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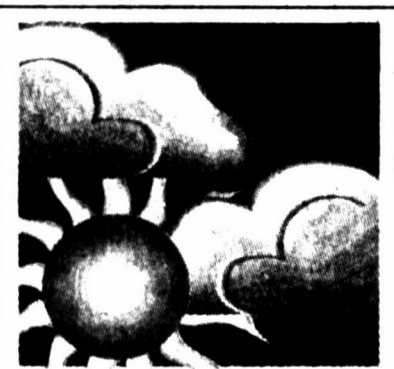
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No tickets correctly
matched all six numbers
drawn Wednesday night for
the twice-weekly Lotto Texas
game, state lottery officials
said.

A winning ticket would
have been worth an estimat-
ed \$4 million. The numbers
drawn Wednesday night
from a field of 50 were: 3-5-
23-50-44-29.

Saturday night's drawing
will be worth an estimated \$6
million.

PAMPA — Registration for
the Summer Reading
Program at Lovett Memorial
Library is currently under-
way for children of all ages.
Participants may read or lis-
ten to books read to them by
parents or other family mem-
bers. The registration packet
will include a reading log and
a bookmark. A star will be
added to the children's room
bulletin board each week
they read. After reading three
hours, they may select a
book. The library will keep
track of minutes read and
participants will be entered
in a drawing for gift certifi-
cates. The library will accept
entries in the bookmark con-
test until June 26. Two win-
ning bookmarks from Pampa
will be printed by the Texas
Panhandle Library System
and used next year at the
library.

LAREDO (AP) — Customs
agents made their first drug
seizure on the newly opened
World Trade Bridge in Laredo
— a shipment of over a ton of
marijuana hidden among
cans of jalapeno peppers.
Customs agents seized the
2,382 pounds of marijuana,
estimated to be worth \$2.3
million, Tuesday.

No deaths were reported to
The Pampa News today.

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Judge orders new DA runoff Roach says he won't appeal ruling

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Rick Roach will not ask for an
appeal of Senior Judge John
Forbis' ruling calling for a new
runoff election in the 31st district
attorney's contest.

A new election was ordered
Wednesday by Forbis pending a
possible appeal to the Court of
Appeals.

The one-day hearing of the
suit which was filed by
Incumbent District Attorney
John Mann, was held in Roberts
County.

Roach told *The Pampa News*
this morning he is attempting to

contact Judge Forbis today to ask
him to set an election date as
quickly as possible. He said he
hopes the election will be this
month. He said he would like to
have it June 27.

Roach said he has contacted
the county clerks in Roberts,
Hemphill, Lipscomb and
Wheeler counties this morning
about holding the election on
that date. All have said it would
be possible to hold the election
then, said Roach.

Gray County Clerk Susan
Winborne was in a Gray County
Commission meeting this morn-
ing and had not been reached.
Roach said he felt she would
have no problem with holding
the election on that date.

Roach said while he believes
the judge was in error in his
opinion, and that the Court of
Appeals would rule in his
(Roach's) favor, he believes the
Republican nominee should be
settled to prepare for the
November General Election.

"The Republicans are still tak-
ing swipes at each other while
the Democratic candidate is sit-
ting back watching," said Roach.
Charles Kessie of Canadian
in Hemphill County is the
Democratic candidate in the
(See JUDGE, Page 2)



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)
Jeff Blackburn, Amarillo attorney, and John Mann, his client, were pleased with Senior Judge John Forbis' decision Wednesday to hold another election in the 31st District Attorney's race. Rick Roach, who won the Republican runoff by six votes, is requesting the judge set the new election for June 27.

Retirement send off ...



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)
Eddie Guerra, a City of Pampa employee, wishes Reed Kirkpatrick "good luck" during Kirkpatrick's retirement party at Lovett Memorial Library. In the background, Ken Hall, emergency management coordinator, talks with Kirkpatrick's son Matthew and wife Chris.

Retiring parks/rec director has no plans to slow down

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Friends and co-workers gathered at Lovett
Library Wednesday to say "good luck" to Parks
and Recreation Director Reed Kirkpatrick who is
retiring after 15 years with the City of Pampa
and a parks career spanning almost three
decades.

"When I came on as a commissioner, one of
my goals was a reclamation of the city lake and
to building a four-plex ball park. Reed was
instrumental in getting that done," City
Commissioner Robert Dixon said. "Now it's a
showcase for the community and he was the one

that got it all started. He wrote the grants. He
went to Austin. He saw that they got built."

"Reed's been here for 15 years. A lot of things
have been done because of him that wouldn't
have been — the golf course, Recreation Park, all
the parks have had their equipment updated,"
said Bob Eskridge, city manager. "I'm hoping
the best for him."

Wayne Strickland, Parks Board member, said
Kirkpatrick was always helpful and courteous to
board members.

"He was always willing to go out of his way to
get things done," Strickland said. "He had such
dedication to his job. The condition of the parks

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Worth the Wait gets \$150,000 grant from state

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Governor George Bush has announced that Pampa's Worth the
Wait is one of 31 state organizations to receive part of \$8 million in
Texas Department of Health (TDH) grants for abstinence education.

Pampa will receive a total of \$150,372 for a period from Feb. 1
through August 2001, said Stacey Ladd, director of the local abstin-
ence education program.

"The Governor's Office has really been involved in this project for
the past three years," Ladd said. "They've been very helpful even
down on the local level."

"Texas is in a really strong position because of the support of the
Governor," she added. "I'm sorry to say it's not like that in other
states."

Abstinence education is a key component of Governor Bush's five-
part One Star Leaders initiative to encourage young people to make
right choices like saying "no" to drugs and alcohol, early sex, tobac-
co, and violence and saying "yes" to staying in school, according to a
news release from the Governor's office.

"For Texas children to realize their dreams, they must learn the
value of abstinence," Gov. Bush said in the release. "We must send

(See GRANT, Page 2)

United to build new store; not this year

Construction costs of building United Supermarket's distribution
center in Lubbock have put the building of new stores on hold but
they will be built including a new supermarket planned for Pampa.

Bert Short, United's Amarillo district manager, said he did not
have a date for the building of the new store in Pampa but said, "It
will be built" though not this year as originally planned.

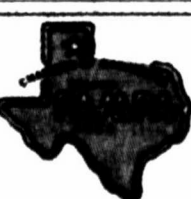
And when it is, the store, like all new United Supermarkets, will
also offer fuel to customers through a self-service island that will be
manned with an attendant during store hours, he said.

"All our new stores have fuel," he said. There are 12 new stores
among United's total store number of 43.

The current United Supermarket on North Hobart is housed in
what used to be Frank's Thriftway and land purchased, including
the old Sonic site, will be used for the expansion.

Short said original plans called for building the Pampa store this
year "but rather high costs" for the new distribution center put
expansion plans "everywhere" on hold. The only exceptions were
for construction projects that were under way.

As far as their operation in Pampa is concerned, Short said, "we
are somewhat content but we want a bigger, better facility with more
departments."



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Daily Record

Accidents

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

Wednesday, May 31

8:40 a.m. - A 1991 Chevrolet Suburban, driven by W.C. Vanhouten, 72, 216 Miami, and a 1999 Isuzu Trooper, driven by Travis R. Taylor, 64, 1826 Grape, collided at the intersection of Francis and Somerville streets. No injuries were reported at the scene. Vanhouten was cited for running a red light.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, May 31

7:55 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Gray and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:37 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.

10:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Naida and transported one to PRMC.

Thursday, June 1

5:06 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, May 31

8:43 a.m. - One unit and one firefighter responded to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Francis and Somerville streets.

Police report

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

Wednesday, May 31

Criminal mischief to a 1964 GMC pickup and a residence was reported in the 1000 block of West 23rd. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,500.

Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, May 31

Karen Ann Keesee, 41, Amarillo, was arrested on an enhanced charge of theft over \$50, under \$500.

Donna Lee Phillips, 19, 704 E. Denver, was arrested for theft over \$1,500, under \$20,000.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.44	
Milo	2.91	
Corn	3.39	
Soybeans	4.28	

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Occidental	23 5/16	dn 3/8
Fidelity Magellan	129.63	
Puritan	19.00	

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

Amoco	54 5/8	up 1/16
Cabot	26 1/8	up 1/16
Cash OREG	24 1/4	dn 1/16
Chevron	91 3/4	dn 1/16

Coca-Cola	54 5/8	up 1/16
Columbia/HCA	27 7/16	up 7/16
Farnam	71	dn 1/78
Halliburton	49 3/4	dn 1/16
IRI	13 1/16	dn 1/8
KMI	32 1/8	dn 1/2
Kerr McGee	58 1/2	dn 1/4
Limited	23 13/16	dn 5/16
McDonald's	35 1/2	dn 5/16
Exxon Mobil	41 7/8	dn 1/16
New Amstar	18 1/2	up 3/16
NCE	33 11/16	up 1/28
OKE	29 1/2	up 3/8
Pennco	18 1/16	dn 1/16
Phillips	57 1/16	dn 3/16
Pharmacia	15 1/16	up 1/8
SIB	71 15/16	dn 1/58
Tenneco	7 1/8	dn 3/16
Texaco	57 3/16	dn 1/4
Ultramar	26 3/8	up 7/16
Wal-Mart	56 9/16	dn 1/16
Williams	41 3/8	dn 3/16

New York Gold	272.10	
Silver	4.92	

JUDGE

November election and will face the Republican nominee.

"I feel a loyalty to the Republican Party, and feel this needs to be settled as soon as possible," said Roach, who is Roberts County Attorney.

Forbis delivered his ruling Wednesday after a day of testimony surrounding the April 11 Republican runoff between Mann and Roach for the multi-county DA position.

The judge ruled on several areas as he called for an election in approximately 60 days.

One of the issues of the court hearing was that only one polling place was in Lipscomb County during the Republican runoff. He ruled that a ballot location should be in each of the four county commission precincts in the county. Mann and his attorneys had alleged the voters of Lipscomb County were disenfranchised by the lack of voting precincts in the county.

"The 2,500 voters who voted in the Republican runoff have been disenfranchised," said John Kinney, attorney for Roach, following the judge's decision. "Those are the people who were disenfranchised."

Regarding the issue of illegal voting allegations, Forbis ruled that if the number of determined illegal voters exceeded the margin of the votes between Mann and Roach that those illegal votes are thrown out with no attempt made to determine how each of the illegal voters voted. There was a six-vote margin between the two candidates in the runoff with Roach the top vote-getter over Mann, 1,263 to 1,257.

Eight voters in Gray and Wheeler counties were determined to be illegal voters as they voted in the Democratic Primary election on March 14 and then cast ballots in the Republican runoff election.

The eight voters were Wheeler County voters Peggy Blair Lamoyne and Linda Joyce Smith along with Melvin Bateman, Barbara Baird, Matriilyn Echols, Carolyn Friend, Frank G. Hernandez and Lela M. Logue, all of Gray County.

Judge Forbis said during his ruling it is public policy not to ask how people voted. "The secrecy of the ballot should be maintained," he said.

Forbis, a visiting judge from Childress, said, "The problem is the denial of people voting in this election. The law permits consolidation of voting precincts, but says voting places should be in each commissioner precinct."

He continued, "If a voter votes outside their precinct, the vote is illegal and cannot be counted." Wheeler County had ballot boxes in three voting precincts while Lipscomb County only had one balloting location for the runoff.

Jeff Blackburn, attorney for Mann, was pleased with the decision. "It was a great triumph demonstrated for voters in the Panhandle," he said.

Mann said he is very pleased with the outcome and relieved. "I was on pins and needles. I thought all along it was illegal and I wanted a fair chance."

Kinney, Roach's attorney, presented affidavits during the trial from five of the voters who stated they had cast ballots for Mann in the election. However, Judge Forbis would not admit paragraph nine in each of the affidavits which stated how they voted. The affidavits were from Smith, Lamoyne, Echols, Friend and Logue.

Kinney noted if the affidavits had been admitted there would have been an 11 vote margin between the two candidates with Roach still the winner.

Mann raised questions about Roach coercing people to make affidavits.

Wheeler County Republican Chairman Shirley LeBlanc testified that Roach was not even present when that affidavit was taken. She testified she took the information from the voter and there was no coercion. Roach said no one was forced or promised anything in making affidavits.

In Roberts County, Mann had questioned the residence requirements of three voters- Donald William Morrison, Marion Frances Morrison and

Hobart McMordie.

During questioning of Roberts County's County and District Clerk Donna Goodman by Mann's attorney, Selden Hale, she said the Morrison's had homes in both Roberts and Gray counties. She also testified she had been in their Pampa home but not in the Roberts County residence.

Goodman testified to questions by Kinney that Donald Morrison had served as a Roberts County Commissioner while Frances Morrison has served as Roberts County Republican Party chairman.

The judge ruled the Morrison's and McMordie were legal voters in Roberts County.

Several witnesses were called to testify about the geographical layout of Lipscomb County.

Kimberly K. Blau, chief deputy in the Lipscomb County District and County Clerk's office, testified the county seat is the community of Lipscomb and is in the geographic center of the county. She said the community is 27 miles from Booker, 22 miles from Follett and 17 miles from Darrouzett.

Mann contended the voters of Lipscomb County were disenfranchised of their right to vote as the only voting location in Lipscomb County in the Republican runoff was located in Darrouzett, which is in the northern part of the county.

Blau said that a total of 34 voters voted in the runoff election, including the early voting which was held at Lipscomb. She also said the county has nine election precincts and four county commission precincts. She said she did not know in which county commission precinct the balloting box was located for the runoff.

Another contention of Mann's attorneys was that some voters, those in the southern part of the county, had to make a 70-mile round trip to go vote.

Under questioning by Hale, Lance Buzzard, 44, who lives 10 miles southeast of Lipscomb said he didn't vote in the Republican runoff because it wasn't handy to get to vote. He said he would have had to travel 30 miles to cast his ballot at Darrouzett from his home. Buzzard said he was out of town in either Canadian or Berger on business, but could not recall which place.

Buzzard also testified he didn't know where the voting location was until either his mother or sister told him.

Under questioning by Kinney, he was asked if he voted in the March Republican Primary in Lipscomb. He did not. "I thought it was in Higgins," he said. He said he had an ear infection and was ill that day.

Buzzard said he talked to Mann once and his secretary once about the case.

Lipscomb County Sheriff James Robertson, a Democrat, testified he had heard no complaints of Lipscomb County residents because there was only one polling location in the runoff. When asked about the 35-mile one-way trip to vote, Robertson said, "Those not committed to vote wouldn't travel that distance."

Lipscomb County Judge Willis Smith, a Democrat, said he didn't vote in the Democrat primary because, "I just didn't."

He testified that in 1996 one polling place for each party, Republican and Democrat, was located in the county. He said he had heard of no complaints from anyone.

He also testified there are around 1,800 voters in Lipscomb County and only 34 votes were cast in the Republican runoff.

When asked if the Republican runoff was of interest in Lipscomb County, Smith said there had been "a lot of talk."

Marge Long of Lipscomb County was called by Mann's attorneys to testify. She testified she did not vote in the Republican runoff. She said she generally votes Republican, and would have had to travel 35 miles to the north to vote. She was asked if she was aware there was early voting in Lipscomb, and said no.

"If I had known I probably wouldn't have voted that day, I didn't even know there was a runoff that day," said Long.

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Reed Kirkpatrick, center, poses with well-wishers Jackie Harper and Louann Suttle at his retirement party Wednesday. Kirkpatrick, an avid "Popeye" collector, is wearing a "Popeye" tie gift he received on his retirement after 15 years with the City of Pampa as parks and recreation director. He also received a "Popeye" watch.

RETIRING

reflect his dedication."

"I woke up this morning at 6:30 a.m. just like I always have," Kirkpatrick said today. "I decided then I'm not going to lay around in bed. I'm going to continue to run five miles a day and do 300 push ups and 300 set ups five days a week, same as always, and just see what the day brings."

Kirkpatrick said he, his wife Chris, and son Matthew plan to go to Pennsylvania and Canada later this summer. Kirkpatrick and other members of First Baptist Church here will be building a church in Erie, Pa., through the Southern Baptist Conference's Church Builders program.

"I've never been to Canada so we're going there, too, since we'll be so close," he said. The Kirkpatricks plan to see Niagara Falls and tour parts of Canada during the trip, he added.

In August, Kirkpatrick and the Church Builders will go to the Honduras to build another church. "It will be in a remote area," he said.

"I've been in the mentoring program at the Jordan Unit. Chaplain (David) Schlewitz has asked me to be his assistant, so I think I'll do that next

fall," Kirkpatrick said.

Kirkpatrick's career in parks and recreation began 27 years ago when he became a park ranger for the Department of Parks and Wildlife. He later served as parks and recreation director for the cities of Grove and Ennis before coming to Pampa in September 1985.

As head of the parks department in Pampa, Kirkpatrick's major accomplishments include the creation of Recreation Park and City Lake, Hidden Hills Municipal Golf Course, renovation of the city pool, and Pampa's Super Playground. His duties included administering a \$500,000 budget for 38 city parks, two swimming pools, seven softball fields, M.K. Brown Auditorium, Lovett Library and city tennis courts.

An active member of the community, Kirkpatrick has served as chair of the local chapter of the American Red Cross and as a deacon for First Baptist Church. He is a member of the Lion's Club and is assistant scout master for Boy Scouts Troop No. 416.

Esckridge said that with Kirkpatrick's retirement, the city's parks and streets departments will be combined under the direction of Kim Lincycumb.

GRANT

them a clear and consistent message that of all the decisions they will make in their lives, choosing to avoid premarital sex is one of the most important.

"There is no shame, only honor, in abstaining from sex until marriage. Abstinence isn't just about saying 'no' to sex. It's about saying 'yes' to a happier, healthier future," he added.

"This is an extension of funding we received previously," Ladd explained. "We have to reapply each year. This is a matching contract that we have to match locally through a combination of cash and in-kind services."

A part of the Pampa program's funding has come through an outright gift of \$15,000 cash from Amarillo Area Foundation, in addition to a \$7,500 grant through the Foundation.

"We have raised all but \$2,100 to bring our part to the \$7,500," Ladd said. "We are still taking donations to meet that amount."

This year's TDH funding includes an expansion of Worth the Wait to Hemphill and Wheeler coun-

ties, she said.

"We have already done a program for Canadian ISD (Independent School District) and are working with them on a curriculum for next year," Ladd said, adding she is also working with Shamrock's school district.

"We are at different levels with different school districts," she said. "We have notified all the superintendents that we have the funding available to set up a program or to support programs they already have."

Abstinence programs funded under this grant must exclusively teach the social, psychological and health benefits of abstaining from sexual activity, according to the news release.

TDH awards grants to 31 organizations statewide. The release also listed Amarillo ISD as a grant recipient. Of the 31 recipients, 19 organizations, like Pampa's Worth the Wait, will be extending or expanding existing abstinence grant activities. Twelve organizations are first-time recipients of the grant.

City Briefs

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BIGMIKE GRIFFIN live at Club Biarritz, Wed. June 7th. Come listen to great Blues and Rock. \$25 couple. \$15 person. Call for reserv. 665-0225.

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REMINDER: PAMPA Fine Arts- Summer Arts Program registration due June 1st. Info. call 9-noon 665-0343, aft. noon 665-4624

SILENT AUCTION at Band Carnival, over 97 items have been donated by Pampa Merchants: under the counter ice maker, musical items, golf passes, sports items, jewelry, silk flower arrangements, meals from restaurants, assorted gift baskets & much more!

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Weather focus

PAMPA - Partly sunny today with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms with a high of 90 and south winds at 10-20 mph. A chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight with area coverage of 60 percent, a low in the upper 60s and southeast winds at 5-15 mph. Mostly cloudy tomorrow with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high of 82 and southeast winds at 5-15 mph. Yesterday's high 91; the overnight low 69.

STATEWIDE - Welcome rains have fallen in far West Texas while warm, dry condi-

tions continued elsewhere in the state in advance of a cool front.

The National Weather Service posted a flash flood watch today for the Big Bend and Davis Mountains. Light showers fell across parts of the South Plains.

Clouds stretched between College Station and Temple and between Tyler and Corsicana.

Early-morning temperatures were in the upper 70s in most locations.

Readings included 73 degrees at Longview, 79 at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, 63 at Marfa and 76 at Childress, Odessa and Dryden. Also, it was 80 degrees at Galveston and Rockport and 69 degrees at

Austin and Bush Intercontinental Airport.

Winds were out of the south and southeast at 5 to 20 mph, with a few higher gusts.

A chance of showers or thunderstorms was forecast for the west through Friday, with isolated rainfall along the coast and in South Texas.

Daytime highs were expected from the low 80s north to the mid 90s along the Rio Grande, with low 100s along the Texas-Mexico border.

Lows overnight should range from the 60s to 70s, with cooler readings in the Panhandle by Friday. Highs there should drop to the 70s.

Classifieds get results!
Call The Pampa News at 669-2525

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

THEE PLACE

Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

MASONIC LODGE #966

Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1 at the lodge, 420 W. Kingsmill. The meeting will cover EA proficiency and Fellowcraft degree.

CROP PEST SCOUTING WORKSHOP

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service will sponsor a High Plains Crop Pests Scouting Workshop beginning at 8:20 a.m. June 2 at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview. The workshop is free and producers can earn 4 CEUs in integrated pest management and 1 CEU in laws and regulations. For more information, call Hale County Extension office at (806) 291-5267 or contact Greg Cronholm, Hale Co. Extension agent, at (806) 291-5274.

FPC

Frank Phillips College in Borger will be conducting General Equivalency Diploma (GED) exams beginning at 7:30 a.m., June 8 and July 13 in the Library on campus. FPC will also offer the following classes: "American Red Cross Babysitting Training," 6-10 p.m., June 5-6; "Intravenous Therapy, Introductory, Theory and Technique," from 6-10 p.m., June 6-20; "Defensive Driving Class," 6-9 p.m., June 6-7; and "Massage Therapy Class," 5-10 p.m., beginning June 13. For more information, contact the college at 1-800-687-2056.

CAREER CAMP

Frank Phillips College in Borger will offer "Light Your Path to Success!" college career camp June 4-7 for area seventh and eighth graders. Deadline for application is 12 noon Friday, June 2. For more information or to enroll, call (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 785.

ROTARY CAMP

District 573 of Rotary International will offer a local camp for children ages 7-14 with diabetes in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico June 12-17 at Ceta Glen Christian Camp in Happy. Activities will include short courses in diabetes control and management conducted by medical school faculty as well as games, sports and crafts for every age and skill level. The camp promotes self-confidence, independence and friendship and fun with other children. Meals and snacks will be planned and supervised by a registered dietitian. Pampa Rotary Club has committed to sponsor a camper from the Pampa area. For more information, call Lee Waters at 669-8014 or Jeff Boyd at 665-8446.

NATURE HIKES

Palo Duro Canyon State Park will offer several nature hikes throughout the month of June. The following hikes are scheduled: June 3, "Wildflower Tour," at Paseo Del Rio trail head; June 10, "Botany Basics," and June 24 nature hike, both at Givens, Spicer and Lowry Running Trail; and June 17, Sunflower Trail hike, Sunflower Trail. Each hike will begin at 9 a.m. Participants are urged to bring water, a hat, bug spray and good walking shoes. For more information, call the park at (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Top O' Texas CattleWomen scholarships are available for the fall semester for qualifying college junior, senior or graduate students. Applicants should come from a ranching family and should plan to pursue a career associated with the beef industry. This scholarship is one of several made through Ivmec Generations of Excellence program sponsored by Merial and administered by the Texas Cattle Women. The local organization covers the following counties: Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hemphill, Hutchison, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler. For more information, an application or rules write: Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096; or call (806) 826-3572. The deadline is June 15. Applications are also available through Pat Youngblood, P.O. Box 424, Lefors, TX 79054, (806) 835-2904.

YOUNG RANCHER'S SCHOLARSHIP

Top O' Texas CattleWomen is seeking applicants for the Ivmec Generations of Excellence Program's Young Rancher's Scholarship to Texas A&M's Beef Cattle Short Course slated Aug. 7-9. Deadline for applications is June 15. The forms must be

turned in to Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096; or call (806) 826-3572. Applicants must be 20-39 years of age and must obtain one-half of their income from ranching. Applications are available from Pat Youngblood, P.O. Box 424, Lefors, TX 79054, (806) 835-2904.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following breast cancer screening clinics: May 8 and June 12, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, and June 23, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, Pampa; May 16, Parkview Hospital, 901 S. Sweetwater, Wheeler; and May 3 and 17, Hemphill County Hospital, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian; May 23, Family Care Center, 1010 S. Main, Shamrock. 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) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

BOY-SCOUTS

The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

POETRY ANTHOLOGY

Sunshine Publishing is accepting poems for its "Whispers in the Wind" anthology to be published in July. All entries are free. Up to three poems, 25 lines or less, may be submitted and should include a SASE. Write: Sunshine Publishing, ATTN: Whispers, P.O. Box 413832, Kansas City, MO 64141-3832.

MS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Multiple Sclerosis Association of America will conduct PROJECT: Learn MS 2000 national essay competition for high school juniors and seniors and

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Cultural Academic Student Exchange is seeking families of all types — retired couples, couples with children, single parent families and childless couples — to host a high school exchange student. For more information, call 877-846-5848.

TEACHERS CONSERVATION INSTITUTE

Registration is currently under way for Texas Forestry Association's week-long Teacher's Conservation Institute summer workshop to be held June 25-30, July 9-14 and July 16-21. Teachers will receive a first-hand look at forestry in East Texas by touring forest product mills, a Tree Farm, a logging operation, a nursery and a seed orchard. They will also be trained in Project Learning Tree and Project WILD. The first session is currently full but spaces are still available for the other two sessions. Registration is \$75 and includes all food, lodging and materials for a week. For a free brochure or for more information, call TFA at (409) 632-TREE; e-mail caai@ccalhoune@texasforestry.org; or write P.O. Box 1488, Lufkin, TX 75902.

'TEXAS' ANNIVERSARY TICKETS

Tickets for the 35th anniversary season of the outdoor musical drama "TEXAS" (June 7-Aug. 19; 2000) are now available for purchase on-line at www.texasmusicaldrama.com. For more information, call (806) 655-2181.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG BOOKLET

The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, D.C., recently published at 32-page booklet, "Free & Low Cost Prescription Drugs." The revised third edition provides information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Prescription Drug Booklet #: PDF-370, P.O. Box 462, Elmira, NY 14902-0462. The information is also available at www.institute-dc.org.

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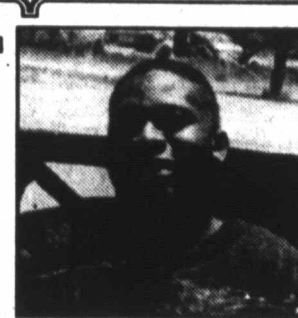
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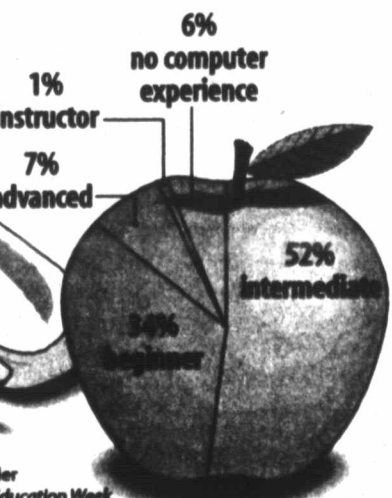
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Computer skills of Texas teachers in 1999:



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us) and Education Week.

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Inside the Beltway
 with
 Sen. Hutchison

Texas must strive towards high-tech

Texas is the second most populous state in the Union, yet Texas universities rank sixth in the amount of federal research funding they receive. This is not acceptable, as far as I'm concerned, and one of my most important goals is to change that.

I want to make Texas the country's premier technology center and expand the medical research that is conducted at our great colleges and universities, which already do world-class, Nobel Prize-winning work.

I recently convened a Higher Education Summit in Washington, where I was joined by the heads of some of the major institutions of higher learning in our state. We met to brainstorm the best way to promote the growth of our technology, health and agriculture sectors, and we agreed to work toward getting Texas onto the list of top three recipients of federal research funding by the year 2005.

There's no reason we can't achieve such a goal, and I have a plan to do it.

I have asked our top-tier universities to identify and develop areas of excellence — of unique research expertise — and to concentrate on strengthening their programs in those areas. Then, when a federal research project is launched, there will be a Texas school with a reputation for excellence in that area of inquiry to step up to the plate and be the best candidate to carry out the work.

Of course there will be a certain amount of overlap, but we don't want our schools to be competing against each other; we want them to be cooperating with each other, while competing and prevailing on a national basis.

The Texas congressional delegation will be working together to help match those capabilities with existing and emerging areas of federal research and development.

We've got all kinds of good examples of how this should work. Texas Tech is building its own niches of excellence in specialized areas of agriculture, health care and weather prediction. Thanks to technology and research at Texas Tech, your weather report on the local evening news tonight, in this first year of the new century, will present more scientific knowledge than the sum total of what the experts knew about climatology in 1900.

Texas A&M has unsurpassed expertise in agriculture research and maintains the nation's premier center for training emergency response personnel. The University of Texas at Austin is home to world-class health research and treatment institutions such as the M.D. Anderson cancer research and treatment centers. The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas leads research efforts into Gulf War Illness, and the University of Houston has a top-flight physics department, including the world's most sophisticated superconductivity lab led by the noted Dr. Paul Chu.

Technology has changed our lives beyond imagination. And it has changed the way our country produces wealth and its standard of living, which is the envy of the world. At the beginning of the last century, the 12 companies in the famed Dow Jones Industrial Average produced sugar, rubber, coal, iron, gas and electricity. Today the Dow Jones average is dominated by computer, telecommunications and bioengineering companies that we never could have dreamed of 100 years ago.

We are beginning to see the face of the future now, and we need to work together to ensure that future unfolds in Texas.

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Guns are essential to a free citizenry

Contrast Mothers Against Drunk Driving with the Million Mom March against guns.

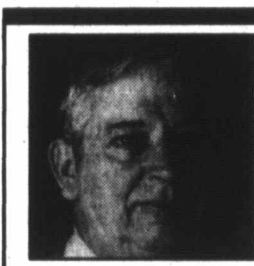
Mothers Against Drunk Driving, or rather its founders, recognized in a rational, intelligent manner that the cause of their grief was not the automobile. The killers of their children were human beings who drove the automobiles in a criminally reckless manner. The MADD members have been quite effective in persuading state legislatures to toughen the laws against drunken driving.

The Million Mom March, however, ignores the problem — the humans who used firearms to commit murder — and focuses instead on the gun, which, like the automobile, is an inanimate object incapable of acting on its own.

Two explanations are possible. One, they are just ignorant and superstitious or, at best, thoughtless and ill-informed about their own country's history. Two, they know quite well what they are doing — pursuing a hidden agenda to disarm the American people.

Certainly any group that picks Rosie O'Donnell, a loud, beefy comedian who confuses volume with intelligence, is not exactly an advertisement for rational people engaged in a thoughtful debate.

None of the people who have used guns to commit crimes, whether career criminals or the temporarily or permanently psychotic, would be affected one whit by new laws. Who can



Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

imagine that a person intent on violating the law against murder would be deterred by the prospect of violating a law involving possession of a firearm? Only the thoughtless.

These women, organized by a friend of the Clintons, were just staging a political charade to further the Clinton agenda to gut the Second Amendment rights of the American people.

When they piteously claim that 13 children a day die, they conveniently forget that 85 percent of them are 15- to 20-year-old thugs, usually engaged in drug wars or turf battles. In fact, only 20 children under the age of 5 died in firearms accidents in the last year for which numbers are available. Only 142 people under the age of 14 lost their lives in firearms accidents. That puts firearms accidents dead last as a threat to children in the accidents column.

Besides, the ugly fact is that most children who die in firearms accidents are children of low-class, low-intelligence parents who are far

too irresponsible to obey any laws requiring locks.

As for licensing handguns, anything that is licensed is not a right, and the American people have a dear, unquestionable right to own and keep firearms. When the government starts to license speech, press, assembly and religion, then you will know you no longer live in a free society.

The gun has been a constant in American history, both in our Colonial period and in our national period. There would be no America without the gun. It is to us, our history and our culture what the sword is to Japan.

Look at the phrases in our language derived from guns: "lock, stock and barrel," "shoot your wad" and "hit the nail on the head." Yes, the last referred to a marksman hitting a nail and driving it the rest of the way into a board or a tree. That was a common target for shooting matches on the American frontier. Americans in those days were good shots. Their lives depended on it.

The fundamental difference between a free society and an unfree society is an armed citizenry. No unfree society allows its citizens to be armed. Even today we can paraphrase Italian philosopher Niccolò Machiavelli and say that America and Switzerland are the most armed — and the most free — countries on earth. Heed the Constitution, not some overweight comedian. It's your liberty they are threatening.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, June 1, the 153rd day of 2000. There are 213 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 1, 1980, Cable News Network made its debut.

On this date: In 1792, Kentucky became the 15th state of the union.

In 1796, Tennessee became the 16th state.

In 1801, Mormon leader Brigham Young was born in Whitingham, Vt.

In 1813, the commander of the U.S. frigate Chesapeake, Capt. James Lawrence, said, "Don't give up the ship" during a losing battle with a British frigate.

In 1868, James Buchanan, the 15th president of the United States, died near Lancaster, Pa.

In 1926, actress Marilyn Monroe was born in Los Angeles.

In 1943, a civilian flight from Lisbon to London was shot down by the Germans during World War II, killing all aboard, including actor Leslie Howard.

In 1958, Charles de Gaulle became premier of France.

In 1977, the Soviet Union formally charged Jewish human rights activist Anatoly Shcharansky with treason. (Shcharansky was imprisoned, then released in 1986.)

In 1997, Betty Shabazz, the widow of Malcolm X, was fatally burned in a fire set by her 12-year-

old grandson in her Yonkers, N.Y., apartment.

Ten years ago: President Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed more than a dozen bilateral accords in the second day of their Washington summit. Meanwhile, Barbara Bush and Raisa Gorbachev traveled to Wellesley College in Massachusetts to deliver commencement addresses.

Five years ago: President Clinton visited Billings, Mont., where he met with farmers and presided over a televised town hall meeting.

One year ago: An American Airlines MD-82 landed off-center during a severe thunderstorm in Little Rock, Ark. and barreled off

the end of the runway, breaking apart and catching fire; 11 people, including the captain, died. President Clinton ordered a government investigation into whether — and how — the entertainment business markets violence to children.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Richard Erdman is 75. Actor Andy Griffith is 74. Actor Edward Woodward is 70. Actor Pat Corley is 70. Singer Pat Boone is 66. Actor-writer-director Peter Masterson is 66. Actor Morgan Freeman is 63. Actor Rene Auberjonois is 60. Opera singer Frederica von Stade is 55. Actor Brian Cox is 54. Rock musician Ron Wood is 53. Actor Jonathan Pryce is 53.

Fellow North Carolina naysayers ...

When he exercises his authority to say no, Sen. Jesse Helms is taking his cues from a fellow North Carolinian who exasperated presidents and other politicians two centuries ago.

Helms, R-N.C., unveiled a portrait in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee room this month of Nathaniel Macon, who in the 1820s chaired the committee that Helms now heads with the same parsimony, piety and deep suspicion of the federal government.

Helms recalled visiting Macon's gravestone, inscribed with a tribute from Thomas Jefferson, whom Macon both befriended and beleaguered. He referred to a 1998 policy speech in which he praised Macon as "a fierce opponent of any and all measures to expand the power of the new federal government."

"He believed what I do," Helms said. "Saying no is a part of the job of being the Foreign Relations Committee chairman."

Since his election to the Senate 28 years ago, Helms has infuriated leaders of both parties with his fierce opposition to treaties, his disdain for the United Nations and foreign aid and his unbending conservative positions on issues such as abortion, homosexual rights and federal funding for the arts.

Helms, 78, is determined to terminate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. He led the drive last year to defeat the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. He has made clear that any late-term agreements worked out by President Clinton and new Russian President Vladimir

Jim Abrams
 AP Special correspondent

Putin will be dead on arrival in the Senate.

Ronnie Faulkner, a history professor at Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C., said at the portrait ceremony that Macon "is in a very real sense the spiritual predecessor" of Helms.

Faulkner has written a book published by the Jesse Helms Center in Wingate, N.C., comparing Macon and Helms. He says the similarities are striking: their rural North Carolina roots, devout Baptist beliefs, public and private frugality, distrust of the federal government, dedication to state sovereignty.

Macon was House speaker before moving to the Senate in 1815, where he worked to defeat legislation the following year to increase a lawmaker's pay from \$6 a day to \$1,500 a year, said Richard Baker, the Senate's historian. The salary remained unchanged for the next 40 years, Baker said.

Macon's opposition was most steadfast when it came to imposing taxes and spending money. He voted for the declaration of war against England in 1812 but opposed conscription and all taxes needed to wage war. He voted against money for roads and canals and opposed rechartering the First Bank of the

United States, a precursor of the Federal Reserve.

In 1815 he opposed the purchase of his friend Jefferson's library, which became the foundation of the Library of Congress, and in 1824 unsuccessfully tried to block the granting of \$200,000 to Revolutionary War ally the Marquis de Lafayette.

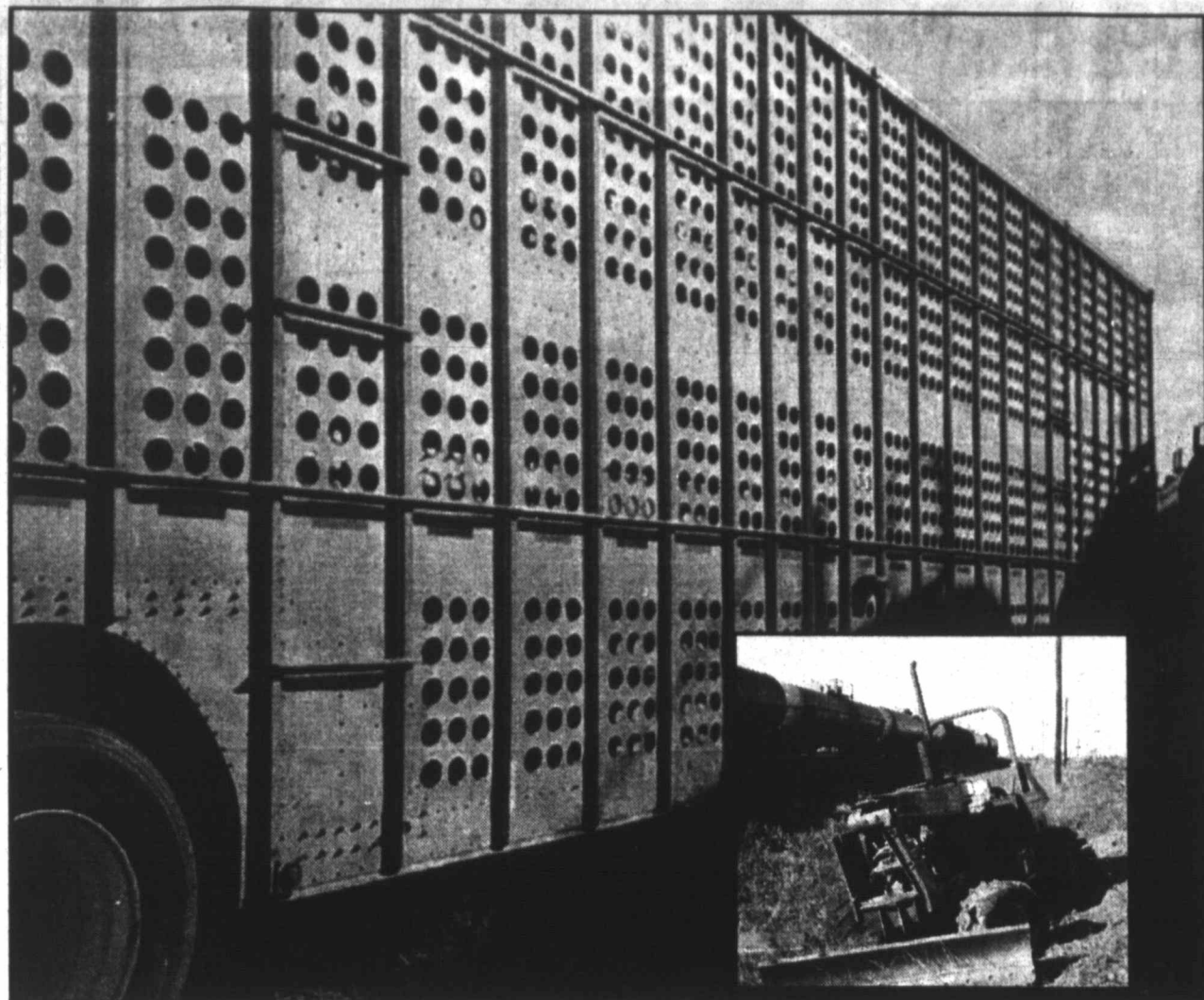
Faulkner quoted a fellow historian who described Macon's political career as "defeating what he could, obstructing by parliamentary maneuver what he could not defeat and amending into uselessness what he could not otherwise obstruct."

During his 37 years in Congress, "Macon cast more no votes than did any 10 other members combined," Helms said.

A frustrated John Quincy Adams reportedly described Macon as "covered by an encrustation of prejudices which experience cannot remove."

But Macon, like Helms, also was genuinely liked by his colleagues for his honesty, lack of airs and the strength of his convictions. "Nothing sordid ever entered into his imagination," President John Tyler said of Macon.

Helms, for his part, gets along well with his Democratic opposite on the Foreign Relations Committee, Joe Biden of Delaware, and has maintained warm relations with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. She once presented Helms with a T-shirt reading: "Someone at the State Department loves me."



(Photos by Grover Black)

An empty cattle trailer came loose from the truck tractor that was pulling it Wednesday when it passed over the Celanese rail spur on Highway 60. The rig was driven by Bill Harper, 68, of Mutual, Okla. The trailer veered onto the shoulder striking a Ditch Witch trenching machine before becoming burrowed into the railroad berm. No injuries were reported and DPS Trooper Ron Shank investigated.

Airlines put limits on pet travel

ATLANTA (AP) — Taking pets on vacation is getting tougher and more expensive for Americans who plan to fly this summer.

With new federal rules requiring airlines to disclose the number of animals killed or injured on flights, major carriers are refusing to allow pets to be checked as baggage because of dangerous heat in cramped cargo holds.

Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines will not allow animals to be checked as baggage in June, July and August. Fort Worth, Texas-based American and United have announced similar bans through September.

The carriers said they have animals' safety in mind — even at the expense of passenger convenience.

"It's a lot easier, a lot safer and a lot better for everyone if we handle the situation this way," Delta spokesman John Kennedy said.

Northwest Airlines said it would continue to allow pets to be checked as baggage this summer unless the temperature exceeds 85 degrees, and America West said it never allows pets as cargo. TWA is set to announce its summer pet policy today.

Airlines will continue to allow small pets as carry-on luggage, although some charge up to \$50. Many carriers also charge a fee — around \$75 — to check animals in cargo holds.

For passengers whose pets are too large to fit under an airplane seat, that leaves only one option: paying a professional shipper. That can cost hundreds of dollars, and shippers demand broad flexibility — complicating vacation plans for families that can't bear to leave pets at home.

"We only use specific flights, and we only go to certain destinations," said John McGee, owner of Kansas City, Mo.-based Pet Air.

In March, Congress approved new rules requiring U.S. airlines to disclose how many traveling pets are killed or injured.

The Department of Agriculture reported in 1998 that it had documented more than 2,500 cases of dogs and cats "severely affected" by extreme temperatures in cargo holds over a five-year span, with 108 deaths. Airlines handle about 500,000 dogs and cats each year.

Most major carriers set a temperature — usually 80 degrees to 85 degrees — at which they will not accept pets as checked baggage or from shippers. Shippers say they often need more than a week of leeway to guarantee pet delivery — fine for people relocating, but frustrating for vacationing families.

Vicky Jenks of Alpharetta made Delta's deadline by a day. Her two dogs whined from inside a cage Wednesday as an airport skycap checked them as baggage for a flight to Honolulu.

Had she scheduled a flight today, Jenks would have been forced to choose between her dachshunds in Georgia or her computer support job in Hawaii.

"I probably wouldn't have could have separated myself gone," she said. "I don't think I from them."

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Murder-suicide claims divorced socialites

HAVERFORD, Pa. (AP) — A divorced couple from two of Philadelphia's most prominent families had some sort of confrontation that ended with the man shooting his ex-wife to death, then killing himself, police said.

Mark Hampton Biddle, 49, an Ardmore lawyer who lived in St. Davids, was found dead Wednesday outside the rear entrance of his ex-wife's suburban home with a .38-caliber revolver by his side, police said. He had shot himself in the head, police said.

Melinda Clothier Biddle, 41, had multiple gunshot wounds and was pronounced dead on arrival at Bryn Mawr Hospital, police said.

"It was just a very, very difficult marriage," said Mike Dittman, chairman of the counseling department at Philadelphia College of Bible in Langhorne, where Ms. Biddle was an adjunct professor.

Dittman wouldn't give specifics of the couple's problems, but said Ms. Biddle spoke about them.

"I never know what to expect in divorce settings where certain men or women are unstable, and I knew that he was unstable," Dittman said. Others said Biddle's actions were uncharacteristic.

"He was so positive and so upbeat and very mild-mannered," said Hobart G. Cawood, former superintendent of Independence Hall National Park, who worked closely with Biddle about a decade ago to get more government funding to refurbish the park.

"It's just not in the character of the Mark Biddle I knew. Something must have happened to him in the divorce."

The Biddles finalized their divorce in February, and Mark Biddle recently remarried. There was no history of domestic violence, Lower Merion Township police Capt. Michael McGrath said.

Neighbors said Biddle confronted his ex-wife by the rear entrance of her home Wednesday morning, and had "some sort of conversation" followed by gunshots, McGrath said.

Their 16-year-old daughter and a housekeeper were home at the time and were not harmed. Their two sons, ages 14 and 11, were at school. The children were taken to stay with relatives, police said.

"Mark Biddle's motivation for this attack on his former wife is still under investigation," McGrath said. He said investigators interviewed Biddle's current wife, but would not discuss what was said.

Ms. Biddle was the daughter of Philadelphia attorney Isaac H. "Quarty" Clothier IV, whose great-great-grandfather co-founded the department store Strawbridge & Clothier in 1868. In 1996, the company — then Philadelphia's last family-owned department store chain — was sold for \$480 million to the May Department Stores Co.

Biddle, a descendant of 19th-century financier and statesman Nicholas Biddle, was president of the law firm of Biddle & Colletti P.C.

Downtown Beach Party

June 3rd, 2000

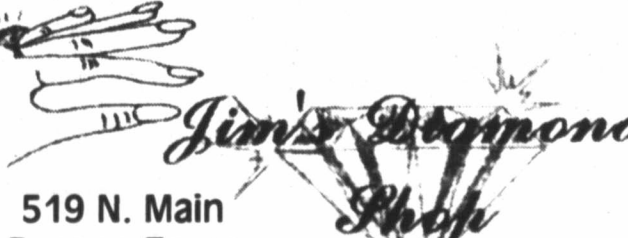
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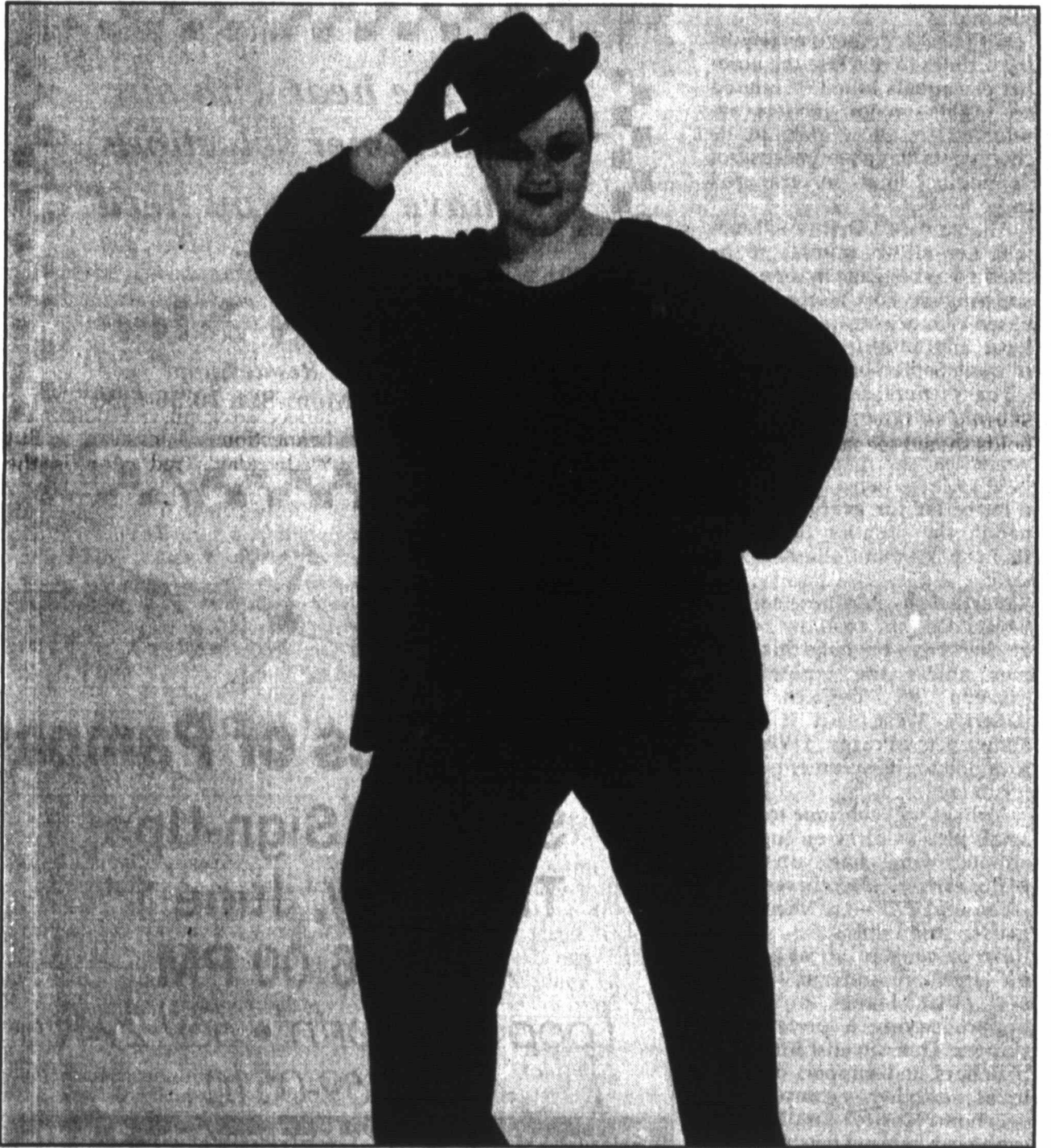
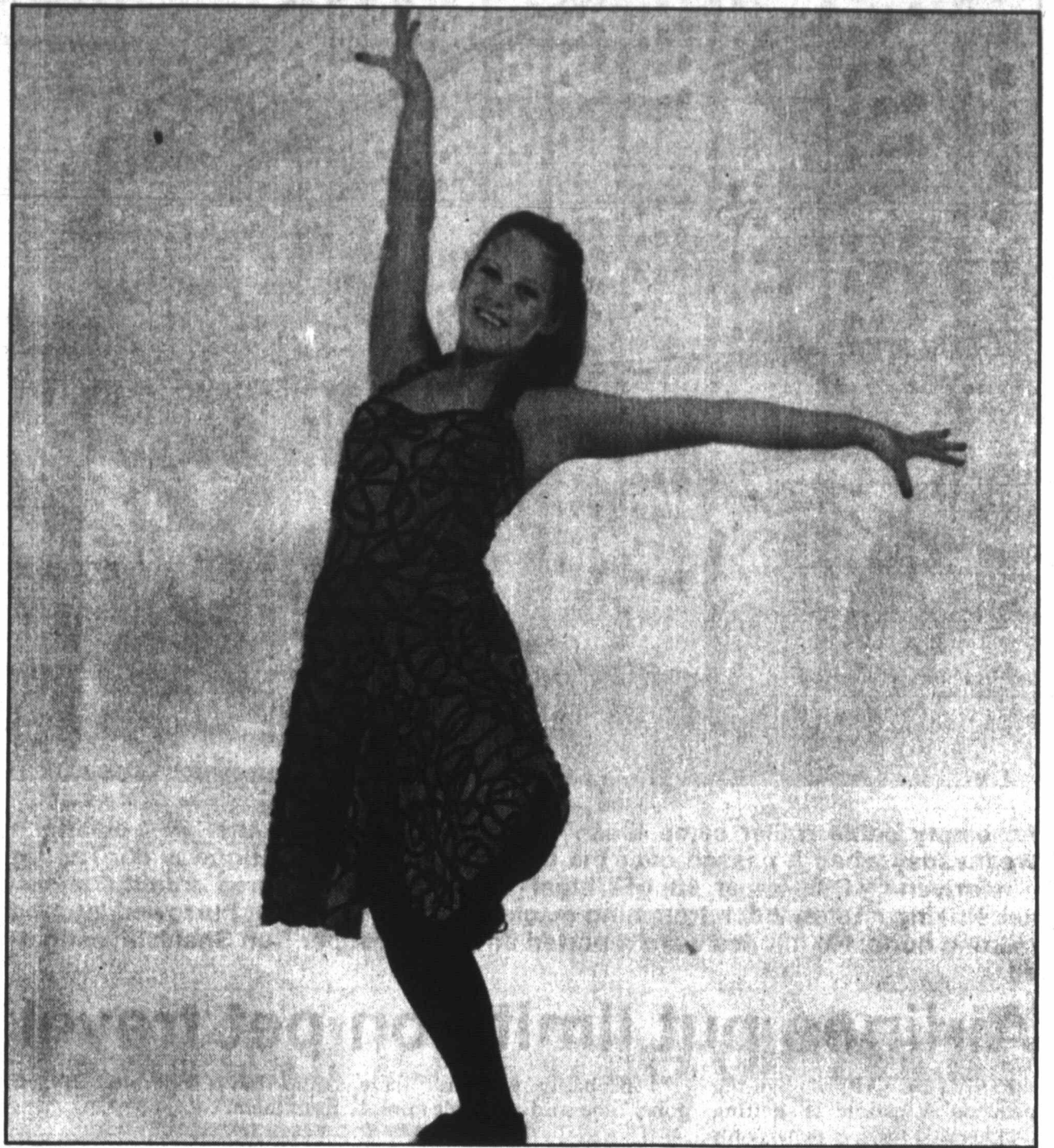
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(Special photo)

Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center will present "Let's Sing - Let's Dance" recital at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. This year's performance will feature Junior Miss Dance of Texas 2000 Kaylee Keith, right, and Staci Clay, left, both Encore National Scholarship winners. The students received \$750 to attend class this summer in Las Vegas, Nev.



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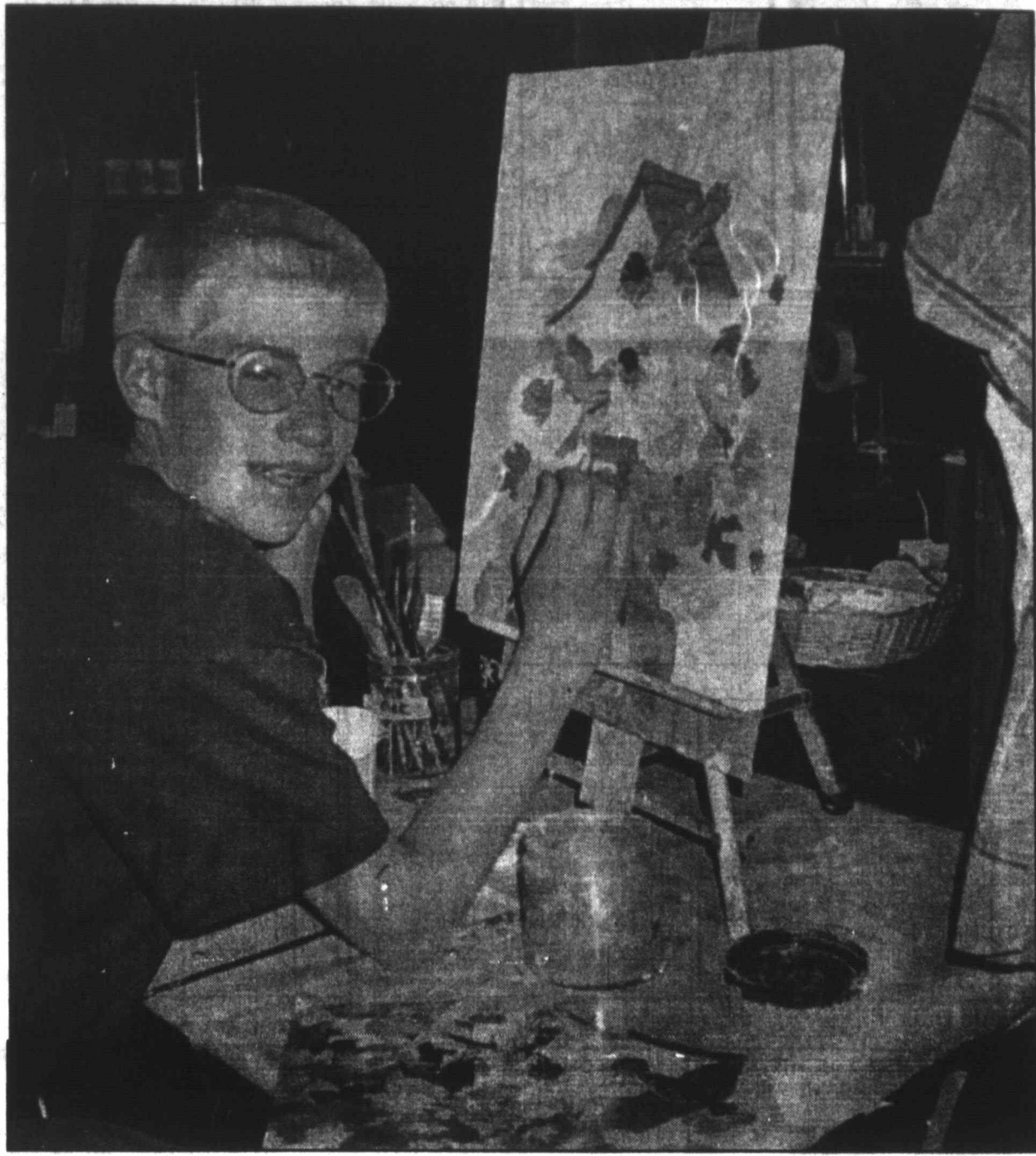


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- The electrical device I couldn't live without is: _____
- My most embarrassing moment: _____
- The biggest waste of time is: _____
- If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: _____
- If I had three wishes they would be: _____
- If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: _____

Art exhibit



(Community Camera photo by Mary Cook)

The work of Mary's Art Studio art students — under the direction of Mary L. Cook — will be on display from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June 3 at Lovett Memorial Library. Above: Dirk Swope with his oil painting entitled "The Birdhouse."

Practical joke



(Special photo)

Marilyn Copeland recently "trashed" the office of Pampa Middle School Assistant Principal Randy Stephenson as part of a practical joke complete with incriminating note. The joke was part of the end-of-school madness.

Woodrow Wilson honor roll

Woodrow Wilson Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the sixth six-weeks grading period of the 1999-00 school year.

Second Grade
Amanda Brasier, Brittany Bennett, Matricia Davis, Angie Galaviz, Tyler Wilbanks, Daisy Perez, Lariat Lowrey, Nathan Smith, Meghan Asencio, Kolton Boaz, Jacob Collins, Jordann Hughes, Ryan Jimenez, Phoenix Keeter, Lauren Roberts, Jessica Vaquera.
Stephanie Saxour, Kylee Reel, Erik Ramirez, Sam Newman, Dylan Hendrix, Israel Casanova, Justin Carlton, Canyon Dougherty, Micaela Anguiano, Bethney Mosteller, Aleah Noble, Crystal Collis, Cody Starks, Jessie Fick.

Third Grade
Chance Almanza, Chelsie Douglas, David Guiterrez, Randon Parks, Norman Rodgers, Jered Chamberlin, Teddi Cowan, Sencia Cruz, Haylee Francis, Keith Stevens, Calee Henley, Bernardo Casanova, Scottie Dabbs, Cassi Denton, Cody Newton, Keah Reel, Natalie Santacruz, Tatiana Soto, Jonathan Valdez.

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Fifth Grade
Shaunna Gray, Erica Renteria, Isset Solis, Cassy Tice, Matthew Trusty, Anthony Adcock, Megan Addington, Bobby Fowler, Alicia Laycock, Kaley Maddox, Ashley Martinez, Alex Torres, Lucy Villagrana, Abby Weaver, Geneva Wildcat, Johnny Carver, Francisco Conde, Alba Jimenez, Kenzi Nickell, Alex Perez, Colby Stevens, John Ulloa, Amber Williams, Joe Hays.

FCC adopts major changes to reduce consumer phone bills

By KALPANA SRINIVASAN
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Starting in July, all U.S. households should see savings on their

phone bills, with reductions as high as 50 percent for those who don't make any long-distance calls. Moderate to heavy long-distance users can expect to see more modest decreases.

Regulators have sliced access charges by several billion dollars over the past few years to better reflect local phone companies' connection costs. But Wednesday's reduction is the most dramatic.

Postal Service to discontinue cancer stamp

The United States Postal Service recently announced it will discontinue its Breast Cancer Research Stamp July 29. This first-ever postage stamp — issued to raise money for breast cancer research — was introduced in July 1998. The stamp's purpose is to encourage voluntary support of medical research for breast cancer and sells for 40-cents with 7-cents per stamp donated to breast cancer research, according to Amarillo Postmaster Dave Sanderson.

The reductions will result from a dramatic overhaul of the phone subsidy system that was devised by the industry and adopted by the Federal Communications Commission on Wednesday. The commission cut by \$3.2 billion the "access fees" that local phone companies charge long-distance carriers to connect calls — costs that typically are paid by phone users. Long-distance companies have pledged to pass on the savings, meaning their customers should see lower rates.

The FCC's action implements an industry proposal offered by long-distance carriers AT&T and Sprint and major local phone companies Bell Atlantic, BellSouth, GTE and SBC Communications.

To date, the Postal Service has raised \$10.9 million in an attempt to fund research for the devastating disease that threatens the lives of thousands of women (and men) each year.

Low-volume callers would see the most immediate benefits, with their bills dropping \$3 to \$4 a month. Those who make a moderate or large amount of calls may only see small reductions in the short-run, but stand to gain from falling long-distance rates or price wars that the new plan could trigger, officials said.

Industry officials said the plan is a major step in moving the long-distance business toward the trend of flat-rate pricing for a package of minutes.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center report:

"It's going to affect everyone differently, but overall, everyone is going to benefit from this plan," FCC Chairman William Kennard said.

"That's probably the trend of the future," said John Nakahata, spokesman for the industry coalition. "This will allow those types of plans to proliferate."

—One in eight women will develop breast cancer;

Consumers should begin seeing the changes in their July statements.

But consumer advocates warn that for Americans to realize the full benefits of the FCC's action, long-distance companies must drop their rates for middle-range callers, such as those who make up to 60 minutes of calls a month.

—Breast cancer is the leading cancer among American women and is second only to lung cancer in cancer deaths;

Businesses also would see some reductions in their monthly charges, although it is unclear just how much they would save. Typically, businesses, which make a large volume of long-distance calls, have benefited from access charge reductions with lower per-minute fees as well.

The plan's success depends on whether "long-distance companies deliver on their promise to pass through the savings with rate reductions," said Gene Kimmelman of Consumers Union.

—Breast cancer accounts for 30 percent of all new cancer cases in women;

WorldCom, which did not sign onto the plan, said that based on FCC data, it believes the plan ultimately will result in higher rates for customers and additional revenue for the regional Bell phone companies. U.S. West also did not join the industry coalition, even though it must abide by the FCC's decision.

—This year an estimated 175,000 women and 1,300 men will develop breast cancer;

—Approximately 44,000 women and 400 men will die of breast cancer each year.

From now until May 19, the Postal Service will participate in a nationwide promotion to raise awareness of the Breast Cancer Research Stamp by promoting a Mother's Day campaign. The effort is designed to motivate Americans to purchase the stamps to give as a gift or for the use of mailing Mother's Day cards.

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will present an information display area about breast cancer at its main office in Amarillo. The display will run through July 29.

For more information, call Martha Jordan, U.S. Postal Service, 468-1611, or visit @ www.harringtoncc.org.

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Scoreboard Count of Gun Deaths Might Capture Public Attention

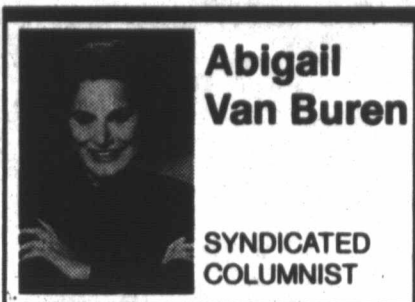
DEAR ABBY: The letters from "Grieving Grandmother" and Anne Coakley were tragic reminders of the problem of guns in our nation. Unfortunately, such episodes get little attention from the media except on a local newscast or in the back pages of the local paper. They aren't "news." It happens all too often. It takes a school massacre to get the national notice the situation deserves.

Perhaps what needs to be done is to have a running "scoreboard" set up in New York's Times Square: a continuing count of the gun deaths in the entire nation since the start of every year. The count could even be categorized by accidental deaths and murders. Running messages could give the particulars of the latest death as to date, location and the victim's age.

I realize this is a macabre suggestion. However, some drastic measure is needed to engage the public's full awareness of the magnitude of our problem. I also realize that it would require a great deal of money to rent the sign and acquire the necessary information. However, perhaps some organization or philanthropist would be interested.

CONCERNED OCTOGENARIAN, ST. ALBANS, W.VA.

DEAR CONCERNED: Your suggestion is no more macabre than the billboards that advertise the number of deaths per year from smoking. Frankly, I think billboards addressing



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

serious issues are a public service.

To embellish on your idea just a little — the gun-death scoreboard could be designed to look like a game in a shooting gallery. Every time the death toll increases, a bell could "ding" and a duck could disappear from the screen. It's really not so far-fetched — as it stands today, almost all of us are sitting ducks. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You've printed several letters lately about gun safety. Let me tell you about a near-fatal gun accident that happened in 1944 aboard the submarine USS Cato.

The gunner's mate first class brought a 20 mm submachine gun into the crew's mess and proceeded to use one of the tables to disassemble, clean and oil the weapon.

Although he was an experienced weapons handler, he forgot the first safety regulation: "Inspect your weapon and be certain it is empty." When he carelessly pulled the

trigger, the weapon fired. The bullet ricocheted off the bulkheads and over the heads of eight or nine of us shipmates. Miraculously, it missed all of us and providently wound up in the left upper arm of the gunner's mate!

During the gunner's mate's court-martial, the executive officer remarked, "So, you shot yourself. It serves you right! I hope you learned something."

He was reduced to third class, and at the end of that patrol was transferred off the ship in disgrace. The gunner's mate "learned something," all right — he learned that his shipmates could be cruel in their sarcasm for weeks after.

I learned something from that incident, too. I am now 80, and in all these years I have never owned or kept a gun in my house.

LOWELL K. ALLEN, RCMS (SS) U.S. NAVY (RET.)

DEAR LOWELL: You and your shipmates had a close call. It brings home the point that expertise with weapons doesn't guarantee they are always handled safely. Gun enthusiasts often write to say, "Guns don't kill people; people kill people." However, people are human, and human beings have accidents. It's human nature.

Work with unpredictability and wildness. Ultimately, you gain. Don't let anger drive you. Tonight: Listen to a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** You are high-voltage material, especially when you know what you want. Keep an even tone. Worry less about strong reactions from others. Partners, friends and associates are capable of unusual and startling actions. Tonight: Where the gang is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Where others run off, you come through. Clearly, another admires your sense of direction. Don't sell yourself short. Make a new professional beginning. Resolutions stick. Don't settle for less. Aim high. Tonight: A force to behold.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Reach out for another. New beginnings become possible where you would least expect them. You draw the unexpected. Curb a tendency to flirt. Otherwise, you could get yourself into more trouble than you can imagine. Tonight: Plan on taking off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Spring loose. Try another approach. New beginnings are possible within a special relationship. You are coming from a more secure place. One-on-one relating is highlighted. Ask for what is really on your mind. Another might be blunt, but he's honest. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Others seek you out, but you might not be sure how to react. Take action and move forward with an important project. Make calls; reach out. Discussions are animated and prevent a

misunderstanding. Tonight: Join friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Pace yourself. Remain self-reliant. A new focus at work could take more time than you'd like to give. Commit to a new health or diet resolution. Run errands, then stop and do something that is important to you. Tonight: Relax and go with the flow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** You see what can happen when there's a new beginning. A romance could open up for those of you who are single. If attached, feelings intensify, but you might need to clear the air. Use your creativity and ingenuity at work and play. Tonight: Fun and games!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Spontaneity could be disruptive. A fast action could create an uproar. New beginnings are possible. Eye what you want. You have high energy, but your directness could overwhelm others. You have what it takes. Tonight: Invite another over.

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Horoscope

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2000

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)

***** Consider a better car or a more efficient computer. Improve communication in order to maintain your present hectic pace. You might find a friend unpredictable. Remain goal-directed. Schedule meetings. Tonight: Where your friends are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Indulge a boss, who seems unusually driven. You don't always understand the method to his madness, but, for the moment, go along with his thinking. A money matter depends on your attitude and willingness to move ahead. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** You decide on a new beginning. Resolutions and decisions made now tend to hold. You know better than most about what works for you. Follow-through counts. Someone at a distance wants results even faster than you do, if that is possible! Tonight: Seize the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Take a deep breath. Listen to feedback. Recognize your limits when dealing with a willful partner. In some ways, it's like riding a wild stallion.

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"He's switched sides so you can scratch his other ear."

The Family Circus



"When I want to remember something, I close my eyes and look around inside my head."

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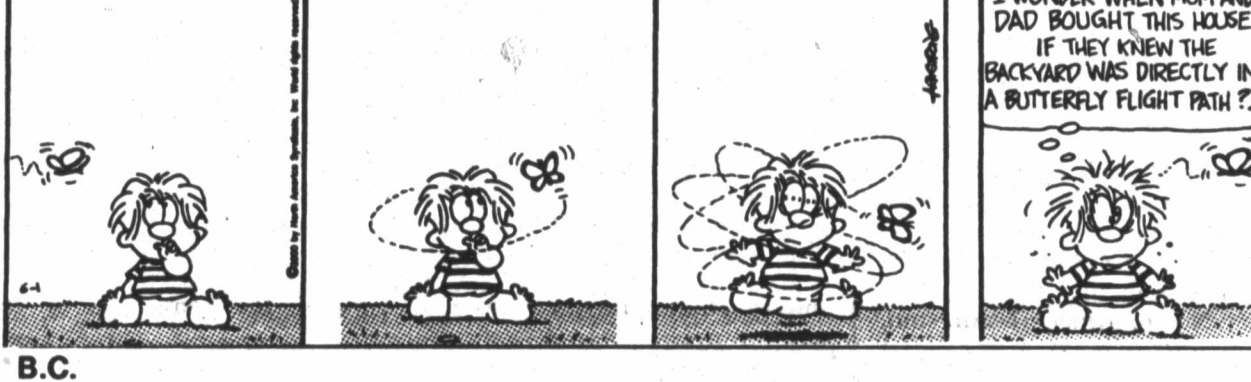
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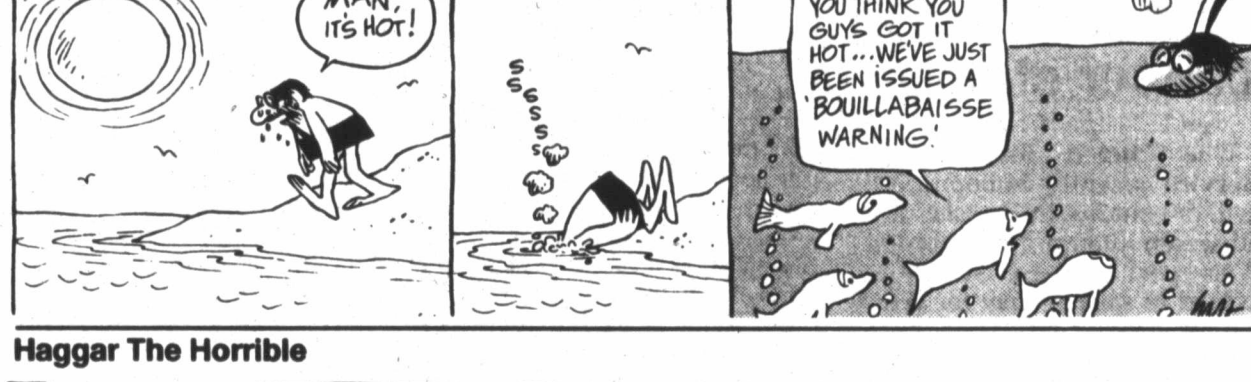
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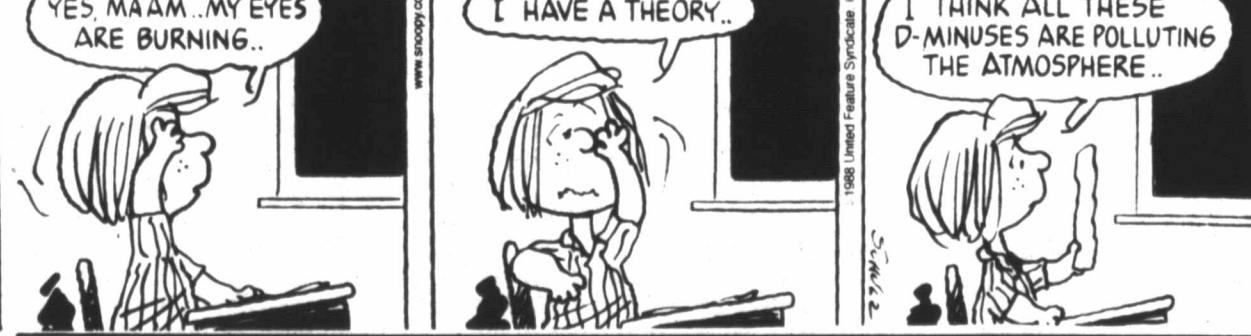
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BASKETBALL

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Travis Best scored 24 points as the Indiana Pacers overcame an early 18-point deficit to defeat the New York Knicks 88-79 in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals. The Pacers lead the best-of-seven series 3-2.

Knicks center Patrick Ewing, who missed the last two games with a foot injury, returned to the starting lineup and had 13 points and seven rebounds in 29 minutes.

HORSE RACING

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Unshaded, the winner of the Coolmore Lexington Stakes and runner-up in the Peter Pan, will skip the Belmont Stakes, according to trainer Carl Nafzger.

TENNIS

PARIS (AP) — Martina Hingis drew jeers again at Roland Garros following a brief display of temper, then regained her composure and won applause for beating qualifier Julia Abe 6-4, 7-5 at the French Open.

In the first set, Hingis dumped an easy volley into the net to lose a game, then smacked the net cord with her racket in anger. The crowd on Court 1 hooted and whistled as she walked to her chair.

French fans booed Hingis last year when she blew a lead and threw a tantrum in the final against Steffi Graf.

Third-seeded Monica Seles won the first nine games and beat Emmanuelle Gagliardi 6-0, 6-1. Seles, bidding for her fourth French Open title but her first since 1992, has lost only five games her first two matches.

No. 13 Amelie Mauresmo, one of five seeded Frenchwomen, beat Angeles Montolio 6-3, 6-4. American Chanda Rubin rallied to eliminate Miriam Oremans 1-6, 7-6 (2), 6-3.

No. 7 Thomas Enqvist swept Gaston Gaudio 6-3, 6-2, 6-0. Enqvist has lost seven games in two matches.

The top-seeded Hingis, seeking the only Grand Slam title she hasn't won, struggled in her second-round match against Abe. The 24-year-old German is ranked 156th and came into the tournament with five consecutive losses, but she took a 2-0 lead in each set, and her powerful forehand kept Hingis scrambling.

Hingis won four games in a row for a 5-3 lead in the first set, then blew the putaway volley that prompted her to take a swipe at the net cord, making the score 5-4.

That was her only fit of anger, and the crowd politely applauded Hingis the rest of the way. They saved their most enthusiastic support for the underdog.

Abe, pumping her fist to celebrate big shots, had Hingis panting and leaning on her racket after one long rally. The German upstart won a 16-point game for a 5-4 lead in the second set, but Hingis then took charge, winning 12 of the final 15 points.

A perfect forehand lob put Hingis ahead 6-5, and Abe folded with three consecutive unforced errors in the final game.

On Wednesday, second-seeded Lindsay Davenport struggled with back spasms and lost to Dominique Van Roost 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-3. Three-time champion and eighth-seeded Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario advanced in straight sets, as did No. 4 Venus Williams, No. 5 Conchita Martinez and No. 9 Amanda Coetzer.

Defending men's champion Andre Agassi beat wild card Anthony Dupuis of France 7-6 (7), 6-3, 6-4. No. 3 Magnus Norman and No. 9 Lleyton Hewitt also won in straight sets.

Two-time champion Sergi Bruguera of Spain lost to countryman Juan Balcells 6-3, 5-7, 6-2, 1-6, 6-0.

Baseball MVP



Senior third baseman Greg Lindsey (right) is congratulated by head coach Dennis Doughty for being named the Most Valuable Participant this year for the Pampa High baseball team. The Harvesters were honored at the annual baseball banquet Wednesday night at Pamco Hall.

Rockies finish three-game sweep of Astros

DENVER (AP) — Houston manager Larry Dierker had a choice of pitching to Todd Helton or Jeffrey Hammonds. The plan worked most of the night, with Helton walking three times in five plate appearances.

But Hammonds hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the eighth inning as the Colorado Rockies beat Houston 8-6 Wednesday night for a three-game sweep of the Astros.

"I'll do whatever the situation required, and if that means walking Helton five times and pitching to Hammonds, I'll do it,"

Dierker said.

"I know this is creating great opportunities for Hammonds, because if he hits behind Helton all year, he probably leads the league in RBIs. Teams will keep walking Helton, and there will always be men on base whenever Hammonds comes up."

Helton, who leads the major leagues in hitting at .421, went 1-for-2 and walked three times for the second straight game, helping Colorado overcome a 4-0 deficit.

"I wouldn't pitch to Helton either if the game was on the

line," said Hammonds, who finished May with 34 RBIs. "If you look at my at bats, I haven't been taking many pitches."

Jeff Cirillo, who went 3-for-5 with a homer and three RBIs, singled off Joe Slusarski (0-3) with one out in the eighth. Helton grounded into a fielder's choice and Hammonds connected on an 0-2 pitch, sending Colorado on to its fifth consecutive win.

"Hammonds has been grinding, and they have been pitching around Todd to get to him," Colorado manager Buddy Bell said.

Rangers rip Tigers

DETROIT (AP) — Loading the bases and not capitalizing is one of the many ills plaguing the Detroit Tigers.

Missed opportunities once again doomed Detroit on Wednesday night as the Tigers stranded 14 baserunners en route to a 13-5 loss to the Texas Rangers.

The Tigers loaded the bases in each of the first two innings, but could score only one run, and that was on a walk. For the season, Detroit is batting .191 (9-for-47) with the bases full.

"That sets the whole tone," manager Phil Garner said. "You've got the guy on the ropes early and you can't punch one through. It sets up the whole ballgame."

It also didn't help that the Rangers raked five Tigers pitchers for 16 hits, seven for extra bases.

Rafael Palmeiro hit a two-run homer and a two-run single, Rusty Greer also had four RBIs and Luis Alcega hit two doubles, a triple and scored four runs.

Palmeiro was 6-for-13 with two home runs and five RBIs in the series. For his career in Detroit, he's batting .336 with 17 homers and 57 RBIs.

"I don't know if it had anything to do with the ballpark. When I feel good, I hit anywhere," Palmeiro said. "It has nothing to do with their pitching, either. I give credit when it's due, and I have to credit myself sometimes, too."

"It has nothing to do with the ballpark or the pitchers I'm facing. Sometimes I'm just seeing the ball well and I'm able to hit it."

Despite a 4-5 road trip and losses in four of their previous five games, the Rangers finished May with an 18-10 record to tie the 1991 and '96 clubs for most wins in the month.

"It's been a pretty rough road trip," Palmeiro said. "It's good to end it on a win."

Former Rangers star Juan

Gonzalez sat out again with a strained left foot and missed the entire three-game series.

Darren Oliver (2-3) struggled through 5 2-3 innings to win for the second time in three starts. He allowed five runs on eight hits but left 10 runners.

"That was good," Oliver said. "They could've opened it wide-open that first inning. Then the team comes back and scores all those runs. That definitely makes you feel good."

Oliver gave up three straight two-out walks to score Jose Macias in the first, and fell behind Wendell Magee 2-0. But he struck him out on a called third strike.

"That's kind of a 'microcosm of what we need to improve on as a team,'" Garner said. "I don't fault him for striking out, but you've got to get your bat out and try to fight it off. I'm not just talking about Wendell; it's a lot of people."

Dave Mlicki (2-6), who won his previous two decisions and had just a 1.71 ERA in his last three starts, lasted only 3 2-3 innings and gave up six runs — five earned — on nine hits.

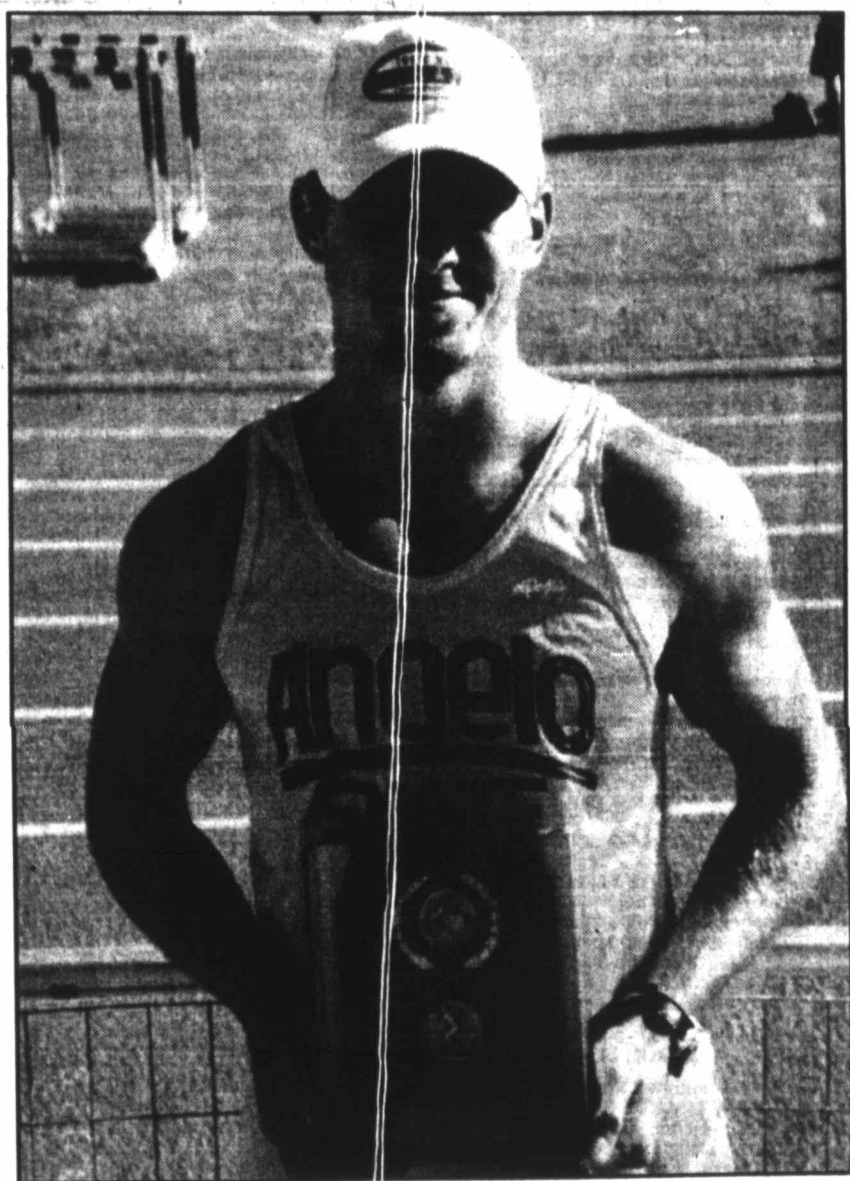
"I know I was behind a lot, and that made them aggressive," Mlicki said. "I felt like I had my pitches, but I left a few out there and they hit them."

Mlicki seemingly escaped a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the second when Greer hit a grounder to second. But after forcing Royce Clayton on a toss from Macias at second, shortstop Deivi Cruz's relay sailed over first base as two runs scored.

Flashback

1967: McLean shut out Groom 14-0 in high school football action.

McLean quarterback Joel McCarty ran for a two-yard score and threw to Earnest Smith for a 12-yard touchdown.



Justin Ritter (above) an Angelo State junior from Groom, earned All-American status for the third year in a row by finishing sixth in the decathlon last week at the NCAA Division II track and field championships. It was Ritter's first year to compete in the decathlon. Ritter finished with a career-best 6,600 points. His Friday performances were: 16.58 seconds in the 110-meter hurdles; 123-4 inches in the discus; 12-11 1/2 in the pole vault; 132-6 in the javelin; and 4 minutes, 34.42 seconds in the 1,500. On Thursday's Ritter's performances were: 11:70 in the 100, 21-7 in the long jump, 37-3 1/4 in the shot put, 5-10 3/4 in the high jump and 48.83 in the 400. The winner of the decathlon was Lee McCown, Ritter's Angelo State teammate. Ritter had previously competed on Angelo State's winning 400 and 1600 meter relay teams. This was the first time he had won individual All-American honors.

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Glo-Valve Service beats Celanese in Cal Ripken baseball activity

PAMPA — Glo-Valve Service rode the big bat of Ryan Hansen and the sparkling pitching of Tyson Hickman to a 13-3 win over Celanese Corporation to keep pace with Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency at the top of the Optimist Cal Ripken 11-12 League.

Glo-Valve raised its season record to 8-1. Hickman struck out eight, walked two and hit a batter to record his third victory of the year and second complete game. Jake Craig and Tyler Hall pitched for Celanese. Craig struck out three and walked two, but surrendered nine hits. Hall struck out one and was touched for two hits and two runs.

Hickman started Glo-Valve off in the bottom of the first inning in a big way with a triple. He scored on an infield out by Brett Ferrell. Erick Kingcade and Craig Ferrell were safe on errors. Robbie Dixon brought both runners home with a solid single to center. Hansen followed with a triple and scored the fifth run of the inning when Matt Parks grounded out.

In the second inning Hickman had an infield single, went to second on a wild pitch, to third on a ground out and scored on another wild pitch. Glo-Valve led 6-0.

Celanese came back strong in the third inning, scoring three times. After two were out, Bryan Humphrey and Hall walked and moved up a base on a wild pitch. Both runners came home on a double by Dylan Henley. Craig singled to center scoring Henley to narrow the score to a 6-3 Glo-Valve lead.

Glo-Valve got one run back in the bottom of the third. Hansen doubled, stole third and came home on a wild pitch.

The roof caved in on Celanese in the bottom of the fourth inning. Hickman got things started for Glo-Valve with a double. He stole third and scored when Ferrell singled sharply to right. Kingcade worked the count to 3-1 and slammed a triple chasing Ferrell home. Stone was hit by a pitch to bring on Henley in relief.

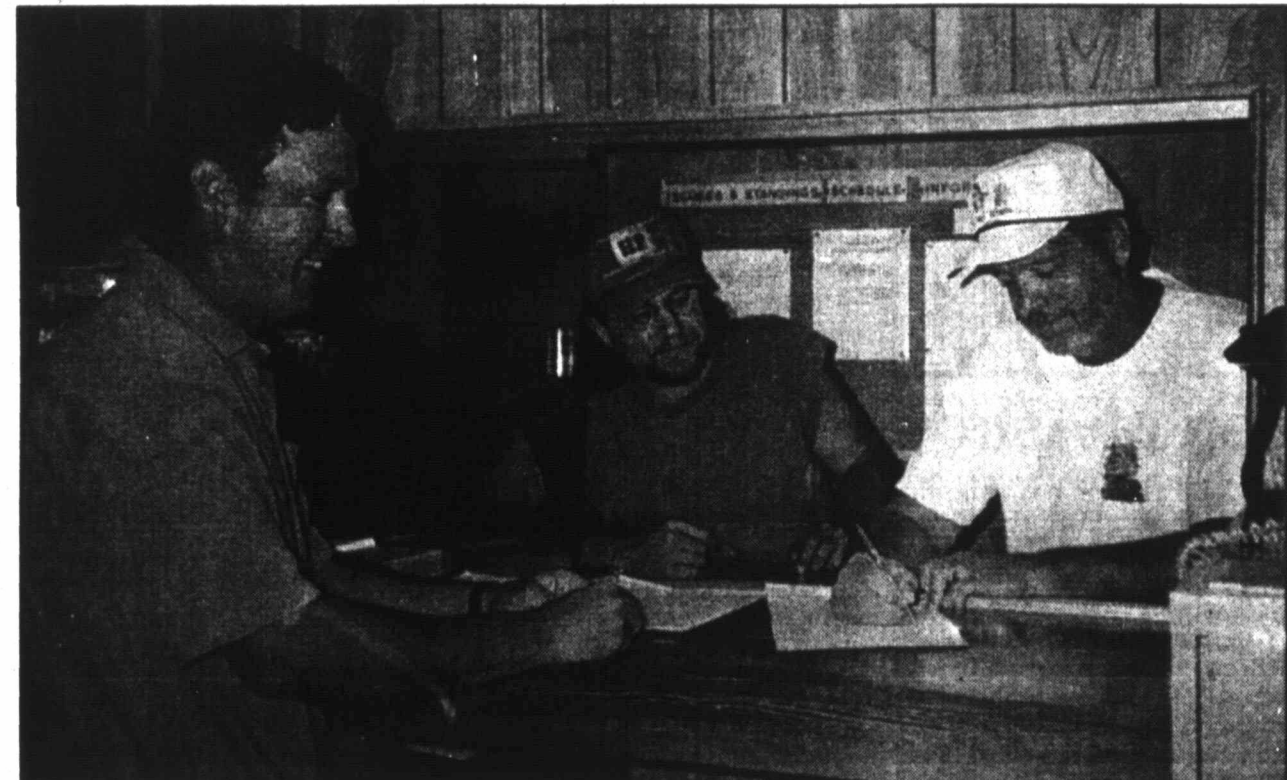
After Stone was permitted to go to second on a fielder's choice,

Dixon delivered again with a Texas League double to right field scoring both runners. Hansen hammered a double to left field, stole third and scored the final run of the game when Craig Crowell grounded out.

Glo-Valve's Hansen was the leading hitter in the game with two doubles, a triple, three runs scored and two RBI. Hickman also had three hits for the winners — a single, double and a triple with three runs scored. Henley had two hits, a run scored and two RBI to lead Celanese in hitting.

The fielding play of the game occurred when Celanese first baseman Logan Brown took a throw from pitcher Craig and fired to catcher Henley for a 1-3-2 double play. Glo-Valve's outstanding fielding play occurred when Stone backhanded a hard ground ball and fired to a stretching Ferrell at first to nip the batter.

Cal Ripken 11-12 action continues tonight when Celanese challenges Rotary Club at 5:45 and Tejas Feeders play DFB in the 7:45 game.



(Photo by Grover Black)


City Recreation Director Shane Stokes (left) signs up Don Summers and coach Kevin Taylor for the summer softball leagues, which start the week of June 26 in Pampa. Summers and Taylor are with the Highland Baptist Church Mixed Team. Stokes can be contacted at 669-5770 during business hours for information on the softball leagues.

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National League
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East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	35	16	.686	—
New York	29	24	.547	7
Montreal	26	23	.531	8
Florida	24	30	.444	12 1/2
Philadelphia	18	33	.353	17

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	30	22	.577	—
Cincinnati	28	23	.549	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	23	28	.451	6 1/2
Milwaukee	22	31	.415	8 1/2
Chicago	20	33	.377	10 1/2
Houston	19	33	.365	11

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	33	19	.635	—
Colorado	28	22	.560	4
Los Angeles	28	22	.560	4
San Francisco	25	25	.500	7
San Diego	24	28	.462	11

Tuesday's Games

Pittsburgh 3, Florida 2, 10 innings
Cincinnati 4, Montreal 2
Atlanta 5, Chicago Cubs 2
Colorado 10, Houston 7
St. Louis 6, Arizona 1
San Francisco 7, Philadelphia 3
San Diego 6, Milwaukee 3
N.Y. Mets 10, Los Angeles 5

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta at Chicago Cubs, ppd., rain
Pittsburgh 5, Florida 2
Montreal 10, Cincinnati 4
Colorado 8, Houston 6
San Francisco 10, Philadelphia 4
Arizona 6, St. Louis 2
Los Angeles 4, N.Y. Mets 3
San Diego 9, Milwaukee 5

Thursday's Games

Atlanta (Gleivine 7-1) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 2-9), 1:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 5-1) at Cincinnati (Villone 6-1), 7:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Benes 4-2) at Arizona (Reynoso 3-4), 10:05 p.m.

Only games scheduled

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East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	29	19	.604	—
New York	28	21	.571	1 1/2
Toronto	26	26	.519	4
Baltimore	23	27	.460	7
Tampa Bay	17	34	.333	13 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	30	22	.577	—
Cleveland	27	22	.551	1 1/2
Kansas City	26	25	.510	3 1/2
Minnesota	24	29	.453	6 1/2
Detroit	18	31	.367	10 1/2

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	26	24	.520	—
Texas	27	25	.519	—
Anaheim	27	27	.510	1/2
Oakland	27	26	.510	1/2

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland 6, Anaheim 1
Boston 8, Kansas City 2
Baltimore 6, Tampa Bay 7
Detroit 7, Texas 4
Minnesota 4, Toronto 1
Oakland 7, N.Y. Yankees 4
Chicago White Sox 2, Seattle 1

Wednesday's Games

Toronto 4, Minnesota 2
Chicago White Sox 4, Seattle 3
Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 3
Kansas City 9, Boston 7
Oakland 8, N.Y. Yankees 7
Texas 13, Detroit 5

Thursday's Games

Cleveland 7, Anaheim 3
Minnesota (Milton 4-1) at Toronto (Castillo 1-4), 12:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Fussell 4-2) at Boston (RMartinez 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 2-1) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 1-3), 7:15 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Detroit (Nomo 2-3) at Chicago Cubs (Downs 1-1), 3:20 p.m.
Baltimore (J. Johnson 0-3) at Montreal (Pavano 5-2), 7:40 p.m.
Toronto (Munro 1-0) at Florida (Penny 3-6), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Batista 2-3) at Pittsburgh (Richie 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Lopez 2-4) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 2-4), 7:10 p.m.
Boston (Rose 3-2) at Philadelphia (Perez 5-2), 7:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 2-6) at Cincinnati (Bell 3-3), 7:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 4-4) at Atlanta (Milwood 4-3), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Parque 4-2) at Houston (Reynolds 5-1), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 3-3) at St. Louis (Kile 7-3), 8:10 p.m.
Arizona (Anderson 4-0) at Texas (Helling 7-2), 8:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 3-5) at Oakland (Mulder 2-2), 9:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Dreifort 3-2) at Anaheim (Botenfield 3-5), 10:05 p.m.
San Diego (Clement 5-3) at Seattle (Moyer 2-1), 10:05 p.m.

Today's Major League Leaders

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—Hilton, Colorado, .421;
VGuerrero, Montreal, .386; Vidro, Montreal, .372; Piazza, New York, .372; Edmonds, St. Louis, .364; Alfonso, New York, .354; LCastillo, Florida, .353.

RUNS—Hilton, Colorado, 54; Edmonds, St. Louis, 51; Bagwell, Houston, 46; Bonds, San Francisco, 47; Green, Los Angeles, 46; SFInley, Arizona, 44; Vidro, Montreal, 43; Kendall, Pittsburgh, 43; Alfonso, New York, 43; Kent, San Francisco, 43.

RBI—Hilton, Colorado, 51; SFInley, Arizona, 51; Giles, Pittsburgh, 50; SSoosa, Chicago, 50; McGwire, St. Louis, 48; Karros, Los Angeles, 47; Hidalgo, Houston, 46.

HITS—Vidro, Montreal, 73; Helton, Colorado, 72; VGuerrero, Montreal, 71; Alfonso, New York, 68; Owens, San Diego, 67; EOYoung, Chicago, 67; Giles, Pittsburgh, 66; DeBel, New York, 66.

DOUBLES—EOYoung, Chicago, 20; Vidro, Montreal, 19; Green, Los Angeles, 19; Alfonso, New York, 18; RBWhite, Montreal, 18; Cirillo, Colorado, 17; Zelle, New York, 16.

TRIPLES—Goodwin, Colorado, 7; Reese, Cincinnati, 4; NPerez, Colorado, 4; Cedeno, Houston, 4; Womack, Arizona, 4; Vina, St. Louis, 4; AMartin, San Diego, 4; Biggio, Houston, 4.

STOLEN BASES—LCastillo, Florida, 23; Goodwin, Colorado, 18; Cedeno, Houston, 17; EOYoung, 8-0, 1,000, 3.78; Graves, Cincinnati, 7-0, 1,000, 2.00; RDJohnson, Arizona, 9-1, 900, 1.41; Glavine, Atlanta, 7-1, 875, 3.10; GMaddux, Atlanta, 6-1, 857, 2.16; Villone, Cincinnati, 6-1, 857, 3.72; Astacio, Colorado, 6-2, 750, 5.35.

STRIKEOUTS—RDJohnson, Arizona, 131; Astacio, Colorado, 77; Dempster, Florida, 73; Lieber, Chicago, 70; Benson, Pittsburgh, 69; GMaddux, Atlanta, 69; Person, Philadelphia, 68.

SAVES—Alfonseca, Florida, 15; Benitez, New York, 13; Hoffman, San Diego, 12; Shaw, Los Angeles, 11; Jimenez, Colorado, 10; Ricker, Atlanta, 10; Veres, St. Louis, 9; Aguilera, Chicago, 9.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—Martinez, Seattle, .376;
Erstad, Anaheim, .372; IRodriguez, Texas, .369; MJSweeney, Kansas City, .342; Dye, Kansas City, .339; Lawton, Minnesota, .338; ARodriguez, Seattle, .333; Alices, Texas, .333.

RUNS—ARodriguez, Seattle, 52;
CDegado, Toronto, 44; Glaus, Anaheim, 42; Mondesi, Toronto, 42; Erstad, Anaheim, 40; Damon, Kansas City, 40; IRodriguez, Texas, 40.

RBI—Martinez, Seattle, 57; JaGiambi, Oakland, 52; MJSweeney, Kansas City, 47; MRamirez, Cleveland, 47; MVAughn, Anaheim, 47; ARodriguez, Seattle, 46; CDegado, Toronto, 46.

HITS—Erstad, Anaheim, 64; IRodriguez, Texas, 73; MJSweeney, Kansas City, 68; Lawton, Minnesota, 67; MVAughn, Anaheim, 67; CDegado, Toronto, 65; GWilliams, Tampa Bay, 65.

DOUBLES—Glaus, Anaheim, 17; Lawton, Minnesota, 17; IRodriguez, Texas, 17; Grivea, Oakland, 16; Dye, Kansas City, 16; DeShields, Baltimore, 16; Olerud, Seattle, 16; Belle, Baltimore, 16.

TRIPLES—CGuzman, Minnesota, 7; Durham, Chicago, 5; Thunter, Minnesota, 4; JValentin, Chicago, 4; 11 are tied with 3.

HOME RUNS—CDegado, Toronto, 18; MVAughn, Anaheim, 18; JaGiambi, Oakland, 17; Glaus, Anaheim, 16; CEverett, Boston, 16; IRodriguez, Texas, 16; ARodriguez, Seattle, 15; EMartinez, Seattle, 15; Palmero, Texas, 15.

STOLEN BASES—Damon, Kansas City, 17; DeShields, Baltimore, 16; Mondesi, Toronto, 15; RAlomar, Cleveland, 12; AKennedy, Anaheim, 11; Febles, Kansas City, 11; McLemore, Seattle, 11.

PITCHING (7 Decisions)—Baldwin, Chicago, 8-1, 889, 3.09; Nelson, New York, 6-1, 857, 1.57; Fassero, Boston, 6-1, 857, 3.32; DWells, Toronto, 9-2, 818, 3.49; PMartinez, Boston, 8-2, 800, 1.05; Helling, Texas, 7-2, 778, 3.28; Hudson, Oakland, 6-2, 750, 4.43.

STRIKEOUTS—PMartinez, Boston, 104; CFInley, Cleveland, 82; Clemens, New York, 70; Burba, Cleveland, 65; Mussina, Baltimore, 64; DWells, Toronto, 61; Hudson, Oakland, 60.

SAVES—Perchal, Anaheim, 15; TBJones, Detroit, 14; Wetzel, Texas, 13; MRivera, New York, 12; Koch, Toronto, 11; Ieringhausen, Oakland, 11; Foulke, Chicago, 10; DLowe, Boston, 10; Karsay, Cleveland, 10.

20, Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, \$16,355.

BARRECK RIDING

1, Mark Gomez, Nickerson, Kan., \$40,376.
2, James Boudreau, Custer, Texas, \$34,108.
3, Darren Clark, Weatherford, Texas, \$33,017.
4, Larry Sandvick, Keyace, Wyo., \$28,156.
5, William Pittman II, Florence, Miss., \$24,005.
6, Sean Culver, Grandview, Wash., \$23,310.
7, Kelly Wardell, Balfour, Idaho, \$21,787.
8, Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., \$21,072.
9, Jon Brockway, Mansfield, Texas, \$19,078.
10, Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, \$19,052.

11, Eric Hudson, Weatherford, Okla., \$18,772.
12, Mark Garrett, Nieland, S.D., \$17,800.
13, Lan Lajeunesse, Morgan, Utah, \$17,184.
14, Jason Jeter, Fort Worth, Texas, \$16,990.
15, Denny McLanahan, Canadian, Texas, \$15,981.
16, Ken Lonsgrave, Kyle, S.D., \$15,676.
17, Dewey Shields Jr., Hanna, Alberta, \$14,918.
18, Clint Corey, Powell Butte, Ore., \$14,658.
19, Ron Lager, Spring, Texas, \$12,516.
20, Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., \$12,282.

STEER WESTLING

1, Byron Walker, Ennis, Texas, \$41,716.
2, Bryan Fields, Corfco, Texas, \$26,648.
3, Rope Myers, Van, Texas, \$26,218.
4, Frank Thompson, Cheyenne, Wyo., \$26,216.
5, Garrett Nokes, McCook, Neb., \$23,953.
6, Marvin Dubose, Lampasas, Texas, \$23,522.
7, Chad Blensinger, Stephenville, Texas, \$22,802.
8, Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$22,046.
9, Teddy Johnson, Checotah, Okla., \$21,845.
10, Luke Branquino, Los Alamitos, Calif., \$21,320.

11, Tommy Cook, Heber City, Utah, \$21,319.
12, J.D. Crouse, Canon City, Colo., \$19,013.
13, Otte Berry, Checotah, Okla., \$18,833.
14, Lloyd Gilbert, Buffalo, S.D., \$17,867.
15, Marty Musil, Crescent, Okla., \$17,617.
16, Steve Duhan, Sonora, Texas, \$17,101.
17, Rod Warren, Valley View, Alberta, \$16,604.
17, Dan Erickson, La Junta, Colo., \$13,703.
18, Bobby Griswold, Moore, Okla., \$12,762.
19, Adam Newman, Gustine, Texas, \$12,604.
20, Ross Kreutzer, Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, \$11,788.

CALF ROPING

1, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$53,851.
2, Ty Hays, Weatherford, Okla., \$39,132.
3, Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$36,937.
4, Cody Ohi, Orchard, Texas, \$32,404.
5, Justin Masas, Giddings, Texas, \$27,717.
6, Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$26,300.
7, Brent Lewis, Pinar, N.M., \$25,901.
8, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$25,643.
9, Clay Cermy, Eagle Lake, Texas, \$24,536.
10, Justin Nulisch, Huntsville, Texas, \$20,367.

11, Shawn Franklin, Wetumka, Okla., \$19,672.
12, Johnny Emmons, Grandview, Texas, \$19,013.
13, Jeff Chapman, Athens, Texas, \$18,138.
14, Tim Pharr, Resaca, Ga., \$16,288.
15, Todd Gould, Livingston, Ala., \$14,828.
16, Ricky Canton, Cleveland, Texas, \$14,558.
17, Kurt Goulding, Lexington, Okla., \$14,458.
18, Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$13,987.
19, Roy Alexander, Marana, Ariz., \$13,897.
20, Jim Bob Mayes, Elgin, Texas, \$13,743.

TEAM ROPING (HEADING)

1, Speed Wilton, Jacksonville, Fla., \$38,189.
2, Matt Tyler, Weatherford, Texas, \$35,945.
3, Wade Wheatley, Hughson, Calif., \$27,876.
4, Daniel Green, Oatdale, Calif., \$26,010.
5, Steve Purcella, Hensford, Texas, \$25,129.
6, Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif., \$23,710.
7, Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, \$23,064.
8, Jason Stewart, Royal City, Wash., \$20,095.
9, Johnnie Phillip, Washington, Texas, \$14,990.
10, Charles Pogue, Hinging, Okla., \$14,783.

11, Doyle Gellerman, Nampa, Idaho, \$14,551.
12, Turtle Powell, Alpine, Texas, \$14,302.
13, Tee Woolman, Lano, Texas, \$13,573.
14, George Aros, Picoacho, Ariz., \$13,304.
15, John Phillip, Washington, Texas, \$12,892.
16, David Motes, Fresno, Calif., \$12,827.
17, Paul Petaka, Lexington, Okla., \$12,428.
18, Chance Kellon, Meyer, Ariz., \$11,638.
19, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$10,890.
20, J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$10,676.

TEAM ROPING (HEELING)

1, Rich Shelton, Lano, Texas, \$38,189.
2, Clay O'Brien Cooper, Glen Rose, Texas, \$35,945.
3, Kyle Lockett, Ivanhoe, Calif., \$27,876.
4, Kory Koonz, Sudan, Texas, \$25,129.
5, Monty Joe Petaka, Turlock, Calif., \$23,710.
6, Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$23,064.
7, Allen Bach, Valley Home, Calif., \$21,858.
8, Tyler Magnus, Lano, Texas, \$20,867.
9, Nick Rowland, Antlers, Okla., \$14,990.
10, Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$14,981.
11, Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., \$14,783.
12, Budly Campbell, Prosser, Wash., \$14,533.
13, John Paul Lucero, Villavieva, N.M., \$13,662.
14, Cory Petaka, Lexington, Okla., \$12,428.
15, Kirt Jones, Lubbock, Texas, \$12,047.
16, Arles Pearce, Washington, Texas, \$12,023.
17, Brent Lockett, Ivanhoe, Calif., \$11,638.
18, Brent Gould, Pollock, Texas, \$10,890.
19, Tooter Flack Jr., Bryan, Texas, \$10,522.
20, Mickey Gomez, Amarillo, Texas, \$10,196.

BARREL RACING

1, Charmayne James, Gustine, Texas, \$32,419.
2, Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., \$32,387.
3, Janet Stover, Rusk, Texas, \$25,718.
4, Gloria Freeman, Calhoun, Ga., \$23,296.
5, Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., \$21,913.
6, Kelly Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$21,189.
7, Ruth Haislip, Acampo, Calif., \$20,887.
8, Tami Fontenot, Ethel, La., \$19,508.
9, Tona Wright, Monterey, N.M., \$18,567.
10, Amy Dale, Graham, Wash., \$17,213.

11, Denise Adams, Lufkin, Texas, \$15,419.
12, Talina Bird, Post, Texas, \$13,829.
13, Kay Blandford, Sutherland Springs, Texas, \$13,758.
14, Darlene Kasper, Von Ormy, Texas, \$13,322.
15, Molly Swanson, Simms, Mont., \$12,995.
16, Melissa Hubler, Elbert, Texas, \$12,459.
17, Mary Aller, Pocatello, Idaho, \$12,385.
18, Deb Meredith, Casa Grande, Ariz., \$12,161.
19, Kim West, Oklahoma City, Okla., \$12,137.
20, Sharon Kobold, Big Horn, Wyo., \$12,101.

BULL RIDING

1, Shane Drury, Weatherford, Okla., \$41,424.
2, Tyler Fowler, Theodore, Ala., \$38,255.
3, Jesse Ball, Camp Crook, S.D., \$28,680.
4, Danell Tipton, Spencer, Okla., \$26,029.
5, Dan Wolfe, Redmond, Ore., \$27,384.
6, Kagan Sirett, Bozeman, Mont., \$26,796.
7, Mike Petty, Zephyr, Texas, \$22,078.
8, Kelly Armstrong, Big Valley, Alberta, \$20,930.
9, Fred Boettcher, Rice Lake, Wis., \$20,880.
10, Josh O'Bryne, Glen Rose, Texas, \$19,871.

11, Mike Moore, Wellington, Colo., \$18,524.
12, Justin Daugherty, College Station, Texas, \$17,983.
13, Garth Oldfield, Milo, Alberta, \$17,891.
14, Come Bouvier, Empress, Alberta, \$17,773.
15, Ty Heeder, Corinne, Utah, \$17,636.
16, Russ Kling, Killeen, N.D., \$16,522.
17, Gregory Potter, Whit, Texas, \$16,273.
18, Rocky McDonald, El Paso, Texas, \$16,259.
19, Jason Legler, Loveland, Colo., \$15,433.
20, Casey Balza, San Angelo, Texas, \$14,886.

STEER ROPING

1, Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$24,230.
2, Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan., \$18,693.
3, Cody Ohi, Orchard, Texas, \$18,693.
16, J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$5,290.
17, J.P. Wickert, Sallisaw, Okla., \$4,992.
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Congressional advisers say Medicare should pay hospitals more

WASHINGTON (AP) — A panel of private experts who advise Congress on Medicare is recommending a payment increase for the nation's hospitals. "Hospitals' financial status has deteriorated significantly over the

past two years," said a report released Wednesday by the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission. The commission chairwoman, Gail Wilensky, said shrinking payments from private health plans

are a bigger cause of hospitals' troubles. But, she said, "We did feel a general sense of some concern" that Medicare was contributing to the financial crunch. The commission is recommending hospitals get a Medicare raise

in 2001 about 2 percentage points more than an inflation-based payment increase previously approved by Congress.

The advisory panel also is recommending development of a more precise system for compensating hospitals when they care for Medicare patients who require more expensive than average treatment.

Many members of Congress, concerned about the financial health of hospitals and other health care providers back home, are supporting legislation this year to increase Medicare payments. Lawmakers, however, must balance that priority with political pressure to add expensive new prescription drug benefits to the health insurance program for the elderly and disabled.

"When you look at where we are with our overall national economy and the size of the (government) surplus, the fact of the matter is as a society we can do all of these things," said Richard J. Pollack, executive vice president of the American Hospital Association.

Hospitals have been pressing hard for more Medicare money in

advertising and lobbying campaigns, and even in the courts.

On Tuesday, the Supreme Court declined to get involved in a dispute between 181 hospitals and

Medicare over the size of extra payments hospitals have received for sicker patients, deferring to a lower court ruling favoring the government.

Pantex to be site of 28th Annual Security Police Officer Training Competition

AMARILLO — The 28th Annual Security Police Officer Training Competition will be held June 12-15 at U.S. Department of Energy's Pantex Plant. The event will feature individual and team firearms and tactical exercises and will be sponsored by Mason & Hanger Corp., a subsidiary of Day & Zimmermann, Inc.

"The public is invited to attend the competition and see first-hand how security and law enforcement officers train for conflict situations," said Larry Spaulding, competition director. "There will be a lot of action."

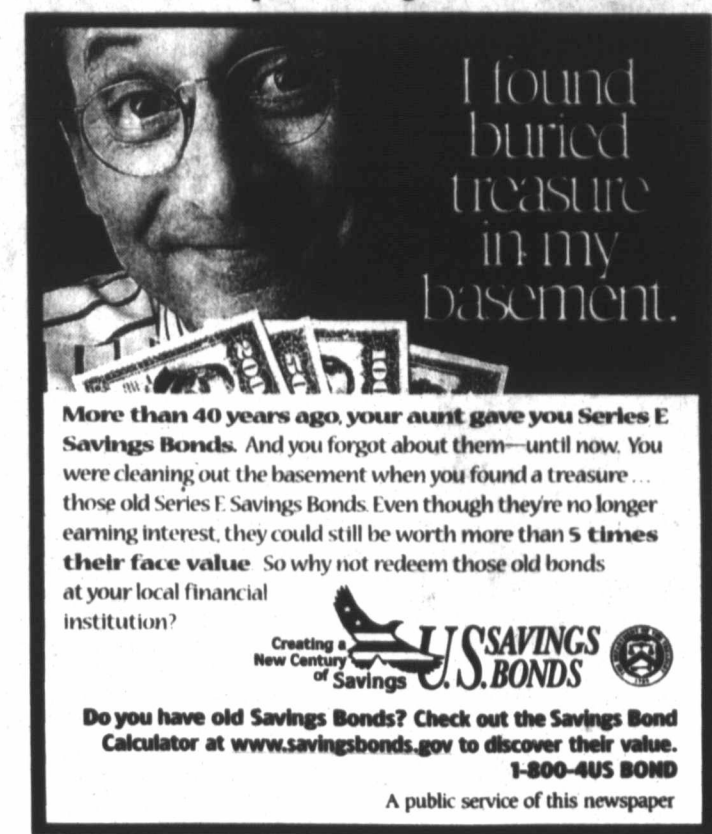
Individuals and teams will perform various shooting, running, climbing and rescue tasks simulating situations security personnel may potentially encounter.

"We are excited to host the competition at Pantex this year," Spaulding said. "This is a great opportunity for people in the area to see top-

notch security teams from all over the country compete in our state-of-the-art facilities. We hope a lot of people will come out for this fast-paced event."

To date, 21 teams are scheduled to participate including teams from throughout the DOE nuclear weapons complex, the Amarillo PD, Potter County Sheriff's Office, Randall County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Criminal Justice Tactical Team in Amarillo, Pantex team and Transportation Safeguards Division Central Command team at Pantex.

The Pantex team has won the competition for the last two years and four out of the last six years. Several team and individual awards including the Secretary's Trophy and Security Police Officer of the Year Awards will be conferred upon the winners. For more information, see www.pantex.com on the Internet.



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Pampa Middle School



(Special photo)

Pampa Middle School recently held its annual awards assembly. Above are top award-winners Collin Bowers, Best Boy Citizen; Tatum Brown, Best Girl Citizen; Tara Jordan, Girl Patriot; and Jacob Hopkins, Boy Patriot.

WT to sponsor Special Games Unlimited for children with physical disabilities

CANYON — Youngsters with physical disabilities who do not qualify for Special Olympics need organized sports, too, and thanks to a group of West Texas A&M University students they will. The WTAMU social works majors created Special Games Unlimited, an opportunity for children with physical disabilities to participate and excel in organized sports with their peers.

Special Games Unlimited is registering athletes for the inaugural games, which are set for Saturday, Aug. 5 on the WTAMU campus. Children ages 4-18 will compete in track, basketball, bowling, tennis and Frisbee.

"There are programs like Special Olympics for children who are mentally handicapped, etc., but there isn't anything for children with an IQ above 70 who have physical disabilities," Brenda Crump, a junior social work major from Canyon, said. "We designed this program for those children."

Late registration for the day-long event will begin at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 5. The games will run 9 a.m.-3 p.m. "This will be their day," Crump said.

Crump along with Juliet Alonzo, a senior social work major from Amarillo, Shelley Horst, a senior general business major from Amarillo, Jessica Jacobs, a senior social work major from Amarillo, and Bonnie Lasher, a senior social work major from Amarillo, designed the program as part of a WTAMU social work class "Our Community."

Crump, who has a 4-year-old daughter with mild cerebral palsy, knew there was a need for athletic opportunities for children like her daughter.

The WTAMU students identified groups of children with disabilities such as cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, spina bifida, amputees as well as blind and deaf children as kids who might benefit from participation in a program like this.

"This gives the children a sense of self-esteem and confidence and gives parents the opportunity to contribute to their children's lives," Dr. Raju Ramakrishnan, course instructor and professor of social work, said. "Their program can also serve as an opportunity for the community to volunteer and participate in the lives of these children."

Crump and the other students plan to develop a proposal for Special Olympics representatives to review that would include this group in the national Special Olympics program.

The games are free and open to children with any physical disability and an IQ above 70. A parent or legal guardian must accompany the child on the day of the event, and Special Games must receive a doctor's medical release for the child to participate in athletic events.

For more information or to register a child for the program, visit the Special Games website at www.specialgamesunlimited.com or contact Crump at (806) 655-6094.

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