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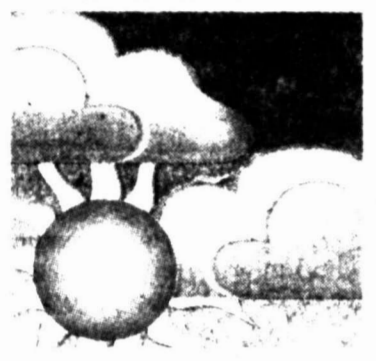
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One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.
The ticket, worth an estimated \$37 million, was sold in Harlingen.
The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 21, 22, 27, 28, 31 and 35.
Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

HOUSTON (AP) — Hermann Hospital's Life Flight, the Houston area's main emergency medical helicopter service, remained grounded Monday following a weekend crash that killed a pilot, flight nurse and paramedic.
An American Red Cross team that counsels disaster workers spent several hours with Life Flight crews Sunday, Ms. Riddlebarger said.
Hermann Hospital officials said there were no distress calls, the weather was clear and the three-person crew was among their most experienced.
The helicopters ferry patients within a 150-mile radius of Houston.

- Arthur Lee Brown, 57, operator at Phillips Petroleum.
- Clifford E. Burns, 81, retired Diamond Shamrock accountant.
- Ila Mae Ketchum, 65, homemaker, Garden Club member.
- Ada Simmons, 96, homemaker.
- Arleen G. Steward, 88, former Pampa teacher.

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Rain enhancement program ok'd

■ Preliminary figures indicate a tax increase of six-tenths of a cent per acre to pay for the cloud-seeding program.

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER — C.E. Williams is busy putting together his taxes.

The board of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District No. 3 voted last week to develop a rain enhancement and weather modification program. Williams, director of the district, was putting together numbers and balancing budgets to see how such a program would impact the district's tax rate.

"We're going to proceed with the program," said Williams. "We'll put together some budgets and go through the budget hearing process."

He said there are also various agreements and permits that will have to be drawn up and

approved.

"The state pays 50 percent of it," Williams said. "Whenever you sit down and look at it and work with the numbers, it almost looks to me like we can't afford not to at least try it."

Williams said his preliminary figures indicated a tax increase of six-tenths of a cent per acre to pay for the program. It would cost a person with a 500-acre irrigated farm about three dollars a year.

Under laws passed by this year's legislature, the state will pay for half of a rain enhancement project.

Figures provided by Extension economists indicate a return of \$4.75 or more per irrigated acre for each \$0.006 spent.

"That's not a bad return," (See RAIN, Page 2)



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

With a new cloud-seeding program approved, Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District No. 3 residents could see more rainfall result from individual rainstorms such as this one southeast of Panhandle.



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Outgoing 1998 Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Queen Brandy Kempf, left, and outgoing 1998 Miss Rodeo Teen Top O' Texas Queen Mandy Poole, right, welcome the new queens Saturday night. Jaimie Reed (second from left) of Pampa was named 1999 Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Queen and Candice Caldwell was named 1999 Miss Top O' Texas Teen Rodeo Queen.

Rodeo Queens picked

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Named Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Queen during Saturday's rodeo performance was Jaimie Reed, 18, of Pampa.

A graduate of Pampa High School, she attended West Texas A&M and will attend Texas Tech in the fall. She is majoring in human resources.

While a student at Pampa High she was a

member of D-TV-it, Lady Harvester softball choir, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and National Honor Society.

She is the daughter of Roger and Pam Reed of Pampa.

Named as runner up was Lindsey Scribner, 18, also of Pampa.

Selection of the queen was based on four categories. Category winners were: ticket sales, Lindsey Scribner; appearance, Jaimie Reed;

(See QUEENS, Page 2)

Board passes more new hires for local schools

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Pampa Independent School District trustees employed six new staff members for the 1999-2000 school year during their meeting last week.

Hired as a teacher at Pampa High School was Krista Ogden. Stacey Johnson and Kayla Parnell were hired as teachers at Lamar Elementary School while Devin Rody and Beth Casas were employed as teachers at Austin Elementary School. Wendy Smith was hired as a nurse for the school system.

The resignation of Pampa High School teacher Rala Byrnes was accepted by the board of trustees.

Board members awarded a fuel bid from Signal Fuels for unleaded and diesel fuels for the year beginning Aug. 1, 1999, to July 31, 2000. Proposals were requested for unleaded fuel with a key lock system and bulk diesel fuel for Aug. 1, 1999, to July 31, 2000.

In the past several years proposals were received from Mojave Petroleum and Signal Fuels.

Since the time the proposals were mailed, Signal Fuels has bought Mojave Petroleum. Therefore, only one proposal was received from Signal Fuels. The proposal was for a profit margin of \$0.069 per gallon on unleaded and diesel fuels.

A class size reduction waiver to include kindergarten in the Ed Flex Title VI grant was approved by board members. The grant allows for reduction in grades one through without the waiver.

Board member Sue Fetheroff was appointed as delegate to the IASB delegate assembly.

First 'tax holiday' Aug. 6-8 in Texas

School buildings are mostly empty, family vacations are under way. Texas temperatures are rising. The Rangers and the Astros lead their divisions. It's definitely summertime in the Lone Star State.

Summer is in full swing, but Texas families might want to start thinking about their back-to-school shopping. Why? Thanks to Senate Bill 441, which the legislature passed and governor Bush signed earlier this year, Texas families will enjoy 72 hours of tax-free shopping in early August.

On August 6-8, Texans will enjoy the first ever sales tax "holiday." Items of children's and adult clothing, and non-athletic shoes costing less than \$100 will be completely exempt from state and local sales taxes. Texas leaders estimate the sales tax holiday will save consumers \$69.2 million.

Athletic shoes and clothing commonly used as everyday wear, such as football jerseys, baseball caps, or running shoes costing less than \$100 will be exempt. However, items used exclusively for athletic purposes, such as golf shoes or football pants, are not eligible for the sales tax break. In addition, jewelry, handbags, wallets and formal wear are not exempt.

Sales tax holidays conducted in other big states have proven to be good news to consumers and retailers alike. Since January 1997, New Yorkers have saved \$81.6 million thanks to three sales tax holidays. (See TAX, Page 2)

Rodeo parade winners ...

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association announced results of Saturday's Rodeo Parade as follows:

Best Civic Club or Organization

Khiva Shrine, first place; Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, second place.

Most Typical Ranch Entry

Kathy Schiffman, first place; Louis and Caroline Bichsel, second place.

Antique Tractor

Al Watson, first place; Robert Brogdon, second

place.

Most Attractive Commercial Entry

BSA/Hospice, first place; Creature Comforts, second place.

Best Riding Club

Boys Ranch, first place; White Deer Rodeo, second place; Gray County 4-H, third place.

Classic Cars

Donald Cole, first place; Morris Brown, second place; Robert Benschek, third place.

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Services tomorrow

BROWN, Arthur Lee — 11 a.m., New Zion Baptist Church, Borger. Graveside services, 1 p.m., Garden of Love, Westlawn Memorial Park, Borger.
BURNS, Clifford E. — 11 a.m., Rector Funeral Home Chapel, Amarillo.
KETCHUM, Ila Mae — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
STEWART, Arleen G. — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Arnett, Okla.

Obituaries

ARTHUR LEE BROWN
 BORGER — Arthur Lee Brown, 57, brother of a Pampa resident, died Thursday, July 15, 1999. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in New Zion Baptist Church with Harry Williams, minister of New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ, officiating. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. in Garden of Love in Westlawn Memorial Park. Burial will be under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mr. Brown was born at Borger and had been a lifelong Borger resident. He married Mildred Myers in 1973 at Borger. He was an operator for Phillips Petroleum Company for 25 years and belonged to New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred; three daughters, Malana Brown of Borger, Amy Brown of Waco and Lolita Brown Daniels of Washington, D.C.; four sons, Jason Brown of Oklahoma City, Okla., Arthur L. Brown of Marino Valley, Calif., and Kevin Kemp and Claude Kemp, both of Dallas; his mother, Lucille Brown of Borger; eight sisters, Judith Ellison of Pampa, Myrtle Robinson of Waco, Bobbie Demerson and Ella Newsome, both of Amarillo, Joyce Ausbon of Grand Junction, Colo., Nadine Simmons of Seattle, Wash., Bessie Choyce of Pauls Valley, Okla., and Drusella Hutchinson of Abilene; four brothers, Kenneth Brown of Marino Valley, Calif., Charles Brown of Temple, Okla., Roy Brown Jr. of Borger and Virgil Brown of Amarillo; and 10 grandchildren.

CLIFFORD E. BURNS
 AMARILLO — Clifford E. Burns, 81, father of a Wheeler resident, died Friday, July 16, 1999. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Rector Funeral Home Chapel with Jimmy Gillmore, pastor of Riverview Baptist Church in Borger, officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery.

Mr. Burns was born at Hope, N.M. He had been a Texas Panhandle resident for most of his life. He married Argie Bell Neill in 1958 at Oklahoma City, Okla. He was an accountant for Diamond Shamrock, retiring in 1986 after over 30 years of service. He had been an Amarillo resident since 1996, moving from Borger and was a musician and a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Argie; two daughters, Barbara Jo Davis of Perryton and Bobbie Sue Baker of Wheeler; a son, Robert Clifford Burns of Arlington; a stepdaughter, Donna Kelley of Citronelle, Ala.; two sisters, Geraldine Meyer of Borger and Monte Jean Cribbs of Winslow, Ariz.; a brother, Lloyd Burns of Borger; 11 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, or to Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, 2200 W. 7th, Amarillo, TX 79106.

IILA MAE KETCHUM
 Ila Mae Ketchum, 65, of Pampa, died Saturday, July 17, 1999, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Fairview Cemetery with Bishop Roger Roundy, of The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mrs. Ketchum was born March 11, 1934, at Olympia, Wash., to Harry Wiles and Sylvia Thurston Wiles. She lived in Washington State in Oregon as a youth. She married Emit Ketchum on Sept. 4, 1954, in Washington State. She had been a Pampa resident since 1961, moving from Utah.

She belonged to The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints since 1963 and was a member of the Garden Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband and by a son, Randy Lee Ketchum.

Survivors include three daughters, Vickie Wells and Sandra Harlan, both of Baytown, and Jeanette Murray of Jasper; two sons, Larry Ketchum of Lake Dallas and James Ketchum of Pampa; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 411 E. 29th Ave., Pampa, TX 79065.

ADA SIMMONS
 McLEAN — Ada Simmons, 96, died Thursday, July 15, 1999, at San Angelo. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in First Baptist Church with the Rev. James Martindale officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. Simmons was born Feb. 13, 1903, in Ellis County, Texas. She married Frank Lee Simmons on Dec. 25, 1920, at Quail; he died in 1951. The couple moved to Kelton in Wheeler County in 1927 and to the McLean-Alanreed area in 1938. She had been a San Angelo resident for the past five years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters; four brothers; and a son, Granville Lee, in 1987.

Survivors include a daughter, Wanette Lakey of San Angelo; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of McLean.

ARLEEN G. STEWART
 GAGE, Okla. — Arleen G. Stewart, 88, died

Friday, July 16, 1999. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church in Arnett, Okla. Committal services will be in Gage Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Shaw Funeral Home of Arnett.

Mrs. Stewart was a former teacher with the Pampa school system.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 17
 Lewis Dinkins Jr., 42, 1031 Sumner #219, was arrested on charges of assault causing bodily injury.

Mark Gray Watkins, 47, 110 E. 27th, was arrested on charges of violation of probation/theft by check.

Sheriff's Office

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

Saturday, July 17
 Ronald W. Brown, 38, Lefors, was arrested on charges of bond surrender/possession of a controlled substance and a traffic warrant.

Sunday, July 18
 Bradley Jay Vanbuskirk, 31, 1601 W. Somerville, was arrested on charges of theft by check.

Crisanto G. Chavez, 30, Amarillo, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

Kerry Layne Zeek, 29, Lefors, was arrested on charges of probation violation/theft by check.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 17
 An unknown vehicle apparently skidded from the east lane in the 1300 block of West Wilks and back again hitting the legally parked 1969 El Camino belonging to Howard Williams, 1315 W. Wilks. It pushed the El Camino truck bed approximately three feet, according to police reports. Other tire marks were also found. No injuries were reported.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Monday.

Saturday, July 17
 11:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West.

11:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Recreation Park on a medical and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Sunday, July 18
 2:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to BSAW.

6:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

11:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart and transported one to PRMC.

4:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Recreation Park and transported one to PRMC.

7:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Browning; no patient was transported.

10:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 17
 1:13 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to a trash fire in the 1300 block of Williston.

Sunday, July 18
 12:04 a.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to a grass fire at Gray 3 and Gray D.

8:28 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to a false alarm at One Medical Plaza.

3:25 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to a grass fire at Randy Matson and Plum.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.05	Coca-Cola	64 1/4	dn 3/4
Milo	2.46	Columbia/HCA	23 7/8	up 3/16
Corn	2.85	Enron	84 1/4	up 1/4
Soybeans	3.18	Halliburton	46 3/8	dn 1/8
		IRI	4 3/4	dn 33/128
		KNE	22	up 1/8
		Kerr McGee	52 1/16	dn 1/16
		Limited	46 3/16	dn 3/16
		McDonald's	43 11/16	dn 5/8
		Mobil	102 1/16	dn 7/16
		New Atmos	25 1/2	dn 5/16
		NCE	37 3/4	dn 3/16
		Phillips	46 9/16	up 1/16
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	11	NC
		SLB	63 7/16	dn 3/16
		Tenneco	24 1/4	dn 1/4
		Texas	65 9/16	up 1/16
		Ultrapar	25	NC
		Wal-Mart	47 13/16	dn 3/16
		Williams	43 11/16	dn 1/16
		New York Gold	253.85	
		Silver	5.08	
		West Texas Crude	20.27	

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of completion.

Occidental	20 1/4	NC
Magellan	133.96	
Puritan	21.07	

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

Arcos	91 1/4	dn 1 5/16
Arco	91 1/4	dn 1 3/8
Cabot	24 15/16	dn 1/16
Cabot O&G	18 5/8	NC
Chevron	94 1/4	dn 1 3/8

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Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	1-800-750-2520
Water	669-5830

RAIN

Williams said. Data indicates a 20 percent increase in rain during the growing season, Williams said. With an average rainfall of about 15 inches across the district, a 20 percent increase in rainfall could mean three more inches of water.

Although this has turned out to be a wet year with many areas already approaching their total annual rainfall in the first six months of the year, memories still linger about last summer when a promising spring turned into a long, hot drought.

"Here in the last three or four months, we have been investigating the possibility of getting into a precipitation enhancement program in this part of the panhandle area," Williams said.

During the past week, they've had public meetings throughout the district with presentations by George Bomar of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission concerning rain making.

The response, Williams said, was very positive. He said attendance at the meetings ranged from half a dozen to more than 60 at the I Wanna Be Famous Cafe in Miami.

The optimum area for a rain enhancement program, according to the TNRC, is about six to seven million acres. If the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District combined with an adjoining district, they could reach that number. Williams said he has been talking to Richard Bowers with the Dumas-based North Plains Ground Water District about such a venture.

Bowers said today that his board is interested in

the project, and they expect to begin public meetings across the district in August.

If the two districts combine to share resources, the program would cover the Texas Panhandle from about Interstate 40 north. The only areas not covered would be part of Hartley County, part of Potter County and Oldham County in the western part of the panhandle. These areas are not a part of a ground water district, Williams said, but they have expressed interest in a rain enhancement program.

The Lubbock-based High Plains district has had a rain enhancement program for about two years now that stretches from south of Lubbock north to Amarillo and west into New Mexico.

"I personally would like to see everything north of the High Plains district out of Lubbock come into the program if we can figure out some way to get this thing in place," Williams said.

The program would use airplanes to seed clouds with crystals of silver iodide to form rain drops within the clouds, forcing the moisture to fall to the ground rather than blow away. Bomar said such a program would not make rain if no moisture was available. The conditions have to be right. Data from the Big Spring area, which has had a rain enhancement program for several decades, indicates such a program doesn't make rain as much as it increases rain that might normally fall anyway. It has appeared to be effective in causing rain to fall sooner and last longer. Clouds that might normally form and move off to another area have been successfully seeded within districts that operate such programs.

"We hope to target next spring, probably April or May," Williams said.

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QUEENS

personality, Jaimie Reed; and horsemanship, Stacey Huddleston.

Miss Top O' Texas Rodeo Teen Queen for the upcoming year will be Candice Caldwell of Sanford. The 13 year old will be a student at Sanford-Fritch High School in the fall.

She is a member of the Panhandle Team Penning Association, Pampa Leather and Lace Riding Club

and Range I Riding Club. She also plays volleyball, softball and AAU basketball.

Her hobbies include riding horses, team penning, camping, play days and Junior Rodeos.

She is the daughter of Terry L. and Terri Lynn Caldwell of Sanford.

Runner up was Lindsey Tidwell, 16, of Pampa.

Category winners were: ticket sales, Candice Caldwell; appearance, Lindsey Tidwell; personality, Lindsey Tidwell; and horsemanship, Lindsey Tidwell.

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TAX

Florida's \$50 sales tax holiday conducted last August saved families \$15.1 million.

Texas' August 6-8 sales tax holiday is part of a package of pro-consumer tax relief measures aimed at putting money back in the pockets of Texas fam-

ilies.

The Legislature also eliminated sales tax on over-the-counter medications and up to \$25 per month in Internet access charges. Altogether, state leaders cut consumer, sales, business and property taxes by nearly \$2 billion this year, allowing citizens to keep more of their hard-earned money.

Friends describe Kennedy's hopes for a child, college days

John F. Kennedy Jr. and his wife, Carolyn, dearly wanted children, but held back because of the media maelstrom that swirled around them, a friend wrote in a farewell piece published today.

Another friend, who shared a house with Kennedy in their college days and taught him to clean toilets, said that "we all agree that to know him is really to love him."

Writing today in The Daily Telegraph, journalist Christa D'Souza said she sat with the couple at the wedding in Italy last year of CNN correspondent Christiane Amanpour and State Department spokesman James P. Rubin.

Kennedy "told me that he very much wanted to have children," she wrote in the London-based newspaper. "He had even thought of a name if they had a boy (he was in favor of the name Flynn, but she wasn't)."

"However, they were holding back because neither of them could bear the idea of all the media attention," D'Souza said.

Kennedy, his wife and her sister Lauren Bessette were missing and presumed dead after their plane disappeared over the ocean en route to Martha's Vineyard off the Massachusetts coast.

D'Souza and Amanpour both met Kennedy when they were all students in the early 1980s.

Amanpour said Sunday on CBS' "60 Minutes" that during those college days she and Kennedy were among several friends who shared a house in Providence, R.I.

Amanpour, speaking before the Coast Guard changed its "search and rescue" mission to one of

"search and recovery," said she organized the household duties. "John used to laugh at me, and still does, you know. He says 'you taught me how to clean toilets. I never had before. And I probably never will again.' And he cooked, and he's a good cook. And he cleaned."

She said that when she and Rubin had dinner with the Kennedys several months ago, they discussed the scandal facing President Clinton and Kennedy said he wanted to speak out, saying "this is not serious, this is just going too far. This is not politics."

She said, "I think he knew that in today's climate of attack dog journalism, that even if he tried to say something smart, relevant, it would be torn apart and people would put the spotlight on his own family history, his father and that presidency."

She said and several other friends "all agree that to know him is really to love him. Because he's a good, funny, honest person, with all his flaws and his foibles like all of us has."

"And he loves you back," Amanpour said. "He's a good man. He loves his family. He's devoted. He's a joy."

D'Souza recalls a handsome, charismatic figure, often late and with a taste for risk. Once, she wrote, she drove with him from Providence to Boston "in a car that didn't belong to him and without a license."

D'Souza recalled her friend's annual birthday celebrations at his mother's "labyrinthine red-walled" apartment overlooking New York's Central Park.

"It was one of those truly coveted invitations, but you would hardly call them social affairs,"

she wrote, telling how the "fragile, elegant" Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis played hostess to her son's "motley crew" of college friends.

(More JFK, Jr., articles, Page 3)

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VEGGIE TOWN Values, Calvary Baptist Church VBS July 20-24. Information, 665-0842, 900 E. 23rd.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly sunny today with a high in the mid 90s and south winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with low of 70 and south winds at 5-10 mph. Tomorrow, partly sunny with a high in the mid 90s. Yesterday's high was 91; the overnight low 68.

PANHANDLE — Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the mid 60s. South wind 5-10 mph. Tuesday, partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High 90 to 95. South wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Low in the mid 60s.

STATEWIDE — While more showers and thunderstorms were expected along the Texas coast, northern and western regions should remain mostly dry.

Some early-morning fog developed today in North Texas.

Temperatures today ranged from the 60s to 80s. It was 61 degrees at Marfa, 70 at Junction, 74 at Childress and Borger, 79 at Rockport and South Houston and 82 at Galveston Island.

Winds were southerly and light — under 15 mph.

Showers and thunderstorms formed Sunday over South Texas, then dissipated and fired up again overnight along the Coastal Plains from near Corpus Christi

to Galveston Bay.

Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms will spread farther inland during the day. Storms were possible through Tuesday in West Texas. Highs through the period should range from 80s and 90s with near 100 in the Big Bend valleys. Lows tonight were expected in the 60s and 70s.

Easterly and southeasterly winds will continue across South Texas, with highs in the low to middle 90s and overnight lows in the 70s inland and near 80 along the coast.

Another tropical wave is expected to produce more significant rains across South Texas by Wednesday morning.

Quintessential Kennedy presumed dead at 38

By LARRY McSHANE
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — John F. Kennedy Jr., the son of Camelot who carried his family legacy with style while forging his own identity as a prosecutor and publisher, was presumed dead after a plane crash just miles from the compound where his family has mourned such tragedies for a half-century. He was 38.

Kennedy's fate was sealed late Friday evening when the single-engine, six-seat Piper Paratoga II HP that he was piloting plunged into the Atlantic Ocean off Martha's Vineyard, also killing his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, and sister-in-law, Lauren Bessette.

The bodies were not immediately recovered. Coast Guard officials held a news conference late Sunday to announce that the chances of surviving in the 68-degree waters were virtually nil. The search was to continue today.

Affable, athletic and attractive, Kennedy embodied the "Kennedy mystique" — the sense of youth and invulnerability that had helped propel his namesake father into the White House in 1960.

In the end, however, John did not live as long as his martyred father. President Kennedy was 46 when assassinated in Dallas' Dealey Plaza; his son would have turned 39 this November.

There is a sense of potential unfulfilled, a question of what

might have been — personally and politically — if his life had not tragically ended.

"It's hard for me to talk about a legacy or a mystique," Kennedy said in 1993. "It's my family. The fact that there have been difficulties and hardships, or obstacles, makes us closer."

The second child and first son of Jack and Jacqueline Kennedy, John Jr. grew up under the eyes of a nation, becoming America's first son. He was the first child ever born to a president-elect and the first infant to live in the White House since 1893.

Americans met him as the playful boy hiding beneath dad's desk in the Oval Office. Decades later they were reintroduced to a man dubbed "The Hunk" by gossip columnists, a charismatic magazine publisher and keeper of the family flame.

Yet JFK Jr., as he was known, never relished the constant attention, although he was almost always courteous and tolerant with intrusions. He embraced his roots as a Kennedy, yet insisted on establishing his own name.

While some of his cousins had trouble with drugs, alcohol and the law, Kennedy cruised through adolescence and into adulthood. His single wildest act may have been the small, green shamrock tattoo on his buttock that he picked up after a night out in Manhattan.

Like other icons, young Kennedy represented different things to different people.

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"I think that what happens is that you see an image so many times that you begin to believe you remember the image, but I am not sure I really do," he told TV interviewer Larry King in 1995.

To the MTV generation, he was "the sexiest man alive" — the People magazine appellation that made him cringe. New York's gossip pages intensely chronicled his romances with Daryl Hannah, Sarah Jessica Parker and Madonna.

The 6-foot-1, 190-pound Kennedy preferred a "normal" life outside the media glare, hanging out with family and friends.

Given his lineage, that was often impossible. Kennedy was born famous, and he would die that way. His life was a headline from the time he was born Nov. 25, 1960, just 2 1/2 weeks after

his father's election as the 35th president, to the day he disappeared.

The nation knew him as "John-John" — a nickname created by a reporter who misheard a conversation. He never much cared for

it, and the family never used it. Before his third birthday, the child was exposed to the tragedies that seemed to curse his family. A brother, Patrick, was born prematurely, on Aug. 7, 1963, and died two days later.

On Nov. 22, 1963, his father was killed in Dallas. The most poignant moment of the Washington funeral three days later came when the little boy, too young to fully understand the tragedy, swung his tiny right arm up to salute his father's passing casket outside St. Matthew's Cathedral.

After his father's murder, his mother moved the family to Manhattan, where she raised John and older sister Caroline after her marriage to Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis.

John was a fun-loving prankster as a child, earning the nickname "Lark" from Secret

Service agents.

He grew into the quintessential New Yorker, likely to pop up shirtless with a Frisbee on the Great Lawn of Central Park, decked out for dinner in a Tribeca restaurant, casually riding a subway downtown.

"I thank my mother for doing that," he once said. "I always took the bus. I always took the subways. Hotel suites and limos cars, it's like, 'Whew! Forget it.'"

Although constantly hyped as a candidate for any number of political offices, Kennedy stayed on the fringes of politics. His potential political appeal was most evident at the 1988 Democratic Convention, where he introduced his uncle, U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy — and received a two-minute standing ovation from a crowd of national delegates.

In a 1993 interview with Vogue he acknowledged that he had considered running for office "a lot," but added that he wasn't ready.

"I frankly feel there are many opportunities and avenues outside of elective office to become involved in issues, issues that have the same broad scope that government or elected office provides you," he said.

"Once you run for office, you're in it. Sort of like going into the military — you'd better be damn sure that it is what you want to do and that the rest of your life is set up to accommodate that. It takes a certain toll on your personality, and on your family life."

Kennedy demonstrated some acting skills, performing in several college plays and making his professional debut at the Irish Arts Center in Manhattan. He played an Irish teen engaged to his pregnant girlfriend.

But hopes of an acting career evaporated when his mother turned thumbs down; Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis took a dim view of actors, and her son acquiesced.

Kennedy graduated from Brown University in 1983 but didn't start a career for some time. He searched for a sunken pirate ship off Cape Cod. He visited India for six months and returned two years later to study food productions and health care. He raised funds for the Democratic Party.

At least partially to please his mother, he enrolled in law

school, earning his degree from New York University in 1989. Passing the bar was not as simple; he twice failed New York's famously difficult bar exam, prompting the memorable tabloid headline "HUNK FLUNKS."

He passed on the third try and landed a job with the Manhattan district attorney's office, where he won all six of his cases.

Outside the courtroom, Kennedy preferred more athletic competition. He loved sports of all sorts: sea kayaking, rock climbing, rafting, hiking, camping, softball and the family favorite, touch football. Last month, he broke a bone in a paragliding accident.

That spirit of adventure led him to pursue a pilot's license; he received it last year, and flew himself to a Labor Day gathering at the family's Hyannis Port compound.

When his mother died May 19, 1994, her son handled the worldwide attention with aplomb. Somber and poised just hours after standing by her bedside as she died, Kennedy spoke with reporters outside her apartment building.

"She was surrounded by her friends and her family and her books and the people and the things that she loved," he said. "And she did it in her own way and in her own terms, and we all feel lucky for that and now she's in God's hands."

After his mother's death, Kennedy bolted his unfulfilling job as assistant district attorney to launch the \$20 million political magazine "George." He was its founder and publisher but became a contributor, too, interviewing figures from ex-Alabama Gov. George Wallace to Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

He demonstrated a self-deprecating sense of humor at a news conference announcing his project. "I don't think I've seen as many of you in one place," he told the assembled reporters, "since they announced the results of my first bar exam."

Kennedy's bachelor days ended Sept. 21, 1996, when he married girlfriend Carolyn Bessette, a onetime publicist for Calvin Klein Ltd., in an ultra-secret wedding held on an island off the coast of Georgia.

Kennedy was survived by his older sister, Caroline, and her three children.

Divers continue search for missing plane

AQUINNAH, Mass. (AP) — Divers made preparations and a high-tech vessel with side-scan sonar continued scouring the bottom of the ocean today to find out what happened to the plane that carried John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and her sister.

Divers planned to search at least two locations pinpointed by the Rude, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration research vessel (pronounced Rudy).

A team of 10 divers was being briefed this morning and was expected to begin diving later today, police and the Coast Guard said. They were expected to leave a Vineyard Coast Guard station at Menemsha about noon.

The search for Kennedy's missing plane, which has covered almost 9,000 square miles, on Sunday produced no major finds but authorities were focusing on "a couple of targets," Coast Guard Rear Adm. Richard M. Larrabee.

"These are simply potential targets and don't necessarily represent an aircraft or part of it," he said Sunday. He said the targets were in water 60 to 80 feet deep.

Late Sunday, the operation's definition was changed from "search and rescue" to "search and recovery" — a minor revision on the surface, but full of meaning for those who held out hope that the three were still alive.

After two days of searching, investigators made the announcement that the three were presumed dead in waters off Martha's Vineyard.

"I have spent some very painful moments with the families tonight," said Coast Guard Rear Adm. Richard M. Larrabee. "I think they understand. They have been very appreciative of what we have been trying to do."

The plane piloted by Kennedy, 38, and carrying his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, 33, and her sister Lauren Bessette, 34, was reported missing early Saturday morning.

Kennedy took off from New Jersey on Friday night on a trip to his cousin Rory's wedding Saturday on Cape Cod. The plane was to make a stop at Martha's Vineyard to drop off Lauren Bessette before continuing to the Cape.

The wedding was postponed after the plane was reported missing. Instead, the family held Sunday Mass to pray for the missing.

Larrabee noted that it would be difficult for a person to survive more than 18 hours in the area's 68-degree waters.

"We know that the aircraft was not equipped with any survival equipment," he said.

Investigators had few clues. The search has turned up bits of debris, including a piece of Lauren Bessette's luggage, but no substantial wreckage. A radio signal that searchers had hoped was an emergency beacon from the plane turned out to be a false alarm.

As the nation agonized over the fate of the glamorous son of America's political royal family, hundreds of people used airplanes, boats and all-terrain vehicles to search for any evidence of the plane or its occupants.

The Kennedys stayed close to their Hyannis Port compound. Some walked on the beach Sunday afternoon. Ethel Kennedy, the widow of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, joined other family members who went boating.

Kennedy's sister, Caroline Kennedy, 41, the last survivor of Camelot, waited out the search with her husband, Edwin Schlossberg, and their three children at their home on New York's Long Island.

She had been extremely close to her brother. As children together in the brief years of John F. Kennedy's administration, they were about 6 and 3 years old when their father, the nation's 35th president, was assassinated in 1963.

The disappearance of his son, publisher of George magazine, sparked the same type of emotional, around-the-clock news coverage that accompanied the death two years ago of Princess Diana.

Mourners left flowers at the Brookline, Mass., birthplace of his father, at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum in Boston and on the steps of John and Carolyn Kennedy's apartment building in New York City.

Some experienced pilots said that a relatively new pilot like Kennedy — who received his pilot's license last year — may have been ill-advised to fly at night, while others said it was routine.

A source friendly with the Kennedy family told The Associated Press that Kennedy had intended to fly earlier in the day, but his sister-in-law, an investment banker, had to work late.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, call 665-6000.

PAMPA CHESS CLUB

The Pampa Chess Club meets every Tuesday night at Yummie's Pizza in the Pampa Mall at 7:30 p.m. We offer casual yet competitive games, free instruction, and a quarterly newsletter. For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-3988.

LUPUS FOUNDATION FUND-RAISER

The Lupus Foundation of America, West Texas Chapter, will hold "Back to School ADO"

from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 at Southcrest Baptist Church parking lot, located in South Loop between Indiana and Quaker Avenue in Lubbock. The event will include games, food, prizes, face painting, water polo, horse rides, a chance to win a round trip to the Oct. 24 Dallas Cowboy-Washington Redskins NFL football game and much, much more.

ANTIQUA SALE

Continental Shows, Ltd., will hold an Antique Show and Sale from 12-8 p.m. Friday, July 23, from 12-7 p.m., July 24 and from 12-5 p.m., Sunday, July 25 at the Amarillo Civic Center, 4th and Buchanan in Amarillo. Exhibitors from around the country will offer a wide range of antiques from glass and silver to primitive and advertising. One admission of \$3 will cover all three days and children are free when accompanied by an adult.

PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. July 22 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. For more information, call (806) 779-2115 or (806) 665-8062.

DON AND SYBIL HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and BSA Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic Aug. 9 at First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for

assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 359-4673 or 1-800-377-4673.

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.

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Photos of Deceased Heal The Many Faces of Grief

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the "pushy" sister-in-law who took photos of her deceased brother in his coffin against his widow's wishes: It's not all that unusual.

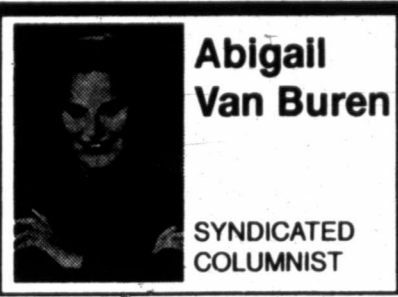
My weirdo aunt, now deceased, used to take rolls and rolls of film of every dead relative and put them in scrapbooks that she later showed off to people. She wanted to "capture the moment" — the flowers, the corpse, the whole event. I thought it was dreadful. Looking back, I assume she photographed other family events, but I don't recall seeing any pictures. She was a sad, negative, pessimistic person, and I swore she'd never photograph my dead father (her brother). As fate would have it, she's long gone and no one recorded her passing in pictures — and Dad is still kicking.

Several years ago, my mother-in-law received photographs of her late husband, who died unexpectedly of a heart attack. Her friend had secretly gone into the funeral home and snapped some. Weeks later, the friend offered them to my mother-in-law, saying that when her own husband died, photos of him in his coffin had been a comfort. My mother-in-law was grateful and the pictures meant a lot to her.

I guess my point is this: It takes all kinds.

NO PHOTOS, PLEASE

DEAR NO PHOTOS: I have a stack of letters on my desk a foot high that corroborate that statement. Read on:



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: I work in a funeral home, and at times pictures are taken, especially for relatives who are too ill or elderly to attend the services or make a long trip. We have taken pictures, per the family's request, of infants — this is usually the only photograph they would have of a baby they lost.

The sister-in-law should not have broken her promise, but her statement of how much better he looked dead than alive could have meant that he had a long illness and suffered, which can affect the deceased's appearance. The embalmers are artists! They can do wonders for a deceased who was ravaged by a terrible disease or who was in an accident.

T.S. FROM L.L.

DEAR T.S.: Thank you for pointing this out. Many of those who wrote to me said they were greatly comforted to see their loved ones looking as they did before they were stricken, seemingly peacefully asleep. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: When my sister

was married, in the same church as the one in which our father's funeral had been held, she and her husband had wedding pictures taken next to the marble name plate behind which our father's ashes now reside. When I first saw the pictures in the wedding album, I thought they were somewhat tacky. Later, I came to realize exactly what you advised "One Who Has Lost a Friend." Everyone grieves in his or her own way, and this was my sister's way to share her special day with our father.

CHARLIE IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR CHARLIE: Right! Live and learn. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the letter from "One Who Has Lost a Friend": Who was the busybody who told the widow that the deceased's sister had taken the photos she promised she wouldn't?

If it eased the sister's pain, why not? She no doubt made her promise so as not to upset the widow. Ever heard of a little white lie? And then, there's also MYOB.

M.S.C. IN SHERMAN OAKS

DEAR M.S.C.: I learn from my readers every day. I now know that photos of the deceased were very common at the turn of the century, and in some parts of the country the practice is still thriving. To everyone who wrote — thank you for educating me.

For Better or For Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



B.C.



Haggar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Mallard Filmore



Horoscope

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 1999

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)

Build on an established business relationship. Opportunity strikes because you are able to present different views. Understand and work with them. Money flows, much to your relief! Creativity and sensitivity together help you mobilize others' energy. You feel empowered! Tonight: Work as a team.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Your optimism triggers others' upbeat responses. Even if they are opposed, you are able to talk others into your way of thinking. Others want to agree with you, as they feel positive about what goes on between you. Be direct with a strong-willed partner. He doesn't understand subtlety. Tonight: Just don't be alone!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Work is your motto; you get a lot done, most effectively. Stay centered. Others gravitate toward you. Your sense of humor comes out when dealing with a family member. You understand the ins and outs of a particular situation clearly. Take charge. Direct a heartfelt project. Tonight: Opt for some exercise!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Your imagination can get you

into a lot of trouble. Choose where to direct your energies. No one understands quite as clearly as you do what the long-run implications are. Your soft ways charm others. Network. You make waves socially. Tonight: Play the night away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Prioritize your time while a lot happens quickly. Work offers an opportunity that you simply cannot turn down. This is no time to hedge; move quickly. A family member pushes hard to get what he wants. Sort through requests. Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

News puts a whole new slant on life. Accept an offer that allows you to grow and to change directions. Dynamic developments surround communication. Take action! Don't put an offer on hold. Clear your desk; express ideas. Take time for that personal touch. Others respond. Tonight: Visit a favorite friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Another promises many different monetary possibilities. Though all look positive, avoid frivolous thinking. Be realistic, especially with money and love! A child might be pulling a number on you. Check out what he is saying. Tonight: Curb spending.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Others respond positively. Listen; be sensitive. You could be pleasantly surprised by what appears on your plate. Use your high energy to get work done. Make time for a fun get-together. A family member could be elusive. Consider a new purchase for your home. Tonight: Whatever you want — just ask!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Take in information; cruise through work. You'll accomplish a lot. Your intuition sends you in the wrong direction. Stick to the facts. You might have some pent-up anger or frustration. Use your energy to clear out a problem. Success will follow. Take time to center during a long lunch. Tonight: Happy at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Attend meetings; network; touch base with others. You are unusually successful, and you get what you want. A male friend pushes you hard. A new relationship or flirtation heats up, if single. If attached, a romantic wave swells in your relationship. Add more spice to your tie. Tonight: Do exactly what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You are in the limelight. Listen to feedback. Follow through on what is important to you. Work is demanding and keeps you on your toes. Meanwhile, a personal matter has you grinning ear to ear. Close relating brings positive results. Be more caring and open with a partner. Tonight: A must appearance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Read between the lines. Be sure of what you want. Keep seeking information until you are satisfied. There are solutions — find the one that works for you. Abundance marks communication. Others make additional efforts toward you. Be gracious. Pick and choose accordingly. Tonight: Take in a movie.

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.coolpage.com/bigar>.

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 40 Transmits

1 Did the crawl

5 Explorer John

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11 Don of "Cocoon"

13 Eager

14 Trash

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20 Newsman

21 Drill

22 Leopard features

25 Flexes

26 Walking aid

27 In support of

28 Mine output

29 Military diver

33 Scoundrel

34 Kingston's island

35 Menlo Park inventor

37 The Red Planet

38 Comment

39 Leave out

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Saturday's answer

4 Painter René

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7 Wager

8 Stop sign, e.g.

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22 Game official

23 Easter events

32 Unpleasant

27 Partner of beans

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"Offhand, I would say yes, you're spoiling him."

The Family Circus



"We were playin' Tarzan."

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MEDICAL

Study hints researchers may have vaccine for Alzheimer's

By PETER SVENSSON
Associated Press Writer

Scientists have reported the development of a vaccine that in mice appears to ward off and even reduce the brain-clogging deposits that are characteristic of Alzheimer's disease.

It is uncertain whether the treatment will work in humans, but the San Francisco pharmaceutical company behind the research wants to test it on people soon.

Deposits in the brain of a sticky protein called amyloid are one of the characteristics of Alzheimer's. The vaccine appears to prevent the formation of these so-called plaques in mice that were genetically engineered to overproduce amyloid.

Dr. Zaven Khachaturian, senior medical adviser to the Alzheimer's Association, called the study a landmark.

"If one can repeat the same phenomenon in humans, it will have a very important impact," he said. Even if it fails to produce a treatment, it introduces the idea of using a vaccination against protein deposits, which are associated with a variety of diseases, he said.

There is no known cure for Alzheimer's, which is believed to affect more than 4 million Americans. The patients, most of them older than 60, progress from forgetfulness to dementia and usually die five to 10 years after diagnosis.

In the study, published in a recent issue of the journal Nature, a team of researchers

led by Dale Schenk at Elan Corp. tried to trick the immune system of the mice to recognize amyloid as a foreign substance that

When the mouse brains were dissected after a year, the researchers were surprised to find no or very small plaques in the injected mice; the unvaccinated mice had extensive deposits.

should be attacked.

The researchers injected nine 6-week-old mice with amyloid combined with substances that excite the immune system. Seventeen other mice of the same age did not get the vaccine.

When the mouse brains were dissected after a year, the researchers were surprised to find no or very small plaques in the injected mice; the unvaccinated mice had extensive deposits.

The researchers then tried a more ambitious experiment: injecting the vaccine into 24 year-old mice that already had plaques. Twenty-four similar mice did not get the vaccine.

"We saw that it completely stopped the further progression of the disease," Schenk said. "It looks like it might have actually diminished the plaques."

Elan wants to start trials with people

later this year. Schenk said researchers hope to submit a vaccine to the Food and Drug Administration for approval in five years.

But there are a number of reasons the method may not prevent or halt Alzheimer's in humans. Most important, the amyloid plaques may be a symptom of the disease, rather than the cause.

Also, Alzheimer's patients have other changes in the brain that the mice do not fully exhibit, such as tangles of protein inside nerve cells, said Dr. Blas Frangione, head of the Alzheimer's research unit at the New York University School of Medicine.

If the vaccine does work, scientists will face another challenge: determining who needs it. While detectable genetic flaws cause some Alzheimer's cases, most patients have no such telltale markers.

"If we are going to have the maximal effect of this, we need to find out who has the disease, who is at risk, much earlier," Khachaturian said.

Neurobiologist Peter St. George-Hyslop at the University of Toronto said the study raises the prospect of using immunization to treat or prevent other diseases associated with protein deposits.

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, the fatal human brain disorder thought to be related to mad cow disease, would be a candidate. So would Parkinson's disease and myeloma, a form of cancer that overproduces protein in bone marrow.

Amish on medical frontier with gene therapy testing

STRASBURG, Pa. (AP) — The Amish and Mennonite people of Lancaster County are taking part in some very advanced medicine these days: gene therapy.

Scientists hope to learn more about genetic diseases by studying members of the insular community, people who often ride in horse-drawn buggies and don't have electricity but are willing to climb into an MRI machine.

"I can see how it could be confusing if you don't understand our beliefs," said Leon Newswanger, a Mennonite whose son will be one of the first participants in human trials of a new gene therapy. "But if we don't do whatever it takes, if we know what could help — then that is worse."

The Amish and Mennonites, known as the Plain community for their simple, dark clothes and rural way of life, have a higher rate of certain inherited diseases than other people.

They have become instrumental in genetic research because the estimated 75,000 sect members are descended from just 47 families. The sects have been providing blood samples and family histories to geneticists for years.

Similarly, scientists have studied Ashkenazi Jews, Cajuns in Louisiana and other groups with a high degree of genetic uniformity.

"Amish people know the reality of genetic diseases and so any advances are welcomed," said Dr. Holmes Morton, who opened the Clinic for Special Children in the heart of Pennsylvania's Amish country in 1990.

It is one of the most advanced gene research clinics in the country, situated in a timber-frame house surrounded by fields plowed by mules.

Newswanger's son, Marlin, and two other children from Morton's clinic will be the first subjects in a test of a process called chimeraplasty, which involves tricking the body into correcting a gene mutation.

If successful, the technique could be used to treat up to 80 percent of all genetic diseases.

All three children are stricken with Crigler-Najjar, a rare liver disease that is more common among Amish and Mennonites. About 300 people worldwide have Crigler-Najjar; 16 trace their roots to Lancaster's Plain sects and are being treated by Morton.

Crigler children suffer severe jaundice and must sleep under special rehabilitating lights for up to 16 hours a day to prevent deadly brain damage.

Altogether, Morton treats hundreds of children with more than 70 rare genetic diseases, and many regularly undergo MRIs and complicated blood tests and may be hospitalized for months at a time. Some children must be fed special formulas and vitamins — another contrast in a community where nearly all the food is homegrown.

"This is what it takes to keep him alive," said Glenda Groff, a Mennonite whose 8-year-old son has a genetic disorder called maple syrup urine disease, which is fatal without a proper diet.

That disease — extremely rare in the general population but more common among Mennonites — prevents the body from processing certain amino acids, which then become toxic. One of the symptoms is urine that smells like maple sugar.

With the opening of Morton's clinic, many Amish and Mennonite have shed their traditional fatalism about disease.

"There is a perception in the Plain community that some things are a fact of life," said Rebecca Smoker, an Amish worker at Morton's clinic. "For years, these children lived their short little lives and died without any medical person seeing them because everybody knew they were going to die."

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Heart valve defect is not as dangerous as thought

By LINDA A. JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

The millions of Americans who have been told they have a serious, sometimes fatal heart defect called mitral valve prolapse probably have nothing to fear, researchers say.

The condition, long considered a "hidden epidemic" afflicting 5 percent to 30 percent of Americans, is far less dangerous — and less common — than doctors believed, two studies show.

"That really is a sea change," said Dr. Marc Klapholz, director of the heart failure program at University Hospital in Newark, N.J. "It's extremely good news."

The research is reported in a recent New England Journal of Medicine.

Doctors have routinely warned patients that the condition, while often symptomless, may require surgery to prevent complications that can cause sudden death. Among those

complications: stroke, heart failure and abnormal heart rhythms that cause fainting.

Researchers determined that the patients who actually had mitral valve prolapse suffered those complications at about the same rate, just 6 percent, as a healthy comparison group.

"Don't assume that it's a sort of death sentence," concluded Dr. Emelia J. Benjamin, a professor of medicine at Boston University who led one of the studies.

Her advice: Talk to your doctor about a re-test, particularly if you were diagnosed years ago.

The researchers also found that prolapse strikes men and women equally, contradicting medical lore that it was especially common in women under 45.

The mitral valve lets oxygenated blood into the heart's main pumping chamber. In prolapse, for reasons still unclear,

the valve's two flaps become elongated and floppy, and some blood leaks backward when the chamber contracts to pump out blood. Major leakage can cause serious problems, but those are rare.

The diagnosis has unnecessarily frightened healthy patients, barred them from jobs, such as flying airplanes and increased health insurance premiums for many, noted Dr. Robert A. Levine, a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School.

Early research found suspiciously high numbers of people had mitral valve prolapse. Why? Cardiologists had no standard criteria for how much deviation in valve position and thickness constituted prolapse, they wrongly believed normal valves were shaped like saucers, and their research subjects generally were people with symptoms that drove them to major hospitals.

Levine and colleagues eventually determined the valves are shaped like saddles and established specific criteria for diagnosing prolapse from cardiac ultrasounds.

Using those criteria, Benjamin's team re-examined ultrasounds from 3,491 men and women participating in the Framingham Heart Study, a long-running study of volunteers from a Boston suburb. Benjamin found only 2.4 percent, or 84 people, had the condition; just five had serious complications.

Levine found only 2 percent of 213 stroke patients under 45 that he examined had prolapse, vs. 40 percent in early studies. Levine's rate was about the same as in a stroke-free comparison group.

Researchers now must discover which of the 5 million-plus Americans with prolapse will develop dangerous complications.

Experimental diarrhea vaccination being studied

HOUSTON — The most common cause of outbreaks of non-bacterial diarrhea is the target of a new type of experimental vaccine.

Scientists at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston are testing a vaccine they developed against the Norwalk virus, which has been associated with outbreaks of diarrhea and vomiting in nursing homes and schools and on cruise ships and military aircraft carriers. The virus is transmitted by contaminated food and water.

The vaccine is a particle that looks like the Norwalk virus on the outside but lacks the genetic material on the inside needed to reproduce. Although most viruses are made from many proteins, the vaccine particle is made from a single protein, known as the capsid protein. The immune system thinks the particle is the real virus and makes antibodies to fight it off.

A Baylor research team headed by Dr. Mary Estes found the vaccine to be safe during the first phase of testing. Results of that study will be published in the journal Gastroenterology.

"Since the Norwalk vaccine is notorious for the gastrointestinal problems it causes, we needed to be sure the vaccine itself doesn't make people sick," said Estes, professor of molecular virology.

For the study, five volunteers were given 100 micrograms of the vaccine in 100 milliliters of water. Three of the five showed an immune response, and none of the volunteers experienced diarrhea or other side effects. The vaccine dosage was then increased to 250 micrograms and given to 15 volunteers. All showed an immune response, and none became sick.

The immune response to the vaccine was not as strong as that developed by exposure to the actual virus, so researchers don't know yet how effective the vaccine will be. That will be determined in the next phase of the study, in which vaccinated volunteers will be exposed to the Norwalk virus to see if they are protected from becoming ill.

"The Norwalk virus cannot be grown in the laboratory, so we don't know how many strains of the virus there are or whether a

particle vaccine will protect against multiple strains," Estes said.

The Norwalk virus is named for an outbreak of diarrhea that occurred in Norwalk, Ohio, in 1968. Intestinal problems caused by the virus usually develop within 24 to 48 hours after exposure. The illness usually runs its

course within one to three days and rarely requires hospitalization.

Estes' research is funded by the National Institutes of Health, the Texas Applied Technology Program, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Food and Drug Administration.



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FOOTBALL

PAMPA — There will be a Harvester Football Booster Club meeting at 7 p.m. tonight 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.

BASEBALL

CHICAGO (AP) — Jeff Suppan won for the first time in three weeks and had a run-scoring single as the Kansas City Royals beat the Chicago Cubs 5-4 on Sunday.

Suppan (5-5) allowed two runs, eight hits struck out three and walked one in 6 2-3 innings.

The Cubs scored two runs in the ninth off Scott Service. Jeff Reed hit a one-out triple to right field. After Curtis Goodwin flied out, pinch-hitter Jeff Blauser walked and Mickey Morandini doubled over the head of Jermaine Dye in right to score Reed and Blauser.

Service got the save. With the game tied 1-1 in the fifth, Suppan singled inside the third-base bag to score Tim Spehr.

One inning later, the Royals extended their lead to 3-1 when Tim Spehr hit a three-run homer off loser Kevin Tapani (6-6).

Randa singled leading off the fifth. After Spehr singled him to second, Rey Sanchez singled, but Goodwin's throw nailed Randa at home.

CYCLING

SAINT-GAUDENS, France (AP) — When the Tour de France starts climbing again in the Pyrenees mountains, the chasing cyclists will have their chance to catch Texan Lance Armstrong — or just hope that he cracks.

With the Pyrenees in sight, Russian Dimitri Konyshyev won Sunday's 14th stage of the Tour de France. A quiet battle between the main contenders was going on 15 minutes behind him.

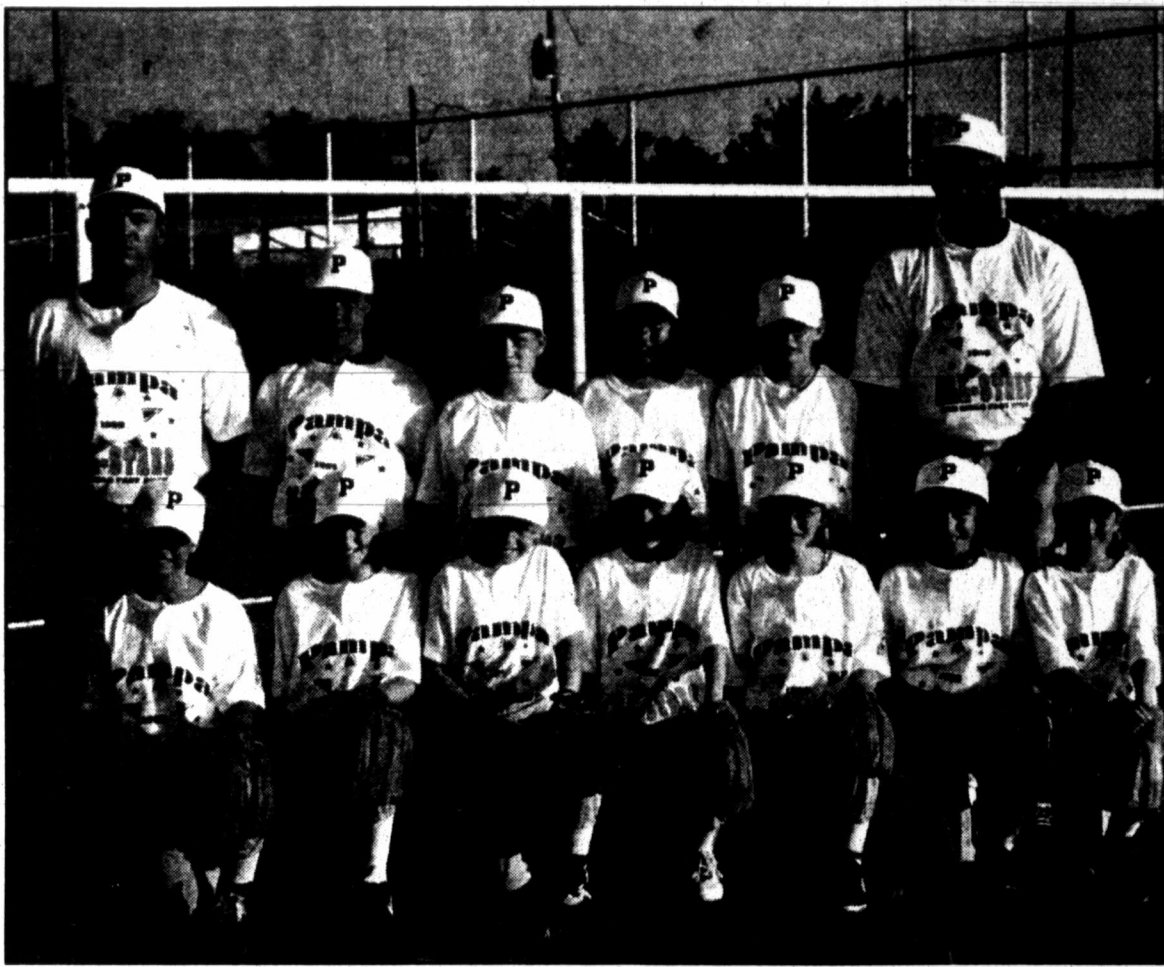
And the world's most famous cycling competition was increasingly turning into a test of nerves. Today is a rest day, and the race begins again on Tuesday.

For four days in a row, overall leader Armstrong has sat back, keeping a close eye on his main rivals while lesser names have broken away to win the stages.

The riders chasing Armstrong have adopted the same strategy, sitting on his wheel, or briefly leading the way, with the same aim: saving energy before Tuesday's and Wednesday's potentially decisive stages high in the Pyrenees.

Armstrong of Austin, Texas, riding for the U.S. Postal Service, holds a 7-minute, 44-second lead over the Spaniard.

All-Star Girls



(Special photo)

The Pampa girls 9-10 year-old All-Star Team won the District One Tournament held at Optimist Park. They now advance to the Sectional Tournament in Graham, beginning Thursday, July 22. Team members are (front row, from left) Nicole Clark, Britteni Rice, Lindsey Riley, Stephanie McVay, Chandon Wilson, Erika Silva and Krista McClelland; (back row, from left) coach Layne Clark, Cassy Tice, Kayla Burns, Kenzi Nickell, Maggie Hopkins and coach Randall Tice.

Yankees' Cone hurls perfect game

By The Associated Press

After missing out on a no-hitter three years ago, David Cone finally got a second chance. This time, he was nothing less than perfect.

"You probably have a better chance of winning the lottery than this happening," the New York Yankees right-hander said after pitching the 14th perfect game in modern major league history and 16th overall with a 6-0 decision over Montreal on Sunday.

Cone had to be thinking back to 1996 when his career almost ended because of an aneurysm near his right armpit. He made an amazing return after surgery, pitching seven no-hit innings at Oakland before manager Joe Torre and

pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre decided 85 pitches were enough.

"If Joe was going to leave the decision to me, I'm going back out there and throw caution to the wind," Cone said of his 1996 start against the Athletics. "I think Mel and Joe did the right thing, trying to protect me. But I didn't know if that would be my last chance at one."

Watching Cone's performance on Sunday was Don Larsen, who pitched the only perfect game in World Series history for the Yankees in 1956. He was among the 41,931 fans at Yankee Stadium who came out for Yogi Berra Day, honoring the former Yankees catching great.

The two were batterymates

when Larsen pitched his masterpiece against the Brooklyn Dodgers on the very same field 43 years ago.

"I was just thinking about my day," Larsen said. "I'm sure David will think about this every day of his life."

In other interleague games, it was Boston 11, Florida 9; Toronto 3, Atlanta 2; Philadelphia 3, Tampa Bay 2; Detroit 9, Cincinnati 8 in 10 innings; Minnesota 5, St. Louis 2; Kansas City 5, Chicago Cubs 4; Houston 2, Cleveland 0; Milwaukee 5, Chicago White Sox 4; Oakland 3, Colorado 2; Seattle 8, Arizona 7, 10 innings; Pittsburgh 6, Los Angeles 5, 10 innings; Texas 5, San Francisco 4; San Diego 6, Anaheim 3; N.Y. Mets 8, Baltimore 6.

Major League Standings

National League

All Times EDT				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Atlanta	57	36	.613	—
New York	53	40	.570	4
Philadelphia	49	41	.544	6 1/2
Montreal	33	55	.375	21 1/2
Florida	34	58	.370	22 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Houston	54	37	.593	—
Cincinnati	51	38	.573	2
Pittsburgh	46	45	.505	8
Milwaukee	45	45	.500	8 1/2
St. Louis	45	47	.489	9 1/2
Chicago	43	46	.483	10
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
San Francisco	51	41	.554	—
Arizona	49	44	.527	2 1/2
San Diego	46	44	.511	4
Los Angeles	41	49	.456	9
Colorado	41	49	.456	9

Sunday's Games
 Toronto 3, Atlanta 2
 Boston 11, Florida 9
 Philadelphia 3, Tampa Bay 2

American League

All Times EDT				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
New York	54	36	.600	—
Boston	51	41	.554	4
Toronto	49	45	.521	7
Tampa Bay	40	52	.435	15
Baltimore	39	52	.429	15 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cleveland	57	34	.626	—
Chicago	43	46	.483	13
Kansas City	37	54	.407	20
Detroit	37	55	.402	20 1/2
Minnesota	36	54	.400	20 1/2
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Texas	51	40	.560	—
Oakland	46	45	.505	5
Seattle	44	47	.484	7
Anaheim	42	48	.467	8 1/2

Sunday's Games

Toronto 3, Atlanta 2
 Boston 11, Florida 9
 Philadelphia 3, Tampa Bay 2
 N.Y. Yankees 6, Montreal 0
 Detroit 9, Cincinnati 8, 10 innings
 Kansas City 5, Chicago Cubs 4
 Houston 2, Cleveland 0
 Minnesota 5, St. Louis 2
 Milwaukee 5, Chicago White Sox 4
 Oakland 3, Colorado 2
 Seattle 8, Arizona 7, 10 innings
 Texas 5, San Francisco 4
 San Diego 6, Anaheim 3
 N.Y. Mets 8, Baltimore 6

Pampa captures opener in 11-12 WT state tourney

PLAINVIEW — Pampa Optimist 11-12 Bambino All-Stars blasted five home runs and overpowered the Plainview North All-Stars here Saturday 13-5 in the first game of the West Texas State Bambino Tournament for each team. The winners scored in every inning and responded each time the host team threatened to get back into the game.

With one out in the first inning, Shea Brown slammed the first of his three hits. He was forced to second by Seth Foster. Tyler Doughty followed with a towering shot over the left field fence for a 2-0 Pampa lead.

Eric McClure hit the first home run of his Bambino career in the second inning as Pampa extended its lead.

Brown singled again with one out in the third. Back to back doubles by Doughty and Heath Miller chased home two more Pampa runs, making the score 5-0.

In the bottom of the third, Plainview North combined one hit with three Pampa errors to score twice and close the gap to 5-2.

Pampa answered with three runs in the top of the fourth inning. McClure walked and was forced to second by Tyson Hickman. Mateo Campos stroked a single past a diving shortstop. Brown connected with a three-run homer to left field, stretching the Pampa lead to 8-2.

Doughty led off the fifth inning with his second home run. Eric Kingcade walked and McClure singled for his second hit of the game. Christopher Moody walked to load the bases and a wild pitch scored Kingcade. McClure followed when the catcher made a bad throw to the pitcher covering home trying to get Kingcade. Moody sped home when Hickman singled to the gap in right center field.

Rickey Gattis pitched for

Pampa in the bottom of the fifth. He walked three and struck out three while allowing one run.

Pampa answered with a homer in the sixth inning by Foster.

Foster assumed the pitching duties in the sixth for Pampa. He struck out two, walked four and hit a batter, giving up two runs. Hickman was called on with the bases loaded to put out the fire.

He threw one pitch which the batter grounded to Kingcade, who flipped to Campos to get a force out at second base to end the game.

Doughty was the winning pitcher. He allowed no earned runs and gave up two hits. He struck out nine and walked two.

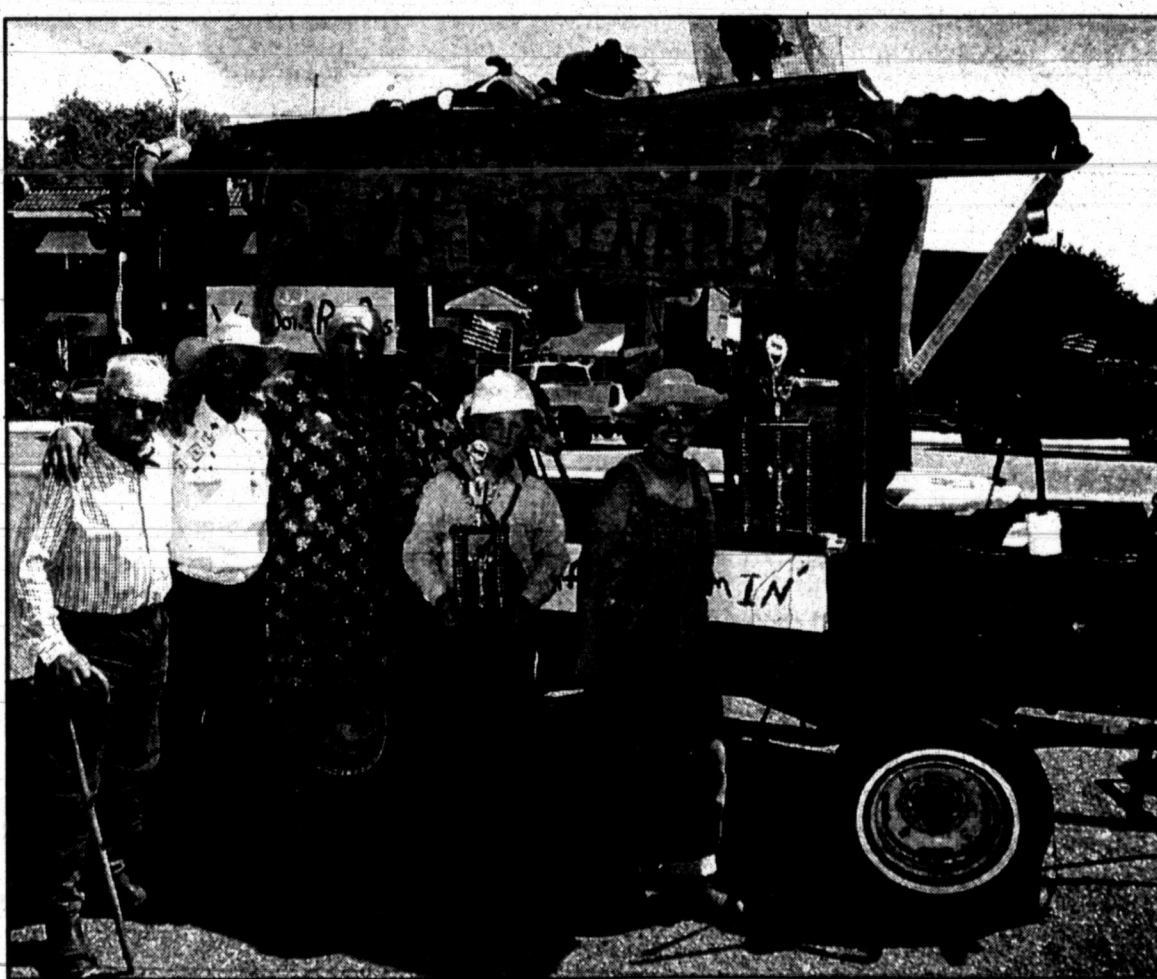
Doughty also led Pampa's hitting with two home runs and a double. He scored three times and had four runs batted in. Brown also had three hits for the winners, which included a home run.

He made two runs and had three RBI. McClure had a perfect night at the plate with a home run, a single and a walk. He had one RBI and two runs scored.

The defensive play of the game for Pampa came in the second inning when McClure scooped up a single in center field and fired to second base catching a runner off base who rounded the bag too far. Throws from Kingcade to Miller to Hickman and finally to Doughty resulted in perfect execution of the hot box to end the inning and deflate Plainview's rally hopes.

At 8 tonight, Pampa plays Seminole, a 10-8 winner Sunday over Plainview South. In earlier games Saturday, Seminole defeated Hereford 5-1, Lockney edged Tulia 11-9 and Andrews rolled over Floydada 20-0. The tournament is scheduled to be completed Friday.

Schafer family

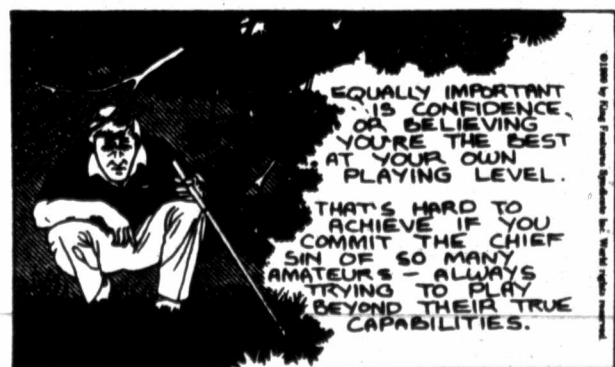
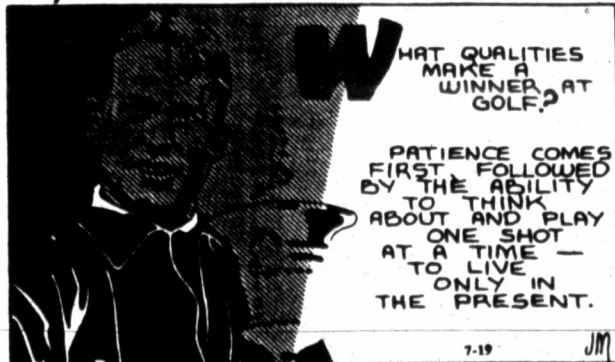


(Photo by Bonner Green)

The Schafer family (above) won the Sweepstakes Trophy in the Wagon Division at the July Fourth Canadian Rodeo. Pictured (l-r) are Billy, Billy Wayne, Sam, Patsy, Trevor and Katie, who dedicated their entry to the memory of Canadian rancher Ed Brainard, who died July 1 in an auto accident.

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Sparks beat Comets

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — The Los Angeles Sparks needed Gordana Grubin's outside shooting for a rare victory against the Houston Comets.

Grubin scored all 15 of her points in the second half as the Sparks rallied from two-point halftime deficit to beat the reigning two-time WNBA champion Comets 78-65 Sunday night.

"I got some open looks tonight and every shot seemed like it was going in," Grubin said.

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26 - GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew Episcopal Parish Hall. For more information, call Dale Roth, 665-0280.
30 - LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 111 N. Houston, will present a celebration of the end of the summer reading club from 2-4 p.m. with Joe Weaver, storyteller and librarian at Killgore Memorial Library. For children participating in the reading club and summer programs. The program is free and does not require registration. For more information, call 669-5780.
31 - DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION Summer Street Party and Flea Market will be from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Come and have fun with 3-on-3 basketball, volleyball, various bands and much more. For more information, call Ken Rheams, 665-2831; ReDonn Woods, 669-2525, ext. 316; or Ronnie Holmes, 665-2631.
AUGUST
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS will meet at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room in Columbia Medical Center Office Building. For more information, call 669-7546.
3 - GRAY COUNTY LATCHKEY will hold pre-enrollment for all four elementary school at Lovett Memorial Library Auditorium from 6-9 p.m. For more information, call Susan Gallagher at 669-7179.
1 - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA Round Table meeting will be at

7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray. For more information, contact Doug Cooper, 669-2959.
8 - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA District monthly meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray. For more information, contact Doug Cooper, 669-2959.
12 - GRAY COUNTY TAFCE CLUB Patchworks will meet at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Mary Chesher, 665-3865.
12 - GRAY COUNTY TAFCE CLUB Progressive will meet at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Christine Griffin, 665-8062.
13 - GRAY COUNTY TAFCE CLUB Pam will meet at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Virginia Horton, 665-8045.
14 - ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC., OF PAMPA will hold its annual "Style Show" at 10 a.m. in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. For more information, contact Mayda King, 665-0085 or 665-2620.
14 - JUNIOR RODEO COWBOY ASSOCIATION Rodeo will begin at 10 a.m. at the rodeo grounds. For more information, call Allen Tidwell, 669-6711.
16 - PAMPA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION meeting at 2 p.m. at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. For more information, contact Carolyn Smith, 665-5158.
17 - THE GREATER PAMPA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE monthly luncheon in the M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. Cinda Jennings will be the speaker. Meredith House will sponsor the luncheon and Hoagie's Deli will

cater. For reservations, call on or before 9 a.m. on the 17th, 669-3241.
18-21 - PAMPA ARMY AIR FIELD REUNION will hold its "27th Annual Reunion." Activities will begin with registration Wednesday and various activities are planned for the week. The Hall of Fame Banquet will be Friday night. The reunion banquet will be Saturday night followed by a dance and a goodbye breakfast will be Sunday morning. For more information, call Tampa Douglass, 665-3993.
19 - GRAY COUNTY TAFCE CLUB Evening Stars regular meeting will be at 7 p.m. For more information, call Pam Lash, 669-1868.
20 - PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION Board Meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. For more information, contact Lee Crow, 665-0343.
26 - AMERICAN PARKINSON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION Support Group meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of Columbia Medical Center. For more information, call Eva Mayes, 665-2503.
23 - GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew Episcopal Parish Hall. For more information, call Dale Roth, 665-0280.
28 - THE WHITE DEER MUSEUM will hold its "Fourth Annual Street Dinner and Dance." Come join the fun and dance under the stars to the music of two bands. For more information, call Anne Davidson, 669-8041.

Briefly ...

Crews counseled after fatal crash

HOUSTON (AP) — The Life Flight air ambulance service at Hermann Hospital remained suspended while crews received counseling in the wake of a weekend crash south of Houston.
"This was a voluntary decision made to allow crew members time to grieve and cope with the immediate impact of this tragedy," said James Eastham, chief executive officer of the hospital.
Meantime, federal investigators were trying to determine what caused the noontime accident Saturday that killed the pilot, a paramedic and a flight nurse.
The helicopter, one of three in Life Flight's fleet, went down near Fresno along the border of Fort Bend and Brazoria counties.
Immediately after the crash, Life Flight crews suspended operations to allow time to deal with the loss.
"Our main concern in the grounding is to allow the healing process to begin. Maintenance also had the chance to go over the helicopters," said Tom

Flanagan, Life Flight's administrative director. "The team is a really well-oiled machine, and we have to allow them time to start the grieving process."
It was expected that flights would resume Sunday afternoon, but spokeswoman Lois Edford said the suspension would continue at least until a reassessment today.
Saturday's crash was the first fatal accident involving a Life Flight helicopter since the program began in 1976.
The victims included pilot John Pittman, 58; flight nurse Lynn Ethridge, 35; and paramedic Charles "Mac" Atteberry, 30.

Possible side effects don't deter military personnel in Texas
FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Anthrax shots that have prompted protests among U.S. troops that the medications are meant to protect have caused less of a stir in Texas, where at least one commander is encouraging his soldiers to ask questions.
Concern about the vaccine's safety has spawned a protest movement, resulted in dozens of disciplinary actions against troops and caused an unknown number to quietly leave military service.

"The flu shot knocked me out worse than that," Maj. Gary Richards, an Air Force C-130 pilot, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.
He said the worst outcome was a knot on his arm for a couple of weeks.
"And the knot was only for the first shot," he said. "The second two didn't bother me at all."
Military officials say that no one at Naval Air Station Fort Worth, where Richards is stationed, or Dyess Air Force Base at Abilene has declined to take the shot. Only a half-dozen soldiers at Fort Hood have refused.

However, that number is likely to rise since most servicemen and women have not had to line up for anthrax shots yet.
Cleanup crews set to continue
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Months after the Guadalupe River and other Central Texas waterways rampaged out of their banks and flooded homes, dozens of residents still need help clearing debris from their land.
Starting today, the third stage of Comal County's cleanup efforts after the flood a half-year ago should be the last. A private contractor hired by the county is expected to remove debris from 57

properties along River Road in a project scheduled to take 35 working days.
"Many of those properties have destroyed homes or large amounts of manmade debris or vegetation washed up from the flood," County Commissioner Jack Dawson told the San Antonio Express-News.
Gerald Krafka, field inspector for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, said no cost estimate has been released. But the first two phases, which cleaned the right of way along flooded roads and the river channel, cost almost \$500,000.

The usually tame Guadalupe raged wildly over its banks in October, swallowing whole neighborhoods.
What didn't wash downstream on Oct. 17 was destroyed or left in a pile of muddy debris.
The county wrote that it had sent letters to 524 private property owners identified as having flooded properties.
Dawson said that of those, 57 people still need help clearing debris from their land.
Most of the others either had flood insurance or paid for their own cleanup, said Dawson.
Dawson said the effort will help more than just the 57 property owners.
"There are environmental and ecological reasons for the cleanup," said Dawson.

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Spotlight on Pampa

by
The Pampa Chamber of Commerce



Ann Franklin (left), Chamber staff, Miss Rodeo Teen Mandy Poole and Tourism Committee member Loralee Cooley were at the Top O' Texas Arts and Crafts Show to promote Pampa. The Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce will attend major events in and around Pampa. Anyone having items to give away at these events are welcome to bring them by the Chamber.

Chairman's message ...

WE HAVE A CHOICE!! Is the glass half empty, or half full? Is the traffic signal a "stop light" or a "go light"? One person's problem is another's opportunity. There are a lot of positive things happening in Pampa. We have a new PEDC Executive Director and Chamber of Commerce President, new dairies are coming to town, there was a great wheat crop and we are building a new college campus! As Chamber of Commerce members, we are leaders in our community. Why not present a positive image rather than a negative one?

In the next few months, the Chamber News will present information researched by Chamber members about different segments of our community. The articles will highlight different aspects of Pampa and will give Chamber members positive information to promote the community. Over 30

individuals have worked on these articles. Each of the articles will present things we have taken for granted in a new and more positive perspective.

One of my favorite poems is quoted in Napoleon Hill's book *Think and Grow Rich*.

"I bargained with life for a penny, and Life would pay no more. However I begged at evening When I counted my scanty score.

For life is a just employer He gives you what you ask But once you have set the wage Why you must bear the task

I worked for a menial's hire Only to learn, dismayed,

That any wage I had asked of Life Life would have willingly paid."

Pioneers with less education, less technology, less information, and less mobility built this city from the barren plains into a prosperous community. With all our advantages, we can survive temporary economic turndowns and grow Pampa into a bigger and better place than it has ever been before. The difference in the pioneer community and our business leaders today might be DESIRE, ENERGY, and ENTHUSIASM. Do we want to sit back and watch our community decline or do we want to get involved and make it grow? WE HAVE A CHOICE!!

Bill Bridges
Chairman of the Board

Congrats to Computer Solutions

The Retail Trade Committee congratulates Computer Solutions for earning first place in the recent window decorating contest. Tarpley Music Company earned second place and Bob Clements, Inc. took third place. The winners were announced Friday night.

Free CofC bowling night

Chamber members are invited to an evening of bowling at Harvester Lanes August 7 from 6-8 p.m. There will be no charge for bowling and refreshments will be served.

To attend, RSVP by Friday, August 6 by calling 669-3241.

Welcome Tri-State Seniors

The Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome all the Tri-State Seniors to the area.

Good luck to all the wives who will participate in the Treasure Hunt.

Street Fair July 31

The Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce reminds everyone to come by their table during the Downtown Business Association's Street Fair July 31.

New Pampa pins, along with information about the local area will be made available.



Southwest Collision, 2525 West Highway 152, was welcomed as a new member of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce with a Goldcoat ribbon cutting June 30. Front row (l-r): Goldcoat Ed Ringering and Mary McDaniel, employee Seth Stribling, Goldcoat Bob Marx, Charlene Morriss and Benny Horton. Back row (l-r): Kim Rheams, Lyndon Field, Royce Jordan, owner Mike Stone, Goldcoat Clay Rice, owner Jim Schoonover, Henry Urbanczyk, Bill Bridges and Scott Hahn.



June 29th the Top O' Texans welcomed Simple Simon's Pizza as a new member of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon cutting at their Pampa location on Highway 60 West. Pictured front row (l-r): Goldcoat Bob Marx, Goldcoat Lyndon Field, manager Kelli Blevins, manager Barry Blevins, owner Karen Leeson, Goldcoat Scott Hahn and Goldcoat Ken Rheams. Back row (l-r): Goldcoat Clay Rice, Goldcoat Richard Stowers and Goldcoat Lloyd Waters.

New members

The Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed Kentucky Fried Chicken and Copper Kitchen as new members.

Calendar ...

JULY

20 - THE GREATER PAMPA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE monthly luncheon in the M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. John Horst with the City of Pampa will be the keynote speaker. Williams Energy will sponsor and Pizza Hut will cater. For reservations, call on or before 9 a.m. on the 20th, 669-3241.

20-24 - CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 900 E. 23rd, Vacation Bible School "Veggie Town Values" will be from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday with a carnival slated from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, call 665-0842.

21-22 - LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 111 N. Houston, will host a beginning acting workshop by ACT I from 2-4 p.m. on one or both days. For children in second grade or older. The program is free and does not require registration. For more information, call 669-5780.

25 - NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS will meet at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room in Columbia Medical Center Office Building. For more information, call 669-7546.

26 - AMERICAN PARKINSON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION Support Group meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of Columbia Medical Center. For more information, call Eva Mayes, 665-2503.

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Luncheon Tuesday

There will be a chamber luncheon July 20 at 11:45 a.m. in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

Committee meetings

The Tourism Committee will meet on July 27 at 2 p.m. in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

The Membership Committee will meet on August 2 in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at 12 noon.

The Retail Committee will meet on August 4 in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at 8:30 a.m.

New teacher breakfast Aug. 5

The Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a "New Teachers" breakfast August 5 at the Pampa Country Club at 8 a.m.



Top O' Texans welcomed "TCBY" Treats as a new business to Pampa. They are with Subway Sandwiches, 2141 North Hobart. Pictured in the front row (l-r): Goldcoat Ken Rheams, Goldcoat Kerrick Horton, Goldcoat Mary McDaniel, sandwich artist Desarae Hilton, owner Julie Cooke, owner Milton Cooke, manager Cheryl Procter, assistant manager Noemi Mollnar, Goldcoat Susan Winborne and Goldcoat Gladys Vanderpool. Second row (l-r): Goldcoat Ed Ringering, Goldcoat Lee Waters and Goldcoat Bob Marx. Back Row (l-r): Henry Urbanczyk, Clay Rice, Richard Morris, Joe Lowry, M.D., Bob Neslage, Jerry Foote and Scott Hahn.

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