

Daily Record

Services

Services today
PARKER, Maleta Elcie Kennedy — Memorial services, 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Radford, Va.
Services tomorrow
ANDREWS, Freda V. — 2 p.m., Colony Baptist Church, Colony, Okla.

Obituaries

FREDA V. ANDREWS
CANADIAN — Freda V. Andrews, 74, died Friday, July 16, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Colony Baptist Church at Colony, Okla., with the Rev. Truman Smith officiating. Burial will be in Van Dyke Cemetery near Colony under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Andrews was born at Mason, Okla., and grew up at Colony, attending school there. She worked at an airplane factory in Wichita, Kan., during World War II and was a homemaker. She had been a Canadian resident since 1976, moving from Woodward, Okla.

Survivors include a daughter, Sandra Cherry of Springtown; two sons, Darrell Andrews and Tommy Andrews, both of Canadian; a sister, Creda Smith of Amarillo; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to Hemphill County Hospice or to Hemphill County Home Health, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian, TX 79014.

SERIRIN JONES
HOUSTON — Seririn Jones, 79, died Thursday, July 15, 1999. Services are pending.

Mr. Jones was born July 28, 1920, at White Deer. He graduated from high school in 1940.

Survivors include four daughters, Seririn Jean Strickland of Denver, Colo., and Dr. Julie Jones Thompson, Janie Baggett and Jeannie Staley, all of Houston; two sons, William Jones and Mark Jones, both of Houston; two sisters, Proxie Hendrick of Fort Worth and Dallen Romach of Mabank; two brothers, Lonnie Kotara and Conrad Kotara; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Crime Stoppers.....	669-2222
Emergas.....	665-5777
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700
SPS.....	1-800-750-2520
Water.....	669-5830

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls and arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, July 16
 A report of criminal mischief, broken window, was taken in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Saturday, July 17
 Michael Kurt Curfman, 20, 1124 E. Foster, driving while intoxicated, first offense.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, July 16
 Lee Alvin Williams, 48, 1721 W. 19th, arrested on a theft warrant for the Pampa Police Department.

Dillon N. Best, 18, 312 Ward, failure to appear, minor in possession by consumption.

Terry G. Wayne, 33, Canadian, arrested on DPS warrants.

Ambulance

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

Friday, July 16
 1:48 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of North Starkweather and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:25 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Campbell and transported one to PRMC.

2:48 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Ballard and transported one to Veterans Hospital in Amarillo.

7:41 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Garland and transported one to PRMC.

10:16 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

10:47 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Varmon and transported one to PRMC.

Saturday, July 17
 12:34 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of Somerville and transported one to PRMC.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, July 16
 7:51 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of Garland for lifting assistance.

Pantex starts repacking plutonium weapons

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Plutonium weapons cores at the Pantex weapons disassembly plant are being stored in new drums after studies showed the old containers could be damaged by corrosive materials, plant officials say.

Pantex now stores more than 12,000 plutonium pits. A pit, the central core of a nuclear weapon, typically contains an inner shell of plutonium and an outer shell of stainless steel or beryllium metal.

At Pantex, most pits are stored inside AL-R8 metal drums kept in underground concrete bunkers.

In recent years, Pantex's plutonium storage programs have been criticized by the General Accounting Office and the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, a government agency that monitors the nation's nuclear weapons plants and labs.

Nuclear weapons design labs have said that no pits should be stored in AL-R8 containers — the primary storage containers now used at Pantex.

The container's inner packing materials contain materials that could cause the outer metal shell of a pit to corrode.

On Tuesday, workers repackaged a pit into a new sealed insert, a container package designed by Pantex contractor Mason & Hanger Corp., said Steve Hallett, director of nuclear materials mission programs for the Pantex contractor.

"We did the first unit actually in the can Tuesday," Hallett said Thursday. "Today, we're up to five total. Part of that is because Los Alamos and Livermore (labs) are here to witness the start up of the activity. We expect to have six to eight done by the end of the week."

Hallett said the new container is certified to last 30 years and will allow Pantex workers to package pits into a safer storage environment more quickly than previous programs.

Pantex officials estimate it will take five to six years and \$60 million to repack all of the pits stored at Pantex.

Sunday news shows...

ABC's "This Week" — Topic: Presidential politics. Guests: Republican presidential hopefuls Steve Forbes and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, who quit the race.

CBS' "Face the Nation" — Topics: Tax cuts; Bill Bradley's presidential run; third-party politics. Guests: Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M.; Sen. John Breaux, D-La.; Sen. Robert Kerrey, D-Neb.; Russell Verney, chairman, Reform Party; Charles Cook, The National Journal.

NBC's "Meet the Press" — Topics: Middle East Peace — the Israeli prime minister's first U.S. visit; the budget surplus — Medicare, tax cuts, and the debt; the 30th Anniversary of Apollo 11's mission to the moon; politics 2000. Guests: Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak; Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas; Sen. Fritz Hollings, D-S.C.; Col. Edwin

(Buzz) Aldrin, Apollo 11 Astronaut.

CNN's "Late Edition" — Topics: Campaign 2000; tax cuts and HMO reform; Mideast and U.S.-Israeli relations; 30th anniversary of Apollo 11. Guests: Republican presidential candidate Gary Bauer; David Dreier, R-Calif.; Rep. David Bonior, D-Mich.; Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak; NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin.

"Fox News Sunday" — Topics: The Republican congressional agenda; tax cuts; whether faith is declassing in D.C. society. Guests: Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.; House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas; Gene Sperling, chairman of the National Economic Council; Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn.; Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan.; and writer Sally Quinn.

Life after Mick?

Jerry Hall in no rush to marry

NEW YORK (AP) — Jerry Hall isn't looking for love in all the right — or wrong — places now that her perhaps-never-really-marriage to Mick Jagger is over. But she says finding someone to cuddle with may be nice.

"I don't hear the ticking of the biological clock. I have children. I don't feel any panic or rush about marriage or a boyfriend," Hall, 43, said in the August issue of Harper's Bazaar.

She said reports she and millionaire developer Guy Dellal are about to tie the knot are not true.

Hall, a native of Mesquite, Texas, who lives in England with the couple's four children — ages 15 through 2 — and Jagger, 55, said July 9 they had

reached an acceptable legal and financial settlement, which included plans to seek an annulment.

Hall filed for divorce in January but Jagger contested it, saying their 1990 marriage on the Indonesian island of Bali (in which the couple bathed their feet in the blood of a just-sacrificed chicken) was not legal because the civil part of the ceremony was never completed. They were together 13 years before that.

Hall had only kind words for her ex in the magazine interview. "... You could say we're getting along better than we ever have. Even though we aren't together," she says, and then adds, "in the same way."

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RODEO

Saddle Bronc Riding
 (sponsored by Dorman Tire & Co.)
 Casey Smith of Stephenville, first place, 80 pts.; Brook Bearden of Stephenville, second place, 73 pts.

Mutton Busting
 (sponsored by Carla and Randy Norris)
 Justin Garrett, first place; Gatlin Taylor, second place; Janell Parks, third place.

Barrel Race
 (sponsored by Subway & TCBY Treats)
 Jill Batencourt of Guthrie, Okla., first place, 16.18 seconds; Kody Hines of Stanton, second place,

16.32 seconds; Mary Sorrells of Rockdale, third place, 16.33 seconds; Claudia Swann of Midland, fourth place, 16.72 seconds; Colette Baier of Hardtner, Kan., fifth place, 21.32 seconds; Deena Wheaton of Mounds, Okla., sixth place, 21.39 seconds; Kimberly Travis of Elk City, Okla., seventh place, 21.80 seconds.

Bull Riding
 (sponsored by National Bank of Commerce)
 Spud Whitman of Plains, Kan., 82 pts., and Jeremiah Wilder of Combine, 82 pts., first place; Pete Hessman of Dodge City, Kan., third place, 74 pts.; Rusty Burford of Balch Springs, fourth place, 72 pts.; Jay Brunner of Canton, fifth place, 67 pts.

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DEPUTY
 could be used by the public to search, rather than having to use one of the staff's computers. The computer lease will cost \$200 a month but the funds will come out of records management funds

which have been set aside already to update the county's record keeping needs.

In other action, the commission also approved some signature changes for accounts controlled by the Sheriff's Office.

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LATCHKEY

ularly unscheduled visits to monitor the program. They check on child safety, proper records, any violations in minimum standards and an overall view in how the program is running, she said. Each staff member is required to have 15 hours of child care training along with first aid and CPR certification.

She said the program is available at the elementary schools in the cafeterias. The caregivers provide games, puzzles, movies, cartoons, reading opportunities, creative thinking, creative art, music and outdoor play.

"It is an environment where children can choose what they want to do in those hours," she said.

While Austin Elementary School had 95 students enrolled in the Latchkey program, they had a daily average of 50 students. Ten students were on reduced fees and four were reduced fees who stayed less than an hour while 81 students were full pay.

Of the 95 enrolled 17 were drop-ins, 20 were students who were part time which came two or three times a week on a regular basis and 52 were full time, which came four or more times a week. Total number of families involved in the program at Austin was 72.

She gave a breakdown of the number in each grade level: kindergarten, 16; first grade, 19; second grade, 24; third grade, 20; fourth grade, 10 and fifth grade, six students.

Gallagher said six full time students either moved or parents were laid off during the year.

Travis Elementary had 88 students enrolled in the program and had a daily average of 30 students. Students in the program who received reduced fees numbered 21. Seven were on reduced fees who

were at the program less than an hour. Twenty-seven students were full pay.

Drop-ins numbered 27, 22 were part time and 27 students were full time in the latchkey program. Six full time students either moved or parents were laid off during the year, she said.

A breakdown of students according to grade level is as follows: kindergarten, 19; first grade, 20; second, 17; third, 17; fourth, eight; and fifth, seven.

A total of 69 families were involved in the program at Travis.

At Wilson Elementary, 30 students were involved in the program with 25 families participating.

Eight of the students were on reduced fees, three of whom stayed less than one hour and 19 were full pay. Of the 30 enrolled, nine were drop-ins, six were part time and 10 were full time. Four full time and one part time students either moved or parents were laid off.

A breakdown of students according to grade level is as follows: kindergarten, 7; first, 6; second, 9; third, 4; fourth, 3; and fifth, 1.

At Lamar Elementary 15 families were served by the program. Of the 24 enrolled, 17 were reduced fees and seven were full pay. None were on reduced fees who stayed less than one hour. Three were drop-ins, five were part time and eight were full time. Eight full time students either moved or parents were laid off during the year.

A breakdown of students at Lamar according to grade level is as follows: kindergarten, 2; first, 8; second, 5; third, 4; fourth, 4; and fifth, 1.

Gallagher expressed her appreciation to the PISD administration, teachers, janitors and cafeteria workers for their kindness and cooperation in assisting her in making the Gray County Latchkey, Inc. a success for the children and parents of the Pampa community.

Class of '59 seeks members

If you or someone you know is a "lost" member of the Pampa High School Class of 1959 your classmates want you for a Sept. 24-25 reunion.

If you can help out with the whereabouts of any of those on the following list, contact Russell Hollis, 1815 Beech Lane, Pampa, TX 79065, 806-665-1083 or by e-mail at rhollis@netjava.com.

Judy Blackmon, Jerrel Brown, David Brown, Stanley Butler, Clay Byerley, Bill Byler, Gary Chisholm, Dennis Choate, Avis Crissup, Beverly Fennell, Donald Roy Fox, Maurine Garton, Dural Goodwin, Anna Gene Graham, John Gross, Roena Haines, Judy Ann Harper, Leonard Haught, Robert Hebert, Robert Hestand, Kent Hicks,

Annette Holtman, Wanda Huff, Gillem Ingerton, Patricia Ingram, Dalene Kiff, Raydene Leonard, Loeva Long and Jean Lyle.

Also on the list are Jerry McCracken, Jo Ann Moore, Ronald Moore, William Morris, George Olds, John Owen, Dolores Ownsby, Linda Patton, Kathryn Pierce, Phillip Pinkston, Nelda Price, Jerry Quarles, Douglas Redmon, Sandra Kay Reno, Lois Rittenhouse, Donald Roy, Donald Rusk, Gwynn Salsman, Stella Schaffer, Judy Sheldon, Alberta Kay Smith, Terry Jim Smith, Bobbie Stone, Vesta Strickland, Marie Turner, Anne Tyler, Carolyn Wallin, Louis West and Michael Williams.

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly cloudy today with a high of 91. Tonight's low 65. Partly cloudy Monday with a high of 92. Saturday's low was 68.

STATEWIDE — A steady flow of moist air from the Gulf of Mexico was expected to continue bringing showers and thunderstorms to the western and southern parts of the state, while just bringing humidity to the north.

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The West Texas outlook called for showers and thunderstorms possible for most of the region tonight through Sunday. Highs mostly 90s with lows in the 60s and 70s.

The forecast for South Texas called for mostly cloudy with a slight chance of evening showers or thunderstorms. Lows 70 to 75. Sunday should be partly cloudy with a chance of afternoon showers of thunderstorms. Highs 90 to 93.

TOP TEN PERSONAL INJURY VERDICT OF 1998

March 10, 1998. A seriously injured Texas Panhandle woman, represented by Amarillo Attorney Jack Hazlewood and his Dallas Co-Counsel awarded 8.2 Million Jury Verdict in Products Liability lawsuit against major automobile manufacturer Case No. 93-10141, 116th District Court, Dallas County. Results obtained depend on the facts of each case.

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Zion Lutheran VBS



Zion Lutheran Church holds its "Follow the Lamb" Vacation Bible School recently. Above are: (front row) Chris Hasskarl, Margo Mendoza, Tjaeden Swires; (back row) Callie Hampton, Frankie Hilderbrandt, Alex Shuneman.

(Community Camera photo by Cheryl Lewis)

Calendar of events

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

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

AL-ANON
Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

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

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

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Clarendon College. For a partner,

or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.
PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

GRAY COUNTY LATCHKEY
Gray County Latchkey will be pre-enrolling for all four elementary schools from 6-9 p.m. Aug. 3 in Lovett Memorial Library Auditorium. For more information, call Susan Gallagher at 669-7179.

PAMPA AREA SINGLES DANCE
Pampa Area Singles Dance and Potluck Dinner will be July 24. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the dance will be from 8-11 p.m. Cost will be \$5 per person. Entertainment will be Mike Porter. For more information, call 665-0219.

ANA SHOW
Artists of Northwest Arkansas is sponsoring its Fifth Annual

Regional Art Exhibition Nov. 8-Dec. 12 at the Arts Center of the Ozarks in Springdale, Ark. The competition is open to artists of AR, KS, MO, OK, TX, LA, MS, TN, KY and IL. Slide deadline is Sept. 13. For a prospectus send a #10 SASE to: Martha Clayton Lee, 16612 Weeks Hill Road, Prairie Grove, AR 72753.

COOPERATIVE OF WOMEN ARTISTS
Cooperative of Women Artists invites all interested artists - 18 years of age or older - to submit three entries in its Multi-Media Juried Art Show. Slide deadline is Aug. 14. Awards totaling \$1,200 will be awarded. Original artwork not done under supervision only. Media: Painting, printmaking, drawing, sculpture, fiber, clay, assemblage and photography. No pre-molded pottery or kits. For more information or to receive an entry form and instructions, call or write Molly Campbell ASAP at 158 Elkins Lake, Huntsville, TX 77340, (409) 295-3006. The show will open Oct. 1 at the Katy & E. Don Walker Educational Center at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum in Huntsville.

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Government at work ...

Last week proved interesting for me as far as my reporting duties were concerned ... things got a little heated over at city hall with about 60 folks showing up to protest proposed parking rules.

I've covered city commissions/councils for longer than I like to admit but one thing holds true no matter where I go — Nine times out of 10 its the "agginers" who flock in to make their opinions known. Not often do those on the other side — even if they most likely are the majority — come make their piece known.

But no matter what, it was refreshing to see some bodies from the public at the meeting; usually no one but the commission, city staff and maybe a couple of other folks ever bother to come.

But that's another column. Pampa's city fathers are considering some sort of parking regulations. The kind that will keep people from parking RVs in their yards, boats and other vehicles and trailers, too.

Sounds like a good idea to me to put some restrictions on. Ride around town and just see how tacky all this makes our neighborhoods. Parts of town look like giant used auto lots and junk yards.



Kate B. Dickson

Associate publisher/editor

Just how far the commission will go with this, I don't know. Probably not far enough for me and probably too far for all those folks who showed up to say it's their property and by George they can do what they want to!!!

Also during the same meeting, but not connected to the parking restriction proposal, Sue Snow presented a petition containing over 400 names. The signers want to get 18-wheelers off the residential streets — streets that were never made to stand up to the weight.

Snow said the number of signers could have been more had they spent longer gathering them. I suspect she's right about that. It's my idea the commission will pass an

ordinance to this effect. Seems to me it's a no-brainer, and I admit, I was surprised big-rigs in neighborhoods are even allowed. I have never lived anywhere that permitted this, including a little Missouri town with a population of 3,000.

OK. Spare me the letters and calls that tell me, "If you don't like it, move. We don't care what other cities do!"

Snow and her group have documented 45 big rigs that routinely use neighborhood streets and driveways for parking lots and she says she knows of at least about 20 or 25 more.

How rude. Some of the operators of these rigs block driveways, and I love this, leave their diesel engines running all night making noise and belching nasty fumes into the air.

While I am sure the "agginers" will come out against this too, I am in hopes the commission will stand up to them and do what's right — get the big rigs out of our neighborhoods.

And, I'd really be tickled if more people like Snow will have the courage to make their feelings known, too.

... We'll see.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, July 18, the 199th day of 1999. There are 166 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On July 18, 1969, a car driven by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) plunged off a bridge on Chappaquiddick Island near Martha's Vineyard. His passenger, 28-year-old Mary Jo Kopechne, died.

On this date:
 In A.D. 64, the Great Fire of Rome began.

In 1792, American naval hero John Paul Jones died in Paris at age 45.

In 1872, Britain introduced the concept of voting by secret ballot.

In 1927, Ty Cobb hit safely for the 4,000th time in his career.

In 1932, the United States and Canada signed a treaty to develop the St. Lawrence Seaway.

In 1936, the Spanish Civil War began as Gen. Francisco Franco led an uprising of army troops based in Spanish North Africa.

In 1944, Hideki Tojo was removed as Japanese premier and war minister because of setbacks suffered by his country in World War II.

In 1947, President Truman signed the Presidential Succession Act, which placed the speaker of the House and the Senate president pro tempore next in the line of succession after the vice president.

In 1984, a gunman opened fire at a McDonald's in San Ysidro, Calif., killing 21 people before being shot dead by police.

In 1984, Walter F. Mondale won the Democratic presidential nomination in San Francisco.

Ten years ago: Actress Rebecca Schaeffer, 21, was shot to death at her Los Angeles home by obsessed fan Robert Bardo, who was later sentenced to life in prison.

Five years ago: A car bomb destroyed a Jewish community center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, killing 95 people. Tutsi rebels declared an end to Rwanda's 14-week-old civil war.

One year ago: Residents along the northern coast of Papua New

Guinea were left reeling after a 23-foot-high tidal wave hit the night before, killing an estimated 3,000.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Hume Cronyn is 88. Former South African President Nelson Mandela is 81. Sen. John Glenn (D-Ohio) is 78. Skating champion and commentator Dick Button is 70. Singer Screamin' Jay Hawkins is 70. Author-journalist Hunter S. Thompson is 62. Movie director Paul Verhoeven is 61. Singer Brian Auger is 60. Singer Dion DiMucci is 60. Actor James Brolin is 59. Singer Martha Reeves is 58. Blues guitarist Lonnie Mack is 58. Actor Kurt Mann is 52. Singer Ricky Skaggs is 45. Rock musician Nigel Twist (The Alarm) is 41.

Opinion

Pols will jump on funds like hungry hounds

Toss out some money and you'll see politicians — both Democrat and Republican — jump on it like a dog on a beefy bone.

That's just what's happening as both parties are scrambling to spend the almost three-trillion dollars in projected budget surpluses to occur over the next 10 years.

Last week, Democrats came up with their own tax cut plan in order to keep Republicans from giving huge, irresponsible tax cuts when officials should take advantage of the windfall to shore up programs such as Social Security and Medicare.

The compromise offered by the House Democrats is emerging as a plan that could include cuts in estate taxes aimed at farmers and small business operators, permanent extension of the research and development tax credit, tax breaks for long term health care and relief from the "marriage penalty" that hits millions of two-income couples.

Meanwhile, Senate Democrats reached tentative agreement on a plan cutting taxes a net \$295 billion that would touch on many of the same issues but would also include a broader tax cut by increasing the standard deduction for both single and married filers.

Senate Democrats would reserve \$1.9 trillion of the projected 10-year surplus for Social Security and allow the remaining \$1 trillion to be divided between Medicare, tax cuts and government spending.

But before counting the proverbial chickens prior to hatching, lawmakers shouldn't be so quick to make big tax cuts which could leave too small amounts for Medicare and Social Security.

... After all, the bird isn't even in hand — the money is only a projection.

From our files ...

40 years ago

Sunday, July 19, 1959
WHITE DEER — This city of 1,000 took the day off Saturday for the dedication of an Ultra-nero post office building on Main St.

Tuesday, July 31, 1959
 Pampa's School Board, at a meeting Monday, was asked to consider the appointment of an athletic director, a move long planned by Board members Elmer Wilson and Warren Fatheree.

Friday, July 24, 1959
 Twenty-five families have moved into Pampa during the past 15 days, City manager John Koontz said today.

25 years ago

Thursday, July 18, 1974
 Employees and management of Marie Foundation were honored today by Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Monday, July 22, 1974
 Five Pampa High School journalism students returned with five awards.

Wednesday, July 24, 1974
 Announcement of a new business in Pampa was made today by Kevin Francis of Kevin Francis, Inc. wholesalers of distinctive fashions for men.

10 years ago

Tuesday, July 18, 1989
 In order to make it convenient for Pampa residents to recycle, Reynolds Aluminum Recycling Co. has opened a new recycling center at 2110 Perryton Parkway at North Hobart in Pampa.

Friday, July 21, 1989
 Respondents to a recent newspaper survey voted overwhelmingly in favor of bringing a maximum security prison to the Pampa, city and county officials learned Thursday.

Sunday, July 23, 1989
 Pampa City Commissioners are asking administrative personnel to prepare a report on the privatization of solid waste disposal as one option to dealing with a 1989-90 budget currently \$155,000 over expected revenues.

Combating violence in schools

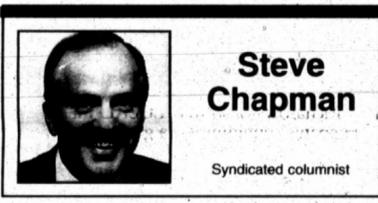
After two students from a group called the Trenchcoat Mafia armed themselves with guns and homemade bombs and went on a murder rampage at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., authorities in Portsmouth, N.H., responded in impeccably logical fashion. They moved to head off trouble in their schools by banning ... trench coats. If O.J. Simpson had murdered two people in Portsmouth, the city elders would have outlawed Heisman Trophies.

But they have plenty of company in thinking that a little hysteria never hurt anyone. Schools in several other towns joined in the trench-coat ban, with untold consequences for London Fog. A Maryland county outdid them, forbidding not only long coats but "bulky, oversized" ones.

Students in Illinois have been sent home merely for wearing black. Some school administrators prohibited backpacks after waking up in a cold sweat at a terrifying realization: Book bags might contain something besides books.

More alert minds can detect dangers even farther afield. A Virginia student who had been sporting blue hair since December was suspended after Littleton under a new policy against "unusual or unique hair colors." The officials reasoned that "in view of the circumstances that have occurred recently ... unusual activities/appearances should not be ignored."

Why stop at novel colors? Hordes of blonde cheerleaders could be affected by a Massachusetts legislator's bill making it illegal to sell hair dye of any shade to those under 18. The city council in Pittsfield, Mass., fell just short of approving a measure outlawing "flamboyant and excessively morbid" clothing on students. School uniforms are gaining popularity, a trend that can be expected to end with all pupils wearing orange jumpsuits.



Steve Chapman

Syndicated columnist

Thoughts and words are also being treated like deadly weapons. Eleven high schoolers were suspended in Brimfield, Ohio, for the crime of contributing to a website exploring "gothic" themes. A boy in Virginia was arrested after writing an essay that featured a fictional student with a nuclear weapon strapped to his chest.

A 14-year-old girl in Harrisburg, Pa., was strip-searched and suspended for two weeks for saying, during a classroom discussion of the Littleton massacre, that she could understand how ostracized students might turn homicidal. If she could understand it, she could do it, right?

The kids who committed the murders at Columbine High School were a little different, so hypervigilant adults have reached the conclusion that anything different is fraught with peril. Their solution is to ban first and come up with a reason afterward, in an attempt to impose a suffocating conformity within the walls of every school. The main effect of this ostentatious toughness — and possibly its underlying purpose — is not to minimize genuine hazards but to disabuse teenagers of the idea that they are entitled to any respect or freedom.

But students ought to be judged according to their behavior on things that matter, not their

appearance or any idle thought they happen to express. A kid who threatens or strikes a schoolmate should be disciplined, just as an adult behaving that way would be penalized. One who composes a story about a nuclear terrorist, on the other hand, is no more deserving of punishment than Tom Clancy. Fantasy and reality are separate categories.

Turning schools into replicas of medium-security prisons is excellent preparation for living in North Korea but not a good way to develop responsible citizens fit for a free society. As the Supreme Court said in a 1969 decision overturning a school ban on black armbands used to protest the Vietnam War, "It can hardly be argued that either students or teachers shed their constitutional rights of freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate."

Expressing thoughts that annoy other people is no grounds for suspension. And conduct that does not fall under constitutional guarantees (such as wearing weird clothes) shouldn't be outlawed merely because it's unconventional. Schools ought to concentrate on behavior that creates a real danger or obstructs education — carrying weapons, threatening or attacking people, disrupting class and the like.

Seeing a threat in every backpack or funny hairstyle is a symptom of irrational panic, not sensible caution. Perfect safety will never be achieved, in high schools or anywhere else, and the effort to eliminate every conceivable risk, no matter what the cost, will affect a great deal that is harmless and very little that is truly dangerous.

In the end, the vigorous and forcible suppression of non-conformists probably won't even advance the goal of combating violence. Teenagers aren't likely to be taught respect for others by adults who show no respect for them.

Revolt may be brewing in the USA

There may be a revolt brewing in America. It seems to be happening in the part of America so mysterious to the political and media elite — the areas that surround, like interstellar space, the elitist strongholds in Washington, D.C., New York City and Los Angeles.

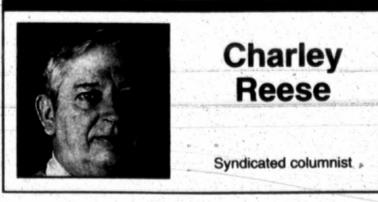
There was a hint in Utah a year or so ago when an audience at a school event defiantly sang a song some federal judge had commanded they could not sing. More recently on the East Coast, a group of parents and students decided to pray in defiance of a court order.

The American majority may be fed up with special-interest-group-lawyers — using some sorehead as a token plaintiff — persuading political appointees in black robes to jerk Americans around. Somehow an idea has arisen that a minority may dictate to the majority.

That's a perversion of tradition. The majority respects the right of minorities to dissent, but minorities must also respect the rights of the majority.

Furthermore, freedom means just that — freedom. It does not mean that Americans must only pray when and where they are told to do so by a government increasingly more concerned with control than with freedom. It is the government, not the people, that is violating the Constitution and making a mockery of the Bill of Rights.

The plain meaning of the First Amendment



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

is that the federal government should simply butt out of religious matters altogether. The only restriction is that the federal government may not establish an official state religion. That could only be done by congressional action. The fact that religious people express their religion while they happen to be standing on federal property or attending some state-funded event does not establish a religion.

And that would be clear if federal judges were really intent on interpreting the meaning of the Constitution rather than just using it as an excuse to legislate their own biases. After all, the same Congress that passed the First Amendment also established chaplains and opened its sessions with prayers.

I hope America's young people will take up the challenge issued by Darrell Scott, whose daughter was one of those killed at Columbine High School in Colorado. Scott, invited to

appear before a congressional subcommittee, no doubt sharply surprised the politicians by attacking them.

"What has happened to us as a nation?" he asked. "We have refused to honor God and in doing so, we opened the doors to hatred and violence. And when something as terrible as Columbine's tragedy occurs, politicians immediately look for a scapegoat such as the NRA (National Rifle Association). They immediately seek to pass more restrictive laws that continue to erode away our personal and private liberties. Political posturing and restrictive legislation are not the answer."

Scott, by the way, told the politicians he was not a member of the NRA, not a hunter and did not own a gun. His point was simply that the NRA and gun legislation had nothing to do with the tragedy that occurred. The problem, he said, is spiritual and not legalistic or a matter of hardware.

"We do need a change of heart and a humble acknowledgment that this nation was founded on the principle of simple trust in God," Scott told the politicians. He issued this challenge to America's young people:

"Dare to move into the new millennium with a sacred disregard for legislation that violates your conscience and denies your God-given right to communicate with Him."

Now that is the true American spirit. Patrick Henry is surely smiling.

Wyoming publication world's top circulation cowboy magazine

By PAT BLAIR
The Sheridan Press

SHERIDAN, Wyo. (AP) — The Western spirit is alive and thriving because the symbol of that spirit is still embodied in the American cowboy, says Jesse Mullins.

Mullins is editor of the American Cowboy magazine, a publication whose celebration of the contemporary cowboy has helped parlay a gamble into the biggest cowboy/western magazine in the world.

"Our circulation is 100,000-plus," Mullins said. Readership is nationwide and in several foreign countries.

Late last month in Denver, the magazine received the 1999 AIM award presented by the Western English Retailers Association to the best western lifestyle magazine.

"We've been mentioned by Paul Harvey about a dozen times," Mullins said. Readers Digest has purchased rights to one article that ran a while back in American Cowboy and is in the process of buying rights to another.

Mullins believes the fact the magazine is home-based here in Sheridan has contributed to its success.

American Cowboy started in Wichita, Kan. "That's an old cattle town. But it doesn't have the sashay that Sheridan does," Mullins said.

"Sheridan's a great place to publish a cowboy magazine. Sheridan gives us a lot of validation."

"We tell people we're published in the Cowboy Capital of the Northern Plains. It's the most cowboy town in the Cowboy State. It establishes you," he said. "It gives us strong cowboy credentials."

Owners/publishers Bill and Sandy Bales started the magazine five years ago. It celebrated its fifth anniversary (last month).

The Bales at the time owned and published Collector's Mart, a magazine for those interested in antiques and collectables. Collector's Mart was the premier magazine in its market, but the Bales wanted to do a western-style magazine.

So they did something not too many people would have done.

"We took a magazine that was at the top of its field, sold it and started a new business (American

Cowboy magazine)," Mullins said.

"This (the American cowboy) is a topic we wanted to do," Bill Bales said of the decision.

Just a little over a year later, in August 1995, they came to Sheridan.

"We were looking in Wyoming for someplace to move," Bales said. "This is where we ended up."

Getting here wasn't without its rough spots. The Bales' first choice for a location was a ranch in Sheridan County. That deal fell through.

Eventually they found office space on the third floor of the Mill Inn in Sheridan.

"We came to Sheridan on Aug. 25," Mullins said. At that time American Cowboy boasted a staff of six people "and we all moved right into (rooms at) the Mill Inn when we got here. We lived right here for a couple of weeks 'til we found homes (elsewhere in the community)."

The staff now numbers 16. Most are local hires. The Bales also have gone into the bison business. Big Horn Buffalo is located on leased land between Ucross and Clearmont.

Mullins calls the combination of "American Cowboy" and Sheridan "a good fit."

"You get real cowboys, real people here. We try to reflect that. We believe you've got to keep the 'cow' in 'cowboy'. We're about people and ideas."

He believes that's a major strength. "We perceive our competition as being more about things."

"We like to think we (American Cowboy) take a stance for common sense, common decency and the common man. And there's plenty of that here (in Sheridan)," he added.

The magazine has taken some risks to maintain that stance. "We don't run ads for alcohol, for tobacco, for anything indecent. We try to stand for that which is wholesome, honest — for what is right. We espouse God, family and country."

It's a formula that appears to be working for urban as well as rural readers. Plenty of copies of American Cowboy go to people who have never been west of the Mississippi and have never seen a cow except packaged in the supermarket.

"Those people in the cities," Mullins said, "they're never going to live out here. But it's important to them to know that we're out here."

They need a link, he feels, to the cowboy and the western way of life. American Cowboy provides it.

Richardson says White House could be in Hispanics' future

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — There soon could be a Hispanic in the White House, U.S. Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson predicts, while downplaying speculation that he will seek the Democratic vice presidential nomination in 2000.

Richardson, who spoke Friday to about 800 people at the League of United Latin American Citizens annual convention, is the highest-ranking Hispanic in the Clinton administration.

Although he said he would consider running for governor in his home state of New Mexico in the future, Richardson would only say that he was "flattered" by talk that he will serve as Al Gore's running mate in next year's presidential race.

"I think someday in the not-too-distant future, there will be a Hispanic presidential or vice presidential candidate," Richardson said. "I don't want to center it around myself."

Richardson also told LULAC members that the Hispanic community is a growing power that "still needs to define itself."

He said that while Hispanics should be proud of the advances they have made in the U.S., they should also work to overcome obstacles such as their lack of representation in corporate America, the high dropout rate and civil rights abuses.

"We can't be left behind," Richardson said. "Everybody is talking about how hot we are, about our growing power as our numbers are expanding. So we're being counted, but we still need to see what the community needs are."

During his speech, Richardson announced a plan to recruit, hire and retain Hispanic employees at the Department of Energy. He said the plan builds on his Hispanic Outreach Initiative Action Plan introduced in May.

Austin's pricey apartments

AUSTIN (AP) — When Shelly Davis moved to Austin last year the reality of finding a one-bedroom apartment hit hard.

"One bedroom is totally out of the question," said Ms. Davis, a doctoral student in marine biology at the University of Texas. "It's like four times the amount it was in Michigan, I was ready to move back."

At first, Ms. Davis says she shared a two-bedroom apartment with three other people. Now she rents a three-bedroom apartment with two roommates, but has a 30 minute commute to work. Her portion of the rent is \$315 a month.

Austin's economic opportunities are drawing a steady influx of newcomers to the area, giving the city of the one of the tightest apartment markets in the nation. More than 97 percent of the area's 87,574 units are full, according to Capitol Market Research, an Austin real estate market research firm.

Rent has jumped 21 percent over the past five years, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

In some of the cities' most upscale areas, rent can be \$2,500 a month, more than a mortgage payment for a \$350,000 house, the American-Statesman reported. That doesn't include a down payment.

Many complexes have waiting lists of two or three months and people are showing up at rental offices with check in hand, signing leases for units sight unseen.

Rent hit an average of \$880 for a 1,000-square-foot unit during the second quarter, up \$20 over the past three months, according to Capitol Market Research. That makes Austin's average rental rates the highest in Texas.

Austin is behind Washington, D.C. and South Florida as the most expensive rental market in the South.

Some renters have struggled to find any apartment — affordable or otherwise.

"It's tough as hell," said Patricia Lucero, who has lived with her parents for the last two months while she looked for a place to live.

Unless the economy stumbles, renters may face even more increases.

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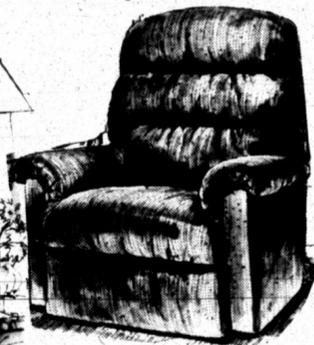
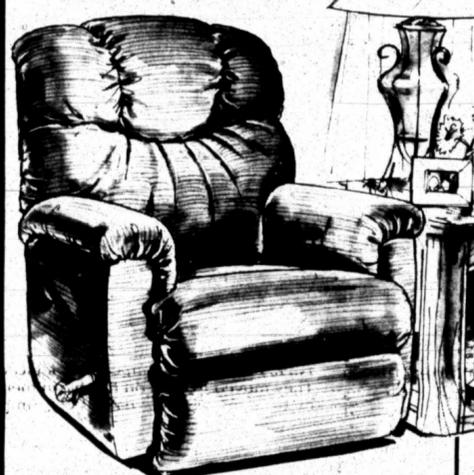
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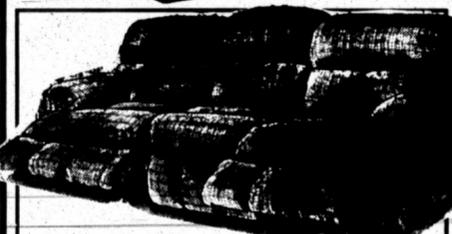
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Letters to the editor

Book of Esther offers readers little bit of everything ...

To the editor,
I've always enjoyed either reading or listening to great stories from the Bible like David and Goliath, Moses and the Red Sea, Samson, Daniel in the lions den, etc. You have to admit that they lived in very fascinating times, even though they were also very dangerous times. But, these stories gave a young boy dreams of fighting wars with spears, swords, and chariots, just like the movies. I never tired of hearing these stories and often begged to hear them over and over. It seemed that all of them had lessons for us to learn and most of the time I didn't understand the lessons that they taught and other times I just missed the meanings.

Of course, as you grow older and read the true stories yourself, you start to understand the lessons that the scriptures are trying put across. When you start to really understand them, then you start seeing things in the stories you never knew existed. You see godly men, who did what God wanted them to do. Granted, they did things that we can only dream about and in my eyes I would have given my right arm to live the life that they lived. But, you also see men that at one time or another, failed in doing the things that God wanted them to do. But, you always saw a God that is a forgiving God and always gives us a second chance. Look at David, after he had an affair with another man's wife and then sent her husband to his death, he was still forgiven and put back in line with God.

One day I discovered a small book in the Old Testament that I never really paid any attention to before. It only has 10 chapters and seems obscure, in my view. This story is about a very special woman and this story has all the elements for a good novel or movie. There is this beautiful woman named Esther who was an orphan. She rises from obscurity to become a queen. The story even has a villain whose passion it is to destroy the innocent. Esther hides a secret that could bring about her own demise. This story involves a power struggle, romance, and a startling expose. Just the type of story that can capture the imagination of young and old alike.

Even though this sounds like a great work of fiction, it's not. There are some so-called scholars that will argue that Esther and Queen Vahti never existed, because neither one is mentioned in any historical document other than the Bible. I trust God in only placing truth in his Word and that everything that is in the Bible actually happened. It is an historical fact that the emperor of the Persian Empire during that period, Emperor Ahasuerus (486 BC to 465 BC), did actually exist. The story is set around 465 BC and the Persian Empire, at the time, stretched from India in the east through Asia Minor to Greece in the west including Egypt and parts of Africa. Knowing the way women were looked upon during that time, it is no surprise that they would not be mentioned in any historical document from that time period. Ahasuerus had a very large harem and Esther was part of that harem. It is believed that after Ahasuerus attempted to take Greece and failed after the second try, he hid himself in his palace to sulk and it was during this period that the story of Esther transpired.

The point I'm attempting to make here is, take the time to read Esther and see how even in this story, God comes to the rescue again. This book is a very special one and deserves to be read. When I first became a Christian, I felt that the only teachings that I needed would

be found in the New Testament, because if I was going to follow Jesus, then I should pay attention to only His teachings. Of course, I was wrong and don't mind admitting to my mistake. Jesus quoted from the Old Testament all of the time and seemed to quote from Deuteronomy more often than the other books. Jesus told us that He did not come to the world to replace the law, but to fulfill it. So now I look at all of the books of the Bible with different eyes and a different perspective. I thank God for all of those great stories that He has given us and I can't wait to read more.

Michael Wisdom
Rufe Jordan Unit

Too soon to choose party's presidential nominee

To the editor,
It seems apparent that, barring some unforeseen discovery of misdeeds, George W. Bush will be nominated by his party to run for president. As is typically the case in politics, this fact is applauded by some and scoffed at by others. What should be of major concern to every American citizen, however, is the idea that, in the summer of 1999, a nominee has already been chosen. This nominee has been chosen over a year prior to the "nominating" convention; this nominee has been chosen nearly six months prior to the start of the primary season. The question on every voting-aged citizen's mind, then, should be who chose this nominee?

Presidential primaries were designed to give a party's rank-and-file a greater voice in the choice of candidates. As with so many aspects of the American political arena, though, it has been rendered virtually obsolete. Prior to his even officially announcing his candidacy, Gov. Bush was already being touted, by political pundits and the media, as being the Republican nominee for president.

It is not being inferred here that the governor of Texas would not make a good candidate — indeed, there is no reason to believe that he would not make an outstanding president. The idea, though, of the electorate only having two candidates from which to choose during the general election should cause most to be concerned with exactly how those candidates are chosen. And, given the fact that one party's candidate was selected even before he officially chose to run should certainly be unnerving.

This country just went through an ordeal in which the Chief Executive was nearly removed from office. Isn't it the logical position, therefore, to ensure that both candidates are chosen by the electorate? If, after all, "President" George W. Bush should prove himself to be the greatest president since Lincoln, it would certainly make the American public feel good knowing that, not only were they responsible for his winning the general election but for his being in it in the first place.

William Chaplar
Pampa

Playground improvements lie with the community

To the editor,
It's time for all the acrimony to cease. There is no need for blame, no sense in pointing fingers. Ethan is gone, and nothing will ever change that. His family has suffered a terrible loss. It was an awful accident, a real tragedy.

The only question is the safety of the Super Playground, and how should it be addressed. The playground was built by volunteers with donated funds. The city's participation was purely supportive. To blame the city is just plain wrong, and I don't think it is the city's responsibility to alter the playground.

If anyone feels changes such as a fence are needed, then let them collect donations and volunteer their time to do so. As long as the new fence is consistent with the current structure and made of comparable materials, I see no reason to stop its construction.

As one of the numerous citizens who volunteered time and donated money to build the playground, I know how satisfying and

rewarding it can be. I hope Ethan's family and supporters all the success in the world if they choose to head up such a project. Maybe then there could be some closure, and the healing could begin.

As for the gazebo, I also think its construction is ill-advised in light of the current revenue shortfall. But it is not relevant to the playground issue. As Gynelle King stated, improvements to the playground should be a community project as was its original construction.

Brian Butler
Pampa

Something good could come out of toddler's tragic death

To the editor,
Over the past few months, I have read all the comments and letters concerning the Super Playground and Ethan's tragic death.

I think it is a shame that some people are being so critical and judgmental toward Ethan's family. I'm sure they have enough pain and guilt without others trying to place the blame on the family. I know that if my child died, whether in a tragic accident or a terrible disease, I would feel blame and guilt that I couldn't save my child.

I tend to wonder if it were someone else's child that died, one whose parents were influential in the community with friends in high social circles, if the public reaction would be different.

There will never be a fool-proof safety shield to protect our children 100 percent. However, I think a fence at the playground would be a worthwhile investment. We all need to look out for our future — our children.

As for Ethan being unsupervised, have all you who are parents forgotten how fast and active a child Ethan's age is? All it takes is a split second — you could be reaching down to tie your shoe, and then they've disappeared. It can happen that fast.

I am not against building a gazebo in the city. We need to take pride in our community, making improvements and contributions, to beautify it. Even though I am not a native Pampian, I have come to love our community and its people.

So, please, let's make something good come out of this terrible loss. It could be your child's life a fence at the playground could save. Let's give our children the chance that Ethan no longer has — to grow up and live life to the fullest. Life is precious — let's give our children the chance to have that gift that God has given them.

Let us give Ethan's family all the love, prayers, and support that we as Christians are told by God that we should give. May God bless Ethan, and let us keep his memory of life and love alive forever.

Linda Baker
Pampa

Kind, caring woman is like an angel to grieving family

To the editor,
I am writing this letter for several reasons. First of all, I'm in search of a caring woman, Gynelle King?

I am Ethan's mother. I have never given my opinion publicly about the not so Super playground until now because I have been so sick just thinking of the park. I was at work when my son was killed. It was Ethan's first trip to the Super Playground and his last. Because of the city's stupidity, my son is dead. My son was so precious and everyone who knew him or that met him fell in love with him. He was such a happy baby, he was always smiling, there was always a smile on his face, he loved to run and he was so fast it was hard to keep up with him, and he loved to play with his sister.

To Gynelle King, I don't know if you know how much that I appreciate you. I think of you as an angel that Ethan has sent to me. I would really like to meet you and talk to you, so if you could please call me at 665-3294. If I am not there, leave a message so I can contact you. You are a really caring and loving woman Gynelle King.
(See, LETTERS, Page 10)

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20 - Bread Project, 2 p.m., Annex; District Recordbook Judging, Amarillo
21 - Sign-up for Breads Project, 12 noon deadline
22 - Breads Project, 2 p.m., Annex
26 - 4-H and Adult Leaders

Council meetings, 6:30 p.m., Annex
Breads Project
The summer 4-H breads workshops will be held again this year in July. All project meetings will be at 2 p.m. at the Gray County Annex. There will be a cost of \$1.50/person, and anyone interested in attending should call the Extension office by 12 noon the day before each workshop. Topics include: Cheddar Cheese Bread, July 20; Praline Pecan Loaf, July 22; and Quick Breads, July 27.

Nutrition Quiz Bowl
A new 4-H project is going to be held this year and it is a state qualifying contest. A Nutrition Quiz Bowl is being introduced in District 1 and the top winners will qualify for state. The Nutrition Quiz Bowl is a quiz match between two teams made up of four people. Participants will answer questions by buzzing in and the team with the most points wins. For anyone interested, we will have an orientation meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at the Annex.

Council Meetings
4-H and Adult Leader Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. July 26 at the Gray County Annex. Recordbooks, county camp, points' books, achievement banquet and enrollment ideas will be discussed.

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Newsmakers
WEATHERFORD, Okla. — A total of 193 students at Southwestern Oklahoma State University are scheduled to complete degree requirements this summer at the Weatherford campus. Summer school graduates participated in May graduation ceremonies.
Students scheduled to receive degrees include: Catherine Hoover of Pampa, bachelor of science degree; and Kenneth Knight of Canadian, bachelor of music degree.

ENTERTAINMENT

Billboard music charts

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

Mainstream Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Scar Tissue," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.
2. "Promises," Def Leppard. Mercury.
3. "American Woman," Lenny Kravitz. Maverick.
4. "Get Born Again," Alice In Chains. Columbia.
5. "Lit Up," Buckcherry. DreamWorks.
6. "Last Kiss," Pearl Jam. Epic.
7. "Why I'm Here," Oleander. Republic.
8. "One," Creed. Wind-up.
9. "You Wanted More," Tonic. Universal.
10. "Heavy," Collective Soul. Atlantic.

Modern Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Scar Tissue," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.
2. "What's My Age Again?," Blink 182. MCA.
3. "All Star," Smash Mouth. Interscope.
4. "My Own Worst Enemy," Lit. RCA.
5. "Last Kiss," Pearl Jam. Epic.
6. "Nookie," Limp Bizkit. Flip.
7. "Battle Flag," Lo Fidelity All Stars. Skint.
8. "American Woman," Lenny Kravitz. Maverick.
9. "Someday," Sugar Ray. Lava.
10. "The Kids Aren't Alright," The Offspring. Columbia.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Amazed," Lonestar. BNA.
2. "Lesson In Leavin'," Jo Dee Messina. Curb.
3. "Write This Down," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
4. "God Must Have Spent A Little More Time on You," Alabama. RCA.

5. "Whatever You Say," Martina McBride. RCA.
6. "A Night To Remember," Joe Diffie. Epic.
7. "Little Good-byes," Sheldaisy. Lyric Street.
8. "Please Remember Me," Tim McGraw. Curb.
9. "Single White Female," Chely Wright. MCA Nashville.
10. "One Honest Heart," Reba. MCA Nashville.

Top Country Albums

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Come On Over," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Platinum)
2. "Wide Open Spaces," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
3. "Lonely Grill," Lonestar. BNA. (Gold)
4. "A Place In The Sun," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
5. "I'm Alright," Jo Dee Messina. Curb. (Platinum)
6. "Faith," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
7. "Cold Hard Truth," George Jones. Asylum.
8. "She Rides Wild Horses," Kenny Rogers. Dreamcatcher.
9. "The Whole Shebang," Sheldaisy. Lyric Street.
10. "Everywhere We Go," Kenny Chesney. BNA.

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Billboard Magazine Chart Leaders

(Compiled from national retail sales/airplay/rental charts)

- HOT POP SINGLE: "Wild Wild West," Will Smith (feat. Dru Hill & Kool Mo Dee).
 TOP POP ALBUM: "Significant Other," Limp Bizkit.
 HOT R&B SINGLE: "Bills, Bills, Bills," Destiny's Child.
 TOP R&B ALBUM: "Street Life," Fiend.
 HOT COUNTRY SINGLE/TRACK: "Amazed," Lonestar.
 TOP COUNTRY ALBUM: "Come On Over," Shania Twain.
 TOP VIDEO RENTAL: "Enemy Of The State." International Man of Mystery.
 TOP VIDEO SALE: "Austin Powers — International Man of Mystery."
 TOP KIDS VIDEO: "The Rugrats Movie."

'Chicago' has sass, cynicism, sense of fun

NEW YORK (AP) — What makes "Chicago" run and run and run?

Not only run but flourish, retaining its wicked sense of fun and musical-comedy buoyancy. Its sassy, cynical tale of an opportunistic chorine and her triumph over the American justice system has never seemed fresher.

The revival of the Kander and Ebb musical, still ensconced at Broadway's Shubert Theater after more than two years, has had a major reshuffling of players, starting with the actresses who play its murderous leading ladies, Roxie Hart and Velma Kelly.

Charlotte d'Amboise is no stranger to the role of Roxie. She played it for quite a while in one of the touring companies. Her experience shows. On Broadway, the lithe d'Amboise is even better, more sexily confident, particularly in the new moves that have been inserted into the musical to show off her dance expertise.

As the equally avaricious Velma Kelly, Ruthie Henshall is a revelation. If Bebe Neuwirth, the original Velma, was all icy perfection and Ute Lemper, her successor, all exotic eccentricity, Henshall exudes a brash yet winning confidence that is the essence of all good musical theater performers.

The actress, better known in her native England than here, is a show biz triple-threat. Her

singing, dancing and sense of comedic timing are first-rate. Henshall is a bit of a vocal chameleon, too, able to belt when necessary, or wistfully sing her heart out.

Brent Barrett brings a smooth matinee idol charm — not to mention a booming voice — to the role of lawyer Billy Flynn. Roz Ryan is a worthy successor to the inimitable Marcia Lewis as matron Mama Morton, the Sophie Tucker-like keeper of the keys at the Cook County Jail.

P.J. Benjamin earns genuine sympathy as Amos, Roxie's hapless husband, a man ill-used by just about everyone on stage. As newspaper sob sister Mary Sunshine, R. Bean turns caricature into more than camp and comes up with a genuinely funny comic portrait.

One of the astonishments of "Chicago" is that its musical pleasures never let up. The music by John Kander and Fred Ebb's lyrics don't so much mimic vaudeville's boisterous style as celebrate it.

Bob Fosse, who directed, choreographed and co-created the musical in 1975, drove the original with an energy that complemented its jaunty score.

And Walter Bobbie and Ann Reinking, director and choreographer of the revival, have done the same. They don't let the current ensemble slacken either. The chorus is an important part of this show, and several new faces in the crowd don't diminish its effectiveness.

Not many musicals make a big deal of its orchestra, but in "Chicago" it is right there on stage. Band members, expertly led by conductor Rob Bowman, are part of the action.

In fact, "Chicago" is the one show on Broadway where the audience lingers after the actors have taken their final bows and the band on stage waits its way through "Mr. Cellophane," the show's most persistent melody. Even after more than 1,000 performances, you can't get too much of a good thing called "Chicago."

These days anyone can be famous; TV talk shows spotlight average Americans

NEW YORK (AP) — Andy Warhol was wrong. No one is famous for just 15 minutes. These days you get to be famous whenever you feel like it. Just like everyone else.

After all, anyone can ring up Larry King and ask a question on the air. You can e-mail John Gibson, host of that goofy MSNBC talk show, and if it's brash enough he might read your note aloud. Or, any time you visit Manhattan, you can wave at the "Today" cameras and be seen coast-to-coast — just like Katie and Matt.

With the right personal crisis, you could wangle an appearance on "Sally Jessy Raphael." If you make your home video suitably freakish or bloody, Fox might put you in a special. You could even launch your own Web site and star in your own live streaming video: You, brushing your teeth; you, playing with the dog; you, taking a nap and dreaming of fame.

Remember: The First Amendment now guarantees not only free speech, but also a mass audience. Access! Exposure! To paraphrase Descartes, "I think, therefore I am famous."

There's just one thing missing: Impact. It's easy to go public, but who will really notice you? Remember you? Enrich you? Sure you're famous, but for the moment, only you know it. No wonder you still have to stand in line.

Even, conceivably, at a certain McDonald's near Long Island's East End. On this recent Friday afternoon, McDonald's is jammed with people standing in line.

But just a few miles farther on traffic-choked Route 27, the glamorous Hamptons grant refuge to the truly

fame-enabled. These are people like Alec Baldwin and Christie Brinkley, Martha Stewart and Sean "Puffy" Combs, Lorne Michaels and Donna Karan and Jimmy Buffett, not to mention famous people you may not know; people famous in the eyes of other famous people, like Henry Kravis and Ron Perelman and Diane Von Furstenberg.

They are the sort of people who can invite Bill and Hillary to join them in the Hamptons and, last summer, did. They are people who don't wait in line.

But what's this? Regis and Joy Philbin, of all people, have just entered the McDonald's. The "Live With Regis and Kathie Lee" host and his wife (and sometimes co-host) are weaving their way through the crowd. And standing in line.

This is a surprise. Regis, clearly Hamptons-bound, is not only famous but, thanks to his show, a fame facilitator. Does he really need McDonald's? Regis is his own Big Mac.

Even more surprising: No one but you appears to register his presence, or Joy's. Not the hungry throng. Not the counter attendant. Not her co-workers monkeying with the shake dispenser while Joy, who ordered a vanilla shake, waits and waits.

From this episode, you learn two things about celebrity: It has to be acknowledged to exist. And even then, it wouldn't make the shake taste good.

Not that either rule makes fame any less desirable. Or any less thrilling to behold in those who, unlike you, are certifiably famous — especially when that famous orbit happens to align

with your own humdrum life.

You once shopped for dinner beside the actress Linda Hunt at a Greenwich Village greengrocer's. You got into a cab just as actress-comedian Janeane Garofalo got out. And wasn't that Claire Danes, then fresh from "My So-Called Life," that you passed on the steps of the West Fourth Street subway stop?

Fame is heady to behold, even when your vantage point is second-hand. Your doctor, whose Upper West Side office is next door to Jerry Seinfeld's building, tells you he sees Jerry from time to time. Confirmed: Jerry Seinfeld strolls on West 81st Street, same as you.

And Christiane Amanpour goes to the movies.

The CNN foreign correspondent, usually seen reporting from faraway trouble spots, could hardly be seen, much less recognized, seated in the darkness at a Lower East Side cineplex.

"Excuse me," you murmur, as you blindly wriggle across the row. But Amanpour has blocked your path with her leg.

"Say 'excuse me,'" she directs in her instantly identifiable voice.

"Excuse me," you repeat, a little louder. This time, she hears you and lets you pass.

Then the feature starts and Amanpour's husband James Rubin, who has logged camera time of his own as U.S. State Department spokesman, takes a few calls on his cell phone. Calls from his boss, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright? From Alec or Puffy?

If only you could borrow it and call Larry King!

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SPORTS

Notebook

GOLF

PAMPA — Alison Piersall of Pampa had a hole-in-one Friday at the Pampa Country Club course.

Piersall used a 7-iron on the 150-yard, No. 7. The hole-in-one was witnessed by Phil Everson.

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — There will be a Harvester Football Booster Club meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the Ready Room at the high school athletic building.

The meeting will be about the upcoming season.

The general public is invited to attend.

The Harvesters open the 1999 season Sept. 3 at home against Lubbock Estacado. Scrimmages are scheduled Aug. 19 against Borger (home) and Aug. 26 against Frenship (away).

BASKETBALL

LUBBOCK — The South beat the North 53-44 Friday night in the Six-Man Coaches Association Girls Basketball All-Star Game in Monterey gym.

Sarah Dodds, named the game's most valuable player, led the North with 20 points. Dodds is from Brooksmith.

Kia Morris of Lazbuddie had 10 points to lead the North. McLean's Rachel Galley followed with 7 points. Groom's Jessica Stapp had 5 points and Miami's Natalie Glenn had 2 for the North.

RUNNING

DALHART — The 22nd annual XT 5K run is scheduled for Aug. 7 in Dalhart. In addition to the annual 5-K run, a 1-Mile Fun Run will be held for those who do not wish to run the 5K. A free T-Shirt will be given to the first 100 entrants. Door prize drawings will be held for participating runners.

There will be seven age divisions for men: 14 and under, 15 to 19, 20 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, 50 to 59 and 60 and over. There will be six divisions for women: 14 and under, 15 to 19, 20 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49 and 50 and over.

For more information, call Cyndi Ward at (806) 244-8521.

HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars signed centers Pavel Patera and Roman Lyashenko, a pair of draft picks who played overseas last season.

Stars general manager Bob Gainey announced Friday that Patera signed a one-year contract with an option for the 2000-01 season. Lyashenko's contract is for three years.

TENNIS

VERNON — The Hillcrest Country Club Tennis Tournament will be held July 23-25 in Vernon.

Entry fee is \$9 per event and tennis balls will be furnished.

Play begins at 8 a.m. Friday, July 23, for juniors and 8 a.m. Saturday, July 24, for adults.

All matches will be two out of three sets using no-add scoring for all matches. There will be a consolation bracket for first round non-winners and consolation matches will be eight game pro-sets.

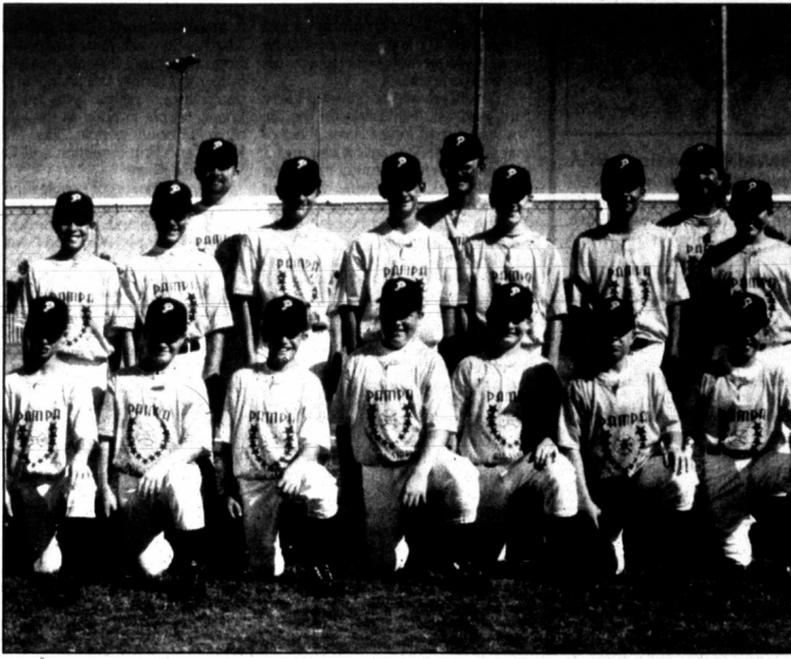
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BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) — The concrete court sizzled at 126 degrees, and American Davis Cup hopes sank close to zero.

While Pete Sampras sat in glum silence following his grand gesture of camaraderie, Australia's Patrick Rafter and Lleyton Hewitt swept the singles Friday for a 2-0 lead over the United States in their best-of-5 Davis Cup quarterfinal.

Chances of a U.S. comeback are mighty slim, even with Sampras playing doubles Saturday. The United States is 1-28 when it has lost the first two matches of a Davis Cup tie, the exception coming against Australia in 1934.

Major Bambino All-Stars



(Pampa News photo)

The Pampa Major Bambino All-Stars are entered in the West Texas State Major Bambino Tournament in Plainview. Team members are (front row, from left) Eric McClure, Eric Willingham, Heath Miller, Jake Craig, Eric Kingcade, Keaton Hutto and Tyson Hickman; (middle row, from left) Mitchell Crow, Shea Brown, Rick Gattis, Seth Foster, Tyler Doughty, Mateo Campos and Christopher Moody; (back row, from left) coach Tim Hutto, manager John Warner and coach Bill Willingham. Not pictured is Clayton Hall. Their first game is at 7 p.m. on July 17.

McGwire, Sosa in another race

By The Associated Press

Mark and Sammy are putting on another slugging show.

Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa, who thrilled the nation with their historic home run race last season, could be headed for another showdown this year.

Sosa hit his major league-leading 34th homer and doubled to key a three-run rally in the ninth inning Friday, leading the Chicago Cubs to an 11-10 victory over the Minnesota Twins at Wrigley Field.

McGwire hit a pair of three-run homers, giving him 31 this season, and matched a career high with six RBIs in St. Louis' 9-8 loss to the Chicago White Sox at Busch Stadium.

"He can put runs on the board so fast," White Sox manager Jerry Manuel said. "It's like when he comes up, he's already in scoring position. That's the kind of respect you have to give him."

McGwire homered in the first inning off Jaime Navarro and hit another shot in the seventh off Bill Simas. It was McGwire's fourth multihomer game of the season and 57th of his career.

Sosa went 4-for-5, including a 410-foot homer off Eric Milton in the first that gave the Cubs a 4-2 lead.

In other interleague games, it was Colorado 6, Cincinnati 2; Florida 4, Toronto 2; Pittsburgh 11, Cleveland 3; Baltimore 9, Montreal 4; Philadelphia 5, Boston 4; New York Mets 9, Tampa Bay 7; Atlanta 10, New York Yankees 7; Houston 2, Detroit 1; Texas 9, Arizona 8; Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 1; San Diego 2, Seattle 1; and Oakland 4, San Francisco 2.

Milwaukee split a doubleheader with Kansas City, winning the opener 2-0 and losing the second game 12-10. They were the first games at County Stadium since an accident killed three workers Wednesday at the site of the new ballpark under construction next door.

In the only NL game, Colorado beat Cincinnati 6-2.

Brewers 2, Royals 0, 1st game

Royals 12, Brewers 10, 2nd game

Baseball was back at County Stadium, but the mood was far from festive in the wake of the deadly construction accident. Both teams and a sparse crowd

observed a moment of silence before the first game, and the stadium flag flew at half-staff. The Brewers are not allowing fans to sit in the outfield bleachers — the area of the old park closest to the accident scene — until further notice.

Pirates 11, Indians 3

Brian Giles homered against his former team and Ed Sprague added a two-run shot at Pittsburgh. Kevin Young also homered for the Pirates, who have hit 93 in 89 games and are on pace to break the club record of 158 in 1966.

Marlins 4, Blue Jays 2

Alex Gonzalez drove in two runs, including a tiebreaking RBI double in the seventh inning, as visiting Florida continued its interleague success. The Marlins are 30-15 since interleague play began in 1997, including 10-4 this season.

Orioles 9, Expos 4

Harold Baines went 4-for-5 with a homer and Mike Mussina got his 12th victory as Baltimore won its fourth straight.

Mussina (12-4) allowed four hits and struck out 10 in seven innings.

Norman survives Carnoustie carnage

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland (AP)

— At times, it was hard to tell who was happier after two days of carnage at Carnoustie — those who made the cut in the British Open or those who got to go home.

At one end of the scale was Greg Norman. At the other end was Sergio Garcia.

"It will always be the greatest golf championship you could ever play in because we get to play under these conditions," Norman said.

Those conditions continued today with gusty winds blowing and the heavy rough grabbing balls. The winds picked up before the leaders teed off in mid-afternoon.

Among the early starters was David Duval, who shot 76.

The conditions embarrassed Garcia, the 19-year-old Spanish sensation, who did not make it to the weekend play.

"It's the first time in 10 years I won't watch the British Open on TV because I don't think it deserves it. I just think it's not good," Garcia said.

Offered by British bookies as one of the open favorites, Garcia crashed in spectacular fashion on the overgrown links course, shooting 89-83 to finish dead last in the 156-man field.

Norman, on the other hand, was enjoying a rebirth of sorts at the age of 44, getting in contention despite an embarrassing moment of his own when he completely missed a ball he was trying to hit.

"We'll probably wake up Monday morning and say, 'God, I had a lot of fun that week,'" Norman said.

If fun is playing golf with disaster lurking at every shot, there was a lot of it going on again Friday at the windswept Carnoustie Golf Links.

Frenchman Jean Van de Velde was certainly having the most fun of his modest career, shooting a tournament-best 68 to get to 1-over-par 143 and take the lead midway through the tournament.

Van de Velde's only pro win came in the Masters in 1993 — the Roma Masters, that is.

"You know, it is just a golf game," Van de Velde said. "I'm going to go out there and try to enjoy. I know it's a major championship, but it's just a golf tournament."

Don't say that to Norman, who would love nothing more than to win his third British Open — the only major he has won. Or to Tiger Woods, who sits with Norman at 146, only three shots behind, in search of his first major since the 1997

Masters.

And don't suggest that either of those two should intimidate Angel Cabrera, an Argentinean who is a shot back of Van de Velde and was in the final group in today's third round.

"I play my game the same no matter who I play against," Cabrera said. "I play against the course. It doesn't bother me to be out here playing against the big names."

Only one other name stood between Cabrera and Woods and Norman. Jesper Parnevik, playing with wads of tissue stuck up his nose because of allergies, shot an even-par 71 and was at 145.

"I love coming here to play," Parnevik said. "I don't think there's a better feeling or sound when you hit a golf ball anywhere else in the world than links golf courses."

Van de Velde birdied two of his last three holes Friday, finishing with a near tap-in on 18, to get the lead.

He can only hope he has better luck with the lead than Rodney Pampling, who shot himself into an unfortunate piece of open history.

Pampling led after the first round with an even-par 71. He packed his bags for the weekend after a 15-over 86 made him miss the cut, the first time a first-round leader failed to qualify for the final two rounds.

"If your game's not on this course, you're going to pay the price," Pampling said. "My game wasn't on today, and I paid the price big time."

Pampling wasn't the only nominee to miss the cut. Dozens of other qualifiers also missed.

Nick Faldo doesn't usually miss the cut, though. He made 23 straight open cuts before his 78-79 sent him home. Defending champion Mark O'Meara was another casualty, despite improving to a 74 that was nine strokes better than his first round.

Though the wind howled once again and was supposed to do the same today — overnight rains softened the course and helped calm some of the players who had been so vocal in criticizing it as an unfair test.

No one broke par Thursday, but seven players did on Friday.

"You can't judge your game on this golf course," said David Duval, who made the cut after a 75 that saw him play the last four holes in 5-over. "Good shots end up in the hay, bad shots end up on the green, you just don't know what's going to happen."

Four cities bid for Big 12 football site

DALLAS (AP) — Two cities each in Texas and Missouri have submitted proposals to play host to the Big 12 football championship starting next year, the league said Friday.

Dallas, San Antonio, Kansas City and St. Louis sent in their bids by the Thursday deadline for the football game, which has been held in Kansas City, San Antonio and St. Louis in its first three years.

The Dallas bids this time included proposals for both the Cotton Bowl and Texas Stadium, the league said.

Dallas, San Antonio and Kansas City also made bids for both the Big 12 men's and women's basketball tournaments. Denver was a fourth bidder for the men's tourney.

Two Texas cities, Arlington and San Antonio, bid for the Big 12 baseball tournament, along with Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

All the bids will be evaluated over the next three months, with league staffers presenting final recommendations to the Big 12 Conference Board of Directors at an October meeting.

"We're very pleased that several cities have submitted proposals for these championships," said Big 12 Commissioner Kevin Weiberg.

"We're looking forward to discussions with the key governance groups and with the cities

that sent us their proposals before we send the final proposals to the board."

Deadline nears for Amarillo's streetball event

AMARILLO — The deadline is quickly approaching for Amarillo's original 3-on-3 streetball event. For the eighth consecutive year, Kids Incorporated brings 3-on-3 basketball back to downtown Amarillo. Tip-off for the 1999 Streetball Challenge is scheduled for July 24-25. Entry deadline is Wednesday, July 21. The event is being held in the downtown area for the third year in a row.

The tournament is open to male and female players ages 8 and up. Teams will be grouped into divisions with players of similar height, age and playing ability. Last year's event consisted of 319 teams competing in 38 divisions.

The entry fee is once again set at \$80 per team. Each team will receive an official event t-shirt and each team is guaranteed a minimum of three games. All proceeds from the event support the athletic programs offered by Kids Incorporated.

For more information, call Kids Incorporated at 376-5936.

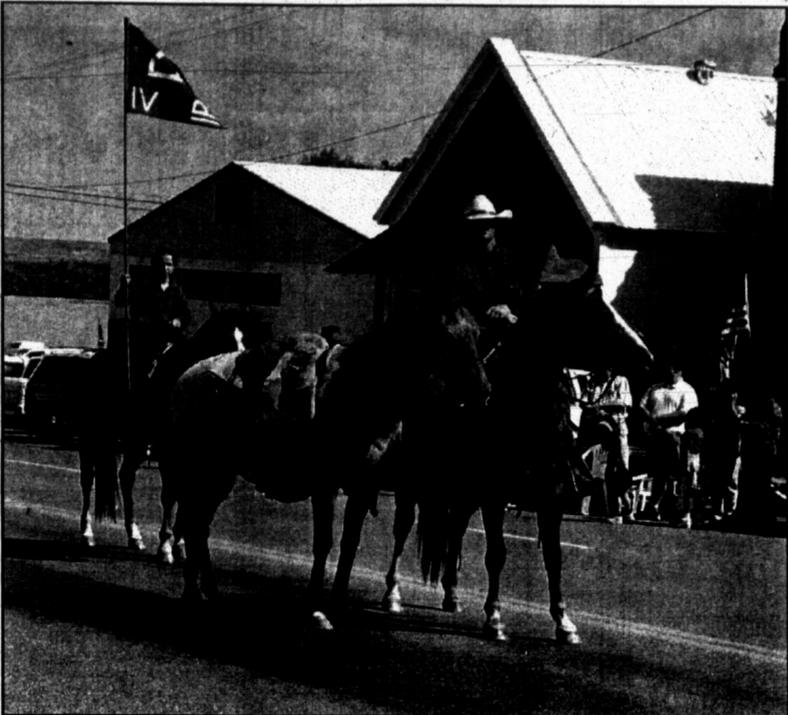
Snappy Services team



(Special photo)

The Snappy Services team this season competed in the T-ball (5-6 year old) Baseball League, which is part of the Pampa Kids' & Youth Club. Team members are (front row, from left) Rhett Hammond, Leslie Chester, Monica Rodriguez and Emily Hart; (middle row, from left) Dale Montgomery, Colten Adams, Colby Wells, Juan Martinez and Luis Romero; (back row, from left) coach David Scott, James Scott, Travis Chester, Zach Hammond and coach Robin Scott. Not pictured is Ziriak Hix.

Riderless horse



(Photo by Bonner Green)

Swasey Brainard and Resa Wicker (with flag) honor the memory of Ed Brainard during the July 4th rodeo parade in Canadian. Brainard, a Canadian rancher, was killed July 1 in an auto accident. Swasey and Resa are Brainard's son and granddaughter. Swasey leads a riderless horse adorned with saddle and boots.

Astros add Everett to injury list

HOUSTON (AP) — Carl Everett has a hurt right hamstring and Derek Bell has hurt feelings.

The Astros placed Everett on the 15-day disabled list Friday and called up Lance Berkman from Triple-A New Orleans. Bell was silent on Friday, but he complained at length Thursday about being dropped to sixth in the batting order.

"My leg is gone," Everett said. "I'll just have to let it heal. I hate the fact that I've been playing well and then get hurt. But there's no use rushing it."

Everett has been a key offensive performer with a .313 average, 98 hits and 65 RBIs.

Two other starters, shortstop Ricky Gutierrez (fractured wrist) and third baseman Ken Caminiti (calf injury) also are on the DL. The Astros moved Caminiti to the 60-day disabled list.

Ten Astros have been on the DL this season.

Bell has hit in the No. 2 slot much of his career with the Astros and also has batted fourth. Manager Larry Dierker dropped him to the No. 6 spot for Thursday night's game.

Bell is batting .247 with 10 home runs and 50 RBIs.

"I'm speaking of my feelings from the heart, how I feel," Bell said after the 8-6 win over Detroit. "The way it's been going, it hurts."

Dierker, making his managerial return after missing more than a month because of brain

surgery, said he would wait for the proper moment to discuss the move with Bell.

"I'll look for an opportunity, not like calling him into the office like going to the principal's office or walking up to his locker in front of everybody," Dierker said. "When it seems comfortable, maybe at the batting cage, we'll talk."

"Maybe after a couple days when he sees what it's like, it won't be so bad."

Everett was sympathetic toward his outfield mate.

"If he feels like expressing himself, it's his choice," Everett said. "Ninety-nine percent of the fans don't know the game. They shouldn't get on him. Those fans that are booing him ought to keep their mouths shut and encourage him."

"I always have concern when a teammate is hurting. We're so close, when a teammate is feeling bad we know it. I'll tell him to forget the fans. I'll tell him to forget about the first half and take off from here."

Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker called Bell's complaints a family dispute that would not affect Bell's use.

"Derek is a big part of our club and will continue to be a big part of our club," Hunsicker said. "This is nothing unique in this business. It's a long season with a lot of ups and downs."

"All families have their spats, and this is just one of them."

Berkman hit .303 and 45 RBIs in 58 games with the Zephyrs this season. He'll platoon in left field with Matt Mieske, who started Friday night's game.

Comets win in overtime

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Sheryl Swoopes had one of the best games of her career, and the Houston Comets could not have been happier.

Swoopes scored a career-high 33 points, including 21 in the second half, as the two-time WNBA champion Comets defeated the Utah Starzz 88-84 in overtime at the Delta Center on Friday night.

Swoopes hit a jumper to tie the game with 6.4 seconds remaining as the Comets (14-2)

stormed back from a 17-point deficit with 13:13 to go.

"Swoopes is the player who really turns it on in these situations and (the Comets) have been there before," Starzz coach Fred Williams said.

Swoopes scored four points in overtime, while Cynthia Cooper had eight of her 22, including a 3-pointer with 25.8 seconds left to give the Comets an 86-84 lead. Swoopes added a pair of free throws between two missed 3-pointers in the final 11 seconds.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL				
American League				
All Times EDT				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	52	36	.591	—
Boston	50	40	.556	3
Toronto	47	45	.511	7
Tampa Bay	39	51	.433	14
Baltimore	38	51	.427	14 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	57	32	.640	—
Chicago	43	44	.494	13
Kansas City	36	53	.404	21
Detroit	36	54	.400	21 1/2
Minnesota	34	54	.386	22 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	50	39	.562	—
Oakland	45	44	.506	5
Anaheim	42	46	.477	7 1/2
Seattle	42	47	.472	8
Thursday's Games				
Kansas City at Milwaukee, ppd., accident				
Boston 6, Philadelphia 4				
Florida 8, Toronto, 6				
Cleveland 2, Pittsburgh 0				
Baltimore 8, Montreal 2				
N.Y. Mets 8, Tampa Bay 7, 10 innings				
Atlanta 6, N.Y. Yankees 2				
Chicago Cubs 9, Minnesota 3				
Houston 8, Detroit 6				
Texas 3, Arizona 2				
St. Louis 3, Chicago White Sox 2, 13 innings				
San Diego 3, Seattle 2				
Anaheim 7, Los Angeles 6, 10 innings				
Oakland 11, San Francisco 9				
Friday's Games				
Chicago Cubs 11, Minnesota 10				
Milwaukee 2, Kansas City 0, 1st game				
Kansas City 12, Milwaukee 10, 2nd game				
Florida 4, Toronto 2				
Pittsburgh 11, Cleveland 3				
Baltimore 9, Montreal 4				
Philadelphia 5, Boston 4				
N.Y. Mets 9, Tampa Bay 7				
Atlanta 10, N.Y. Yankees 7				
Houston 2, Detroit 1				
Chicago White Sox 9, St. Louis 8				
Texas 9, Arizona 8				
Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 1				
San Diego 2, Seattle 1				
Oakland 4, San Francisco 2				
Sunday's Games				
Florida at Boston, 1:05 p.m.				

National League				
All Times EDT				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	57	34	.626	—
New York	52	39	.571	5
Philadelphia	47	41	.534	8 1/2
Montreal	33	53	.384	21 1/2
Florida	34	56	.378	22 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	52	37	.584	—
Cincinnati	50	37	.575	1
Pittsburgh	44	45	.494	8
Chicago	43	44	.494	8
St. Louis	44	46	.489	8 1/2
Milwaukee	43	45	.489	8 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	50	40	.556	—
Arizona	48	43	.527	2 1/2
San Diego	45	43	.511	4
Colorado	41	47	.466	8
Los Angeles	40	48	.455	9
Thursday's Games				
Kansas City at Milwaukee, ppd., accident				
Cincinnati 10, Colorado 7				
Boston 6, Philadelphia 4				
Florida 8, Toronto, 6				
Cleveland 2, Pittsburgh 0				
Baltimore 8, Montreal 2				
N.Y. Mets 8, Tampa Bay 7, 10 innings				
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Oakland 11, San Francisco 9				
Friday's Games				
Chicago Cubs 11, Minnesota 10				
Milwaukee 2, Kansas City 0, 1st game				

BASKETBALL				
Women's National Basketball Association				
All Times EDT				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	8	5	.615	—
Orlando	7	7	.500	1 1/2
Detroit	7	8	.467	2
Charlotte	6	8	.429	2 1/2
Washington	5	10	.333	4
Cleveland	4	13	.235	6
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	14	2	.875	—
Sacramento	11	5	.688	3
Los Angeles	10	5	.667	3 1/2
Minnesota	7	6	.538	5 1/2
Utah	5	9	.357	8
Phoenix	4	10	.286	9
Friday's Games				
Detroit 78, Washington 68				
Charlotte 56, Orlando 50				
Sacramento 85, Cleveland 71				
Houston 88, Utah 84, OT				

Cabot team



(Special photo)

Cabot had a team in the T-ball (5-6 year-old) League this summer. Team members are (front row, from left) Bethney Mosteller, Aaron Rodriguez, Ryan Pearson and Rudy Rodriguez; (middle row, from left) Christopher Smith, Lacey Jenner, Candia Jimenez, Madison Martin and Brandon Charez; (back row, from left) coach Misty Jimenez, Ramon Jimenez, Garrett Sewell, Seth Almanza and coach Al Almanza; Not pictured is coach Alfredo Jimenez. The Cabot team is a member of the Pampa Kids & Youth Club.

Minor leagues vow to keep playing if umpires strike

NEW YORK (AP) — Just like the major leagues, the minors will keep on playing if their regular umpires walk out.

The resignations of most major league umpires were received late Thursday by the American and National leagues, and minor league umpires held a conference call Friday with Richie Phillips, the lawyer for the Major League Umpires Association.

Phillips says minor league umpires have voted to form a union. But it hasn't been recognized by the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, the governing body of the minors, or the Professional Baseball Umpire Corporation, its subsidiary that hires umpires for 16 minor leagues.

Pat Campbell, an assistant to Phillips, said Thursday night a minor league walkout could "happen sooner rather than later." The minor league umpires have another conference call scheduled for Monday.

"PBUC suspects that Phillips wants to use minor league umpires as pawns in his ongoing battles with the major leagues," the National Association said in a statement. "We can't predict what the umpires will do, but we owe it to our fans to be prepared. Minor league baseball will be played as scheduled."

The resignations of major league umpires take effect Sept. 2, and major league officials seem prepared to accept them.

On Friday, meanwhile, players union head Donald Fehr sent a

memo to all player representatives regarding the umpires.

"You have probably already heard or read reports about the actions the umpires are taking," the memo said. "It is my strong recommendation that no player make any public comments at this time. We will keep you informed."

If the major leagues don't bring

up umpires from the minors, they would hire college and high school umpires. Phillips said 220 of 228 minor league umpires voted to form the Minor League Umpires Association, with two abstaining.

"PBUC does not believe that the best interests of minor league umpires of our fans will be served by having a union involved," the

National Association said. "Of course, if the umpires themselves elect a union to represent them through the secret-ballot procedure of the National Labor Relations Board, where these issues are commonly resolved, PBUC would bargain in good faith in an effort to reach an agreement."



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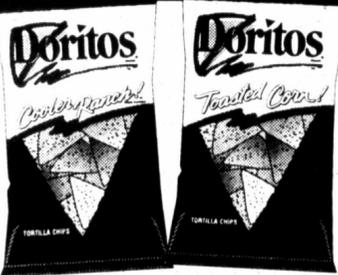
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LETTERS

I pray all of Pampa can be like this woman. Let's make "Ethan's Park" safe. Thank you all for your time.
Angela Anderson, Ethan's mother
Pampa

President explains reason for veto

To the editor,
In reply to John Tripplehorn's letter to the Editor (July 4th) in which he asked why the President would veto H.R. 2646, the Education Savings and School Excellence Act of 1998, which was vetoed one year ago, on July 21, 1998:
The President's veto message stated: "The bill would divert limited Federal resources away from public schools by spending more than \$3 bil-

lion on tax benefits that would do virtually nothing for average families and would disproportionately benefit the most affluent families. More than 70 percent of the benefits would flow to families on the top 20 percent of income distribution, and families struggling to make ends meet would never see a penny of benefits."

The bill would not create a meaningful incentive for most families to create educational savings, but would reward high income families for what they already do.

The President's plan would be to improve education for all children by increasing standards of accountability and allowing choice within the public schools. He would also like to reduce class size, improve the quality of teaching, modernize schools, end social promotion, raise academic standards and hold school districts, schools, and staff accountable for results.

Zetha Dougherty
Pampa

Early day Christian



Chris Hasskarl dressed as an early day Christian during Zion Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School activities recently.

Community Calendar

FREEDOM MUSEUM USA, 600 North Hobart, Open Tuesday-Saturday, Noon to 4 p.m. Revolutionary War to Bosnia. All branches of service are represented.

AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-3988.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-7501.

CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, contact 669-7501.

VFW POST #1657, 105 S. Cuyler.

Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Edgar D. Carson, 669-0853 or 669-1264.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE CHARITY BINGO every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 E. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-751616469-0.

THE ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP will have regularly scheduled meetings the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc. For more information contact Chrys Smith at 665-0356.

OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES/WIC Program nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information call 665-1182.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS meet the 4th Saturday of each month at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Pot luck supper. For more information contact Kevin Romines, 665-8547 or Jim Greene, 665-8067.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS will meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Family Life Center at First Christian Church at 18th and Nelson from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be a light meal and then play cards and get acquainted. Under aged school children can be taken to the First Christian Church Mother's Day out by calling 665-8689. For more information please call 665-1188.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER in-house support group for victims of family violence. Meetings on Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. and one on Thursdays 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. For more information call 669-1131. All calls are kept confidential.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM will present an exhibit June 1-Sept. 1 on the Red River War to commemorate the war's 125th anniversary. The museum is open to the public from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, 112-116 S. Cuyler. For more information, call 669-8041.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL will meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 North Russell. For more information call Sharon King, 665-2818.

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Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Bradley

Bradley anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Bradley will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 3-5 p.m. today at Pampa Country Club. Children of the couple will host the reception.

Samuel L. Bradley and Delores V. Hook were married July 18, 1949, at the groom's home. The couple have been Pampa residents for the past 48 years and belong to Faith Tabernacle United Pentecostal Church.

Mr. Bradley worked for Cabot-IRI for 33 years and eight months, retiring in 1987.

Mrs. Bradley worked for Levines Department Store for 12 years, retiring in 1980.

Children of the couple are James and Gaylene Bradley and Pat and Larry Stucker, all of Pampa. They have four grandchildren.

Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.

PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met June 24 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Among those present were guests Judith Auwen and Janice Sackett.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Ten members displayed completed projects.

—Friendship blocks were

returned for Linda Frost while Pam Hibler distributed appliquéed barn patterns.

—Members participated in a fat quarter exchange and Donna Reynolds distributed instructions for the mystery quilt.

—A fabric dyeing workshop was arranged for September with supply lists to be available in August. Reynolds and Kathy White will be in charge of the quilt scrapbook.

—Officers for the upcoming two-year term are Pat Stubbs of Alanreed, president; Carol Willis of Borger, vice president; Susan Carter of Pampa, secretary; Liza Harrison of Pampa, treasurer; Laura Davis of Sweetwater, Okla., publicity chairman; Christine Griffith of Pampa, newsletter editor.

—Permanent guild workdays fall on the second Tuesday and the fourth Saturday of each month. Members meet at Sand's Fabrics.

The guild door prize was won by Hibler and the Sand's door prize was won by Jean McCarley.

Altrusa

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met July 13 at Pampa Country Club with President Kadda Schale presiding. Linda Lamb and Anne Stobbe served as greeters.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

(See, CLUB, Page 13)

Menus

July 19-23

Pampa Schools

MONDAY

Breakfast: Pancake and sausage on a stick, syrup.

Lunch: Ravioli, green beans, apricots, hot rolls.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Biscuits, jelly.

Lunch: Salmon patties, blackeyed peas, macaroni and cheese, mixed fruit, hot rolls.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, flour tortilla, sausage patty.

Lunch: Barbecue on a bun, pinto beans, potato wedges, applesauce.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast.

Lunch: Chicken fajitas, flour tortilla, onions and bell peppers, refried beans, fresh fruit.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast.

Lunch: Burgers, French fries, burger

salad, sliced pickles, pineapple.

Meals on Wheels

MONDAY

Hamburgers, tator tots, pineapple.

TUESDAY

Chicken pot pie, pickled beets, corn, pudding.

WEDNESDAY

Eggs, bacon, biscuits, gravy, peaches.

THURSDAY

Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, vanilla wafers.

FRIDAY

Roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello.

Senior Citizens

MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, green beans, cauliflower, beans, ugly duckling cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Hamburger steak with onions or chicken

breast with wild rice, cheese potatoes, beets, spinach, blackeyed peas with snaps, Boston creme pie or coconut creme pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, jalapeno cornbread, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, California blend, stewed tomatoes, beans, strawberry shortcake or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or barbecued sausages with onion rings, parsley potatoes, turnip greens, corn, baked beans, pineapple upsidedown cake or cherry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Fried cod fish or Swedish meatballs over noodles, potato wedges, squash casserole, beans, chocolate swirl cake or vanilla pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.



Katie Michelle Hyatt and Alex J. Hoyler

Hyatt-Hoyler

Katie Michelle Hyatt and Alex J. Hoyler, both of Amarillo, were wed July 17 in Trinity Baptist Church of Amarillo with Dr. David L. Evans, of the church, officiating.

The maid of honor was Kacie L. Hyatt of Amarillo. The bridesmaids were Tami Fredrickson of Katy and Cristi Fleetwood, Jenna Reece and Melissa Lanier, all of Amarillo. The flower girl was Kyndal Banks of Whitesboro.

The best man was Barry Hoyler of Amarillo. The groomsmen were Tyler Kammerman of Sioux Center, Iowa, Lcpl. Cody J. Hyatt of Camp Pendleton, Calif., and USMC Tolk Persons and Kenny Farmer, both of Amarillo. The ring bearer was Alex Morris of Argyle.

The groomsmen served as ushers along with Ryan King, cousin of the bride of Pampa. The candlelighter was Nicole Sawyer of Amarillo.

Registering the guests were Heather Hunt and Jennifer Hunt, both of Amarillo. Music was provided by vocalists Robert Isbell and Kara Knorpp, both of Amarillo. Isbell sang a solo and a duet with Knorpp.

A reception was held following the service in the parlor of the church with Heather Hunt and Jennifer Hunt, both of Amarillo, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Gary J. and Kathleen Hyatt of Amarillo and is the granddaughter of Janice Hyatt of Pampa and the late J.C. Hyatt. She graduated from Tascosa High School in 1996 and is currently a junior at West Texas A&M University, pursuing a degree in elementary education. She is presently employed in children's programs at Gold's Gym.

The groom is the son of David and Ruth Hoyler of Amarillo and is the grandson of Bette Hoyler of Amarillo, formerly of Pampa. He graduated from Tascosa High School in 1996 and attended Amarillo College. He is currently employed with Progressive Drywall.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico, and intend to make their home in Amarillo.



Keri Diane Bigham and Kyle Edward Barbour

Bigham-Barbour

Keri Diane Bigham and Kyle Edward Barbour, both of Amarillo, were wed July 17 in Central Church of Christ of Amarillo with Dick Marcear, minister of the church, officiating.

The matron of honor was Ketra Wisler, sister of the bride of Atlanta, Ga. The maid of honor was Tracy Webb of Norman, Okla. The bridesmaids were Keila Ortega, sister of the groom of Sunray, and Leslie Stephens, Callie Combest and Amber Stephens, all of Amarillo. The flower girl was Allyson Wisler, niece of the bride of Atlanta.

The best man was Mitch Barbour, brother of the groom. The groomsmen were Ruben Ortega, brother-in-law of the groom of Sunray, Ryan Rousser of Houston, Cory Wadsworth of Dumas, Jordan Pride of Amarillo and Ethan Blodgett of Dallas. The ring bearer was Tyler Ortega, nephew of the groom of Sunray.

Music was provided by soloist Gavin Moore of Sunray.

A reception was held following the service in the parlor of the church with Patricia Silva, ReDonn Woods, Brandi Badia, all of Pampa, Helen Byrd of Bridgeport and Lindsey McDonald of Plainview serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Katrina and Robert Bigham of Pampa and is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spencer and the late Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ray Bigham. She graduated from Pampa High School and West Texas A&M University, receiving a bachelor of science degree in environmental science. She attended Wayland Baptist University at Plainview and is currently employed as regional manager of Panhandle Division of ANA-LAB.

The groom is the son of Donna and Ed Barbour of Sunray and is the grandson of Erlene Barbour of Tulia, the late Mr. Van Barbour, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fleming. He graduated from Sunray High School and from West Texas A&M University, receiving a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education. He is currently employed as a first grade teacher at Northwest Elementary School in Hereford.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico, and intend to make their home in Amarillo.

CINEMA

5th Week
Tarzan (G)
 2 Shows Nightly 7:05 & 8:50
 Daily Matinee 1:50

1st Run
Lake Placid (R)
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3rd Week
Big Daddy (PG-13)
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3rd Week
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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry South

South anniversary

Jerry and Barbara South celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 10, 1999, with a dinner at "Celebrations" restaurant in Fort Worth. Children of the couple hosted the reception. Forty-four guests were in attendance. The couple belong to Central Baptist Church. Mr. South is retired from Celanese. Children of the couple are Eddie and Yvonne South of Fort Worth and Bryan and Denise South of Pineville, La. They have several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Stephanie Kay Stiles and Bobbie Mack Shields

Stiles-Shields

Stephanie Kay Stiles and Bobbie Mack Shields plan to wed Aug. 28 in First United Methodist Church of White Deer. The bride-elect is the daughter of Sharon Stiles of White Deer and P.R. Stiles of Fritch. She graduated from White Deer High School and attended Frank Phillips College and West Texas A&M University. She is currently a legal assistant employed with Waggoner, Miller, and Blackwell, L.L.P. The prospective groom is the son of Lonnie and LeAnn Shields of Spearman. He graduated from Spearman High School and from The Texas Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Academy in Austin and attended Amarillo College and West Texas A&M University. He is currently a state trooper employed with Texas Department of Public Safety.



Lalanya Douthit and Dr. Bradley Williams

Douthit-Williams

Lalanya Douthit of Clarendon and Dr. Bradley Williams of Midland were wed July 17 in United Methodist Church of Clarendon with Don Stone of Clarendon officiating. The matron of honor was Vonneita Douthit, mother of the bride of Clarendon. The bridesmaids were Vonneita Douthit and Lindsay Green, both of Clarendon, Jodi Cruse of Turkey, Rebecca Cooper of Lubbock and Kristi Williams of Dallas. The flower girl was Chanel Lantz of Elk City, Okla. The best man was Dr. Donald Williams of Clarendon. The groomsmen were Mark Williams of Dallas, Phillip Williams and Kent Williams, both of Fort Collins, Colo., and Buddy Howard of Clarendon. The ring bearer was Mitchell Mellema of Dalhart. The candlelighters were Chelsea Lantz of Elk City and Audrey Leboof of Oklahoma City, Okla. Registering guests was Christie Cruse of Clarendon. Music was provided by Jim Shadle of Clarendon. A reception was held following the service in the reception hall of the church with Paulette Kidd and Christie Cruse, both of Clarendon, Kenzie Wittington of Pampa and Jennifer Isbell of Oklahoma City serving the guests. The bride is the daughter of Doil and Vonneita Douthit of Clarendon. She holds a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies from West Texas A&M University and is currently employed as a teacher for Stanton ISD. The groom is the son of Dr. Donald and Katherine Williams of Clarendon and Reva Williams of Lubbock. He holds a bachelor's degree in biology from West Texas A&M University and earned a doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Texas A&M University this spring. He is currently employed at Cobb Vet Clinic in Midland. The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Jamaica and intend to make their home in Midland.



Tricia Ann Appel and Brad Michael Timmons

Appel-Timmons

Tricia Ann Appel and Brad Michael Timmons, both of Canadian, plan to wed July 31 at Central Baptist Church of Canadian with Rick L. Timmons, pastor and father of the groom, officiating. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Hutchinson of Canadian. She graduated from Canadian High School in 1995. She is currently employed at Hemphill County Hospital. The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Timmons of Canadian. He graduated from Canadian High School in 1995. He is currently employed with Mike's Oilfield Service.



Patti Dee Stanton and Wendel King Christenson

Stanton-Chriestenson

Patti Dee Stanton of Lubbock and Wendel King Christenson of Borger have announced their engagement. The couple plan to wed in Trinity Church of Lubbock. The bride-elect is the daughter of Jay and Pat Stanton of Shallowater. She holds a degree from Texas Tech University and attended Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas and Victory Bible Institute in Tulsa, Okla. She is currently employed with Lubbock Rays of Hope. The prospective groom is the son of Elsie Christenson and the late Raymond Christenson of Pampa. He attended Northwest College at Kirkland, Wash., and is currently employed with Cornerstone Christian Academy in Borger.

Christopher anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Christopher of Alliance, Ohio, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary today at their home. Chester Christopher and Elizabeth Clark were married July 18, 1939, at Pampa. They made their home in Alliance. Mr. Christopher was employed at various occupations, working at one time for Cabot and for Ross McGill in the oilfield. He retired in August 1975 after working in Alliance for many years. He volunteered at a crippled children's home, transporting 169 children. The couple have a daughter, Louise Tanner of the Deerfield, Ohio, area and a grandchild.

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The accent was delivered by Mary Wilson on the signers of the Declaration of Independence and their role in the American Revolution. —Kerrick Horton, style show chairman, distributed tickets and posters for the annual style show

to be held Aug. 14. Tickets are \$10 and will include lunch. Entertainment will be provided by Sona Solano, former Miss Amarillo Area. Karen Bridges, decorations chairman, reported the theme for the event will be "Garden Thyme" and described the decorations. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. July 27 at Pampa Country Club.

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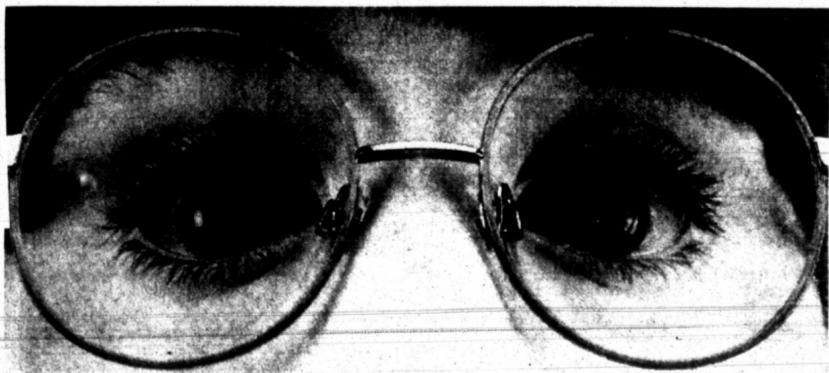
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Churchgoers in Casual Attire Get Reader's Dressing-Down

DEAR ABBY: Periodically you invite your readers to "dump on Abby." My beef might seem trivial to many, and if that's the case, "Sorry about that!" but I am tired of seeing tourists in my hometown church dressed in sweatshirts, blue jeans, even shorts! Some might praise the fact that these ill-dressed folk bother attending church while they're on vacation, but why do they slight we year-round residents with their ultra-casual mode of dress?



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

decades, the old "rules" have relaxed considerably. People come to church to heal their souls and gain inspiration for living, and if you are focusing on what you and the other worshippers are wearing, I respectfully suggest that you are focusing on the wrong thing. REPENT!

threats. We are both in our 70s now and we just tolerate each other. Never once has he shown any regret for his treatment of me and the children, who love us both but have no respect for their father. My children are not aware, as far as I know, of his adulterous womanizing over the years. Celebrating a life of hell is just more than I can take. What now?

NO NAME, NO CITY

DEAR NO NAME: If your children are not aware of your husband's adulterous behavior, I see no reason to bring it up now. However, it would be impossible for them to have been unaware of the physical, verbal and emotional abuse you have suffered. Just tell them that under the circumstances, 50 years of the kind of marriage you have endured is nothing to celebrate, and ask them to please abide by your wishes.

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I recall church at East Coast resort areas when some visitors, the famous among them, dressed casually — but where most of the congregation were respectfully attired. The issue has reached the point where I, in nifty outfits, feel almost embarrassed for myself. Heaven forbid I should abandon my finery to blend in with the tourists!

At one packed August service last year, a woman with a head of cascading hair wore a halter top, giving the impression to those in pews in back of her that she was topless! Male, female, huge legs, shapely legs, hairy legs — shorts are the "norm." Lack of consideration for year-round parishioners in resort communities is a sin. Please, dear visiting worshippers — God loves you all, but give the locals a break. Dress with respect. AMEN! AIN'T NO SAINT IN OREGON

DEAR AIN'T NO SAINT: I, too, come from a generation where we were taught to dress up when visiting a house of God. However, in the last few

DEAR ABBY: My 50th wedding anniversary is coming up in August and my children want to give us a grand party, but there is a problem: After 50 years of verbal, physical and mental abuse from my husband, I refuse to be a party to this hypocrisy. My husband, who is a retired professional man, is highly respected. However, we have not lived as man and wife for many years. He is an alcoholic, an adulterer, a wife-beater and a churchgoing hypocrite. He has ruined my life, and as a result, I have no use for him. I stayed with him over the years for the sake of the children when they were young, my religion (Catholic), and because of his

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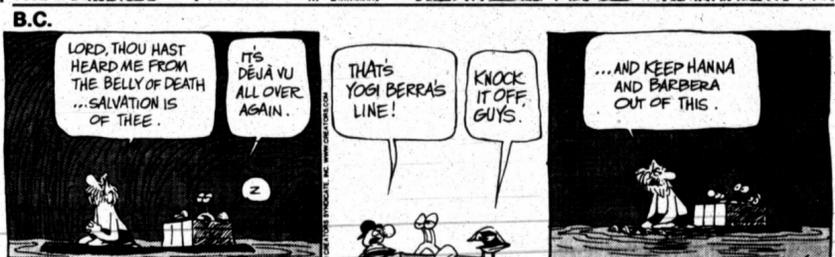
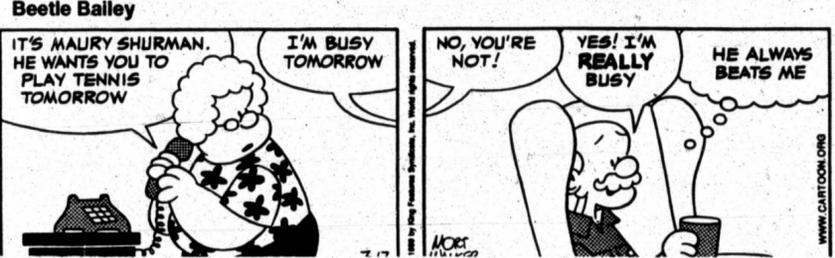
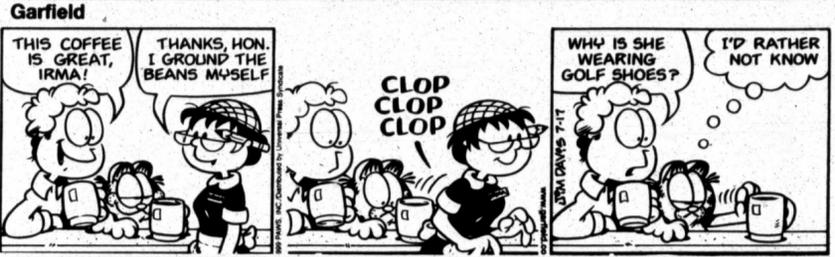
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 BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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) ***** Today holds a surprise. What you think should happen may have very little to do with reality. You'll gain deep insight if you listen to a dream. Seek out experts when you have questions. Listen carefully to those you trust. You can't bypass another's pressure to have things his way. Tonight: Home.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Get busy at work. Remain confident. Pace yourself. You complete a lot and finally see eye to eye with a boss. Engage in an animated exchange of ideas. Trust your intuition. Make time for exercise or a long walk at lunch. Tonight: Run some errands you've been putting off.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Recovering from the weekend could take considerable skill. Charge your imagination into finding solutions to a work. A child or loved one continues to distract you. Make long-distance calls. Prepare for a sudden change. Plans could have an ultimate impact on your finances. Tonight: Curb indulgence.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Consider working from home if possible. Unclear and solve an unusual financial problem. You might think mat-

ters are out of control. Understand exactly what is motivating an associate. You could be surprised by your conclusion. Stay level-headed. Know what you want. Tonight: Relax at home.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Talk brings unexpected news. People pop in and out for work-related matters as well as for personal reasons. Fortunately, you handle pressure very easily. Think about what is happening and what the real message might be. Your response will be considerably different. Tonight: Visit with a friend.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Show your precision in handling finances. Grab an opportunity that opens up at work. You might need more freedom and greater creativity. Direct your attention toward a new challenge. Exercise away stress at lunchtime — or schedule that long-overdue visit to the gym. Tonight: Pay bills.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Your personality often makes waves, and today is no exception. A change in tactic proves to be most interesting when communicating with another. What has been a closed door, now opens. Walk right through. Don't hesitate! Tonight: Indulge.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Unexpected developments on the homefront cause you to regroup. Go within for answers. Financial changes are in the offing. Take time for yourself. Think about recent decisions. How grounded have they been? Be honest. Make some overdue health resolutions. Tonight: Take a night off.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Be willing to do whatever is

needed to meet an important goal. Unexpected developments surface. Your spontaneous response could take you in a whole different direction. Be adaptable, as always. Getting stuck in rigid patterns doesn't help you at all. Tonight: Where your friends are.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** You are in the limelight and know exactly what you want to implement. Take charge. Stay in control. Others are drawn to your ideas. Unexpected developments affect your finances. Pat yourself on the back! You are making smart decisions. Tonight: Work as late as you need to.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Make connections and contacts. The results are nearly unbelievable. Take the high road in trying to understand why others do what they do. You aren't always logical, either! Follow-through counts as you deal with a loved one. Tonight: Use your mind; give your body a rest.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Give a partner more credence; make him feel that his feedback counts. You could be surprised by what comes up if you let your mind be open. Sometimes you close off thoughts that are uncomfortable. Tonight: Give a relationship quality time!
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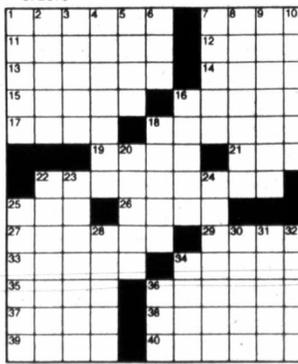
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Anti-genetics slant bad for American farmers

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A bad year for American farmers might be getting worse now that Europeans have stepped up efforts to oppose genetically engineered U.S. grains, a Nobel laureate and plant pathologist says.

"I worry about what farmers will do with this year's harvest," said Norman Borlaug, who won the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize for his part in the "Green Revolution" that increased grain production in the Third World. Borlaug was one of several participants at a global summit involving 69 countries affiliated with the University of Minnesota's Agricultural Student Trainee program.

The world's two largest food companies — Nestle and Unilever — announced they no longer will make food products from genetically modified farm commodities. That probably means

American corn, soybeans and cottonseed oil — products modified to resist certain pests or to be compatible with weed-killing chemicals — will be excluded.

The move by Nestle, based in Switzerland, and Unilever, based in the Netherlands and Britain, won't directly threaten American farm marketing prospects, Borlaug said. Rather, it's the "noise" such actions receive that raises fears around the world about complex new sciences.

Borlaug said he thinks Europe's fear of genetically manipulated agriculture will diminish when weather patterns change and food supplies again become tight around the world. Despite the low prices farmers now receive, it would take only one bad growing season to draw down world stockpiles of food, he said.

Farmers face a paradox this growing

season: While the world population needs their productive capacity to meet future demand, it is unlikely growers will make a profit on their commodities right now, Borlaug said.

The Iowa native earned forestry and plant pathology degrees from the University of Minnesota. He received the Nobel for his work in Mexico developing strains of dwarf wheat.

Science has helped farmers double, triple and often quadruple cereal grain production in most parts of the world, he said. Improvements come from using dwarf varieties that require less water because of better farm management practices, more judicious use of fertilizers and improved seed genetics.

CORINTH, Maine (AP) — The strawberry season is normally in full swing this

time of year, but many of Maine's strawberry growers say that for them it is already over.

Several pick-your-own farmers blamed the dry, early spring for pushing the season ahead by nearly two weeks.

Carol Adams of Adams Strawberry Acres in Corinth said it is the earliest season she has seen in 20 years as a grower.

Her husband, Joe, said the pick-your-own season likely would end there within a week, though it normally does not wind down until August. The season normally begins at the Adamases' farm around June 26, she said.

In June 1998, rain hit central and northern Maine and slowed ripening of the strawberries. Then birds and bugs damaged the crops. In southern Maine, the rain hit after the berries had ripened, and many rotted before they could be picked.

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Hungry hoppers vex gardeners, farmers in Lone Star state

By KATIE FAIRBANK
Associated Press Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Marauding grasshoppers are munching their way across Texas as part of an infestation that is expected to grow worse for farmers and gardeners as the summer wears on.

Hordes of hoppers have been fattening themselves on grass, weeds and anything edible in North Texas.

"These things will feed on a lot of things as long as there is green vegetation. We've seen them feed on fence posts," said Ellis County extension service agent Glenn Moore. "I got a call from a guy the other day who claimed grasshoppers were chewing around on his house's plastic siding."

Unusually picky in their menu selections, many members of this year's grasshopper crop have been denuding choice plants rather than the entire landscape.

"Some things that have helped us is a lot of areas are getting rain, keeping pastures green and more attractive to them," said Moore. "Otherwise the grasshoppers head to the field crops."

Moore said minor crop damage has been reported so far, although another month of hot weather is expected to bring out peak numbers. That's because the hotter and drier it is, the happier the hoppers.

"They're just kind of getting started," said Moore.

Allen Knutson, an extension entomologist for Texas A&M University at Dallas, said this year's grasshopper infestation will indeed be a bumper crop. That's primarily because there was an outbreak of the bugs last year. Grasshopper infestations build over three- to five-year dry periods as large numbers of adults lay increasingly more eggs.

This past mild winter helped protect the eggs, while dry weather kept a fungal disease at bay. Add a spring dry enough for immature grasshoppers to survive, yet wet enough to grow plenty of vegetation for the young bugs and the result has been near-perfect pest conditions.

"I think we're lined up for a pretty heavy infestation," said Moore.

Experts don't expect the insect invasion to grow into a plague of Biblical proportions or even to the size of swarms weathered by the West between 1984 and 1987.

That infestation was the nation's last major plague as grasshoppers by the millions smothered an area the size of Kansas. The insects devoured wheat and grasses over 55 million acres and forced farmers in 17 Western states to buy feed for cattle and sheep. The United States Agriculture Department called in military jets and spent over \$21 million spraying the bugs.

Grasshoppers, in combination with fall army worms and the drought, cost Texans twice that last year alone. According to the agriculture agency's figures, \$42.3 million was lost for local agriculturalists in 1998.

"Last year they stripped the peach trees. They left the pits," said Moore.

A voracious insect, about seven to eight grasshoppers per square yard are capable of consuming as much vegetation as a cow, according to Moore.

That leaves farmers and ranchers bracing for their crops and range to be devoured again this year.

For advice and aid they need to turn to their county and state extension agents because the federal government has no currently active program against grasshoppers, according to Anna Cherry, a spokeswoman for the USDA.

Agents are advising farmers and gardeners to mow down weeds near crops and to carefully use chemical sprays.

Another possibility is releasing flocks of birds on the bugs. Although not complaining about being called to duty, the fowl are outnumbered, said Moore.

"I've talked to folks and they say their chickens are full. They can't handle all of the grasshoppers," he said.

Corn doing well; pests begin to show up

AMARILLO — There is good news and bad news in corn fields right now, according to entomologist Dr. Carl Patrick with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The good news is the crop is doing well, but pests are beginning to show up in pheromone traps used for monitoring certain insects.

Patrick says that now is the ideal time for checking fields for corn borers in order to get a feel for what you may be facing with the second generation that will hatch later in the growing season.

Both species of corn borers found in the panhandle — Southwestern and European — will produce two generations during corn's growing season. Right now, the moths are laying the eggs that will produce the first generation larvae.

"Usually the first generation southwestern corn borer doesn't reach high enough levels to justify the cost of insecticide, but the only way to know is to scout the field to see what's out there," Patrick said. Usually, field infestation is less than five percent of the plants. When the pest infest over 10 percent of the plants in the field, crop losses are enough to justify an insecticide application.

The first generation European borer,

which tends to be more concentrated in the northern panhandle, frequently reaches numbers greater than the economic threshold. This is mainly because it can survive in pieces of stalks on the ground during the winter, while the southwestern corn borer can only survive in stubble left undisturbed in the soil. The commonly accepted crop threshold for the European borer is an infestation of 50 percent of the plants when that is surpassed, treatment is warranted.

Farmers or consultants should look in several spots across the field to find the infestations. The flat, overlapping, scale-like eggs can be found on the leaf's underside for the European borer. The Southwestern borer's eggs, seen on the leaf's upper surface, will be similar in shape and texture, but marked by three red lines.

Other insects that could be pestering corn in this faze of the season are western corn rootworms and spider mites.

"Rootworms are most common in corn planted on the same land year after year," Patrick said, "so the best method of control is rotating to an alternate crop."

When crop rotation is not an option, most growers choose to control rootworms with an insecticide at planting. Sometimes that is

not a good control if growers plant in April because the eggs do not hatch until late May when there may not be enough insecticide left in the soil to effectively control the larvae, the scientist said.

There has been some beetle emergence, but most larvae continue to feed on the roots, which could cause yield loss if the pest levels are high enough.

To check, the grower will have to dig up the plant's roots and sift through the soil. The larvae are white worms that average a half-inch in length and are black on both ends. When the larvae develop into beetles, they generally cause some leaf damage and feed on silk, but seldom reach numbers that justify an insecticide treatment.

The cool, wet weather covering the panhandle in the last few weeks has stifled spider mite infestations. Very few spider mites have been spotted in the area, but the entomologist warns if the hot, dry weather the mites favor returns later this season the pests may begin developing on the underside of leaves on lower portions of corn plants.

For more information on pest reports, contact Patrick at (806) 354-5901 or your local Extension agent.

Wheat crop up 9% from June forecast

AUSTIN — The 1999 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 122.4 million bushels, 10 percent less than last year but 3 percent above 1997. The estimate is up 9 percent from the June forecast.

According to a July 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, statewide yield is expected to average a record 36

bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last year. Harvested acreage, at 3.4 million acres, is down 13 percent from 1998.

"Exceptional yields continue to occur on the High Plains as harvest nears completion," State Statistician Robin Roark reported.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 61.4 million bushels, down 2 percent from last year. Winter wheat production on the Low Plains is forecast at 23.2 million bushels, down 20 percent from last year. Production in the Cross Timbers area is estimated at 8.0 million bushels, down 27 percent from last year. Production in the Blacklands is forecast at 20.0 million bushels, 13 percent less than the 1998 crop.

In South Texas, wheat harvest was completed by June 1.

United States winter wheat production for 1999 is forecast at 1.67 billion bushels, down 11 percent from last year but up 4 percent from June 1. Yield is expected to average a record 47.0 bushels per acre, up .1 bushel from a year ago. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 35.6 million acres, 11 percent less than a year ago.

Pheromone traps dot fields along roads

ABILENE — Passersby along many rural road systems in the surrounding area will begin noticing yellow-green fluorescent objects perched on wooden sticks about the countryside.

The small device is a boll weevil pheromone trap and isn't much larger than a soda can. The trap is the first-line of defense against the cotton boll weevil, a destructive insect that has caused billions of dollars in damages to the U.S. cotton industry since entering from Mexico more than 100 years ago.

The size, shape and color of the trap have proven attractive to the boll weevil through years of careful research. The plastic trap looks like an inverted cup, topped with a cone shaped wire-mesh screen. A capture chamber on the top of the cone contains a wafer-shaped object that emits an attractant called grandlure. Once inside the capture chamber, a second wafer-shaped insecticide chip ensures that weevils don't leave the chamber.

The main role of the boll weevil trap is detecting weevil populations in the area. All traps are checked on a weekly basis by Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation program personnel and the number of weevils found inside the trap provides important data about levels of infestations in various fields. This data is critical in determining when cotton fields will require applications of Malathion ULV, the most useful tool in boll weevil eradication.

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Miller joins TCFA staff

AMARILLO — Justin Miller has joined Texas Cattle Feeders Association in Amarillo as a market analyst, according to Richard McDonald, president and CEO.

Miller graduated from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in 1995 and earned a bachelor's degree in animal science from Oklahoma State University in 1997.

He came to TCFA from Excel, where he worked in box beef sales for two years. As a market analyst, he will be responsible for helping cattle feeders stay up-to-date on the fed cattle in Cattle Feeding Country of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

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Love of a horse leads to new life as horse whisperer

By MARY PEMBERTON
Associated Press Writer

EDEEN, Md. (AP) — Steve Grant's new career began with a promise whispered in a dying horse's ear.

His beloved Emma lay on a sandy knoll in the middle of the pasture, unable to move. There was nothing to be done except put her down. Grant leaned over Emma, and whispered.

"I told her I would never forget her, and I'd give back everything she gave to me," Grant said.

When he had bought the horse at auction three years earlier, in 1992, the 11-year-old, dressage-trained thoroughbred was perilously close to being sold for dog food.

"She looked coy ... and she danced forward," he said.

She changed his life, helping him get through a divorce. Because of his promise, his life has changed even more since, he says.

When he bought her, he lived in a subdivision in Salisbury, an Eastern Shore town, where a swimming pool took up most of the backyard. He didn't have a horse trailer. He didn't even know how to ride.

Today he lives in a replica of an 18th century Georgia mansion on 117 acres on the Wicomico River, with plenty of

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pasture, a 12-stall barn and a 12,000-square-foot indoor training arena.

An entrepreneur who had created two successful financial businesses, he has changed professions, too. Last year, he traveled to Parachute, Colo., received 12 weeks of horse training and was certified in the John Lyons' method of "training without trauma."

Still lean at 50, with tousled blond hair and blue eyes, Grant suggests the character played by Robert Redford in the movie "The Horse Whisperer." But he is not acting.

He trains about 10 horses a month, correcting problems ranging from biting to refusing to get into a trailer.

Front Stage's problem is that he's skittish. He's a 1,600-pound, 17 1/2-hand scaredy-cat that can be spooked by a plastic bag fluttering across a field.

"What does he have to be afraid of?" Grant says, looking fondly up at the huge horse.

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Grant picks up a white towel and the horse backs away. Grant encourages him to come in. The horse takes a few tentative steps forward, only coming in for strokes when the towel is dropped.

"Good boy," Grant says. "You're the best, you are."

The horse eventually allows Grant to rub the hated cloth over his muzzle.

"Now don't you be afraid," Grant says as he throws a plastic bag into the air. The horse's eyes widen but he doesn't back away. Grant blows into the bag, then snaps it. The horse stays put.

"Oh, you're making me happy," Grant says.

Grant then tries opening and closing an umbrella. Front Stage doesn't bolt. When Grant opens a large piece of silver insulation and flaps it, the horse turns to run, then stops and faces Grant.

Front Stage lowers his head so Grant can hug him. "You can do it. You can do it," he whispers into the horse's ear.

The owner, Hamilton Fox, says his horse is much improved.

"It takes a lot more patience to do it the way Steve does and John Lyons does but I think you end up with a quieter, more manageable horse," said Fox, master of the local fox hunt who has trained horses himself.

Breaking a horse using traditional methods of roping and tying can cause

physical or emotional trauma, Grant said. Lyons' techniques rely on understanding horses as herd animals who are fearful when isolated. Horse whisperers try to gain the animal's confidence.

Connie Barnes owns an Arabian stallion named Show Me. Because of harsh methods used by previous trainers, he would kick and bite when loaded into a trailer. He wouldn't let anyone put a halter on him or brush him and would attack if given a chance. Now, after several months with Grant, he can enter the show ring.

"Steve was our rescuer," Ms. Barnes said.

In training, Show Me still shows his spirit, sending sand flying as he tears around the outdoor ring before Grant slows him. When the 2-year-old tries to sneak up to bite him, Grant whirls and flaps his arms in the horse's face to make him back off.

Only when he gets Show Me turning at a nice pace and stopping and trotting on command does he allow the horse to approach. Grant strokes and pats the stallion's neck. It's the first time the horse has allowed a trainer to get this close.

"Good boy, we've made a good start," Grant says.

Lone Star living Couple creates wildlife haven

By JERRY DANIEL REED
Abilene Reporter-News

ABILENE, Texas — It sounds like one of those Texas tall tales, though it happens to be true.

Russ and Diane Meier have to drive about a half mile to reach the farthest reaches of the backyard of their Fairway Oaks property when they find it too muddy to walk.

This requires a little explanation because their estate is only about 17 acres. It wasn't the size of the place, but its qualities, however, that persuaded the National Wildlife Federation to bestow its Backyard Wildlife Habitat designation on the Meiers' place last month.

They'd already made their land pleasing to a variety of wildlife, and incidentally to themselves, long before they ran across the conservation organization's backyard habitat program on an Internet web site. From there, it was mainly a matter of documentation.

They'd made their property attractive to wildlife by providing four essential elements: food, water, cover and a place for creatures to raise their young largely unmolested.

The Meiers' backyard actually consists of three parts: the original backyard that came with the house they bought seven years ago plus two strips of undeveloped land out back acquired later.

The first, adjoining their original lot, they bought three years ago, and the second was purchased about a year ago in partnership with Jerry McAlister. The near strip and the far strip of the added acreage are mostly separated from each other by a long, narrow strip of land backing up from New Beginnings Church on Buffalo Gap Road. A one-acre tract beyond the east end of the church's property connects those near and far strips, giving the Meiers' access by a leisurely walk when the ground is dry.

When it's wet, though, they have to get there by motoring west to Buffalo Gap Road, then north a few blocks, and finally east on a gravel road.

On their original property, the Meiers turned an empty box of a backyard into a lush, well-landscaped area with a swimming pool at its heart. The overall effect is hardly out of the ordinary for an upscale, urban home. Still, it manages to be hospitable to a variety of native birds.

A clutch of baby wrens nest in a hanging fern basket, and other birds enjoy nibbling at the seeds of the wild sunflowers just inside the back gate as they ripen.

After they added their acreage, the Meiers replaced their wooden back fence with wrought

iron so they could see into their nature preserve as well as their livestock pasture and barn. Most of the nature area they keep open, but they've also planted wildflowers and allow the natural thick growth of vines and other weeds to surround some of their trees, creating more cover for the wild things.

Cactus, piles of rock and decaying fallen tree limbs accent the natural effect.

Their northernmost outback seems to be the Meiers' real pride and joy.

Its wooded expanse contains not one but two ponds. Russ estimates the north pond at 180 feet by 120 feet, and the south not much smaller.

From the age of the trees on water's edge, the north looks to be the older pond, and may well be natural, he said. The south, he's not so sure about.

The reed- and weed-lined shores of the twin ponds provide cover and habitat to a changing variety of creatures.

The rarest to date was a peacock that dropped by for a couple of days last month. Russ fed the fowl with the splendid tail just the food he was sure to like, but that wasn't enough to persuade him to stay. The Meiers did manage to snap a couple of pictures of the peacock, though they had to get all wet in the process.

"A better picture would have been us standing in the water up to our thighs," Diane said with a giggle.

At least one deer has been known to drop in to enhance the rustic atmosphere shared by an assortment of ducks, blue herons, red-winged blackbirds, turtles, rabbits, squirrels, mice and a large, foghorn-voiced bullfrog.

Russ, a Cisco Junior College sociology professor, says he's fortunate to have summers off to "piddle" with their land. And doubly fortunate to have found such a place literally outside his back door.

The Meiers have no present plans to sell their acreage, which remains zoned agricultural open space, though its location seems attractive to developers.

The woods and water of their outback provide serenity and comfort.

On a hot summer evening, the slightest breeze stirring off the water through the trees feels truly refreshing, Russ said.

Diane's oldest daughter, who teaches in Fort Worth, finds it perfect to come back to and quell her big-city anxieties.

She recalls her daughter telling her, "I forget that I'm in the city, in Abilene."

"I don't think you can be a whole person unless you're connected with nature," Diane continued. "It's just good for the soul."

Man kills girlfriend, sets self afire, leaving 5-year-old girl behind

WESTBURY, N.Y. (AP) — When Jose Marin tucked his little daughter into bed, he told her that when she awoke, "Mommy and Daddy won't be here." The next morning, his girlfriend was found stabbed to death and he committed suicide by setting himself on fire.

Five-year-old Alejandra Marin discovered her mother's body beneath a quilt in their one-room apartment Thursday morning, said Detective Sgt. Daniel Severin. The mother, Iris Fernandez, 35, had been stabbed in the chest and neck.

Alejandra had gone upstairs to a neighbor's apartment when she woke, as her father instructed her to do the night before. The neighbor came back downstairs with her and the two found the body, according to Severin.

Police believe Ms. Fernandez's boyfriend, 47-year-old Jose Marin, killed her before dousing himself with a flammable liquid and igniting it with a

lighter, Severin said. A Long Island Rail Road engineer spotted him, in flames, running across the tracks just after 7 a.m.

Police did not know why Marin, who worked in an auto store, killed Ms. Fernandez and himself. The couple, immigrants from Colombia, moved to their apartment after a house they were renting was destroyed by fire a year and a half ago. Police had no record of domestic violence calls at the home.

Temporarily, Alejandra will probably live with an aunt.

According to Severin, the little girl told police that as her father tucked her into bed Wednesday night, he said: "When you wake up in the morning, Mommy and Daddy won't be here."

He told her to go upstairs to a neighbor's apartment when she woke.

"This young girl's life has come to an end as she knows it," Severin said.

Company markets snack to Bush supporters

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Are you Nuts about George W. Bush?

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GNS Foods unveiled its "Nuts about George" product this week at the Fancy Food Show in New York.

The 2.5-ounce package of cashews will be marketed nationwide to food retailers, according to a news release from the company.

The label on the bag of nuts features a smiling caricature of the Texas governor's face, along with a notice in small print that a portion of profits will go to Republican causes.

The red, white and blue label

also includes the "Go Texan" logo, a program by the state agriculture department to market items grown or processed in the Lone Star State.

"This has been a fascinating product to develop," said company president Kim Peacock. "Everyone who has been privy to it during development reacts the same way."

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Phyllis Jeffers
City Secretary
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