

COP CORNER

Getting tough on junk vehicles

Keep America Beautiful ... Keep Texas Beautiful ... Keep Pampa Beautiful.

These slogans may seem a little old fashioned to some people, but to me they mean a lot. I try to make my home as nice as possible and keep up the yard and the flowers. I also try to keep my alley as best as I can.

In the same way the City of Pampa does the same thing. What would it be like if the trash trucks did not come? The City of Pampa has a responsibility to ensure the city is well groomed to promote general health, fire safety, a good business climate, reduce crime, and to ensure the children are protected.

One of the ways the city is carrying out its responsibility is through "Clean Pampa" a non-profit group that sponsors the household hazardous waste cleanup day, among other projects.

Another way is by demolishing old homes and buildings. What we will discuss today is junk vehicles on the street. Junk vehicles are a major blight in our city. There are some that estimate as many as 5,000 junk cars or major parts of junked cars are in the city limits.

Now some of the cars I have driven have been pretty junky looking, but that is not what I am talking about. The definition of a junk vehicle is not having current registration or a valid inspection; is wrecked, dismantled, or partially dismantled or discarded; or inoperable and has remained inoperable for more than 72 consecutive hours if the vehicle is on public property, or 30 consecutive days if the



Lt. Courtney

vehicle is on private property.

Do you have a vehicle parked on the street that meets this definition? If so, Pampa Police Officer Donny Brown will be coming to visit with you. He is going to try to hammer out an agreement with you concerning the vehicle, because something will have to be done.

We are asking for your cooperation in cleaning up the community. We will try to avoid the enforcement actions given to us by the State of Texas and Pampa City Ordinances, but if forced to do so, we will go through the "Procedures for Abating a Nuisance."

Junk vehicles are a nuisance! The junk cars on the street are a detriment to the public welfare and public safety, they tend to reduce property values, they invite vandalism, they create a fire hazard, they tend to attract the attention of minors who think it is a "cool" place to play, and they hinder the continuing development of the community as a whole.

I hope everyone will join with the Police Department on this issue. There can only be positive outcomes from making Pampa a better place to live.

Cop Corner is provided by Pampa Police Department and Lt. Fred Courtney.

House

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Government is very interested in trying to find out everything they can about what you've been doing and who you've been talking to. That's what it boils down to."

He said there are lots of databases about what U.S.

citizens do and with whom they communicate.

"Some of it is in private hands," Thornberry said.

"Obviously, the government has databases with your tax records and other things. Of course, we all ought to be concerned about privacy and about records and about how they are treated. It's a very legitimate concern. It is very narrowly targeted toward known terrorists."

He said the war on terror isn't limited to the battlefields in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"As we have studied and learned more and listened to what terrorists say, it is clear that their primary objective is the political will of the United States," Thornberry said. "They can never beat us militarily on the battlefield, but what they could do is cause us to defeat ourselves. It's important that we not let that happen. It's important that Iraq not be a political football."

It's in the long-term best interests of the country, he said.

"One thing that is clear is that our enemy in this war

is very patient," Thornberry said. "They waited eight years from the first time they attacked the World Trade Center until 9-11. They are dangerous, and they clearly try to calculate what can have the maximum impact on us. They think we're soft and that we don't have staying power."

He said it is important to use all the tools available to fight the war on terrorism.

"From the terrorist surveillance program and the NSA to the other intelligence related tools we have, it's important that we focus on the terrorist with everything we can because of what's at stake," Thornberry said. "The key is that it is still people that is our best asset and our most valuable resource, whether it's the military folks or whether it's the intelligence folks that don't wear the uniform and don't get the kind of public accolades that the military people do, it's people who are critical for winning this war and all our national security."

Thornberry claims that terrorist attacks have been stopped since Sept. 11, 2001.

"We're a lot safer than we were that day," Thornberry said. "Are we safe enough to prevent another attack from every occurring? No, and we may never be, but it's important to do what we can at home and take the fight to them. That's what's happening in Iraq."



Mac Thornberry

County

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explode in the air. Both the burn ban, which was declared by commissioners Jan. 1, and aerial fireworks became issues as a result of weather conditions causing a high risk of fire.

"I will echo Ken Hall in saying that our long-range projections are for drier-than-normal conditions through the summer," Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley said at the May 15 meeting. Hall, Pampa/Gray

County Emergency Management Coordinator, had addressed commissioners at the meeting.

The burn ban prohibits outdoor burning anywhere in the county until further notice by commissioners.

The Pampa area received three-fourths of an inch of rain Tuesday, bringing the May total to 3.01 inches. The area received 1.63 inches in March, but no precipitation at all in February, .08 inch in April, and .14 inch each in January and in December 2005.

Commissioners will recognize Hoover, Lefors and McLean volunteer fire departments and Pampa Fire

Department for assistance in putting out the March and April wildfires.

A mutual aid agreement with Roberts County will be up for a vote, as will a proposal to replace carpet in the Farm Service Agency office, located in the Gray County Annex.

Bids on surplus property from Precinct 2 will be opened at 10 a.m. A contract with Welch State Bank for financing a tractor for Precinct 3 will be considered.

Other agenda items include use of the county's records management fund for the Texas Library Workshop, and payment of bills and salaries.

Cowboy

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the gate to open. The sheep darts out and makes a sudden turn; he begins to slide but catches himself with his free hand, grabbing a handful of the sheep's wool. The buzzer sounds and the clown grabs him by the waist and pulls him off. He walks out of the arena with a huge smile on his face. He

has been disqualified but it doesn't matter to him. He looks up at his mom and says, "I didn't fall off. I'm the best bull rider in the west!" He sees his grandma and his first words to her are "Grandma, I didn't eat any dirt this time!" He is one happy cowboy.

Time to load up and head home until next weekend when he'll make the same journey again. He'll come again to see his rodeo family, play in the sand with his friends, and hopefully make some points next time.

Mary Quisenberry of Miami is the grandmother of Colt Klaus. He is a member of JRCA (Junior Rodeo Cowboys Assoc.) and OWJBRA (Out West Junior Bull Riders Assoc.) He will compete again this year in the kid pony show and is signed up for the pre-rodeo mutton busting on Friday night. Quisenberry has been involved with some aspect of rodeo for the last 23 years. Colt is the son of Klint and Dustie Klaus of Miami.

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Viewpoints

Success is putting your heart into your future

This time of year, thousands of commencement speeches are given to students all over America. Having been on the receiving end of many high school and college speeches, none inspired more than the nine words found nestled in the second book of Chronicles in the 31st chapter at the end of verse 21: ...he did it with all his heart and prospered

From these nine words I discovered the three rules of success and I gladly offer them to the graduating class of 2006:

The first rule of success is hidden in the fact that "he did it." Many look for short cuts or a free ride to achieve success without

hard work. There will always be the rare few that appear to fall into success. Success is directly proportional to sweat equity. The more you sweat the more likely you will be successful.

Don't adopt the attitude that you are just going to sit and wait on God to drop a million dollars from heaven right into your lap. He may feed the birds, but even they have to get up and go get it. If you want success, then you have to get up and go get it.

The second rule of success is hidden in the fact that "he did it with all his heart." Pound for pound, the human heart is the strongest muscle in the body. It

performs the largest quantity of work than any other muscle over the course of a lifetime, without

David Cain

Columnist



pausing unless there is a medical condition. Hidden within it is an unlimited source of emotional power. Successful people know that they will eventually wear down if dreams are pursued using only physical strength. Put your

heart into something and like energizer bunny, you will keep going long after everyone else has quit. If you want success, then put your heart into it.

The last rule is hidden in the fact that, "he did it with all his heart and prospered." The definition of "prosper" is to succeed in an enterprise or activity. In other words, "approach whatever you are doing with your heart and you will be successful." Also, note that the advice didn't record that "he did with his heart to acquire money, fame, or material possessions"...it simply states "he did with his heart and was successful." True success has little to do with the acquisition

of money or material possessions, but has everything to do with your state of mind. If you want to be successful at something, don't chase it because of the money, fame, or glory...chase it because it feels like it has been ordered just for you.

There are a lot of great commencement speeches out there. Many of them are far more eloquent and moving. Still, I'm convinced that the power released within these nine words is just as powerful. Put your heart into your future and you will achieve success beyond your wildest dreams.

David Cain is facility general manager of Cabot Corp.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, May 31, the 151st day of 2006. There are 214 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 31, 1889, more than 2,000 people perished when a dam break sent water rushing through Johnstown, Pa.

On this date:

In 1809, composer Franz Joseph Haydn died in Vienna, Austria.

In 1819, poet Walt Whitman was born in West Hill, N.Y.

In 1910, the Union of South Africa was founded.

In 1916, during World War I, British and German fleets fought the naval Battle of Jutland off Denmark; there was no

clear-cut victor, although the British suffered heavier losses.

In 1961, South Africa became an independent republic.

In 1962, World War II Gestapo official Adolf Eichmann was hanged in Israel for his role in the Nazi Holocaust.

In 1970, tens of thousands of people died in

'Every ambitious man is a captive and every covetous one a pauper.'

— Arab proverb

an earthquake in Peru.

In 1976, Martha Mitchell, the estranged wife of former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, died in New York.

In 1977, the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, three years in the making, was completed.

In 1994, the United States announced it was no longer aiming long-range nuclear missiles at targets in the former Soviet Union.

Ten years ago: Benjamin Netanyahu claimed victory in Israel's election for prime minister, defeating incumbent Shimon Peres by nine-tenths of one percent.

Five years ago: Veteran FBI agent Robert Hanssen pleaded innocent to charges of spying for Moscow. (He later changed his plea to guilty and was sentenced to life in prison.) Moderate PLO leader Faisal Husseini died at age 60. Actress and TV personality Arlene Francis died in San Francisco at age 93.

One year ago: Breaking a silence of 30 years, former FBI official W. Mark Felt stepped forward as "Deep Throat," the secret Washington Post source that helped bring down President Nixon during the Watergate scandal. President Bush, faced with a string of setbacks on Capitol Hill, shrugged off questions about his political clout and promised during a news conference to keep pushing Congress for a Social Security overhaul. Oil tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky, once Russia's richest man, was convicted of charges including fraud and tax evasion and sentenced to nine years in prison.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Elaine Stewart is 77. Actor-director Clint Eastwood is 76. Singer Peter Yarrow is 68. Former Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite is 67. Singer-musician Augie Meyers is 66. Actress Sharon Gless is 63. Football Hall-of-Famer Joe Namath is 63. Actor Tom Berenger is 56. Actor Gregory Harrison is 56. Actress Roma Maffia is 48. Comedian Chris Elliott is 46. Actor Kyle Secor is 46. Actress Lea Thompson is 45.



Bush administration arrogant, stupid

In a recent column, I wrote that the White House was both stupid and arrogant. President Bush has since spoken to the nation on the immigration problem and promptly proved that I was right.

There can be no doubt that the overwhelming majority of Americans are vehemently opposed to giving illegal immigrants a pass and allowing them to become citizens as a reward for breaking the law by violating our borders. Ignoring what a majority of Americans demand is just plain arrogant.

They also oppose the kind of guest-worker program the president backs because they know it would be simple for a Mexican worker to enter the country as a temporary worker and then get a Green Card that could keep them here for the rest of their life. That's just plain stupid.

It's stupid to ignore the facts in the new Heritage Foundation report showing that the Senate immigration bill the president backs would allow 100 million new legal immigrants to come to

the United States over the next 20 years.

Says the Heritage report: "If enacted, the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act (CIRA, S.2611) would be the most dramatic change in immigra-

Michael Reagan

Columnist



tion law in 80 years, allowing an estimated 103 million persons to legally immigrate to the U.S. over the next 20 years — fully one-third of the current population of the United States.

"In contrast to the 103 million immigrants permitted under CIRA, current law allows 19 million legal immigrants over the next 20 years. Relative to current law, then, CIRA would add an extra 84 million legal immigrants to the nation's population."

Total federal welfare benefits would reach around \$9,500 per household, or \$35 billion per year total. The study estimates that the net cost to the federal government of granting amnesty to some 3.8 million illegal alien households would be around \$5,000 per household, for a total federal fiscal cost of \$19 billion per year.

Until just two hours before he spoke, the president had failed to alert the governors of the Mexican border states that he plans to use the National Guard for border security. That's just plain arrogant.

Finally, it's just plain stupid to ignore the fact that the immigration issue is the hottest political issue around. And that's just for starters.

There's only one possible answer to the president's request that his immigration program be enacted: No!

Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

Readers urged to think for themselves

We who write journalism are addicted to the simplistic explanation. That is because we do not have the space to be wordy and are denied the luxury of attaching footnotes and bibliographies. So, you should be aware of that.

For example, the press treats the stock market, as measured by the Dow Jones industrial average, as a barometer of the economy. Actually, it's just a barometer — and not a very accurate one — of financial speculation.

Based on the information I have from the only two people I've ever known who actually owned seats on the New York Stock Exchange, the market is no place for amateurs. Those who make their full-time living in the market have a better intelligence network than the CIA.

As for it being a barometer of the economy, the first thing to remember is that the phrase "the economy" is in itself misleading. Truth is, the economy is just the daily sum of all economic transactions that take place.

Many businesses in America do not have stock that is traded on the

exchanges. People who get raises think the economy is good, and people who get laid off think it is bad.

Charley Reese

Columnist



I hate the corporate attempt to homogenize our country and convince us that we are all the same potato in the same pot. You can paper over reality, but you can't change it, and since we can't be in two places at the same time, we are, in fact, local and regional, wherever we might be.

Even national news is a myth. National news consists of nothing more than a collection of local stories some wire editor has decided might be of interest to people in other localities.

The only real national news stories I can think of are presidential elections and wars. Everything else is local.

Nationalism and globalism are both corporate-created myths, and they both are being disproved by reality. Global trading is no different than it has always been. People in one country have always traded with people in other countries.

The multinational corporations, the chief peddlers of globalism, might still believe they can turn Earth into one plantation owned and managed by them, but their day is past. It's going to be downhill from now on for these unselected moguls.

We are, I believe, living in the twilight of Euro-American domination. We are like a former world champion gone to seed from luxurious living. I hope that, rather than accepting it, you will use it as a starting point for some research and independent thinking of your own. If all you know is what you read in the newspapers, then I'm sorry to say you're in bad shape.

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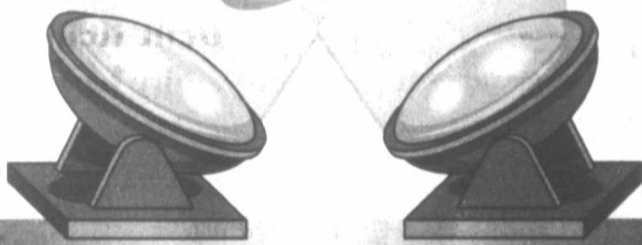
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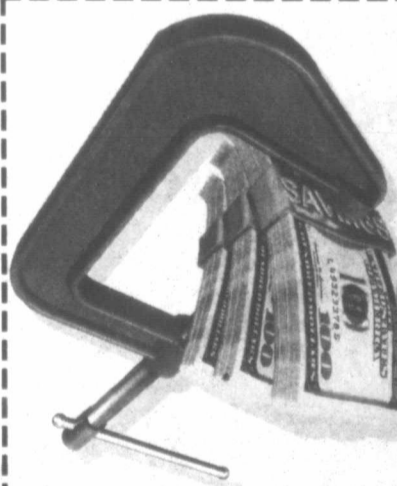
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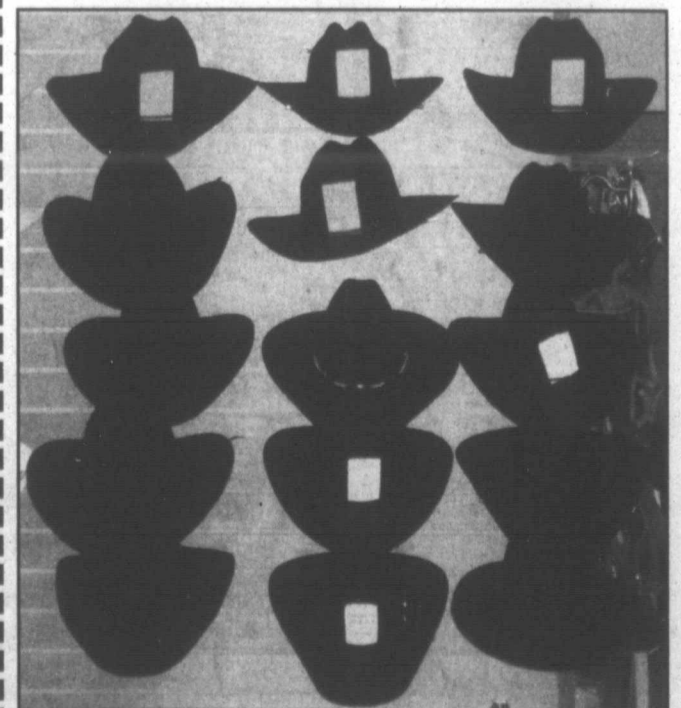
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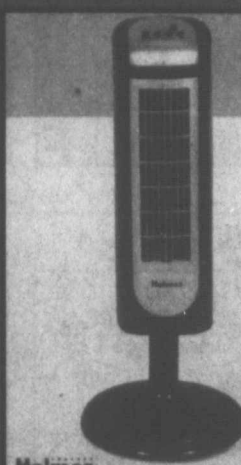
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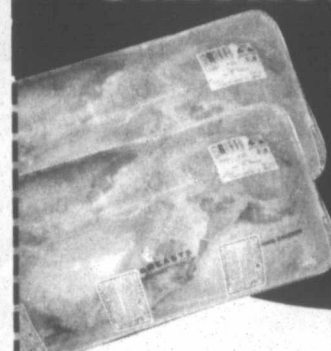
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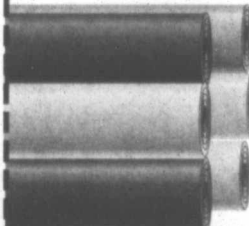


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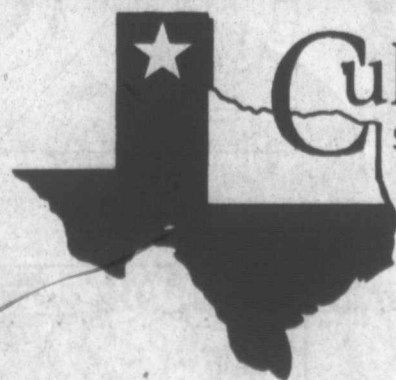
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in my 30s. When I was in high school, a male teacher sexually abused me. After my parents and I went to the authorities about it, it became widely known. The teacher resigned, and the case was dismissed. However, like many high school students are, my peers were cruel and insisted it was my fault. Many of them seemed to think I had brought it on myself. I have since received several years of therapy. I have moved on with my life, and I'm happy. I am being married in the fall, and I'm now a teacher myself, dedicated to protecting my students. My high school reunion is coming up, and I'd like to go. I've lost track of several friends from high school, and I'd like to see "where everyone is at" in their lives. My problem is I'm afraid to see the cruel people who made my life so difficult back then. I'm afraid they will bring up the subject. I want to forget about it and continue moving on with my life. What do you think I should do? — **FRIGHTENED BUT CURIOUS IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR FRIGHTENED BUT CURIOUS: It's important that you remember that you are no longer the inexperienced young woman who was victimized by that sexual predator. Contact the reunion committee and inquire if the former classmates you want to see plan to attend. (If they don't, you may not want to go.) If they do, then go to the reunion, reconnect and have a good time. And if any of the others are so insensitive as to raise the subject of your abuse, inform them that it took years for you to get over the damage that teacher did, and the trauma they perpetuated because of their cruel and ignorant gossip. Say you don't care to discuss it, then change the subject.

DEAR ABBY: Can you please settle our question about what is proper attire for church? Are short shorts, tube tops and flip-flops suitable for a house of worship? — **DISMAYED IN MARYSVILLE, MICH.**

DEAR DISMAYED: I was raised that a person should dress "respectfully" in the house of the Lord. That means fully shod and covered up enough so that it doesn't distract the other worshippers. However, dress codes have been greatly relaxed in recent decades. Each congregation has its own standards and, in the final analysis, it is up to the clergyman and governing body to decide what is or is not appropriate.

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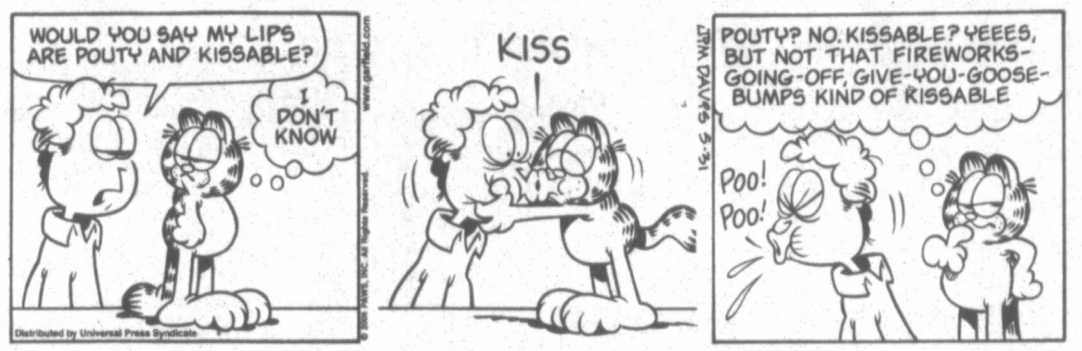
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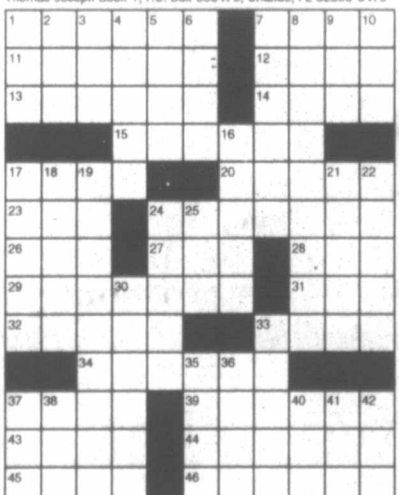
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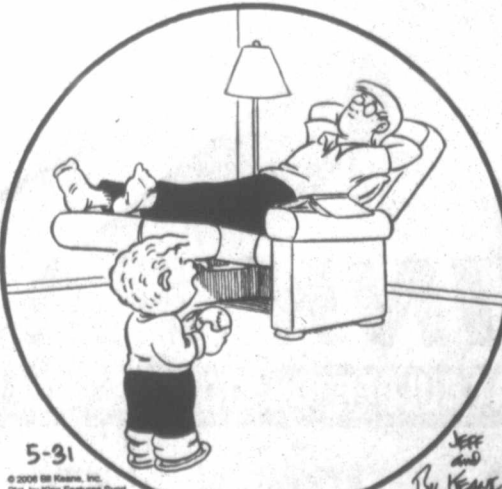
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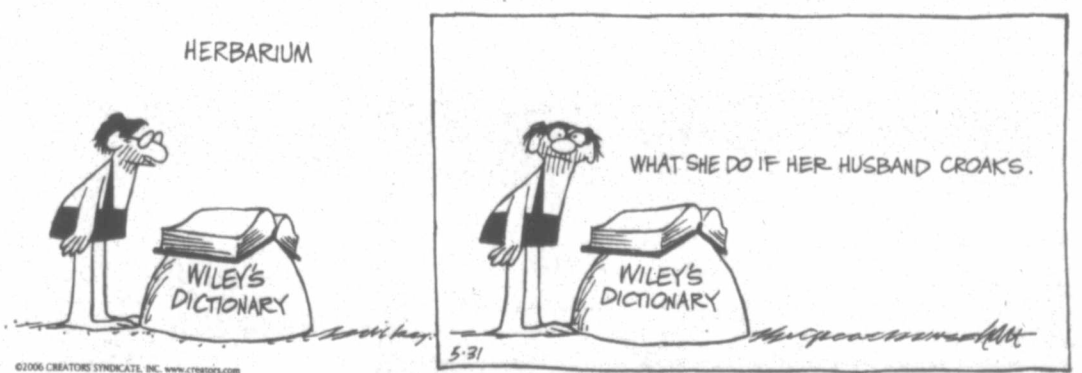
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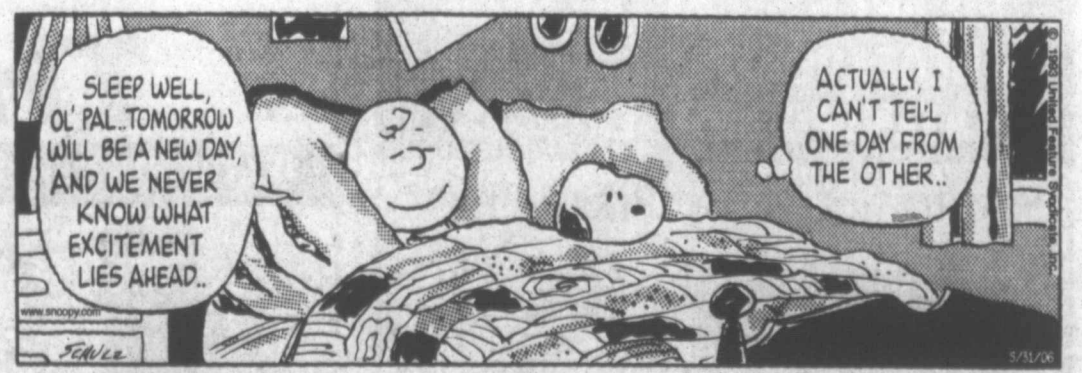
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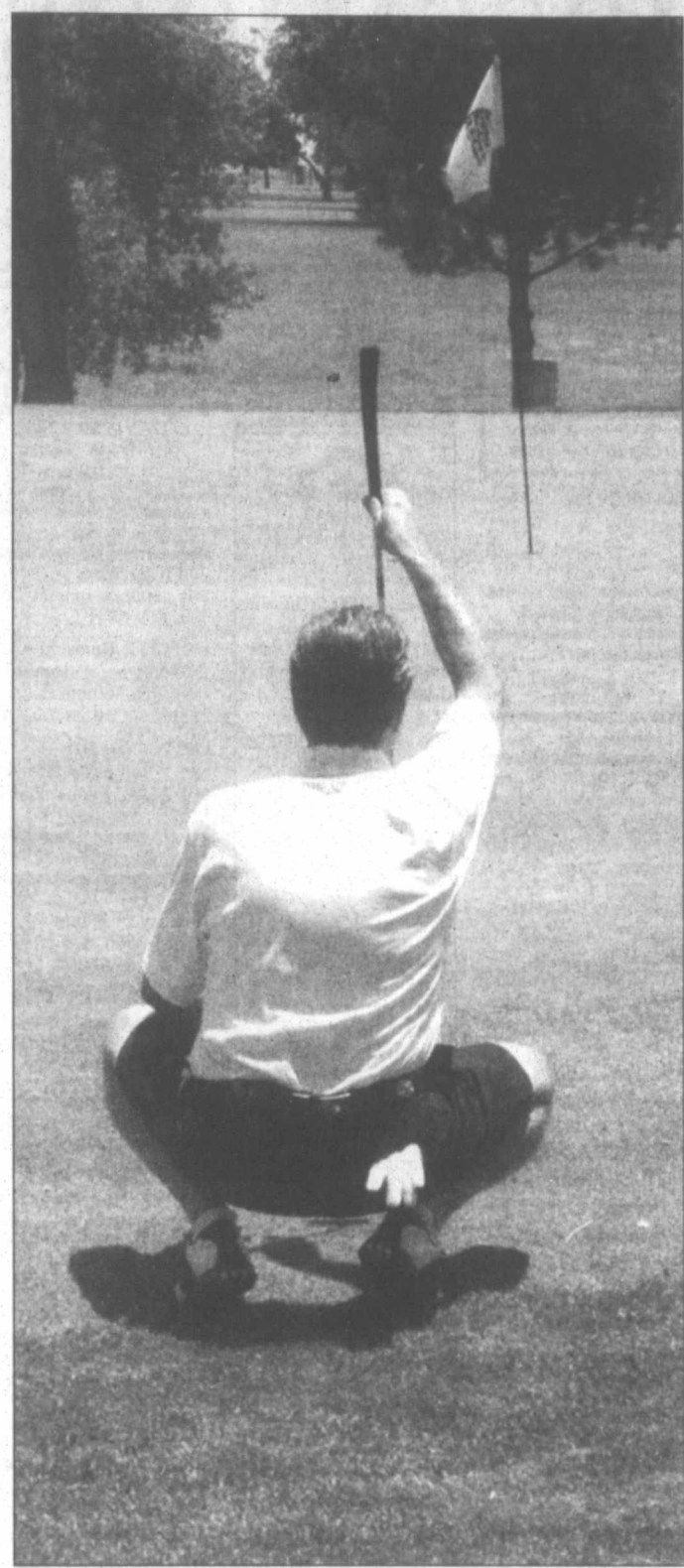
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Sports Day



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Heath Eagle lines up a putt on No. 8 during Tuesday's Pro/Am event at Pampa Country Club. Eagle tied for 4th in the overall Pro division, while his Pro/Am foursome took 1st.

Tight scores highlight 2006 PCC Pro/Am

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Before the storm clouds rolled in to town Tuesday afternoon, some great golf had been played at the Pampa County Club, host of the 2006 PCC Pro/Am.



David Autry, Sr.

Eighteen teams of four took to the course Tuesday morning. Among them, the Tascosa (Amarillo) Country Club foursome of Heath Eagle, Clint Deeds, David Autry, Jr. and David Autry, Sr.

The group fired an impressive round of 121 to take the event, though it didn't come without a challenge.

Local linksters John Horne, James Stavenhagen, Harold Salmon and Sam White kept the Amarillo crew within sight throughout the day but settled for second place with a 123.

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Pampa Country Club
May 30, 2006

1st Place (121)
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David Autry, Sr.
David Autry, Jr.

2nd Place (123)
John Horne
James Stavenhagen
Harold Salmon

3rd Place (128)
Ronnie Rosson
Gene Hall
Dr. Joe Donaldson
Bobby Lewis

4th Place (131)*
Charlie Nelson
Craig Riseling
Brian Edwards
Joe Harris

4th Place (131)*
Leon Van Rensburg
Norman Sublett
Eric Eberhardt
Chase Tucker

6th Place (132)*
Richard Mershon
Kirk Kerbo
Daniel Barns
Chuck Thompson

6th Place (132)*
Jordan Whitford
John Clark
Dee Joiner
Chuck White

Overall Pro
1st Place (71)^
John Horne
Alan Coe

3rd Place (72)
Michael Shaffer

4th Place (74)^
Jordan Whitford
Heath Eagle
Leon Van Rensburg
*Tie (Score card)
^Tie

Bell, Suns dominate Dallas, 106-86

PHOENIX (AP) — A torn calf muscle wasn't going to keep Raja Bell out of a game this crucial to the Phoenix Suns.

His surprise start in Game 4 of the Western Conference finals gave his team a sorely needed injection of intensity, and the result was a 106-86 blowout Phoenix victory over the Dallas Mavericks that squared the series 2-2.

Game 5 is Thursday night in Dallas. "It's up for grabs now," said the Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki, who struggled through his lowest-scoring game — 11 points — of the season.

Back in his more comfortable reserve role, Leandro Barbosa led the Suns with 24 points on 10-for-13 shooting, including 4-of-6 3-pointers. The "Brazilian Blur" was equally fast after the game, speeding out of the locker room without talking to reporters.

Others had plenty to say, though. "I think Barbosa was the key," Dallas coach Avery Johnson said. "He had his inside game and outside game going tonight."

Boris Diaw added 20 points, including a pair of emphatic fourth-quarter dunks that helped the Suns build a 25-point lead.

Steve Nash had 21 points and eight assists, and Shawn Marion scored 15 points.

Bell had missed the last two games with a slight tear in his left calf, and all indications had been that he would sit out this one, too.

He had only nine points, but gave Phoenix some much-needed intensity in 32 minutes.

"Half our team is a bunch of quiet guys," Nash said. "He gives us another guy that opens his mouth once in a while, gives us some toughness, some bravado. I can't say enough about how much his personality means to our team."

D'Antoni called Bell "a team guy. He's never asked for anything. He's been a team guy. He just plays hard every night. And, you know, to be able to coach a guy like that is precious."

Bell said he was cleared to play about a half-hour before tipoff.

"I had to promise them that if I felt like I couldn't do it, I would let them know," Bell said. "I had no idea if it was going to move the way I needed to move. I still hadn't moved up and down the court full speed. It was better than I thought in a running situation, but it wasn't 100 percent."

Bell expected to only spell Barbosa

off the bench, but D'Antoni started him. A day earlier, Bell seemed to be the only one who thought he would be able to play.

"The training staff and the doctors, they were real cautious. They really didn't think he should play," D'Antoni said.

"And I get a call last night from his agent that, you know, if we don't want him to play we might have to shoot him. So it was like, do we kill the guy or let him play? We kind of needed him."

Bell said he knew it would be extremely painful Wednesday but hoped it would be better by Thursday so he could play again.

Nowitzki made 3-of-13 shooting, ending a string of 42 games when he's scored at least 20 points.

It was the first time he's scored fewer than 25 points in the Mavs' eight games against Phoenix this season.

"We turned the ball over way too many times, especially early," Nowitzki said, "and we made mistakes all over the place."

Josh Howard led the Mavericks with 16, but left with an apparent shin injury with 5:47 to play. Johnson said afterward that "Josh is fine."

Wilkerson's grand slam leads Rangers past Mariners

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Brad Wilkerson thought he had a sacrifice fly. But the ball kept carrying with the help of wind blowing out to right field.

All of a sudden, Wilkerson had a lot more than an RBI. Wilkerson's fourth career grand slam highlighted a six-run third inning and the Rangers beat Seattle 6-4 on Tuesday night, the Mariners' season-high sixth straight loss.

"I hit it pretty good, but it was a little high up in the air," Wilkerson said. "Where I hit it, it can carry in this ballpark. I thought I'd get at least a sac fly out of it. I was pleased when I got four RBIs instead of one."

Seattle had taken a 3-0 lead against Rangers starter Kevin Millwood before Texas sent 11 hitters to the

plate against Gil Meche (4-4) in a third inning that included a two-run homer by Michael Young.

The Rangers needed the big inning to overcome an otherwise sloppy effort that included four errors, two wild pitches and a passed ball.

"It was a strange game, a lot of things that don't usually happen in a ballgame happened, to say the least," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said.

Millwood (6-3) allowed four runs and nine hits over six innings. He threw 116 pitches, striking out four and walking one.

In his seven home starts this season, Millwood is 2-3 with a 7.23 ERA. He is 4-0 with a 2.31 ERA in five road starts.

"I've got to feel like I'm going to get better here,"

Millwood said. "Maybe I need just a little better luck. I don't feel like I gave up a lot of hard hits. They were bloopers and seeing-eye singles. It was a frustrating night."

Akinori Otsuka got three outs for his ninth save in 10 chances for the Rangers, who won for the fifth time in six games.

Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki led off the first with a single. He scored from third on Gerald Laird's passed ball, and Carl Everett then added an RBI single.

The Mariners made it 3-0 in the third with the help of a bizarre play. Willie Bloomquist doubled with one out, and with Everett batting, Bloomquist moved to third on a wild pitch by Millwood.

The ball kicked into foul territory to the right of the batter's box where Laird retrieved it. Laird's throw to third glanced off the top of the bat of Everett, who had remained in the batter's box, and the ball sailed wildly into left field for an error as Bloomquist scored.

HOUSTON ASTROS

Clemens still a wanted man

NEW YORK (AP) — The Houston Astros still want to re-sign Roger Clemens, though his agent and the team said Tuesday that there is no deal.

The seven-time Cy Young Award winner plans on deciding soon whether to pitch this season or retire for good.

"Obviously, we're still hopeful. But nothing has been determined," Astros general manager Tim Lincecum said. "We'd love to get a phone call that Roger is going to pitch for us. They know what our interest is, what our parameters are."

"We'd like to make a deal. But Roger still has to decide what he wants to do and make his choice," he said.

Agent Randy Hendricks said the 43-year-old Clemens is "very close with

a final decision." One Web site reported that Clemens had signed with Houston.

"He has not signed any agreement with the Houston Astros. That is incorrect," Hendricks said. "I have not spoken with the Houston Astros today. I think I would know when a deal was done."

The Astros were 27-26 and 6 1/2 games behind the NL Central-leading Cardinals after Tuesday night's 6-3 victory over St. Louis.

Pitcher Andy Pettitte said after the game that he knows what's going on "but it's not my place to say anything about that, really."

"I've been talking to Roger and I'll leave it up to him to let him share whatever he's going to share, whenever it's time to share it," Pettitte said.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, June 1, 2006:
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** Keep conversations flowing. You might want to think over a situation that is in flux. You also might decide to wait it out rather than cover all your bases simultaneously. Confusion surrounds a friendship. Tonight: Go for a hard dose of reality.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Basics do count, as others will whirl around you like a tornado. You will find that you are better off if you don't get plugged into every issue that heads your way. What you hear might not conform to what you know. Tonight: At home.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Your imagination easily could go haywire, but you can direct the energy and make your creativity positive.

News from a distance or information you receive could be slightly tainted. You might want to get your own facts. Tonight: Visit with a friend.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** You might want to spend more than you have, but what a hoot you will have. Creativity and risk-taking walk hand in hand. You might want to think before you leap on what sounds like a good deal. OK? Tonight: Live it up.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** You might want to flow with what is happening. A lot easily could be dropped on your plate. Think positively about the alternatives that surround your life. Right now, nothing is written in stone. Tonight: As you wish. After all, you are the king or queen of the zodiac.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** You might want to take your time rather than leap into a strange or unclear situation. Know that what looks like a sure bet today easily could be a fiasco tomorrow. Use this knowledge to enhance your life. Tonight: Many, many options come your way.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Where your friends are is where you want to be. Associates help pave your way and make a big difference in your success. You have a lot of reasons to be happy and to celebrate. Expenses could cause a problem ultimately. Tonight: Your treat.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** You take a stand and show your stuff. You are in a leadership position. Take charge and know that you are the cat's meow. What you say goes — with nearly everyone. Understand what is happening with a family member rather than judge. Tonight: In the limelight.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** You might want to think through a situation more carefully. Others make an effort, which you need to recognize. You might feel off-center because of what you hear or see. You don't need to overthink things. Tonight: As you like.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Money could dribble through your fingers if you aren't careful. Think positively about the alternatives that surround your daily life. Nothing is written in stone. Remember that fact, or you could be disappointed. Tonight: Easy does it.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Others do all they can to put a smile on your face. You might wonder what is too much or what is not enough. Confusion surrounds you, mainly because of your perspective and the pace of events. Learn to read between the lines and not project into conversations and happenings. Tonight: Go with someone else's choice.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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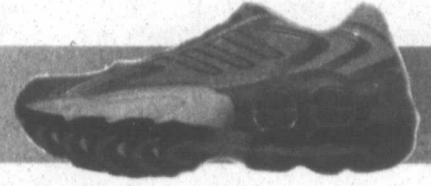
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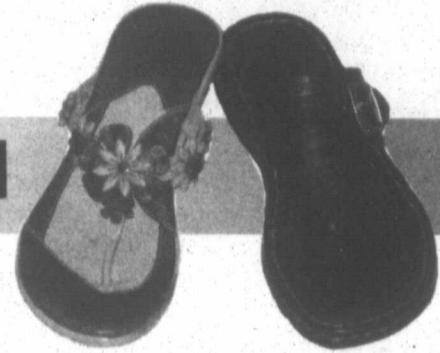
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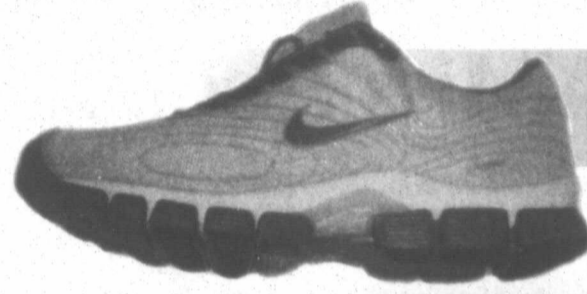
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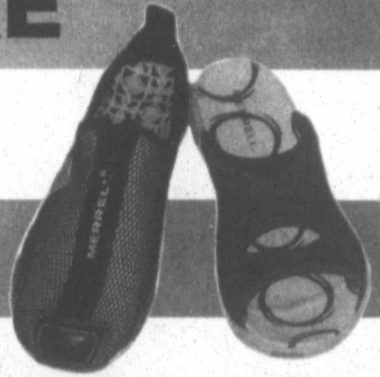


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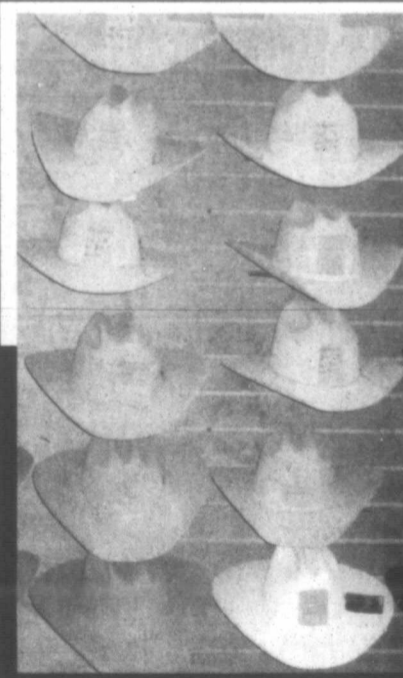


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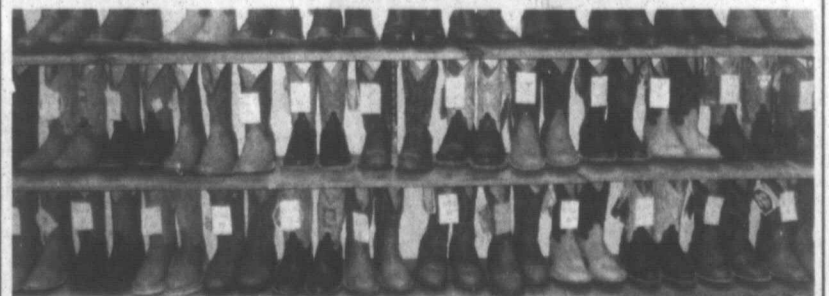


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60th Top O' Texas Rodeo has full slate of events this weekend

The 60th annual Top O' Texas Rodeo will be in full swing beginning Thursday through June 7 in Pampa.

The Kid Pony Show performances for youths up to age 15 will be Monday through June 7 at 7 p.m. Kid Pony Show entries close at 5 p.m. Thursday.

The popular Mutton Busting event will be held nightly Thursday through Saturday during the PRCA Rodeo and is open to Kid Pony Show contestants who are 7 and under.

Entries are limited to six contestants each night on a first come, first served basis. Prizes will be awarded to the winners each night. Entry deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday.

Rodeo performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Earlier rodeo dates have resulted in double the contestants entered including present and former World Champions.

Beutler and Son Rodeo Co. will produce this year's show with National Finals Rodeo stock. They have world champion stock that has provided many challenging thrills to some of the world's best cowboys.

Wayne Brooks of Lampasas,

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The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association will have bullfighter Andy Burrelle and 2005 Wrangler Bull Fighting Champion Wacey Munsell in the arena to assist the cowboys.

Barrel man for the rodeo activities will be Doug Munsell, who has some fun entertainment planned in addition to his bullfighting assistance.

The Calf Scramble and Nickel Drop will be held nightly for the younger spectators.

Double Mugging is a nightly event where local cowboys and cowgirls try their skills at a rodeo event.

During each performance the Pro Tour FMX Freestyle Motocross Exhibition Team will perform their aerial tricks. During the performances, audiences will witness riders launching their supercharged 250cc dirt bikes more

Special for the kids

Fenton Dodge and the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association have teamed up to bring fun contests to the children of Pampa and the surrounding area.

The annual clown contest will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Fenton Motors, 123 N. Hobart, for children 6 and under.

Prizes of Pampa Bucks and Wrangler Jean Gift Certificates will be awarded by the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association for first, second and third places.

Barrelman Doug Munsell and bullfighters Andy Burrelle and Wacey Munsell will be on hand as well.

The coloring contest, open to children in fifth grade and under, is also being held. Introduced last year, this event proved to be popular. Fenton Dodge will award prizes of Pampa Bucks to the winners, which will be announced at 2 p.m. Saturday. Winners must be present to win.

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At 5:30 p.m. Thursday, there will be a free barbecue and birthday cake for ticket holders. Innovative Staffing solutions will furnish and serve the birthday cake at the barbecue in honor of the 60th anniversary of the rodeo and the 10th

anniversary of the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Pageant.

Friday night is family night and discounted tickets prices are available for senior citizens and children when an adult ticket is purchased for this performance.

Saturday is loaded with fun for everyone when the rodeo parade kicks off at 10 a.m. at the M.K. Brown Auditorium parking lot. The parade will wind its way through downtown Pampa and back to the auditorium. This parade is one of the largest in the Texas Panhandle and always provides lots of interesting and unusual sights.

Entries are being taken for anyone interested in participating in the parade. The truck giveaway is also scheduled to be held during Saturday's performance. Tickets are \$10 and are available from any rodeo director and at the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard.

Rodeo dances will be held night-

ly at the Top O' Texas Norris Pavilion. Leon Rausch and the Texas Playboys will perform on Thursday. Friday and Saturday dance crowds will be entertained by Bo Salling and the Brakes Are All Gone. All dances begin at 9 p.m. and tickets may be purchased at the door. Thursday admission is \$5 per person. Friday and Saturday admission is \$10 per person.

The 10th Annual Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Pageant will be held in conjunction with the rodeo. The luncheon and style show will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday in the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

Tickets are on sale at the rodeo office. Since seating is limited getting tickets early is encouraged.

This year's queens, Jamie Schroeder and Tara Schilling, have served Pampa and the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association at many functions. The new queens will be crowned during the Saturday night rodeo performance.

Tickets for all of the events are available at the rodeo office. For more information, call 806 669-0434.



Tressie Knowlton, Miss Rodeo America 2006.

Miss Rodeo America 2006 crowned

Colorado cowgirl Tressie Knowlton was crowned at the conclusion of a weeklong competition featuring 24 contestants from across the country at the 51st Annual Miss Rodeo America Pageant, held at The Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas.

The 22-year-old resident of Fowler, Colo., has completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Colorado, bringing a bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism and an extensive knowledge of rodeo to serve her well as a spokeswoman for the professional rodeo industry.

As First Lady of Professional Rodeo, Miss Rodeo America serves the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association in a promotional capacity. She is expected to travel over 100,000 miles and appear at more than 100 rodeos over the next twelve months.

Upon completion of her reign, Tressie plans to utilize her \$12,500 in scholarship dollars from the Miss Rodeo America Scholarship Foundation to earn her master's degree in Spanish.

The second of six children to parents Bryce and Ronda Knowlton, Tressie hails from a ranching family, and carries on a successful rodeo queen tradition, started by her older sister Addie Knowlton, Miss Rodeo Colorado 2002, a runner-up and horsemanship award winner in the Miss Rodeo America Pageant.

Tressie is an elegant beauty, standing tall and slim at 5'9". Her name is very appropriate for the mane of tousled brunette hair that flows from underneath her Resistol hat. Green eyes and a movie star smile accentuate her exotic look.

Her interests include aerobics, kick-boxing, country dancing, jazz dance, target shooting, walking, skiing, hiking, fly fishing, reading, playing the piano, singing with her family band, training horses, roping, cutting, sorting and branding on the family ranch.

"Since I was a little girl, I have dreamed of having the opportunity to share my passion for America, the sport of rodeo and the cowboy way of life that I live and love," said Knowlton.

"As Miss Rodeo America, I want to extend our western values through broadcast coverage, bilingual media and personal interaction to all Americans."

For more information about Miss Rodeo America, contact the MRAI office at 27906 Cumbres, Pueblo, Colo. 81006, call 719-948-9206 or visit the Web site at www.missrodeo.com.

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Jarrett on top in his second year

Memo to the ProRodeo world: There's a new sheriff in town. All-around standout Ryan Jarrett, in just his second full season in the PRCA, put together a stellar season that ended with his first world all-around title.

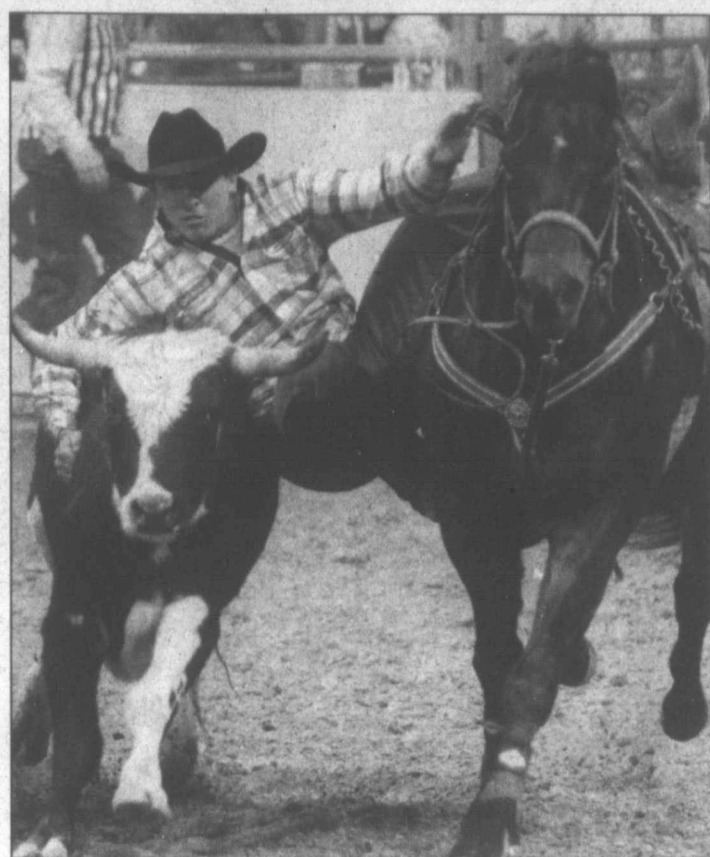
Jarrett, of Summerville, Ga., combined his exploits in tie-down roping and steer wrestling - as well as some additional money won in team roping - to become the second-youngest all-around world champion in PRCA history and end Trevor Brazile's run of consecutive crowns at three. Only the legendary Ty Murray was a younger all-around champ at 20 when he won his first of a record seven all-around titles in 1989.

"It's quite an accomplishment to break his streak," Jarrett said of Brazile. "I've got some big shoes to fill behind him. He's a man of his own, and is one of the greatest guys ever. This means a bunch, and it's really something. It was a lot of hard work, for sure."

Despite his age, Jarrett didn't shock too many people by his performance in Las Vegas and his ascension to the top of the ProRodeo ranks. After all, he had been red-hot in the fall and was the only two-event competitor at the Thomas & Mack Center after qualifying in steer wrestling and tie-down roping.

Jarrett not only excelled in tie-down roping, he won the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo average title with a total time of 89 seconds on 10 head. He didn't win a round, but placed in six out of 10 rounds to earn \$80,517.

He finished fifth in the first and fourth rounds, in a tie for second in the sixth round, second in the seventh round, fourth in the eighth round and sixth in the final round en route to the average



Ryan Jarrett in action in Las Vegas where he won his first world all-around title.

victory. Combine that with the \$34,201 he won in steer wrestling, and the all-around title was his.

Jarrett came into the Wrangler NFR nearly \$27,000 behind Brazile, but quickly made up ground and took over the all-around lead for good after Round 7. His title was a likelihood, but not an assurance. He still had to work for it, and he did exactly that.

"It looks easy up there from the 10th row, but it isn't, I promise you," Jarrett said of his victory.

There was no doubt Jarrett knew tie-down roping would be the key to his run for the title.

"I just tried to score well and be at the barrier and get it on them quick," Jarrett said. "I just came here to rope like Ryan ropes, not to rope for the go-rounds. That is what I tried to do. That average buckle is icing on

the cake."

He was strong in tie-down roping and didn't exactly struggle in bulldogging. Jarrett finished fourth in the average at 55.3 seconds on 10 head and won a share of first place with his 3.4-second run in Round 5.

Jarrett finished the year with \$263,665, more than \$50,000 ahead of second-place Lee Graves, who dominated steer wrestling en route to his first Wrangler NFR average and world titles. Brazile, who was hampered by the fact that he did not qualify for the Wrangler NFR in team roping as he had the previous year, finished third with \$197,400 after earning just \$30,004 in tie-down roping.

Jarrett, who emerged victorious and at the top of the PRCA heap, is now automatically one of ProRodeo's most esteemed athletes.

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Three to compete for rodeo queen, four for rodeo teen queen

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is set to stage its 10th annual Miss Rodeo and Miss Rodeo Teen Queen pageants during the 60th Annual Top O' Texas Rodeo Thursday through Saturday in Pampa.

The current queens and contestants will participate in each performance of the rodeo. A luncheon and style show will be among featured pageant events as will be a horsemanship competition. Rodeo tickets are available from participating contestants.

The Top O' Texas queen/teen queen pageant is open to young women between 13 and 23 years of age. Entrants come from all parts of Texas. Each receives a goodie bag just for participating. Past pageant winners have gone on to participate and win at the state and the national levels. The current queen is Jamie Schroeder, and the current teen queen is Tara Schilling.

"This is the 10th anniversary of the pageant," Schroeder said, "and I wish you many more years to come. I feel privileged to have been a part of it all. I have enjoyed traveling, making new friends and wonderful memories. I encourage future winners to consider the pageant's history and to carry on the tradition."

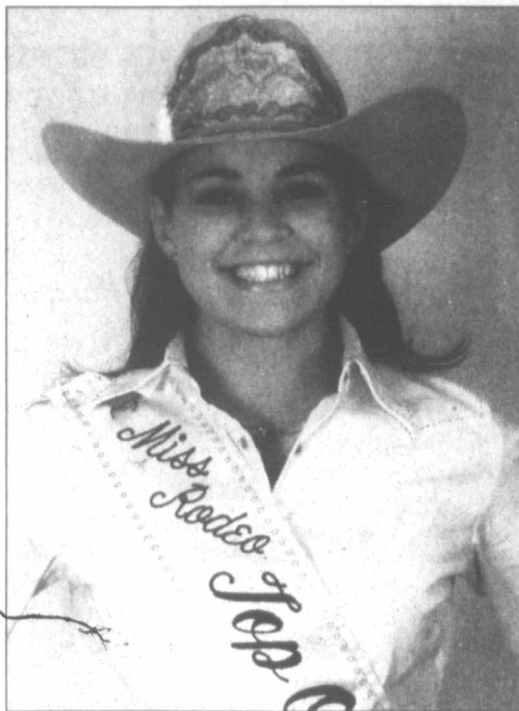
Schroeder is the 20-year-old daughter of James and Jill Schroeder of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2004 and is attending Clarendon College-Pampa Center as an agricultural business major. She is a member of American Quarter Horse Association and Appaloosa Horse Club. She enjoys working with horses and barrel racing.

Schilling, 17-year-old daughter of Richard and Sonya Schilling, graduated from Amarillo's Tascosa High School and is enrolled in Amarillo Center for Advanced Learning Health Science and Technology program. She belongs to National Honor Society, Health Occupation Student Association, Spanish Club, Scuba Club, National High School Rodeo Association and Randall County senior horse judging team.

She is president and is a 10-year member of T-Anchor 4-H Club, participating in the horse project for 10 years.

The pageant's horsemanship contest will take place at 8 a.m. Thursday at the rodeo arena, and the current queens will join this year's pageant contestants in the Top O' Texas Rodeo Parade at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The luncheon and style show will start at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. All contestants will model western fashions and deliver a three-minute speech. Due to limited seating, reservations are recommended as early as possible. Tickets to the style show and



Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Queen Jamie Schroeder, left, and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen Queen Tara Schilling will end their reigns as current rodeo queens this weekend.

luncheon are available at the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard, or from any contestant.

Pageant winners will receive a number of prizes including saddles, belt buckles and tiaras. Additional prizes such as horse products, jewelry and clothing will be awarded to the top female in the categories of Appearance, Personality and Horsemanship. A prize will be awarded to the winner of the ticket sales contest, a non-compulsory event.

Miss Rodeo will receive a college scholarship.

This year's pageants are under the direction of Gina Greenhouse, now in her third year as pageant director. During her reign, Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas will make many appearances - attending benefits, style shows, rodeos, parades, stock shows and more. For ticket information or further details on the pageant and related events, contact the rodeo office at 669-0434.

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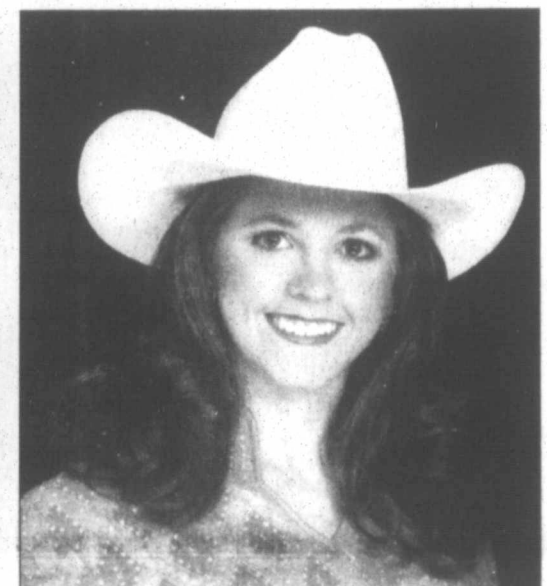
Dean's List, South Plains College livestock judging scholarship, past Agriculture Association president and vice president, Miss Caprock Candidate for the Agriculture Association, Terry County Rodeo Princess 1999, Terry County Rodeo Queen 2000, Terry County Harvest Festival Queen third runner-up and Miss Congeniality 2000, American Association of Sheriff Poses and Riding Clubs Region 1 Queen (2001 and 2002), Miss Rodeo Texas Tech University (2004 and 2005), ABC Pro Rodeo Queen 2006 and volunteer director of ABC Barrel Bonanza benefiting Lubbock Boys and Girls clubs. She enjoys barrel racing, cooking, singing, designing western clothes and playing the guitar. Her future plans are to earn a Ph.D. in equine science and become a professor at TTU as well as compete for the titles of Miss Rodeo Texas and Miss Rodeo America.

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Queen contestants



Morgan Claire Davis



Mandy Poole

Morgan Claire Davis. Davis, 20-year-old daughter of James and Carol Davis, is from Southlake. She graduated from Carroll Senior High School in 2004, attended Tarrant County College and is a sophomore at the Art Institute in Dallas. Her honors, activities, accomplishments and memberships include Carroll Rodeo Team, AFS, Youth for Understanding, North Texas High School Rodeo Association Board of Directors, White's Chapel Methodist Young Adults Fellowship, Miss Carroll Rodeo 2004, Miss Rodeo Sandhills 2005, Miss Rocky Top Therapy Center 2005-06, riding, skiing, cooking, target shooting and racing. She plans to graduate from the Art Institute in 2007 and pursue a career in the culinary industry. She would also like to become an advocate for disabled children. Sponsor: Chase Bank NA.

Markie Michelle Oden. Oden, 21, of Brownfield is the daughter of Bobby and Jene Oden. She is a senior animal science major at Texas Tech University. Her honors, activities, accomplishments and memberships include several academic scholarships to TTU, TTU Rodeo Team (barrel racing), South Plains College Livestock Judging Team and Rodeo Team, Tech Rodeo Association officer, Ag Council representative, South Plains College Dean's List, TTU

Mandy Poole. Poole, 22, of Pampa is the daughter of Robert and Nancy Poole. She is a senior in the ag education program at West Texas A&M University. Her honors, activities, accomplishments and memberships include WTAMU Rodeo Team, Alpha Chi, Phi Theta Kappa Alumni, Texas Delta Chapter of Alpha Zeta, Texas Cowboy Rodeo Association, National Barrel Horse Association, Panhandle Barrel Racing Association, Better Barrel Racing, American Quarter Horse Association, WTAMU Block & Bridle president, WTAMU Mortar Board vice president, WTAMU Kappa Delta Pi historian, WTAMU Collegiate FFA reporter, Texas Collegiate FFA reporter, Amarillo City League Women's H Volleyball Champion, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarship recipient, Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas 2002, Miss Rodeo Sandhills Teen 2001, Miss Rodeo THSRA Region I 2000, Miss Rodeo Saints Roost 1999, National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen 1998. She was the first Texas resident to complete the AQHYA STAR Program. She enjoys riding 4-wheelers, tooling leather and scrapbooking. She is scheduled to graduate from WT this fall after completing her student teaching and plans to pursue her master's

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degree and eventually teach ag somewhere in the state. Sponsors: The Wagner Co. and Pack-N-Mail

Teen Queen Contestants



Christina Marie Hart

Christina Marie Hart. Hart, 13, is the daughter of Katrina Hart of Pampa. She just completed eighth grade at Pampa Junior High School. She is a member of Pampa Swimming Team and is active in Gray County 4-H steer show groups and horse clubs. She is raising a filly and enjoys working part-time with her grandfather and playing with her border collie. Her immediate plans include helping to break her filly and to raise puppies.



Jennifer Huffhines

Jennifer Huffhines. Huffhines, 15, is the daughter of Becky Huffhines and Steve Huffhines of Pampa. She just completed her sophomore year at Pampa High School. Her honors, activities, accomplishments and memberships include PHS Swim Team, FFA, choir, PHS Rodeo Club, Gray County 4-H, AJQHA, AJPHA, junior high and high school choir solo first divisions, District 1 fifth place 4-H Horse Showwinner, PHS Swim Team District champion team member and President's Award for Academics. She enjoys horseback riding, swimming, singing and spending time with friends. Her future plans are to attend Southern Nazarene University and become an equine chiropractor and therapist. Sponsors: K. Ray Armstrong Trucking, Century 21 Pampa Realty, Bartlett's Ace Hardware and Betty Wilson Quarter Horses

Katie Lasater. Lasater, 15, of Hull, is the daughter of Brandt and Becky Lasater. She just completed her freshman year at Hardin High School. Her honors, activities, accom-



Katie Lasater

plishments and memberships include Hardin FFA, SETTPA, East Texas Team Penning Association, U.S. Team Penning Association, Buna Bridle Club, Liberty County 4-H Horse Show High Point Reserve Champion 2000, Liberty County 4-H Buckle Series Reserve Champion 2001, Woodville Dogwood Festival first runner-up and Miss Congeniality 2001, Liberty County Sheriff's Posse Youth Rodeo first runner-up 2002, Buna Red Bud Rodeo first runner-up and horsemanship award 2004, San Augustine Chamber of Commerce Rodeo second runner-up 2005, Houston Livestock Show, Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen first runner-up 2005 and Rodeo Go Texan Team Penning third place winner 2006. She enjoys horse show competitions, team penning, queen contests, riding and training horses, teaching young children to ride horses, and spending time with family and friends. Her future plans are to win Miss Rodeo Texas and Miss Rodeo America and pursue a degree in equine science at Texas A&M University. Sponsor: KMJ Quarter Horses



Shelly Robinson

Shelby Robinson. Robinson, 14, of Canyon is the daughter of Christy Robinson. She just graduated from Canyon Junior High School and will attend Canyon High in the fall. Her honors, activities, accomplishments and memberships include American Quarter Horse Youth Association, Panhandle Barrel Racing Association, National Barrel Horse Association, Better Barrel Racing, Randall County 4-H, Texas State 4-H, Panhandle Barrel Racing Association 9-14 All-Around Champion 2004, Cowboy Nationals 2-D Youth Champion 2005, National Barrel Horse Association 1-D Youth Champion 2005 and Randall County 4-H All-Around Speed Event Champion Buckle 2005. She enjoys competing in 400 meter run, jumping hurdles, throwing the discus and reading. Her future plans are to pursue a degree in nursing at Texas Tech University and compete in barrel race at WNFR. Sponsors: TeePee Trailer Sales and Robinson Stables.

Barrel champ followed dream

When she left the Thomas & Mack Center arena with her second straight gold buckle and title of world champion, barrel racer Kelly Kaminski was beside herself. Admittedly emotional, the former seventh-grade reading teacher had trouble finding the words to express what she thought of standing on the world champion stage once again.



Kelly Kaminski

"I'm just still overwhelmed," Kaminski said. "I'm kind of freaked out. It's pretty emotional. I didn't think I had a chance last Saturday, and to come back and to actually get it is pretty special."

Thoughts of the impending Round 10 had kept her up for hours the night before.

"I was very, very nervous," Kaminski said. "I had to really talk to myself and tell myself to calm down. I just wanted to be smooth and let Rocky do his job."

As things turned out, her worries were all for naught. Kaminski finished fourth in Round 10 with a run of 14.10 seconds, which left her fourth in the average race. She pocketed a whopping \$107,019 during the 10-day Wrangler NFR to secure the world title by more than \$30,000 over Linda Vick.

Kaminski's second title was one she had to come from behind to earn.

Entering her fourth Wrangler NFR, Kaminski was behind Jack Daniel's World Standings leader Vick by a little more than \$10,000. Kaminski got off to a slower start than she is used to, finishing in a tie for fifth in the first round.

And then Kaminski and Rocky seemed to find their groove.

Kaminski, of Bellville, Texas, wasn't raised around horses. In fact, she saved and with the help of her mother, she bought her first horse at age 12.

Later as a seventh-grade reading teacher, Kaminski realized that she wasn't following her dreams like she was telling her students to do. So in 2000, with the support of her family, she left her job as a teacher to pursue the rodeo trail. She had joined the Women's Professional Rodeo Association in 1999, and in three years Kaminski qualified for her first Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in 2002.

In a year that could be considered a parable of sorts, Kaminski weathered a storm and came out on the other side with a shiny gold buckle.



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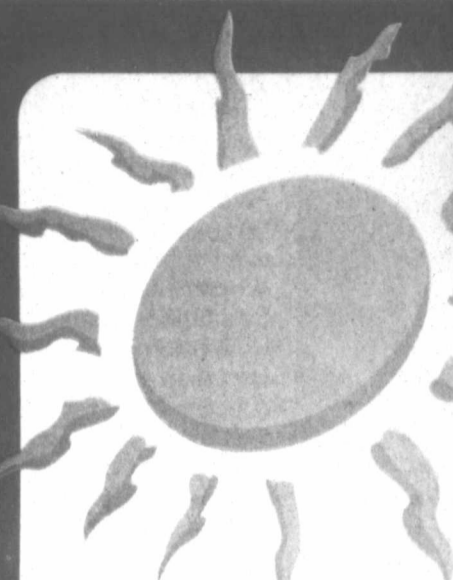
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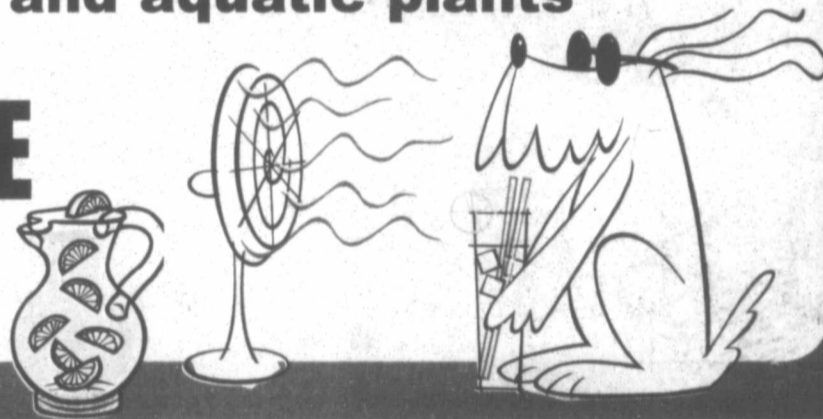
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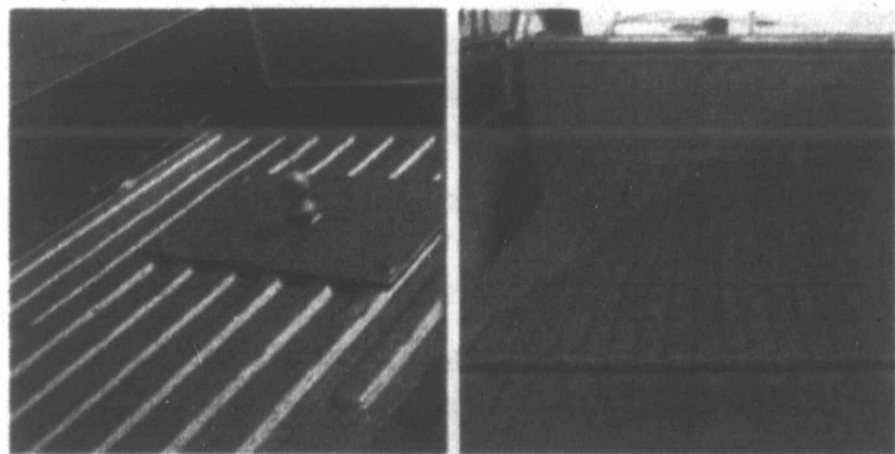
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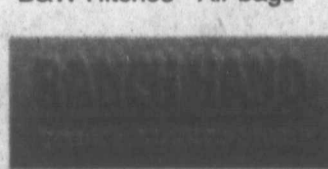


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