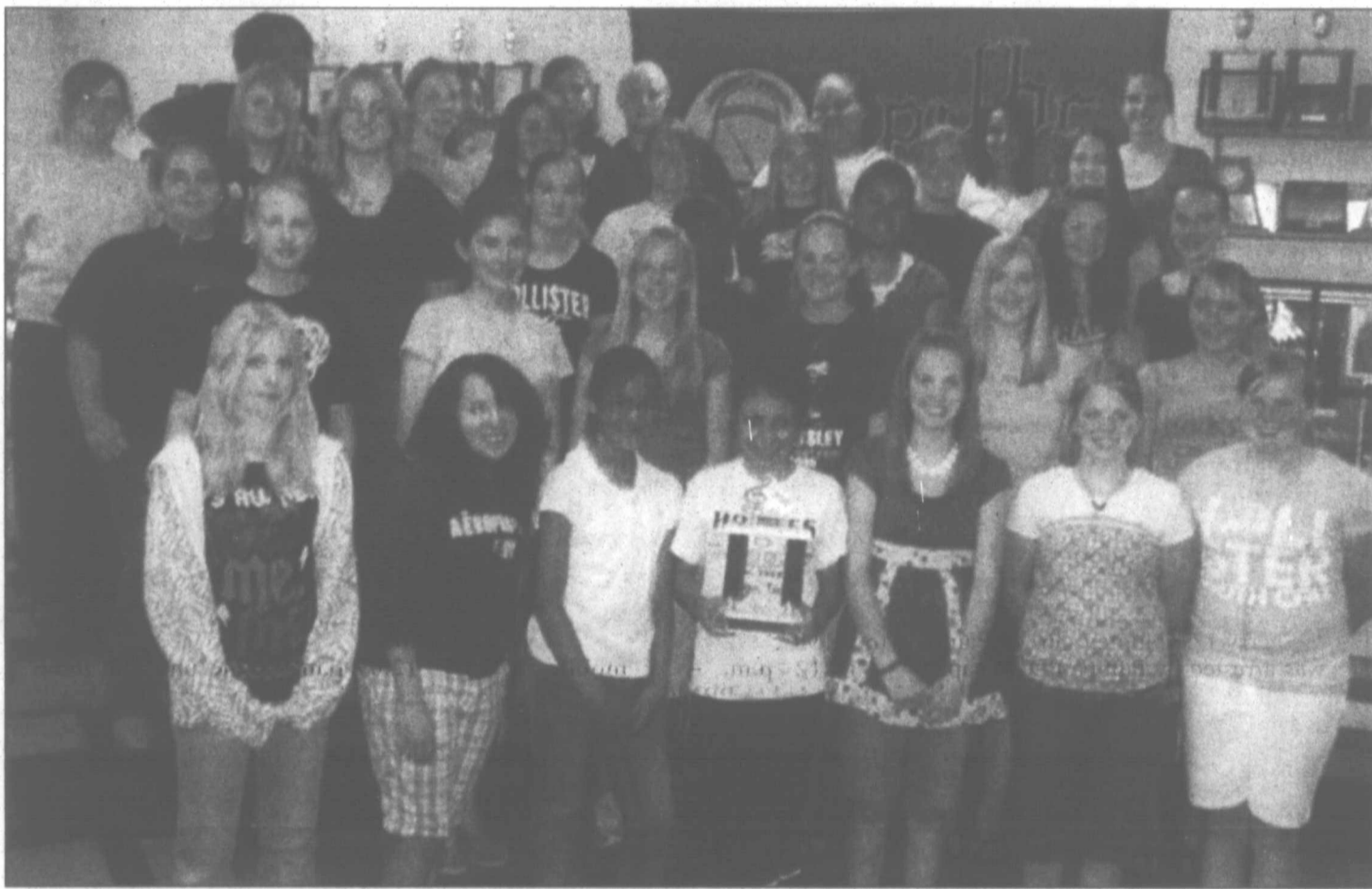
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PJHS Choir



Courtesy Photos

Choir students from Pampa Junior High School recently participated in the Greater Southwest Music Festival at the West Texas A&M University campus in Canyon. The Boys Choir and the Seventh Grade Girls Choir won first-division trophies. The Eighth Grade Girls Choir was awarded at Sweepstakes (outstanding) trophy. The Encore Choir was named overall outstanding show choir. TOP: Eighth Grade Girls Choir members (top row, from left-right) Sasha Davis, Jasmin Eulloqui, Jazmin Castillo, Stormy Brawley, Kortney Hawthorne, Chanel Jimenez, Stephanie Allen; (fourth row) Brittany Zawicki, Megan Porter, Angela Carlton, Kobli Furgason, Kendra Boaz, Nicole Brashears, Brienne Moyer, Jessica Covil; (third row) Janell Parks, Kendra Poole, Ashley Stucker, Tamasha Berry, Angelica Lopez, NaKayla Hardman, Caitlin Sieck; (second row) Joleen Pittman, Tania Diaz, McKinlee Stokes, Elizabeth Terry, Heather Coffee, Caylee Steward; (first row) Lindsey Saxour, Sarai Soria, Blanca Para, Christy Saldierna, Celby Snapp, Miranda Patterson and Ellen Cambern. BOTTOM: Encore Choir members (top row, left-right) Rhiddi Jani, Deseray Jernigan, Miranda Beedy, Courtney Taylor, Janette Almanza, Maribel Ramirez, Julia Soto, Jessica Kenney, Kellie Taylor; (fourth row) Shila Turner, Heather Parks, Bailey Read, Jocelyn Brady, Brittany Weatherford, Bianca Apodaca, Brenda Recendiz, Abbi Taylor, Sanya Coutts, Jessica Hooker, B'anca DeLeon; (third row) Chantelle Dencklau, Daisy Silva, Maddie Fatheree, Allison Alexander, Tamra Klumeyer, Brittany Darnell, Holly Lane, Karli Harden, Jacee Smith, April Loving, Keri Hulsev Rosa Hernandez; (second row) Gina Avila, Monica Zubia, Cameron McDonald, Emilee Barrett, Elizabeth Woody, Diamond Marrufo, Taylor Morgan, Kassidy Winegeart; (first row) Molly Andorfer, Dyanna Carlisle, Dayana Silva, Bethany Casas, Cheyenne Young, Clair Hopkins and Sydney Hoelting.

Events calendar

- **Harrington Cancer Center Pampa Support Group** will meet at 6:30 p.m. May 27 in the second-floor classroom of Pampa Regional Medical Center. Beth Kean will present a program on "Wellness and Recreation." All cancer survivors and supporters are welcome.
- **Cooper Breaks State Park** near Quanah will present a campsite talk on Native American arrowheads and artifacts at 7 p.m. May 31 at the park. Program presenter Ervie McGreger of Crowell will display his collection of arrowheads, knives and other tools which date from Paleo-Indian times to historic times. For more information call (940) 839-4331.
- **The Justin McBride PBR Challenge** will kick-off May 30 at Beutler Bros. Rodeo Arena in Elk City, Okla. Events will continue May 31 at the arena. For more information, contact the Elk City Convention & Visitors Bureau at (580) 225-0207.
- **The Eighth Annual Flatlanders Car Show** will last from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 7 on the east side of Sunset Lake at Guymon, Okla. A cookout is scheduled at 7 p.m. June 6 at Pickle Creek Building.

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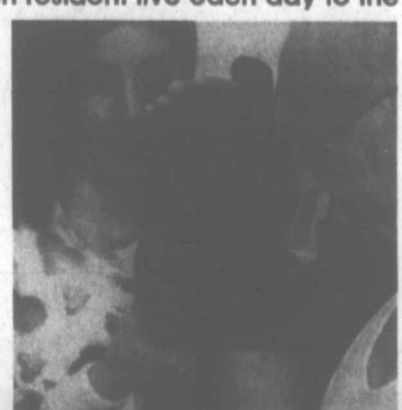
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Viewpoints

Texas Tales: Newman made a good 'wannabe' outlaw

Bud Newman didn't amount to much as an outlaw, but not for lack of grit.

When and where Newman came into the world is yet to be discovered, though there's a small Newman family cemetery in Val Verde County that supports the theory his people came from around there.

Frank Gray, author of "Pioneering in Southwest Texas," first met Newman when the youngster's father brought "little black-eyed" Buddy riding along with him when he visited a horse camp in Edward's County where Gray worked as a cowboy.

"I never saw a more quiet and teachable little boy than Buddy Newman," he wrote. "He seemed to know nothing

but to obey his father. Buddy did not use rough or profane language" and plainly had been "brought up under the kindly, thoughtful care of a dear Christian mother."

But when Newman got older, Gray continued, he "some way or somehow drifted into the swift current of disorder and lawlessness which prevailed at that time."

While Newman never hit the big time, he clearly had aspirations. And his memory lived on well into the 20th Century at Comstock, where some of his exploits occurred.

The late W.E. McC Carson, born in Val Verde County in 1912, told me about Newman when we visited at his Comstock residence in

the fall of 1987.

McC Carson got the essence of the outlaw's story first hand in 1936, when an old man walked into his family's store in Comstock.

"Boy," the oldster began, "you been here very long?"

McC Carson allowed as how he had been in Comstock for all his 24 years. But that wasn't long enough for him to have been around when a Southern Pacific passenger train got robbed by three horse backers who galloped off after some lively shooting. While the shooting left ears ringing, no one got hurt.

The old man proceeded to

fill McC Carson in on the robbery. The reason he knew so many details is because he had been one of the robbers.

"They sent me to the pen for it," the store visitor declared, his bitterness as plain as his gray hair.

Four decades after the fact, the ex-con blamed bad whiskey and worse company for his fall. Mainly, it was the robust confidence and lack of judgment associated with over indulgence in spirituous beverages that led to his troubles.

"Those (expletive) talked me into it," he told McC Carson.

Among those of he referred to was Bud Newman.

These days, an investigator can reopen a cold case with a few clicks on a computer keyboard, calling up a suspect's criminal history and other pertinent bits of information. But law enforcement didn't keep such good records in the 1890s. Fortunately for posterity, newspapers seldom ignore a good story.

Newman first came to the attention of the Texas press late in 1895 when the Dallas Morning News reported that on Dec. 1, a "difficulty" between Newman and Shepard Baker ended "after several shots were fired." Newman went to jail, Baker to the cemetery. "Both were

young men in the stock business," the newspaper's correspondent added.

McC Carson said the two cowboys shot it out near Kelly's Saloon, conveniently located on a hill overlooking the Comstock bone yard.

The way he heard the story, Newman and Baker had been feuding over some issue long since forgotten. The day of the shooting, Baker happened to be sitting in a wagon when he spotted Newman and promptly took a shot at him. The report of the weapon spooked the team pulling the wagon and Baker could not get off a second shot.

Newman, however, rested his Winchester on the saddle of his borrowed horse and See COX, Page 10

Mike Cox
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 26, the 147th day of 2008. There are 219 days left in the year. This is the Memorial Day observance.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on May 26, 1908, the first major oil strike in the Middle East took place as engineers working for British entrepreneur William Knox D'Arcy and led by George B. Reynolds hit a gusher more than 1,100 feet below ground in Masjid-i-Suleiman, Persia (Iran).

On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther was banned by the Edict of Worms because of his religious beliefs and writings.

'Show me the man who has enjoyed his school days and I will show you a bully and a bore.'

— Robert Morley
British actor
(1908-1992)

In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson ended with his acquittal on the remaining charges.

In 1908, British character actor Robert Morley was born in Semley, England.

In 1913, Actors' Equity Association was organized in New York.

In 1938, the House Un-American Activities Committee was established by Congress.

In 1940, the evacuation of Allied troops from Dunkirk, France, began during World War II.

In 1960, U.N. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge accused the Soviets of hiding a microphone inside a wood carving of the Great Seal of the United States that had been presented to the U.S. embassy in Moscow.

In 1969, the Apollo 10 astronauts returned to Earth after a successful eight-day dress rehearsal for the first manned moon landing.

In 1972, President Nixon and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev signed the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty in Moscow. (The U.S. withdrew from the treaty in 2002.)

In 1981, 14 people were killed when a Marine jet crashed onto the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz off Florida.

Ten years ago: The Supreme Court made it far more difficult for police to be sued by people hurt during high-speed chases. The Supreme Court ruled that Ellis Island — historic gateway for millions of immigrants — is mainly in New Jersey, not New York.

Five years ago: Angering hard-liners, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon declared in a speech to his Likud Party that he was determined to reach a peace deal and end 36 years of rule over the Palestinians. An airplane carrying Spanish peacekeepers returning from Afghanistan crashed in Turkey, killing all 75 people aboard.



America just one step away from disaster

I wonder how we would react if 50,000 of us got killed in one whack, as apparently has happened in the China earthquake. Or, God forbid, 121,000, which is the high estimate for the number of dead in the Myanmar cyclone.

Judging from our reaction to the terror attacks against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, which claimed 3,000 lives, I suspect we would go nuts. Back in 2001, it became Terror Week on television, so that we got to see the damage endless numbers of times. Politicians were scrambling for flag pins and trying to remember the words of the national anthem. Hardly a family pet could be buried without the TV cameras and the mayor showing up.

The president said it was our patriotic duty to spend money and then declared

world war on terrorists everywhere, even though the 9/11 attackers had nothing to do with the others.

I infuriated one of the TV talkie boys one night. I accused him of being a fear-monger because he was ranting about the ever-present menace of terrorism. I pointed out that while terrorists had killed 3,000 Americans, 17,000 had killed themselves in falls, 15,000 had been murdered by homegrown criminals and 109,000 died in accidents. He shouted and hung up.

Never let the news media set your priorities for things to worry about. They will be hopelessly wrong. Any one American's chances of being

killed by a terrorist is minuscule. The only thing you have to do to protect yourself from a bomb is be somewhere else, and in a country of 3 million square miles, the odds are that most of us will be somewhere else.

There is no worldwide network of terrorists. Al-Qaida is the only group we have to worry about, and it is small and not very influential. Hamas, Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad have no quarrel with us. Their quarrel is with Israel. Colombia's terrorists are trying to overthrow the Colombian government, and that goes for most guerrilla organizations in the world.

A sensible administration would have taken out Osama

bin Laden a long time ago. It's pretty embarrassing when you can't find a guy who is 6 feet 6 inches tall in a country where most people are short.

We need to develop some stoicism, because it is possible that we could lose a large number of people. A powerful earthquake in Los Angeles or San Francisco at rush hour could kill a good number of people. We're 30 minutes from 150 million people dead as long as nuclear missiles sit in silos in Russia and China. The most stupidly dangerous thing this administration has done is allow our relations with Russia to deteriorate. When the Russians needed our help, we tried to exploit them instead. Now they have become an energy superpower and have little or no use for us.

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ May 14
Austin American-Statesman on the arms and drug war:

Last week's killing of Mexico's top drug enforcement officer is yet another graphic illustration of the escalating stakes involved in that country's effort to rein in the drug cartels.

The illicit drug trade in Mexico is worth billions, according to a variety of binational government estimates - enough money for the traffickers to buy the best in weapons, enough to bribe or intimidate police and politicians and certainly enough to murder anyone who is a threat to the continued flow of illegal drugs through Mexico and into its principal market, the United States.

In commenting on the killing of

Edgar Eusebio Millan Gomez, the Mexico City daily El Universal declared, "We are at War."

Officials on both sides of the border insist on fighting this war conventionally - with an enforcement heavy approach that calls for more police, more equipment and more training for officers in how to use that equipment.

Last year, top officials in the United States and Mexico agreed to cooperate in the anti-drug effort. The Bush administration proposed sending \$500 million in aid - mostly for hardware and training - to help the Mexican government in its fight against the well-armed, well-financed cartels.

The initiative from a wounded administration limping toward the exits has found champions in U.S. Reps. Michael McCaul, R-Austin, and Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo.

Both acknowledged in January that the

aid package would be a hard sell to those wary of exporting dollars to Mexico, where money has a habit of disappearing.

Though some skepticism is certainly justified, given history, the effort of President Felipe Calderon's government appears focused. Moreover, McCaul is quick to note, "No money is passed at all in this thing. It's military assistance, training and equipment to help them establish the rule of law."

McCaul and other proponents of the aid also note that the Mexican drug problem is one we share, and closing our eyes and minds to it doesn't mean the problem will fix itself or go away.

If there is any good news here, it is that the brazen attack on such a high-ranking official may be an indication that the Mexican effort is getting to the drug bosses.

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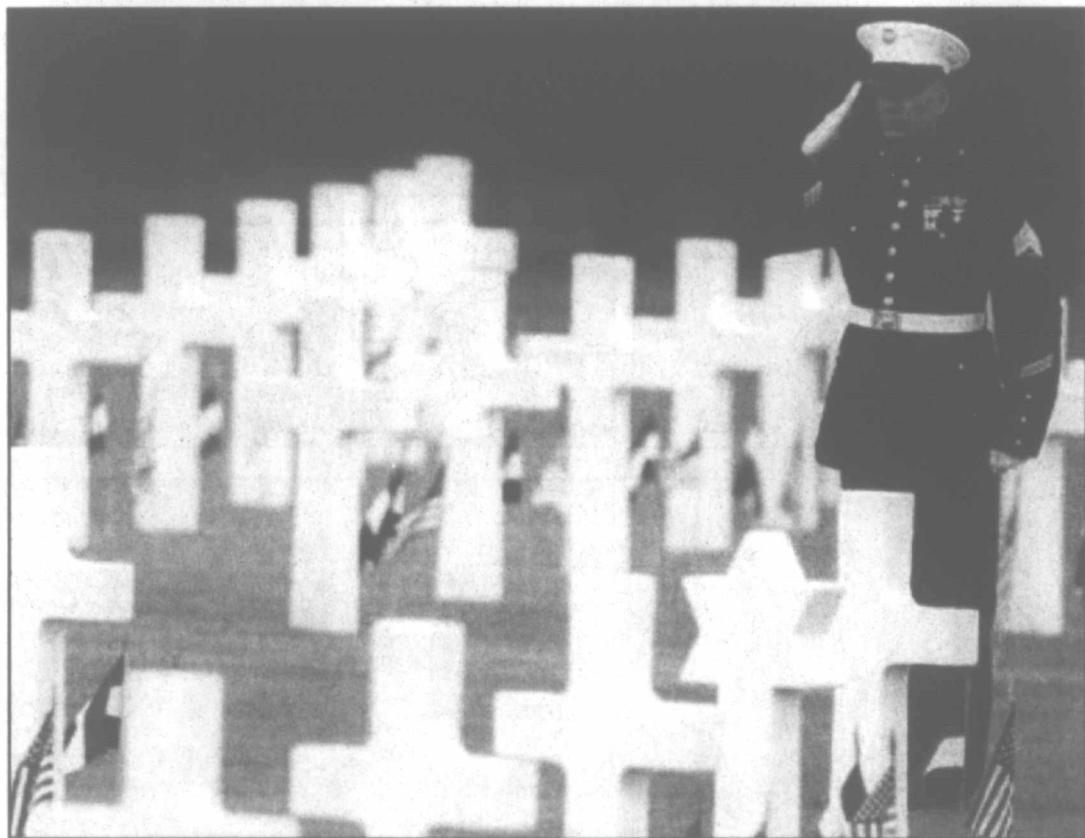
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MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Order No. 11 that:

The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.



During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern and Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Miss.; Macon, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Boalsburg, Pa.; and Carbondale, Ill.

In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day.

They chose Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. (Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11.)

Today, Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Also, it is customary for the president or vice-president to give a speech honoring the contributions of the dead and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. About 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually.

Several Southern states continue to set aside a special day for honoring the Confederate dead, which is usually called Confederate Memorial Day:

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Sports

Federer and Jankovic advance at French Open

PARIS (AP) — Roger Federer made a winning return to the French Open, the only Grand Slam title he has never won.

The top-ranked Federer beat Sam Querrey of the United States 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 Monday in the first round at Roland Garros, where the 12-time major champion is trying to become only the sixth man to complete a career Grand Slam.

Federer was broken once early in the first set, but he managed to win five times on Querrey's serve.

"Once I got settled I played a little bit more better," Federer said. "I was able to create myself a few opportunities against his serve, which was sort of good. ... Give me a few days now again to practice, and hopefully I can play a bit better the next match."

On the women's side, No. 3 Jelena Jankovic and No. 8 Venus Williams advanced. Williams joined sister Serena in the second round, but she struggled in the second set before beating Tzipora Obziler of Israel 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

"It's nice to have a quick match but it's nice to have a challenge also," said Williams, who had eight double-faults. "I'm glad at the end that I figured it out."

Federer has played well on clay this season, despite having already lost seven times this year — more than he lost in the entire season in 2004, '05 and '06.

He won his only title of the year on clay in Estoril, Portugal, when Nikolay Davydenko retired from the final with a leg injury. Federer then reached the final at the Monte Carlo Masters and the Hamburg Masters, losing both times to Rafael Nadal.

"I've played well all clay-court season long," Federer said. "Didn't have many hiccups really, and I have plenty of matches. That was my goal as well. By playing Estoril, I was hoping to get that before Paris."

Nadal, who is undefeated at Roland Garros, has also beaten Federer in the last two French Open finals and in the 2005 semifinals. He started his quest for a fourth straight French Open title against Thomaz Bellucci of Brazil.

Querrey was making his second appearance at the French Open. He also lost in the first round last year.

"He's an up and coming player who's got a good serve and big shots," Federer said.

The third-seeded Jankovic got a little love from the net to help her beat Monica Niculescu 7-6 (3), 6-2.

Leading 4-2 in the first-set tiebreaker, last year's French Open semifinalist had a drop volley hit the top of the net and roll along the tape before falling into the opposite court.

Jankovic put her hand up as if to say, "Sorry." The Serb then bent down and kissed

the white tape.

In the second set, Jankovic lost her serve after breaking her Romanian opponent in the opening game, then dominated the rest of the match.

The first set was when she had the most trouble, despite jumping out to a 3-0 lead.

"She hit quite good drop shots and I got a little bit confused, because, first of all, I didn't know her game, I didn't know how she plays, and I didn't know what to expect from her," Jankovic said. "And then I started making some errors and I lost my rhythm a little bit."

Williams led 4-1 in the second set but Obziler won five straight games to even the match. The Israeli then broke Williams in the opening game of the deciding set, but the eighth-seeded American broke back to level the score at 1-1, and then broke again to take a 3-1 lead.

After trading two more breaks, Williams won twice more on Obziler's serve.

The 27-year-old Williams, a six-time Grand Slam champion who has never won the French Open, is the oldest woman currently ranked in the top 10. Obziler, at 35, is the oldest woman in the field at Roland Garros.

Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova of Russia, the youngest person in the singles tournament at 16, reached the second round by beating Maria Emilia Salerni of Argentina 6-1, 6-1.

No. 10 Patty Schnyder, No. 12 Agnes Szavay and No. 32 Karin Knapp also advanced.

Richard Gasquet withdrew from the French Open because of a left knee injury. The eighth-seeded Frenchman pulled out shortly before he was scheduled to play Florent Serra. Santiago Giraldo of Colombia replaced Gasquet in the draw.

Florian Mayer of Germany also withdrew. Mayer, who will be replaced by Evgeny Korolev of Russia, pulled out because of gastroenteritis. Korolev will now face Fabrice Santoro in the first round.

No. 17 Marco Baghdatis, the 2006 Australian Open runner-up, lost to Simone Bolelli of Italy 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 in the first round of the men's draw.

"That's the way it is. That's tennis," said Baghdatis, who was returning to the game after more than a month off for personal reasons. "He played better than I did today."

Tommy Robredo, the 12th-seeded player, rallied to beat 2004 French Open finalist Guillermo Coria 5-7, 6-4, 6-1, 6-4 on center court.

Coria, who served a seven-month doping ban in 2001-02, was playing at Roland Garros for the first time in three years. He missed much of the past two seasons with a right shoulder injury and had played in only four tour-level events since the 2006 U.S. Open.



Photos by Julie Ann Thompson

Above, Corey Chidester of Austin gives it all he's got as he approaches the finish line in the 400 meter run. Below, from left to right, Aaron Arreola of Wilson, Solon Wilson of Austin and Tyler Whitson of Austin come around the last curve in the 4th grade 400 meter run. Arreola took first in the event.



Jason Taylor shouldn't quit his day job

Bill Parcells just doesn't get it.

He's mad at Jason Taylor, so mad that it's likely the best player on the woeful Miami Dolphins won't be a Dolphin much longer. So mad that he watched game film instead of watching Taylor in the finals of "Dancing With the Stars."

Not that he missed a lot. Kristi Yamaguchi had this one wrapped up from her opening tango.

Most of Taylor's teammates probably weren't watching, either. They were in bed early so they could be up early for practice the next day that was voluntary in name only.

Unlike Parcells, though, they probably got it.

They know that football careers can be short. They understand that partying with the stars and seeing yourself on the screen is just as satisfying as sacking the opposing quarterback.

That's why Terrell Owens was turning on every television set in his house the other day for his appearance on the sitcom "Under One Roof."

"I think I surprised a lot of people with my performance," T.O. said. "For me, I feel like I can act. That's what I want to do."

So does Taylor, who, fresh off his evening network debut jetted to New York for the morning talk shows, then back to Tinseltown for meetings with movie executives.

While his teammates sweated and Parcells stewed, Taylor was doing lunch in Beverly Hills and having his people call someone else's people to make him even bigger in movies than he is on the football field.

But he may think twice about quitting his day job, even if he can do a mambo and fox trot with the best of them.

The road to the Oscars is littered with the carcasses of former athletes who thought Hollywood would be theirs, as anyone who watched Shaquille O'Neal as the genie in "Kazaam" can certainly attest. Fellow big man Kareem Abdul-Jabbar fared better as the pilot in "Airplane," but at 7-foot-2 it's hard not to be typecast.

The two centers were among the luckier basketball players, most of whom end up playing themselves in one-and-off movies like Michael Jordan and Patrick Ewing in "Space Jam" or Jason Kidd and Steve Nash in "Like Mike."

Athletes have been trying to break into Hollywood since English Channel conquerer Gertrude Ederle appeared in the silent film "Swim, Girl, Swim," in 1927. Ederle's 1924 Olympic teammate, Johnny Weissmuller, later became more famous for being Tarzan than anything he did in the water.

Taylor can take heart that

at least some football players can carry their Screen Actors Guild cards without fear of embarrassment. Jim Brown announced his retirement at the same time he was filming the "Dirty Dozen." Merlin Olsen was a star in "Little House on the Prairie," and O.J. Simpson had a bit of a career before some other things got in his way.

Brian Bosworth was a forgettable flop on the field, although he did OK for himself in a series of films. And who can forget Alex Karras, who not only starred in "Webster" but appeared in numerous films, including "Blazing Saddles" where he played Mongo, the horse-slugging ogre with a surprisingly sensitive side.

"Mongo only pawn in game of life," a philosophical Mongo said.

Most of the time, though, it's best to leave the acting to real actors. Muhammad Ali had the most photogenic and recognizable face of his time, but his career in pictures didn't last long beyond his role as a slave in 1979's "Freedom Road."

Sometimes it works both ways. Will Smith played The Greatest in "Ali," but it turned out he wasn't so great at it.

And anyone who ever saw Sandy Koufax playing himself on "Mister Ed" or Don Drysdale teaching Greg Brady how to throw a pitch

on the "Brady Bunch" will forever be grateful that the two never made it to the big screen in "Winning Shot," a film that starred David Janssen and also featured the likes of Carroll O'Connor and Joan Collins.

Like Taylor, the two were in a dispute with their team, holding out in 1966 for new contracts with the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Dodgers had just won the World Series for the second time in three years, Koufax and Drysdale had won 49 games between them, and they decided to hold out together for three-year contracts worth \$500,000 each.

The Dodgers, of course, weren't about to pay such an exorbitant sum, even when Koufax and Drysdale said they would become actors. They were pictured in director's chairs on the set, and filming was to begin April 11, not coincidentally the day before opening day.

"Let's wish the boys well," general manager Buzzie Bavasi said. "They've been darn good Dodgers and we can't blame them if they can improve their future, even if it takes them out of baseball. There is no sense in negotiating further."

The money's a lot bigger now. But strained relations between teams and athletes haven't changed much.

ACC leads field in baseball regionals

Top-ranked North Carolina, the two-time College World Series runner-up, was one of four Atlantic Coast Conference schools selected Sunday as regional hosts for the NCAA tournament.

The Tar Heels, who lost to Oregon State in the championship game in Omaha the past two years, join conference champion Miami, Florida State and North Carolina State as ACC hosts. Each of the 16 host schools are guaranteed berths in the 64-team tournament, which starts Friday. The rest of the field, including the top eight national seeds, will be announced Monday.

The Seminoles are hosting for the 27th time, while the Hurricanes, who could move to No. 1 in the national polls Monday after winning the ACC tournament, are hosting for the 22nd time.

Nature

Lethal storms leave 8 dead

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Powerful storms packing large hail, heavy rain and tornadoes made for a deadly Memorial Day weekend across the nation's midsection, killing at least seven people in Iowa and a 2-year-old child in Minnesota.

Iowa Homeland Security administrator Dave Miller said seven people were killed Sunday by a tornado in northeast Iowa — five from Parkersburg, a town of about 1,000 some 80 miles northeast of Des Moines — and two from nearby New Hartford. At least 50 injuries were reported.

"Occasionally we have a death but we have warning system. Seven deaths. It's been a long time since we've had those kinds of injuries and deaths reported," Miller said.

Witnesses reported parts of Parkersburg — particularly the town's south side — were reduced to rubble, including most of the town's high school and homes. In the Des Moines area, there was heavy rain and lightning Sunday night with wind gusts of 70 mph.

Iowa Gov. Chet Culver issued a disaster proclamation for Black Hawk, Buchanan and Butler counties, a move that helps coordination between state and local authorities.

The storms came after three days of violent weather across the nation. Rural Oklahoma was battered Saturday and storms in Kansas a day earlier killed at least two people there.

Tim Halback, of the National Weather Service, in Romeoville, Ill., said the storms are the result of a massive warm system that had been centered over the southern and western great Plains several days ago. When it began moving northward into Minnesota and Canada, a cold high followed in its wake, sparking severe storms.

The hazy weather now stretches from northwestern Minnesota and western Iowa

into western Kansas, and was expected to move eastward across Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana later Monday.

Severe thunderstorm warnings were issued early Monday for Cook County in northeast Minnesota, and three counties in Missouri: Osage, Gasconade and Montgomery.

At least 20 people were unaccounted for Sunday in Minnesota after a swift storm blew through the St. Paul suburb of Hugo, damaging about four dozen homes, City Administrator Mike Ericson said.

A 2-year-old child was killed and the child's sibling was critically injured, Washington County Sheriff Bill Hutton said. The children's parents also were hospitalized with injuries sustained in the family home.

"It's horrible," Ericson said. "The citizens are very shook and scared." Gov. Tim Pawlenty announced plans to meet with city officials and tour the storm-ravaged city on Monday.

Roughly 300 to 400 homes were evacuated in the storm-damaged area because of concerns over hazards including downed power lines and leaky gas lines, Ericson said.

The city set up a shelter at an elementary school, but American Red Cross spokeswoman Courtney Johnson said all but one of the families was able to find a place to stay with friends or relatives.

Hugo Public Works Director Chris Petree said his family took shelter in the basement before the storm lifted his house off the ground and completely wiped out the second floor.

"I put my daughter down first, my wife on top of her and then I bear-hugged on top of them," Petree said.

As he huddled in his basement against a foundation wall with his wife and 2 1/2-year-old daughter, Petree said they heard the thunderous sound of their house coming off the ground.

AG NEWS

Precision water system built into sprinkler booms

By DON COMIS
ARS News

A system that turns irrigation water on and off automatically based on leaf temperature is being developed by Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and colleagues in Texas.

Evet, a soil scientist at Bushland, Texas, and cooperators are developing time-temperature threshold (TTT) technology that is based in part on a discovery by Evett's colleagues at Lubbock, Texas, that plants grow best at certain narrow temperature ranges that vary by crop species.

Later developments by Evett and his colleagues led to invention of an irrigation control system that uses feedback from the crop, in terms of leaf temperatures, to control irrigation and crop water use efficiency.

Evet's colleague Susan O'Shaughnessy, an agricultural engineer at the ARS Soil and Water Management Research Unit at Bushland, has developed wireless infrared thermometers

► Agricultural engineers Susan O'Shaughnessy and Nolan Clark adjust the field of view for wireless infrared thermometers mounted on a center pivot irrigation system. The wireless sensors are used to measure crop canopy temperature for indications of water stress.

mounted on center pivot irrigation arms as well as in the field. She is also integrating sensors that can help determine whether to skip watering parts of a field because plants are suffering from disease rather than drought or because no plants have survived in that part of the field.

Ultimately, she and Evett will seek a cooperative research and development agreement with a

center pivot manufacturing company that can build the sensors and control system into their equipment.

This research is part of the Ogallala Aquifer Program started in 2004, a partnership between ARS and the Ogallala region's universities. The Ogallala Aquifer underlies eight states from Texas to South Dakota and is one of the world's major aquifers.

The goal of the Ogallala Aquifer Program is to protect the towns and their livelihoods, including agricultural industries, by stopping the depletion of the aquifer.

Water availability is key to farming in the Ogallala region. Automated irrigation systems are seen as one major way to move towards sustainable use of the aquifer because they can reduce water use while enhancing profitability due to the reduction in pumping costs.

Later developments ... led to invention of an irrigation control system that uses feedback from the crop ... to control irrigation and crop water use efficiency.

Read more about the research in the April 2008 issue of Agricultural Research magazine.

ARS is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief scientific research agency.



Courtesy Photo by Peggy Greb

'Indiana Jones' unearths box office gold

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Indiana Jones unearthed box office gold at domestic theaters with a performance that puts the film on track to become the second biggest Memorial Day movie opening ever, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The fourth installment of the whip-cracking professor's exploits, "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull," grossed an estimated \$101 million from Friday to Sunday, plus \$25 million from its opening Thursday, distributor Paramount Pictures said. The company expects it to earn another \$25 million on Monday.

That would put it behind only "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End," which had a Friday-through-Monday total of \$139.8 million, in the pantheon of Memorial Day weekend blockbusters.

Including Thursday's receipts, "Indiana Jones" was expected to collect \$151 million over five days, slightly behind "Pirates," which took in \$153 million with a partial Thursday included.

"Indiana Jones" did incredibly well for a film that comes 19 years after the previous installment," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of tracking

firm Media By Numbers LLC.

The adventure flick received a lackluster reception from critics at the Cannes Film Festival, but audiences thought otherwise.

Box office estimates grew from \$25 million on its opening Thursday through \$37 million on Saturday, suggesting strong word of mouth, Dergarabedian said.

"This is the definition of a summer movie from two of the architects of the summer movie season — George Lucas and Steven Spielberg," he said. "These guys have it down to a science and audiences want to go along for that ride."

The first three Indy movies took in \$1.2 billion worldwide.

Disney's action sequel, "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian," slipped to second place with \$23 million, for a total of \$91.1 million over two weeks. The company expected the movie to continue to play well as school lets out.

"Once you start getting the mass number of kids out of school, it turns into some serious money," said Chuck Viane, president of distribution for Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures.

Marvel Studios' "Iron Man" clinched another \$20.1 million, bringing its

domestic total to \$252.3 million. A sequel is set for release in 2010.

The 20th Century Fox comedy, "What Happens in Vegas," continued to roll with \$9 million in its third week, for a total of \$54.2 million.

Fox senior vice president Bert Livingstone said high gas prices were encouraging people to see movies rather than take long trips away from home.

"This is the last great bargain," Livingstone said.

But movie receipts were about 16 percent smaller than last year's Memorial Day weekend, and revenue for the year to date is down nearly 4 percent at \$3.3 billion, with attendance off nearly 7 percent.

By this time last year, there were seven movies that grossed over \$100 million: "Pirates," "Shrek the Third," "Spider-Man 3," "300," "Wild Hogs," "Blades of Glory" and "Ghost Rider," according to Media By Numbers. This year, there are only three: "Iron Man," "Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!" and "Indiana Jones."

"It's no wonder that we're down in terms of revenues and attendance," Dergarabedian said. "You don't get out of a deficit like this overnight."

Last known WWI vet honored on holiday

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Frank Woodruff Buckles, the last known living American-born veteran of World War I, was honored Sunday at the Liberty Memorial during Memorial Day weekend celebrations.

"I had a feeling of longevity and that I might be among those who survived, but I didn't know I'd be the No. 1," the 107-year-old veteran said at a ceremony to unveil his portrait.

His photograph was hung in the main hallway of the National World War I Museum, which he toured for the first time, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States presented him with a gold medal of merit.

On Monday, he will be presented the American flag flying outside the memorial.

Buckles, who now lives in Charles Town, W.Va., has been an invited guest at the Pentagon, met with President Bush in Washington, D.C., and rode in the annual Armed Forces Day

Parade in his home state since his status as one of the last living from the "Great War" was discovered nearly two years ago.

Federal officials have also arranged for his burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

Born in Missouri in 1901 and raised in Oklahoma, Buckles visited a string of military recruiters after the United States entered the "war to end all wars" in April 1917.

He was rejected by the Marines and the Navy, but eventually persuaded an Army captain he was 18 and enlisted, convincing him Missouri didn't keep public records of birth.

Buckles sailed for England in 1917 on the Carpathia, which is known for its rescue of Titanic survivors, and spent his tour of duty working mainly as a driver and a warehouse clerk in Germany and France. He rose to the rank of corporal and after Armistice Day he helped return prisoners of war to Germany.

NASA craft lands on Mars

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — A NASA spacecraft plunged into the atmosphere of Mars and successfully landed in the Red Planet's northern polar region on Sunday, where it will begin 90 days of digging in the permafrost to look for evidence of the building blocks of life.

Cheers swept through mission control at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory when the touchdown signal from the Phoenix Mars Lander was detected after a nailbiting descent. Engineers and scientists hugged and high-fived one another.

"In my dreams it couldn't have gone as perfectly as it went," project manager Barry Goldstein said. "It went right down the middle."

Among Phoenix's first tasks were to check its power supply and the health of its science instruments, and unfurl its solar panels after the dust settled. Mission managers said there would be a two-hour blackout period as Phoenix conducted the checks while out of view from Earth.

Phoenix plunged into the Martian atmosphere at more than 12,000 mph after a 10-month, 422 million-mile voyage through space.

It performed a choreographed dance that included unfurling its parachute, shedding its heat shield and backshell, and firing thrusters to slow to a 5 mph touchdown. The radio signal confirming the landing came at 4:53 p.m. PDT.

"Touchdown detected!! We're on the surface of Mars and there is celebration in Mission Control!!" JPL engineer Brent Shockley blogged from inside mission control.

It's the first successful soft landing on Mars since the twin Viking landers touched down in 1976. NASA's twin rovers, which successfully landed on Mars four years ago, used a combination of parachutes and cushioned air bags to bounce to the surface.

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OTHER AREAS		Outside Pampa City Limits	
640 Acres Magic City	\$740,000		
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Penny Party



Courtesy Photo

Mrs. Tami Freelen's class at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School were the recent second place winners of the "Million Penny Campaign for CASA of the High Plains." Above: Aaron Arreola, Colton Collins, Raul Cortez, Andrea Cotter, Autumn Dencklau, Gage Foshee, Jesus Holguin, Ian Hyde, David Leshner, Madison Lewis, Ryan Lucio, Ricardo Mejia, Gabriela Perez, Amanda Ramirez, Cameron Schaub, Travis Stevens, Marissa Vaquera, Erik Vizcaino, Bobby Willhite and Marcella Wilson.

Cox

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put a round right between Baker's eyes.

Having waived an examining trial, Newman eventually gained release from the county jail in Del Rio on \$3000 bond. Though it escaped the attention of at least the Dallas newspaper, Newman apparently won acquittal in the killing, probably on the grounds of self-defense.

A little more than a year after the Comstock shooting, newspapers readers learned that west-bound SP passenger train No. 20 had been robbed around midnight on Dec. 20, 1896, near Cow Creek less than a mile west of Comstock.

After gaining everyone's attention with the firing of numerous pistol rounds, three men tied up the train crew and took about \$70 from what railroad express officials referred to as a "local" safe. The robbers had been unable to open a larger, trans-continental safe equipped with a timer lock.

The robbers rode off "to the hills" and the train continued its run. As soon as word of the holdup reached the sheriff, he formed a posse and took up the trail. The next day several Texas Rangers also rode out in search of the outlaws.

Thanks to ranger Thalys Cook, an expert tracker, the state lawmen made short work of the case. By Dec. 27, they had four men in custody: Newman, Frank Gobble, Alex Purviance and Rollie Shackelford.

Justice moved quickly in those days. The following March, Purviance, described as in "a dying condition with consumption [TB]" entered a plea of guilty and got five years. A month later Shackelford also copped a plea for five years. What happened to Gobble's case seems not to have made the public prints, but on Oct. 26, 1897, Newman got acquitted.

Having beaten the rap twice, Newman apparently saw no need to reform. But his good fortune would not hold the next time he got in trouble.

The story continues next week.

Reese

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Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin proved to be a smarter man and a better leader than George W. Bush. Russia's economy is booming; ours is in decline. Russia is energy-independent; we are desperately

dependent on energy imports. Russia's power and influence are on the rise; ours are in decline. That's what happens when we vote jivial dullards into office who surround themselves with ideologues. Other than throw out a couple of baseballs, what has Bush done right? I can't think of anything.

I'm not excited about any of the possible replacements.

I just pray that whichever one it is will have more brains and less arrogance than the present occupant. Forgive me for sounding cynical, but I've been listening to politicians promise to solve these same problems for 40 years, and the problems have all gotten worse, not better.

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

Drugs

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Jorge Chabat, a professor and security analyst in Mexico, notes that the killing of Millan is a sign that the cartels' "daily operations have been seriously hurt by the authorities, to the point that even their cash flow is affected. This killing is intended as a warning. It's the only explanation for such a brazen action."

There are those - including a number of former U.S. law enforcement officers, sociologists and physicians - who call for legalizing drugs. That approach, however, has yet to find traction in Congress or state legislatures and isn't likely to find any in the foreseeable future.

Given that legalization is not really an option, policy makers will have to soldier on, and that means money for weaponry with which to fight.

The aid package might not appeal to either critics of the drug war or critics of the aid package, but denying the funding solves nothing. A full and honest debate on all options - including legalization - would be refreshing, but it isn't at all likely any time soon.

Meanwhile, the wolf is at the door, and he's hungry. URL: <http://www.statesman.com>

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