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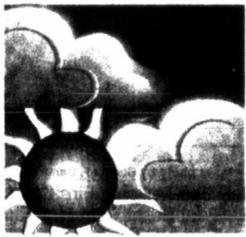
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PAMPA - Splash Day at the city swimming pools will be held Saturday, May 31, signaling the official opening of the pools for the summer.

Regular pool hours will begin Monday, June 2. M. K. Brown Municipal Swimming Pool hours are 1 to 6 p.m. and is \$1 per person. Family nights are Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Marcus Sanders Pool will be open from 12 to 6 p.m. daily. The cost is 50 cents per person. Children 8 years old and younger will be allowed into both pools free of charge when accompanied by an adult.

Season passes are also available for access to both pools at \$12 for 10 visits, individual season passes for \$37.50 or family season passes at \$75.

PAMPA - The Gold Wing Road Riders, Texas Region H, Chapter "H-2," will be sponsoring the Historical Route 66 Poker Run on Saturday, May 31, at Recreation Park.

All motorcyclists are welcome to participate in the run. Registration will be from 8-10 a.m. Saturday morning at City Lake, with the first bike out at 9 a.m. and the last at 10 a.m. Awards presentation will be at 5 p.m. at Recreation Park.

Cost is \$12 per person, with four pins to be given to the first 100 to register.

For more information, call Jackie or Marlene Shaw at 669-7187 or Steve or Patti Carpenter at 665-2941.

PAMPA - With Memorial Day being observed Monday, city, county, state and federal offices will be closed with the exception of emergency services such as police and fire.

Banks and other financial institutions also will be observing an official business holiday.

While many stores will be closed for the holiday, others will be open for special sales.

There will be no residential or business mail delivery, but the Post Office will be open for box patrons. Regular mail delivery will resume Tuesday.

The Pampa News business and advertising offices will be closed, with regular hours resuming on Tuesday morning. The newspaper will be published Monday morning and delivered in the early afternoon.

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Lawmakers declare tax cut effort dead

AUSTIN (AP) - An effort to lower local school property taxes by raising some state taxes is dead, its chief sponsors and Gov. George W. Bush announced Saturday.

"There is simply not a plan - and we're tried every plan - that we can put before both chambers of this Legislature and secure enough votes," said Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson.

Bush said it would take a tax revolt or court crisis to force action.

"It's going to take people marching on this Capitol saying they've had enough of high property taxes, or it will take a court order saying that the school funding system does not meet a constitutional test," he said.

Sadler headed the House committee that wrote that chamber's tax plan. It would have cut local school property taxes by \$5 billion every two years. To pay for the cuts, the plan would have raised about \$4 billion in new and expanded state taxes.

A Senate proposal would have cut property taxes by about \$2.5 billion every two years. It would have raised about \$1 billion to pay for the cuts.

Both plans would have relied on money left over from the last two-year state budget and other state funds to make up the difference.

Sen. Ken Armbrister, a lead negotiator in the effort, said lawmakers simply couldn't come to a middle ground on the size of the plan.

"Money," he said when asked what doomed the idea.

As late as Saturday afternoon, Bush huddled with lawmakers and leaders of both chambers. But a Bush-backed plan that would have cut property taxes by about \$4 billion was quickly shot down.

Rep. Mark Stiles, a member of the House-Senate committee that worked to find a compromise plan, said copies of Bush's proposal were circulated to lobbyists by people who wanted the entire effort to fail.

"The forces of the dark side and evil are working hard," said Stiles, D-Beaumont, just before the proposal was declared dead.

The legislative session, which began on Jan. 14 and ends June 2, has been consumed by the tax plan.

Armbrister, D-Victoria, said lawmakers will continue looking

at the issue before meeting again in regular session in 1999.

"It was in fact a learning curve on what the future of Texas looks like," he said of the session's most-watched effort.

Bush said he it would do no good to call a special session on the issue.

The Republican governor began urging lower local school property taxes more than a year ago, and it became the defining issue of his legislative agenda. He said property taxes are rising at alarming rates and are hurting Texans' ability to buy and keep their homes.

Still hoping to salvage something from the effort, Bush is proposing to use the \$1 billion in money left over from the last budget to cut school property taxes by giving Texans a larger homestead exemption. There also is time to pass related initiatives, such as reform of the property appraisal process, he said.

Bush added that the larger effort shouldn't be characterized as one in which he was rebuffed by the Legislature. Republicans control the Senate, while Democrats have a House majority.

Phone service legislation on its way to Bush

AUSTIN (AP) - Phone customers angered by companies that take over their phone service without permission will have recourse under a bill on its way to the governor.

The Texas House approved the measure late Friday without debate or dissent.

The bill, by Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, would allow the Public Utility Commission to fine a company up to \$5,000 a day for each violation. If the violations occur repeatedly, the commission could revoke the company's right to do business in Texas.

Already, federal law bars a change without written authorization, a practice known as "slamming." Putting the ban into state law, however, would allow consumers to go to the state regulatory agency rather than the Federal Communications Commission or the state attorney general's office.

Barrientos introduced the bill after his private line at the Capitol was slammed by a long-distance company.

Rep. Debra Danburg, D-Houston, who sponsored the bill in the House, said it was needed because "when (slamming) happens it really angers people."

Although slamming arose from the heated competition among long-distance companies, the bill applies to both local and long-distance service. Though there is little competition in local telephone service yet, it is expected to increase over the next few years.

If the governor signs the bill into law, the Public Utility Commission would have to adopt rules by Nov. 1.

Memorial Day tribute



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657 outgoing post commander Tom Adams and incoming commander John Chaney make time at the Gray County Veterans Memorial to pay tribute to all those who served this country during war years. More than 3,000 names of soldiers who serve in the military are listed on the bricks leading up to the memorial in Memorial Park. The VFW members, assisted by local 4-H youth, will be placing flags on the graves of veterans at the Pampa cemeteries Monday morning and later will have a memorial service in Memorial Park at 10:30 a.m., with the public invited to attend.

5,000 newly naturalized to lose citizenship

WASHINGTON (AP) - The federal government will move to strip the citizenship of nearly 5,000 people who were wrongly naturalized during last year's citizenship rush, immigration officials said.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has been under heavy fire for sloppy citizenship procedures that allowed some 180,000 foreigners to become Americans last year without complete criminal background checks. An audit whose findings were

released to Congress on Friday found that 16,400 of the new citizens had at least one felony arrest.

Arrest or conviction, even for a felony, is not an automatic bar to citizenship. But the audit, which is nearly complete, found 4,946 cases in which a criminal arrest should have resulted in a denial of citizenship or where the applicant misrepresented their criminal history.

Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, chairman of the House Judiciary

subcommittee on immigration, who has been a persistent critic of the INS citizenship program, applauded the agency for "making good progress" in tracking down those who were wrongly naturalized.

"The big question is, 'Is the INS going to be successful in correcting their mistakes, are they going to be successful in denaturalizing these roughly 5,000 individuals who were wrongly made citizens?'" he asked.

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(Pampa News photo by Laura Haley)

Skate boarding may be a recreational past time, but these teens are having problems finding places to pursue their sport in the city of Pampa. Pictured above is back row, Holly Brooks and Justin Nelson. On the front row is Dakota Defertiller and Bobby Venal.

Pampa teens seek place to enjoy their skateboarding skills

By LAURA HALEY
Staff Writer

Dakota Defertiller, 17, is just looking for a place to pursue one of his favorite past times - skate boarding.

He and several of his friends have been kicked off many private drives and businesses for participating in their sport on the private property. Each time, these teens are told the same thing: find somewhere else to skate.

And, as the places to skate board around town are becoming limited, Defertiller and a few other teenagers actively involved in the sport have decided to address their predicament to the city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Defertiller and 17-year-old Matt Haesle both introduced their problem to the advisory board members during the May 1 regular meeting. At that time, they were encouraged to bring back a detailed plan of the type of area they would want and a location for the site.

After returning at the regular meeting last Thursday, Defertiller and another teen, Justin Nelson, walked out with the feeling that they were to pursue other options.

Although most members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board seemed truly interested in a skate boarding area, the funds to provide such an area are not available at this time. Other problems mentioned would be to find a location for the area, provide lighting, storage space for ramps and other various equipment, and the park curfew of 11 p.m.

Although Defertiller agreed to a 11 p.m. curfew and told board members he and his friends would provide the ramps and other equipment to be used at a skate boarding area, the issue of cost for the concrete or asphalt surface and lighting remained the largest issue.

A location could definitely be

found within the city parks that isn't currently being used, but it could be a few years before any funds could be set aside for the project.

Defertiller and his friends aren't asking for a large area, only a space about the size of about two tennis courts. Half of the space could be used for roller hockey while the other half is used for skate boarding. The cost associated with such an area, however, could range anywhere from \$4,000 to \$8,000 depending on the size of the area.

Liability issues were also discussed although it did not appear to present much of a problem. Reed Kirkpatrick, parks director, discussed the issue of liability with the Amarillo parks director. In Amarillo, skate boarding is allowed in an area of Elwood Park, located off Eighth Street.

Kirkpatrick said that he was told the city of Amarillo had not had any problems concerning injuries while skate boarding in the city park. He also brought up the point that all activities in city parks carry a certain amount of liability.

Despite the board's obvious approval of the opinions and ideas expressed by Defertiller and his friends, they encouraged him to find another alternative to the city, such as purchasing an empty lot and beginning a skate boarding association.

However, teenagers often do not have the resources for such a purchase. Realizing this, board members also suggested the teens raise funds for the project, suggesting the city could possibly match these funds in the future.

No vote was taken on the item, but Defertiller was encouraged to further explore his options with the help of local residents.

"I feel very strongly about this and I would like to see something like this happen," said board member William McCarley.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

HODGES, Una Jewel — 2 p.m., Christian Center Church, Wheeler.
REDDING, Don W. — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Allison United Methodist Church, Allison.

Obituaries

UNA JEWEL HODGES

WHEELER — Una Jewel Hodges, 69, of Wheeler, died Friday, May 23, 1997, at Parkview Hospital in Wheeler. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Christian Center Church with the Rev. Vic Porter, pastor, and the Rev. B.A. Hyatt of Lubbock officiating. Burial will be in Mulberry Cemetery near Sweetwater, Okla., under the direction of Wright Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hodges was born Nov. 19, 1927, in Wheeler to Claude and Gracie Jewel Bolton Mize. She married John Charles Hodges on Aug. 21, 1969, at Liberal, Kan.; he died on May 27, 1973. While Mrs. Hodges lived in Wheeler, she was employed as a cook in the Nicholson Hospital and later worked as a waitress. She later moved to Sayre, Okla., where she lived in Concept Housing. She returned to Wheeler from Sayre in 1992. She was a member of the Christian Center Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Paula Sue Jones of Wheeler, a stepson, Bill Hodges of San Jose, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Jenny Carol of San Jose; a sister, Ruth Dawson of Amarillo; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; 55 nieces and nephews; 27 great-nieces and great-nephews; and four great-great-nieces and -nephews.

The family requests memorials be to Parkview Home Health Agency or to a favorite charity.

MILDRED MAE ROSE BOWERS JONES

MILDRED MAE ROSE BOWERS JONES, died Friday, May 23, 1997, at Panhandle. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whitely Colonial Chapel with Leonard Harper, minister of the Church of Christ of Crosbyton, officiating. Burial will be in Groom Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors of Pampa. Graveside rites will be performed courtesy of Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #65 of Pampa.

Mrs. Jones was born April 3, 1911, in Sulphur, Okla. She had been a Pampa resident most of her life. She married James Lewis Bowers in 1926; he died in 1952. She later married Alvin Lester Jones; he died in 1994. She was a licensed vocational nurse at Highland General Hospital from the time of its opening until retiring in 1975. She was a member of Central Baptist Church of Pampa, Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #65 and Retired Nurse's Auxiliary and was a former member of Lace and Leather Riding Club.

She was preceded in death by a son, James Bowers, in 1984, and by a grandson, Kevin Bowers, in 1993.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Leona and J.W. Stamps of Panhandle; a daughter-in-law, Hester Bowers of Phoenix, Ariz.; a brother, Bobby Audrey Rose of Norman, Okla.; four grandchildren and their spouses, Gaylon and Pat Stamps, Ann and Gary Beddingfield, Adela and Clyde Ketchum and Justin and Mary Glenn Bowers; 15 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center in Amarillo.

DON W. REDDING

WHEELER — Don W. Redding died Thursday, May 22, 1997, at Amarillo. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Allison United Methodist Church at Allison with the Rev. Bill Wilson officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Redding was born at Terrell. He married Josephine McDonald in 1941 at Albuquerque, N.M. He had been a longtime Springer, N.M., resident, moving to Wheeler two months ago. He was a rancher and was involved in the construction business. He was a former member of New Mexico Mounted Patrol.

Survivors include his wife, Josephine; a daughter, Susan Redding of Canadian; a son, Joel Redding of Helena, Mont.; and three grandchildren.

The body will not be available for viewing.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, May 23

10:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of South Russell on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

7:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Brunow on a trauma. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

8:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of Lea on a medical assist. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

SATURDAY, May 24

12:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to 2100 block of North Zimmers on a motor vehicle accident. Two patients were transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests for the 40-hour period ending at 3 p.m. today.

FRIDAY, May 23

A disorderly conduct by fighting was reported at 111 E. Harvester. Two juveniles were arrested. A theft over \$50 was reported at 111 E. Harvester. Two \$100 bills were taken from a coaches office.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of West Randy Matson Avenue. Various electronics valued at \$300 were stolen.

A report of a suspect evading arrest and detention was reported in the 400 block of Hughes.

SATURDAY, May 24

Disorderly conduct, shots fired, was reported at Henry and Gordon streets. No one was arrested.

An assault or domestic violence was reported in the 2100 block of Williston. No injuries were reported.

A forgery was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson. Three checks for \$90 were written on a closed account.

A hit and run was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. A red and white F-150 pickup damaged a 1970 Plymouth Valiant.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests for the 40-hour period ending at 3 p.m. today.

FRIDAY, May 23

Arrests

Willie Boyd Ballard, 25, 1145 Varnon Dr., was arrested on a charge of violation of probation for delivery of a controlled substance. He remains in custody.

George Larry Ingram, 56, 2320 Cherokee, was arrested on a charge of violation of probation for possession of controlled substance. He was released on bond.

Rachael Leal, 41, 1101 Juniper, was arrested on a charge of theft by check. She bonded out.

Johnnie Lee Brookshire, 33, 734 E. Campbell, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct. He remains in custody.

Jerry Lee Cooper, 39, 320 S. Houston, was arrested on a charge of issuance of bad checks. He remains in custody.

Samuel Eugene Woods, 54, Burlington, N.C., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana over 50 pounds less than 2,000. He remains in custody.

Katherine Kay Lessard, 21, 1130 Christine, was arrested on a charge of evading detention from Randall County. He remains in custody.

Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.

TRALEE CRISIS GROUP COUNSELING

Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler, is offering group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Klempeter, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Preschool story hour will be held at Lovett Memorial Library 10 to 11 a.m. each Tuesday. Children ages three to five are welcome.

VFW CHARITY BINGO

The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Warren Chisum's Office, 100 N. Price Road. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

AMARILLO INVENTORS ASSN.

The Amarillo Inventors Association will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, in the Presidents Room, lower level of Boatman's First National Bank, 8th and Tyler in Amarillo. There will be important updated information on patent legislation. All members are urged to attend. This will be the last meeting until Sept. 30.

Fires

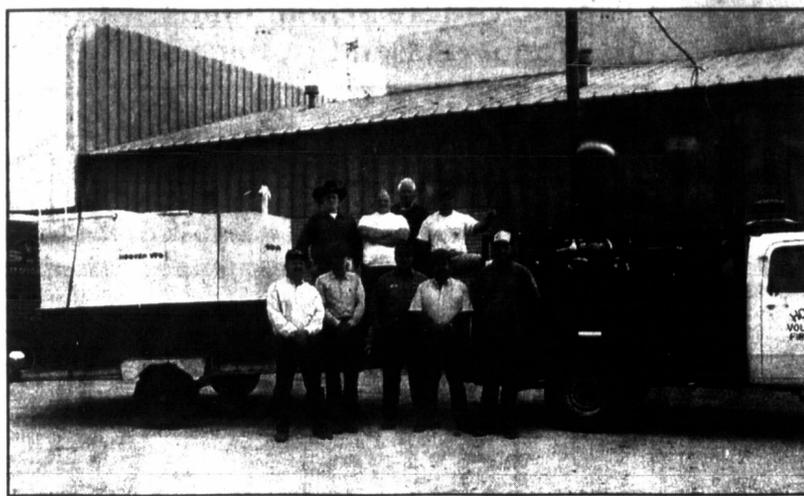
The Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls for the 40-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

SATURDAY, May 24

12:15 a.m. — Three units and six personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 2100 block of Zimmers.

12:25 p.m. — Three units and eight personnel responded to a false alarm at 620 Powell.

Hoover VFD fund raiser



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Members of the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department — Kelly Randall, Joe Millican, Fire Chief John Cheshire, Dean Linder, Kevin Cheshire, Brandon Campbell, Paul Budd, Tom Hoover and Chris Didway — prepare the 6-8 person storm shelter to be raffled off. The shelter will be raffled on June 10, with free installation inside Gray County. Raffle tickets may be purchased from any Hoover Volunteer firefighter, John Deere, Mojave Petroleum, Chez Tanz, Subway or Dobson Cellular for \$10. The Hoover Volunteer Fire Department is a Gray County emergency responder. The funds raised in the raffle will go to rig out a new truck.

Ramsey family house may be tough to sell

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Once a 15-bedroom dream house, the Ramsey mansion has turned into a desolate property shrouded by a little girl's slaying.

The \$800,000 house sits empty in its upscale neighborhood about a mile west of the University of Colorado campus. It has been that way since 6-year-old JonBenet was found strangled in the basement on Dec. 26.

The Tudor home hasn't been put on the market, but JonBenet's

mother has said she'll never again live within its walls. Broker Joel Ripmaster, who's representing the Ramseys, has refused to comment on a possible sale.

But the pool of prospective buyers for the home may be close to the number of suspects arrested. Zero.

"Given those facts, in my mind and most people's minds — particularly the people who have that kind of money — you're talking about a repugnant situation,"

said California-based real estate appraiser Randall Bell. "I know the people that have that kind of money. They're not the kind of people who want to associate themselves with that kind of situation."

Bell helped sell the mansion where Charles Manson followers killed Sharon Tate as well as the home of serial killer Ted Bundy. He currently is working to sell the \$1.5 million mansion rented by the Heaven's Gate cult.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Today, cloudy early, then partly cloudy with less than 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in mid 80s with southwesterly winds 15-25 mph and gusty.

Tonight, partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in upper 50s. Memorial Day, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms and a high in the mid 80s. Saturday morning's low was 55. Pampa received 0.41 inch of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. Saturday.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Today, low clouds early, then partly cloudy with highs from around 80 to mid 80s. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Tonight, partly cloudy with chance of thunderstorms. Lows from around 50 to upper 50s. Memorial Day, mostly sunny to partly cloudy with chance of thunderstorms. High in low to mid 80s. South Plains: Today, partly cloudy with chance

of thunderstorms. Highs in 80s. Tonight, partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms low rolling plains. Lows 55-65. Memorial Day, partly cloudy. Highs in the 80s to near 90.

North Texas — Today, variable cloudiness. A slight chance of thunderstorms west. Windy west and central. Highs 86 to 92. Tonight, increasing cloudiness. A slight chance of thunderstorms west. Lows 65 to 72.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Today, mostly cloudy with patchy morning fog, becoming partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Highs in low 90s. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in upper 60s. Upper Coast: Today, mostly cloudy with patchy morning fog, becoming partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 90 inland to mid 80s coast. Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of evening showers or thunderstorms. Lows near 70

inland to mid 70s coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Today, mostly cloudy with patchy morning fog, becoming partly cloudy and breezy. Highs in upper 80s coast to near 90 inland, upper 90s Rio Grande plains. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in mid 70s coast to low 70s inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Today, partly cloudy with a slight chance for a shower or thunderstorm northern mountains. Mostly sunny central and south. Highs 60s and 70s mountains and northwest with 80s to mid 90s east and south. Tonight, mostly fair skies except a few clouds north. Lows 30s and 40s mountains and northwest with 50s to low 60s elsewhere.

Oklahoma — Today, a chance of thunderstorms, some possibly severe. Highs in low to mid 80s. Tonight, a chance of thunderstorms, mainly central and southeast. Some storms may be severe in the evening. Lows upper 50s to mid 60s.

City briefs

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CAYENNE PEPPERS and tomato plants, vegetable and flower seeds, pre-seeded flower mats at Watson's Feed & Garden, Hwy. 60 East. Adv.

LAWN CARE: Call Family Lawn Care. 665-3257. Adv.

ADD WHIMSY to your garden oasis. Woodland creatures that don't need feeding. New shipment of Burley decorative pots, sundials, gazing balls and birdbaths. Watson's Feed & Garden, Hwy. 60 East, 665-4189. Adv.

BECAUSE OF the late freeze, call us to deep root feed your trees and shrubs. K. Banks, 665-3672. Adv.

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GARAGE SALE 915 Duncan, Saturday, Sunday 9-7. Adv.

SEED GERANIUMS 99 cents! Spring bulbs 15% off. Large selection of gladioli, cannas, anemone, oxalis, caladium and dinner plate dahlias at Watson's Feed & Garden, Hwy 60 East. MasterCard, Visa & Discover. Adv.

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GETTING MARRIED - Let me help. Candelabras, silk flowers, bouquets, reception. Mary Denham. 665-5630. Adv.

GOLDEN AGERS Luncheon - Tuesday 27th, 12 noon, 701 S. Cuyler - Salvation Army. Everyone 55 or older or handicapped welcome.

TROY AIKMAN new Dallas Cowboy hat just arrived, logo athletic. 111 W. Kingsmill, T-Shirts & More. Adv.

NEW LARGE window evaporative cooler, 4300 CFM, used 4 months, \$300. 669-1063. Adv.

SUNDAY BUFFET Best in Town! Grand Coronado Inn Coffee Shop. Every Sunday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Adv.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING, Marvin Bowman, 669-3871. Ticket dismissal - (USA). Adv.

CALL 1-800-359-3131 for Weight Watchers information. Adv.

THE 8TH Grade Class would like to thank All Its Charm for their donation to our party. Adv.

PAGERS NATIONWIDE Statewide and Panhandle area at Pampa Communications, 641 N. Hobart, 665-1663. Adv.

15% OFF Drape Cleaning now thru June 15th - we take down/rehang, Vogue Cleaners 669-7500. Adv.

NASCAR ITEMS available, T-shirts & More, 111 W. Kingsmill. Adv.

DOGIE DELI Pigs Ears 55¢, Boston Terrier and Poodle puppy, Miniature Pincher and free kittens, Creature Comforts, 115 N. West. Adv.

CHICKEN EXPRESS - Lunch Special. Everyday 11 a.m.-8 p.m. All You Can Eat "Tenders" \$4.95. Adv.

OPENING JUNE 3RD, Shortcuts Hair Salon, 1712 N. Hobart, 669-7131. Owner-Ann Wade, Stylists - Pam Story, Becky Lentz and Sharon Poore. Have room for one more stylist and nail tech. If interested call 669-1428. Adv.

REMEMBER WHEN your Pampa News carrier collects, does the carrier have his/her cards and hole punch? If not, don't pay. Thanks, Circulation Department.

ANTIQUE FURNITURE - Grand Opening, 15% off at Tangles, 2121 N. Hobart. Adv.

HEAVEN SCENTS - Candles, just in time for grad's, teachers and brides, now at Cottage Collection or call 669-6623 for special orders. Adv.

DENISE'S DARLIN' Dangles by Denise Joiner now at Tammy's Cut-Ups and Twice Is Nice, great for graduates, teacher, bridesmaid gifts. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Sunday 11-2 p.m. Baked chicken with egg noodles, hamburger steak, chicken fried steak, Polish and kraut. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

SALAD BAR Menu for Monday - All You Can Eat - Potato Cheese soup, beans/cornbread, hot wings at The Coffee & Candy Barn, 301 W. Kingsmill. Adv.

HELP - NEED stylist to help with clients! Call Total Image or home 665-5447. Adv.

COOL OFF at The Coffee & Candy Barn with Arctic Lites - frozen drink. Adv.

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Of the 4,946 cases, 296 were convicted felons and 2,507 lied about their criminal history and may have had a felony arrest or conviction that would have disqualified them from citizenship.

Ironically, for the remaining 2,143 individuals, INS will initiate citizenship revocation procedures not because of a past arrest but because the applicants lied when asked if they had ever been

arrested. Had they answered honestly, their citizenship wouldn't be in question.

"We believe that we are on firm ground in proceeding on administrative revocations where somebody has factually made a misrepresentation on a felony arrest," said Assistant Attorney General Stephen Colgate.

Administration officials stressed that the improper naturalizations represent a tiny fraction of the 1 million people granted citizenship last year.

Smith had little patience for that argument. "One convicted felon who is given the honor of becoming a citizen is one too many," he said.

People against whom INS initiates citizenship revocation will "have a right to present a defense," said agency general counsel David Martin. Hearings will be before an immigration examiner. Decisions can be appealed to the INS' administrative appeals branch and then to federal court.

Pampa Middle School recognizes students in Honors Assembly

Pampa Middle School honored its students for their academic and other accomplishments during its annual Honors Assembly Friday afternoon in the school auditorium.

Serving as master of ceremonies was Colby Brazile, with invocation by Chris Crow. The Patriot Blue Band opened with "Lone Star Celebration," and Trevor Stowers and Braden Suttle presented the colors. The PMS Mixed Choir performed "Change the World."

Principal Tim Powers recognized the top 10 academic students at the middle school. They are, in order, Kira Chumbley, Ashley Knipp, Trevor Stowers, Lindsay Langford, Rebecca Jentzen, Dori Edens, Kandy Odom, Shanna Buck, Stephanie Blankenship and Clay Banner.

Honored with the Patriot Awards were Lindsay Langford, Best Girl Citizen; Chris Crow, Best Boy Citizen; Shanna Buck, Outstanding Girl Patriot; and Ryan Black, Outstanding Boy Patriot.

Recognized for their service as mayors of the student body were Celeste Stowers and Shanna Baker, first semester, and Taylor Harris and Terrence Lemons, second semester.

Principal Powers then presented the students who were recipients of the subjects awards. They are as follows:

Art, first semester - Armando Tarango; Art, second semester, Casey Coleman; Boys Athletics - Tony Beck; Girls Athletics - Chelsea McCullough; Band - Holly Myers; Choir - Josh Gibson. Computer Literacy, first semester - Aaron Fernuik; Computer



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

The top 10 Pampa Middle School eighth graders were honored at the awards ceremony on Friday. The top ten students are Kira Chumbley, Ashley Knipp, Trevor Stowers, Lindsay Langford, Rebecca Jentzen, Dori Edens, Kandy Odom, Shanna Buck, Stephanie Blankenship and Clay Banner.

Literacy, second semester - Charity Nachtigall; English - April Brown; Accelerated English - Carrie Couts; ESL - Magaly Chavez.

History - Tiffany Boyd; Accelerated History - Jessica Morrison; Geography - Vicki Williams; Life Management - Ana Regalado and Ryan Chambers; Math - Tristan Perry; Pre-Algebra - Destiny Engel; Algebra - Amanda Rains.

Boys Physical Education, first

semester - Vivian Botello; Boys Physical Education, second - Sean Pope; Girls Physical Education, first semester - Angela Murray; Girls Physical Education, second semester - Lizette Navarrete.

Reading - Stacy Dunn; Science - Colby Brazile; Accelerated Science - Darrel Schroeder; Chemistry, first semester - Amy Newhouse; Chemistry, second semester - Christy Helfer Davis.

Theater Arts, Girl - April Mobbs; Theater Arts, Boy - Jake Woodruff; Typing, first semester - Anita Hacker; Typing, second semester - Beatriz Cabrales; Yearbook - Katherine Zemanek. Special recognition - Deana Leshner.

Receiving the 1997 President's Award for Educational Excellence were the following:

Daniel R. Abernathy, Chris Alexander, Jarod Allen, Alexis

Amador, Lane Baker, Lorena Baker, Shanna Baker, Gerald Banner, Heath Bentley, Stephanie Blankenship, Tiffany Boyd, Colby Brazile, Casey Brookshire, Shanna Buck, Ashleigh Burns.

Lance Burton, Beatriz Cabrales, Stefanie Caldwell, Stephanie Cameron, Ryan Chambers, Kira Chumbley, Michael Conelison, Jessica Cortez, Carrie Couts, Meagan Couts, Christopher Crow, Lance Defever, Miranda Dyer, Dori Edens, Destiny Engel.

Montana Farnum, Robert Fernuik, Joshua Gibson, Andrew Grabato, Kimberly Grice, Anita Hacker, Consuelo Hacker, Colby Hale, Cassie Hamilton, Lindsey Hampton, Jeremy Harper, Taylor Harris, Joshua Harrison, Rebecca Jentzen, Christopher Jordan.

Ashley Knipp, Lindsay Langford, Melissa Lawrence, Chelsea McCullough, Mary McEwen, Callie McGrady, Cassie Meadows, Casey Mehar, April Mobbs, Jessica Morrison, Catherine Morse, Christyn Moutray, Holly Myers, Charity Nachtigall, Lizette Navarrete.

Amy Newhouse, Sean O'Neal, Brandy Odom, Kandy Odom, Lucas Oliva, Ashleigh Patton, Amanda Poole, Kimberly Porter, Vanessa Portillo, Amanda Rains, Jennifer Reed, Kevin Schaub, John Schlewitz, Darrel Schroeder, Cory Shumacher, Brian Sealman, Ryan Sells.

Chris Shaffer, Venancio Silva, Aimee Stephenson, Jimmy Story, Shanna Story, Celeste Stowers, Trevor Stowers, Shawn Strate, William Wade, Amanda West, Joanna Wheelley, Jessica Williams, Vicki Williams, William Wilson, Jacob Woodruff, Meredith Hendricks, Katherine Zemanek.

In other honors, the presentation of the athletic awards won by the various students and teams were presented to the school by Ashley Derington, Randa Morris, Chasity Nachtigall, Ashleigh Patton, Ashlei Jordan and Samantha Ford.

Presenting the band awards were Jimmy Story, Luke Wilson and Bonnie Schiffman.

Presenting the choir awards were Carrie Couts, Mandi West, Brenna Couts, Stacie Carter, Tristan Perry, Josh Gibson, Ryan Black, Jay Gerber, Josh Miller, Bonnie Holmes, Mary Alice Warner, Collin Lewis, Chesney Driggers, Meredith Hendricks, Lindsay Langford, Chris Crow, Ryan Sells, Heath Bentley, Jessica Williams, Callie McGrady, Celeste Stowers, Katherine Zemanek, Jessica Morrison and Lizette Navarrete.

The Eighth Grade Class Will was prepared and read by Shanna Baker, Ryan Chambers, Bryce Jordan, Brandy Odom and Celeste Stowers.

Reading the Prophecy of the Eighth Grade Class were Amy Newhouse and Ryan Sells. Preparing the Prophecy were Stefanie Caldwell, Aaron Fernuik, Callie McGrady, Mandy Rains and Chris Shaffer.

Closing the assembly was the PMS Mixed Choir performance of "Friends."

Serving as assistants for the assembly were Aimee Stephenson, Travis Lancaster, Kimberly Grice, Amber Kelsey, Kirk George and Nick Dyer.

Decorations and refreshments were provided by the Booster Club and the Eighth Grade parents.

Marine helicopter crashes near Dallas, 2 officers killed

HUTCHINS, Texas (AP) - Investigators worked in mud and rain Saturday, trying to find out what caused a Marine helicopter to crash and burst into flames. Both officers aboard were killed.

The AH-1W Cobra helicopter crashed Friday evening in a wooded area near the Wilmer-Hutchins High School in Hutchins, a suburb about 10 miles southeast of downtown Dallas. It was traveling to its home base in North Carolina.

The victims were identified Saturday as Maj. Michael J. Browne, 33, of Little River, S.C., and 1st Lt. Robert B. Straw, 29, of Brentwood, Calif., according to officials at Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C. Both were assigned to Marine Light

Attack Helicopter Squadron 167, Marine Aircraft Group 26.

A woman who witnessed the final moments of the helicopter's flight said it made strange noises before it went down.

"The blades continued to turn but there was a whopping sound," said Velva Washburn, who works near the crash site. "And that was all. There was a pop and then it went down."

She said the craft appeared to be struggling to stay airborne.

"Whoever was piloting it is a hero in my book because he could have killed us all," Washburn said.

Dallas Police Lt. Charles Epperson said it looked as if the back end of the two-seat helicopter was hanging down before the crash.

GCAD board reviews proposed appraisal roll

The only action taken by the Appraisal Review Board of the Gray County Appraisal District in Thursday's meeting concerned the board's approval of changes recommended on Gray County mineral properties, primarily due to changes in ownership.

The approval was given in accordance to Section 2525 of the Tax Code.

In other matters, the board reviewed the proposed appraisal roll for the 1996 estimated market values, presented by Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley.

He said overall values increased in an umbrella-like situation. Geographically, more than one third of properties are revalued every year, and this year the oil and gas production and price values have increased approximately 20 to 25 percent overall from

the previous year, Bagley explained.

He said on May 16 a total of 32,765 notices on appraised tax values were mailed to the property owners in the taxing district on property values for real estate, minerals and personal property. Notices were sent to owners south of Highway 60, east of downtown and north of downtown.

It is important that anyone who wishes to question receiving the notice or who protests the appraised value on a piece of property should contact the appraisal district office as soon as possible, by calling 665-0791.

"The last day to file a formal protest is June 16; however, it is to the best interest of the property owner to make a personal visit to the office to present his or her comments and request a hearing concerning any changes," Bagley said.

Hearings for mineral values are set for Thursday, July 10, starting at 9 a.m. and lasting until noon. At 1:30 p.m., hearings will continue on personal property values.

On Friday, July 11, the hearings will continue, concerning real estate values, from 9 a.m. through noon.

Bagley also presented a copy of this year's depreciation schedule, saying that the results of the 1996 school districts study indicate all four districts received equal local values.

He stated that prior to the final depreciation review earlier this year there were two school districts that opposed the appraisal values. A consultant made appeals on their behalf, which helped all the district schools, the county, the water district and also the Gray County Appraisal District.

Senate tentatively approves home equity lending proposal

AUSTIN (AP) - The Senate tentatively approved on Saturday a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow Texans to join the rest of the country in their ability to borrow against the equity in their home.

Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, made changes to a House-approved version, but felt comfortable all changes would be approved and the measure would go to the voters.

"The House authors have agreed to sell it and agree that they can," Patterson said after a 21-8 Senate vote. Patterson had the two-thirds majority needed for final passage, but must wait until the next time the Senate meets to officially approve the measure.

Texas is the only state that does not allow its citizens to borrow against the equity in their main home except for such limited instances as taxes and home improvements.

Upon two-thirds agreement in the House and Senate on a proposed constitutional amendment to allow such borrowing, Texans would have an opportunity to decide the issue in an election.

Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, said he didn't like that so many restrictions are being placed into a constitutional amendment, rather than in statutory law, which doesn't need a vote of the people to change.

"It offends me that we're writing statute and sticking it in the constitution," Ogden said.

Joining Ogden in voting against the measure were Republican senators Teel Bivins of Amarillo, Robert Duncan of Lubbock and David Sibley of Waco and Democratic senators Ken Armbrister of Victoria, Gregory Luna and Frank Madla of San Antonio and Carlos Truan of Corpus Christi.

Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, was present, but did not vote.

"(There) were concerns before that this was too long ...," Patterson said. "We got here because of the concerns of the

consumer groups who precisely wanted these things in the constitution."

The Senate approved a less-restrictive version earlier in the session, and Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, said he's pleased with the changes made. The revision could be before the House as soon as Monday.

In Memory of Victor Ray Hutchison

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much... whatever the part.

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We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment.

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Opinion

Tampering with an American tradition

The willingness to help others without asking for recompense or even gratitude is a proud and deep-rooted American tradition, noted with admiration by observers dating from Alexis de Tocqueville.

So it is not difficult to understand why President Clinton, along with former President Bush, Ford and Carter and Gen. Colin Powell, would want to participate in a celebration of volunteerism.

But we take issue with the summit on two counts — the implicit messages that this tradition is somehow in crisis and that volunteerism is so important that it ought to become a mandatory exercise, especially for young people.

Former President Carter opined that seeing former presidents actually handling rakes and paint rollers for the cameras might "demonstrate to Americans at all levels of life that this is an acceptable thing to do."

Americans already know this, probably much better than their titular leaders.

Too, the idea of making volunteerism a requirement of passage to adulthood is logically absurd and likely subversive of the community spirit that grows from genuinely voluntary action.

Most people admire voluntary efforts to help others because such activities reflect individual compassion and respect for the rights of others, two essential keys to building free and civilized communities. The belief that volunteerism is admirable is rooted in an understanding that there are essentially two ways for human beings to deal with one another — through voluntary interchanges or by coercion.

Voluntary exchanges are a recognition in action that all people have equal rights and human dignity. Coercion is a statement in action that only the person doing the coercing has rights that matter.

A society that would be free and civilized, therefore, will strive for a maximum of voluntary interaction and a minimum of coercion, holding coercion in reserve as a last resort.

The distinction is important — it is the difference between the government requiring community service and the wellspring of compassion fostered by hundreds of organizations, from Scouting to churches to the Salvation Army.

One may hope that the presidential summit will encourage more people to volunteer despite the misunderstandings of many of those who organized it.

Insofar as it blurs the lines between voluntary decisions and coercion, however, and leads toward "mandatory volunteerism," the summit could well undermine the very values it seeks to celebrate.

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Education lacks excellence

"Recruiting Trends 1994-95," a study by Michigan State University Professor L. Patrick Sheetz, finds that not enough college graduates have the ability to write, speak and reason coherently in order to hold down a job.

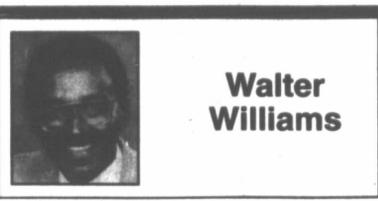
John Leo reports in the April 21 issue of *Newsweek* that half of college graduates cannot read a bus schedule. A recent Department of Education report said that 53% of college graduates could not figure out how much change they should get back after putting down \$3 to pay for a 60 cent bowl of soup and a \$1.95 sandwich.

There're reasons for this educational malaise. Part of it is that half-witted professors, backed by dim-witted, smooth-talking administrators, are teaching our youngsters unmitigated nonsense.

For example, Professor James Sledd of the University of Texas writes in *College English* that standard English is "essentially an instrument of domination." Arguing against knowledge of grammar and logic, Professor Jay Robinson of the University of Michigan says that "the myth of basic skills" helps sustain rigid and evil class structures; what college students really need is reaffirmation as "members of racial, social and linguistic minorities."

The National Association of Scholars put out a devastating report on the dumbing-down of college curriculum, which includes courses for credit like "queer theory," the works of Pee Wee Herman and watching Oprah or Montel Williams.

Everybody has heard of these and other horror stories about the state of higher education in



Walter Williams

America. But there are forces emerging to help combat higher education malaise.

On May 21, in the Senate Russell office building, the John Templeton Foundation kicks off a new program called Templeton Honor Rolls for Education in a Free Society. Honorees will be chosen for their commitment in teaching the interdependence of political freedom, the market economy and the moral principles that sustain a free society.

The program is chaired by former U.S. Treasury Secretary William E. Simon and administered by the Wilmington, Del., based Intercollegiate Studies Institute. Some 126 awards will be given to outstanding universities, departments, scholarly books and individual professors — including a \$25,000 Lifetime Achievement Award and a \$25,000 Outstanding Contemporary Book Award.

Simon says that after searching through over 800 nominations, "reports of academia's pending demise are both premature and exaggerate. ... On

every college campus in America, the fortunate student can still discover brilliant, inspiring and innovative professors committed to learning, rather than indoctrination."

He's right — even at the most liberal universities. But many times these professors are isolated and under siege by their colleagues and campus administrators. National recognition for their courage, as well as emergence of organizations such as the National Association of Scholars, will help end their isolation.

In addition to honoring America's most distinguished educators, colleges and departments, the Templeton Honor Rolls will provide guidance on selecting colleges, universities and departments.

For the most part, college admissions offices are simply salesmen for the college, solely interested in getting tuition-paying warm bodies. They often go to considerable lengths to conceal truth about curriculum content, freshman SATS, graduation rates, campus crime and other negative features about their institution.

Simon says, "Given the high cost of a college education and widespread concern about declining standards, it is more vital than ever to provide a guide that will direct parents and their children to the strongest colleges and universities and to the professors, departments and textbooks in the disciplines they wish to study."

The Intercollegiate Studies Institute makes that 200-page book available free for those willing to pay the postage.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, May 25, the 145th day of 1997. There are 220 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 25, 1979, 275 people died in America's worst domestic air disaster when an American Airlines DC-10 crashed during takeoff at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

On this date:

In 1787, the Constitutional Convention was convened in Philadelphia after enough delegates showed up for a quorum.

In 1810, Argentina began its revolt against Spain.

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

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

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

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

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Wrongheaded concept of liberty

Charley Reese

The first thing those Republic of Texas fellows failed to learn from all the history they didn't read is that you can't start a revolution with five or six people.

The second thing they — and most off-the-wall groupies — didn't learn is that what America is about is liberty for all the people. Both the American Revolution and the Southern Secession, which southerners of the day viewed as a second American Revolution, were led by popularly elected officials who acted with consent and support of the people as expressed through the democratic process.

In neither event can you find any self-appointed "leaders" declaring the truth and expecting the peasants to snap to attention. The trouble with these characters like the Republic of Texas and the Montana Freeman is that they are really of a dictatorial bent, despite rhetoric they suppose is liberty-oriented.

They have no following to speak of and seek none because they know, from their own experience of failure, that people would overwhelmingly reject them and their cockamamie ideas. They wish to proclaim their own twisted version of the truth and then, if they had the power, to force people to accept it. Nothing is more anti-American and unpatriotic than that kind of nonsense. Some, I suspect, are wannabe Hitlers without Hitler's intelligence and organizational skills — thank God.

legitimize a person or cause. And Americans win the votes by persuasion and reason, not by proclamations issued from bunkers.

There is a religious element to the great American experiment. The article of faith of the American Revolution is that ordinary people can govern themselves. Either you believe that or you don't.

Thomas Jefferson said it long ago, and I will paraphrase. In any age, no matter by what names they call themselves, people naturally divide into two groups — those who have faith in the people and those who do not.

Within the boundaries of our country there are today plenty of those who have no faith in the people. Some are on the left, and some are on the right. Some are in the public office. Some are in the private sector. Some are rich. Some are poor.

But they share a common desire to force people to conform to their ideas. That's what Communists and Republic of Texas types have in common. One writer has aptly called such people "coercive utopians."

Our task as traditional Americans — as Jeffersonians — is to preserve liberty by resisting the utopians on both the left and the right. For that task now, we don't need guns. We need only the moral fortitude to stand up and proclaim the gospel of the American Revolution as expressed in the Declaration.

In America, only the vote of the people can

Politics: The world's bloodiest sport

R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.

Those who like the rough and tumble of the sports world and do not eventually abandon the sports news for the political news are missing a lot. To be sure, watching the rush to the finish at the Kentucky Derby is a thrill. The crunch of a 250-pound tackle against an oncoming fullback is exhilarating. But what about the final blood-curdling threats of the candidates as the election draws near? What of the sudden, dramatic — and probably idiotic — change of policy by a candidate down 15 points in the poll and unshamed at committing yet another stupendous act of Public Hypocrisy?

After a couple of decades, sports fans have seen it all. There is nothing new. In politics, the competition is often very fierce and occasionally unprecedented. The election of Tony Blair in England is such an event. Americans are saying he has pulled a Clinton. He has cleansed himself of all principle. He has learned to lie without sweating. He is a political genius. This is not so. He has principles. He sweats.

What he has done with the Labour Party is without precedent in party history. Entering one of the most ideologically rigid parties this side of Lenin's tomb, Blair refashioned it across the board to conform with his own pragmatic views. The British historian Paul Johnson makes the intriguing point that Blair "is too young to have had his values ruined by the thoughtless optimism and extravagance of the 1960s." His ideas were shaped by the "grim 1970s, when unrestrained union barons were steadily kicking Britain to the bottom of the economic league table." Blair, writes Johnson in

London's *Daily Mail*, "despises and distrusts them."

In the 1970s, Blair watched Margaret Thatcher capture control of the Tory Party, transform it and, after taking control of Parliament, transform Britain. He followed her course. To him, she is not a demon. Old Labour might think so, but not Blair. He does not have Old Labour's bloody-mindedness. He intends to complete her transformation.

Lady Thatcher's policies made one of the most barren economies of Europe the most successful of the past decade. Now, Blair promises to "put in the kindness she left out." He promises to safeguard the British family, whose breakdown he sees as being at the center of Britain's present ills. He vows to improve education and health and all the other social goods one expects the centrist pol to chatter about.

Yet, one of his maxims is: "Anything which adds a single penny to our unit costs is out, by definition." There have been five Labour governments since the party's founding in 1900. All, according to Blair, were failures. He is not one of those ostentatious intellectual poseurs claiming to have read all manner of great books, but he has read history. He recognizes that class warfare, planned societies and command economies were the ruin of his Labourite predecessors. His first maxim is: "Labour's cardinal sin is overcommitment, leading to overspending, leading inex-

orably to financial crisis." Well, we shall see. He has accepted a minimum-wage law and the social provisions of the Maastricht Treaty on Europe. It will be surprising if that does not add several pennies to Blair's revered "unit costs."

But, to return to the larger theme, Blair has done something with Labour that was hitherto unthinkable. He has driven the utopian dreamers back to the fringe. He has adopted policies for growth. New Labour is no longer Left. This is without precedent, and Blair's boldness of mind and perseverance is also new in British politics, at least since Thatcher's time.

For those of us who believe that politics is the ultimate sport, the crushing defeat of the Tories is, well, thrilling. It might also prove sobering now, especially to our politicians over here. Politics can be very brutal. The Tory Party is, as Warren Hoge writes in *The New York Times*, "a virtual rump party in England with no seats in either Scotland or Wales."

American politicians might take note. The Democrats need a Blair to rid them of their masked left-wingery, not a fraud like Boy Clinton. The Republicans need Blair's boldness and confidence in their free-market principles and family values. They need a leader who can simply and perseveringly state the policies and principles that their party has won with and that Tony Blair has adopted. If they continue to muddle along, they might well suffer a devastating defeat against a Democratic Blair. That would be good for those of us who follow politics as sport. If, however, the Democrats' version of a Tony Blair is another fraud, it would be dreadful for our country.

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Letters to the editor

Trying to force beliefs

To the editor:

I am writing this in response to the article in the Tuesday, May 13, edition of your paper concerning these controversial book covers. Once again it seems that the religious want-to-be-right has seen fit to attempt to circumvent the Constitution of the United States, and the established law of the land in the interest of "saving the children." There are some things stated in this article that would lead me to believe that this is actually more about gaining attention for those involved in distributing these book covers than it is about "saving" anyone.

Tell me, is homosexuality taught, or advocated, in the Pampa schools? What "occult" beliefs are taught in the Pampa schools? How many counselors advocate abortion? I think it is fairly safe to say that the answers would be no, none and none. And with that amazing discovery goes the rationale for this.

I find it somewhat ironic that the same people that are advocating this are the very ones that would scream "First Amendment" the loudest if I were to attempt to introduce book covers into the schools that had the Wiccan Creed printed on them. Or something out of the Koran. Or something out of the Talmud. This is simply about proselytizing the beliefs of those that have created a crisis so they can have something to solve.

I have heard it said that they who forget history are bound to repeat it. When you have religion involved in the government, you wind up with such memorable events as the Crusades, The Inquisition, the Salem witch burnings, the Holocaust and, more recently, the Catholic/Protestant war in Ireland, or someone bombing a clinic — all in the name of "God." The founding fathers of this country didn't place the First Amendment protection in the constitution without good reason.

I would not deny anyone the opportunity to believe as they wish, but please stop trying to force your beliefs into my life, whether it be trying to censor what I can hear, or watch, or trying to sneak in the back door in the guise of "saving the children."

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Red Williams
McLean

Let's all help Molly

To the editor:

It was so refreshing to read of Molly Seabourn on the front page of the Pampa News on May 4. We hardly ever read of the good young people; it's usually the bad we hear about. We need to have more stories about young people and the work they do in our community.

Molly Seabourn is an outstanding student at Pampa High School. She is active not only in sports but also in all groups interested in leadership of students. Out of thousands of young people all over the United States, Molly was chosen to represent Pampa, the state of Texas and the United States at the Youth Leadership Conference to be held in China.

The people of Pampa have always been more than generous to help their fellow man in need of financial support or just kind words to inspire them on. The people of Pampa have always been fast and ready to help outstanding sports people to raise money for a trip or some athletic event. I know that the generous people of Pampa will be interested in helping Molly represent us in China. She is in need of financial help of about \$5,000. There has been an account set up at the First American Bank to help her, but the funds have been coming in very slow.

We had hoped that the business community of Pampa would have come forth and helped, but so far they haven't. I know they would like to, but they probably haven't been informed of this need. On Fridays and Saturdays for the next few weeks, we are going to have people at Homeland and Frank's Foods to collect money to help Molly. If you would like to help, please call Louie Allen at 665-5470. If you would like to give money, we will even pick it up if you call. Or you can go to the First American Bank or donate Fridays and Saturdays at Homeland and Frank's.

I know the generous and wonderful people of Pampa are always

willing to help others and Molly will be representing all the wonderful young people of Pampa. I know the people of Pampa will be proud of Molly, and I know as always they will come through for this good cause.

Louie Allen
Pampa

Nativity scene is good

To the editor:

First of all, I want to thank you for allowing us to share our thoughts and views. This is my second letter to the editor. The first was after the Celebration of Lights last year.

I had stated that I thought a lot of hard work, time and effort had gone into the event, but was disappointed not to have seen a larger Nativity scene. Did you feel that way? Well, now you and I have a chance to put our money where our mouth was and become involved.

The Celebration of Lights people are wanting to put up a Nativity scene that is very impressive. I have seen the video of it and it would be a wonderful witness of the gospel of the birth of our Savior. If you felt or feel as I do, share this with others, your pastor, or maybe each church could take a special offering, or anyone who would like to contribute in any way, and we could bring this Nativity scene or one similar to Pampa. It would be a statement that we want to make Christ the central figure at Christmas and all times in our lives.

We can't fool around with this either, because as I understand it, they have to let the company know by the last of June whether or not they want this scene. I pray that if the Lord convicted you as He did me, that you will follow His leadership in this area.

Another project they are involved in, is taking the Nativity scenes that were in Central Park back in the '50s and '60s and refurbishing them. They are turning out very nicely. There is a lot of work that goes on out there on Monday and Thursday evenings on Price Road and they could use your help. I would like to say "Thanks" to those of you who have worked "your fingers to the bone" wrapping and stringing lights, etc. You know who you are and thanks for all your efforts.

Helen Allison
Pampa

On boll weevil eradication

To the editor:

In the past three years, the farmer-owned Farm Credit Bank of Texas and seven Production Credit Associations across the state of Texas have provided financing for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program to the tune of \$37 million.

The money to repay this debt comes from assessments of local cotton farmers, collected by the Texas Boll Weevil Foundation, which administers the program under a Texas law passed by the state Legislature in 1993. This month, a Texas Supreme Court ruling, however, struck down the law — leaving cotton farmers in limbo, and us as their lender holding the bag.

The boll weevil's eradication means higher cotton yields and less pesticides — ultimately leading to a stronger local and state economy with more jobs and an increased tax base. In states where eradication efforts have been successful, production has increased many fold and insecticide use on cotton has been reduced 40-85 percent. The National Cotton Council estimates that every \$1 spent on eradication costs returns approximately \$12 in benefits to the economy.

We applaud the efforts of Senator Robert Duncan of Lubbock and others who are working on a bill to restore the legality of the boll weevil program before the end of the current session — and legislators appear willing to expedite a remedy. Unfortunately, however, early drafts appear to focus more on continuing eradication efforts, without fully appreciating the need to ensure the Foundation's existing financial obligations are met.

It is imperative that the legislature include provisions to ensure the repayment of its present debt obligations — loans that Farm Credit institutions made in good faith to the Boll Weevil Foundation based on enabling legislation passed by the Texas Legislature. Will any financial institution provide funding for this, or any similar program

in the future, if the existing debt on past obligations cannot be collected? In other words, without a financial partner for the Boll Weevil program, the Legislature's efforts will be in vain.

As the Texas Legislature deliberates the future of this important program, the Farm Credit Bank of Texas strongly encourages interested Texans to remind their local state representative and senator to stand behind their actions and commitments so that boll weevil eradication efforts can continue in Texas.

Arnold Henson, Chief Executive Officer
Farm Credit Bank of Texas, Austin

Fortunate to have hospital

To the editor:

This letter is to inform the people in the community how fortunate they are to have such a good hospital. The hospital has not always had a good reputation; however, becoming Columbia Medical Center has obviously changed many things.

After a bout with congestive heart failure and cancer, our loved one spent the most part of his last month on this earth in the I.C.U. at the Columbia Medical Center. The nurses, respiratory therapists and other staff were wonderful! They treated him with the utmost respect and courtesy. Not only did they do all they could to care for him physically, but they also did a great deal to keep up his spirits. In addition, they treated us so kindly. They were always polite, courteous, and kept us as informed as they could.

We are so grateful to Columbia Medical Center. The people in the area are truly blessed in knowing that if they need medical care, there is a good hospital with competent and caring staff to serve them.

The family of Bert Huff
Miami

Thanks for the physicals

To the editor:

The Pampa I.S.D. Athletic Department would like to thank Columbia Medical Center and staff members — Judy Grimsley, Brian Butler, Cathy Land, Melissa Land, Jessica Land, Ashley Hunt, Kenda Maddox, Stacy Ladd, Tammye Baileys, Betty Scarbrough — for assisting with the athletic physicals this year.

We would also like to thank Dr. Walsh, Dr. Morris, Dr. Powell, Dr. Shafer, Dr. Lee, Jerry Wilson P.A., Bill Ledford N.P. for performing the 242 physicals.

Thank all of you for spending part of your day off to provide this service to our community and athletic program. We greatly appreciate your service and support.

Special thanks to Betty Scarbrough and Cathy Land for their help in organizing and set-up of the physicals, and Dr. Walsh for use of her office.

Pampa I.S.D. Athletic Department

Letter to editor policy

The Pampa News welcomes and encourages readers to express their opinions on issues of public interest and concern. However, we also reserve the right to accept or reject any letter for publication.

Letters should be 300 words or less. Letters submitted for publication should be neat and legible, typed if possible, or at least handwritten in a clear manner. Letters may be edited for length, clarity, spelling, grammar, taste, style, potentially libelous statements or political endorsement statements. Submission of a letter does not guarantee its publication, nor can we guarantee a date of publication due to space and time limitations.

All letters must be signed for publication; no unsigned, name withheld or anonymous letters will be published. The writer must list an address and a telephone number or numbers where he or she may be contacted for verification; addresses and telephone numbers will not be printed, unless requested for a specific reason.

Poetry, candidate or political endorsements, letters to third parties and "thank you" letters will not be published except at the discretion of the editor, depending on general interest.

Letters may be dropped off at the office, 403 W. Atchison, or mailed to The Pampa News, Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066.

Judge slashes judgment in Dow Jones libel case

NEW YORK (AP) — Most of a record \$222.7 million libel verdict against Dow Jones & Co. has been scrapped in a case that First Amendment lawyers viewed as a potentially onerous restraint on freedom of the press.

The ruling Friday by U.S. District Judge Ewing Werlein in Houston erased \$200 million, the punitive damages awarded to the investment firm of MMAR Group Inc. The balance of \$22.7 million, the actual damages portion, still stands.

Dow Jones, publisher of *The Wall Street Journal*, welcomed Werlein's decision.

But company spokesman Richard Tofel called the reduction just the first step in the company's fight to have the entire amount thrown out.

"We remain optimistic that what remains of the verdict ultimately will not withstand the scrutiny of the courts," Tofel said in a statement.

MMAR attorney Kenneth Morris said early today that he would appeal the ruling within 10 days.

"We still expect the judge to award the full amount," he said.

The ruling came two months after a seven-member jury decided that five sentences in a *Journal* article by Laura Jereski published Oct. 21, 1993, were false and

defamatory against MMAR.

Lawyers for MMAR blamed the article for the Houston investment firm's collapse later that year. Dow Jones argued during the two-week trial that the firm failed for other reasons, and that Journal editors believed the story was accurate.

"The evidence is insufficient to find that Dow Jones published the false and defamatory statements with knowledge of their falsity," Werlein wrote in his decision.

Media attorneys welcomed the decision, calling the original amount a stupefying sum that posed a hazard to legitimate news reporting.

"Had this judgment remained in effect it would have chilled all reporting by all newspapers," said Floyd Abrams, a lawyer who has represented news organizations in legal brawls over First Amendment issues.

Although the sum was vastly reduced, he said, "It still remains an outlandishly high amount and I think it quite likely that will be significantly cut back in any appeal."

Space shuttle Atlantis brings Linenger home from MIR

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis returned to Earth Saturday, ending astronaut Jerry Linenger's trying and at times perilous four-month mission aboard Russia's orbiting Mir station.

Atlantis swooped through a somewhat overcast sky and touched down at 9:28 a.m., 1 1/2 hours late because of thick, low clouds that gradually scattered as the sun rose.

Mission Control waited until the last minute before directing Atlantis and its seven-member crew home — to the delight of Linenger and his family, separated since January.

"Feeling great and good to be

home," Linenger said after the shuttle swerved on the gusty runway and then rolled to a safe stop.

Wife Kathryn and the couple's 18-month-old son, John, waited at the runway to welcome him back from the aging Mir station.

NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin also showed up — with presents. At Linenger's request, Goldin brought tulips that the astronaut could give to his wife, who is eight months' pregnant.

The director also had a teddy bear for John — the stuffed animal was dressed in a NASA T-shirt — and a rattle for the boy's new brother or sister.

"He couldn't go to a store out

in space ... they're really his presents, they're not mine," Goldin explained to reporters.

Mission Control congratulated the shuttle pilots for their successful nine-day Mir resupply flight and offered "a special welcome home for Jerry," Linenger was whisked into medical tests as soon as he was out of the shuttle.

Although there was no official word on whether Linenger walked from the shuttle or had to be carried off because of weightlessness-weakened muscles, shuttle commander Charles Precourt observed that Linenger was "up and about."

At 132 days, Linenger spent

more time in space than any other American except for Shannon Lucid, whose 1996 Mir mission lasted 188 days.

Linenger, a 42-year-old doctor, left for Mir aboard Atlantis on Jan. 12. The shuttle returned for him last week, docking with the station on May 16 and dropping off his replacement, Michael Foale, for a 4 1/2-month stay.

The Atlantis crew delivered a new oxygen generator — assuring Foale and his two Russian crewmates of sufficient air — and crucial repair equipment to the 11-year-old outpost, which has been in orbit six years longer than its designers intended.

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BUSINESS

Minding your own Business

By Don Teyler



Off on the right foot

The cost of adding new employees continues to grow. If you include the direct cost of hiring and the loss of efficiency while a new hire gets up to speed, you may find you are spending several thousand dollars per employee.

In today's hyper-competitive marketplace, where every profit dollar is important, finding and keeping good employees is more critical than ever. We've discussed finding good people in previous columns, so we'll keep this one focused on getting new employees up to speed quickly.

Here are some tips for getting new hires started off on the right foot. You should include these basic elements in your indoctrination plan. They will help new folks develop a positive attitude about your company, have more enthusiasm and become productive quickly.

Creating a quick start

- **Make them feel at home.** The first day at a new job may be the most important. Most employees are anxious about their first day. They are wondering if this is the right job? Will they like - and be liked by - others who work there? Will they be good at this job?

It is important to give the new employees assurance and put them at ease. It is also important to reinforce the benefits of working for you and your company.

An employee checklist can cover many of the areas you wish to discuss on the first day and during the first week. You should include introductions, company history and goals, location of necessary facilities, company policies and rules and who to call in case of emergencies.

This orientation process should include a summary of company benefits, pay periods, hours, breaks and safety information. Give the new employee plenty of time for questions.

- **Don't expect too much too soon.** While you may need your newest employee to be productive immediately, this seldom happens. Give them time to adjust to their new environment and routine. You and other employees set the tone by your example. Use your best employees to work closely with your newest hire when you can't be nearby.

- **Give them good directions.** The most frustrating time for new employees may be the period wherein they don't know exactly what to do. They may either do the wrong thing or do the right thing in an incorrect way. Clearly define what you expect and the results you want. Put your instructions in writing if necessary.

- **Stay in close contact.** Don't just give them good directions; follow up. Give them the opportunity to ask questions and seek your approval. By staying in close contact you can nip problems in the bud. You can also correct negative behavior before it becomes a bad habit.

- **Add responsibility gradually.** Your goal is to allow each employee to grow and assume responsibility as quickly as possible. However, each employee has a different comfort level when undertaking new duties. Add new tasks and responsibilities gradually. You don't want to overwhelm them.

There is a fine line here. You don't want to bore your quick learners either. With a little practice, you'll learn how to add responsibility while giving the guidance necessary to keep everyone comfortable, yet challenged.

- **Praise in public, correct in private.** Mark Twain said he could live for a month on a good compliment. Praise is important. Especially if the praise is sincere, deserved and offered in the presence of others.

Correction, discipline and criticism require the opposite approach. You must correct and discipline in a positive manner, but only in private.

These techniques are working for thousands of successful companies. With a little thought and practice they can work for you as well.

Chamber Communique

The Chamber welcomes new members: T-Shirts and More, and Laramore Locksmith.

T-Shirts and More is located at 111 W. Kingsmill. Owners Miles and Rita Cook offer a variety of promotional items.

Laramore Locksmith owners Victor and Dee Dee have recently opened a convenient drive-up key shop at Coronado Center. Vic continues to make office and home calls.

The Chamber thanks you for your membership.

Pampa Economic Development Corporation

board president Lewis Meers and directors, Roger David, Larry Orman, Richard Stowers and Wayne Stribling provided a very interesting program on the organization and shared P.E.D.C.'s new promotional campaign at the Chamber luncheon this past Tuesday.

The Chamber will be closed May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

Meetings:

Tuesday - 2 p.m., Tourism Committee Meeting, Nona Payne Room, Pampa Community Building

Convention, expo slated next month in Dallas

DALLAS - The 1997 Texas Food Industry Association Annual Convention and Southwest Supermarket and Convenience Store Expo is the event of the year for supermarkets and convenience stores, wholesalers and suppliers throughout the southwest.

The Convention and Expo will run from Saturday, June 28 through Tuesday, July 1, with events taking place at the Dallas Convention Center and the Fairmont Hotel.

For the first time, the Southwest Supermarket and Convenience Store Expo is merging with the Southwest Food Service Expo, to make this event the third largest show of its kind in North America.

Boasting more than 1,700 exhibits, a new

products showcase and Concept Store 2000, the newly combined Expo will show an estimated 30,000 attendees the latest in products, equipment and services for the food industry.

Headlining the list of distinguished speakers are 1996 Republican Vice Presidential nominee Jack Kemp and National Restaurant Association President Herman Cain. Also featured are more than 25 educational seminars which will take place before the Expo opens. Hosted by industry experts, these discussions will cover a broad range of topics from home meal replacement options to labor crises.

Kemp and Cain served together on the Economic Growth and Tax Reform

Commission established by Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole. Kemp is currently co-director of Empower America, a public policy and advocacy organization.

Cain is known for reversing the decline of Godfather's Pizza in the late 1980's, and for leading the industry campaign against federal healthcare reform. His focus as chief executive and president of the NRA is on tax code reform.

Pre-registration to the Expo is available from exhibiting companies and includes admission to the Expo and all of the seminars at no charge. On-site registration is \$25. For more information on registration, contact Paul Hardin at 1-800-856-8342.

Nature's Sunshine Products observing 25th anniversary

Nature's Sunshine Products, one of the country's leading producers and distributors of natural health care products, is observing its 25th year of doing business.

NSP's silver anniversary is a celebration of quality, service and the hard work of literally hundreds of thousands of independent business people worldwide. Indeed, the company's motto is "people helping people."

Martha Sluder is a local NSP independent sales

representative in Pampa.

"I'm proud to be part of the 25th anniversary and to be associated with a company that works hard to have the best quality products of growth and success, and it all comes down to quality - quality service and quality products that work."

NSP's worldwide headquarters remain in the company's hometown - Provo, Utah. Three members of the founding family - Gene, Kristine and Pauline Hughes - are actively involved with the company today.

"A Legacy of Caring and Sharing" is NSP's theme for 1997.

"Nature's Sunshine is composed of people who care about others and who share their knowledge of natural health and herbs with family and friends," said Kristine Hughes, NSP co-founder and current CEO. "First you care, then you share. Our distributors succeed because they complement this philosophy with superior products."

The company's success and

longevity hasn't gone unnoticed by the financial community. For nine consecutive years, *Forbes* magazine has listed NSP among its 200 best small businesses in the U.S.

"Add it all together - the increased popularity of direct sales, the booming nutritional supplements industry and the long-term growth and stability of Nature's Sunshine - and you have an unbeatable combination," Sluder said.

Local firm offers investment seminar for women

Roger D. David, the local Edward Jones investment representative, will host a free satellite broadcast for women on Thursday, May 29.

This hour long program, "Taking Hold of Your Purse Strings," will include a panel of stock analysts from Edward Jones' equity research department who will discuss how stocks can help women obtain their financial goals at various periods of their lives - starting with the early investing years through retirement.

The program will also address how to select mutual funds, minimize risk and choose stocks to meet individual financial goals.

"Studies show that 80 to 90 percent of women will be solely responsible for their finances at some point in their lives," David said. "The stock market can play a critical role in helping individuals achieve their financial goals, yet many are inexperienced investors with questions about how to develop a portfolio of stocks."

Broadcast live from Edward Jones' headquarters in St. Louis, the program will reach Edward

Jones' 3,500 branch offices nationwide via the firm's private satellite network. Following the panelists' remarks, viewers nationwide may phone in questions live onto the set.

"The information presented in this program is genderless, however the framework takes into consideration the specific challenges facing today's female investors," said David. "This broadcast is a great opportunity to hear from a number of experts, ask questions and take home lots of good information."

Edward Jones traces its roots to 1871. Today, with more than 3,500 branches in 50 states, Jones has more offices than any other brokerage firm in the nation. Its investment representatives serve more than 2.5 million clients and specialize in serving individual investors and small business owners.

For more information on the free May 29 program or to reserve a seat, contact Roger D. David located at 1540 N. Hobart, Pampa, phone 665-7137.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce introduces new catalog

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Institute has introduced its free *Small Business Resource Catalog* on the Internet at www.uscsbi.com, providing free, up-to-date access to over 200 books, software, audiotapes and video programs designed to help small business owners and entrepreneurs find proven products to help take their businesses to more competitive levels.

Visitors to the on-line resource catalog site can review and directly order numerous small business resources addressing topics such as business planning

and startup, sales and marketing, management and supervision, customer satisfaction, legal and financial, communications and more.

Brian Meincke, director of the U.S. Chamber's Small Business Institute, said, "The on-line catalog is an effective way to provide important self-help resources to every American business. It's a virtual one-stop shopping business bookstore, providing quick access especially to the rapidly growing small and home-based business sectors that rely on technology to keep them connected to their customers."

The on-line catalog was developed in cooperation with the FedEx Virtual Order system, enabling buyers to purchase catalog products through a secure on-line ordering service and allowing them to select their preferred shipping service.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business federation representing an underlying membership of more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector and region.

To preview other small business resources, visit the U.S. Chamber website at www.uschamber.org.

Pampa Desk and Derrick Club announces upcoming meeting

The Pampa Desk and Derrick Club will meet Tuesday, May 27, at Zion Lutheran Church's fellowship hall, 1200 Duncan.

The social will begin at 6:30

p.m., followed by the dinner and meeting at 7 p.m. The dinner will be a potluck covered-dish meal.

The program will be a film presentation, *The Three E's of Energy*.

The public is invited. No reservations are required.

For more information, call Elaine McDowell at 665-8298 or Nancy Allen 669-7229.

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LET'S TALK REAL ESTATE

by Jim Davidson

LEADING SHELTERED LIVES
Without a doubt, shelter is one of the primary concerns of our lives. Having a roof over one's head involves such practical considerations as the structural integrity of the building and the condition of its mechanical systems. Beyond that, there is a desire for houses and buildings to give a good appearance and be well-situated. Regardless of whether buyers and sellers are dealing in single-family homes, condominiums, co-operatives, commercial real estate, or rented apartments, locating the right property, negotiating a price, obtaining financing, and completing the transaction are key elements. The goal of this column is to shed some light on the issues and trends that surround the biggest investment most of us are likely to make.

Welcome to our new column on real estate. It is our goal to keep the public informed on what is currently happening in the real estate market. If you are interested in buying a new home and/or selling your current one, call CENTURY 21 - PAMPA REALTY INC., 312 N. Gray Street, at 669-0007. For buyers, we can provide information on schools, shopping and places of work. For sellers, we will aggressively market your home to insure that you receive the maximum market value, and we take the time to prequalify potential buyers. Member, Multiple Listing Service.

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HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & CANADIAN Lower Morrow) Midgard Energy Co., #2 E.S.F. Brainard 'N', 481' from North & 617' from East line, Sec. —, W.W. Langham Survey, PD 13000'. Replacement Well.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPILL Douglas) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #3-18 Hoover, 660' from South & 1320' from East line, Sec. 18,41,H&TC, PD 8200'.
HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE Red Cave) J.M. Huber Corp., #31 Childers, 330' from South & 4290' from East line, Sec. 9 1/2,—Z.C. Collier, PD 2400'.
LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & BEAL Lower Morrow) Midgard Energy Co., #4 Hugh D. Barton, 942' from South & 2489' from West line, Sec. 465,43,H&TC, PD 10700'.
LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & BRADFORD Morrow) Midgard Energy Co., #3 Piper 'C', 2000' from North & 1320' from West line, Sec. 719,43,H&TC, PD 10300'.
MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE) Mesa Operating Co., #A-9 Thompson '20', 380' from South & 1290' from East line, Sec. 20,44,H&TC (BHL: 2210' from South & 2981' from East line of Sec.) PD 3500'. Directional Well & Replacement Well.
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POTTER (WEST PANHANDLE) Mesa Operating Co., #B-123 Masterson '35', 2482' from North & 639' from West line, Sec. 35,3,G&M (BHL: 200' from South & 430' from West line of Sec.) PD 3086'. Directional Well.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & HODGES Middle Morrow & MORRISON RANCH Upper Morrow) J.M. Huber Corp., #41-3 Hodges 'C', 2500' from South & 2000' from East line, Sec. 41,43,H&TC, PD 9850'.
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GRAY (WILDCAT 7 N.E. HOOVER Ellenburger) Jones Energy, Ltd., #6 Ruth '23', 1320' from North & West line, Sec. 3,3,I&GN, PD 9213'.
HANSFORD (WILDCAT above 2600') Prima Oil & Gas Co., #221D Whitaker, 1320' from South & East line, Sec. 221,2,GH&H, PD 2600'.

Devon Energy Corp., #2 Drucilla, 2640' from South & 660' from East line, Sec. 159,44,H&TC (BHL: 2640' from South & 2660' from East line of Sec.) PD 3568'. Horizontal Well.
AMENDED Intention to Drill SHERMAN (TEXAS-HUGOTON) Embassy Energy, L.L.C., #1A Cluck, 1390' from North & 1250' from East line, Sec. 27,3-B,GH&H (BHL: 908' from South & 1732' from West line of Sec. 26) TVD 3300'. Amended to show BHL for Horizontal Well (Surface location is 1250' from nearest Lease line & BHL is 1732' from nearest Lease line).
Oil Well Completions
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Seagull Midcon, Inc., #105 Worley Unit, Sec. 61,3,I&GN, elev. 2980 gr, spud 8-24-96, drlg. compl 8-31-96, tested 9-19-96, pumped 18 bbl. of 43.2 grav oil + no water, GOR 889, TD 3185', PBTD 3185'.
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Seagull Midcon, Inc., #115 Worley, Sec. 61,3,I&GN, elev. 3041 gr, spud 2-9-97, drlg. compl 2-16-96, tested 2-28-97, pumped 92 bbl. of 42.3 grav oil + no water, GOR 43, TD 3229'.
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Seagull Midcon, Inc., #119 Worley Unit, Sec. 84,3,I&GN, elev. 3092 gr, spud 1-30-97, drlg. compl 2-6-97, tested 2-15-97, pumped 15 bbl. of 42.5 grav oil + no water, GOR 533, TD 3147'.
ROBERTS (ALPAR-LIPS Marmaton) Alpar Resources, Inc., #4A Brainard '177', Sec. 177,C,G&M, elev. 2808 gr, spud 3-29-97, drlg. compl 4-13-97, tested 5-7-97, flowed 389 bbl. of 43.6 grav oil + no water thru 16/64" choke on 24 hour test, csg. pressure 1150#, tbg. pressure 115#, GOR 658, TD 7750', PBTD 7618'.
Gas Well Completions
CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Anadarko Petroleum Corp., #1079A Burnett, Sec. 79,5,I&GN, elev. 3371 gr, spud 3-31-97, drlg. compl 4-17-97, tested 4-28-97, potential 4188 MCF, TVD 3136', MD 5051'.
GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Evans Production Co., #2 Bell, Sec. 111,3,I&GN, elev. 3238 kb, spud 1-21-97, drlg. compl 1-25-97, tested 4-24-97, potential 110 MCF, TD 2943', PBTD 2928'.
HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Parker & Parsley Development, L.P., #301 Isaacs, Sec. 1,—Alfred Lout Survey, elev. 2640 kb, spud 1-23-97, drlg. compl 3-20-97, tested 4-21-97,

potential 4800 MCF, TD 10900', PBTD 10854'.
MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE) Anadarko Petroleum Corp., #1057 Kilgore, Sec. 57,44,H&TC, elev. 3597 gr, spud 3-28-97, drlg. compl 4-23-97, tested 4-28-97, potential 696 MCF, TVD 3309', MD 4984'.
MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE) Mesa Operating Co., #B-19 Thompson, Sec. 22,26,EL&RR, elev. 3576 gr, spud 12-26-96, drlg. compl 1-26-97, tested 5-6-97, potential 294 MCF, TD 3276', PBTD 3276'.
POTTER (WEST PANHANDLE) Mesa Operating Co., #G-7 Masterson, Sec. 79,0-18,D&P, elev. 3566 gr, spud 1-30-97, drlg. compl 2-17-97, tested 5-5-97, potential 2087 MCF, TD 3183', PBTD 3183'.
Plugged Wells
HANSFORD (HORIZON Cleveland) Sonat Exploration Co., #1128 Ochiltree 'A' Gas Unit, 250' from South & 1250' from East Lease line, Sec. 128,4-T,T&NO, spud 8-28-64, plugged 1-18-97, TD 8380', PBTD 6387 (gas).
HANSFORD (HORIZON Cleveland) Sonat Exploration Co., #1 R.R. Smith, 1984' from South & 660' from West Lease line, Sec. 142,4-T,T&NO, spud 1-9-60, plugged 1-15-97, TD 6550', PBTD 6513' (oil).
LIPSCOMB (BRADFORD Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #4 Susan J. Martin, 2298' from South & 1214' from West Lease line, Sec. 808,43,H&TC, spud 3-5-97, plugged 3-16-97, TD 7800' (dry).
LIPSCOMB (WILEY Tonkawa) Brammer Supply, Inc., #1 Wiley 'B', 467' from North & East Lease line, Sec. 80,10,H&TB, spud 8-8-81, plugged 3-24-97, TD 9150', PBTD 7200' (oil).
MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE Brown Dolomite) Midgard Energy Co., #1 Brelsford, 660' from South & West line, Sec. 402,44,H&TC, spud 7-17-46, plugged 2-11-97, TD 3500', PBTD 3397' (gas).
OCHILTREE (ELLIS RANCH Cleveland) Sonat Exploration Co., #129 Tubbs, 960' from North & 660' from East line, Sec. 29,13,T&NO, spud 6-8-60, plugged 1-8-97, TD 9008', PBTD 6950' (gas).

GM chairman avoids labor issues at annual meeting

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — General Motors Corp. chairman John F. Smith Jr. had little to say to shareholders Friday about the chronic labor problems that continue to cut into the automaker's production and profits.
 In a 20-minute speech at GM's annual meeting, Smith made only passing mention of his company's inability to break from its long pattern of confrontation with the United Auto Workers.
 "I wish we could have avoided the strikes last year and the ones we're experiencing this year, but we must make General Motors competitive and avoid settlements that damage us for the long term," Smith said. "At the same time, GM needs to build constructive relationships with the unions."
 That didn't satisfy longtime shareholder Milton Gaul of Hockessin, Del. He criticized Smith for what he described as a pugnacious attitude and questioned why GM is the only automaker regularly hit by strikes.
 "There's some disease here," Gaul said. "There's something that's not in all corporations."
 Smith had no response for Gaul. Later, Gaul said he had not expected one: "What can he say? It's a big problem."
 GM's latest assembly plant strikes have dragged on for weeks and there's no end in sight.
 The seven-week strike at GM's Oklahoma City plant aborted the big launch of the Chevrolet Malibu and Oldsmobile Cutlass, two models that are key to GM's plan to regain lost market share in the United States. In Pontiac, Mich., a monthlong strike at a plant that assembles high-margin GMC and Chevy full-size pickups also has cut into GM's profit.
 Talks in both strikes have dragged on with no progress on the key issue of staffing. The UAW says more workers are needed at both plants to reduce overtime, injuries and stress on its members.
 GM said the strikes as of May 15 had cost it \$225 million, or 31 cents a share, based on lost production of 54,000 units. But that represents a small dent in GM's \$14.6 billion cash reserve. More worrisome is what may lurk down the road for GM.
 The union has hinted it may call strikes at one or more GM parts plants, which could quickly shut down GM's North American production. That happened last year when the UAW struck two brake plants in Dayton, Ohio.
 "It's a very serious threat," said Wesley Brown, an industry analyst with Nextrend in Thousand Oaks, Calif. "There's a number of plants without a local contract that could go out on a strike in the next 18 months."
 Wall Street has supported GM's effort to reduce its labor costs. But some analysts find its inability to reach an understanding with the UAW — and executives' tendency to play down the problem — especially troubling.
 "It would bode better for the long term if GM didn't have to hammer the UAW into submission," said Susan Jacobs of Jacobs & Associates in Rutherford, N.J. "These strikes are an indication of a fairly wide gulf in the thinking of what the company needs to do strategically."
 GM has labor problems outside the United States as well. Shareholders heard from a Mexican worker who complained about her "miserable salary" of \$44.89 for a 42-hour week.

Pioneering oil platform heads out to North Atlantic

BULL ARM, Newfoundland (AP) — Six tugboats pulled the massive Hibernia oil platform away from its construction site Friday, heading for the Grand Banks to open a new era for North America's oil industry.
 The 600,000-ton platform is scheduled to go into operation by December, tapping for the first time the huge oil reserves under the North Atlantic seabed off Newfoundland.
 Fog shrouded the structure as it was pulled away, but officials were pleased by forecasts of low wind and calm seas for the first part of a voyage expected to last eight to 10 days.
 The tow route will skirt along

the edge of the Grand Banks in relatively deep waters until the platform is just north of the Hibernia field, 195 miles east of St. John's, Newfoundland.
 The Canadian Coast Guard sent its two flagship vessels to help enforce an exclusion zone around the platform during the trip. The platform will be moving at an average speed of about 2 mph.
 At its peak, Hibernia is expected to produce 135,000 barrels of oil per day. About 615 million barrels will likely be recovered over the 18-year life of the \$4.2 billion project.
 Oil companies began expressing interest in the Grand Banks almost 40 years, but the potential

high cost and the danger of icebergs deterred any development until now.



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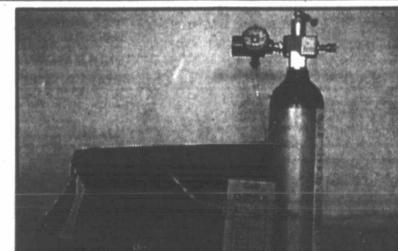
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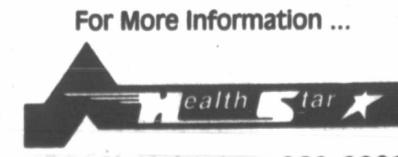
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PAMPA — Pampa native Chris Whitney has been awarded The W.W. Nicklaus Memorial Achievement Award, which is given to a Texas Tech athlete from the Panhandle area. Whitney is an offensive tackle on the football team. Whitney will be a senior this upcoming season. The award also went to Randall product Sandy Parker, a point guard on the women's basketball team last year.

BASKETBALL

AMARILLO — Sheryl Estes' Hoops Camp will be held July 14-17 at River Road High School.

For more information, call 806-355-4219 or 303-561-1763.

RODEO

McLEAN — Entry forms for the McLean Rodeo can be obtained by writing to the McLean Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 445, McLean, Tex., or by calling 806-779-3176.

The rodeo is scheduled for June 20-21. Other activities include the town's annual car rally, Poker Run and parade, arts and crafts show, plus dancing and live music entertainment following the rodeos.

BASEBALL

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Southwest Missouri State survived a ninth-inning rally to defeat Nevada, 10-9, eliminating the Wolf Pack from the NCAA Central Regional on Saturday.

Southwest Missouri (10-9) led 10-1 after six innings, but Nevada (39-21) fought back.

Nevada closed the scored to 10-9 in the ninth on Andy Dominique's 2-run homer and Gary Johnson's bases-loaded triple. But Lyle Overbay grounded out to end the game.

Jason Hart went 4-for-5 to lead Southwest Missouri. Ryan Church (6-5) took the loss. He was pulled after allowing two hits and a run in the first inning. Southwest Missouri State added five runs off reliever Jay Kenny on four hits and three errors in the next one and two-thirds innings.

Nick Kays and Chris Curry added solo homers in the next two innings.

Ben Walker (4-1) allowed Nevada one run on three hits over the first six innings. At one time, he retired nine in a row.

Andy Dominique's two run home run and Gary Johnson's three RBI triple to make the score 10-9.

Lyle Overbay, who represented the game's tying run, grounded out to end the game.

GOLF

UPPER ARLINGTON, Ohio (AP) — Heather Bowie lived up to her end of a pact she made with her grandmother.

Last fall, shortly after Carole Nutter discovered she had ovarian cancer, Bowie promised her grandmother that they would meet at the NCAA Division I women's golf championship.

After clinching the medalist title with a 3-under-par 285 Saturday at Ohio State's Scarlet Course, Bowie called the 62-year-old woman at her Baltimore hospital room.

"We made a little goal that she'd make it to the nationals and I'd win it for her," said Bowie, a senior at Texas. "She cried a lot, I cried a lot. It was very emotional."

It's Auto Safety 101 at final driver's meeting

By NANCY ARMOUR
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Pit stops, yellow flags, black flags and restarts.

It sounded like Auto Racing 101, and in many ways it was.

With so many rookies in this year's Indianapolis 500, chief steward Keith Ward stressed the basics during his instructions at the drivers' meeting Saturday.

"I want to see a nice clean formation down the backstretch... so we can come down in a nice clean start," he said. "Be courteous and let guys get in place when they need to get in place."

Of the 35 drivers in today's race at the Indianapolis Motor

INDY 500

Speedway, 13 are rookies and 10 are making just their second start at the Brickyard. Last year, 17 rookies started; the record is 19 in 1919 and 1930.

During his 20-minute speech, Ward went over everything — no matter how routine it might have sounded:

— Line up in even rows at the start.

— No pitting under the yellow flag.

— No standing on the gas in the warmup lane after coming out of the pits.

— And absolutely, positively, no trying to get ahead of someone until your car rumbles over the

row of bricks at the start. "I'm not asking for a good start, I'm expecting it," Ward said.

The added instructions could come in handy. The National Weather Service said there is an 80 percent chance of thunderstorms Sunday. Any moisture would make the track slick and could cause delays in the race.

And no one knows for sure how well the new Aurora and Nissan Infiniti engines will hold up. There have been problems with them all month — speedway officials even made the unusual move of allowing four drivers one last practice session Saturday to test their backup engines.

Jim Guthrie, Sam Schmidt and Claude Bourbonnais of Team

Blueprint Racing missed Carburetion Day with blown engines. Robby Gordon of Team Sabco ran six laps with a top speed of just 135 mph before blowing his.

If the drivers needed a reminder of why safety is so important, all they had to do was look at John Paul Jr., who broke his right leg and left heel during a crash at practice.

Paul, in a wheelchair, was at the driver's meeting to receive the Scott Brayton Driver's Trophy, presented for the first time in memory of Brayton, who was killed at Indy during practice last year.

The meeting wasn't all business. Ward drew laughs from the

crowd and drivers with his thinly disguised dig at Championship Auto Racing Teams, which is boycotting Indy for the second straight year.

Most of the big-name drivers were in St. Louis on Saturday for CART's Motorola 300.

"I don't care what anybody says, you're the 35 best drivers in the world or you wouldn't be here," Ward said, prompting cheers from the crowd and applause from a few drivers.

As Ward talked to the drivers about starting clean, a fan yelled out, "No crashes in the turns!"

"That's right, no crashes in Turn One," Ward said, drawing laughter. "And no crashes in Turns Two, Three or Four, either."

Bass anglers hold tourney

PAMPA — The High Plains Bass Anglers, an affiliate of Honey Hole, held the third tournament of 1997 at Lake Greenbelt.

Randy Hinds won the tournament with a total of 9.39 pounds of fish. Second was Doug Youree with 5.30 and third went to Dicky McCarn with 3.70 pounds. McCarn also won Big Bass with a 2.23 pound fish.

The next club tournament will be a roadrunner tournament with Skip Out, Dead Indian and Foss as the lakes to be fished on June 7-8.

The club meets the first Tuesday of the month at Topographic Land Surveyors, 2225 Perryton Parkway, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

WAKA, Tex. — The second annual Children's Fishing Tournament will be held June 7 at Lake Fryer in Ochiltree County.

The tournament, sponsored by the Wolf Creek Advisory Board, begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. The three age groups are 0 to 6 years; 7 to 11 years and 12 to 14 years.

Prizes will be awarded in each age group as well as several overall prizes. Top prizes will include tackle box and rod and reel; most fish caught; largest fish caught; smallest fish caught and weighed; most unusual thing caught and ugliest fish caught, will be some of the winning categories.

Officials from the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife will be present to weigh the fish and assist participants. For children not having rods and reels, these items will be furnished at the lake during tournament hours.

Also during the tournament hours of 10 and 3, the Lobo Restaurant in the Wolf Creek Park will be offering two Fishing Tournament Specials to all children.

Interested persons can call Darrell Hickey at 806-435-3249 or Mike Ladd at 806-435-2354 for more information.

Bulls take 2-0 lead

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Heat averaged 72.5 points in the first two games of the Eastern Conference final — not enough to beat the Fort Wayne Pistons, much less the Chicago Bulls.

As a result, Chicago took a 2-0 lead into Game 3 of the series today at Miami Arena.

The Bulls' 75-68 victory Thursday was the lowest-scoring playoff game since the introduction of the shot clock in 1954. The previous low came in 1955, when Fort Wayne beat Syracuse 74-71.

"It looked like a football game in mud in the middle of November," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said.

In the two losses, Miami shot 37 percent from the field, 25 percent from 3-point range and 63 percent from the free-throw line.

Tri-State qualifiers



Eleven Pampa High School Rodeo Club members have qualified for the Tri-State High School Finals this year. Qualifiers and their events are (front row, l-r) Lindsay Tidwell, breakaway roping; Tanner Winkler, steer wrestling; Matt Rhine, calf roping-ribbon roping; Kembra Malberg, goat tying and Casey Andreen, pole bending; (top row, l-r) Burl Meadows, bulls-bareback riding and Bobby Don Hendricks, bulls. Not pictured are Bowdy Peach, bulls; Curtis Atwood, bulls; Nicki Leggett, goat tying-pole bending and Jason Williams, saddle bronc. The Tri-State Finals will be held May 30-June 1 at the XIT Arena near Dalhart. Tickets are four dollars each and can be purchased from any rodeo club member or at the gate.

Summer program is in the works

PAMPA — There will be a meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Harvester Field for anyone interested in summer track competition.

Among the items to be discussed include USATF cards, meets on the schedule and the training schedule.

Several USATF meets are planned this summer, ending with national competition in July. One of the first meets scheduled is at Ponca City, Okla. on May 31, starting at 9 a.m.

Other meets around the area are June 6 at Iraan and June 13 at Stanton with both starting at 9 a.m.

On June 19-21, the West Texas Association (USATF) meet will be held in Lubbock with the top six in each event qualifying for regionals. The meet will be held at Texas Tech University with multi-events held on June 19, followed by running events, at 10 a.m. June 20 and

week before his million-dollar match race against Donovan Bailey. Michael Johnson made it clear Saturday that this is far from a friendly rivalry.

"I don't respect him as a man who claims to be a good person, a fair person," Johnson said of the Olympic 100-meter gold medalist. "If he claims that's the kind of person he is, that he's a fair man and a good man, I don't respect him for that because he's done some things I think are contrary to that."

Asked for examples, Johnson didn't hesitate.

"Like training in the United States under an American coach and calling the American public ignorant," Johnson said, referring to comments Bailey made after not making the cover of Sports Illustrated after the Olympics. "I think that's contrary to being a good and fair person."

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field events at 9 a.m. June 21.

On June 27-28, there will be a TAAF Region 10 Meet at Odessa High School in Odessa.

On July 9-12, there will be a Region 12 USATF meet in Abilene at Abilene Christian University. The top three in each event qualify for the National Junior Olympics. Multi-events will be held on July 9-10 and regular track and field events will be held on July 11-12.

The TAAF State Meet is July 24-26 at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

The National Junior USATF Olympics will be held July 22-27 at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La.

Wendell Palmer can be contacted at 665-1238 if more information is needed.

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EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — One

Astros' Kyle shuts out Rockies, 7-0

DENVER (AP) — Darryl Kile pitched seven strong innings and Jeff Bagwell and Craig Biggio each homered Saturday to lead the Houston Astros over the Colorado Rockies 7-0 Saturday.

Kile (5-2), who is 4-0 in his last

five games with a 0.47 ERA during that span, won his first game in four starts at Coors Field. He limited Colorado to just four hits and three walks, striking out five, sending the Rockies to their 13th loss in 17 games.

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National League At A Glance

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	33	13	.717	—
Florida	27	18	.600	5 1/2
Montreal	25	20	.558	7 1/2
New York	25	22	.532	8 1/2
Philadelphia	18	28	.391	15

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	24	23	.511	—
Pittsburgh	23	23	.500	1/2
St. Louis	18	27	.400	5
Chicago	17	28	.378	6
Cincinnati	14	31	.311	9

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	27	18	.600	—
Colorado	25	21	.543	2 1/2
Los Angeles	23	22	.511	4
San Diego	20	25	.444	7

Friday's Games

Philadelphia 2, N.Y. Mets 1
Chicago Cubs 3, Cincinnati 1
Montreal 4, Pittsburgh 1
Colorado 8, Houston 7
Atlanta 4, Los Angeles 2
San Francisco 2, St. Louis 0
San Diego 5, Florida 3

Saturday's Games

Houston 7, Colorado 0
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7:35 p.m.
Atlanta at Los Angeles, 10:05 p.m.
Florida at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Reed 3-3) at Philadelphia (M.Letter 4-4), 1:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Lozta 4-1) at Montreal (Hermanson 1-3), 1:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Castillo 4-8) at Cincinnati (Schourek 2-4), 2:15 p.m.
Houston (Holt 5-3) at Colorado (Bailey 4-4), 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Neagle 7-0) at Los Angeles (I.Valdes 2-5), 4:05 p.m.
Florida (Brown 4-2) at San Diego (Hitchcock 3-4), 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Stottlemire 2-3) at San Francisco (VanLandingham 2-2), 4:05 p.m.

American League At A Glance

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	30	14	.682	—
Toronto	23	20	.536	6 1/2
New York	25	22	.532	6 1/2
Detroit	20	25	.444	10 1/2
Boston	18	26	.409	12

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	24	20	.545	—
Milwaukee	21	21	.500	2
Chicago	20	23	.465	3 1/2
Kansas City	20	24	.455	4
Minnesota	18	28	.391	7

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	25	19	.568	—
Anaheim	24	20	.545	1

Thursday's Games

Cleveland 9, Kansas City 1
Boston 8, N.Y. Yankees 2
Texas 10, Oakland 7
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Detroit 7, Texas 1
Cleveland 6, Baltimore 1
Anaheim 12, Toronto 2
Milwaukee 4, Chicago White Sox 1
Boston 9, N.Y. Yankees 3
Seattle 8, Kansas City 4
Oakland 8, Minnesota 4

Saturday's Games

Baltimore 8, Cleveland 3
Anaheim 3, Toronto 1
N.Y. Yankees 4, Boston 2
Texas (Hill 2-2) at Detroit (Pugh 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (D'Amico 1-2) at Chicago White Sox (Darwin 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Molter 0-8) at Minnesota (Robertson 4-2), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 4-0) at Kansas City (Pittley 0-4), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Baltimore (Johnson 0-0) at Cleveland (Nagy 5-2), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Dickson 6-1) at Toronto (Hentgen 5-1), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Witt 7-0) at Detroit (Lira 2-2), 1:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Ekroed 4-5) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 2-5), 2:05 p.m.
Seattle (Fassero 4-1) at Kansas City (Rusch 2-2), 2:05 p.m.
Oakland (Prieto 3-3) at Minnesota (Tewksbury 1-5), 7:45 p.m.
Boston (Waskfield 1-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Petitte 6-2), 8:05 p.m.

Texas Louisiana League At A Glance

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	25	19	.568	—
Anaheim	24	20	.545	1

By The Associated Press

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Abilene	1	0	1.000	—
Rio Grande	1	0	1.000	—
Amarillo	1	1	.500	1/2
Lubbock	1	1	.500	1/2
Alexandria	0	1	.000	1
Tyler	0	1	.000	1

Friday's Games

Lubbock 6, Amarillo 4
Rio Grande Valley at Alexandria, ppd., rain
Tyler 3, Abilene 2, susp., 3 innings, rain

Saturday's Games

Rio Grande Valley at Alexandria
Lubbock at Amarillo
Abilene at Tyler

Sunday's Games

Alexandria at Amarillo
Abilene at Rio Grande Valley
Lubbock at Tyler

Monday, May 26

Chicago at Miami, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 27

Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.

Wednesday, May 28

Miami at Chicago, 9 p.m., if necessary

Thursday, May 29

Utah at Houston, 9 p.m., if necessary

Friday, May 30

Chicago at Miami, 9 p.m., if necessary

Saturday, June 1

Houston at Utah, TBA, if necessary

Miami at Chicago, TBA, if necessary

N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 2 p.m.

Monday, May 26
Colorado at Detroit, 7:30 p.m., if necessary

Tuesday, May 27
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m., if necessary

Wednesday, May 28
No games scheduled

Thursday, May 29
No games scheduled

Friday, May 30
Detroit at Colorado, 8:30 p.m., if necessary

Saturday, May 31
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m., if necessary

By The Associated Press

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Abilene	1	0	1.000	—
Rio Grande	1	0	1.000	—
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Scholarships bill gets House approval

AUSTIN (AP) — It started off as a quarterback sneak doomed to be stuffed at the line of scrimmage. It's become a Hail Mary pass into the end zone.

The Texas House on Saturday gave final approval to a bill requiring state colleges and universities to base their admission standard for incoming students on the lowest grades and test scores of scholarship athletes.

For example, if a scholarship athlete was admitted to a school with the NCAA-minimum of 820 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the university would be required to lower its admissions policy for all incoming students that year to an SAT score of 820.

The thinking behind the measure is that rather than schools lowering their admissions standards for athletes, they would be forced to ensure that scholarship athletes meet the same academic standards as other students.

It was a bill that was supposed to make a statement early in the legislative session and then go away. University officials, namely those at the University of

Texas, eagerly awaited the death of the legislation.

But there's been no funeral. Sponsors of the bill say it strikes at the very heart of a federal court ruling that led to the elimination of race as a consideration in admissions, financial aid and scholarships at Texas universities.

The court case, known as Hopwood, was filed by four white students who argued that UT law school's admissions policy unfairly favored minorities.

The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld that argument and Texas Attorney General Dan Morales interpreted the court ruling to mean that race-based admissions would no longer be allowed in Texas.

Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, the House sponsor of the bill, said he wasn't going to sit quietly and watch overall minority enrollment drop at state schools because of the court ruling while minority participation in athletics continued to soar.

He has indirectly accused the state's biggest schools — Texas,

Texas A&M and Texas Tech — of a "plantation mentality" when it comes to giving athletic scholarships to minorities.

Wilson, who is black, said schools will do anything to get talented minorities who can carry a football or dunk a basketball.

But he points to already declining minority enrollment at UT and A&M since the court ruling as evidence that when it comes to the overall admission of minorities, schools aren't doing enough.

"There are a lot of kids out there across this state who would love to get a \$10,000 scholarship, but they don't have a vertical leap of 46 inches and they can't make most of their free throws," Wilson said. "They can shoot until the swoosh drops off of their shoes, but they still won't get the scholarship."

University of Texas officials have argued that the bill would force Texas schools out of the Big 12, drop Division I schools to Division III and hurt academic opportunities for minorities who receive sports scholarships.

Rockets win game three against Jazz

HOUSTON (AP) — Bench scoring, rebounding, shooting percentage, 3-point production. The Houston Rockets had been woeful in every single category.

Then came Game 3, and everything got better in a hurry. The Houston Rockets, getting a tremendous boost off the bench from 38-year-old Eddie Johnson, reversed their troubling trends of Games 1 and 2 and defeated the Utah Jazz 118-100 Friday night.

It cut their deficit to 2-1 in the best-of-7 Western Conference finals and kept them out of a 3-0 hole — something no NBA team has ever climbed out of.

Game 4 is Sunday before the

series returns to Salt Lake City for Game 5 on Tuesday night.

"This was definitely a must-win, and Sunday is also a must-win," Charles Barkley said. "We don't want to go back to Utah down 3-1, but if we had lost tonight we would have been dead. D-E-A-D."

The main reason the Rockets are still very much alive was Johnson, a journeyman shooting guard who played in the Greek League last season before being signed by Indiana, getting traded to Denver and then being waived.

The Rockets signed him in early March, and Johnson had his best game of the season Friday night with 31 points on 12-for-17 shooting, including 5-for-8 from 3-point

range.

"It definitely was one of my biggest moments," said the 15-year veteran. "You try to pick a moment when you can seize the opportunity and I knew I had to make a difference."

Such a difference — a scorer off the bench — was one of the many things the Rockets were lacking in the first two games. Johnson was partly to blame, too, as he shot a combined 3-for-9 with just seven points. The Jazz had even begun leaving him wide open on the perimeter.

"They weren't even paying attention to me, and I knew I had to make them pay for that," Johnson said.

SW Texas State knocks Clemson out of NCAA Central Regional

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Matt Schnabel, Brad Eubank and Chad Spear had consecutive run-scoring doubles in a four-run third inning as Southwest Texas State beat Clemson, 12-7, ousting the Tigers from the NCAA Central Regional.

The loss denied the Tigers (41-23), the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season runner-ups, a College World Series trip for the first time since 1994.

Southwest Texas was paired with Rice in a 7 p.m. game on Saturday.

After Lane Ladewig got a lead-

off walk off Tiger starter Skip Browning (6-5) in the third, reliever Ray Scott gave up the three doubles, and Collin Wissen capped a four-run inning with an RBI single, opening up a 7-3 lead for Southwest Texas (38-25).

Eric DeMoura hit a solo home run off Bobcat starter Greg Elhers (8-2) in the fifth, narrowing the Clemson deficit to 7-4. But Elhers shut down the Tigers the rest of the way, allowing only four more hits.

Wissen doubled in another run in the sixth to put the game out of reach.

Yanks beat Red Sox, end losing streak

NEW YORK (AP) — Charlie Hayes, starting at third base for New York over slumping Wade Boggs, hit a two-run home run with one out in the ninth inning Saturday as the Yankees halted a five-game losing streak with a 4-2 win over the Boston Red Sox.

Paul O'Neill walked with one out in the ninth and was lifted for pinch-runner Scott Pose. Hayes, whose insertion into New York's lineup landed Boggs on the bench for the first

time in his 16-year career, hit a 1-2 pitch from John Wasdin (0-2) over the left-center field fence for his third homer.

Hayes' shot, the Yankees' first game-winning homer since July 28 of last season, gave Mariano Rivera (1-1) the win. Rivera pitched a perfect ninth in relief of David Cone.

Cone walked one and struck out seven to take the major league lead in strikeouts with 85.

Borger plans benefit softball tournament

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Pampa Middle School announces winners of its Spring 1997 Art Show

Pampa Middle School has announced the winners of the Spring 1997 Art Show held last week.

Friendship Bracelet

1st - Lindsay Langford, 2nd - Marcelo Lopez, 3rd - Rick Blain, 4th - Ana Regalado and Honorable Mention - Sean Pope.

Magnets

1st - Ryan Chambers, 2nd - Samantha Bishop, 3rd - Sean Pope, 4th - Cory Schumacher and Honorable Mention - Ana Regalado.

Birdhouse

1st - John Towles, 2nd - Ashley Knipp, 3rd - David Sanchez, 4th - Alexis Amador, Honorable Mention - Jose Silva, Lorena Baker and Stephanie Blankenship.

Paper Maché

The Bird - Tony Beck, Jonathan Munn, Gabriel Villarreal.

The Cat - Alexis Amador and Elizabeth Tanagerling.

The Horse - Casey Coleman.

The Rabbit - Christyn Montray, Cassie Hamilton and Jennifer Reed.

The Flag - Shane Story.

Glass Fused Jewelry

1st - Brittany Brazile, 2nd - Anna Guitierrez, 3rd - Joshua Nachtigall, 4th - Elizabeth Ringerling and Honorable Mention - Angel Armstrong.

3 - D Pop Art

1st - Michael Stripling, 2nd - Antonio Mason, 3rd - Gabriel Villareal, 4th - Mandy Poole and Honorable Mention - Casey Coleman.

Marbleized Boxes

1st - Johnny Cortez, 2nd - Matt Bolch, 3rd - Joey Czesnowski, 4th - Cassie Hamilton, Honorable Mention - Jeremy Dubose.

Children's Books

1st - Aimee Stephenson, 2nd - Brian King, 3rd - Connie Lerma, 4th - Lucas Oliva and Honorable Mention - Angel Armstrong.

Picture Frames

1st - Montana Farnum, 2nd - Lucas Oliva, 3rd

- Casey Coleman, 4th - Jimmy Swinney, Honorable Mention - Aimee Stephenson and Star Lane.

Spring Break Collage

1st - Teresa Reed, 2nd - Jeremy Chronister, 3rd - Cynthia Bourne, 4th - Amber Hathcoat and Honorable Mention - Starla Willoughby.

Comic Strip Enlarging

1st - Brittany Brazile, 2nd - Joshua Nachtigall, 3rd - Andrea Lee, 4th - Carlos Solis and Honorable Mention - Brittany Smith.

Water Color Flowers

1st - Thai Nguyen, 2nd - James Silva, 3rd - Jessica Nicolet, 4th - Andrea Lee, Honorable Mention - Nick Knowles and Brittany Moutray.

Cubist Sculpture

1st - Heather Hucks/Megan Davis, 2nd - Jessica Loos/Thai Nguyen, 3rd - Chris Kane, 4th - Luke Bailey, Honorable Mention - Jake Altus, Arriotti Manning and Shain King.

Still - Life Pastel

1st - Andrea Lee, 2nd - Brittany Brazile, 3rd - Adrian Alva, 4th - Carlos Solis and Honorable Mention - Brittany Moutray.

Yarn Design

1st - Brittany Smith, 2nd - Carlos Solis, 3rd - Annie Chumbly and 4th - Amanda Lee.

Multi - Media Collage

1st - Andrea Lee, 2nd - Brittany Brazile, 3rd - Jessica Nicolet and 4th - Nick Knowles.

Sport Silhouettes

1st - James Silva, 2nd - Brock Couch, 3rd - Aaron Robinson and 4th - Jake Albus.

Crayon Etch

1st - Joshua Nachtigall, 2nd - Brittany Brazile, 3rd - Thai Nguyen and 4th - Andrea Lee.

Tropical Fish

1st - Thai Nguyen, 2nd - Andrea Lee, 3rd - Amanda Lee and 4th - Brittany Brazile.

Tessellations

1st - Zach Windhorst, 2nd - Brad Justice, 3rd - Rebecca Moore, 4th - Shaunta Reed, Honorable Mention -

Anabell Cruz and Lindsey Terrell.

O'Keefe

1st - Kasey Presson, 2nd - David Silva, 3rd - Willie Griffin, 4th - Michael Galloway, Honorable Mention - Aaron Kelley and Micki Petty.

Pencil Still Life

1st - Justin Lemons, 2nd - Micki Petty, 3rd - Gema Venegas, 4th - Matt Driscoll, Honorable Mention - Patrick Dunigan and Cortney Locknane.

Self Portraits

1st - John Hahn, 2nd - Zach Windhorst, 3rd - Levi Quackenbush, 4th - Joe Resendiz, Honorable Mention - Blake Helms and Ashley Wildcat.

Cubistic Value (map pencil)

1st - Melissa Watts, 2nd - Aaron Keller, 3rd - Kasey Presson and 4th - Michael Galloway.

Renoir

1st - Katy Newhouse, 2nd - Megan Shannon, 3rd - Jill Crawford, 4th - Valerie Velez, Honorable Mention - Ashley Wildcat and Wendy Arreola.

Pointillism

1st - Jose Alfaro, 2nd - Ricardo Grado, 3rd - David Phillips, 4th - Kristen Roby, Honorable Mention - Afel Shorter and David Silva.

Pen & Ink

1st - Aaron Keller, 2nd - Ryan Nash, 3rd - Kasey Presson, 4th - Gema Venegas, Honorable Mention - David Phillips and Chris Tice.

Contour Drawings

1st - Katy Newhouse, 2nd - Jay Boones, 3rd - Kristina Hartman, 4th - Helen Brooks, Honorable Mention - Mary Alice Warner and Rhett Lawrence.

Cartoon (free drawn)

1st - Aaron Belaire, 2nd - Joe Dominguez, 3rd - Rebecca Moore, 4th - Dawn Stevens, Honorable Mention - Jay Boones, Abbey Bradley.

Cubistic Painting (warm/cool)

1st - Edgar Barraza, 2nd - Luke Burton, 3rd -

Teryn Stowers, 4th - Ben Frogge and Honorable Mention - Brad Justice.

Shape Collage

1st - Jane Perez, 2nd - Abby Bradley, 3rd - Mary Alice Warner, 4th - Natalie Carpenter and Honorable Mention - Shaunta Reed.

Modern Mona Lisa

1st - Joe Dominguez, 2nd - Teryn Stowers, 3rd - Taryn Fallon, 4th - Brent Raney, Honorable Mention - Jill Crawford and Joe Resendiz.

Calligraphy

1st - Dane Ward, 2nd - Luez Aguliar, 3rd - Lindsey Narron, 4th - Lindsey Coutts, Honorable Mention - Abbey Parker, Tony Martinez and Lindsey Carroll.

Masks

1st - Justin Lemons, 2nd - Ricardo Grado, 3rd - Melissa Watts, 4th - Shalyn Garner, Honorable Mention - Cody Gardener, Lindsey Narron and Bo Robinsen.

Weaving

1st - Kristina Hartman, 2nd - Rodney Scobee, 3rd - Rob Hutchison, 4th - Mary Alice Warner, Honorable Mention - Taryn Fallon and Kaylei Peevy.

Ceramic Tile

1st - David Phillips, 2nd - Lindsey Carroll, 3rd - Aaron Keller and 4th - Abbey Parker.

Misc. Drawings (magnet company)

1st - Justin Lemons, 2nd - Chris Tice, 3rd - Jose Alfaro, 4th - Abel Shorter, Honorable Mention - Stephanie Peoples and Cody Gardner.

Linoleum Blocks (printmaking)

1st - Ricardo Grado, 2nd - Karlie Green, 3rd - Krista Roby and 4th - Shailey Britton.

Stained Glass

1st - Joe Resendiz, 2nd - Whitney Leeson, 3rd - Teryn Stowers, 4th - Taryn Fallon.

Baby Contest

1st - Missy - Charity Meeks, 2nd - Brittany - Shawn Smith, 3rd - Mersaydees - Lupita Resendiz and 4th - Tommy - Liliana Miranda.

Senate approval of budget masks conflicts ahead

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate decisively approved the carefully constructed deal to balance the budget and cut taxes, despite attempts from both the left and right to either boost spending or fiddle with the tax reductions.

By a 78-22 vote, the Senate approved the five-year budget outline Friday, concluding a marathon four-day debate on the measure.

"The American people asked us to work together," said Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., as he waved a copy of the vote tally in the air. "And I think what we just held up is evidence that we understood them."

Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., described the budget agreement's approval as "a historic moment," and called it a step towards completing the deficit elimination that began with the

1993 budget reduction accord.

"It isn't just a matter of competing the job; it's a matter of doing it the right way," Daschle said. With both parties seeing the agreement as a political victory, 41 Republicans and 37 Democrats supported the measure. Fourteen Republicans and eight Democrats cast "no" votes.

Work on the budget outline would have been complete Friday if the House hadn't adjourned the night before for the Memorial Day recess amid a dispute over an unrelated emergency spending bill for flood victims. The House and Senate are expected to resolve the differences in the bill when they return June 3 from the holiday break.

After that point, Congress will begin the real heavy lifting: 15 tax and spending bills that set out

the details of the agreement.

Those bills will provide specific details to the \$85 billion in net tax cuts over the next five years for millions of college students, families and investors.

Those bills also will spell out the \$321 billion in savings out of Medicare, defense and other programs, while providing new spending for children's health care, high technology and other priorities of President Clinton.

Those bill will be taken up in a tougher political environment. After the recess, Congress has to address a stalemate over an \$8.4 billion bill for the military mission in Bosnia and flood disaster aid. One key fight is an attempt by Republicans to attach legislation to the disaster aid bill that prevents federal shutdowns and other provisions Clinton opposes.

But for now, the budget agreement gave both sides sufficient fodder to declare victory.

"This is the end of the radical revolution that (House Speaker) Newt Gingrich talked about," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif. "No more terrible, devastating cuts in Medicare, Medicaid, education and the environment."

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., saw it another way.

"This is another step toward a smaller, smarter Washington," he said. "This is another step toward more tax relief for the working people of America, while being sensitive to the needs of the less fortunate in our society. That is the maximum we should be trying to accomplish."

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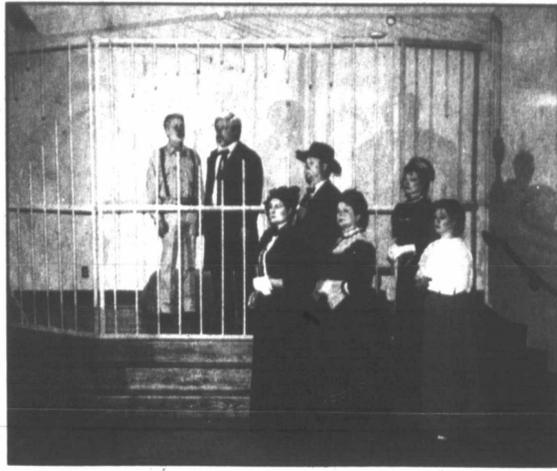
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The Wages of Sin



In the final scene, the jailor, played by Gene Murray, who wrote the opera, left, leads the Rev. George Morison, played by Lee Kendle, to the gallows while those spirits conjured up by Morison's conscience, the townspeople and his dead wife, look on from outside the jail cell. The townspeople include from left, back row, Andy-tonne as the wealthy rancher Mr. Ware and Samantha Usnick as a neighbor. In the front row, from left, is Janet Tonne, the other neighbor; Kathy Kendle, Anna Whittelsey, the lover, and Brenda Christophersen Lummus, Minnie Morison, the dead wife.



PANHANDLE -- If Georges Bizet can write an opera about a girl working at a cigarette factory in Spain, then Gene Murray can write an opera about a century old murder in the Texas Panhandle.

Carmen may or may not have been real, but Minnie Morison was flesh and blood. She can be found in the Panhandle cemetery where she was buried after her husband, a Methodist minister, poisoned her in 1897.

Murray, a Childress native, wrote the opera based on a scandalous murder case in 19th Century Carson County which premiered at the Square House Museum's Hazlewood in May.

The 31-year veteran of the Canyon school system began writing operas with the encouragement of a friend, Mila Gibson, founder and general producer of Amarillo Opera. She wanted an opera she could take to towns in the Panhandle as part of the organization's outreach program. Murray jokingly said he'd write one.

"I was 50 something then," Murray said.

Later that night, Murray was at home reading an O. Henry story, "The Whirligig of Life," and decided to base a light opera on it.

It involved a couple wanting a divorce that go to a Justice of the Peace. The perplexed justice decided that may be if he performed the ceremony backwards it would legally undo the marriage. Various payments all cost five dollars, and a five dollar bill is passed back and forth between the members of the cast until the Justice of the Peace decides he needs the money, convinces the couple to remarry and pockets his fee.

The Wages of Sin, based on the

Panhandle murder, is the tenth opera that Murray's written that the Amarillo Opera touring company has performed.

"I've written 22," Murray said. "I've been pretty busy."

Murray's involvement with the Carson County murder began with another friend, Jo Randall of Panhandle.

"Jo kept saying, 'Gene, I've got this wonderful story that you've got to write as an opera,'" Murray said. "I'd never done a serious opera before. They've always been comic operas to take around to the towns because people have such a phobia about opera. I thought the funnier they could be, the sooner we could break down that barrier."

But Randall insisted that the story would just write itself. She told him that she had the story. All he would have to do would be to write the music.

"I thought she had the libretto written out," Murray said.

It turned out that she had three newspaper articles. Murray started with that and began doing research into the 19th Century murder of a preacher's wife.

"Pretty soon I was just involved in the story," he said. "I wrote it all down several different ways, but I didn't like it."

Murray said he didn't want to start with the minister falling in love and then falling out of love and following his trail across two years and half a continent.

According to various historical documents, Rev. George Morison solicited money from two wealthy ranchers in his flock to travel from Panhandle to Kansas to attend theological conferences. In Morison's trial, the reason for the good reverend's travels turned out to be not theological training, but Anna Whittelsey, a wealthy woman in Kansas.



Above, Lee Kendle as the tortured Rev. George Morison turns to a bottle of whiskey, his last request, to fight the demons of his imagination as he awaits the hangman for the murder of his wife.

Left, Brenda Christophersen Lummus, who plays Minnie Morison, the minister's wife who was killed with poison by her husband, kneels by the grave of the real Minnie Morison who was murdered in Panhandle a century ago.

Nobody really knows, Murray said, but the assumption is that Morison thought he would get rid of his wife and marry Whittelsey and enjoy her financial wealth.

Morison bought strychnine and laced a peach with it for his wife. "They found strychnine in the peach," Murray said. "Back then they didn't do autopsies so they had no way of knowing for sure if that was the cause of death."

The trial testimony relied heavily on two neighbors to whom Morison had gone to for help as his wife went into convulsions. Testimony indicated that he would not allow the two women to help his wife as she died. They could only stand by and watch. The two women described the woman's death in court. It was consistent with strychnine poisoning.

Other testimony indicated that Morison had purchased large amounts of the poison immediately prior to his wife's death.

Whittelsey testified to her involvement with Morison, and the jury needed to hear no more.

Morison was convicted of murder, but he appealed. However, during the appeal process, the minister escaped. He was later arrested in San Francisco and returned to Texas, where he was executed at Vernon in the first legal hanging in Wilbarger County. He was hanged two years to the month after his wife's death.

"I didn't want to write a scene with him in Kansas and a scene here," Murray said. "It gets so mixed up. I thought the thing to do would be put him in the jail cell on the last day while he's waiting to be hanged and bring

all these people back in his imagination that he wants to apologize to."

The opera takes place in a jail cell during the minister's final hours. The characters that appear in the cell with him are real. The characters outside the bars are conjured up by his imagination, or as his lover who comes to see him sings, "I am here because of my conscience," while his dead wife sings from beyond the bars of his cell, "I am here because of your conscience."

Murray used the newspaper report of Morison's last request for the opening of the opera.

"Do you want anything?" the jailer (played by Murray) asks.

"A quart of whiskey," Morison (played by Lee Kendle) replies.

Hymns from the Methodist songbook are woven throughout the fabric of the opera, often sung

in minor keys adding to the distressed soul of the condemned man.

"Gene used 20th Century musical elements, things that have developed in this century like discord harmony and different rhythms, conflicting rhythms occurring at the same time," said Mila Gibson, the producer of the opera and founder and general producer of the Amarillo Opera. "A lot of people will say they don't like that kind of music. It's not pretty. It's not beautiful."

Yet they reflect the tension and discord of the characters.

"These are not beautiful feelings," Gibson said. "We're trying to make people feel what the characters felt. When a person's going through the struggles they were, it doesn't feel good."

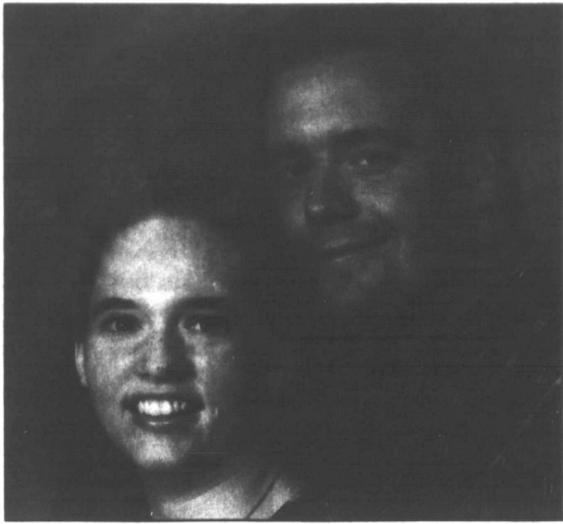
Yet when the spirit of the dead wife reaches a point in the opera where she proclaims that she has found the peace that passes all understanding, the music becomes a beautiful flowing melody with an easy smooth rhythm and nice harmony. Her husband awaiting his execution is having a difficult discordant time.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leathers

Leathers anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leathers will be celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary May 27, 1997. Robert Wayne Leathers and Amanda Beth Dalton were married May 27, 1967, at McLean. The couple have been Pampa residents for 20 years and are members of First Baptist Church. Mr. Leathers retired from Halliburton after 15 years of service and now farms. Mrs. Leathers is retired from Pampa High School after six years of service. Children of the couple are Jennifer Robin and Sean Patrick Hardman of San Angelo and Brandon Wayne and Karla Leathers of Canyon.



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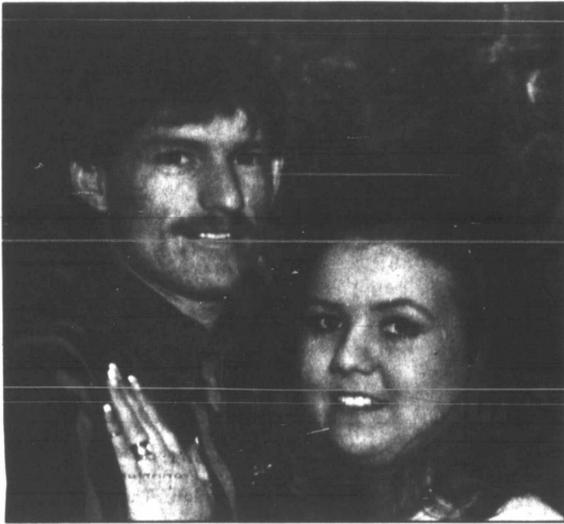
Joyce Etta Osborne of Pampa and Stephen S. Miles of Fort Stockton plan to wed Aug. 23, 1997, in First Baptist Church of Pampa. The bride-elect is the daughter of David and Janyce Osborne of Pampa. She is a 1994 graduate of Pampa High School and is currently a senior at Texas Tech University majoring in chemical engineering. The prospective groom is the son of Jim and Judy Miles of Fort Stockton. He is a 1993 graduate of Fort Stockton High School and is a 1996 graduate of Texas Tech University, receiving a bachelor degree in music theory. He is currently pursuing a masters degree in music theory at the university.



Leslie Louise Rogers and Barry Lynn Coffee

Rogers-Coffee

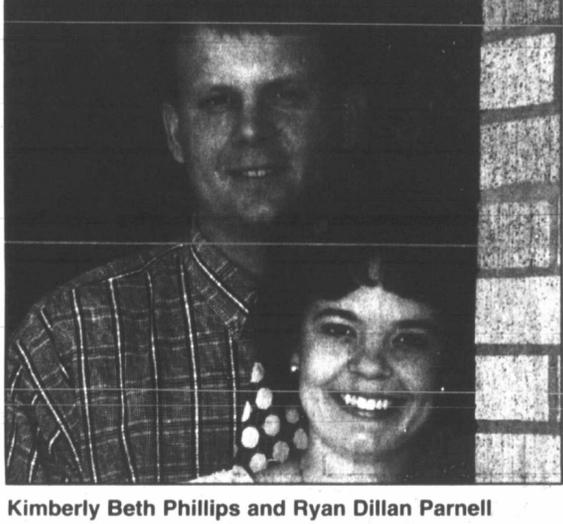
Leslie Louise Rogers and Barry Lynn Coffee plan to wed July 25, 1997, in Trinity Fellowship Christian Church of Amarillo. The bride-elect is the daughter of Dyke Rogers of Dalhart and Caroline Rogers of Amarillo. She is a graduate of West Texas A&M University in Canyon and is a member of Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society. She is currently a teacher at Trinity Fellowship Christian School. The prospective groom is the son of Bennie Coffee of Pampa and Linda McPherson of Weston, W.Va. He is a graduate of West Texas A&M University and is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He is currently an accountant at Hereford Bi-Products.



Jennifer LaShelle Harper and R. Scott McClelland

Harper-McClelland

Jennifer LaShelle Harper and R. Scott McClelland, both of Pampa, were wed April 13, 1997, in Las Vegas Wedding Gardens at Las Vegas, Nev. The matron of honor was Staci Cochran, aunt of the bride, of White Deer. Standing in as best man was Brad Cochran of Pampa. A reception was held following the service in Treasure Island Resort and Casino at Las Vegas. Serving the guests were Cochran and Lucy Thompson, aunt of the bride, of Odessa. The bride is the daughter of Mike and Donna Caskey of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Paul and Alice Thompson of White Deer and LaVeta Caskey of Pampa. She is a graduate of Pampa High School and attended Clarendon College. She is currently employed as a business manager of Coronado Healthcare of Pampa. The groom is the son of Stan and Elaine White and is the grandson of Dick and Helen Kastein, all of Pampa. He attended Pampa High School and is currently employed at H.B. Zachary of Borger. The couple honeymooned in Las Vegas and intend to make their home in Pampa.



Kimberly Beth Phillips and Ryan Dillan Parnell

Phillips-Parnell

Kimberly Beth Phillips and Ryan Dillan Parnell plan to wed Aug. 2, 1997, in Paramount Baptist Church of Amarillo. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Phillips of Amarillo. She is a 1994 graduate of Amarillo High School and is currently attending a degree in early childhood special education at West Texas A&M University. She plans to transfer to the University of North Texas to complete her degree. The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Parnell of Pampa. He is a 1992 graduate of Pampa High School and is a 1997 graduate of Baylor University. He is currently employed as an athletic trainer at Colony High School, part of Lewisville Independent School District.

Helpful advice on how to rid pets of pesky fleas and ticks

AUSTIN — Pet owners know spring and summer mean more fleas and ticks. While fleas and ticks are a problem year round for indoor cats and dogs, outdoor pets are affected primarily during warm weather when flea eggs hatch and ticks come out of hiding. These pests not only irritate animals' skin, but may also carry diseases and parasites. The good news is fleas and ticks can be controlled through proper treatment. The first step in flea control is to attack them where they live by mowing the lawn, raking up leaves and vacuuming thoroughly. Austin veterinarian Dr. Jan Anderson, chairman for the Texas Veterinary Medical Association's Companion Animal Committee, says prescribed oral treatment, often called the "flea pill," has proven to be an effective method for flea control. Owners feed the pill to their pets once a month. It targets the fleas' reproductive cycle, ruining egg development. Within 60 days results should begin appearing.

Dr. Anderson says the flea pill should be supplemented with other treatments. Prescription skin treatments, available from veterinarians, begin showing positive results within 24 hours and skin treatments and last about one month. Traditional sprays and foggers also help, especially when you are waiting for the other treatments to take effect. If used properly, these products are safe. As with fleas, the initial tick control is to eliminate their living areas by cutting down all high grass and brush. Owners should check their pets regularly to see if ticks have latched on. If a tick is spotted, do not pull it off by hand. Because ticks carry diseases that are infectious to humans, such as Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Lyme Disease, Dr. Anderson recommends spraying the tick with tick spray, waiting a few minutes until it loosens its grip, and then pulling it off with tweezers.

There is an art to holding a successful garage sale

Hundreds of thousands of "garage sales" will be held in the coming months. Many of the people holding these sales don't even have a garage. So the "garage sales" are held in the front yard, back yard, basement, porch, breezeway or any place that merchandise can be displayed and potential customers accommodated.

We all know people must stop when they see a sign announcing a sale. Just a small newspaper ad and some signs on fences and poles will bring you enough customers to make a retail store envious.

Consumer Education Research Center, a national nonprofit consumer group, has just published a book entitled, *Holding Garage Sales for Fun and Profit* that is a must for those planning a garage sale.

It advises you whether your temperament, location and merchandise will produce a successful sale. If you decide to hold a sale the book takes you through the whole process including pricing, merchandising, display tricks and even how to recognize shoplifters. *Holding Garage Sales for Fun and Profit* can be obtained by sending \$6 (plus \$1.25 p&h) to Consumer Center, 1980 Springfield Ave., Maplewood, NJ 07040, by calling them at 1-800-872-0121. If you would like to read this book or other of the organizations books free, you can have a look at their website at <http://www.planet.net/cerc>.

Although their first garage sale was motivated by the people wanting to sell unwanted stuff, many people get hooked on the fun and easy money and want to repeat the venture. For these people, the book contains detailed tips on how extra, profitable, salable merchandise can be gotten. Undoubtedly you have already

attended one or more garage sales. Many people are "garage sale junkies" who look in the newspaper for ads and visit every one they can locate. This means that advertising is the key to a successful sale. This publication and others have a special classification in their ad columns for garage sale advertising.

Whether you are a novice, getting ready for your first sale or have experience, there are tips that will help you be more successful. First, you must consider if you are the type of person who can handle meeting strangers and haggling over prices.

Once you have decided to go ahead, you must get your merchandise together, price it learn how to display, publicize and advertise. This book goes over the process in detail and will make a first-timer into a confident, competent garage-sale seller.

Bridal Registry

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"EXCEPT JEHOVAH BUILD THE HOUSE..."

"Except Jehovah build the house, they labor in vain that build it. Except Jehovah keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." (Psa. 127:1.) Here the psalmist is referring to those things done with or without God's approval. Certainly, either one is possible. But he is speaking of the fruitlessness of doing things without the approval of God. Israel of old did many things without the approval of God from the time they were established as a nation until they were finally overrun by their enemies and taken into captivity for seventy years as punishment for doing those things which displeased God.

Jesus emphasized the importance of doing the will of God, or of doing those things of which He approved and Jesus is our example of one who always did those things which pleased His Father (Matt. 7:21; Jn. 8:29; Matt. 17:5.) But, in spite of all the exhortation and admonishment in order to do those things approved of God, men continue to do things, religiously and morally, of which God disapproves. Seemingly, they do not see the fruitlessness of such endeavors. Men continue to build their churches and human religions abound. All of this without any approval or endorsement of the Almighty God. Jesus only promised to build His church, which, evidently is the only one of which the Father approves. Then, would not all the churches of men qualify as the ones Jehovah has not built or approved? "But He answered and said, Every plant which my heavenly Father planted not, shall be rooted up." (Matt. 15:13.) Jesus was speaking of the religions of men based upon human traditions. That is, doing things unauthorized by God is not only fruitless, eventually, they shall be destroyed.

To have the approval of God we must always strive to do what He authorizes through His inspired scriptures (Rom. 1:16-17; 2 Tim. 3:16-17.) I am confident that Jesus meant it, when He said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven." (Matt. 7:21.) Most assuredly, when men do those things without scriptural authority, it is not Jehovah who "builds the house" but man. Thus, all their labor is in vain.

-Billy T. Jones

Address all comments or questions to:
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1612 W. Kentucky Pampa, Texas 79065

Lifestyles policies

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing weddings, engagements, or anniversaries. We reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday, prior to Sunday insertion.
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6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more, and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.
7. Information that appears on engagement, wedding and anniversary forms will be used at the discretion of the editor. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, Texas 79066-2198.

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Tell your loved ones to buckle up!

It's graduation week — a special time in the lives of many young people and their families! With a graduating senior in my own household, I join other parents across the state and nation in being concerned that a safe graduation celebration take place and that a happy future is possible for our special youth. It is important that we as adults set an example and encourage our youth to buckle up on every trip!

Communities across our nation are proclaiming May 20-27, 1997, as "Buckle Up America!" week. The "Buckle Up America!" message is clear. It is important to buckle up on every trip, not just for a week, but for all year.

In Texas in 1995, 2,186 front seat occupants lost their lives in motor vehicle crashes. Of that number, 1,183 were unrestrained. In that same year, about 54% of the 16- to 20-year-olds that died were not wearing safety belts. If these young people had buckled up, 165 people might still be alive today.

Buckling up not only saves lives, but also helps prevent serious injuries, many of which can cause permanent disability. In 1995, 266,859 persons in the U.S. were injured because they were not buckled up.

The holdouts use arguments like, "I'm a good driver. Why

Homemakers' News Donna Brauchi



should I buckle up?" The fact is, many other drivers aren't careful. And a blown tire, failed brakes or poor road conditions can cause even "good" drivers to have a crash.

Remember, when you are driving, you are in command. Don't let passengers get away with excuses like, "I don't need to buckle around town." It's the short trips, at low speeds, that lead to the greatest number of crashes. About 75% of all crashes occur within 25 miles of home. Forty percent of fatal crashes occur on roads with posted speed limits of 45 miles per hour or less. Even a panic stop can seriously injure unbelted passengers.

Some people say, "I'm afraid of being trapped by the belt. I'd rather be thrown clear." Contrary to what is shown on television, less than one-half of one percent of injury-producing crashes

involved fire or submersion where entrapment could be a factor. Safety belts keep you conscious, uninjured and in place, which is especially important if the vehicle has an air bag. The belt keeps you in place so the air bag can do its best job of protecting you from harm.

If you have an air bag, why buckle up? Air bags offer only supplemental protection in frontal crashes. This means if you are involved in a side, rear, rollover or any other non-fatal collision, the air bag will not inflate. The safety belt is your primary means of protection.

Don't let yourself or someone close to you forget to buckle up. It could cost more than you think.

For more information on safety belt use and child safety seats, contact your Gray county office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

SWANS honor society



(Special photo)

Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford, Okla., recently inducted several students into Southwestern Achievement in Nursing Scholarship, an honor society for nursing students with a 3.0 grade point average or above ranking in the top third of their class. Among the students so honored was Celia Sigala of Pampa and Erin Chandler of Canadian, both featured on the back row.

Club news

Pampa Garden Club

Pampa Garden Club met April 14 in the home of Thelma Bray with Bray serving as hostess.

Ann Carmichel, future biology major at Vanderbilt University, was selected as the Pampa Garden Scholarship recipient.

The Gardner of the Year was selected by secret ballot. A plaque was awarded during the May meeting.

Members plan to visit E.L. Smiley Henderson to present him with a certificate of appreciation for the care and maintenance of his trees. Also in the offing is a visit to M.K. Brown Swimming Pool to view trees donated by the club as part of the Arbor Day program.

William McCauley is in charge of planting the trees. Bray gave a presentation on the Ginkgo Tree which is virtually insect and disease free with a possible growth of between 40 and 50 feet. Buddhist priests consider the Ginkgo sacred and its leaves are used to increase circulation and as bookmarks. In addition, Bray discussed "Trees Across Pampa," a census of trees in town.

The next meeting was held May 19 at Coronado Inn with Marilyn Butler serving as hostess.

A plant was presented to Alice Gray as president for the 1996-97 year.

Ruth Barrett was named Gardner of the Year for outstanding service to the club.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. Sept. 15 at 2221 N. Russell.

served as hostesses. Twelve members were present.

Allen installed new member Margaret Hall. Hall is food service director at Gray County Jail and is responsible for seeing that prisoners have three balanced meals a day. She has been employed with the county for five years.

The minutes and monthly reports were approved as printed in the bulletin.

The Nominating Committee announced their selections for the Executive Board for next year. The nominations were approved. The new board will take effect Aug. 1.

Door prizes were won by Hall, Estelle Malone, Wynona Seeley and Allen. The next meeting will be June 9 at Sirloin Stockade.

El Progreso Club

El Progreso Club met May 13 with President Carolyn Smith presiding. Julia Dawkins and daughter Glennette Goode served as hostesses. Sixteen members were present at the luncheon.

Copies of *Panhandle Pilgrimage* by Pauline Durrett

Robertson and R.L. Robertson were presented to Daniel Passini, Morgan White and Jason Young, Dawkins announced.

Ruth Riehart listed interesting facts relating to the state capitol as well as various state symbols. Riehart used her presentation to install the following officers for 1997-98: Maxine Hawkins, president; Carolyn Smith, vice president; Eloise Lane, secretary-reporter; Eunice Ashford, treasurer; Julia Dawkins, parliamentarian.

The next meeting will be Sept. 9.

Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met May 20 at the Hughey House. Lunch was served.

Sophia Vance installed officers for the 1997-98 year as follows: Madeline Gawthrop, president; Kathy Gist, vice president; Betty Fletcher, secretary-treasurer; Pat Youngblood, reporter; Evelyn Epps, historian. The 1997-98 year will mark the club's 50th anniversary.

The next meeting will be Sept. 16.

Menus

May 26-31

Pampa Schools	Senior Citizens	
MONDAY Holiday.	MONDAY Holiday.	FRIDAY cake, cornbread or hot rolls.
TUESDAY Breakfast: Manager's choice, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Manager's choice, choice of milk.	TUESDAY Chicken fried steak or salmon patties, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, pinto beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, cherry chocolate cake or coconut pie, cornbread or hot rolls.	Baked cod fish or meatloaf, potato wedges, vegetable medley or beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, brownies or tapioca, garlic toast, cornbread or hot rolls.
WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Manager's choice, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Manager's choice, choice of milk.	WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrots or beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, applesauce cake or cherry icebox pie, cornbread or hot rolls.	Pampa Meals on Wheels MONDAY Holiday.
THURSDAY Breakfast: Manager's choice, fruit or juice, choice of milk. Lunch: Sack lunch, choice of milk.	THURSDAY Taco salad or stir fry chicken with rice, cheese potatoes, hominy, chopped broccoli, pinto beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, banana pudding or angel food	TUESDAY Barbecue weiners, macaroni and cheese, cabbage, applesauce.
FRIDAY Summer break begins! Southside Senior Citizens SATURDAY Hamburger patties, buttered yams, blackeyed peas, bread and fruit.		WEDNESDAY Stew, cornbread, jello.
		THURSDAY Chopped sirloin w/mushroom gravy, rice pilaf, tomatoes, pudding.
		FRIDAY Turkey and dumplings, carrots, baked apples, graham crackers.

4-H Futures & Features

Dates
29 - 4-H Dog Project, 7:30 p.m., Bull Barn
4-H Council Officers
New Gray County 4-H Council officers were elected to serve for the 1997-98 4-H year. They are: Barry Brauchi, chairman; Sean O'Neal, 1st vice-chairman; Lori Stephens, 2nd vice-chairman; and Jessi Fish, secretary.

Memorial Day Display
Calling all 4-Hers to help load, put up and take down American flags at Memory Gardens cemetery for Memorial Day.
—Meet at Veteran's Office (123 W. Foster) at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 25 to load flags.
—Help put up flags at 7 a.m. at Memory Gardens, May 26.
—Take down at 5 p.m. at

Memory Gardens, May 26.
This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to our community and to honor our veterans.
WOW Trip
4-Hers and adults planning to participate in the 4-H trip to Washington D.C. in June 1998 should submit their \$100 deposit to the Extension Office or to Becky Fish in McLean by June 2.

Annual Used Book Sale slated in Amarillo

AMARILLO - Rare and unusual books will be featured during the Annual Used Book Sale sponsored by Friends of the Amarillo Public Library slated June 6, 7 and 8 in the basement of Central Library, 4th and Buchanan (across from Amarillo Civic Center).
Preview night for members only will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday, June 6. Membership dues must be paid by 9 p.m. Monday, June 2, to be eligible to attend. Basic membership is \$2 per person, student membership is \$1 per person.
Membership dues can be mailed to Friends of the Amarillo Public Library, P.O.

Box 2171, Amarillo, TX 79189-2171. (Be sure to include your name, address and phone number.)
Memberships will be available the opening night of the sale, but will be \$4 per person and \$2 for students.
On Saturday, June 7 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, June 8 from noon to 6 p.m., the book sale will be open to the public.
Videocassettes, audiocassettes, 8-track tapes, LP records, CD's, *National Geographic* and other magazines, encyclopedias, maps, foreign language books, jigsaw puzzles, Summer Reading Club posters, buttons and

bookmarks will be included in the sale. This year's sale will also include a special table of best sellers, collector's items and first editions.
For more information, call (806) 378-4228.

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Secret Of Child's Parentage Will Likely Be Uncovered

DEAR ABBY: My son (I'll call him Michael) was very ill with cancer at age 15, and as a result he became sterile from his chemotherapy treatments. Thank the good Lord he has made a complete recovery. However, when he married eight years ago, he and his wife wanted a family. My nephew Edmund (his cousin) agreed to be a sperm donor.

Michael and Edmund have always been very close — more like brothers. Edmund is divorced and has two children. A year ago, my daughter-in-law gave birth to a healthy baby boy.

Abby, they have decided that they will never tell the child who his real father is. I'm afraid someone else might tell him, as a few members of the family are aware of this.

My husband says it's their decision and that we should stay out of it, but I'm worried about my grandchild's future, should he find out.

Please give us your thoughts on this.

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DEAR GRANDMOTHER: I agree with you. Family secrets such as this have a way of leaking, which could cause a flood of embarrassment. Your husband makes a good point, however. Give your son and daughter-in-law some "motherly" advice — and then say no more.

DEAR ABBY: The pain I am feel-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

tion from touching — massage, etc. Yes, I'm going for an AIDS test today.

HEARTBROKEN IN PLEASANTON, CALIF.

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Since your husband is bisexual, his attraction to both sexes is natural for him, and he will always be attracted to members of both sexes. And since his infidelities with men have increased over the last four years, it would seem that either his attraction to men is increasing, or he is less in control of his impulsive behavior than he believes.

You have my sincere sympathy for the pain you are experiencing, and you are on the right track to seek professional counseling and have an HIV test immediately.

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appealing today. However, just being with someone very special might be the extent of your desires.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep your priorities in proper perspective today. Put involvements that can contribute to your material well-being at the head of your list.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Even though you'll not seek it, your peers will look to you for direction today. When you give something a nod of approval, they will as well.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Others will be talking about you today, happily, what they have to say will be something you'll wish was broadcast to a larger audience.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will fit comfortably into activities today that utilize both your mental and physical abilities. Try a fun, outdoor team sport.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your entrepreneurial talents will vie for expression today. There are strong indications you may derive an advantage from an idea that you'll promote.

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ing is so great it doesn't allow me even to cry. I have been married to my second husband for more than 17 years. This week I found out that he is bisexual and has been having one-night stands during our 17 years together, events that have increased over the past four years.

I know I need to find a counselor to help me work through this. I will start the process of finding one today. My husband claims I am the only person he has ever loved, and that he can stop his bisexual activity if I just give him another chance. Even if he could — and that's my question to you — I'm not sure I would ever be able to trust him again or be comfortable making love which, until now, has been a very satisfying part of our relationship.

With your vast years of experience and knowledge about the human personality, do you know if it is possible, or even likely, that an active bisexual person can stop the attraction to same-sex partners? My husband says he's only kissed one man and that he gets his gratifica-

New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Getting others to assist you today shouldn't be a difficult assignment. Make your needs known and someone will be there to support your agenda.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If your desire is to do the greatest good for the largest number, you have a very strong chance of success today. Look out for others as well as yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This could be the beginning of a cycle that could benefit your career. It is not a signal to coast, but to become more assertively ambitious.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A good way to expand your horizons is to get more involved with individuals from all walks of life. New acquaintances will generate new expectations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today, be attentive to proposals from outsiders, who have suggestions on ways to add to your holdings. Their tips may have merit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Friends will find your warm and generous manner



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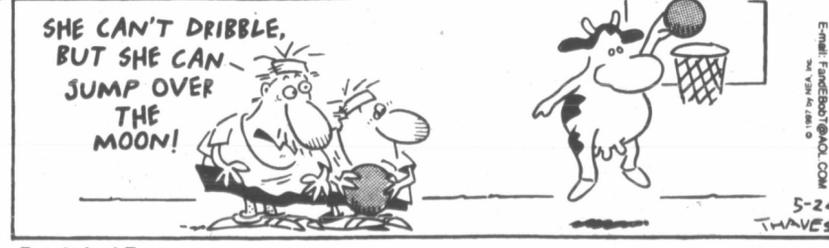
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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Monday, May 26, 1997

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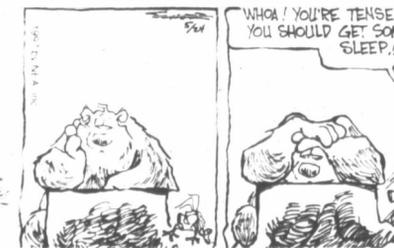


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ENTERTAINMENT

It's that time again — TV networks announce new schedules

NEW YORK (AP) — For those who haven't been too excited by the new shows provided by television networks in the past couple of years, there's some good news and some bad news.

The good news — some of those not-so-good shows have already been canceled. The bad news — the four major networks have all announced the new shows they plan to introduce to viewers next season.

Following are the plans announced this month by the so-called four major networks.

NBC

Veteran comedy stars Kirstie Alley and Tony Danza return to television among the eight new series on NBC's schedule this fall, the network said.

NBC is the first of the television networks to announce its schedule, which by tradition is the role of the top-rated network. The other broadcast networks released their schedules later.

The network's biggest scheduling headache was wiped away when Jerry Seinfeld's three supporting actors ended their contract fight and signed on for two more years with the popular comedy.

Former *Cheers* actress Alley stars in *Veronica's Closet*. She portrays the owner of a business selling books and lingerie designed to keep romance alive, even as she deals with a cheating husband. It's scheduled in the coveted 8:30 p.m. time slot on Thursdays between *Seinfeld* and *ER*.

The *Tony Danza Show* stars the actor as a New York sportswriter who is recently separated and trying to raise two teenage daughters.

Fred Savage, former star of *The Wonder Years*, headlines a new comedy titled *Working* about a young man's climb up the corporate ladder.

Union Square, an ensemble comedy about the patrons of a New York City diner, won the second open spot on NBC's Thursday lineup, routinely the top-rated night on television. It will air at 7:30 p.m., following another New York ensemble comedy, *Friends*.

NBC will move its high-rated *3rd Rock From the Sun* from Sunday nights to Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

Monday night features four situation comedies led by female stars. They are Brooke Shields' *Suddenly Susan*, Sharon Lawrence's *Fired*

Up, Lea Thompson's *Caroline in the City* and *The Naked Truth* starring Tea Leoni.

Not renewed for next year are *Unsolved Mysteries*, *The Single Guy*, *The Jeff Foxworthy Show*, *Something So Right*, *Mr. Rhodes*, *Boston Common*, *Dark Skies* and *Crisis Center*. It's the second cancellation for *Foxworthy*, which was dumped by ABC last year and picked up and revamped by NBC.

Two comedies whose future was in doubt, *NewsRadio* and *Men Behaving Badly*, were kept on the schedule.

Other new shows NBC is adding next fall:

— *Jenny*, starring MTV personality Jenny McCarthy, about a woman who moves to Hollywood and takes a job as a personal assistant to a petulant former child star.

— *Built to Last*, starring comedian Royale Watkins as an Ivy Leaguer whose computer career is sidetracked when he is forced to take over the family contracting business after his father has a heart attack.

— *Players*, a drama with rap and film star Ice-T portraying a convict paroled by the FBI to work for the agency.

— *Sleepwalkers*, a drama about the Morpheus Institute, a research facility dedicated to the study of dreams.

CBS

Comedy veteran Bob Newhart and former *NYPD Blue* heart-throb David Caruso star in two of the seven new programs that CBS said will join its television schedule in the fall.

Newhart and Judd Hirsch star as a pair of mismatched in-laws on *George and Leo*, which will be added to CBS's schedule on Monday nights. It's a role CBS Entertainment President Leslie Moonves said he "begged" Newhart to take.

Caruso, who left *NYPD Blue* to pursue movie stardom and failed, returns in *Michael Hayes*, a drama about an ex-cop turned federal prosecutor. It will be on Tuesday nights at 8 p.m., just before *NYPD Blue* on ABC.

It was a bad day for former *Cheers* stars. CBS said *Ink*, the comedy starring Ted Danson, and *Pearl*, starring Rhea Pearlman, both won't be back for their sophomore seasons. Other shows canceled by CBS are Larry Hagman's *Orleans*, *Dave's World* and *Moloney*.

CBS made a comeback this year by again appealing to its traditional older audience. Moonves said he wanted to get a younger, more urban audience next year while not alienating that older core.

"We were conservative where we felt strong," he said. "We took our chances where we felt we had the property."

Bryant Gumbel's news-magazine, which still has no title or format, has been scheduled for Wednesday nights at 8 p.m., against comedies scheduled by NBC and ABC.

Some returning series have been shifted. *Murphy Brown* and *Chicago Hope* will both move from Monday to Wednesday nights. *Jag* shifts from Friday to Tuesday and *Promised Land* from Tuesday to Thursday.

Some returning series will also get new looks. Comedian Bill Cosby will be joined in the second year of his sitcom by a new character, a 5-year-old boy, while *Murphy Brown* is considering a story line where the star deals with breast cancer.

CBS is also trying to emulate ABC's strategy of appealing to young viewers on Friday nights, in part by acquiring two comedies that used to be on ABC. *Family Matters* and *Step by Step* have both been added to the schedule.

Here are CBS's other new programs:

— *Brooklyn South*, from *NYPD Blue* producer Steven Bochco, turns its attention to law enforcement in another New York City borough. It's an ensemble drama about street cops.

— *Dellaventura* stars Danny Aiello, fresh off his role as a Mafia kingpin on the CBS miniseries, *The Last Don*. He'll portray a private investigator in this drama.

— *Meego*, a comedy, stars Branson Pinchot as an alien adopted by an earthbound family after his spaceship crashes.

— *The Gregory Hines Show* is a comedy where the actor stars as a widower getting back into the dating world just as his 12-year-old son's social life becomes more active.

ABC

ABC introduced a radically revamped fall television schedule with 10 new shows, even killing off *Superman* and firing *Grace* in an attempt to reverse its sagging fortunes.

The network, which has

dropped to third in the ratings behind NBC and CBS this year, will change more than half its schedule next fall and try to bring a consistency of vision to its programming each night, ABC Entertainment President Jamie Tarses said.

"In setting ABC's schedule for the first time, I knew we had a lot of work to do," Tarses told the advertising community in a presentation at Radio City Music Hall.

ABC will move *Spin City* from Tuesdays to Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. CDT to open a night of adult-oriented comedies. The shows include *Ellen*, although star Ellen Degeneres was conspicuous by her absence at the new schedule presentation. She is said to be unhappy with the way ABC executives handled the episodes where her character came out as a lesbian.

Dan Aykroyd returns after a successful short run as a minister in the sitcom *Soul Man*. Its placement Tuesdays at 7 p.m. opens a night of family-oriented comedies and *NYPD Blue*.

Friday's teen-oriented schedule adds *Genie*, about a divorced mother who gets her wishes granted, and *Teen Angel*, about a 15-year-old boy who returns as a guardian angel to his best friend.

Nothing Sacred, a drama about an irreverent priest, is added to the schedule on Thursday nights — where most shows don't have a prayer in competing against NBC. ABC is also adding a second night of the newsmagazine *20/20* on Thursdays, replacing the newsmagazine *Turning Point*.

Wonderful World of Disney, a family-oriented movie program that dates back to 1954, is revived to lead a two-movie schedule on Sunday nights.

ABC is canceling several of its shows, including *Grace Under Fire*, *Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman*, *Murder One*, *Dangerous Minds*, *Townies*, *America's Funniest Home Videos*, *Clueless*, *Second Noah* and *Relativity*.

Here are the rest of ABC's new shows:

— *C16: FBI*, a drama starring Eric Roberts and D.B. Sweeney about the group of FBI operatives assigned to the bureau's major case squad.

— *Cracker*, a drama based on a British television series about a psychologist with the Los Angeles police department.

— *Dharma & Greg*, a comedy about the daughter of two hippies who marries a blue blood. It stars Jenna Elfman, who was featured in *Townies*, another sitcom that didn't make it through its first year with ABC.

— *Hiller and Diller* stars Kevin Nealon and Richard Lewis as two TV comedy writing partners struggling to understand fatherhood.

— *Over the Top*, a comedy, stars Tim Curry as an ex-soap actor who shows up on the doorstep of one of his ex-wives.

— *Timecop*, based on the movie, is a drama about a police force that travels back in time to solve crimes.

— *Total Security* stars James Belushi and James Remar in a drama about a high-tech security force in Los Angeles.

Fox

The topsy-turvy television world has come to this: a 10-year-old network is touting its stability to distinguish itself from its rivals.

The Fox network said it would introduce five new series in September, three of them in a totally overhauled Thursday night lineup, and keep its schedule intact on four nights when the new television season begins.

"While the other networks are in chaos, the strength of our schedule is in its stability," Fox Entertainment President Peter Roth said.

That was a poke at ABC, which is changing much of its schedule in the fall and introducing 10 new shows. Fox is still the fourth-place network, but it is nipping at the heels of ABC with its success among teens and young adults.

Fox is canceling *Sliders* and *Ned and Stacey*, and two veterans of its schedule, *Martin* and *Married ... With Children*, are ending their runs this year. The shows *Living Single* and *New York Undercover* are not on the schedule, but Roth said episodes have been ordered

as potential midseason replacements.

The network still has no plans to expand its primetime schedule. Fox only programs two hours a night six nights a week, three hours on Sundays.

Scott Baio, who played Chachi on *Happy Days*, stars in *Rewind*, one of the three new Thursday night series. He portrays a marketing executive who works with his boyhood friend in a series that relies on frequent flashbacks to their childhood in the 1970s.

Kadeem Hardison of *A Different World* and Dondre Whitfield of *Martin* are the stars of *Between Brothers*, an ensemble comedy about two brothers and their friends in Chicago.

The third new Thursday series, *413 Hope St.*, is a drama produced by film star Damon Wayans about a teen crisis center in New York. Richard Roundtree plays the director of the center.

Ally McBeal is a new drama that Fox has placed after *Melrose Place* on Monday's schedule. The show about a woman lawyer is unusual in that many of the lead character's inner thoughts are acted out on the screen.

Former *Northern Exposure* radio host John Corbett portrays a man who was kidnapped by aliens in the Bermuda Triangle on *The Visitor*, scheduled for Friday nights. He escapes and is being chased by the aliens, but he acquires from them a power to use his mind and body in extraordinary ways.

All of Fox's successful shows — *The X-Files*, *The Simpsons*, *Party of Five*, *Melrose Place* and *Beverly Hills 90210* — return to the schedule in their present time slots.

Roth said Fox is consistently the second-rated network behind NBC among adults aged 18-34 and is gunning for number one.

"Now when people talk about the Big Three, we're not sure if they're leaving out ABC or CBS," he said.

You've heard it — but just what does MMMBop mean?

By DAVID BAUDER
Associated Press Writer

Admit it. If you've heard Hanson's insanely catchy single, "MMMBop," on the radio more than a few times, you've been humming it.

Along with the Spice Girls, Hanson is responsible for the resurgent popularity of bubble gum music — eminently disposable pop songs that stick in the mind like, well, bubble gum on the bottom of a shoe.

Remember the Archies? The Osmonds?

Impressively, the song is written and largely performed by a band composed of three brothers, aged 16, 13 and 11. That's an age when they should be more worried about chewing bubble gum.

Although industry professionals like Desmond Child, Ellen Shipley and Mark Hudson offer assistance, the three brothers are credited as songwriters on each of their debut album's 12 songs.

Hot producers The Dust Brothers, known to their moms as John King and Michael Simpson, also helped out.

They're a couple generations removed now from the birth of rock 'n' roll, but the Hanson brothers take their inspiration from the originators. When they were living overseas with their parents, they listened to Time-Life compilations of old rock 'n' roll.

Back home in Tulsa, Okla., oldest brother Isaac and 11-year-old Zac talk just hours after finding out that "MMMBop" hit No. 1 on the *Billboard* charts. Their celebration amounted to little more than a loud "YEAH!" and an extra game or two of pinball.

Q. A lot of critics find it hard to respect young people doing overly commercial music. How do you think your reception has been?

Isaac: So far the reception has been very positive ... People may initially want to compare you to bands like New Kids on the Block

and say, 'Well, they're New Kids on the Block, they don't really sing and they don't really play.' I think that's what sets us apart. We really do do the music. We're not all put together. We're brothers. It's very organic.

Q. What does MMMBop mean?
Isaac: MMMBop is actually a frame of time. (sings) In an

MMMBop, they're gone. In an MMMBop, they're not there ... It's an instant. It's a moment. The song talks about relationships. The first verse says, you have so many relationships in this life, only one or two will last. It's more intense than it sounds, because the chorus is very up and very poppy.

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The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT - (BULL/BEAR)

Outlook: Wheat prices have collapsed from the recent highs. The freeze damage scare of last month appears overdone. The drought in Europe is over. The world's wheat supplies look to be replenished to a major extent when compared to last year's weather-ravaged crop.

The seasonal pattern from late April into early summer is for prices to head south. At this juncture, it looks as if this will be the case. Yet, after the recent break it's hard for me to get supper bearish wheat. There are still pockets of weather problems and the crop is not in the bin yet.

Look for the lower prices to stimulate export demand. I anticipate a two-sided trade over the coming weeks.

Strategy: Hedgers: Winter wheat farmers have been advised to hedge up to 50 percent in the July KC at an average price of about 380, with the simultaneous purchase of 400 calls to "hedge the hedge." Look to add 25 percent above \$4.28 without options.

Traders: I anticipate a trading range. Look to buy Minneapolis September under \$4, or go short above \$4.45. Risk 20 cents in either case for a 30 cent profit objective.

CORN - (BEAR)

Outlook: In its May crop report, USDA told us to look for the second largest crop in history this year. Based on 80 million plus acres and normal growing conditions, they very well could be right.

The planting has proceeded without a hitch in most locations and should be just about done by

the time you read this. Of course, the one unknown is weather.

At this time in the crop cycle, before pollination, I hesitate pushing the short side to aggressively. Even in the best growing years there are weather scares in June and July. Some risk premium needs to be left in price at this point in time. I'm still bearish but think prices have probably fallen enough for now.

Strategy: Hedgers: New crop hedgers remain 40 percent sold in December futures at an approximate average of \$2.75 (or by using at the money December puts for less than 20 cents). No additional hedges are suggested at this time.

Traders: No new trading recommendations this week.

CATTLE - (BULL/BEAR)

Outlook: If the futures market is correct, cash cattle prices will fall from current levels by three to five dollars per hundred-weight into June and early summer.

Is the futures right? I think they could be. Cash prices are now in the upper sixties, near seventy. June futures are trading closer to 65. Feedlot inventories are up 8 to 10 per cent compared to a year ago. Cattle availability to the packers will be more than adequate over the coming months. They know it and can let the market come to them (at least for a few months).

When the cash starts falling, the futures may too. If the futures fall into the lower sixties, they are probably a buy. The other side of the equation is demand, which is terrific. April marketings were record large yet prices still held

up well. So June futures in the mid-sixties look to be just about right.

Strategy: Feeders: Continue to hold June 64 and 65 put options for downside "price insurance." The premiums are now cheap and give you a worst case outcome if prices do fall. Your upside is never limited with puts.

If your cattle are ready past the first Friday in June you will need to purchase August at the money puts. Hold until you market your cattle. Hedges in the farther out months are not recommended since the fundamentals improve as time marches on.

Cow/calf operators: We have not recommended hedges in the feeder futures and market action has proven this to be the right course of action. As long as the trend continues to be up, this is the preferred strategy. Feedlot operators should continue to hold buy hedges in deferred feeder futures.

Traders: We remain long October feeder cattle at 74 or less. Raise the risk point to a close under 7400. This is a longer term trade. Leave the upside objective open at this time.

Farmers battle over wetlands

GALT, Calif. (AP) — A ranch sprawled across rolling hills in Sacramento County has become a battleground between farmers and the federal government over endangered critters.

Federal officials say Angelo Tsakopoulos has damaged wetlands by plowing part of his land as he turns it into a vineyard. But Tsakopoulos, a millionaire Sacramento developer and major political campaign donor, is defying the regulators by suing the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers. The class-action lawsuit filed early this month accuses the federal agencies of making up rules to expand their authority under the Clean Water Act.

"Bureaucrats who don't know farming are ignoring national farm policy, inventing new regulations and ordering farmers to request permission from Washington to farm their land," Tsakopoulos said in a prepared statement.

Before filing the suit, he wrote a letter to the EPA charging that "much of the federal regulatory bureaucracy has embarked on an assault against farmers, as it encroaches upon fundamental agricultural activities such as discing and other forms of primary tillage."

The Corps of Engineers contends that the plowing on Tsakopoulos' 8,400-acre Borden Ranch does fall under Clean Water Act regulations because it endangers wetlands that are home to wildlife.

Both agencies have said Tsakopoulos has violated the law by failing to apply for a permit, but they declined comment on the lawsuit.

Tsakopoulos charged that clean-water rules "are being enforced far beyond the realm of congressional intent and far beyond the jurisdiction of both the EPA and the Corps."

Tulsa Farm Club votes to disband

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — The Tulsa Farm Club, a fixture on the agriculture scene since 1939, has broken up because of dwindling membership.

"We couldn't get any new members," said club President Tom Sawyer. "We decided rather than let it disappear we would disband."

A dozen people from 20 remaining member families voted Tuesday to dissolve the group and donate the club's bank account, about \$2,200, to Tulsa County 4-H.

Tulsa oilman William Skelly was one of the 15 founding members of the promotional and social club. Membership was capped at 250 during the 1950s.

Through the years, the Tulsa Farm Club supported junior livestock shows, the Tulsa State Fair and marketing and scholarship efforts. Club members signed a note to buy the land near Bixby that became the Oklahoma Vegetable Research Station.

USDA offering computerized, online loan-servicing system for borrowers

TEMPLE — A state-of-the-art computerized loan-servicing system is now on-line which will enable the U.S. Department of Agriculture to improve service to its 27,000 home-loan borrowers in Texas.

"This project represents a major stride forward by USDA to meet the promise of Vice President Gore's National Performance Review initiative to improve the efficiency of the federal government," said Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

"The dream of home ownership is closer to a reality for many rural Americans as a result of USDA's centralized-loan system," said Glickman. "Texas families will have better service and easier access to mortgage information, and employees can provide better follow-up and tracking of payment progress."

The new loan system relies on one center in St. Louis, Mo., to provide loan servicing nationwide. USDA has been using a network of 1,200 field offices to service home loans for 550,000 low-income rural borrowers nationally.

Steve Carriker, acting state director for Rural Development in Texas, described the old system as "an antiquated process where employees filled out forms on electric typewriters and made notes on index cards-making tracking of mortgage payments labor intensive."

The new system will modernize the application process and will provide easier access for borrowers to receive information about their accounts. New USDA home-loan services include: access seven days a week to account information through a toll-free number which will be provided to customers in future correspondence, customer service representatives available 10 hours a day, escrow for real estate taxes and property insurance, and a new automatic payment service.

"There is no other program in rural America that enables so many low-income families to achieve the dream of home ownership," said Jill Long Thompson, under secretary for USDA's Rural Development. "USDA's 502 direct single family home loan program

offers 'supervised credit' that provides borrowers with lower payments, deferred payments and financial counseling to help borrowers not only buy their own homes, but also keep payments current on those homes. By reinventing our loan program for rural families with low incomes, we're showing how responsive and flexible USDA can be."

When fully implemented, the computerized loan system will save USDA \$250 million over five years. In addition, the new loan system cuts red tape for low-income home borrowers, replacing 16 regulations covering 290 pages with one regulation on 30 pages.

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Gray County farmers urged to apply for disaster loans

CLARENDON — Gray County was declared eligible for Farm Service Agency disaster emergency loans on Sept. 3, 1996.

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought, freezing temperatures, sleet and snow that occurred from June 1, 1995, through June 11, 1996, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office in Clarendon, Larry Goetze said.

FSA Ag Credit Manager Larry Goetze is urging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to get their applications in to FSA as soon as possible.

Goetze said, "We hope farmers will get their applications in early rather than waiting until near the deadline which is Nov. 21, 1997. The longer they wait the more chance there is for long delays in

getting their checks. If the applications come in early, we can avoid backlogs and speed up the process."

FSA is credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living.

Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Clarendon is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office is located at 321 Sully in Clarendon. The phone number is (806) 874-3552.

Longhorn Exposition set for June

FORT WORTH — The Texas Longhorn Exposition is set for June in Fort Worth.

The Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America (TLBAA) annual exposition is slated for June 12-14 at the Will Rogers Complex in Fort Worth. The exposition includes the National Youth Show and the World Show, along with a trade show.

Shows include a Trophy Steer Division featuring steers with six to seven foot horn spans.

Over 250 Longhorn showmen

between four and 18 years old are entered in the youth show. Other shows include breeders from 28 states and Canada entered in the World Show.

"The Texas Longhorn played an important part in the history of the cattle industry, but has an even more important part in its future as a lean beef breed," said Carol Dilley, TLBAA executive director.

"This will be a great opportunity for the public to view the best of the breed and visit with the cattlemen who raise them."

Ranching for Profit Schools planned

WICHITA FALLS — Ranch Management Consultants will be offering the Ranching for Profit Schools in Wichita Falls from July 16-23.

The school, developed by Dr. Stan Parsons, is a practical and concentrated course in range management and the economics of ranching. It is set up to show livestock producers how to make their operations profitable and how to weather and overcome adverse conditions.

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Taking safety precautions can keep pools, hot tubs and spas enjoyable

AUSTIN — As outdoor temperatures begin to climb, swimming pools, hot tubs and spas become increasingly popular with both adults and children. But along with the fun and sun comes the potential for injuries and death.

Paying attention to safe actions and to pool or spa maintenance, whether in a backyard or a public park, can be a lifesaver, Texas Department of Health (TDH) officials say.

"One of the dangers in a pool or spa is the drain that can trap a person's body or hair," said Jim Soper, chief of TDH's Recreational Sanitation Branch, which regulates public swimming pools. Particularly at risk are children who often enjoy playing around drains.

According to TDH's Injury Prevention and Control Program, 337 Texans sustained submersion injuries in 1996, with 126 people drowning. Of those where the location was known, 44 percent of the injuries occurred in swimming pools.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has records of 18 incidents, including five deaths, of children ages 2 to 14 trapped by a swimming pool, wading pool and spa drain since 1980 nationwide.

Water draining or circulating in pools and spas creates a suction. If something blocks the drain, the amount of suction may become so strong that a person's body can be trapped by a vacuum seal, leading to drowning. In addition, long hair of swimmers or spa users can become entangled in drain covers and grates, trapping people under water and leading to drowning.

"One of the keys to safety in public pools is drain covers that are in place and secure," Soper said.

In some instances, anti-vortex covers, which are dome shaped with numerous openings on the perimeter, may help to prevent some entrapment problems. Dealers can provide anti-vortex drain covers that meet voluntary standards.

Two or more drains for each pump can lessen the amount of suction at any single outlet and reduce the risk of being caught. In addition, automatic shut-off switches that detect an increase in suction may be an effective emergency backup.

Especially dangerous is for a young child to sit on the drain outlet in a wading pool. Despite the small amount of water, the strong suction together with a broken or missing drain cover can cause entrapment or disembowelment.

TDH established and enforces minimum health, safety and sanitation standards for public swimming pools and spas. Such public facilities can range from swimming and wading pools in public parks to pools, hot tubs and spas at apartment complexes, health clubs, recreation centers, youth camps or child care establishments. Local standards may be more strict.

Inspection and maintenance is vital, for both

public and residential pools and spas. "We recommend that people get with a swimming pool professional to see if their home pool or spa meets current industry standards," said Charles Branton, director of the Texas Department of Health's Product Safety Program.

This program works to ensure that consumer products, including residential pools, are manufactured, packaged and labeled to protect the public's health and safety. Also, CPSC is developing national safety guidelines for new pools and for modification and maintenance of older swimming pools and spas.

"The most important steps in preventing children's drownings and injuries are to stop unauthorized access to the pool, hot tub or spa," Branton said, "and to constantly watch children while they are in or near the water."

"Leaving a child unattended during a three-minute telephone conversation can have catastrophic results," he said.

Among other safety recommendations:

- Be sure all children are supervised in any swimming pool, hot tub or spa no matter how shallow the water. In large groups, appoint a designated watcher to protect young children from pool accidents.
- Be sure children do not play with drains.
- Do not allow children to sit on a drain in a wading pool or hot tub.
- Pin up long hair, cover with a cap or keep it away from drains.
- Make sure that drain covers are in place and are not cracked or missing.
- At residences, know where the cut-off switch for your pump is so you can turn it off quickly in an emergency. Have a professional check your pool, spa or hot tub regularly.
- Where possible, use a locked safety cover when a spa or hot tub is not in use. Never use or leave a pool with its pool cover partially in place. Do not allow children to walk or crawl on the cover.
- Completely fence the pool and install self-closing and self-latching gates, with latches out of children's reach.
- Steps and ladders to above-ground pools should be removed when the pool is not in use.
- Pool chemicals are hazardous. Always follow manufacturer directions carefully. Be thoroughly familiar with first aid instructions on the container label and always store chemicals in a secure place where children cannot get to them.
- Keep all electrical appliances away from the pool or spa.

Health officials warn that alcohol consumption and reckless behavior are major safety problems around any body of water. "In general, public swimming pools are safer than natural bodies of water," Soper said. "It just takes people thinking and acting safely."

New advertising firm



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Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats Kenneth Rheams and Katrina Bigham welcome Mike McGinnis, center, as the newest member of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce. McGinnis has opened J-Max Advertising, a direct mailing, full-color advertising company, in Pampa.

Summer camps can be a big step for children

HOUSTON — Going to summer camp for the first time is a big step for children.

"Rather than just deciding it's time, parents ought to look for signals that a child is ready," said Dr. Lou Ann Todd Mock, a clinical psychologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "One of the first things to consider is that past behavior is the best predictor of future behavior."

Past successes with overnight stays and weekend campouts are two good clues that a child can manage camp.

"Even if they got a little sad or homesick, the fact they were able to comfort themselves and stay overnight is good," she said.

For children who have difficulty staying overnight with friends or relatives, Mock suggests day

camps to help build confidence in being away from home.

"Age is not the determining factor, it's the developmental level," she said.

Temperament also plays a role in camp success.

"Two-week camps can be overwhelming and miserable for children who do not fit easily into groups," Mock said. "For those children, shorter camps provide a good opportunity to learn how to mix well."

The right type makes a difference as well. Camps that help a child develop skills in an area of interest, such as horseback riding, sports, science or nature, are more likely to be a hit.

However, picking the right camp, and one that is well qualified, requires homework.

"Parents need to feel comfortable about how a camp is managed," she said. "Ask for the names of parents whose children have attended, and talk to them."

Once the choice is made, Mock recommends that parents involve their child in the preparations. Having a child help with the choosing, labeling and packing helps build independence.

Parents should talk about homesickness and explain that it is perfectly normal to miss the family, house and pets.

Summer camp can be a changing experience that makes a child feel independent and grown up.

"A good summer camp can provide experiences and learning opportunities that last through a lifetime," Mock said.

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LOCAL restaurant now hiring for position of general manager, weekly salary with hospitalization insurance, yearly bonus, must have previous management experience, some college preferred. Send resume to 2319 Perryton Parkway, Pampa, TX 79066. All resumes confidential.

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OILFIELD Valve and Controls Sales Company requires individual for valve and instrument repair and warehouseman. Excellent benefits. Send resume in own handwriting to P.O. Box 1836, Pampa, TX 79066-1836.

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CALDWELL Production needs oilfield pumper, experience required. Call 665-8888, Hwy. 60 West.

ARE you interested in working on a temporary basis? We are seeking persons interested in temporary work, to register with us. For more information, call 665-0445, Goldstep Temps.

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EXPERIENCED Backhoe Operator wanted. CDL required. Contact Jet Roustabout 806-274-2772.

CHALLENGING Full-Time position available for hard working individual in our Automotive Department. Responsibilities include tires, batteries, sales, installation, product knowledge of other automotive products and flat repairs. Experience preferred but will provide training to the right person. Some weekends required. Apply in person at Country General, Pampa Mall.

30 Sewing Machines. WE service all makes and models of sewing machines and vacuum cleaners. Sanders Sewing Center. 214 N. Cuyler, 665-2383.

50 Building Supplies. White House Lumber Co. 101 S. Ballard 669-3291

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75 Feeds and Seeds. BRITTEN FEED & SEED. Hwy 60, 665-5881

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77 Livestock & Equip. PREMIUM Bulls for sale, Beef machine composites, add muscle, excellent maternal and feeder traits, easy calvers. Joe Vanzanti, 806-845-2101.

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This Sale features merchandise from over 20 stores that were bought out throughout the United States. Don't miss this opportunity to buy name brand saddles and tack at a fraction of the cost. There will be saddles by FLYING H, BILLY COOK, TEX-TAN/HEREFORD, LONGHORN, TEXAS SADDLERY, COWBOY TUFF, SIMCO and SADDLE KING. A large selection of show saddles & tack along with bits, spurs, headstalls, reins, breast collars, halters, leads, pads, clippers, bits and grooming items. There will also be Australian and English saddles and tack available. There will also be a selection of Cordura saddles.

DEALERS WELCOME!!! Terms of sale: Cash, Check (with proper ID), M/C, Visa, Discover, Amex.

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CANINE and Feline grooming. Boarding. Science diets. Royse Animal Hospital, 665-2223.

Grooming and Boarding. Jo Ann's Pet Salon. 669-1410

Lee Ann's Grooming & Boarding. 420 W. Francis. 669-9660

2 Miniature Schnauzer puppies for sale, 1 male, 1 female. AKC registered. 669-7768

1 Year Old male Collie, has papers. Call 779-3188

FREE Kittens, 115 N. West.

CREATURE Comforts, grooming, flea/tick supplies for cats, dogs. 115 N. West, 669-Pets.

K-9 Summer School and Kindergarten puppy class starts soon, register now 669-Pets.

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2 bedroom, \$400 month, \$150 deposit, built-ins. Coronado Apartments, 665-0219.

ATTN: SENIORS OR DISABLED Apts. Now Available PAM APARTMENTS. Rent based on income 1200 N. Wells. 669-2594

CLEAN 1 bedroom, stove, refrigerator, all bills paid. 669-3672, 665-5900.

CLEAN 2 bedroom apartment. \$325 month, \$200 deposit. 6 month lease. 1312 Coffee #1 or 669-1056

LARGE 2 bedroom apartment, deluxe, with fireplace. Available June 1st. Hunter 665-2903.

SENIOR CITIZENS SCHNEIDER HOUSE APTS. Rent based on income. All bills paid. 120 S. Russell. 665-0415

ALL BILLS PAID. Furnished or unfurnished 1 & 2 BEDROOMS. Short Term Lease. Courtyard Apartments EHO. 1031 N. SUMNER, 669-9712

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665-7037

OPEN HOUSE
Sun. 2:00 - 7:00

This 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage home is located in a very nice, quiet neighborhood. It has a large kitchen and dining area with an eating bar and plenty of cabinet space. The open living area has library paneling, vaulted ceilings and beautiful corner fireplace. The master bath features a separate tub and shower, double sinks and his and her walk-in closets. It has a well landscaped yard with several trees, a sprinkler system, a dog pen and covered patio. This home has new carpet and a new roof in 1996.
1429 N. Zimmers
\$75,000

2 bedroom, garage, carport, appliances, new roof/wall heater.
\$14,000. 669-7619 or 669-2982.

103 Homes For Sale

SKELLYTOWN, 407 Chamberlain. \$25,500, \$3000 Down, Owner Carry. 806-655-7196, 371-7882 (day), 665-6323

104 Lots

FRASHER Acres East-1 or more acres. Paved street, utilities. Claudine Balch, 665-8075.

CHOICE residential lots, northeast, Austin district. Call 665-8578, 665-2832 or 665-0079.

3 lots for sale in Memory Gardens Cemetery, Section A, Lot 186, Spaces 2, 3, 4. (806) 274-6296.

CORNER Lot 100 ft by 150 ft. with lots of concrete and plumbing installed. Nice lawn with trees. On Paved street. 669-6172

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ACTION REALTY

NEW LISTING - 2302 FIR - Attractive brick on oversized corner lot. 3-1 3/4-2. Unusual fireplace in family room. Beautiful kitchen cabinets. Huge utility. \$69,900. Call Janice 669-1221. M.L.S.

NEW LISTING - 1101 S. DWIGHT - Great price of \$21,000 for this three bedroom on corner lot. Front and back yards are fenced. Double garage. Patio. Call Gene 669-1221. M.L.S.

2201 HAMILTON - You must see this darling 3 bedroom for only \$36,500. Large corner lot with fenced yard. Attached oversized garage, neutral carpet, cute white kitchen. A bargain in this location. Call Janice. M.L.S.

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Attractive 3 bedroom on Aspen, two living areas plus huge covered patio for summer entertaining. Circular drive for guests. Oversize bedrooms. 2 full baths with new marble cabinet tops & lavatories. A MUST SEE if you are looking for a home in perfect condition with all new appliances & every amenity. Double garage. \$130,000. M.L.S. 4102.

Wonderful oversized den and large deck overlooking "just right size" backyard, efficient kitchen, breakfast room. 3 large bedrooms, 1 3/4 baths. "L" shaped formal living-dining room. 2 woodburning fireplaces. New dishwasher. Nice carpet over hardwood floors. Oversize utility room with world of storage. garden house. Double garage. Great family home - all for \$87,000. M.L.S. 4085.

Call Bobbie to see these & other homes this holiday weekend.

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Do — others ...
5 Single — quantity
9 Koppel or Kennedy
12 Canter, e.g.
13 Contribute
14 — polloi
15 Cheerful tune
16 Was in a marathon
18 Capri and Wight
20 Author Caldwell
22 Smallest one of the litter
24 Santa's helper?
25 Nautical rope
28 Actress Martha —
30 —
33 Skippy blouse
35 — off (starting a golf game)
37 Charm
38 Fisherman

DOWN

39 Dam
40 Drinks slowly
42 Positive response
43 Compass pt.
45 Flower
47 Football
50 Roof edges
54 Superlative suffix
55 Matinee man
57 Loud, harsh cry
58 New (pref.)
59 Fiddling emperor
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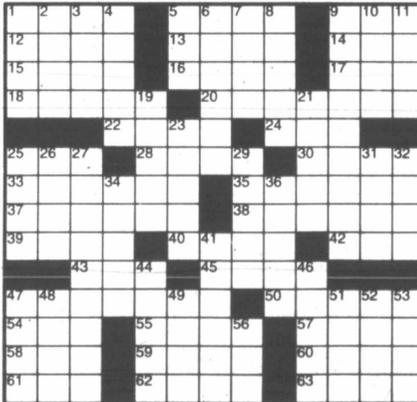
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29 Duke —
31 Large knife

32 Type of carpet
34 Rotates
36 Follow
41 Disregard ally
44 — out (stretching)
46 City official
47 Remain undecided
48 Two words of understanding
49 — fix (obsession)
51 — mecum (handbook)
52 Rams' mates
53 Tiff
56 — Angeles

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Lubbock offers variety of activities for a weekend rest from work

By DAVE BOWSER
Staff Writer

LUBBOCK - There's more to Lubbock than going to watch Pampa's Rayford Young play basketball or Chris Whitney or Justin Collingsworth play football for Texas Tech.

The Hub City can be a weekend respite from work, from the yard, from the kids.

Be warned, however, that weekends in Lubbock start at noon Friday with lunch at Kershner's Inside 4 Bar K Ranch, 302 East 82nd (a half mile east of I-27). That's the only time this Texas honky-tonk-style barbecue eatery is open.

Owner Chuck Kershner, a local rancher, got into the barbecue business by catering for friends. He opened Inside 4 Bar K (his ranching interests operate under the brand 4 Bar K) under pressure from friends, but the place is only open from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Fridays. That way, Kershner says, it doesn't interfere with more important business like roping.

The split level western restaurant resembles a Central Texas honky-tonk complete with entertainment and a dance floor. Kershner balked at going through the hassle of getting a liquor license so it's BYOB (bring your own bottle), although someone usually donates a keg of beer to go with the barbecue fajitas. The beer's free. The barbecue or chicken and dumplings cost \$5 for all you can eat.

As long as you're in the neighborhood, you might want to stop by Llano Estacado Winery (five miles south of Loop 289 on U.S. 87, then 3.2 miles east on FM 1585) for a tour and tasting. Sixty percent of the grapes used in Texas wines, after all, are grown on the High Plains.

This winery, established in 1976, has won more than awards for its wines than any other winery in the state.

You'll probably want to stay in one of the bed and breakfasts in Lubbock if you and momma have slipped off for the weekend. If you couldn't get rid of the kids, your choice of lodging could range from one of the more inexpensive motels to the Sheraton Four Points downtown. Several, like the Ashmore Inn on the south side of town, offer breakfasts, pool, and washer and dryer, a nice touch if the kids are with you.

After the winery, we'd recommend an afternoon nap, but if you've got the kids, you may want to take them to the Science Spectrum and Omnimax Theater



Hoot Barker, shown here leaning against the original office of the Matador Ranch in Motley County, is one of the Ranching Heritage Center volunteer hosts. In the background is a barn from 6666 Ranch originally built by Burk Burnett on his ranch near Guthrie. When Barker isn't guiding tours at the Ranch Heritage Center, he's the the City Marshall at Buffalo Springs east of Lubbock.

(2579 S. Loop 289 between University and Indiana). The domed theater is quiet, the reclining seats are comfortable and "Titanica" is a lot more impressive when it surrounds you than any of the Titanic specials on television. While the sound of bubbling water is restful after a big meal and a wine tasting, don't expect to drift off if you go to see "Super Speedway." It's a lot more exciting. We'd go see that one again! And again!

If you've got an approaching college-age kid, Friday afternoon is the perfect time to tour the Texas Tech University campus. The week's activities have calmed down and the weekend hasn't geared up yet, so the New Student Relations Office will be happy to set up a tour. The Saddle Tramps, a student service organization, give the tours.

If you're like us and have already spent too many years wondering around the Tech campus, we'd recommend taking the Buddy Holly Tour. The video on the bus tour alone is worth the price of admission.

There are a number of places for dinner Friday night if you're still hungry after all that barbecue. We like Cagle's Steak House out near Reese Air Force Base. Or if you're really a barbecue freak, like us, you can head downtown to Stubbs Bar-B-Q (620 19th St.) in the Depot District. In addition to some outstanding ribs, there is usually some good down-home rhythm and blues.

You need to finish off Friday night at Kyle's 88 Key Cafe (1806 Ave.) also in the Depot District. Saturday can start any time or

any place you want. With a few arrangements, you can have a chuckwagon breakfast at the Ranching Heritage Center (4th and Indiana) complete with entertainment by the Ranch Dance Fiddle Band. If you're going to play in Texas, you've got to have a fiddle in the band.

Not being able to face food until an hour or two after morning coffee, we prefer a much more civilized tour of Apple Country Orchards (Four miles east of Idalou on U.S. 62/82). In this part of the country, trees are sacred and trees that bear fruit are even better, especially if you can pick your own. If you're too early in the season to pick your own apples, then just sit back and have an apple tart and another cup of coffee - and another tart and maybe one or two more tarts.

Lunch at the Hub City Brewery (1807 Ave. C) is a must. You could easily spend the rest of the afternoon sampling the different beers made here in the Depot District's premier micro-brewery (the chili burgers aren't bad either). Our favorite was the Raider Red.

If momma doesn't appreciate the finer points of the brew master's art, she can tour the shops in this historic neighborhood. The city is providing incentives to bring some of the town's antique shops into the Depot District, so shopping should get better.

Nearby is where you'll want to spend the evening. The Cactus Theater (1812 Ave. H) is a refurbished theater that features live musical revues from the '50s, '60s and '70s, although we all know that nothing good has come out of the music industry since the '60s.

Plan on a late night dinner at Gabriel's (82nd and Quaker). Their filet mignon is awesome. There won't be room for dessert, but you'll have it anyway.

Sunday mornings are laid back here on the South Plains. If you've got a group, set up a tour and brunch at Cap Rock Winery (US 87 and Woodrow Road). At Your Service will cater.



Beneath color photos of ranch scenes on the rustic walls of Inside 4 Bar K cafe, Chuck Kershner serves up barbecued brisket fajitas every Friday for lunch. The split level honky-tonk features live music and dance floor, but only from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. one day a week.

If it's just you and mom, head for brunch at the Grapevine Cafe (2407 19th - it's hidden behind Burger King); they're the parent company of At Your Service caterers. We recommend the crepes for breakfast.

Depending on what time you expect to get home, you can take the afternoon to tour Cap Rock Winery or head to Buffalo Springs

Lake east of town for a little fishing or tour Blanco Canyon and the V-8 Ranch.

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