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Three vehicles at 818 and 820 East Frederic, in photo at left, were among several recently identified as junked or abandoned in violation of City of Pampa ordinances. Attempts to contact the property owner were unsuccessful, and no owner appeared at municipal hearings Monday afternoon concerning the vehicles' fates. Consequently, in photo at right, the three were removed by wrecker service and taken to an impound yard. Jerry Douthit of RV's and Things is shown winching the first of the three vehicles, a Chrysler, onto the bed of his truck. Pampa News photos by MARILYN POWERS

City begins crackdown on junked, abandoned vehicles

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
The City of Pampa is cracking down on junked and abandoned cars. The latest in a series of abatement hearings was held Monday concerning three property owners who have vehicles on their property which violate city ordinances. None of the three showed up for the hearings, which were held in municipal court at City Hall.
Officer Donny Brown of Pampa

Police Department presented photographic and other evidence in each case, and Municipal Judge Kurt Curfman ruled in each case that the vehicles in question violated city ordinances.
Brown immediately went to work to have three cars removed from property located at 818 and 820 East Frederic.
One of the three was a small pick-up which was missing its front end. It had last been registered in 2000,

according to the windshield sticker. A gold Chevrolet Caprice, with most of its window glass gone as well as a fender, a wheel or two and various other parts, did not have metal license plates on front or back or any registration or inspection stickers on the windshield.
The third, a Chrysler, had had its windshield and other windows bashed in and was also the worse for wear and weathering.
Brown has been working to iden-

tify and reach a solution on junked and abandoned vehicles on both public and private property around town. Sometimes, the property owners take the appropriate steps to resolve the problem. Other times, such as Monday, the property owner does not respond and sometimes cannot even be found.
"I stickered 52 in the last three weeks, but have only had to move
See CARS, Page 10

Woman with pot, infant arrested

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
A Pampa woman was released on \$5,000 bond after a traffic stop resulted in the discovery of a substance believed to be marijuana inside a diaper bag in the front seat of the vehicle she was driving, and more alleged pot in a cloth bag in the vehicle's trunk.
Shannon Michelle Smith, 25, of Pampa had an infant in the vehicle with her when Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Steve White stopped her on a traffic stop at about 10:40 p.m. Saturday near the 400 block of East Frederic.
Deputy Clark Teague responded to the location, as did Pampa Police

Department Officer Dave Thomas with the PPD K-9 unit, and PPD Officer Nichol Johnson.
The dog indicated that something was inside the vehicle, and officers found the green, leafy substance in the bags on the front seat and in the trunk, said Lt. Joe B. Hoard of GCSO.
Smith was booked into Gray County Jail on a charge of possession of more than four ounces but less than five pounds of marijuana. She was released Sunday on bond, according to jail records.
Child Protective Services was called to the scene when the incident occurred and the arrest was made, Hoard said.

Finish line



Colt Claus sprints across the finish line to clock in a 14.54-second run in the stick horse race Monday night at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Kid Pony Show. Results of Monday's events are on page 7. Pampa News photo by AARON PEPPER

Sales tax to kick in

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer
Pampa's sales tax will go up July 1.
The one-half percent increase will go to fund the Pampa Economic Development Corporation.
The increase means that the total part of the city's part of the state sales tax is two percent. That brings the total sales tax rate to 8.25 percent. The state's portion is 6.25 percent.

The city, in turn, will put the economic development corporation's share of the sales tax receipts into the EDC's account.
Pampa City Manager John Horst said the state collects the tax, then returns the city's portion so there is a delay before the city receives its portion.
The one-half percent being collected beginning
See TAX, Page 10

Rodeo parade had 37 entrants

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer
It was a good day for the Red Hat Dollies. They won first place in the Best Civic Club or Organization Division of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association's parade Saturday. The Shriners' Mini-Vettes placed second. This year's parade drew 37 entrants.
Bill Davidson won first place in the Antique Tractor Division.
Jim's Tradin' City was first as the Most Attractive Commercial entry.
Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency was second in the Most Attractive Commercial

Division.
Sand and Sage Riding Club won the Best Riding Club award.
Top O' Texas Rodeo Association was second in the Best Riding Club competition.
Kenneth Cox won first and second place in the Classic Car category.
Larry Ray was third in the Classic Car competition.
The winners can pick up their trophies at the Top o' Texas Rodeo Association office, 200 N. Ballard, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday this week.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

CORONIS, Noah Paul — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
LANE, Louella Mae — 11 a.m., Putman Funeral Home Chapel, Fort Smith, Ark.
STYLES, Paul Edgar — 11 a.m., Startex Church of God, Startex, S.C.

Noah Paul Coronis

Noah Paul Coronis was stillborn June 3, 2006, in Amarillo. Graveside services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Fairview Cemetery with Pastor Bob Banks, of Bible Church of Pampa, officiating.
 Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Noah is survived by his parents, Corey and Lyndsey Coronis, of the home; two brothers, Chandler Coronis and Cayden

Coronis, both of the home; his paternal grandmother, Laverne Coronis of Pampa; his maternal grandparents, Sam and Joni Morgan of Pampa; and his maternal great-grandparents, Roger and Claudette Caldwell of Pampa.
 The family requests memorials be to Bible Church of Pampa Building Fund, 300 W. Browning, Pampa, TX 69065.
 —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Louella Mae Lane, 77

Louella Mae Lane, 77, of Pampa, died Saturday, June 3, 2006. Services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Putman Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Smith, Ark. Burial will be in Old Panther Cemetery in McCurtain, Okla.
 Mrs. Lane was a homemaker and a member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene Lane.
 Survivors include two sons, Tim Lane of Pampa and Mike Peerson of Nocona; a stepdaughter, Vicky Smith of Vinita, Okla.; and nine grandchildren.
 The family will receive visitors from 6-8 p.m. today at Putman Funeral Home.

Edna Violet Southern, 92

Edna Violet Southern, 92, of Pampa, Texas, died June 5, 2006, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.
 Mrs. Southern was born Feb. 2, 1914, in Muldrow, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1936. She married Morrison Prescott on March 31, 1931, and they were married for 19 years.
 She later married Noel Southern on March 19, 1966. He preceded her in death on Feb. 3, 1998.
 She owned and operated the Bobbett Hair Salon, retiring in 1976 after 22 years of service. She was a member of the Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.
 She was an avid china painter and quilt maker.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Lou Winegeart of Pampa; one stepgranddaughter, Peggy Greb of Lawton, Okla.; three sisters, Gladys McCutchen and Faye Cooper, both of Amarillo, and Ruby Williams; one brother, Morris Belote of Longview; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.
 She was preceded in death by three brothers, Vernon Belote, Ernest Belote and L.D. Belote; and three sisters, Melba Bruce, Martha Spires and Helen Been.
 The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, 2006.
 —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Southern

Paul Edgar Styles, 61

STARTEX, S.C. — Paul Edgar Styles, 61, of Startex, died June 5, 2006, at Mountain Area Hospice in Asheville, N.C. Services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Startex Church of God.
 Mr. Styles was the son of the late Robert Lee Styles and Rosie Lee Rodgers Styles. He was a member of Startex Church of God.
 He was preceded in death by two brothers,

Fred Styles and Curtis Styles.
 Survivors include two brothers, Joe H. Styles of Lefors and Jerry Styles of South Carolina; and three sisters, Melba Mullinax, Edna Kelley and Gleanese Cooper of South Carolina.
 The family will receive visitors between 7 and 9 p.m. today at Stribling Funeral Home in Duncan, S.C.

Emergency Services

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

Ten traffic stops were made.
 A traffic complaint was received from the 1900 block of North Nelson.
 Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Cuyler and Brown streets.

Welfare checks were made in the 400 block of Carr and the 1200 block of Farley.

A runaway was reported in the 1700 block of Coffee.
 A civil matter was reported in the 400 block of South Cuyler.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 700 block of East Frederic and the 700 block of East Murphy.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Roberta and Gwendolyn streets and the 1000 block of West McCullough.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1100 block of Sirroco.

A prowler was reported in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 800 block of East Francis.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of South Love.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1900 block of Dogwood.

Assault was reported in the 500 block of East 18th and the 100 block of South Wells.

Criminal mischief was reported at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston.

The incident involved three pickets from a wood fence on the west side of the building. Estimated cost of damage is \$20.
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of North Faulkner. A tire was punctured. Estimated cost of damage is \$100.
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 1700 block of Beech. A tire on the driver's side of a 1999 Dodge Ram pickup was slashed, resulting in an estimated \$100 damage.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of North Wynne. A bicycle valued at \$150 was taken.

Theft of services was reported in the 200 block of North Houston by the City of Pampa. Consumable goods valued at \$98 were taken.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of North Zimmers. Gasoline valued at \$6 was taken.

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Monday, June 5
 5:55 p.m. — A 2000 Chevrolet Camaro, driven by Natasha Erin Bailey, 17, of 1829 Holly Lane, and a 1997 Harley Davidson, driven by Brandon Dewayne Young, 19, of 2614 Seminole, collided in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Young was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo by Guardian EMS Ambulance with possible injuries. Bailey was cited for an improper start from a parked position, and Young was cited for no helmet and no CM license.

7:34 p.m. — A 1997 Chevrolet 1500, driven by Angel Anders Mata III, 16, of 922 Duncan, and a 1990 GMC Z-71, driven by Austin Doss Bruner, 16, of 521 E. 18th, collided 2500 block of Perryton Parkway. No injuries were reported. Mata was cited for no valid driver's license. Angel A. Mata was cited for allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle.

Gray County Sheriff's

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer:
 Wheat 4.47
 Milo 3.57
 Corn 4.46
 Soybeans 4.85

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.
 OXY 97.17 -0.23
 BP PLC ADR 70.29 -0.53
 Cabot Corp 33.27 -0.44
 Celanese 19.92 -0.07
 Cabot Oil Gas 42.82 -0.65
 Coca Cola 43.60 -0.17
 VLO 60.52 -0.13
 HAL 73.81 -0.44
 TRI 39.69 -0.55
 KMI 100.97 -0.03

Office reported the following arrests today.

Monday, June 5
 Donald Johnson, 55, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of North Dwight by Pampa Police Department for disorderly conduct/language and public intoxication.
 Ignacia Jennifer Rojas, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of North Hobart by PPD for failure to identify as a fugitive, public intoxication, open container, minor in possession of alcohol, no seat belt, failure to control speed, five counts of no driver's license, two counts of no insurance, and three counts of failure to appear.

Billy Dale Bush, 50, of Pampa turned himself in to Gray County Sheriff's Office on a probation violation for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 9 a.m.

Monday, June 5
 12:09 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 600 block of North Dwight on an odor investigation.
 5:50 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1300 block of North Hobart on a vehicle accident.

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

Monday, June 5
 1 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Price Road and transported a patient(s) to the 1900 block of Lynn.
 5:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of Hobart and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Tuesday, June 6
 3:14 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high around 96. North northwest wind around 15 mph.
 Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. East wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94.

East wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low near 68. South-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Thursday: Sunny, with a high around 95. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 69. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 36-year-old female. I have been dating this guy I'll call "Louie" for more than two years. He never told me he had anyone else. But one day he let it slip that he had been living with this woman, "Grace," for more than 10 years. I'm not the type to break up a home. Had I known, I never would have dated him. By the time I found out, I was in love with Louie, and he said he felt the same about me. I never knew exactly where Louie lived or had his home phone number, but I did have his cell phone number. Whenever I'd call, it was either turned off or he wouldn't answer. Finally, I called information and got his home number, but I have never used it. Now, two years later, we have a child together. None of his family members know about our little girl. He says he does not want anyone to know right now -- especially Grace. He says she would leave him, take half his belongings and sue him for alimony. He has given me less than \$360 in child support since I gave birth. Louie says if I sue him for child support, things will get nasty. He says he will make my life a living hell. I hardly ever see him anymore. What is a woman supposed to do? I think he's afraid of Grace. I want to sue him for child support, and I have the papers filled out and sealed, but haven't mailed them yet for fear of what Louie might do. Please help me. — **CONFUSED IN TEXAS**

DEAR CONFUSED: By now, I hope you realize that the father of your child is married. There were many flashing red lights in your romance with Louie -- the first ones being that you didn't know where he lived and his unwillingness to give you a working phone number. That's when you should have refused to become further involved. I

urge you to mail the papers you have filled out to the court TODAY. Do it for your little girl, because it's the only way her dead-beat father will meet his obligations to her. Do not be surprised when Louie pretends to be the injured party. During this entire time he has thought only about himself. Also, because he has threatened you, you need a lawyer to advise you. You may have to go to the police to make sure his threats are on record. It's a first step to getting a restraining order should you need one.

DEAR ABBY: For the last year I have been involved with a lovely woman who has been separated from her husband for two years. Although she seems to care a lot for me and my son, she has not yet accepted my proposal of marriage. Her husband comes around several times a month to do work around the house and even balances her checkbook for her. They own several pieces of property together and both have good incomes. I have expressed my concern about what is keeping her from going ahead with a divorce. She claims she's waiting for her husband to file -- and he's not ready yet! I say they're both hanging on to each other because neither of them is ready to move on with their lives. Should I wait? Or should I give up and hope to meet someone who is available for a nice guy who has a lot of love to share? — **PATIENT IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR PATIENT: Your lady friend may be separated, but she sounds very married to me. If she were in love with you, she would have already gone ahead with her divorce. My advice to you is to move on. At the rate this romance is going, you could wait forever.

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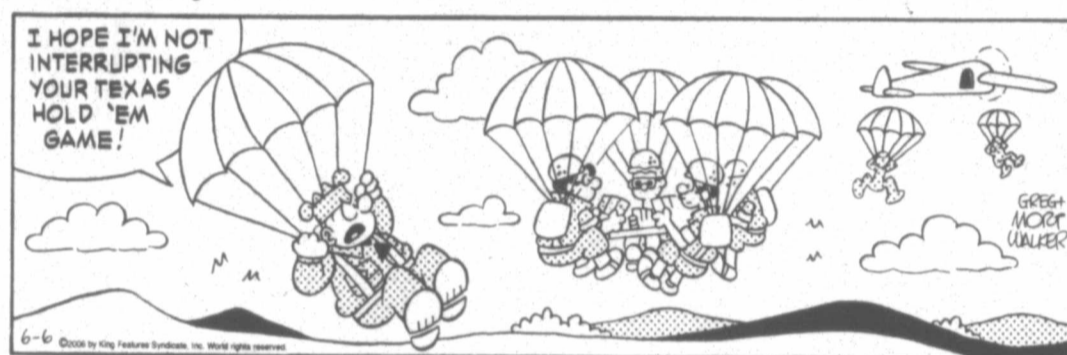
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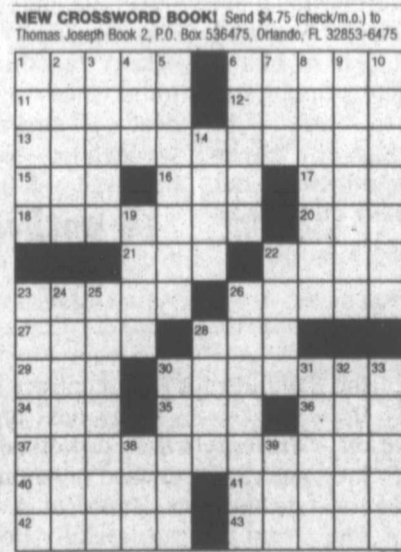
Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 43 River part

- 1 Wise ones
- 6 Moss materials
- 11 Green shade
- 12 Smithy sight
- 13 Bygone store type
- 15 Honest
- 16 Letter after sigma
- 17 Exist
- 18 "My Way" singer
- 20 Waiting bonus
- 21 Shrewd
- 22 Frenzied
- 23 Sample, in a way
- 26 Emergency sound
- 27 Atop
- 28 Stag's mate
- 29 Sch. org.
- 30 Infatuations
- 34 Dress line
- 35 Egg tender
- 36 As done by
- 37 Very common
- 40 Fixes the piano
- 41 Put up
- 42 Petty quarrels



Marmaduke



The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



B.C.



Haggar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Flo & Friends



Viewpoints

Today's date making some folks nervous

Some people are nervous about today's date — the sixth day of the sixth month in a year that ends in six.

Those worried people see this date as representative of the Biblical number of the beast, 666.

Today's date, to me, is 06/06/2006. That doesn't look like 666, does it?

The point is, one can shorten any number containing three sixes and declare that it represents that evil number.

Our home telephone number has three sixes in it. I don't think anyone can reach the above-mentioned beast by calling our number, although, come to think of it, a few may disagree.

The unincorporated hamlet of Hell, Mich., 60 miles west of Detroit, is making the most of the day with souvenirs, certificates, a costume contest and other gala festivities.

The owner of a souvenir shop has ordered 666 of each type of souvenir on sale, which includes T-shirts and mugs.

The price per item? You guessed it: \$6.66.

I don't remember this same uneasiness on June 6 in the years 1996, 1986, and so forth. Maybe it's the fact that 2006 can be shortened to '06.

Today is a day for remembrance and reflection as well as a day for some to fear.

Today is the anniversary of D-Day, the beginning of the end of World War II. On this date in 1944, the Allies launched Operation Overlord, the invasion of Normandy from the sea.

Marilyn Powers
Staff Writer

me. It is my wedding anniversary.

I've been married to Ted since two weeks after our high school graduation.

I went on to get my college degree as an "old married lady" in my late teens.

We have had our ups and downs. We have been through some very rough times and some very happy times.

The important thing is, we've been together through thick and thin. We haven't always seen eye to eye, but at least we've never given up

on trying to do so. And we agree on the main things.

We've got the same opinions on a lot of major subjects. We can feel comfortable in each other's presence and can let our guard down with each other.

We each know that there's at least one person willing to guard our backs and stand by us.

We can tell each other anything. We can also be content to be together without feeling that we have to fill up any silences with chitchat.

When we do talk, sometimes other people who overhear us must be confused.

We have some words and

phrases that mean certain things to us, but would be totally out of context to anyone else.

We know each other so well that I swear sometimes I can read his mind. More likely, I can just predict his thoughts on the basis of past experience.

Ted knows what tickles my funny bone and what makes me sad.

He knows what's important to me and what I like and dislike. I know those things about him, too.

And, last but not least, is that four-letter word, love.

Thanks for traveling this life's road with me, Ted. I love you.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, June 6, the 157th day of 2006. There are 208 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 6, 1944, the "D-Day" invasion of Europe took place during World War II as Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy, France.

On this date:

In 1606, French dramatist Pierre Corneille was born in Rouen.

In 1844, the Young Men's Christian Association was founded in London.

In 1918, the World War I Battle of Belleau Wood, which resulted in a U.S. victory over the Germans, began in France.

'To win without risk is to triumph without glory.'

— Pierre Corneille
French dramatist
(1606-1684)

In 1925, Walter Percy Chrysler founded the Chrysler Corp.

In 1934, the Securities and Exchange Commission was established.

In 1942, Japanese forces retreated in the World War II Battle of Midway.

In 1966, black activist James Meredith was shot and wounded as he walked along a Mississippi highway to encourage black voter registration.

In 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy died at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, a day after he was shot by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

In 1978, California voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 13, a primary ballot initiative calling for major cuts in property taxes.

In 1985, authorities in Brazil exhumed a body later identified as the remains of Dr. Josef Mengele, the notorious "Angel of Death" of the Nazi Holocaust.

Ten years ago: The Senate narrowly rejected a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution as outgoing Majority Leader Bob Dole and the Democrats clashed over deficit reduction. A family of four became the first persons to leave the Freeman ranch in Montana since April.

Five years ago: Democrats formally assumed control of the U.S. Senate; the unprecedented shift in power came about after the decision of Vermont Republican James Jeffords to become an independent. A jury in Los Angeles awarded more than \$3 billion to lifelong smoker Richard Boeken, deciding that tobacco giant Philip Morris was responsible for his incurable lung cancer. (The jury award was reduced by a Superior Court judge to \$100 million, then cut to \$50 million by an appeals court; the U.S. Supreme Court refused in March 2006 to consider tossing out the award altogether; Boeken died in 2002.)

One year ago: The Supreme Court ruled 6-to-3 that people who smoke marijuana because their doctors recommend it to ease pain can be prosecuted for violating federal drug laws.



www.caglecartoons.com Mike Keefe THE DENVER POST 06/06/06

The economics of so-called price gouging

Here's what one reader wrote: "Williams, I can understand how the destruction of Hurricane Katrina and Middle East political uncertainty can jack up gasoline prices. But it's price-gouging for the oil companies to raise the price of all the gasoline already bought and stored before the crisis."

Several other readers made similar allegations. Such allegations reflect a misunderstanding of how prices are determined.

Let's start off with an example. Say you owned a small 10-pound inventory of coffee that you purchased for \$3 a pound. Each week you'd sell me a pound for \$3.25. Suppose a freeze in Brazil destroyed half of its coffee crop, causing the world price of coffee to immediately rise to \$5 a pound. You still have coffee that you purchased before the jump in prices.

When I stop by to buy

another pound of coffee from you, how much will you charge me? I'm betting that you're going to charge me at least \$5 a pound. Why? Because that's today's cost to replace your inventory.

Historical costs do not determine prices; what economists call opportunity costs do. Of course, you'd have every right not to be a "price-gouger" and continue to charge me \$3.25 a pound. I'd buy your entire inventory and sell it at today's price of \$5 a pound and make a killing.

If you were really enthusiastic about not being a "price-gouger," I'd have another proposition. You might own a house that you purchased for \$55,000 in 1960 that you put on the market for a half-million

dollars. I'd simply accuse you of price-gouging and demand that you sell me the house for what you paid for it, maybe adding on a bit for inflation since 1960.

I'm betting you'd say, "Williams, if I sold you my house for what I paid for it in 1960, how will I be able to pay today's prices for a house to live in?"

If there's any conspiracy involved in today's high gasoline prices, it's a conspiracy of cowardice and stupidity by the U.S. Congress. Opening a tiny portion of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to oil and gas production, according to the U.S. Geological Survey's mean estimate, would increase our proven domestic oil reserves by approximately 50 per-

cent. The Pacific, Atlantic and eastern Gulf of Mexico offshore areas have enormous reserves of oil and natural gas, but like the Alaska reserves, they have been put off limits by Congress. Plus, the U.S. Office of Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves estimates the world supply of oil shale at 1.6 trillion barrels, of which 1.2 trillion barrels are in the United States.

Because of costly regulations and political restrictions, U.S. nuclear energy production is a fraction of what it might be. Nuclear power creates 75 percent of France's electricity, nearly 50 percent of Sweden's and only 20 percent of ours. Nuclear energy is very safe. That's something to keep in mind when we hear of tragic deaths of coal miners. There would be fewer mining deaths if we used less coal

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Walter Williams
Columnist



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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **May 29**
Houston Chronicle on the space program:

All through human history the task of exploring new worlds has involved partnerships between government and profit-seekers. With ambitious plans to return to the moon and push on to Mars endangered by a space program budget crunch, NASA should heed the down-to-earth advice of Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Hutchison chairs the Science and Space subcommittee of the Commerce Committee. In remarks to an audience at the Center for Strategic and

International Studies last week, she called for greater involvement by the private sector in space exploration, including the development of the planned crew exploration vehicle, or CEV, a proposed replacement for the aging shuttle fleet to be phased out in 2010.

"Maybe that is where the private sector can come forward and be a major player in the space program," the Texas senator suggested. With an estimated four-year lag between the shuttles' retirement and the first CEV flight, Hutchison hopes entrepreneurs can bridge the gap with new flight technologies.


While rival teams of aerospace contractors from Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman/Boeing are com-

peting for the contract to build the CEV, one of the new breed of space entrepreneurs criticized the space agency's reliance on antiquated Apollo technology. Burt Rutan, head of the team that successfully flew the private SpaceShipOne to the edge of space, told a space development conference that NASA's moon program was "stupid" for employing old technology rather than seeking breakthroughs from experimental designers.

NASA has taken a few halting steps to encourage nongovernment development of space technology, including sponsoring a \$2 million contest modeled on the \$10 million Ansari X Prize won by Rutan for the historic subor-

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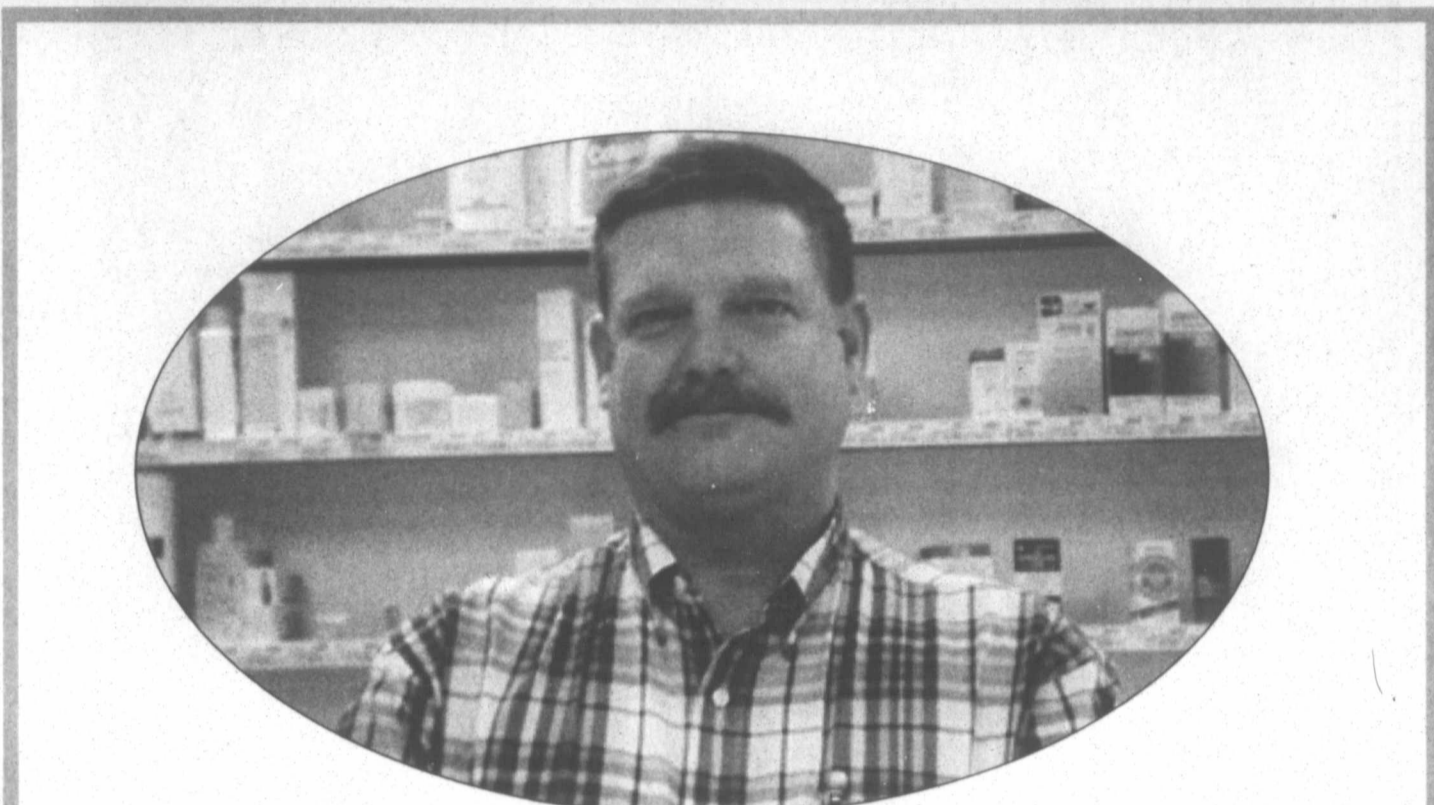
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B&B Pharmacy offers personal service

A small town pharmacy offers services a larger pharmacy cannot provide.

Home-owned and operated, B&B Pharmacy is dedicated to providing personal service to all of its customers. Dennis Roark and his wife Donna have owned the local pharmacy since 1988.

The pharmacy offers a full line of medical needs, including ostomy supplies. Special orders can be obtained in one day. Crutches, canes, braces and wraps are always in stock. Medical needs for sports-related injuries can also be found.

Customers at B&B Pharmacy receive personal service from the Roarks. "We try to make our customers feel comfortable and free to ask any questions they might have," said Roark.

The staff at B&B Pharmacy strive to provide the personal service a big chain cannot provide.

"We try to stay away from the personalities of a big chain where you are just a number," he said. "Drugs have some interactions that can cause serious medical problems. We welcome our customers to come to us with

any concerns about interactions with their medications. It is important to us to know them and their needs."

"If any person has questions about the over-the-counter medications and possible reactions with their prescriptions, I would be more than happy to assist them."

Long time customers know that the staff at B&B Pharmacy will do all they can to meet the needs of their customers. New customers will find the personal service appealing to them.

"We want to provide our customers with their needs," said Roark. "New customers are always welcome."

The store covers almost all insurance plans.

B&B also provides free prescription delivery service.

The pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturdays. The business is closed on Sundays and holidays.

B&B Pharmacy is located at 300 N. Ballard, and their phone number is 665-5788.



▲ Located at 300 N. Ballard, B&B Pharmacy has been owned by Roark and his wife Donna since 1988. Customers at B&B Pharmacy receive personal service from the couple and their staff that a large company cannot provide.

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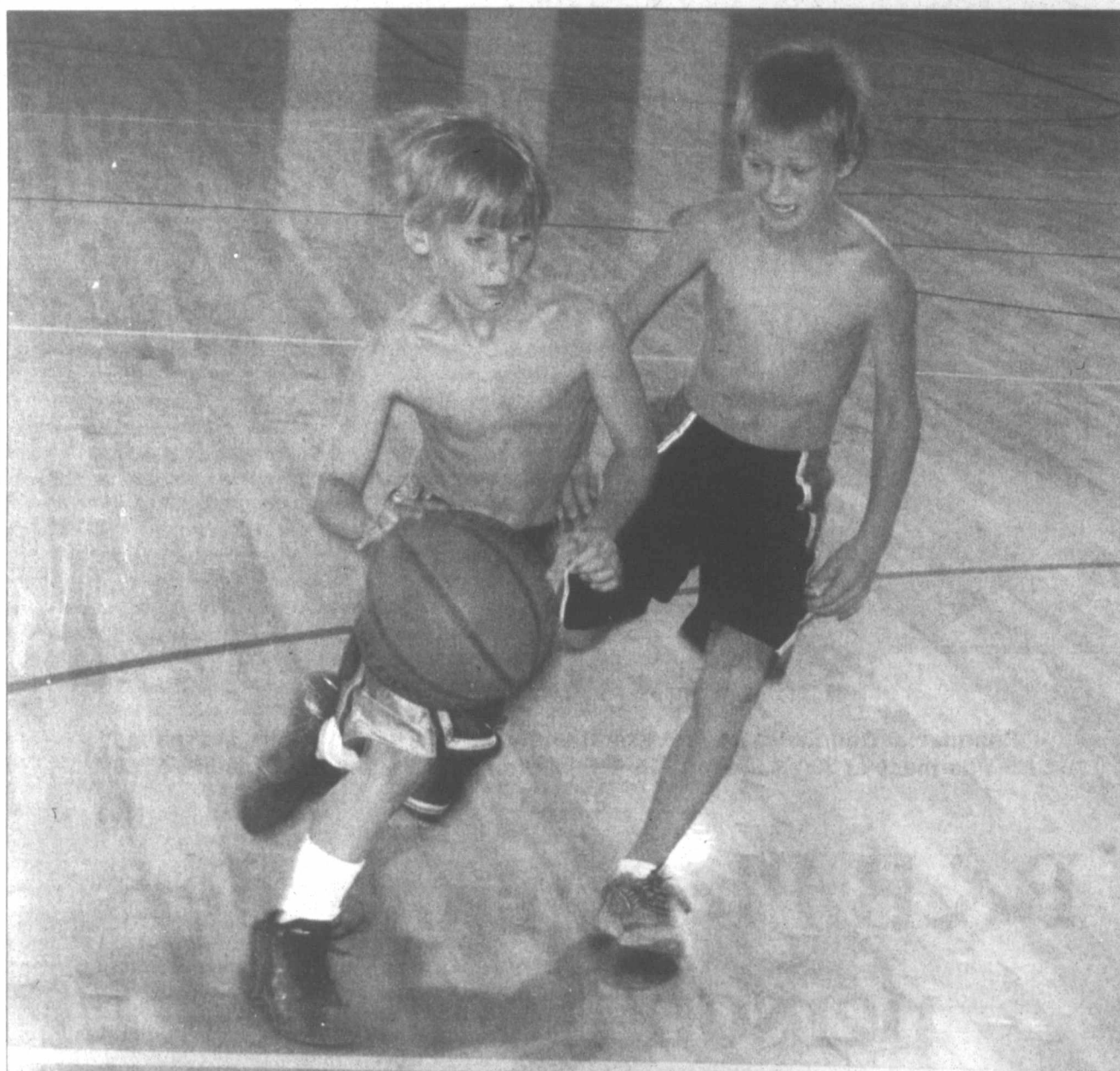
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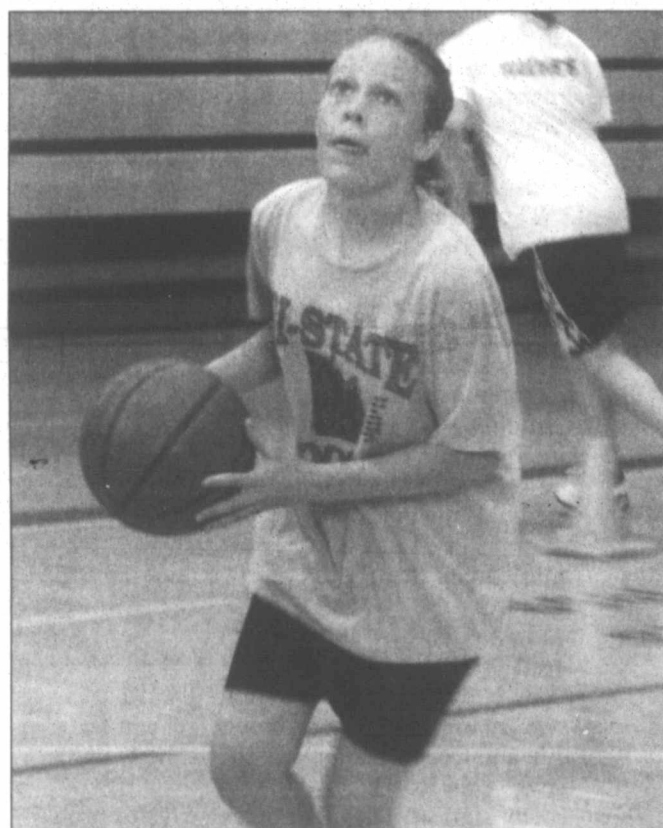
Sports Day

Basketball camp



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Today marked the first day of various sports camps and clinics around Pampa. In the above photo, Kyle Sander works the ball past defender Nathan Ferguson in Coach Dustin Miller's clinic being conducted this week at Pampa Junior High School. The two boys were part of the third and fourth grade group. Seventh grader to be Alanna Stephens, in photo at right, takes her turn in the timed layup drill at Coach Troy Fry's basketball camp being held at McNeely Field House.



Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show results

Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show
June 5, 2006

Stick Horse Race

Boys Group I
1 Coltyn McCormack, Fritch
2 Kylen McClendon, Miami
3 Dalton Benson, Pampa

Girls Group I

1 Karsen Prall, Fritch
2 Carly Christian, Amarillo
3 Taylor Greene, Pampa

Goat Ribbon Race

Boys Group I
1 Coltyn McCormack
2 Dalton Benson, Pampa
3 Kyler McClendon, Miami

Girls Group I

1 Karsen Prall, Fritch
2 Remi Didway, Pampa
3 Kross Hiatt, Canyon

Flag Race

Boys Group II
1 Quade Hiatt, Canyon
2 Jerrod Young, Pampa
3 Austin McKee, Borger

Girls Group II

1 Abi Simmons, Dalhart
2 London Lowrey, Pampa
3 Chaney McCuiston, Pampa

Golfette

Boys Group I
1 Dalton Benson, Pampa
2 Caden Ensley, Pampa
3 No Qualified Time

Girls Group I

1 Carly Christian, Amarillo
2 Remi Didway, Pampa
3 Taylor Greene, Pampa

Golfette

Boys Group II
1 Brody Isbell, Fritch
2 Quade Hiatt
3 Braydon Oxley, Pampa

Girls Group II

1 London Lowrey, Pampa
2 Holland Poole, Pampa
3 Skylar House, Mobeetie

Walk & Lead Barrel Race Group I

1 Kyler McClendon, Miami
2 Dalton Benson, Pampa
3 Kross Hiatt, Canyon

Barrel Race

Boys Group I
1 Dalton Benson, Pampa
2 Kyler McClendon, Miami
3 Caden Ensley, Pampa

Girls Group I

1 Lexi Didway, Pampa
2 Remi Didway, Pampa
3 Karsen Prall, Fritch

Barrel Race

Boys Group II
1 Jerrod Young, Pampa
2 Quade Hiatt, Canyon
3 Austin McKee, Borger

Girls Group II

1 Abi Simmons, Dalhart
2 Holland Poole, Pampa
3 Chaney McCuiston, Pampa

Calf Riding

Group II
1 Justin Thomas, Pampa
2 Justin Alters, Pampa
3 Colten Landrum, Lefors

Smith new Texans GM

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans hired Rick Smith as general manager, reuniting the former Denver assistant GM with new coach Gary Kubiak.

Smith becomes the second general manager in Texans history, following Charley Casserly, who resigned following the draft.

Smith, who at 36 will be the NFL's youngest GM, spent 10 years with Kubiak while the coach was offensive coordinator of the Broncos.

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Brett Favre was an unexpected no-show for the Green Bay

Packers' voluntary workout.

But it wasn't immediately clear whether Favre's absence was a big deal — or simply a case of coaches not wanting to overwork their star quarterback so early in the offseason.

Favre was present for last week's voluntary workouts, and Packers coach Mike McCarthy said last week that he expected Favre to attend this week's sessions as well.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Steve McNair won the right to work out on Tennessee's property. When, or if, that will happen is still unknown.

Bank hopes credit cards will score at ballpark

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers officials hope to boost sales of hot dogs and beer this summer with a better team and new swipe-free credit card terminals at concession stands.

The players are doing their part — the Rangers are in first place in the American League West. And credit-card sales are accounting for about 10 to 12 percent of concession sales so far, which club officials also consider a hit.

"It's easier for the fans, it's quicker for the fans, and people will probably spend more money," said Brad Alberts, a sales vice president for the Rangers.

The concession-stand terminals are part of Chase Bank's effort to expand the use of contactless cards that don't need to be swiped through a reader, just held near the device. Chase put terminals in movie theaters in Denver, a hockey arena in Atlanta and at convenience stores.

The technology is similar to that used for several years at some gasoline stations. Many motorists in Dallas and other cities use it to pay highway tolls without stopping at a tollbooth.

Scott Rau, a Chase senior vice president, said contactless cards can shave 30 seconds off the time it takes to make a cash transaction.

Last year, only one concession stand at Ameritrust Field took credit cards, and it required fans to sign for their purchase. Most fans — and even some team officials —

didn't know about it. This spring, the team installed more than 200 contactless credit-card terminals, at about \$150 each.

Chase doesn't require a signature for purchases under \$25. Bank officials said cardholders aren't liable for unauthorized purchases. Bank officials say the cards are secure and won't work unless they are held within an inch or two of a card reader.

So far, however, most fans seem to be using the old-fashioned approach of swiping their card, then entering a personal identification number or signing a receipt. A concession worker said during a recent game he'd never seen anyone use the contactless card.

That could be because the contactless credit cards, which Chase calls "blink," are still fairly limited. Bank officials say they have distributed 7 million cards in Dallas, New York, Philadelphia and a few other metropolitan areas.

David Robertson, who follows the credit card industry as publisher of The Nilson Report, a trade publication for the consumer-payment industry, said merchants are reluctant to add contactless card readers until major debit-card issuers such as Bank of America join the fray.

Only about 1 percent of the 860 million Visa and MasterCard credit and debit cards issued in the United States are contactless, Robertson said.

Girl power



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Hannah Lake takes aim at a high ball and sends it into the field for a single Friday afternoon in a game between Lake's Carmichael-Whitley team and Celanese at Pampa Optimist Park.

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Mom was right!

Millions of Americans suffer irreversible noise-induced hearing loss ...

Unless you lived an extremely remote lifestyle, we've all heard it before, "Turn that (insert TV or radio) down! You'll be deaf by the time you're 30." Sorry, Mom, we should have listened.

Thirty may be a little young, but it isn't far off the mark. According to a Web site by hearing aid manufacturer Starkey, "There are more baby boomers aged 45-64 with a hearing loss (10 million) than there are people over the age of 65 with a hearing loss (9 million)."

Forty-five is young, but it follows the trend that people are losing their hearing much earlier than they were 30 years ago. People aren't only losing their hearing as a result of aging, hearing is suffering because of noise — loud music, recreational equipment and exceedingly loud workplaces.

Ten million Americans have suffered irreversible noise induced hearing loss, and 30 million more are exposed to dangerous noise levels each day. To understand what dangerous noise is, here are a few examples of acceptable levels of noise: Normal conversation (60 decibels), refrigerator hum (40 decibels), city traffic noise (80 decibels).

Noise that can cause damage is generally found to be above 85 decibels.

"Most people don't realize that everyday, in some way, they probably damage their hearing," said hearing specialist and owner of High Plains Hearing Aid Center Shirley Moore.

Things such as mowing the lawn, vacuum cleaning or drying your hair (85-90 decibels); hunting, woodwork and other noisy hobbies (100-110 decibels) are among a long list of activities that can cause immediate and/or long-term damage to the ear.

What can you do?

Be vigilant. Slow down, stop yelling to be heard, wear protective instruments when

around loud noises and be aware that what you hear and the level at which you hear it can have a lasting impact upon your life.

Moore knows that it is still difficult for most people to admit they have a hearing problem, but even former President Clinton was fitted for hearing aids. "There is absolutely nothing to be ashamed of," said Moore.

"We are hear to help. We offer a free hearing assessment and then we discuss the results of the hearing test with you. Avoiding a visit to a hearing specialist is much worse than actually coming in.

"Knowledge is always power. The more you know about what is happening with your body, the more you can do to adjust and continue living life on your terms," she added.

High Plains Hearing Aid Center is a member of the Better Business Bureau, serving the Texas Panhandle with a variety of products to help those who suffer from all stages of hearing loss. Hearing aids, assistive listening devices and quality repair services are available.

Most importantly, the mission of High Plains Hearing Aid Center is to help people learn how to make psychological adjustments to living with hearing loss that in many cases are a bigger hurdle than the hearing impairment.

High Plains Hearing Aid Center has financing available and will help all of its clients to ensure the ability to obtain the product they need.

To learn more or to schedule an appointment, call High Plains Hearing Aid Center at (806) 355-8889 or visit them at 5501 West 9th Street in Amarillo.

High Plains Hearing Aid Center also has additional offices in Dalhart, Dumas and Pampa. The Pampa office is located at 100 N. Cuyler, Suite 103. The local phone number is 665-6246.

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Rio Grande Valley	7	11	.389	10
Amarillo	6	12	.333	11
Laredo	5	13	.278	12

Sunday's Games

San Angelo 8, Edinburg 7, 10 innings

Amarillo 12, Laredo 10

Alexandria 6, Rio Grande Valley 0

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Alexandria at Edinburg

Amarillo at Rio Grande Valley

San Angelo at Laredo

Wednesday's Games

Alexandria at Edinburg

Amarillo at Rio Grande Valley

San Angelo at Laredo

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Pro Rodeo World Standings

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ALL-AROUND COWBOY

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$104,760
2. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$59,899
3. Ryan Jarrett, Summerville, Ga., \$54,437
4. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., \$42,446
5. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah, \$40,952
6. Clayton Foltyn, El Campo, Texas, \$37,901
7. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$37,492
8. Garrett Nokes, McCook, Neb., \$36,052
9. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$33,243
10. J.P. Wickett, Sallisaw, Okla., \$25,855

BARBACK RIDING

1. Andy Martinez, Pavillion, Wyo. (19), \$47,565
2. Chris Harris, Itasca, Texas (28), \$45,303
3. Will Lowe, Canyon, Texas (33), \$44,322
4. Wes Stevenson, Kaufman, Texas (29), \$41,651
5. Bobby Mote, Culver, Ore. (26), \$33,482
6. Jess Davis, Payson, Utah (25), \$32,450
7. Ryan Gray, Cheney, Wash. (15), \$26,877
8. D.V. Fennell, Stroud, Okla. (23), \$23,083
9. Jason Jeter, Mansfield, Texas (20), \$22,449
10. J.D. Garrett Jr., Grandview, Texas (28), \$20,725

STEER WRESTLING

1. Ronnie Fields, Oklahoma City, Okla. (24), \$53,524
2. Dean Gorsuch, Gering, Neb. (17), \$47,168
3. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. (23), \$37,915
4. Wade Sumpter, Fowler, Colo. (23), \$34,157
5. Lee Graves, Calgary, Alberta (17), \$33,466
6. K.C. Jones, Decatur, Texas (22), \$25,025
7. Dru Melvin, Tryon, Neb. (18), \$24,751
8. Gabe Ledoux, Kaplan, La. (18), \$23,436
9. Shawn Greenfield, Lakeview, Ore. (14), \$22,860
10. Chad Van Campen, Granada, Colo. (22), \$22,834

TEAM ROPING (HEADING)

1. Speed Williams, Llano, Texas (15), \$37,479
2. Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont. (21), \$36,016
3. David Key, Caldwell, Texas (18), \$35,770
4. Matt Sherwood, Queen Creek, Ariz. (19), \$33,090
5. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. (21), \$24,148
6. Colter Todd, Marana, Ariz. (19), \$23,090
7. Nick Sartain, Alva, Okla. (16), \$22,146
8. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas (17), \$21,690
9. Matt Funk, Hermiston, Ore. (18), \$21,005
10. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas (17), \$19,446

TEAM ROPING (HEELING)

1. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Morgan Mill, Texas (15), \$37,479
2. Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas (16), \$35,266
3. Walt Woodard, Stockton, Calif. (19), \$33,090
4. Allen Bach, Weatherford, Texas (19), \$31,973
5. Patrick Smith, Lipan, Texas (21), \$24,148
6. Cesar De La Cruz, Tucson, Ariz. (19), \$23,090
7. Shannon Frischt, Alva, Okla. (16), \$22,146
8. Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla. (17), \$21,690
9. Bucky Campbell, Benton City, Wash. (18), \$21,005
10. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas (17), \$19,446

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

1. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La. (31), \$80,591
2. Dan Mortensen, Billings, Mont. (24), \$50,881
3. Billy Etbauer, Edmond, Okla. (15), \$44,385
4. Cody Martin, Waco, Texas (38), \$43,231
5. Rusty Allen, Lehi, Utah (27), \$42,200
6. Chad Ferley, Oelrichs, S.D. (22), \$41,806
7. Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta (21), \$35,371
8. Shaun Stroh, Glendive, Mont. (14), \$27,925
9. Glen O'Neill, Didsbury, Alberta (23), \$25,757
10. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah (22), \$23,997

TIE-DOWN ROPING

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas (20), \$70,334
2. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas (19), \$54,614
3. Cody Ohi, Hico, Texas (16), \$50,635
4. Monte Lewis, Hereford, Texas (15), \$41,651
5. Ryan Jarrett, Summerville, Ga. (25), \$38,658
6. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla. (23), \$29,249
7. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho (18), \$27,026
8. Cade Swor, Winnie, Texas (22), \$26,509
9. Scott Kormos, Teague, Texas (19), \$25,784
10. Justin Maass, Giddings, Texas (22), \$25,573

BARREL RACING

1. Mary Burger, Pauls Valley, Okla., \$56,906
2. Brittany Pozzi, Victoria, Texas, \$49,611
3. Denise Adams Fea, Lufkin, Texas, \$47,657
4. Kelly Maben, Spur, Texas, \$26,485
5. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., \$24,650
6. Tiffany Fox, Fox, Okla., \$24,627
7. Layna Kight, Summerfield, Fla., \$24,323
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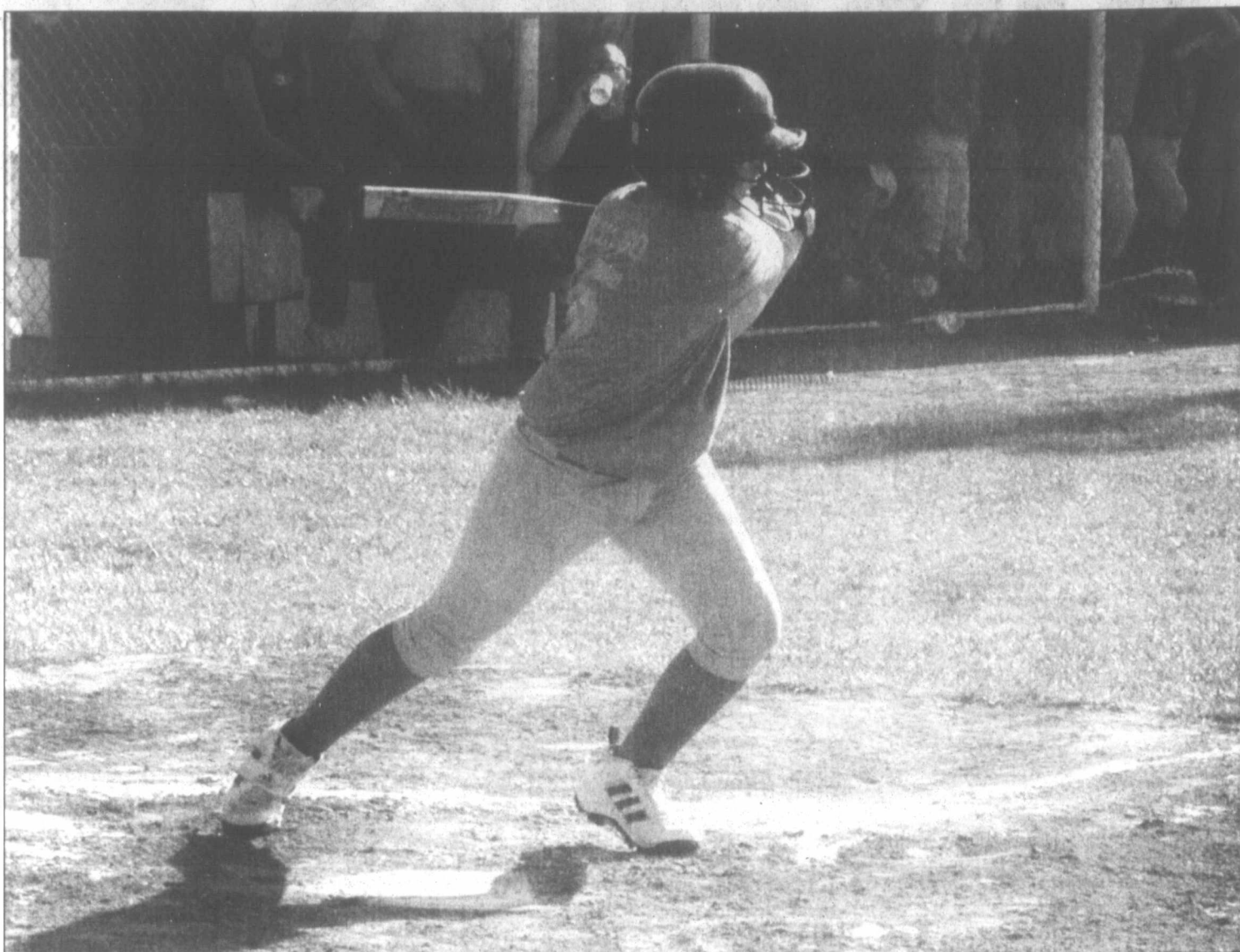
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Collin Killgo takes a mighty swing at a Ryan Smith offering in a game pitting Killgo's Cabot Corp. team against Smith's Rotary Club squad in the Pampa Optimist Youth Club 11-12 Cal Ripken League at POYC Park Friday afternoon. Cabot Corp. won the game, 12-2.

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Soler, Feliciano (8), Bradford (8) and Lo Duca; Tomko, Kuo (6), DBaez (8), Saito (9) and Martin. W—Soler 1-1. L—Tomko 5-4. Sv—Bradford (1). HRs—New York, Reyes (6), CDelgado (16). Los Angeles, Aybar (2).

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Moehler, Petit (5), Herges (8) and Olivo; Lowry, Hennessey (6) and T Greene. W—Lowry 2-3. L—Moehler 3-5. Sv—Hennessey (1). HRs—Florida, Willingham (8). San Francisco, Bonds (8).

HOUSTON ASTROS

Clemens to pitch in minors

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Roger Clemens knows better than to look past the Lake County Captains.

Clemens takes the first step in his return to the Houston Astros when he pitches tonight for the Class A Lexington Legends — and he'll get support in the lineup from his son, Koby, the Legends' third baseman.

Unfortunately for the Captains, the Cleveland Indians' minor league affiliate, the Rocket says he's preparing like it's the World Series.

"Regardless if I'm pitching in A-ball or the major leagues, this is serious baseball for me because the expectations are so high," Clemens said Monday. "I've got people waiting on me and counting on me."

If the young players learn one thing from him, Clemens says, it's that he prepares the same for every game. Autographs and playing around will be part of the afternoon, of course, but come game time, it's all business.

Clemens is expecting to throw around 60 pitches. The velocity will depend on what his body tells him, he said.

"If I feel good, I might let a few get in there," he said.

Clemens says he and his son, who is rehabbing a finger he broke in a slide, helped each other get into game shape.

He confided that Koby probably rushed himself back a little sooner than he should have and started swinging a wiffle bat three days after his surgery.

"I think he's going to be the happiest when I get out of town," Clemens said.

Clemens is expected to make two more minor league starts, double-A and triple-A, before returning to the Astros June 22.

His appearance has created a buzz in Lexington, a college basketball and horse racing town. Some 9,000 tickets were sold out within hours after they went on sale last week — and some scalpers are asking for hundreds of dollars for seats.

Cubs 8, Astros 0

HOUSTON (AP) — Normally excitable, Carlos Zambrano was perfectly calm before taking his no-hit bid into the eighth inning Monday night.

In fact, he even said it'd be all right if the Houston Astros broke it up.

A few batters later, they did.

Zambrano held Houston hitless for 7 1-3 innings before Preston Wilson grounded an opposite-field single, leading the Chicago Cubs over the Astros 8-0.

Moments earlier, Zambrano said he told pitching coach Larry Rothschild: "Whatever happens in this inning, will happen. If somebody gets a base hit, it's OK. I pitched a good game anyway and I didn't let the other team score any runs."

Zambrano was trying to become the first Cubs pitcher to throw a no-hitter since Milt Pappas on Sept. 2, 1972, against San Diego. There has not been a no-hitter in the majors since Randy Johnson pitched a perfect game for Arizona against Atlanta on May 18, 2004.

Instead, Zambrano beat the Astros with his arm and bat. He homered and drove in four runs, and was in control on the mound.

"This was like a high school game for him," Cubs center fielder Juan Pierre said. "He was the best pitcher and hitter on the field tonight."

Zambrano walked Mike Lamb to start the eighth. An out later, Wilson cleanly singled to right field.

"I made one mistake today and I did pay for it," Zambrano said. "It cost me the no-no."

Wilson was impressed with Zambrano's work.

"You kind of wish that he was a guy that you had on your side for just one night," Wilson said.

But he was relieved to get the hit.

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Having fun

John Allen tried to set the record for "Having The Most Fun" on the Create-a-Beat water slide recently.

Pampa graduate has book published

Wm. Douglas Warren, a 2002 Pampa High School graduate, has published his first major work, "How to Die: or The Good Gatsby."

How to Die is a collection of 12 humorous short stories all ending with the same occurrence, the main character's death.

"I first got the idea to write this book after attending the funeral of an elderly woman who had died peacefully during the night," Warren said. "All I heard at the funeral was 'That is how she would have wanted to go,' or 'She couldn't have written it better herself.' Thinking about my own mortality, I decided that was not how I would

choose to go, and I probably could write it better myself."

The result is a collection of stories, ranging from the cockfight in Tijuana to falling off the Eiffel Tower to trying to spread a friend's cousin's cremated remains to even falling into peer-pressure with the wrong crowd of lemmings.

Even though this is his first published book, Warren has been an aspiring writer for several years, writing several unpublished plays, and has started on a sequel to How to Die.

The book is available on all major Internet book stores, including Amazon.com.

Perryton woman's book features letters written by soldier father during WW II

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A Perryton woman's book about a Texas soldier's letters home during World War II will be released July 4 by Tate Publishing.

"So Great a Heritage" tells the story of World War II in letters and pictures from a Roscoe, Texas, farm boy who is the author's father.

Kathie Jackson, daughter of Sgt. Cecil Turner of the U.S. Army's 36th Texas Division, wrote the book after finding 154 letters her father had written to his parents. The letters begin while Turner was in boot camp, before the United States had entered the war, and continue through the postwar occupation of Germany. Photographs were included in some of the correspondence and have been reproduced in the book.

"Although censors prevented him from including many specifics when he wrote, I filled in the locations and military actions from research in the Texas State Library Archives that contain the Official After Action Reports," Jackson wrote in a letter to The Pampa News concerning the book.

"So Great a Heritage" is one man's history of World War II, but it is also an inspirational book. Turner was a

Christian, and his faith is evident in his letters home.

"Won't you breathe an extra prayer for me now and then. I know that you are praying for me and I also mention you when I pray. I believe the Lord pays special attention to prayers from foxholes," Turner wrote in a letter dated May 14, 1944 from Italy.

"My father was a man of

great faith, so the story is inspirational as well. His letters take you back through those war years when he and our nation faced an uncertain future," Jackson said.

Jackson teaches math at the Alternative School in Perryton, where her husband, Mike, is superintendent of Perryton public schools. He was principal at Lefors in 1989 and 1990,

and principal at Canadian from 1990 to 2001.

The book is already available through the Tate Publishing Web site, <http://www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore/>, and through their distributor, Ingram Spring Arbor. On July 4, it will be available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble and other booksellers.

Cars

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three," Brown said of recent cleanup efforts.

A vehicle starts down the road to oblivion when it is identified as junked or abandoned.

An abandoned vehicle, according to Pampa city ordinances, is one that is inoperable; more than five years old and has been unattended on public property for more than 48 hours; has remained illegally on public property for more than 48 hours; has remained on private property without the consent of the property owner or person in charge of the property for more than 48 hours; has been left unattended on the right-of-way of a designated city street or alley, or county, state or federal highway for more than 48 hours; or has been left unattended for more than 24 hours on the right-of-way of a turnpike project constructed and maintained by the Texas Turnpike Authority.

Once a vehicle has been identified as abandoned, a 72-hour sticker is placed on the vehicle, regardless of whether it is on public or private property. If the vehicle is not removed within 72 hours, then it may be impounded and removed to

an impound yard.

A junked vehicle is one that does not have an unexpired license plate or a valid motor vehicle inspection certificate attached to it; the vehicle is also wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled or discarded or is inoperable and has remained inoperable for more than 72 consecutive hours if the vehicle is on public property, or 30 consecutive days if the vehicle is on private property.

Once a vehicle has been identified as a junked vehicle on public property, a 48-hour sticker is placed on it. If it is not removed from the public property within the 48 hours, it becomes eligible for removal to an impound yard.

If the junked vehicle is on private property, a certified letter with a five-day return receipt request is mailed to the last known owner of the vehicle and owner of the property, as well as any lien holder, advising that they have 10 days to remove the junked vehicle or request a public hearing.

If no owners or lien holders can be located, a notice is placed in the newspaper advising of impending action against the vehicle.

At least 11 days must pass after notice is sent by mail and newspaper advertisement before the vehicle is removed, according to

Pampa city ordinances.

In the case of the vehicles on 818-820 East Frederic, Brown used city water service records, certified mail, the newspaper notice, and Gray County Appraisal District as ways to find and contact the property owner, all to no avail.

Other cases present other problems. Brown told of one property owner who, when notified of seven vehicles on his property which were in violation of city ordinances, moved the vehicles to other property in a different part of town.

Sometimes vehicles reappear at their original locations after having been moved in response to the notice of violation.

"A lot of times, they bring them back when the heat's off," Brown said.

Neighbors of property owners whose vehicles have been identified as junked or abandoned sometimes express their appreciation at having the problem resolved. A neighbor of the property where the three vehicles were removed Monday afternoon came outside and gave a smile and a thumb's up to Brown and the wrecker crew.

The crackdown isn't over yet. Brown said he had "a stack" of other violations to consider at the next series of hearings, scheduled for June 19.

Tax

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July 1 will be returned beginning in September, Horst said.

The money that goes to fund the Pampa Economic Development Corporation will be used to retain businesses in the city and attract new businesses, Horst said.

Missing Lubbock infant found

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A newborn taken from her parents' home less than a week after birth was back in her mother's arms this morning, and a 33-year-old woman was in custody.

Detectives found the little girl late Monday in a car seat abandoned beneath a condominium carport in 104-degree heat. A tip had led them to Stephanie Lynn Anderson Jones, and Jones, now held on kidnapping and child abandonment charges, led them to the baby.

The newborn's mother, Erica Ysasaga, was reunited with tiny Priscilla Nicole Maldonado late Monday night and wasn't about to let her out of her sight again.

"The doctors wanted to check her and I didn't want to let go. I didn't want to stop hugging and kissing her," Ysasaga said.

Jones was arraigned Tuesday morning and is being held in the Lubbock County Jail on \$150,000 bond. Her attorney, Jack Stoffregen, did not immediately return a phone call.

The property manager at Jones' mobile home park said the woman called Friday to make arrangements to pay rent in cash.

"She told me she had just had a baby, just got out of the hospital," said Kloma Clark, manager of Westfork mobile home park in north Lubbock. "I said, 'I didn't even know you were pregnant.' She said it was a small baby. She said she'd had the baby Thursday."

The terrifying saga started shortly after Priscilla was born. A woman in medical scrubs began visiting the mother's hospital room, asking questions about Priscilla.

Williams

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and more nuclear power for electricity generation.

You say, "What about the effect on prices of all those oil company profits and CEO pay and retirement benefits?"

If Congress mandated that CEOs work for zero pay, gasoline prices would fall by less than a penny. If Congress mandated that oil companies earn zero profit, gasoline prices might fall by 10 cents; of

course, we'd have to worry about gasoline availability next year.

CEOs tend to be cowards when dealing with politicians and environmental extremists, but I have a recommendation that requires only a modicum of courage. At each gasoline station they should put up photos, perhaps videos, of penguins, caribou, polar bears and other critters frolicking along Alaska's coastal plain.

Then have a voice-over or caption reading: Don't be selfish. Your paying \$3, \$4 and \$5 a gallon for gas keeps these critters happy and their play space clear of oil rigs.

Space

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bit flight of SpaceShipOne. The NASA contest, to be conducted by the X Prize Foundation, challenges designers to come up with a means to shuttle astronauts and cargo between the lunar surface and orbit. It also has asked the aerospace industry to come up with new technologies to provide needed transportation to and from the International Space Station.

These are good first steps, but alone they will not stimulate the massive involvement by private industry needed to boost the space program. NASA should develop a long-range strategy to harness the engine of free enterprise for the exploration of space, with government providing regulatory oversight, while allowing private partners in the pilot's seat. After all, a formula that made the United States the most powerful nation on Earth should work just as well on the moon and beyond.

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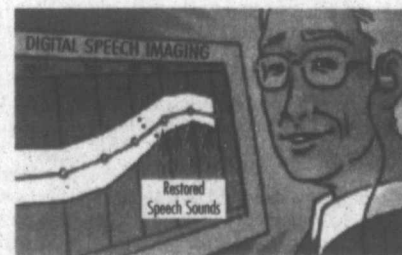
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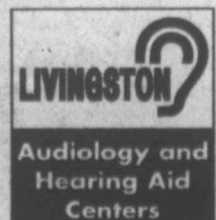
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