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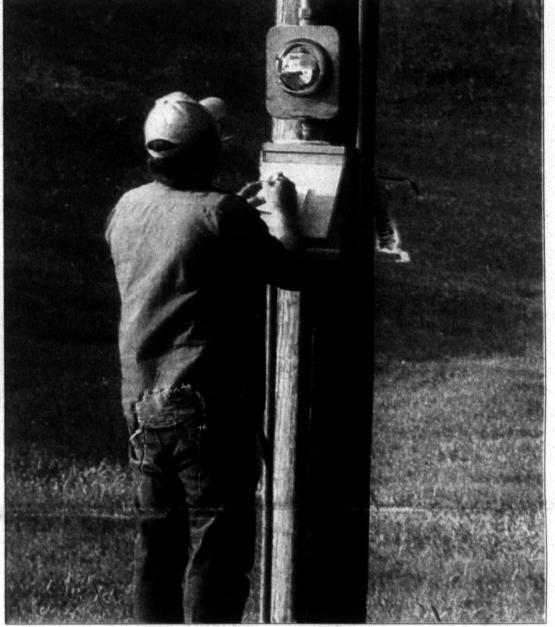


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Larry George of B & G Electric examines damage done to an electric meter and breaker box in Central Park, in the 800 block of Duncan. Criminal mischief discovered and reported Sunday morning also included damage to a railing on a foot bridge and the removal of grates from barbecue grills. Total estimated cost of damage is \$1,520. Anyone with information concerning the incident may call the police department at 669-5700.

Lake Meredith lifts burn ban

FRITCH — The National Park Service has lifted the burn ban at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area as of Saturday.

The park received more than 4 inches of rainfall in the last three weeks. Forecasts predict the chance of afternoon thundershowers this week and the fire danger at Lake Meredith has significantly been lowered.

Even though vegetation is greening up and the extended forecast calls for a normal weather pattern September and October, there is a chance that another burn ban may be put into effect for the park this fall.

With the burn ban lifted, campfires will be permitted in designated campgrounds and picnic areas: Bugbee, Blue Creek, Chimney Hollow, Blue West, Rosita Flats, Harbor Bay, Fritch Fortress, Cedar Canyon, Sanford-Yake, and Spring Canyon.

Visitors are still asked to be cautious with campfires by keeping them small and never leaving a fire unattended. Always make sure the fire is completely extinguished before leaving.

For more information, contact park headquarters at 806-857-3151.

PISD board to meet today on bond election

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education will meet at 6 ings in the district, the pur-.m. today to consider and issue an order calling a special bond election concerning a proposed new junior high school and repairs and additions to the existing high school.

The bond election, if the proposition is passed by voters, would authorize the

board of trustees to issue bonds totaling \$47 million for "the construction and equipment of school buildchase of necessary sites for school buildings and the renovation of existing school buildings," according to the proposition included in the board's agenda.

A series of meetings describing the proposed new

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Award-winning author continues writing novels

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

MIAMI -- As raindrops threatened to fall here in the Roberts County seat Saturday, author and screenwriter Michael Blake held forth on Native American culture and the publishing of his first nonfiction book.

Blake, 61, who was born in North Carolina and grew up in Southern California, said his big break came when his novel "Dances With Wolves" was turned into a movie.

"I was calved in Fayetteville, N.C.," Blake said. "My dad was in the Army Air Corps. My family was always in transit. I grew up primarily in Southern California. I've never lived in one place very long."

When he was old enough, he followed in his father's footsteps and went into the Air Force.

"My first duty station was Roswell, N.M," he

says. Blake started college at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales and then finished at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

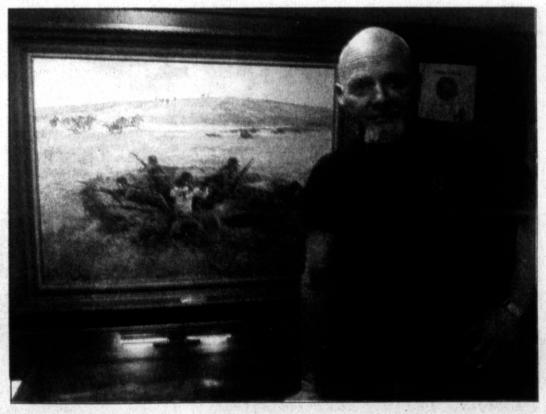
He pursued a career in journalism, working for underground newspapers but soon tired of that.

"I decided that since I liked movies so much," Blake said, "I thought I would try to write movies and went to film school in Berkeley."

He ended up moving to Los Angeles to try to break into the movie business, then he tried his hand at writing a novel.

Blake's first novel explored the relationship of a cavalry officer and the Indians of the Northern Plains. It was called

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Michael Blake, Academy Award winning author of "Dances With Wolves," stands in front of a painting of the Battle of Buffalo Wallow at the Roberts County Museum. Blake was in Miami to promote his new book "Indian Yell."



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Obituaries

Jess Olonzo (J.O.) Chandler, 87

Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, in Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug.

29, 2006, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Pampa with Paul Nachtigall, pastor of Highland **Baptist**

Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Pampa. Chandler Mr. Chandler was born Feb. 26, 1919, in Elkins, N.M. He resided in Pampa from

Jess Olonzo (J.O.) Chandler, 87, died 1950 until 1976, when he moved to Clarendon. He married Virginia Lucille Morrow on March 19, 1940, in Panhandle. He worked for Santa Fe Railroad, and later he was a welder for Arthur Brothers Construction Co. at the Pampa Celanese Plant. He was a Baptist.

> Survivors include his wife, Virginia Lucille Chandler of the home; two daughters, Kathy Honeycutt and husband Wendill of Pampa and Kayron Matthews and husband Wally of College Station; four grandchildren, Belinda Brown and husband Terry, Starla Phelps and husband John, all of Pampa, Jess Theodore Matthews and wife Kathy and Keith Russell Matthews, all of Bryan; and 9 great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 706 N. Frost.



Patsy Evajean Reagan Haynes, 65, died

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, August 29, 2006, at the Carpenter's

Aug. 26, 2006, in Amarillo, Texas/

direction

Haynes

since 1956. She married Frank Haynes on Aug. 15, 1958, in Pampa. She was a homemaker, a loving

mother and aunt. She loved to play bingo on Friday nights at the Moose Lodge. She will be deeply missed by her family.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Haynes of the home; two sons, Donald Haynes and Mark Haynes, both of Pampa; two daughters, Ann Haynes of Gordonville and Delora Bohannon of Baytown; one brother, Jerry Reagan of Pampa; 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces & nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ervin Wayne Haynes in 1979, a sister Evelyn Smothermon in 1991, a brother Dorman Reagan, and a granddaughter, Samantha Jo Haynes.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospital, 1600 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106.

Jessie D. 'Tex' Floyd, 90

Jessie D. "Tex" Floyd, 90, died Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006, at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Lowry, pastor of Cross Pointe Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by

Funeral Directors. Mr. Floyd was born Feb. 18, 1916, in Vernon, Texas, and

Carmichael-Whatley

Floyd

had been a resident of Pampa since 1951. He married Bonnie Fay Watson on June 18,

1962, in Panhandle. He was a self-employed master auto mechanic for more than 60 years. He was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Fay Floyd of the home; a daughter, Zelma Floyd of Pampa; a stepdaughter, Bonnie Louise Donahoo of Lubbock; two sons, Jesse Dean Floyd of Pocahontas, Ark., and Dale Floyd of Tucson, Ariz.; a stepson, Charles Watson of Pampa; a sister, Elva Jewell Porter of Lawton, Okla.; 17 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a stepson, Billy Watson, in 1992.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

Donald Theo Jenkins, 74

Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28, 2006, at the First Baptist Church in

Miami with Bill Burkholder, interim pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Cemetery Miami under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Jenkins was born July 6, 1932, in Dallas and had been a resident of Miami since 1934. He grad-

uated from Miami High School and attended Texas Tech University. He married Monett Treadwell on July 10, 1956 in Wheeler. He was involved in farming and ranching in the

Jenkins

MIAMI - Donald Theo Jenkins, 74, died Miami area from 1955 until his death. Mr. Jenkins was a member of First Baptist Church of Miami and the Miami Volunteer Fire Department. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army and was a member of the Miami

> He was preceded in death by a son, Karl Jenkins, in 1960, and by his parents, Theo

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church Building Fund, 114 E.

American Legion Post.

Survivors include his wife, Monett Jenkins of the home; two sons, Kenneth Jenkins and wife Lahree of Duncan, Okla., and Kevin Jenkins and wife Janice of Brentwood, Tenn.; a sister, Carol Gordon and husband Frederick of Miami; and five grandchildren, Bradley, Jacci, and Ryan Jenkins, all of Duncan, Okla., and Zachary and Noah Jenkins, both of Brentwood, Tenn.

and Effie Jenkins.

Wichita, Miami, TX 79059.

Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

tion. She had been a

resident of Pampa

Twenty-two traffic stops were made, resulting in at least three arrests.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Highways 60 and 70, the police department lobby, an unreported location, and the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1100 block of Cinderella, an unreported location, the 100 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Gwendolyn and Sumner streets, and the 100 block of North Houston.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 1000 block of Charles.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 1100 block of Darby, the 2800 block of Charles, the 300 block of Doyle, the 100 block of North Faulkner, the police department lobby, the 400 block of North Nelson, and the 800 block of Duncan.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby. A black wallet valued at \$35 was lost.

reported in the 1000 block of South Nelson, the 800 block of East Campbell, and the police department lobby.

Welfare checks were made in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive, the 1100 block of East Kingsmill, the 1100 block of East Foster,

and the 2600 block of Fir. Agency assistance was rendered in the 2300 block of Primrose, the 1800 block of North Banks, the 200 block of North Russell, the 1100 block of North Frost, the intersection of Price Road and Royal Street, the 800 block of East Frederic, the 1100 block of Varnon Drive, the 800 block of North Nelson, and the intersection of Wilks and Faulkner streets.

Warrant service was attempted on six occasions, resulting in at least one arrest.

Civil matters were reported in the 800 block of South

Faulkner, twice in the 1200 block of North Russell, and the 100 block of North Sumner.

Patsy Evajean Reagan Haynes, 65

Suspicious person calls were received from the 700 block of North Dwight and the 1000 block of South Christy.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1800 block of Lynn, the police department lobby, and the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Prowler calls were received from the 700 block of East Murphy, the 1400 block of East Kingsmill, the 700 block of Mora, the 1000 block of South Nelson, and the 1100 block of North Frost.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of West Brown, the 1300 block of Garland, the 1000 block of North Sumner, the 400 block of North Nelson, Highway 60 West, the 2800 block of West 28th, the 700 block of South Barnes, Highway 60 East, the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of South Starkweather, the 400 block of North Wynne, the 1100 block of South Faulkner, one mile southeast of the Missing persons were city, the 1900 block of Grape, and the 1600 block of West Somerville.

> Disruption of class was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Possession of a controlled substance was reported in the 1100 block of South Wells.

Possession of less than two ounces of marijuana was reported in the 400 block of West 25th.

Minor in possession of alcohol was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

reported. A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 300

One suicide attempt was

block of Miami. Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block

of Christine. Three doublepane windows valued at \$1,050 were broken.

Criminal mischief was reported at Central Park, in the 800 block of Duncan. An electric meter and breaker box were damaged, as was the railing on a footbridge. The grating was pulled out of barbecue grills. Total estimated cost of damage is \$1,520.

Criminal mischief was reported at the intersection of Francis and Lefors streets, on three occasions in the 700 block of East 15th, the intersection of Barnes and Scott streets, the 300 block of South Starkweather, and the 500 block of Magnolia.

Harassment was reported in the 300 block of Miami and on two occasions in the police department lobby.

Disturbances were reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 1600 block of West Somerville.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of South Sumner. No

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HAYNES, Patsy Evajean Reagan — Memorial services at 2 p.m. at the Carpenter's Church.

FLOYD, Jessie D. "Tex" — Graveside services at 10 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery. CHANDLER, Jess

Olonzo (J.O.) — 10 a.m. at Gardens Memory Mausoleum.

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Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 81. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 86. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

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

Today: A 20 percent around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. chance of showers and thun-

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 87. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Thursday Night: A 20 per-

cent chance of showers and thunderstorms. cloudy, with a low around 65. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 86. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around

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injuries were reported. Domestic violence/assault was reported in the 1100 block of East Foster. No injuries were reported.

Assault by threat was reported in the police department lobby.

Assault was reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway, the 1100 block of Cinderella, and the 1900 block of Duncan, where no injuries were reported.

Three burglar alarms were reported.

Forgery was reported in police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. A receiver hitch with 2-inch ball were taken, for an estimated loss of \$25.

Theft and criminal mischief were reported in the 2100 block of Mary Ellen. A Chevrolet CK2500 fourdoor pickup was damaged. Taken were a boat tarp, two stainless steel props, a boat battery, tackle box, depth finder, fishing rods and reels, and four life jackets. Total estimated value of loss and damage is \$14,420.

Theft was reported in the 800 block of Scott.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 800 block of East Murphy.

Burglary was reported in the 600 block of North Cuyler. Taken were a box fan, wet/dry vacuum, electric heater, silverware and door hinges, for a total estimated loss of \$160, including some glass which was broken in connection with the incident.

Burglary was reported in the 800 block of East Craven. A small gas heater valued at \$50 was taken.

Gas drive-offs were reported in the 600 block of East Frederic and Allsup's, 140 Allsup's, Starkweather. Fuel valued at \$19.10 was taken.

Gray County Sheriff's

Blake

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"Dances With Wolves,"

"I had written a movie

and Blake won an Academy

previously, an independent

movie, that starred Kevin

Costner in his first feature

film," Blake said. "That was

that

released in 1982, met with

little critical acclaim, Blake

said he and Costner

remained friends for quite a

The man who produced

'Stacy's Knights," Jim

Wilson, also produced

"I was very fortunate with

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'Dances With Wolves."

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called 'Stacy's Knights.""

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Award for the screenplay.

Office reported the following arrests today.

Saturday, Aug. 26 Kenneth Guttentag, 25, of Charlotte, N.C. was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of a controlled substance and driving while intoxicated, first offense.

Stephen Phillips Adams, 57, of Skellytown was arrested by DPS for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, and driving while license is suspended.

Sunday, Aug. 27 Javier Salazar, 37, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of South Starkweather by Pampa Police Department for public intoxication.

Conner Kyle McCullough, 24, of Pampa was arrested by DPS for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

Bobbie Reed Nunn, 36, of Lefors was arrested by GCSO for theft by check, no insurance, failure to appear, no driver's license, and two counts of issuing a bad check.

Katina Renee Williams, 23, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive by PPD on capias pro fines for no insurance and no valid driver's license.

Johnny Ray Carver, 17, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart by PPD on a warrant for reckless driving.

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

Saturday, Aug. 26

12:04 p.m. - One unit three personnel responded to Recreation Park softball field on a medical assist.

12:39 p.m. - One unit three personnel responded to the 900 block of Sierra on a medical

12:50 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of McCullough and Hobart on a vehicle acci-

because everything I wrote

was shot as I wrote it, which

is extremely rare in

Hollywood," Blake said.

"That almost never happens.

He said there has been

interest in his latest book

"Indian Yell" by the movie

turned into a series on tele-

vision," Blake said, or a

He said he enjoyed writing "Indian Yell," his first

One chapter of the book,

a series of struggles of

Native Americans on the

American frontier, concerns

book, is the second biggest

canyon in the United States

and yet you can go to any

community in this country

"Palo Duro, as I say in the

"Hopefully, that will be

I was very lucky.'

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PISD

Sunday, Aug. 27 12:09 p.m. - Two units

and six personnel respond-

ed to One Medical Plaza on

Ambulance reported the

following calls during the

weekend period ending at 7

8:44 a.m. - A mobile ICU

responded to the 2700 block

of Navajo and transported a

patient to Veterans Medical

11:15 a.m. - A mobile

ICU responded to the 700

block of South Barnes and

transported a patient to

Pampa Regional Medical

ICU responded to the 1200

block of North Wells and

transported a patient to

responded to the 800 block

of west 25th and transported

responded to PRMC and

transported a patient to

Northwest Texas Hospital

Department reported the

Thursday, Aug. 24

12:22 p.m. — A 1992

Ford Expedition, driven by

Brian Lee Williams, 39, of

Perryton and a 2006

Chevrolet Cobalt, driven by

Maria Joanna Rivera, 18, of

901 S. Reid collided in the

1100 block of North Hobart.

Rivera and two passengers

in her vehicle, Angel

Andres Mata III, 18, of 922

Duncan and Oscar Alejan

Cruz-Gonzales, 17, of 421

N. Faulkner were transport-

ed to Pampa Regional

Guardian EMS ambulance

with possible injuries.

Williams was cited for fail-

ure to secure vehicle, no

proof of financial responsi-

bility, and expired motor

and you can't find anybody

who knows what Palo Duro

means," Blake said. "I

describe it in the book as not

much a site as a region because it's so huge. Most

people, even Texans, don't

know that a whole way of

life changed there in 1874,

Mackenzie led the Fourth

Cavalry down in the canyon

and struck the Kiowa and

the horses, took them south

out of the canyon and

slaughtered them to deprive

the Indians of their mobility.

for them to do," Blake said.

"They were out of food.

They were out of weapons.

The Indians had to go to

reservations

They were out of horses."

"There was nothing left

Mackenzie rounded up

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vehicle registration.

Center

Medical

following accident today.

Police

a patient to PRMC.

in Amarillo.

Pampa

6:26 p.m. – A mobile ICU

7:15 p.m. - A mobile ICU

12:58 p.m. - A mobile

Sunday, Aug. 27

Center in Amarillo.

a false alarm.

Guardian

a.m. today.

Genter.

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junior high school and work planned to renovate and add to the existing high school were held last week and included presentations by architects with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc., the firm hired by the school district to evaluate the current Pampa High School and Pampa Junior High School structures and plan the renovations, repairs and replacements.

Cost of repairing, renovating and adding to the high school is estimated at \$17.8 million, with another \$25.9 million estimated to be needed for building a new junior high school.

A proposed tax rate of \$1.435 per \$100 valuation will be presented for a vote. Maintenance and operation will constitute \$1.37 of the total rate, with the remaining \$0.65 for principal and interest on bonds.

Board members will also vote on a joint election agreement with Gray County and one with Roberts County; an interlocal agreement for a cooperative purchasing network, sale of delinquent tax property, students' rights and responsibilities, policy changes resulting from the Texas Association of School Boards audit, and revisions to the policy concerning student activities.

The 2006-2007 campus student handbooks will be discussed, along with the 2006-2007 PHS extracurricular contract and results of the state school cafeteria audit.

Lefors ISD meets today

Lefors ISD will hold a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. today to discuss a tax rate, followed by a regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the High School Library.

While he plans to write the third in the "Dances With Wolves" trilogy, he said that he's thinking about another non-fiction book

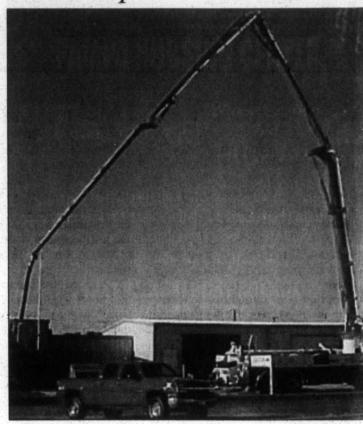
This one will be on his great-grandfather whom he introduces in "Indian Yell."

"He was an extraordinary individual," Blake said. "He served with the Sixth Cavalry in the Apache Wars, and he fought the British on the Dutch side of the Boer War in South Africa. He's buried at West Point."

The third part of the Dances With Wolves trilogy (the second part was his novel "The Holy Road"), will be titled "Shadows on the Land."

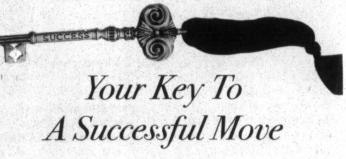
"I haven't written a word of it yet," Blake admitted, "but I certainly plan to do that.'

A little help



Southwest Collision is expanding their operation at 2525 W. Highway 152, and when they needed concrete pumped in Friday afternoon, Pampa Concrete responded.

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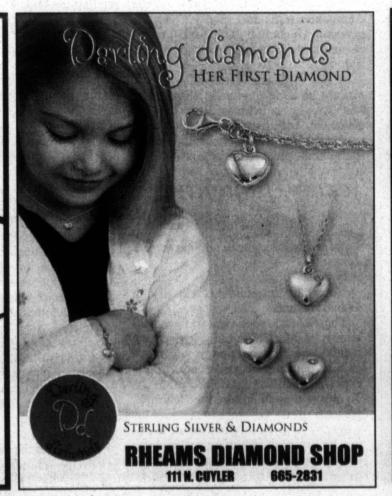
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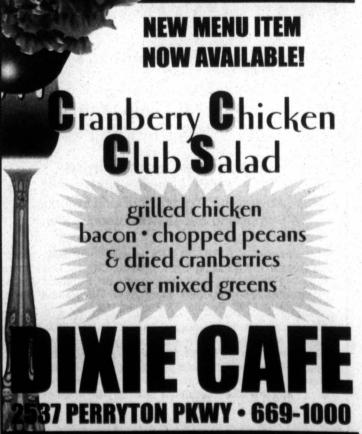
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Viewpoints

New bride had harrowing experiences on Texas frontier

Being a career officer's daughter, 23-year-old Mauree Pickering knew Army life brought occasional hardships and frequent travel.

Even so, on Sept. 25, 1913 she married a solider, Lt. Frank Mahin. After honeymooning in New York, the couple left on a steamer for New Orleans. Their chance to have much fun taking in the sights of the Crescent City dampened by heavy rain, the couple left by train for Mahin's next duty station, the Galveston County town of Texas

A small town with a big name, Texas City hosted an Army camp. Not that it amounted to a strategic location – it had not yet become a petrochemical port -- but with Mexico embroiled in a bloody revolution, the military had moved more troops into Texas in anticipation of trouble.

When the American Navy occupied the port of Vera Cruz in 1914, it looked like the United States would fight Mexico for a second

time since 1848. If orders came to invade Mexico, the soldiers stationed at Texas City would board ships at the port of Galveston.

Enlisted men lived in tents at the large camp two miles from town, but officers and their families got to stay in one of Texas City's two hotels.

"A more unattractive place than this hotel would have been hard to find," Mauree later wrote in her memoir, "Life in the American Army from the Frontier Days to Army Distaff Hall." Even so, she continued, "we just joined the rest of the Army families living there, and we had a good time in spite of the drabness.'

Four days after arriving in Texas City, Mauree kissed her husband goodbye at 6:30 a.m. when he left for his daily duties at the camp. Rain beat down on the hotel's roof and thunder boomed in the distance, but Mauree liked stormy weather and peacefully drifted back to sleep.

About 7 a.m. a bolt of lighting struck only 50 yards from the hotel, practically blasting her out of bed.

Mike Cox

Texas Tales



"All of us were sure the hotel had been hit," she wrote, "and we knew the next thing would be fire ... Although no alarm was forthcoming, we quickly dressed and went downstairs to see what and where the damage was."

Mauree looked out at a scene of

A regiment had been marching past the hotel en route to a target range in Galveston when lightning had struck the column.

"The street was just a tangled mass of men and animals and wagtinued. "The officers were shouting orders as best they could in that downpour, but it was hard to make oneself heard above the rain, thunder and confusion."

In an impressively short span of time, the column had reformed and resumed its 21-mile trek to Galveston, minus two wagons.

Soon, Mauree learned what had happened to those two wagons. The lighting, she related in her book, "had done the impossible...it had struck the lead mules of one wagon, and the man riding beside them, but it had skipped the wheelers and driver! Then it skipped the lead mules of the second wagon and...killed the wheelers and driver of that second wagon!"

Stranger than that, the two men killed were brothers. And they may have been the only casualties associated with the military buildup in Texas during the early days of the Mexican Revolution. Despite ominous newspaper headlines and

Her slumber proved short-lived. ons, all milling around," she con- saber rattling in both Mexico and the U.S., the Vera Cruz incident played out without further escala-

> The Mahins remained in Texas City through December, when orders came for the troops there to head for Naco, AZ to guard against any Mexican incursions. But Mahin already had an assignment for overseas duty, and their stay along the border did not last long.

Mauree gave birth to twin girls on June 2, 1915 in the Philippines. The Army family moved from post to post as her husband moved up in rank. A major general by World War II, Mahin died in a plane crash in 1942.

Three years later, wanting to preserve the details of her interesting life for her daughters, Mauree wrote a manuscript she finally published in 1967. She died on May 29, 1985 at the age of 94.

Mike Cox, a member of the Texas Institute of Letters, is the author of a dozen Texas-related books.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Aug. 28, the 240th day of 2006. There are 125 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 28, 1963, 200,000 people participated in a peaceful civil rights rally in Washington, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

On this date:

In 1609, Henry Hudson discovered Delaware Bay.

In 1774, Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American-

The man who views the world at fifty the same as he did at twenty has wasted thirty years of his life."

— Muhammad Ali American boxing champion born saint, was born in New York City.

In 1916, Italy's declaration of war against Germany took effect during World War I.

In 1947, legendary bullfighter Manolete was mortally wounded by a bull during a fight in Linares, Spain: he was 30

In 1955, Emmett Till, a black teenager from Chicago, was abducted from his uncle's home

Money, Miss., by two white men after he had supposedly whistled at a white woman; he was found brutally murdered three days later.

In 1968, police and anti-war demonstrators clashed in the streets of Chicago as the Democratic national convention nominated Hubert H. Humphrey for president.

In 1973, more than 520 people died as an earthquake shook central Mexico.

In 1981, John W. Hinckley Jr. pleaded innocent to charges of attempting to kill President Reagan (he was later acquitted by reason of insanity). In 1986, retired Navy warrant officer Jerry A. Whitworth,

convicted for his role in a Soviet spy ring, was sentenced by a federal judge in San Francisco to 365 years in prison. In 1988, 70 people were killed when three Italian stunt

planes collided during an air show at the U.S. Air Base in Ramstein, West Germany.

Ten years ago: Democrats nominated President Clinton for a second term at their national convention in Chicago. The troubled 15-year marriage of Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana officially ended with the issuing of a divorce decree.

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Judging criteria for Lebanese war ...

claiming victory in the Lebanese war, I thought we might try to establish some rational criteria for judging the out-

At first, Israel announced that its objective was to destroy Hezbollah. This was later modified to weaken Hezbollah enough to protect Northern Israel from Hezbollah rockets. The latest Israeli position is that it intended for the military to weaken Hezbollah and then use diplomacy to protect Northern Israel.

Well, obviously the Israelis missed out on the first two goals. Israeli intelligence really misjudged Hezbollah's fighting ability. After 34 days of nearly round-the-clock shelling by artillery and tanks, airstrikes, naval gunfire, commando raids and finally a ground invasion, Hezbollah dumped 250 rockets on Northern Israel on the last day of fighting.

In the meantime, Hezbollah killed about 120 Israeli soldiers, shot down four Apache helicopters (the Israelis claim two collided), badly damaged a naval gunboat and knocked out or damaged about 100 Merkava tanks. (Keep

Since everybody and his brother is in mind that these statistics are suspect, since both sides lie like fishermen.)

> Since Hezbollah's fighters have been estimated to range from 1,000 to 5,000, one has to credit them with the victory but only a psychological victory. They "won" by merely surviving, but they did not defeat the Israeli military forces, not by a long shot.

> > Charley Reese

Columnist



President Bush, in addition to insisting that the Israelis won (he gave them 34 days by blocking calls for an immediate cease-fire), foolishly believes that the damaged infrastructure will turn the Lebanese people against Hezbollah. Perhaps he didn't see the large banner on the rubble in southern Beirut. It said in English and Arabic, "Made in the U.S.A.

The Lebanese people know who bombed their homes and businesses. They know that we supply the bombs and other military equipment. They know that we held up a cease-fire. They know as well, despite the constant crowing about Lebanese sovereignty, that the U.S. was silent while Israel occupied southern Lebanon for 18 years, in defiance of U.N. resolutions, and has violated Lebanese sovereignty numerous times since Hezbollah chased the Israelis out in 2000, without a peep from us.

If the president honestly believes the U.S. has gained by this debacle, then he is even dumber than I thought. If you listen closely, quite often the president makes no sense at all when he talks.

I think there are two things as close to certain as anything ever is in the Middle East: One, our reputation and credibility are in the subbasement of the region; and two, the myth of Israeli invincibility has been broken - or, more accurately, thought by the Arab street to have been broken.

To sum up, if you ask me, nobody won, least of all the people in the region on all sides of all borders.

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

Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Aug. 20

Houston Chronicle on classifying Texas' students:

The federal education reform bill known as No Child Left Behind was named to emphasize that in America's public education system, every child is expected to make academic progress. To ensure that all children are learning, students must be tracked in various ways, by poverty, migrant status, learning ability and important in assuring equal opportunity race and ethnicity.

For the purpose of determining "adequate yearly progress," Texas crams all students into three racial/ethnic groups: white, black or Hispanic. The state doesn't count Asian, American Indian or mulitracial schoolchildren. Arkansas is the only other state that tracks so few categories.

School employees say they have been told to choose a single race for those students whose parents check off more than one racial or ethnic category on registration forms. Administrators are said to select a race for those who decline to note one for their child.

That leaves the data open to manipulation by schools that would benefit

from having more or fewer students in one racial/ethnic classification or another. That's because standardized test scores do not have to be reported for groups that do not have enough students to be deemed statistically significant. A student with one black and one white parent could be placed in one or the other racial category depending on how well or poorly he tested.

"No Child Left Behind" implies that every student is important in public education. But that can't be true if Texas lets educators disregard all those students who belong to small minority groups within a school.

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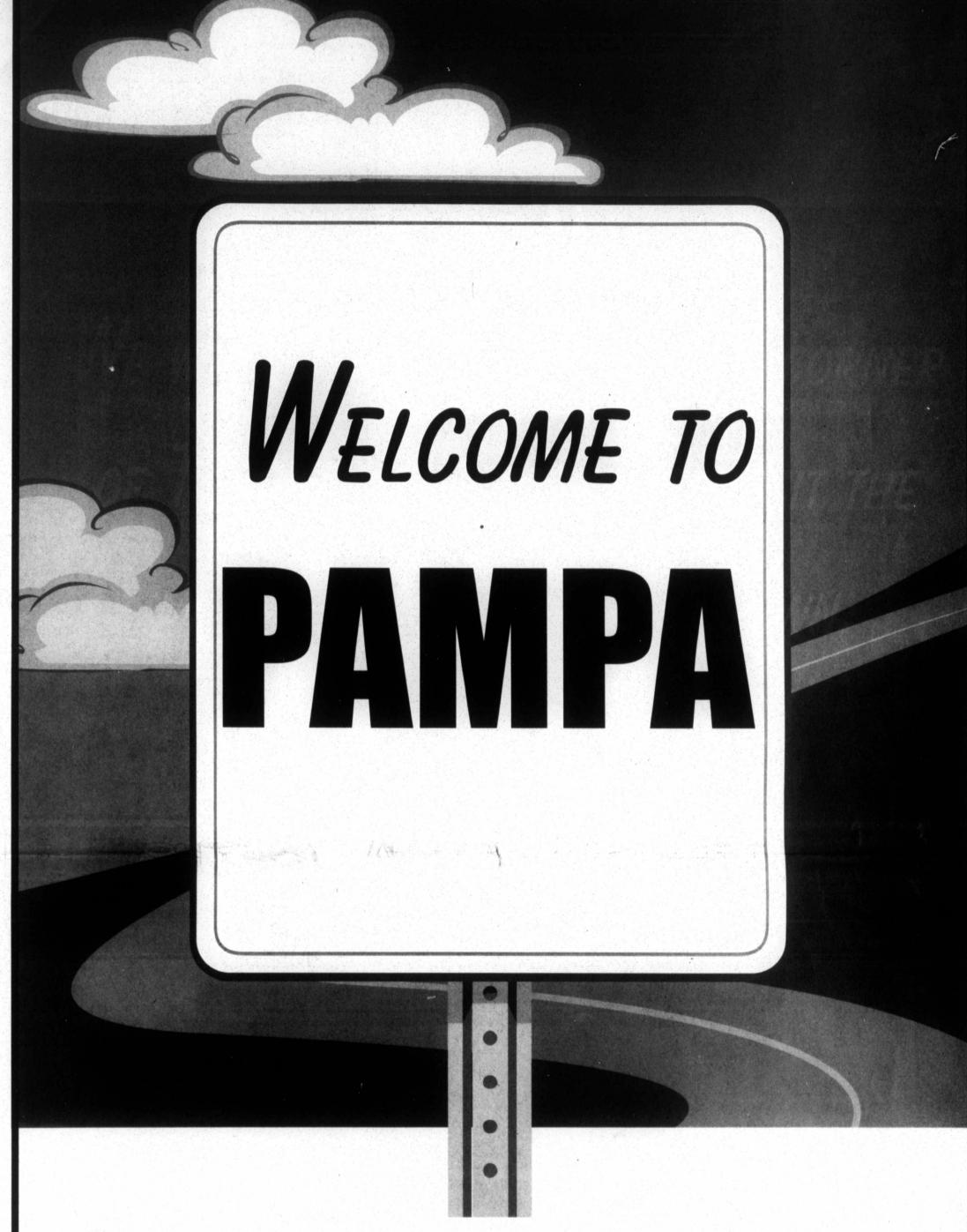
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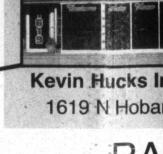
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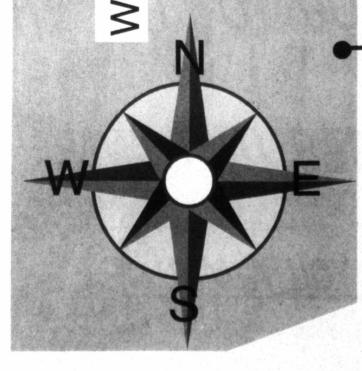
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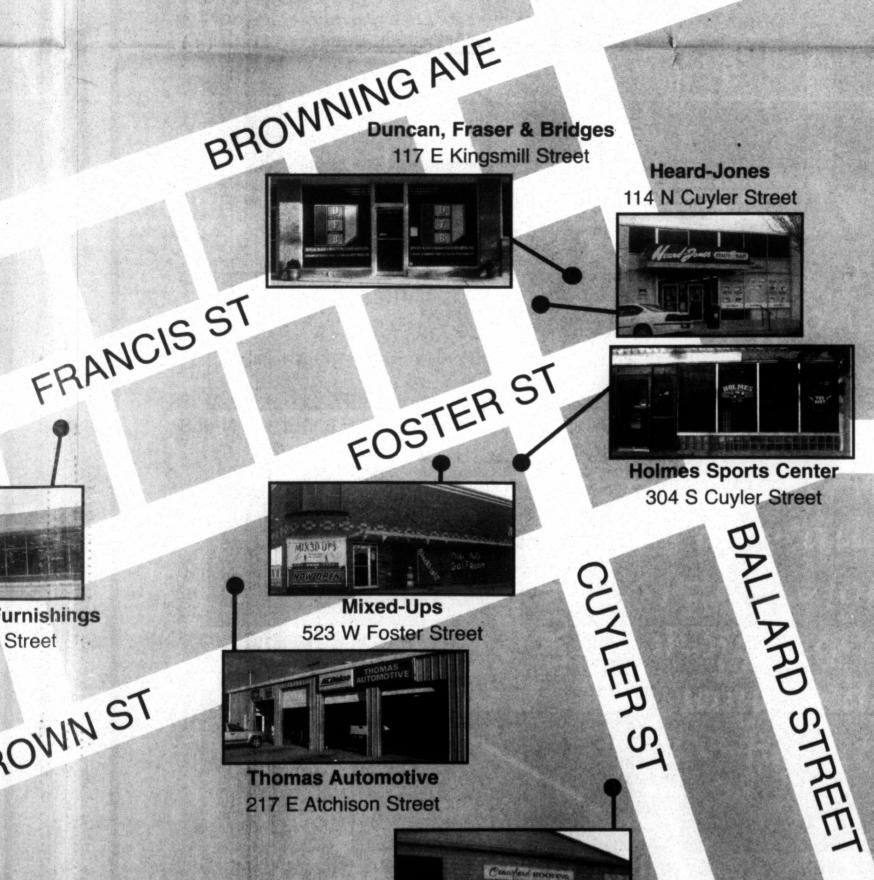
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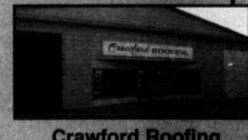
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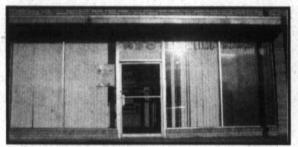
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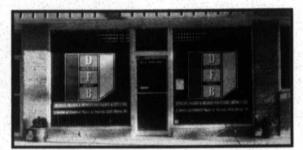
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I recently attended the Anyone who cares about an uninsured funeral of my beloved Uncle Joe. Uncle Joe had rever married and had no children -- or so everyone thought. At the funeral a woman came up to me, showed me a photograph, and claimed it was Uncle Joe's 31year-old son who, she said, is stationed in the Navy in another state. The resemblance is truly remarkable! She loaned me the picture and gave me her address. I have so many questions I wish I had asked her, but didn't feel comfortable doing it right then. I would write her a letter, but I have no idea where to start or what to say. Have you any suggestions? -- THROWN FOR A LOOP, LEWISTON, IDAHO

DEAR THROWN FOR A LOOP: You did not mention whether your uncle had a will when he died, or whether he owned any property, so before contacting this lady you should discuss this with the rest of the family and the family lawyer. Your legal representative might want to contact the woman or the alleged son regarding any claim he might have on Uncle Joe's estate. As to sending a letter, take your cue from the person who's representing you.

DEAR ABBY: Children need more than paper, pencils and a lunch box to be prepared for this school year. They also need health care coverage. Children who have health insurance are better prepared to learn in school and better equipped to succeed in life. Unfortunately, nearly 3.3 million children in the United States are uninsured. That means one out of every 10 kids might not receive the medical care they need, when they need it. The good news is most uninsured children are eligible for low-cost or free health care coverage through Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program. These programs exist in every state and the District of Columbia and cover doctor's visits and prescriptions, but many parents may not believe their kids are eligible. Because these parents are working, they may think long run. they earn too much money to qualify.

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child -- that includes grandparents, teachers, day care providers, ministers and others -- can do his part by telling parents about these programs and urging them to get more information. Abby, I know you share my concern that these children be allowed to start the school year off right -with good health and access to health care. Thank you for helping us connect children with the services they need. -- RISA LAV-IZZO-MOUREY, M.D., PRESIDENT AND CEO, ROBERT WOOD JOHN-SON FOUNDATION

DEAR DR. LAVIZZO-MOUREY: You're welcome. I'm pleased to help you spread the word about this important program for low-income families. With children heading back to school, your letter is a timely one. Readers, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation sponsors a program nationwide called Covering Kids and Families, and invites parents of uninsured children to call (toll-free) (877) 543-7669 ((877) KIDS-NOW) to find out if your children are eligible. The need is great, so

please don't wait to place that call.

DEAR ABBY: I am being married this fall. When we booked the minister last year, he seemed like a nice man. We have since found that he's very overbearing and micromanages everything. What would be a discreet way of telling him that we no longer want him to perform our ceremony? We have already booked someone else. --VERBALLY BATTERED BRIDE-TO-

DEAR VERBALLY BATTERED: Tell him your "plans have changed" and you will no longer be needing his services. (He may think that the wedding is off.) If he starts questioning you, then tell him exactly what you have told me. Because his personality is affecting his business, he needs to hear it. You'll be doing him a favor in the

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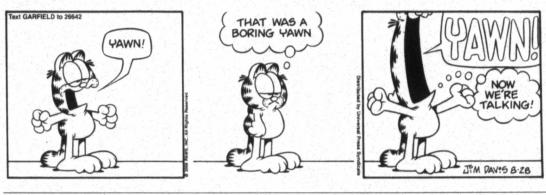
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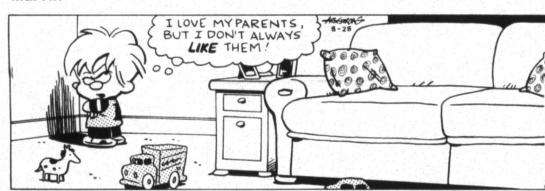


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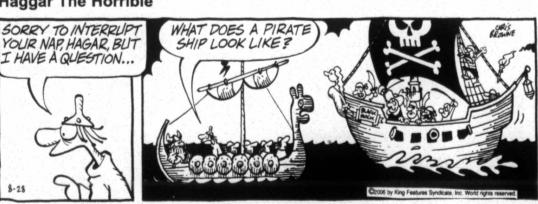
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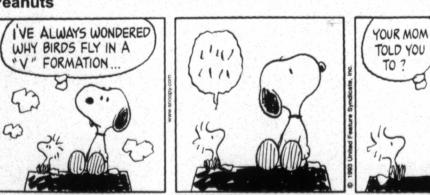
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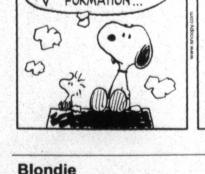
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By Bil Keane









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Sports Day

AP Preseason High School Poll

(AP) - Here is The Associated Press' preseason high school poll with first place votes in parentheses, last season's records, points based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, and the team's ranking in last year's final regular-season poll: Class 5A

Class JA			
Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Southlake Carroll (14)	16-0	189	1
2. Lufkin (6)	14-1	182	4
3. Garland	10-3	136	
4. A&M Consolidated	11-3	107	-
5. Euless Trinity	14-1	81	•
6. Austin Westlake	9-2	72	
7. The Woodlands	7-4	65	-
8. Cypress Falls	9-5	55	-
9. Smithson Valley	13-2	54	
10. Galena Park North Shore	11-1	46	10

Also receiving votes: Katy 38, Lewisville Hebron 20, Richardson Berkner 11, Mesquite 9, Converse Judson 7, Spring Westfield 5, SA Madison 5, Abilene 3, Houston Cypress Creek 3, Leander 3, SA O'Connor 3, Allen 2, Longview 2, EP Franklin 1, Mansfield Summit 1. Class 4A

Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs	
1. Brenham (13)	14-1	189	4	
2. Texarkana (3)	9-2	154	6	
3. Copperas Cove (3)	13-1	148	-	
4. Stephenville	13-1	90	3	
5. Corpus Christi Calallen	14-2	84	-	
6. Denton Ryan	7-4	78	-	
7. Rosenberg Lamar Cons.	11-1	74	-	
8. La Marque	12-1	69	1	
9. Wolfforth Frenship	13-2	60		
10. Highland Park (1)	15-0	43	2	
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Also receiving votes: Wichita Falls Rider 32, Aledo 21, Waco 16, Marshall 11, Houston Yates 5, Keller Fossil Ridge 5, Edcouch-Elsa 5, SA Alamo Heights 5, Pflugerville Connally 4, McKinney North 2, Kilgore 2, EP Riverside 1, Corsicana 1, Plainview 1. Class 3A

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Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs	
1. Cuero (12)	13-1	191	1	
2. Gilmer (7)	10-2	160) -	
3. West Orange-Stark	13-1	135	5 2	
4. Texarkana Liberty-Ey	lau 10-3	106	5 -	
5. Cameron Yoe	13-1	97	3	
6. Wimberley (1)	15-0	96	5	
7. Giddings	10-3	85		
8. Hutto	13-3	42		
9. Palestine	8-3	38	-	
10. Celina	16-0	28	1	
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Also receiving votes: Sweetwater 27, Carthage 26, Bellville 20, / bilene Wylie 15, Dallas Madison 11, Snyder 6, Van 4, Medina Valley 3, Canton 3, Jasper 2, Gainesville 2, Kennedale 1, Rusk 1, Canyon 1.

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Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Tatum (20)	15-0	200	4
2. Crawford	13-1	140	5
3. Lexington	11-3	128	_
4. Newton	13-0	116	2
5. Early	12-2	114	
6. Marlin	9-2	77	-
7. Jefferson	5-7	69	
8. Mart	11-2	56	7
9. Hempstead	6-4	33	-
10. New Boston	6-4	30	-
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Also receiving votes: Blanco 27, Paradise 27, Stratford 23, Boyd 16, Altair Rice 14, Childress 12, Arp 9, Wall 2, Lone Oak 2, Sanford-Fritch 2, Omaha Paul-Pewitt 1, Crane 1, Henrietta 1.

Class IA			
Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Windthorst (15)	14-1	192	2
2. Chilton (5)	13-1	177	1
3. New Deal	10-2	121	4
4. Alto	9-2	119	10
5. Iola	12-2	103	-
Goldthwaite	10-1	100	3
7. Shiner	10-3	52	-
8. Roscoe	9-2	45	-
9. Brackettville	10-2	35	-
T10. Electra	6-5	27	-
T10. McCamey	11-1	27	7
T10. Wolfe City	7-4	27	-

Also receiving votes: Joaquin 14, Bremond 12, Grapeland 11, Nazareth 10, Falls City 8, Albany 6, La Villa 6, Thorndale 3, Sterling City 3, Memphis 2.

Cowboys finally fine T.O

IRVING, Texas (AP) -Terrell Owens has finally pushed the Dallas Cowboys too far, drawing a \$9,500 fine for missing a team meeting and a rehabilitation session and being late to an offensive meeting, The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday.

"That's our club business. That's going to be accounted for," team owner Jerry Jones told the newspaper.

The incidents occurred Friday, the team's final day preparing for a preseason game against Francisco. The Cowboys beat the 49ers 17-7, making them 3-0 this preseason without Owens playing any of the games because of a hamstring injury that's also kept him out of 19 of 31 practices since the start of

training camp. Neither team officials nor Owens' agent, Drew

Rosenhaus, immediately returned calls to The Associated Press seeking comment Sunday.

During a postgame television interview, Jones did not mention the fine but answered several other questions about Owens. Jones said his only concern with the receiver is "injury, not all this other stuff you hear about."

Owens' past is filled with run-ins with quarterbacks, coaches and others in his own organization. San Francisco and Philadelphia got rid of him, but the Cowboys welcomed him with open arms and a lucrative contract in March, four days after the Eagles released him.

Owens vowed to be a better man and a better teammate in Dallas. While the fine is the most drastic, he already has done plenty to stand out.

FIBA: U.S. sinks Australia, 113-73

SAITAMA, Japan (AP) - Look out, world.

The United States routed Australia 113-73 Sunday, sending an unmistakable message to the FIBA world championships. This isn't the team that proved an embarrassment in recent international competitions.

"We wanted to make a statement coming into the round of 16," said forward Chris Bosh, who grabbed a game-high nine rebounds.

On a day that every American scored, Carmelo Anthony led the U.S. with 20 points while Joe Johnson added 18 and Dwyane Wade 15.

Granted, the Australians weren't much of a test. They went 2-3 in group play and have few weapons beside Milwaukee Bucks center Andrew Bogut, who scored 20 points.

But the Americans made it look almost too easy, turning a tight game into a laugher by outscoring the Australians 32-6 in the second quarter.

Now the U.S. can look forward to its quarterfinal match-up Wednesday night against Germany, another team with a star NBA center and a mostly anonymous supporting cast. Dirk Nowitzki of Dallas is third in tournament scoring, averaging 24.5 points.

Given the way the U.S. is playing, it might be more fair to make them face Bogut and Nowitzki together.

"I think our biggest opponent is ourselves right now," Johnson said. "We've just got to keep our intensity

Asked if the U.S. is unbeatable when its shots are falling, Johnson replied, "No doubt. When our shots are falling and when they're not falling." If Johnson sounds confident it's

because the U.S. has outscored its last two opponents, Senegal and Australia, by a combined 216-131.

Of course, neither Senegal nor Australia is in the same hoops universe as Spain or Argentina, which are mowing down the opposition on the other side of the bracket.

That's why Elton Brand said he hopes his teammates aren't taking anyone for granted.

Brand played on the 2002 U.S. world championship team that finished sixth in Indianapolis.

"We're not going to be cocky about it," Brand said. "There are some teams that can give us competition."

Australia wasn't one of them, at least not for 40 minutes. The Aussies led 15-14 after five minutes and trailed by only 27-23 at the end of the first period.

But then the U.S., which has been plagued by slow starts throughout the tourney, began to knock down shots on offense and crack down on defense.

The Americans outscored Australia 32-6 in the second quarter, and it wasn't that close.

"The second quarter, we kind of took off and had the game in hand from that point," Wade said.

"Today was the best we played as a unit, with everyone making the extra pass, getting the guys the best shot possible," Wade said.

"When you do that, it makes your team play that much better because everyone feels good, everyone's involved, one through 12. That's what we'e looking for."

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Crowning a champion

Pampa News sports editor Michael J. Stevens (left) and publisher Sean Smith (right) present Donny Hooper with a certificate Thursday commemorating his first place finish in the 2005 Fantastic Five Football Picks. The F-5, which includes Ray Boring and Shane Stokes, will open the 2006 season in Thursday's Sports Day.



Pampa News photo by DENNIS SPIES

LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

Championship game delayed

WILLIAMSPORT, (AP) - Eleven boys from Columbus, Ga., will have to miss at least one more day of school.

At least they'll have an original excuse.

from Columbus will face a team from Kawaguchi City, Japan, on tonight for the Little League World Series title. The squads were forced to spend another day far from home because rain washed away their first attempt to play Sunday.
School started for the

Columbus players earlier this month, and Georgia students typically aren't allowed more than five non-excused absences. But school administrators have given the Columbus Northern league team a pass as they try to take the Little League crown. The Columbus squad

was supposed to be back in home room on Tuesday.

"We can't keep delaying that," Little League president Stephen Keener said Sunday, adding, "The kids from Japan need to get home.'

First, there's a Little League title to be decided under the lights at Lamade Stadium at 8 p.m. EDT

It's the first time the game will be played on a Monday, and the latest start time for a game played by middle school-age boys. The title game has been rescheduled once before, in

1990, when rain forced San-Hua, Chinese Taipei, and Shippensburg, Pa., to play on a Sunday, one day late. Chinese Taipei won 9-

Japan has a lethal combination of good pitching and power hitting that has helped make them the only undefeated squad in this

year's tournament.

In the international title game win over Matamoros, Mexico, on Saturday, Go Matsumoto homered, then came in as a reliever in the sixth and used his fastball to get his team out of a bases-loaded, nobody-out jam to end the contest.

Japan manager Shigeru Hidaka has said either Matsumoto or ace Ryoya Sato, who has 21 strikeouts in 11-plus innings, may start tonight.

Besides his stellar pitching, Matsumoto also leads the team with seven RBIs and has two of Japan's 11 home runs. Columbus has just four homers as a team.

At least Columbus might be able to stay with Japan pitch-for-pitch: manager Randy Morris will start ace Kyle Carter, who has three wins and 19 strikeouts over 13 innings pitched. Opponents are hitting just 111 against the 12-year-old

Carter is a slugger, too, with two tournament home runs, and 52 coming into South Williamsport. Hidaka said he's only

seen one of Carter's games, but considers him "a star."

"All of the kids are look-ing forward to it," Hidaka said through an interpreter after winning the international championship.
So are Morris' kids, who

have attracted quite a fol-lowing back home. They've been far more successful than the Atlanta Braves this season, mired in fourth place in the NL East.

Former President Carter has phoned the team, as

well as Gov. Sonny Perdue. The Braves have called, too, and sent a video full of good-luck wishes from

players.
"I've lost batteries since I've been up here on my cell phone," Morris said.

Weekend Golf Notes

Bridgestone Invitational

AKRON, Ohio (AP) -Tiger Woods celebrated his 10-year anniversary of turning pro by winning for the 52nd time on the PGA Tour, making an 8-foot birdie putt on the fourth playoff hole Sunday against Stewart Cink to win the Bridgestone Invitational.

Woods won for the fourth straight time, a streak that began at the British Open and shows no sign of ending.

This one looked to be in doubt, however, when Cink made up a three-shot deficit over the final three holes, then had Woods on the ropes the first three holes of the playoff.

But with rain pounding Firestone South, Cink hit into a bunker on the 17th hole, and never got a chance to putt for par when Woods made his birdie.

Reno-Tahoe Open RENO, Nev. (AP) - Will MacKenzie made a 10-foot birdie putt on the final hole to close out at 1-under 71

and pick up his first PGA

Tour victory by one stroke over veteran Bob Estes. MacKenzie led by three strokes with five holes to go and was ahead by one before he bogeyed the par-5 17th. Estes could have taken the lead there, but

missed a 20-foot birdie attempt and missed another on the 18th from about 16 feet. He shot an even-par 72 in the final round. MacKenzie, a 31-year-

old former door-to-door hammock salesman in his second year on tour, finished at 20-under 268.

Wendy' Championship for Children

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) -Lorena Ochoa won a headto-head duel with Jee Young Lee, pulling away

with two consecutive

birdies to shoot a 7-under

65 and win by three shots. Ochoa and Lee, playing in the same group, were tied at 22 under through 12 holes. But Ochoa birdied the next two holes for a two-stroke lead and was never threatened again as she parred out to finish at

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24-under 264. The victory was the 24year-old's third of the season on the LPGA Tour. She also has five seconds, a third, two fourths and a fifth-place finish in 18 starts.

Champions Tour

ALOHA, Ore. (AP) -Eduardo Romero knocked in a 2-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole against Lonnie Nielsen to win The Tradition, the final major this season on Champions Tour.

Romero almost eagled the first playoff hole, leaving his 19-foot putt just short on No. 18. Nielsen bogeyed the hole.

The shot of the day was by Bruce Summerhays, who had a hole-in-one on the par-3 No. 11. He hit a 5iron from 185 yards into the hole.

U.S. Amateur

CHASKA, Minn. (AP) -A flawless iron game and an unflappable demeanor forged from hardships endured earlier in the week made Richie Ramsay the first Scotsman to win the U.S. Amateur in 108 years.

Ramsay made just two bogeys and hit 30 of 34 fairways and greens on Sunday.

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Offense hasn't been an issue for the Americans, the highest-scoring team in the tournament. But the defense was inconsistent during group play, and that's why Sunday's game was so encouraging.

The U.S. limited the Australians to 41 percent shooting, including 24 percent from beyond the 3point arc. Australia committed 24 turnovers, many the result of pressure.

"We know that if we play defense, we'll be pretty good," Bosh said. "We know we can score the ball. We know we play with anybody offensively. But we know it's our defense that's going to help us

Defense may help the U.S. win the championship. But the Australians couldn't help but be dazzled by the Americans' attack.

Australian point guard C.J. Bruton likened this team to Dream Teams I and II.

"It's a squad compared to them because they move the ball like those teams did," Bruton said. "The teams that have won the gold medal for U.S.A. definitely move the ball as well as this

They move it well. And on Sunday they shot it

The Americans shot 54 percent from the floor. And after shooting 39 percent from beyond the arc in group play, the U.S. made 14-of-27 (52 percent)

Even Bosh and Brad Miller hit their first international 3-pointers. Three-point shooting was supposed to be one of the Americans' flaws. If the U.S. starts knocking down long-range shots, it will be difficult to beat.

The U.S. has trailed after halftime in one game, against Italy, which it beat 94-85. Wade was asked if the Americans were tempted to look toward the finals and a possible showdown with Argentina or Spain, both also 6-0.

"You don't really think about it," Wade said. "You just win or go home. We just need to get better as a team."

Better? Look out, world.

Astros sink Pirates Rangers blank A's

Willy Taveras has quite a streak going.

Now he'd like to see the defending NL champion Houston Astros get on one,

Taveras ran his hitting streak to 30 games during another excellent allaround game and Lance Berkman drove in four runs, helping the Astros rough up the Pittsburgh Pirates 13-1 Sunday for their third consecutive vic-

Berkman, in a 5-for-45 slump before getting six RBIs in the final two games of the four-game series, hit a three-run homer in the fifth following a run-scoring single in the first. Taveras singled to start the game and extend the longest hitting streak in team history.

After the Pirates won the series opener Thursday, Berkman effectively beat them in three consecutive games to help get the Astros out of a slide in which they lost 10 of 13.

Berkman homered to support Roger Clemens' 5-1 victory Friday, then had a two-run double to key a 7-4 victory Saturday.

Berkman also could have easily had another hit, but shortstop Freddy Sanchez was given an error for not handling a sharply hit

PITTSBURGH (AP) - grounder up the middle that scored Mike Lamb during a three-run third.

> "Usually when he drives in a bunch of runs, we score a bunch of runs," manager Phil Garner said.

> Taveras began each of the final three games of the series with hits during the second longest hitting streak in the NL this season to Chase Utley's 35-game run for the Phillies.

"It kind of blows me away a little bit, but nothing is easy," Taveras said. "The way the team is winning some ballgames, I'm real happy about that."

Taveras reached base on hits or walks 10 times in the series and stole four bases. He is 45-of-129 (.349) during his hitting streak, getting hits in his first at-bat 14 times.

"The pressure's off then, so I hope I can get it every time in the first at-bat," he said. "I'm not thinking that much about it, it's hard to give a hit in every game that you play.

"But now I'm into it, I want to get a hit."

The Pirates assured themselves of a 14th consecutive non-winning season with their 81st loss, looking exactly like the last-place team they are with one of their worstplayed games of the year.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) -A big performance from

Vicente Padilla kept the Texas Rangers from a double-digit deficit in the AL West.

Padilla struck out eight and allowed just four hits in eight innings, equaling his longest outing of the season as the Rangers beat Oakland 3-0 Sunday night to stop the Athletics' three-game winning streak. "I thought it was his best all season," Rangers catcher Gerald Laird said.

"He went out and competed. He let his fastball go so they had to cover his curve."

Texas salvaged the final game of the three-game series and moved within eight games of Oakland. The A's hold a 5 1/2 game division lead over the Angels. "We just wanted to stay alive," Laird said. "We kept a heartbeat tonight."

Dan Haren had won six straight decisions for the AL West-leading A's, but Padilla outpitched him.

Padilla (13-8) improved to 3-1 with a 2.84 ERA in his six starts against Oakland this season, using a fastball in the midto-high 90s and an effective curve to match his season-high for strikeouts. Padilla also had four walks.

"It was great that he attacked the zone," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "Certainly it was one of our better starts this season. He continued to make good pitches. He was not letting them get

back in the count. He stayed aggressive."

Padilla, who started the night with a league-high 16 hit batters, did not come close to hit-

ting any on Sunday night. He was making his second start since serving a five-game suspension for throwing at a batter after being warned during a game against the Los Angeles Angels.

"Maybe he just likes pitching against us, and he didn't hit anybody tonight," A's manager Ken Macha said.

Padilla does not speak to reporters.

Akinori Otsuka pitched the ninth for his 28th save in 31 chances to complete Texas' eighth shutout this season.

Matt Stairs homered and Gary Matthews Jr. went 3-for-4 for the Rangers, who had lost five of their previous six.

The A's return to Oakland after a 6-4 road trip that got underway with a doubleheader defeat at Kansas City.

"It was a nice road trip," Macha said. "But we've got a very difficult schedule in September. We've still got a long way to go."

Haren (12-10), who had not lost since July 21, struck out a career-high 12 in seven innings. He allowed three runs and seven hits, walking two.

The Rangers went ahead 2-0 in the second when Hank Blalock walked and Stairs hit the first pitch for his 10th

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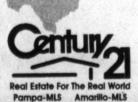
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Togetherness continues to be a theme. You might find it hard to subjugate your needs. Still, if you look at the big picture, you clearly see that this path is correct. Listen to others with an eye to what works. Tonight: Let a partner reveal his or her thoughts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Others run the show. You get ahead of the game through the unexpected and a meeting or group of friends. The unexpected does occur. Pressure comes from a partner. You know what to do.

happens easily as you work with the

unanticipated. Consider options around

your daily life, routine and perhaps work.

Tonight: Try to express uncomfortable feelings. Tonight: Say yes. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ** Juggling different perspectives

Take a stand. Design more of the life you want. Tonight: A must show. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** As an emotional sign, you understand what it means to run with your feelings. Do just that, and you'll emerge successful and on target. A problem that emerges involving your daily life and/or health can be worked through. Tonight: Let your imagination emerge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** You might want to step back before getting involved in others' issues. The clearer you are about where you are coming from, the better the results. Partners and associates could act in a surprising manner. You can always say no.

Tonight: Curb wild spending. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Tell it like it is, and you'll draw results. Others might want to touch base, though you need to accept their unique style. Family or a real estate matter could have an irritating impact. Use your upbeat, positive attitude. Tonight: Out

and about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ** Pull yourself together before you make a statement or try another approach. You might want to create upheaval in your daily life. Is this from boredom or out of necessity? Do ask yourself that before you roll on out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Your imagination united with direction creates both dynamic and surprising ideas. Others react to your creativity. Your positive attitude draws dynamic results, Smile, and others will melt. A friendship pushes you to spend. Tonight: Do what you want.

* ★ ★ You could kindle quite an incendiary situation if you aren't careful. Observe and think, but for the moment do not take action. The less said the better. Often, you might wonder how your actions or attitude could change your direction. Tonight: Rethink your attitude. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You know what you want and

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

where you are heading. Still, unexpected developments could take you in a new direction. If you want your life and day to work, flow with rather than fight the status quo. Aim for what you want, which could involve your goals and a friendship. Tonight: Find your friends. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Take a stand and move forward.

sader. Emphasize your long-term goals. You are in charge and moving forward. Build a stronger basis with a friend or partner; develop a stronger relationship. Tonight: Leader of the gang. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** ★ Read between the lines. Know more of what you want. Realize exactly what is happening with someone at a dis-

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