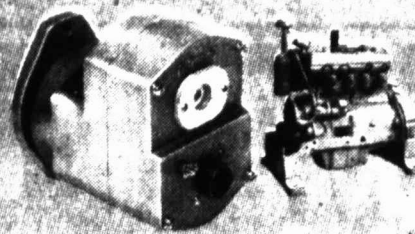


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Super storm pounds city

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Pampa and the Panhandle was pounded by torrential rain, high winds and hail last night as storms moved through the area from northwest to southeast, leaving damage in their wake.

Approximately 3.30 inches of rain had fallen in Pampa by 11:30 p.m., according to Darrell Schorn of KGIK-KOMX radio station. At the height of the storm, rain was falling at the rate of over one inch per hour, he said in a radio broadcast last night.

Radio listeners called in with reports of golf-ball-sized hail in some places, street flooding and high winds. Water was said to be over the curbs on 23rd Avenue between Hobart and Duncan streets, and on Hobart Street from Alcock Street north. A bridge on Kentucky Street near the city pool was reported under water.

At times, the rain was falling so heavily that motorists could not see to drive and had to park until

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Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE
East Browning Avenue residents cut up a fallen tree limb from Tuesday night's storm, from left: Ken Pace, Travis Williams, and David Beavers.

Lightning strike sparks motel blaze

'No room at the inn' for evacuated road construction crew

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A road crew staying in Pampa while working on U.S. Highway 60 found themselves with no place to stay last night after a severe thunderstorm caused their evacuation from the Ranch House Motel, 720 E. Frederic.

Lightning coursing through neon lights lining the eaves of the motel started the fire which damaged two rooms of the Ranch House, said Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens today.

Fire traveled into the attic and then spread down into the ceilings of Rooms 110 and 111. Only those two rooms sustained fire damage, but the entire motel remained closed at press time today because of electrical problems related to the lightning strike, he said.

Stevens estimated damage to the motel at approximately \$30,000.

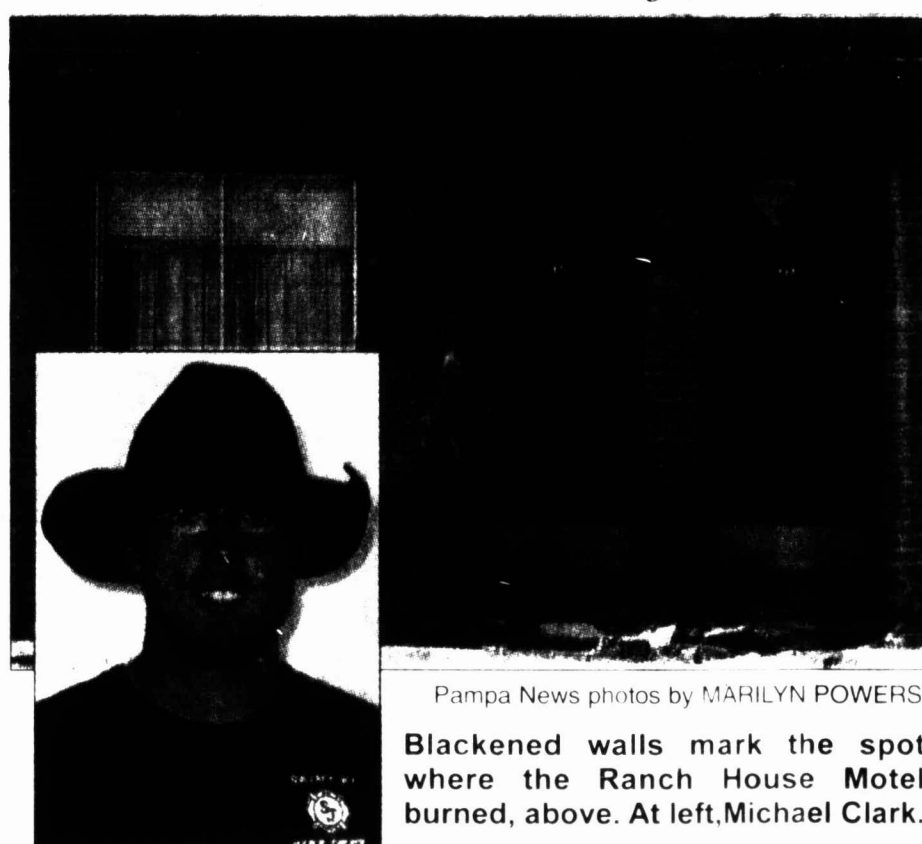
A dispatcher said during a transmission on emergency services radio that one room of the motel was on fire, and flames were shooting through the roof, at 12:05 a.m. today. Pampa Fire Department and Rural Metro Ambulance Service responded.

Michael Clark of Saint Jo, Texas, one of the eight Missouri Petroleum road crew employees and employees' relatives who were staying at the motel at the time of the fire, said that a couple of Pampa men saw the fire as they were driving by and stopped to get everyone out.

"A couple of Pampa guys named Eddie and Paul were passing by on their way to the lake, saw the fire, and stopped to wake people up," he said.

Clark had been asleep in his room when the pounding on his door woke him. He went outside and saw the two Pampa men with a fire extinguisher.

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Pampa News photos by MARILYN POWERS
Blackened walls mark the spot where the Ranch House Motel burned, above. At left, Michael Clark.

Winds topple tree on power line; McLean home goes up in flames

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Editor

After pummeling Pampa, Tuesday night's summer storm intensified as it swept through southern Gray County, destroying a home in McLean and dumping hail and 5.12 inches of rain on Lefors.

Winds, estimated at 70 to 80 miles per hour, toppled a tree near the home of John and Iva Richards at 4th and Clarendon streets in McLean.

As the tree fell about 11:45 p.m., it tore away electric power lines connected to the brick residence which started a fire, said Clifford McDonald, chief of the McLean Volunteer Fire Department.

Twelve hours later, McLean VFD was called back when fire rekindled at the site of the blaze.

"The home was completely lost," McDonald said. "When you have high winds like that, plus the storm going on, there wasn't much we could do."

Despite the conditions which hampered communication efforts, 17 volunteer fire-

fighters responded to the fire, he said, remaining at the scene approximately seven hours to contain the blaze.

The couple escaped from the house without injury, officials said, but lost everything in the fire.

"They discovered the fire just before they headed downstairs to sleep in the basement because of the storm," McDonald said. "If they had been down there when the fire started, it would have been a different story."

The local Red Cross provided clothing and immediate needs for the Richardses, said Heidi Phelps, disaster coordinator. She said the retired couple had no insurance on the house. Recently married, they had combined their savings to buy the home about three months ago, she said, adding that they still own a home in Sherman and will probably move back there.

A fund for the couple has been set up at the Bank of Commerce in McLean, Phelps said.

McDonald said the storm knocked down small trees, broke tree limbs and blew tin off

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City eyes possible \$8 million budget

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

City Manager Mitch Grant is expected to present a balanced budget, excluding capital expenditures and a seal coating program, to the Pampa City Commission today at their budget working session.

The proposed budget is about \$8 million for 2004-2005.

The balanced operating and maintenance budget, according to John Horst, director of the city's finances, is however con-

tingent on several things.

Horst said he increased two revenue sources and added one, which will have to be approved by the mayor and commissioners.

The two revenue sources that have been proposed for increases are health permit fees and trash collection fees.

City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers has been working on health permit fees, which now run \$15 per year for each establishment. If these rates are increased to what the state

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents.

Saturday, June 19

Harassment was reported in the 900 block of South Banks.

Monday, June 21

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of North Wells. A compact disc case with compact discs was taken. Estimated amount of loss was \$250.

Sheriff

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

Monday, June 21

Robert Portello, 28, Moorpark, Calif., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.

Larry Michael Leal, 23, Amarillo, was arrested for

capias pro fines for assault causing bodily injury to a family member, speeding, expired motor vehicle inspection, and two counts each of no valid driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Delbert Thompson, 37, 524 Lefors, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation on a charge of possession of marijuana.

Gregory Harden, 35, 1700 Duncan, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation on a charge of violation of a protective order.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, June 21

6:58 p.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to the 600 block of Atchison on a possible hazardous material spill. A carbon dioxide railroad car tank was venting. The firefighters

found nothing abnormal.

7:44 p.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to 2 1/2 miles west of Price Road on County Road D on a small one-acre grass fire. Fire officials said the fire was caused by a downed power line.

11:48 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to the 800 block of West Foster on an arcing power line. The line was rubbing on a roof vent which caused it to arc.

Tuesday, June 22
12:02 a.m. — Six units and seven firefighters responded to the Ranch House Motel, 720 E. Frederic, on a structure fire. Fire officials said the fire started in the eaves and went into the attic. (See related story on page one.)

2:21 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a call for medical assistance in the 500 block of Elm Avenue.

Ambulance

Rural Metro Ambulance

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

Monday, June 21

12:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Christy and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

6:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Reid. No transport.

Tuesday, June 22

12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of East Frederic on a fire standby.

1:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Baten prison unit and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

2:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Elm and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

3:12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to County Road 4. No transport.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high around 75. North wind around 15 mph becoming east southeast.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60. East wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 87. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 66. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4pm. Partly cloudy, with a high near 90. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 2am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south between 15 and 20 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4pm. Partly



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cloudy, with a high near 82. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 2am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 84. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 2am. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 65.

Projection: Hispanic majority on track by 2020

HOUSTON (AP) — Hispanics are still on pace to outnumber whites in Texas by 2020 and they may even do it sooner, according to new state population estimates.

The Texas State Data Center's biennial population projection, released this week, is based on figures that show Hispanic growth continued in the financially troubled early 2000s while all other groups held steady.

Hispanic growth was more rapid from 2000 to 2002 because fewer people were coming to Texas while the economy was down, but the Hispanic birth rate in the state was much higher than that of other groups, said Texas

state demographer Steve Murdock.

"It accelerates the diversity of the population, where we become less than half Anglo," he said.

The traditional projection has non-Hispanic whites becoming less than half the populace next year, Hispanics edging past non-Hispanic whites in 2020 and Hispanics becoming a majority by 2035. If trends continue as they did from 2000 to 2002, non-Hispanic whites could lose the majority by this year. Hispanics could become the largest group by 2015 and a majority by 2030.

The Texas State Data Center, at the University of Texas at San Antonio, is

the state's official demographer. The center puts out a population projection for the state every two years, making estimations based on different growth scenarios.

All scenarios have the non-Hispanic white and black populations staying virtually flat while Hispanics mount huge gains along with "other," which comprises Asians, American Indians and any other group that doesn't fit into the three largest categories.

In fact, "other" will rival the black population by 2040 if growth were to continue as it has in the first part of this decade, Murdock said.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Anderson Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	3.49
Milo	4.26
Corn	4.96
Soybeans	8.13

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

ONX	47.62	-0.56
BP	53.44	-0.25
Celanese	44.70	NC
Cabot Corp.	39.14	+0.20
Cabot Oil Gas	40.41	+0.07
Coca-Cola	50.98	-0.19
VLO	70.08	+0.89
HAI	29.93	+0.12
Trud	35.37	-0.38
NOI	30.48	-0.03
KMI	59.60	+0.20

XCEL	17.12	+0.03
Kerr-McGee	53.23	+0.04
XOM	44.68	-0.05
Limited	18.69	+0.04
Williams	12.06	+0.07
MCID	26.93	+0.07
Atmos	24.63	+0.02
Pioneer Nat	34.17	NC
JCP	37.78	+0.03
COP	76.61	-0.03
SLB	61.40	-0.09
Tenneco	12.87	+0.10
CVX	92.97	-0.33
Wal-Mart	53.80	1.13
OKE	21.19	+0.19
SS Grp	18.20	-0.17

New York Gold	393.75
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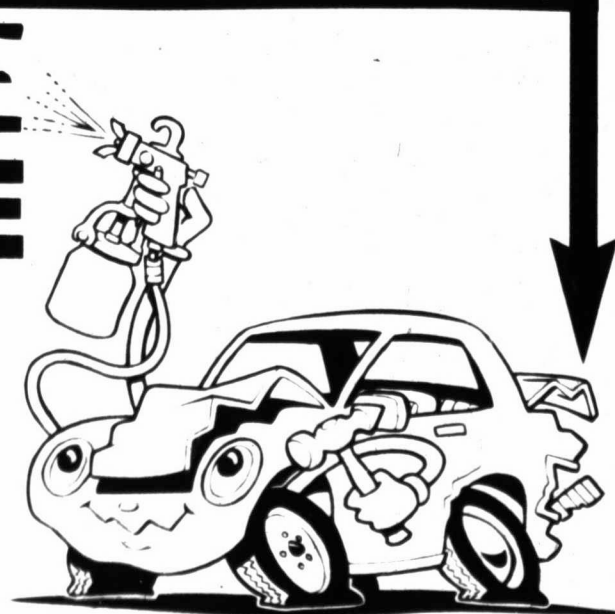
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Business Review

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.

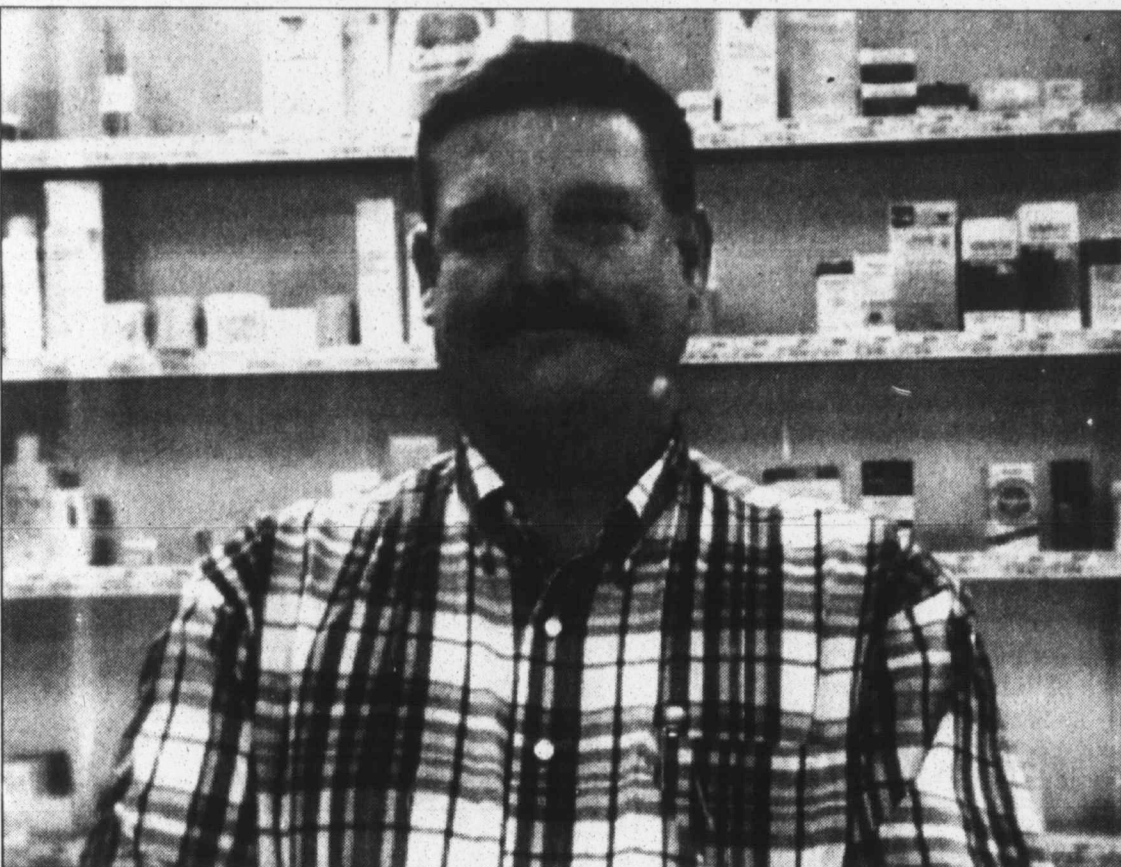
"We want to provide our customers with their needs," said Roark. "New customers are always welcome."

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.



▲ Pharmacist Dennis Roark provides friendly service to customers at the local B&B Pharmacy at 300 N. Ballard. Business phone for the pharmacy 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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Viewpoints

Who says there's nothing to do in Pampa?

There's nothing to do!

Parents, does this sound familiar? Adults, as well as kids, have been known to say this about Pampa.

Well, all I can say is, I sure have been busy in a town where there's nothing going on and nothing to do.

The rodeo, rodeo parade and Kid Pony Show; lawn mower races; a burnin' the bricks weekend complete with mud bog, sock hop, car show and cruise night; and business expo have taken up several weekends in a row now. Coming up is the Fourth of July weekend, and a city spokesperson has confirmed that the city will once again stage its free fireworks display at Recreation Park,

beginning at dusk on Sunday, July 4.

Between now and the Fourth, another rodeo event that is open to the public with no admission charged will be held at the Pen 3 arena, two miles west of Pampa on the north side of Highway 152.

A team penning and sorting will be held Saturday, June 26, and another team penning will take place Sunday, June 27, according to Michael Craig, Sam Condo, owner of the Pen 3 arena, holds about six of these events per year. Craig said, and this will be the third for this year.

In the team penning, 30 head of cattle are set loose in

the arena. Each animal is marked with a number between zero and nine, so that each number is represented on three beeves. A three-man mounted team is told to pen up the three bearing a particular number, and they have 60 seconds to do so.

The sorting is another numbers game, in which 10 head of cattle, each bearing a number from zero to nine, is loose in the arena. A two-man team must get the cattle through a gate in correct numerical order.

Marilyn Powers
Staff Writer



Rodeoing isn't everyone's favorite sport, however. For those who

like motorized events, the lawn mower races begin at 2 p.m. on the first and third Saturdays of each month until late fall. Admission is free. The track is one mile east of Pampa on Highway 60, on the south side of the

highway.

Four-wheeler nitrous cars also race sometimes in conjunction with the lawn mower races. On the Fourth of July weekend, for example, the lawn mower races will be held that Saturday, and the nitrous races will follow on Sunday.

The High Plains Cruisers, organizers for this year's "Burnin' the Bricks" weekend, meet at Wayne's Western Wear at 7 p.m. each Friday to cruise Pampa. One meeting per month is devoted to a special activity, such as a scavenger hunt, poker run or going to a drive-in movie in a nearby town.

Rules for membership in the Cruisers are, "If you

have a wheelbarrow you're proud of, bring it on," said Denver Bruner of the group. There are no dues and no elected officers, just people who enjoy getting together and riding in their vehicles.

This is just a sample of upcoming activities. The Chamber of Commerce, city officials, churches and civic organizations are good sources of information on other planned events.

There are also activities which are available on a regular basis, such as swimming in the city pool, golfing at Hidden Hills Golf Course, the library, garage sales (one of my personal

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Today in History

(AP) — Today is Tuesday, June 22, the 174th day of 2004. There are 192 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 22, 1944, President Roosevelt signed the Readjustment Act of 1944, more popularly known as the GI Bill of Rights.

On this date:

In 1611, English explorer Henry Hudson, his son and several other people were set adrift in present-day Hudson Bay by mutineers.

In 1870, Congress created the Department of Justice.

In 1911, Britain's King George V was crowned at Westminster Abbey.

In 1938, heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis knocked out Max Schmeling in the first round of their rematch at Yankee Stadium.

In 1940, during World War II, Adolf Hitler gained a stunning victory as France was forced to sign an armistice eight days after German forces overran Paris.

In 1945, the World War II battle for Okinawa officially ended; 12,520 Americans and 110,000 Japanese were killed in the 81-day campaign.

In 1969, singer-actress Judy Garland died in London at age 47.

Our readers write

Another side to swine story

To the editor,

Mr. Palmieri's letter of June 13th gives the opportunity to tell "the other side of the story," and that is the valiant struggle of many people of this area against the invasion of the pigs and the reasons the battle was lost.

These folks could not have anticipated the role of politics in this controversy, and they must have wondered why their pleas were not heard by our legislators. Then came the stunning realization that the laws that would have given them the right to protest had been

altered in the mid-1990s by a now ex-legislator who was himself financially interested in confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs). This nullified citizen input and placed these decisions in the hands of a state agency (TNRCC), since renamed Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Contrary to Mr. P's statements, the issue of "smell" was dead last on the list of objections to the corporate hog farms. Far more important were other issues, such as the environment, the water and our future here in the Panhandle, and the ultimate question was: Will such giant, water-consuming animal factories cost us

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Courts should rule, not legislate

Sen. John Kerry, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, has said he will not appoint any judges who would overthrow Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court ruling that mandated legal abortions in all 50 states.

Well, it doesn't really matter. Even if he did, or if President Bush did, such a judge would not be confirmed in the present Senate. The prevailing opinion in Washington is in favor of Roe v. Wade.

It was a flawed decision, not because it legalized abortion, but because it usurped the authority of 50 state legislatures. Far too

many judges, both federal and state, have taken it upon themselves to legislate rather than rule on existing law.

It's important to understand the difference between legislatures and courts. All of the moral and philosophical decisions are the province of legislatures. It is in the legislature that the will of the people expresses itself.

Courts properly have no legislative function. Their

function is to look at law as it is written and see if the facts of a particular case fit it. In the case of the Supreme Court, it has taken upon itself the role of deciding if any law conforms to the U.S.

Constitution.

The Constitution is dead-silent on abortion and on practically every other moral and philosophical issue you can think of. It was never intended to be a catchall

piece of legislation. It was a charter authorized by the sovereign states for a federal government with limited powers. All you have to do is read the document, and you can plainly see it is simply about the structure of government and the powers assigned to the various components. The only crime it even mentions is treason.

Prior to Roe v. Wade, the question of abortion had been left properly to the 50 states. In some it was legal. In some it was not. What the Supreme Court did, without a shred of basis in the

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Charley Reese

Columnist



I'm with Dad on stem cell research

The media continues to report that the Reagan "family" is in favor of stem cell research, when the truth is that two members of the family have been long time foes of this process of manufacturing human beings — my dad, Ronald Reagan during his lifetime, and I.

The media should keep in mind that we are also members of the Reagan "family," and my father, as I do, opposed the creation of human embryos for the sole purpose of using their stem cells as possible medical cures.

Moreover, using the widely promoted and thoroughly discredited argument

that stem cell research can lead to a cure of Alzheimer's disease, the media and proponents of stem cell research have suggested that had the research been done a long time ago, my dad might have avoided the ordeal he endured. This is junk science at its worst.

As William Clark, dad's national security advisor, interior secretary and one of my dad's closest friends and aides wrote in a recent op-ed piece in the New York Times my father's "suffering under

Alzheimer's disease was tragic, and we should do everything we can that is ethically proper to help others afflicted with it. But I have no doubt that he would have urged our nation to

look to adult stem cell research — which has yielded many clinical successes — and away from the destruction of developing human lives, which has yielded none." And he warned, "Those who would trade on Ronald Reagan's legacy should first consider his own words."



Michael Reagan

Columnist

Here's what my father said way back in 1983: "My administration is dedicated to the preservation of America as a free land and there is no cause more important for preserving that freedom than affirming the transcendent right to life of all human beings, the right without which no other rights have any meaning."

To make matters worse, those arguing for embryonic stem cells have embarked on a campaign of disinformation, claiming that there are scientific reasons for believing that their research can be expected to lead to a cure for

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Despite bad reviews, fans line up to buy Clinton's book

NEW YORK (AP) — Eager for a few seconds of face time with their idol, hundreds of Bill Clinton's fans lined up Tuesday near a Manhattan bookstore where he was scheduled to sign copies of his new memoir, "My Life."

"Bill Clinton is a rock star," said Lynne Roberts, 37, who set up camp Monday night, nearly 15 hours before the signing was to begin. "He is our cultural icon and we miss him now more than ever, given everything that's going on in the world."

The Rockefeller Center Barnes & Noble planned to give out more than 1,000 wristbands that would allow customers to purchase several copies, but only one autographed by the former president, who was to arrive at 12:30 p.m.

Although fans were told there would be no time to talk to Clinton, Dana Scinto of

Stamford, Conn., said she would try to convey a message anyway.

"I want to thank him for eight fun years where he didn't insult my intelligence or rule by fear, like our current president," said Scinto, 39.

Those who spent the night on the concrete said an atmosphere of camaraderie helped speed the waiting. Roberts said she played gin rummy with her boyfriend and read a newspaper before swaddling herself in a sleeping bag for a nap.

Evette Clarke, who got in line at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, when the number waiting had grown into the hundreds, was effusive about the former president.

"He is our cultural icon and we miss him now more than ever, given everything that's going on in the world."

— Lynne Roberts
Clinton fan

"I love the man. He was a great president."

... said Clarke, who hoped to buy two copies of the book. "He had a problem with his reputation, but who doesn't? Nobody's perfect."

Clinton was also scheduled to sign books Tuesday night at a bookstore in Harlem, where he has an office.

Bookstores in New York, Washington and Little Rock, Ark., stayed open late Monday night for buyers who wanted to snap up their copies right at midnight.

"It's a historic moment for me," said Margaret Woods, who was at a store near Lincoln Center that began selling

the book at midnight. "When he was in office, the country was prosperous, people had jobs, the budget was balanced and we weren't at war. He gave a lot of people hope."

The Books-A-Million store in North Little Rock, Ark., staged a party with trivia contests that drew about 80 people.

Although initial reviews have called the book self-serving and dull, Garry Caldwell, 54, of Sherwood, Ark., said he wanted to read "My Life" to better understand Clinton's legacy.

"I believe in listening to both sides of the argument and making up my own mind," he said. "I think he was a good president — I think he could have been one of the best presidents except for the scandals."

Alfred A. Knopf has given the memoirs a first printing of 1.5 million.

Girl Scouts party follows Mardi Gras theme

Girl Scout Brownie Troop 232 and Junior Troop 245 recently held their end of year Awards Banquet at Travis Elementary where they met every Tuesday during the school year.

The 12 Brownies worked on approximately 30 "Try its" and fun patches combined. In total, the Juniors worked on around 19 badges and fun patches.

The Junior troop, chosen to select a theme for the banquet, chose a Mardi Gras party. The girls received Mardi Gras masks and beads. The menu consisted of Cajun type foods such as jambalaya and gumbo.

Troop leader LeAnn Griffin said, "The girls have worked very hard to earn this many patches and still had fun doing it."



Above: (left-right) leaders LeAnn Griffin and Lynn Dittiro; (first row) Kenzi Griffin, Chelsi Griffin, Krista Brown, Emilee Frost, Victoria Robles, Kolbi Furgason; (second row) Avery Malone, Kelsey Henry, Natalie Rodriguez, Jasmine Villarreal; (third row) Destiny Kobernick, Teaira Jordan, Christina Dittiro, Miranda Beedy, Elizabeth Willi-Fagg, Mary Jo Collier, Jennifer Hendricks, Sierra Parker and Laci Hernandez.

Whether Laci Peterson walked her dog proves crucial in murder trial

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Laci Peterson had stopped walking her dog weeks before she vanished, friends say, countering her husband's theory that she was abducted while taking the dog out on Christmas Eve in 2002.

Prosecutors who charge that Scott Peterson murdered his wife and their unborn child contend that she stopped walking the dog weeks before, at her doctor's urging, and that Peterson is lying.

Two other friends of Laci's also testified that she had stopped walking the couple's dog. More friends and a Modesto police detective were expected to be called as witnesses Tuesday.

Scott Peterson claims his wife planned to walk the couple's dog the morning he left for a solo fishing trip and returned to an empty home. Prosecutors allege Peterson, 31, dumped Laci's body into San Francisco Bay, using the fishing story as a cover-up.

Defense attorney Mark Geragos raised questions about the police theory while cross-examining Debra Wolski, Laci Peterson's prenatal yoga instructor who also testified to Laci's weakened state.

Geragos pointed to a police report in which Wolski said that Laci told her the only exercise she got was walking the dog in the morning. On the witness stand Monday, Wolski said Laci told her she had stopped walking the dog.

"Every time she would start to do something she would have to stop and rest."

— Stacey Boyers
Victim's friend

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favorites), fishing at Recreation Lake or at Lake

McClellan (another personal favorite), having a picnic at one of the city's parks, or just stargazing on a clear summer night.

A skateboard park in Central Park is in the works

for future use.

Basketball courts, hike and bike paths, playground equipment and barbecue grills are all available free of charge, in addition to the usual picnic tables and

benches. If all else fails, find a hobby to enjoy.

Anyone who says they can't find anything at all to do isn't looking hard enough.

Edna L. Haydon
Pampa

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more in these terms than they will ever bring?

The fecal waste and urine from this facility east of Pampa is pumped raw into 47-acres of 30-foot deep

open-air toilets, tastefully referred to by the pig industry as "lagoons." This method of waste handling and the sheer quantities thereof cause great concern for the Ogalalla Aquifer which underlies the site, and is now becoming the sole source of water for the area with the drying up of Lake

Meredith.

On another tack, it looks like time has proven that the outraged taxpayers who voted out the PEDC were right. Nothing remains to show for the approximately \$10-\$12 million spent by the PEDC except for one small operation which will continue to be tax-subsidized for

the next several years. The great blessing is that the taxpayers are no longer the hapless victims of the opportunists who come down the road looking for handouts, and then depart with the proceeds.

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Constitution, was to declare its exclusive right to decide the issue for all 50 states. Federal courts in recent years have often done this. The excuse was that prohibiting abortion was an invasion of privacy and that the right of privacy is in the "penumbra" of the Constitution.

That's 200 percent baloney. The Constitution makes no mention of privacy. The closest it comes is

saying that homes may be searched and private papers seized if due process of law is followed. That certainly is not a broad grant of privacy. And if prohibiting the murder of an infant in the womb is a violation of a woman's right to privacy, why is it not also a violation of her right to privacy to prohibit her murder of other children? Indeed, following the illogic of that court, the whole criminal code is a violation of people's right to privacy.

Another component of the bad decision was that the court majority, like the Nazis, took it upon them-

selves to decide who was and who wasn't a human being. It is a medical fact that the human being is genetically complete at the moment of conception, and from that point on, all the child does is grow. An embryo at its earliest stage is a human life. There is no escaping that. Left alone, it produces a fully developed human being, not a frog or a fish. Thus, abortion at any stage is the taking of a human life.

So the Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade committed two grievous sins. It usurped the role of the legislature. It

legalized and thus condoned the murder of innocent human beings.

It is sad that we have reached such a level of decadence that government, rather than being a protector of innocent life, has made itself a threat to innocent children and now has the blood of millions on its hands. As for controlling the population — one of my regular themes — the time to do that is before pregnancy, not afterward. If you want to kill people just to thin the population, there are a lot better candidates than innocent children.

to Michael Fumento, one of the nation's most skilled debunkers of junk science. "Over the horizon are so-called adult stem cells (ASCs), extracted from people of any age and from umbilical cords and placentas. Not only don't they carry the moral baggage of embryonic stem cells (ESCs), but research with them is much further along."

Fumento adds, "Unfortunately, embryonic stem cell researchers have so powerful a PR machine that many influential people don't even know there's an alternative."

Note to the media: Next time you write about the "family," remember both Dad and me. It's our family too.

Community happenings

• **Gray County Partnership of Moms and Babies** meets at 12 noon on the third Friday of each month at Medical Office Building, second floor conference room, in Pampa. For more information, call 664-2459 and leave a message.

• **High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo**, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

• **Crown of Texas Hospice and Northwest Texas Healthcare System** are co-sponsors of "H.O.P.E.," an education and support group for parents grieving the death of a child. The group meets the second Thursday of each month at Crown of Texas Hospice in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 372-7696.

• **Crown of Texas Hospice is offering HOPE (Healing Our Parental Emptiness)** bereavement series for those grieving the death of a child (pregnancy to 18 years) from 10-11:30

a.m., the first Saturday of each month at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. The series is free and open to the public. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

• **Hospice Education Institute**, a non-profit organization, has established HOSPICELINK, a national toll-free telephone hotline for people seeking information and education regarding hospice care. The service offers referrals to hospices in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and is available to consumers free of charge. HOSPICELINK maintains a continually updated computer database of all hospices, national and internationally, so referrals are accurate and appropriate to each patient's needs. For more information about HEI, call 1-800-331-1620. HOSPICELINK lines are open from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., weekdays, Eastern time.

• **LifeStyle Medical Program makes available**, at no cost to the patient, breathing medications and nebulizers to patients who use oxygen or who have asthma, emphysema or COPD if they qualify. For more information, call 1-800-519-4480.

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Alzheimer's disease. Listen to what Ronald D.G. McKay, a stem cell researcher at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke told the Washington Post: "People need a fairy tale," he said, explaining why scientists have allowed society to believe wrongly that stem cells are likely to effectively treat Alzheimer's disease. He added "Maybe that's unfair, but they need a story line that's relatively simple to understand."

A story line that is a flat out lie.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am about 70 pounds overweight. When I try to diet I just give up. I feel like crying every night because of the way I look. The older I get, the more concerned I am about my weight problem, but I can't help myself.

I'm not dating anyone, and my so-called "friend" said it's because I am so ugly.

I am also kind of scared that I'll wind up dead because of my weight, but I can't stop eating. I eat because I'm sad and I eat because I'm happy. I joined an athletic program at school. All it did was help me lose a little bit of weight -- not much.

What can I do to feel better about myself and become more healthy? I don't want to die

— SCARED AND SAD FAT GIRL

DEAR SCARED AND SAD FAT GIRL: Stop beating yourself up. You have a weight problem, but you're not alone. So do millions of other people. Give yourself a pat on the back. You have already taken the first important step in overcoming your problem. You joined an athletic program, which is important to your long-term health. An added bonus is that it helps to burn calories.

Now it's time to make an appointment with your physician so he or she can recommend a sensible weight-loss program. Once that's established, go to your phone directory and check the listings for Overeaters Anonymous. OA is a self-help group that has been around for more than 40 years, with more than 8,000 chapters in 50 countries. You will be welcomed with open arms into a fellowship of compassionate women, men and young people who share a common problem. It charges no dues or fees, and the only requirement for membership is a desire to

stop eating compulsively.

Allow me to quote from a letter I printed in 1999 from a member of Overeaters Anonymous:

"Before I found OA at age 19, I had failed at every diet I tried. I wasn't able to stop shoving food down my throat. Back then, I could easily consume eight candy bars, a pint of ice cream and half a pizza in one sitting. ... My emotional state was equally tortured.

"I lost 45 pounds, Abby, but more important, I have kept it off for more than 18 years. One of my closest friends lost 102 pounds through OA and has kept it off for nearly two years. My sponsor, who guides me through the program, lost 250 pounds and has kept it off for 27 years. I'm not making it up.

"Incredibly, I don't miss the foods I used to wolf down. I eat nothing sweeter than fresh fruit, and I haven't been plagued by the relentless cravings I used to suffer. OA changed the way I relate emotionally to food. I love life now, and often can't wait to get up in the morning."

"Sad and Scared," jump-start your diet by jettisoning the so-called "friend" you mentioned in your letter. With that kind of negative influence in your life, it's no wonder you turned to food for comfort. If you have trouble locating an OA chapter near you, visit the Web site, www.overeatersanonymous.org, or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to OA World Service Office, P.O. Box 44020, Rio Rancho, NM 87174-4020. You'll be glad you did.

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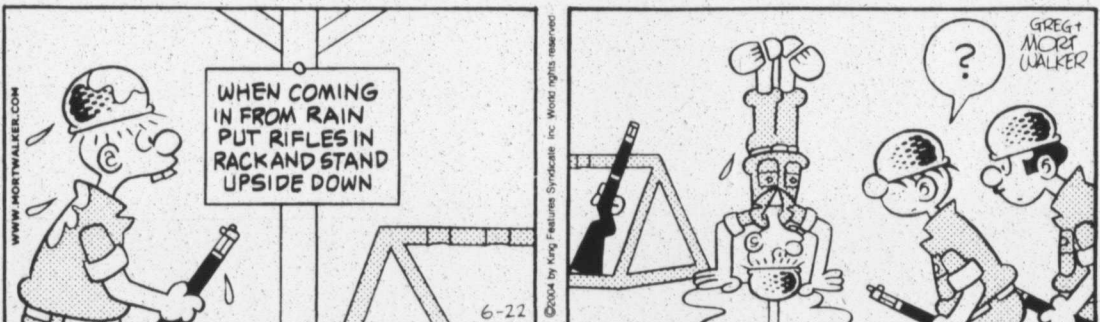
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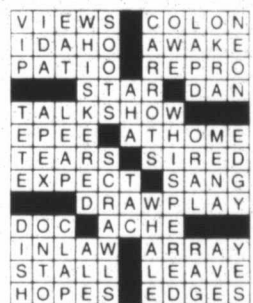
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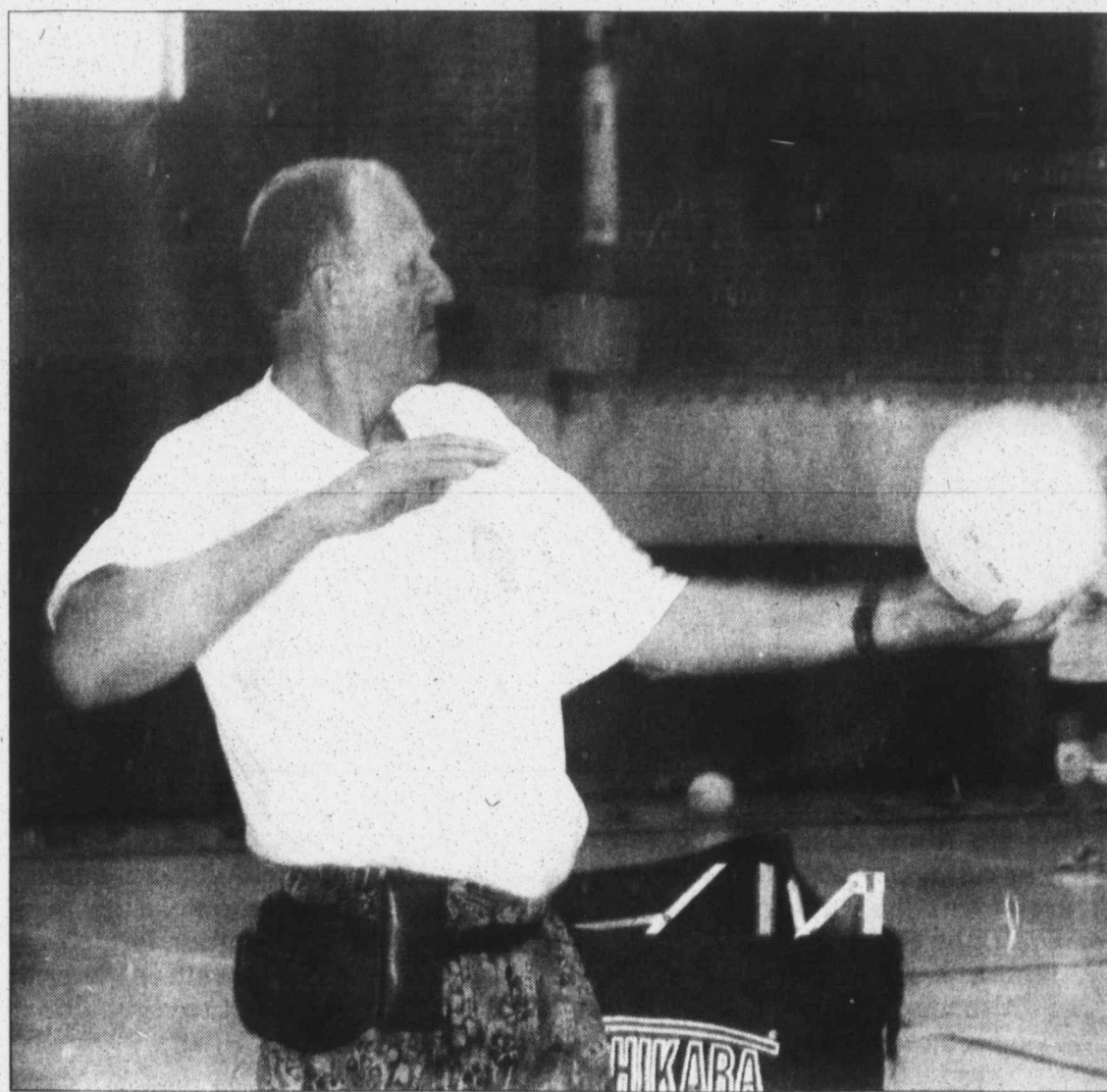
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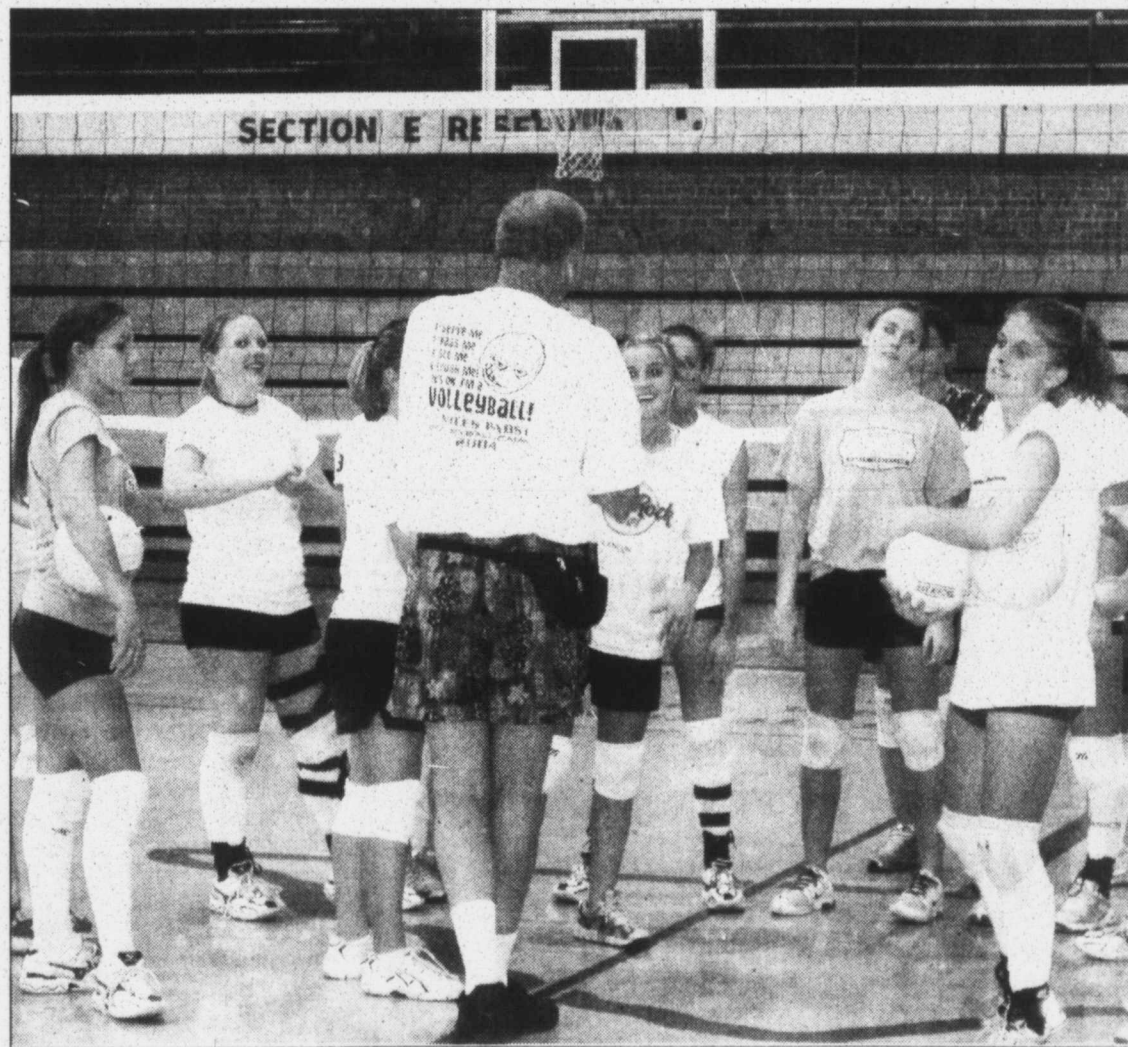
Sports Day

Serving up wisdom



Photos by JANIS SPEARMAN

Miles Pabst, former Olympian and Oklahoma University Volleyball coach, demonstrates serve technique above. Below, some of the girls taking part in this week's camp share a laugh and a smile with Pabst who is conducting a volleyball camp at McNeely Fieldhouse in Pampa through Friday, June 25. The camp is for high school freshmen-seniors. Coach Pabst coached volleyball at OU from 1977-1999.



Three year wait worth it for Goran Ivanisevic

By STEPHEN WILSON
The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Goran Ivanisevic waited three years to play one match. It was everything he'd wished for.

Ivanisevic is back at Wimbledon for the first time since winning the title as a wild card in 2001. After missing the tournament the past two years with injuries, he can still claim to be a "defending" champion.

The 32-year-old Croat picked up where he left off Monday — slamming aces, hammering it up for the crowd, blowing kisses and winning in straight sets on Centre Court.

"Beautiful," he said after beating Mikhail Youzhny of Russia 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-2.

Ivanisevic hasn't lost a match at Wimbledon in four years. After beating Pat Rafter in a dramatic five-set final for his first and only Grand Slam title, he missed the 2002 tournament after left shoulder surgery and pulled out in 2003 after knee surgery.

This, his 15th career Wimbledon, will be his final tournament of any kind.

And he's making the most of it.

"I just came here to say goodbye and have fun," Ivanisevic said. "If I win a couple of matches, it's great. If not, it's also great."

The way he looked on the opening day, who knows how far he could go.

Ivanisevic, who has won only two matches in nine tournaments this year, looked like the Goran of old — whipping left-handed

serves, volleying with authority, ripping baseline shots.

He said he doesn't expect to win the tournament, and would be happy just to get to the second week.

"If I play well, nobody's going to beat me easy, especially since I don't have any goals," he said. "I'm retiring after this Wimbledon. I'm going to enjoy myself every minute on the court. If somebody wants to beat me, he's going to have to play really good tennis."

Ivanisevic was given the honor of following Roger Federer, last year's champion, for the second match on Centre Court. It was the first time he'd played a first-round match on the sport's most famous stage.

"When I saw this crowd, I thought, 'That was worth it for these two years, struggling, doing therapy, all kinds of therapy, being up and down,'" he said. "It was worth it to fight and come back and be today on Centre Court."

Ivanisevic hit 13 aces, 17 volley winners and plenty of unreturnable baseline shots. He broke three times and never lost serve. Luck was on his side, too, with several net cords going his way. He suggested the gods of Wimbledon were behind him.

"I'm retiring after this Wimbledon. I'm going to enjoy myself every minute on the court. If somebody wants to beat me, he's going to have to play really good tennis."

— Goran Ivanisevic
Professional tennis player

"Today, everything, really, like, they still want me to play here," he said. "You know, they don't want me to lose first round."

Ivanisevic's next match, against Filippo Volandri of Italy, almost certainly won't be on Centre Court.

"If I play like this, I can play here in the parking (lot)," he said.

Ivanisevic paid tribute to another former champion making an emotional Wimbledon comeback. Nine-time champion Martina Navratilova, 47, playing singles here for the first time in 10 years, served and volleyed to a 6-0, 6-1 win over Catalina Castano of Colombia in 46 minutes.

"I cannot compare myself to her," Ivanisevic said. "She is another level. She is from another planet. She is one of the few women tennis players I respect. ... She's my hero."

Navratilova is the oldest woman to win a singles match at Wimbledon since Madeline O'Neill of Britain reached the third round in 1922 at the age of 54.

"It's great to be out there, great to have that opportunity," Navratilova said. "When people say, 'Why are you doing it?' I guess the answer is, because I still can, bottom line."

SHAQ IN A MAVS UNIFORM

Cuban to be careful

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Mark Cuban, Don Nelson and the Dallas Mavericks are always eager to make trades — and their team desperately needs a big man. But with the league's most dominant center asking to be dealt, Cuban said Monday he hadn't even talked to the Lakers about Shaquille O'Neal.

"Will we? Most likely," Cuban said. "But, you know, we also have to ascertain what's real and what's not real. Believe it or not, just because you read it in the press doesn't mean that a situation is really there. Sometimes, it is. We'll have to find out and see."

If the Lakers are serious about trading O'Neal, the Mavericks could be an ideal partner.

Dallas has one of the league's most talent-laden rosters, including several players whose combined salaries would be within the league-mandated 15 percent of O'Neal's paycheck. The Mavs also have a management team that has shown the creativity to pull off wild, complicated deals.

The hangup would be the players involved. The Lakers would start by asking for Dirk Nowitzki. The Mavericks would be more willing to package Antoine Walker, Antawn Jamison or Michael Finley.

"I'd be hard-pressed to see us trading Dirk," Cuban said. "Dirk is as close to an untouchable as we'd get."

Cuban understands the interest and

intrigue surrounding O'Neal's possible departure from the Lakers, as well as Orlando considering trading Tracy McGrady. But he laughed at the notion there's an abundance of big-name players available.

"The only difference between this and any other summer is that it's been so public," Cuban said. "Typically, all this goes on behind the scenes."

McGrady told Florida Today that he and O'Neal are "trying to get to Dallas together now."

Cuban is flattered, but he's heard similar things before.

"You'd be shocked at how many players have called me at various points and asked to be traded to the Mavs," he said, smiling.

The Mavericks certainly will do something this offseason to shake up a team coming off a disappointing first-round playoff exit.

Cuban admitted the problem was "we just had too many weapons for everybody to fit." The best way to solve that is with trades, especially since Dallas' only draft pick is No. 50 and the Mavs have only the mid-level exception to offer to free agents.

"We've called just about every team," said Donnie Nelson, Dallas' president of basketball operations. "We're talking about picks and scenarios of all shapes and sizes. It's just that time of year. But I wouldn't get too carried away with some of the crazy rumors that are flying around."

McGrady to Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets are reportedly close Tuesday to sending top point guard Steve Francis to the Orlando Magic for two-time scoring champion Tracy McGrady.

Francis' agent, Jeff Fried, told the Houston Chronicle in its online edition early Tuesday that Rockets general manager Carroll Dawson told him the trade was near, but as yet incomplete.

"I spoke to Carroll, and it was not a done deal," Fried told the newspaper. "It's close. It's subject to a few contingencies."

Forward Kelvin Cato and guard Cuttino Mobley would also reportedly go to the Magic in the deal, which would bring the Rockets veteran forward Juwan Howard, point guard Tyrone Lue and a player exposed in Tuesday night's expansion draft, likely guard Reece Gaines, who was the Magic's first-round pick last season.

McGrady, 25, has made it clear he does not want to be in Orlando. Through Fried, Francis has also made it clear he does not want to be in Orlando, potentially setting up a last consideration for the Magic before sealing the deal.

Some maneuvering involving Tuesday's expansion draft was necessary to make the deal work, Fried said. Bernie Bickerstaff, Charlotte Bobcats general manager, told the newspaper he talked to Magic general manager John Weisbrod about a role in facilitat-

ing the trade, likely agreeing to another deal in which he would agree not to take Gaines.

But Francis said he wants to stay in Houston.

"I thought we were really building something, something very good in Houston," said Francis, who has averaged 19.3 points, 6.4 assists and 6.1 rebounds in five seasons with the Rockets. "Obviously, that's not the direction they want to go. I still think we could be a very good team."

"I'm not crying. Like I told you before, I know this is a business. Things like that happen. I'm not mad. I'm not upset. This is what they're trying to do. But like I said, I still think we could be something."

Francis told Houston television station KRIV that he talked with Los Angeles Lakers star Shaquille O'Neal on Monday and wants him as a teammate if he goes to Orlando.

Another of Francis' agents, Nate Peake, told KRIV that the Rockets and Magic may need to get another team involved for a trade to work.

"Just like Tracy McGrady made it be known that he would like to come to Houston, I believe Steve Francis should be able to go to a place where he can succeed at," said Peake.

Fried told the Chronicle that Francis was unhappy with the prospect of playing for the Magic in a rebuilding situation.

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COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

UT waits, LSU gone

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Ricky Romero threw a nine-hitter, and Felipe Garcia went 4-for-4 to lead Cal State Fullerton to a 6-3 victory over Miami in the College World Series on Monday night.

Romero (13-4) struck out seven, walked two, and only got into trouble once.

The Titans have gotten complete games in their first two games at the CWS. Jason Windsor pitched a three-hitter in a 2-0 win over South Carolina on Saturday.

Cal State Fullerton (44-21) has won seven straight and 29 of 34 games. The Hurricanes (50-12) had their 13-game winning streak ended.

Miami's J.D. Cockroft (9-5) struggled for the second year in a row in the CWS. He lasted only 3 2-3 innings — his shortest outing in 12 starts — and gave up nine hits and five runs. He was hurt by four Miami errors.

The Titans could face Miami in a rematch on Wednesday if the Hurricanes beat South Carolina the day before.

Meanwhile, South Carolina eliminated LSU 15-4.

Kevin Melillo had four hits and was ejected and reinstated after a collision at home to help South Carolina eliminate LSU.

The Gamecocks trailed 3-1 before scoring six runs with two outs in the sixth.

Nick Gardiner singled to right off Lane Mestepey (7-4) with the bases loaded and two out. Landon Powell scored easily, but Melillo collided with LSU catcher Matt Liuzza and scored after the ball bounced under Liuzza's glove and then was ejected by umpire Bob Homolka. He was reinstated after the umpires determined the collision was unintentional.

The Gamecocks scored four more in the inning, three on throwing errors, then added six more in the eighth.

Gamecocks starter Aaron Rawl (13-4) scattered 11 hits over 6 2-3 innings.

Today's games feature Arizona vs. Georgia in game nine of the CWS. South Carolina and Miami will follow in game 10.

The Texas Longhorns, undefeated in the series thus far, will face the winner of today's Arizona-Georgia game on Wednesday.

Baylor considering background checks

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

All athletes transferring to Baylor University should undergo criminal background checks and allow the university to have access to records of disciplinary actions at previous colleges, a task force said yesterday.

Several recruiting policy recommendations were made by a university task force that was formed to address violations of N.C.A.A. rules and other problems discovered last summer after Patrick Dennehy, a 6-foot-11 center and forward, was killed. Dennehy's former teammate, Carlton Dotson, was charged with murder and is jailed in Waco, Tex., awaiting a trial scheduled to begin in August.

The task force also recommended requiring all prospective athletes — incoming fresh-

men as well as transfers — to provide three character references.

"With the successful implementation of these measures, we certainly think we can avoid any type of situation that is going to cause embarrassment to Baylor," said Ian McCaw, Baylor's athletic director since September. "This really demonstrates a commitment to the student-athletes' welfare and success."

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— Ian McCaw
Baylor University
athletic director

Also for the first time, a committee appointed by Baylor's president would review the reference and background information on prospective transfers before they were accepted. Information on freshmen would be reviewed by the athletic department.

Baylor's president, Robert Sloan, said he would approve the task-force recommendations.

Amarillo Titans come close

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Amarillo Titans 14 and under softball team finished second in the Panhandle Classic Fastpitch Softball Tournament held June 13, 14 and 15 in Amarillo.

The Titan team is made up of girls from around the Panhandle area.

The Titans won five straight games to advance to the finals held at the Lady Tascosa Rebel Field in Amarillo where they were bested by the Amarillo Lady Texans.



Amarillo Titans pose for team photo. Front, Preslie Wilde-Amarillo. Row two, left to right, Carlyn Teichmann-Pampa, Kaycee Tulkington-Amarillo, Leandra Rivera-Amarillo, Courtney Kaplan-Borger, Tonia Orenda-Amarillo. Row three, left to right, Rikay Larue-Amarillo, Emily Smirl-Amarillo. Row four, left to right, Chandra Tracey-Borger, Sheri Haynes-McClean, Saibrec Beltran-Amarillo, Eren Vassey-McClean, Ashely Byron-McClean. Back row, left to right, coaches David Smirl, Nathan Wilde, David Teichmann and Albert Rivera.

Tyson granted license

ATLANTIC CITY, (AP) — Mike Tyson was granted a boxing license Monday in New Jersey, a state he walked away from nearly six years ago after uttering an expletive at regulators during a licensing hearing. But Gov. James E. McGreevey limited the locations where Tyson could have a match.

"He's been behaving himself for quite some time," Larry Hazzard, the state's boxing commissioner, said of Tyson.

Tyson, 38, a former heavyweight champion who has fought only three times in the last four years, was granted a license by Hazzard on behalf of the New Jersey Athletic Control Board.

But soon after that decision was announced, McGreevey said he would not allow Tyson to fight at any facility owned or operated by the state.

McGreevey also said he would ask the board to review the decision.

MLB players of the week

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American League

June 21 — LHP Johan Santana, Minnesota
June 14 — DH Erubiel Durazo and 1B Scott Hatteberg, Oakland

June 7 — OF Gary Sheffield, N.Y. Yankees
May 30 — OF Hideki Matsui, N.Y. Yankees

May 24 — OF Jose Cruz, Jr., Tampa Bay

May 17 — C Victor Martinez, Cleveland, and RHP Joe Nathan, Minnesota

May 10 — OF Jose Guillen, Anaheim

May 3 — OF Ruben Sierra, N.Y. Yankees

April 26 — RHP Jake Westbrook, Cleveland

National League

June 21 — 1B Jim Thome, Philadelphia

June 14 — 3B Scott Rolen, St. Louis

June 7 — OF Luis Gonzalez, Arizona

May 30 — OF Daryle Ward, Pittsburgh, and OF Rob Mackowiak, Pittsburgh

May 24 — LHP Randy Johnson, Arizona

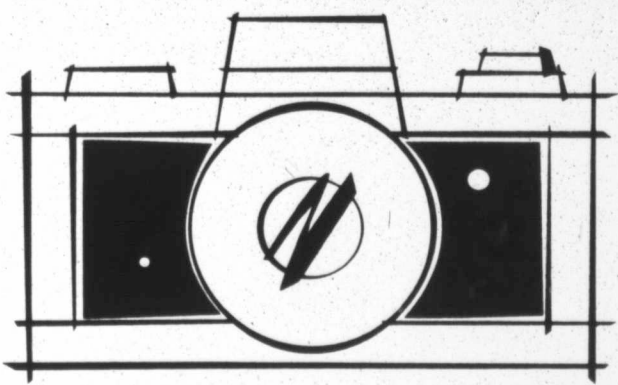
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6-22 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I LIVE IN THAT SOLITUDE WHICH IS PAINFUL IN YOUTH, BUT DELICIOUS IN THE YEARS OF MATURITY. — ALBERT EINSTEIN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for
Wednesday, June 23, 2004:

Your ability to energize others, especially to make money, comes forward. Mobilizing others helps you get more of what you want as well. Be careful with spending, and don't go hog-wild before the funds are in your account or the check is in the mail. Remember, you are accountable for what you do. Work on relating to others in a more open manner. Let your feelings emerge. If you are single, you will meet people with ease and might hook up come fall. If you are attached, you will want to communicate more often with each other. Decide to add more romance to your relationship this winter. Add a romantic item to your home or take a special vacation together. VIRGO brings out your personality.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You tend to work overtime and give a strong effort, even if on some level you feel sabotaged. Tap into your creativity for answers, please. Your resourcefulness grows in the next few weeks and months. Don't take "no" for an answer. Tonight: Give a loved one a back rub.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Your imagination takes you in a new direction. Check in with a family member before you jump the gun or do something unnecessary or problematic. Investigate what is the best path to head down. Tonight: Spice up your nightlife.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Family and domestic issues dominate your thinking. If you have a

home office, you might not be able to close yourself off from unwanted communication. Listen to others' opinions, because you might be dumbfounded by what you gain. Tonight: Happy as a cat. Nestle in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Express your feelings, but don't feel that you have to act on them by buying gifts or with a heavy outlay of finances. You discover that there are many ways to get to the same point. Chat with a neighbor. Come up with new ideas. Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Making money helps you gain. You listen, and as a result, you gain. Your high energy multiplies in the next few weeks. At the same time, you could become inordinately frustrated or touchy. Consider an investment. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Your popularity increases with your efforts. Move while the going is good. Be careful, as in the next few months you could sabotage yourself. Deal with your anger before it deals with you. Float with the moment. Tonight: Be out there.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** You might be driven to keep a certain matter hush-hush. Your judgment comes forth, helping you make the correct decision. Investigate new ideas. Your friends push you hard. Give in and make plans for a round of golf or another preferred sport. Tonight: Where the gang is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Pulling rabbits out of black hats could become a specialty if every day was like this one. Depend on others as you go to bat. Be a part of the team. You might be unusually goal-driven in the next few weeks and months.

Tonight: Happy as a cat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Others could be quite provocative, especially those at a distance. You might actually need to take flight and visit with a key person at a distance in the near future. For now, clear out your work and get the job done. Tonight: A must show.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Others provide money options left and right. You might want to investigate other opportunities in the next few weeks before jumping on the handwagon. Detach and take a look at what is going on. Tonight: Friends mix well. Look for another point of view.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Others come to you. Slow down and take your time with a decision, even if an associate or partner appears to want to force your hand. You will gain financially if you are wise and together. Take your time. Tonight: Discuss funds with someone in the know.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** You need to get the job done before you start networking or go to a meeting. You have more than enough energy to get the job done. In fact, you easily could be a hellion in the next few weeks. Give others the chance to show their colors. Tonight: Out and about.

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Storm

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the storm weakened, said Randy Stubblefield of Pampa in a telephone call to the radio station. Many took shelter under any available awnings, such as car washes and some restaurants.

Pampa Police Department and Gray County Sheriff's Department radio traffic indicated that the police department had flooded. Large fans were set up to help dry the floors this morning. Flooding was also reported in some homes and city parks, including Central Park, which at one time had water almost high enough to reach the restrooms, according to the police transmissions.

Street flooding was responsible for several stranded motorists with stalled vehicles, according to police radio transmissions. One motorist was stranded at Kentucky and Sumner streets, and two others were stuck when their cars stalled in the high water near Megan's Restaurant, 2505 Perryton Parkway.

One police officer noted that many stores in Coronado Center appeared to have lost electrical power and were dark at about 12:35 a.m. today.

Another officer reported that "railroad ties" at KFC Restaurant, 2201 N. Hobart, had washed out into the roadway. He and another officer moved the ties up onto the grass at the restaurant.

Tree limbs, some blocking streets, were down in many areas of the city, including the 1000 blocks of Charles, Russell, Christine and Mary Ellen streets, the 800 and 900 blocks of Somerville, and the 1300 block of Garland.

At the height of the storm, Ken Pace, 719 E. Browning, said he saw "a lightning flash and there was a big pop." When he got up the next morning, his neighbor David Beavers had already started cutting away the tree limb, as

large as most trees, that had broken off an elm tree in his front yard, falling into Browning Avenue.

Beavers, a Wal-Mart employee, said he and his fellow employees were sent home earlier than usual after company officials learned of the severe damage at the Super Wal-Mart in Amarillo. He said as he drove home, he saw water almost to the base of the Kentucky Street bridge.

Entire trees were also felled by the storm. One fell on a carport at 18th and Coffee streets, blocking in the car that was underneath the carport. At 19th and Coffee, one tree fell in the front yard and another fell on top of a car and against a house.

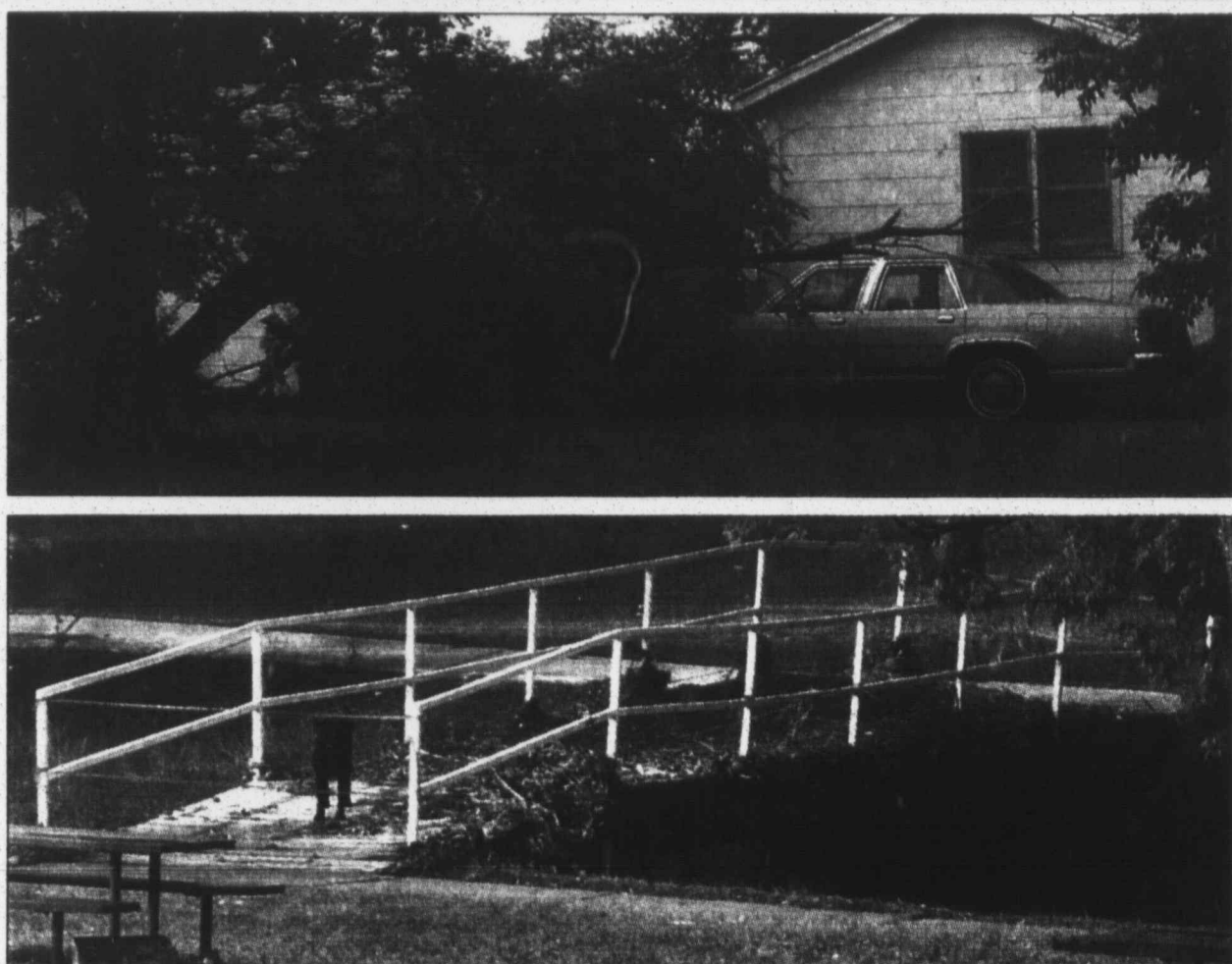
Signs and other structures were damaged during the high winds. The brick-enclosed sign at Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan, fell over during the storm. Another sign at Warner-Horton Supply, 900 Duncan, was also damaged.

Mud and debris covered bridges on Kentucky Street near the city swimming pool and on Harvester Avenue near its intersection with Evergreen Street. Foot bridges in Central Park were taped off early this morning until cleanup crews could remove the tree limbs, leaves and other debris covering them. Trash cans were overturned by the storm, leaving their contents on the park grounds this morning.

Lightning is considered responsible for at least two structure fires last night. The Ranch House Motel, 720 E. Frederic, caught fire after lightning struck a pole, traveled down a wire and started a fire under the awning of Rooms 110 and 111. No one was injured in the resulting blaze, but the motel was evacuated and the eight occupants took shelter at the Red Cross, 108 N. Russell, for the night.

In McLean, a house in the 700 block of Clarendon Street caught fire after lightning struck there during the storm.

Editor Dee Dee Laramore contributed to this report.



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Two trees were blown down by last night's high winds at this residence at 19th and Coffee Streets including the one that landed on this car, top photo. A black dog appears to be inspecting the damage done to Central Park after last night's severe weather. Red tape was strung across both ends of a footbridge in the park until city workers could clear it of tree limbs and debris deposited during the storm., center. A brick sign in front of Zion Lutheran Church on Duncan Street was blown over by high winds, right.

Motel

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trying to put out the fire under the awning.

"I happened to have a fire extinguisher in my truck and let them use it, too. They were putting out the fire as much as they could," Clark said.

One of the motel guests called 911, and emergency services personnel arrived to fight the fire, Clark said.

"The fire department decided to go ahead and evacuate the whole motel because at that time, they thought sparking wiring might still be able to cause fire," Clark said. "The deputy chief called the Red Cross, and the eight of us spent the night here last

night," he said.

Clark said no one was injured in the blaze. The fire victims had to stay at the Red Cross building overnight because no motel rooms were available in Pampa for the night, according to Jana Gregory, executive director of the local Red Cross.

Rooms for the crew were secured this morning at the Black Gold Motel, where

they moved to after breakfast provided by the Red Cross. The crew still has work to do on Highway 60 between Pampa and White Deer.

"I don't know how long I'll be in Pampa. We're laying down asphalt and then rock on Highway 60," Clark said.

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Winds

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roofs throughout McLean, but he did not see any hail. His rain gauge contained

about an inch and a half of rain, he added.

"There's a lot of work to be done down here, but we'll get it done," McDonald said. "(The storm) really did a job on it."

Lefors apparently felt the brunt of the storm.

"We have lots of trees down and there's still some places without power," said City Secretary Judy Williams. "I heard reports of golf ball size hail, but I didn't see any that big myself. We have several homes with water damage from flooding.

"One gentleman came in and told us that he had 5 1/2 inches of rain in his rain gauge and that fell in 30 to 45 minutes," she said.

Many of Lefors' unpaved streets were washed out in the flooding, also, she said.

Budget

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charges, Horst said, it would increase the city's revenues by \$10,000 a year.

Horst said he also increased trash pick-up fee by 75 cents per customer in the proposed budget. This, he said, would increase the city's income by \$65,000 a year.

Horst explained that part of the trash fee increase would be used to offset last year's \$1 increase in the landfill tipping fee. The city pays about \$16,000 a year out of the general fund in landfill tipping fees.

The additional money raised by the trash pick up fee, after the tipping fee is covered, will go toward the purchase of slide loaders.

The new revenue source, if the commission agrees, would come through a private company, Rescue Revenue.

"This firm bills insurance companies for billable services that the fire department performs, such as hazardous waste material cleanup," Horst said.

Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell and Horst estimate it would bring about \$20,000 a year into city coffers.

"This year's capital needs are the big problem," Horst said.

Last year, the city solved

capital expenditure problems by budgeting for only one pickup and three police cars.

"We let the major capital purchases slide a year forward," Horst said, "and some things are worn out, such as the sand filters at the swimming pool, which cost \$26,000 to replace."

The largest single capital item, he said, is a 1957 Mack fire truck.

"This truck is 47 years old," Horst said, "and does not pass pump tests."

Horst suggests spending \$215,000 on a new fire truck, but financing it for 10 years at \$29,000 a year.

The options that the city commission faces with regard to capital expenditures are to increase revenues, decrease expenditures, use lease-purchase programs or not buy any of the capital items.

The proposed needs for

capital expenditures total \$1,218,600.

If capital expenditures can be reduced to \$700,000, Horst said that \$485,000 of it could be financed for five years at \$114,000 a year.

The \$114,000 and \$29,000 a year in payments on the financed fire truck and other capital items would total \$143,000 a year with the first payments being due Oct. 1, 2005.

"We currently have a vehicle replacement account that I am projecting to have a cash balance of \$196,000 at the end of the fiscal year," Horst said. "If we leave contributions to that account at the same level as this year, we will end 2004-2005 with a balance of \$206,339."

He arrives at that number by transferring \$156,000 to that account and paying out \$147,061 for current lease payments that mature in

2005-2006.

"As with the landfill," Horst said, "this is a fix we will have to live with for the next five years and does not provide any means for purchasing capital next year, except for a few vehicles."

Horst also left the \$76,000 ambulance subsidy in the proposed budget for next year.

"I believe we can come up with a reasonable general fund budget when we have our budget meeting with the mayor and commission," Horst said.

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