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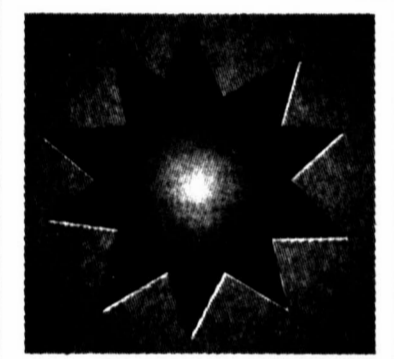
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PAMPA — Calling all children 9 years old and older. ACT 1 Theater is putting together a children's play called "The Everyday Adventures of Harriett Handleman (Super Genius)" and auditions are this week. They are Thursday and Friday nights from 6-7 p.m. in the ACT 1 Theater behind the Pampa Mall. The play will be directed by Gina Kane. Show dates will be in the latter part of July. Come try out for a part in this fun play! For information call Kane at 665-5352 or 662-4352.

PAMPA — Diplomas are in for Pampa High School Class of 2000 and are available to students or parents from 8 a.m.-12 noon and from 1-3:30 p.m. weekdays at the high school counselors' office throughout June.

LEFORS — A special meeting of the Lefors Independent School District (ISD) board of trustees is set for 6 p.m., Thursday in the elementary library, 160 Sixth St. Board members plan to interview prospects for athletic director/football coach, second grade teacher and pre-kindergarten teacher positions prior to hiring.

PAMPA — The Gray County Clerk's Office is currently accepting applications for ballots by mail for the June 27 court-ordered Republican Party primary runoff election. The deadline for applications is June 20. Early voting will be June 16-23. Any registered voter who did not vote in the March 14 primary is eligible to vote as well as registered voters who voted Republican in the March 14 primary. Registered voters voting Democrat in the March election are not eligible to vote.

- **Lloyd F. Batson, 98**, retired Cities Services employee.
- **Eddie L. Gray, 89**, co-owner of Gray Brothers Trucking Co.
- **Josephine 'Peggy' (Chesher) Nipper, 82**, retired retail clerk, active churchwoman.

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Five years ago ... Pampans recall day of tornadoes

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

Rancher Bob Campbell was working in his office at Harvester and Banks the afternoon of June 8. His wife, Martha, was at a church camp. As a member of the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, Campbell had a scanner turned on to monitor emergency radio traffic.

When the call came across the radio to evacuate the bank and hotels in Pampa, Campbell looked out the back door of his office and saw a tornado streaming down from the low, over-hanging clouds beyond his neighbor, Dos Caballeros Mexican food restaurant. That tornado went on to damage eastern Pampa and Hoover.

Turning, he saw a tornado approaching from the southwest, a tornado that was to devastate Pampa's industrial district and skip across residential neighborhoods in a summer afternoon's terror. Four people were seriously injured.

Maxine Howell, who works there with Campbell, said it was the first time she had been that close to a tornado, and it was a whole lot closer than she wanted to get.

Campbell grabbed his camera and took pictures of three tunnels dipping down

out of the clouds southwest of his office beyond Highland Baptist Church.

"Then they got together," Campbell said. "They formed, then they just stood there in one place for a while."

Property damage was widespread. The injuries, fortunately, were few.

Wayne Brooks and his daughter Belinda Waldrip were rushed to Golden Plains hospital in Borger for injuries they suffered as the tornado ripped through their business B&G Electric on Pampa's west side. Laura Walkup was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital for her injuries. Barbara Helton was hospitalized in Pampa. The injuries ranged from critical to serious, but no one died.

"It was an eventful day," said Pampa's weatherman, Darrell Schorn.

A tornado watch had been issued fairly early that afternoon.

By 1:30 p.m., thunderstorms had already started developing.

Schorn, general manager of radio station KGRO/KOMX, took to the roadways in the countryside to monitor the developing thunderstorms.

The storms were already strong north of Pampa, but they were building in the southwest.

Schorn turned to the southwest.
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Bob Campbell took this photo of a tornado that bore down on Pampa five years ago tomorrow. It's a day that Pampans won't soon, if ever, forget.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Ted Quillen stands in the backyard he's created in the five years since the June 8, 1995 tornado that destroyed everything he owned. Behind him is the garage he built with tin salvaged from tornado wreckage. The outline of the foundation of his former home can still be seen in the grass at his feet.

A survivor's story ...

By **DEE DEE LARAMORE**
Staff Writer

"I'm almost back to where I was."

Ted Quillen's eagle gaze transverses the chain link fence outlining his Price Road property. Only the foundation outline of his family homestead and a mangled mass of metal remain to remind Quillen of June 8, 1995, the day a tornado tore through his life, obliterated his home, and blew away everything he owned except the clothes he wore and what money he had in the bank.

"I've been blessed exceedingly,"

the tall thin man said. "I'm in perfect health and I'm stronger spiritually than I've ever been." The morning of this interview, Quillen had been for his customary 6 a.m. swim at Pampa Youth & Community Center. He said he has an active social life with his family and his Christian



(Photo by Vic Laramore)

Rubble replaced Ted Quillen's home when tornadoes ripped through the panhandle on June 8, 1995.

friends.

He points to the modest trailer standing where the home he inherited from his parents once stood.
(See **SURVIVOR'S**, Page 2)

Alert from bank results in arrest

By **DEE DEE LARAMORE**
Staff Writer

A 41-year-old Pampa man remained in Gray County Jail early today after Pampa police arrested him in connection with forged checks presented at a local bank Tuesday afternoon.

Sgt. Tommy Pickering and Officer Keith Morris arrested Danny Dwane Vincent, 41, 638 N. Wells, in the north parking lot of First Bank Southwest at about 4 p.m. Tuesday after receiving a report of a forgery in progress from bank officials, Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris said.

According to the police report, First Bank Southwest had been notified by Kay L. Esckelson that someone might be attempting to forge checks in her name.

(See **BANK**, Page 2)

Tear-down awaits asbestos removal

Advertisement for bids will be going out soon for the removal of asbestos in an old, condemned apartment building on Somerville Street.

Building Official Danny Winborne said the apartments are on the city's tear-down list but the work can't be done until what the asbestos is removed.

The asbestos removal is required by the state health department under a law that applies to apartments but not homes.

"If it was just a big, old house we could go ahead and tear it down," he said.

Winborne won't know the cost until he sees the bid and said every effort will be made to recover the costs from the property owners.

Liens are filed against property owners in such cases to recover city costs but Winborne admits there is usually little success in collecting the money.

He said the apartment's property owners are Norman Howard, who has not been located, and Cathy Reed of Pampa.

"The Reeds don't know where he (Howard) is either," Winborne said. "The Reeds would have sold the apartments or given them to the city and the property wouldn't have been condemned" if Howard could have been located.

New business coming

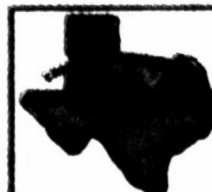
A new auto parts store is coming to Pampa.

Advance Auto Parts, a business headquartered in Ohio, has been issued a building permit authorizing them to start construction on the Pampa store, said Danny Winborne, city building official.

The store will be face North Hobart and will be built between Carmichael-Whalley Funeral Directors and Comet Cleaners, Winborne said.

Once building permits are issued, the holder has six months to begin the project and from start-up of construction has six months to finish the job, he said.

While no other new business building permits have been issued lately, Winborne said there has been a noticeable pick up in office traffic among people who are researching zoning and getting other land use information.

 Thank You For Participating In Our Prayer Breakfast!!

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

NIPPER, Josephine (Chesher) "Peggy" — 10 a.m., First Christian Church, Pampa.

Obituaries

LLOYD F. BATSON

Lloyd F. Batson, 98, of Pampa, died Tuesday, June 6, 2000. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Batson was born Jan. 22, 1902, in Marion County, W.Va. He moved to the Pampa area in 1926 to work in the oil field and went to work for Cities Services in 1934, retiring as repairman in 1969.

He married Anna Burleson in 1936 at Amarillo. He belonged to First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Anna, of the home; a son, Olen Ray Batson of Modesto, Calif.; a sister, Louise Swain of Fallansbee, W.Va.; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to First Presbyterian Church "Book of Remembrance"; Cal Farley's Boys' Ranch; or Good Samaritan Christian Services.

EDDIE L. GRAY

Eddie L. Gray, 89, of Pampa, died Tuesday, June 6, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Church of the Nazarene with Doug Yates, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Gray was born Aug. 28, 1910, at Winchester, Ky. He married Hazel Epperson on July 21, 1931, at Pampa. He was a farmer and co-owned Gray Brothers Trucking Company for over 50 years.

He had been a Pampa resident since 1931 and was assistant fire chief at one time. He belonged to First Church of the Nazarene.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by a brother, Holly Gray, in 1997.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel, of the home; three daughters, Bonnie Howard of Amarillo, Dorothy Edgerton of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Marilyn May of Mansfield; two sisters, Ruby Thomas and Christine Castle both of Winchester; two brothers, Ernest Gray of Spring City, Tenn., and Aubrey Gray of Cordova, Tenn.; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Church of the Nazarene building fund, 510 N. West, Pampa, TX 79065.

JOSEPHINE "PEGGY" (CHESHER) NIPPER Josephine "Peggy" (Chesher) Nipper, 82, of Pampa, died Tuesday, June 6, 2000. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Barry A. Loving officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery with graveside rites courtesy of Pampa Chapter, #65, Order of the Eastern Star. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Josephine "Peggy" (Chesher) Nipper was called to walk hand in hand with her Lord and she is walking that path, chatting with God. We know that she is stopping along the way, planting seeds to grow flowers that she so dearly loved.

She has been a longtime resident in Pampa, Texas, and was a former resident of Amarillo and Longview, Texas. She was born April 1, 1918, at Miami, Texas. She was a member of First Christian Church in Pampa and was baptized there in 1937.

She worked as a cashier at J.C. Penny's, Piggly Wiggly and Furr's Grocery Store, and she was a clerk at Southwestern Public Service. She was a lifetime, 50-year member of Eastern Star. She was highly active in her churches and communities. She showed her love for gardening by growing an abundance of flowers wherever she lived.

Even with her longtime illness of Alzheimers, while she was in the Pampa Nursing Home she continued to laugh, sing and care for her "little bitty babies." Her laughter and singing will continue to be heard. Her smiles will always be remembered. Her presence will be missed. And she will forever be loved.

We appreciate that all donations be given to Alzheimer's Research Foundation or to BSA Hospice of the Panhandle.

We express our deepest appreciation and gratitude to all her devoted and loving caregivers for graciously giving their valuable time to nurture her.

She was preceded in death by her son, John Wayne Puckett of Pampa; her parents, Lucy Pearl and Arch Lee Chesher of Pampa; a sister, Cassie Richter of Pampa; and a brother, Junior Chesher of Hitchcock.

Survivors include a daughter, Peggy Joyce Puckett; a daughter-in-law, Sharon Puckett of Amarillo; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Ava and John Prentice of Seattle, Wash., Mary Voss of Dallas, Rebecca Sue Chesher of Abilene and Leon Richter of Pampa; a brother and two sisters-in-law, John and Lillian Chesher of Pampa and Angie Chesher of Hitchcock; her grandchildren, Roger Puckett and wife Joan of Amarillo, Jerry Puckett of Florida, Emily Childs and husband Chris of Fort Worth, Craig Summerfield and wife Laura of Chicago, Ill., Dr. Steven Summerfield of Attleboro, Mass., and Janet Whalen and husband Tom of St. Louis, Mo.; her great-grandchildren, Malarie Puckett, John Tyler Puckett, Tyson Puckett, Samantha Puckett, Stuart Summerfield and Joshua Childs; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family requests memorials be to Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, 2200 W. 7th, Amarillo, TX 79106; or to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

Police report

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

Tuesday, June 6

Danny Dwane Vincent, 41, 638 N. Wells, was arrested in the 300 block of West Kingsmill on charges of forgery, possession of marijuana under two ounces, possession of drug paraphernalia and criminal mischief.

Randy Darwyn Malone 40, 114 Houston, was arrested in the 200 block of West Brown for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 600 block of North Wells.

A representative of First Bank Southwest, 300 W. Kingsmill, reported a forgery in progress.

Burglary of a building and motor vehicle sometime between 9:30 p.m., June 2, and 7 a.m., June 3, was reported in the 2100 block of Dogwood.

Two vehicle shock absorbers, one pair of binoculars, and one calculator, all valued at \$73, were reported taken.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of East Browning. A slashed bicycle tire was valued at \$25.

Burglary was reported in the 600 block of North Wells. Stereo equipment valued at \$1,295 was reported stolen.

A runaway was reported in the 1200 block of South Sumner.

Sheriff's Office

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

Tuesday, June 6

A cement planter box valued at \$25 was reported stolen from a rural residence belonging to Mildred Miller, near Groom.

George K. Jackson, 30, 1125 Neel Rd., was arrested on a probation violation.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, June 6

10:04 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Wynne and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

5:40 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Gwendolyn and Sumner and transported one to PRMC.

7:59 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Russell; no transport.

8:55 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Hobart and transported one to PRMC.

Wednesday, June 7

1:06 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.

Fires

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

Tuesday, June 6

5:40 p.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Gwendolyn and Sumner streets.

6:32 p.m. - One unit and 3 firefighters responded to a trash fire in a storm drain at Mary Ellen and Linda streets.

8:04 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to the 100 block of South Russell on a medical assist.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of Pampa:		Coca-Cola.....52 7/16		up 5/8
Wheat.....	2.38	Columbia/HCA.....	27 3/8	dn 7/16
Milo.....	2.92	Enron.....	49 3/4	dn 9/16
Corn.....	3.41	Halliburton.....	47 15/16	dn 1/16
Soybeans.....	4.41	IRE.....	8 1/16	dn 1/8
		KMI.....	32 1/8	dn 1/8
		Kerr McGee.....	57 13/16	dn 1 3/16
		Limited.....	23 5/8	dn 1/4
		McDonald's.....	34 13/16	dn 3/16
		Exxon Mobil.....	31 13/16	dn 1/2
		New Atmos.....	18 15/16	up 3/16
		NCE.....	32 1/2	NC
		OKF.....	28 3/16	dn 1/4
		Penny's.....	18 9/16	dn 1/8
		Phillips.....	54 1/8	dn 15/16
		Primer Nat.....	13 1/2	dn 5/16
		SLB.....	71 9/16	dn 1/16
		Tenneco.....	7 1/16	dn 1/16
		Texaco.....	56 3/8	dn 1 5/8
		Ultramar.....	26	dn 1/2
		Wal-Mart.....	58 1/16	dn 3/16
		Williams.....	41 13/16	dn 1

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

Occidental.....	22 5/8	dn 1/8
Fidelity Mageln.....	133.90	
Paritran.....	19.22	

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

Amoco.....	56 1/8	dn 1/8
Cabot.....	27 1/2	up 5/16
Cabot O&G.....	22 1/8	dn 1/2
Chevron.....	92 3/8	dn 1/2
New York Gold.....	288.80	
Silver.....	5.08	

Court report

Marriage licenses were issued through the Gray County Clerk's office for the following persons May 17 through June 5.

Uri Meza and April Marie Roundy
James Michael Brown and Kristi Gail Holland
Jeffery Don Mills and Joanna Lee Davis
Monte Tra Harmon and Jennifer Elaine Moore
Jonathan Daniel Thompson and Jessica L. Burns

Loney Wayne Wilson and Brenda Lynn Brown
Tommy Curtis Pickering and Tammy Jan Forney

Charles Willard Sexton and Teresa Lynn Hall
Edgar Weldon Talley and Barbara Crouch Rogers

Marland Monroe Upton and Lizzie Ellen Robinson

Jason Michael Jones and Amber Leigh Crosswhite

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TORNADOES

"Between three and four o'clock they had really begun to tower from super cell thunderstorms," Sehorn said.

Heading south on Texas Highway 70, Sehorn encountered the first funnel formations just prior to 4 p.m.

"It was very obvious," Sehorn said. "There was a lot of turbulence. There had been large hail already develop out of this storm."

Moments later, the funnel clouds formed to the south of town. Sehorn broke into the regular radio programming to warn Pampa.

"We immediately issued a 'take cover' alert based on its proximity to Pampa and the fact that the funnel was headed north into town," Sehorn said. "We were advising 'Take cover! Take cover! A tornado is racing into Pampa from the south!'"

Sehorn admitted that his adrenaline was rushing. "It was the real thing," he said.

Sehorn watched as the tornado moved in a north-westerly direction. It began to curve as it crossed U.S. Highway 60.

"It moved north very slowly as it moved into the industrial area on the west side of Pampa," Sehorn said.

Eventually, the funnel made a right turn, heading east, and came into the city. It hopped and skipped across Pampa until it finally went back up into the clouds about the time it reached Central Park.

Sehorn said the tornado that crossed Pampa had a large vortex, and it spun off several smaller funnels.

"The other big formation was out to the north-east edge of town," Sehorn said. "It moved out toward Hoover."

Campbell said he wasn't sure what to do. "We started to leave, and I looked out over Dos Caballeros and saw the one over there," Campbell said. "It saw it hit out by the country club. That's

the one that went on out and hit our place at Hoover."

It dug up the highway near his ranch and also destroyed a tractor. Howell's sister's house on the east side of Pampa took a direct hit from the funnel.

"There just wasn't much you could do," Campbell said. "There were too many of them."

"That was only a part of an active afternoon where scores of tornadoes were observed all over the Eastern Panhandle," Sehorn said.

The radio broadcaster said he was glad he was able to give the community a lot of warning. "We had a real good 20-minute lead," Sehorn said.

Despite heavy property damage, injuries were relatively light.

"We were certainly fortunate in Pampa," Sehorn said.

A lot of people working in the industrial district were able to get in their cars and leave the area.

"One advantage of that storm was that it was slow moving," Sehorn said. "It was a slow mover, almost stationary before hitting the industrial park."

"The thing that spared the city, Sehorn said, was that once the storm made a right turn toward town, it began lifting and skipping.

"It did not just plow solid on the ground," Sehorn said. "That was certainly to our favor."

The one that moved out toward Hoover was even larger than that the one that moved through Pampa.

"Fortunately, it was in a lot of open country," Sehorn said. "It left a very visible scar and scoured pavement. No doubt there were livestock that were lost."

"Out of the rash of tornadoes, the literal outbreak of tornadoes that afternoon, not a single life was lost in the panhandle," Sehorn said. "Not only was Pampa spared, but so was all the Eastern Panhandle. There was a lot of property damage, of course."

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SURVIVOR'S

"I've got a place to live. I've got my backyard again — I really missed that. I've got my garage," he said.

Quillen, 67, proudly shows off the small garage he built with tin salvaged after the tornado.

"It was all twisted; tin most people wouldn't haul to the dump," he said.

He also recovered and restored two electrical power plants the tornado had all but destroyed. The two units sit in his garage, waiting for a time when they're needed to run Quillen's electricity and water pump should another disaster happen. Behind the garage doors, a late model pickup truck sits.

The pickup truck replaces the vehicles Quillen lost in the tornado. He indicates a mass of metal on the south end of his property, a grotesque sculpture formed by the entwined remains of his Jeep and motor home.

"In hospice we're taught that when we have a problem to face it. Well, I face it everyday and it doesn't bother me," he said. "I don't dream about it. No bad dreams. My two daughters have bad dreams about tornadoes, but I don't."

A charismatic Christian, Quillen believed at the time of the tornado that he was facing something evil.

"The Bible says whatever the Devil takes away, he has to give it back sevenfold," Quillen said, referring to the book of Job in the Old Testament. "Well, he's done that and more."

He said a widow gave him a large air compressor that had belonged to her husband, a much larger one than the one he had lost in the tornado.

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BANK

The suspect attempted to present checks at the bank's drive-up window and in the main bank, Morris said. Three checks, two for \$300 each and one for \$200, were reported to have been forged, he said.

"While searching the car, officers recovered the checks, some marijuana and drug paraphernalia," Morris said.

Vincent was arrested, handcuffed and placed in a patrol car, the police chief said. While being transported to Gray County Jail, the handcuffed suspect also reportedly damaged the door handles and cage of the patrol car, Morris said.

Vincent was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Curt Kurfman today on charges of forgery, possession of marijuana under two ounces, possession of drug paraphernalia, and criminal mischief under \$50. Judge Kurfman set bonds for a combined amount of \$6000.

Vincent remained in Gray County Jail at press time today in lieu of bond, according to Deputy David Potter.

City police continue to investigate a report of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon that occurred at 641 N. Wells Tuesday afternoon.

Officers responded to a report of "shots fired" in the 600 block of North Wells at 6:50 p.m. Tuesday, according to police reports. No one was injured, the report states.

Thomas Randall Townsen, 641 N. Wells, told police that someone had come to his house and fired a gun into the air to scare him into paying money he allegedly owed.

Chief Morris said a suspect has been identified but no arrests have been made, "pending further investigation."

A report of burglary of \$1,295 in stereo equipment belonging to Townsen's brother taken from the same residence may be related to the earlier incident but had not been determined at this point of the investigation, Chief Morris said.

City Briefs

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GRADUATION ISSUES, we have extra copies if you need them!! 50¢ ea. Come by Pampa News office.

SUMMER VOLUNTEER Drivers needed. Meals on wheels, 669-1007.

MASSAGE THERAPIST Susan Richardson will be in Pampa again on June 9 & 10th, so if you would like to make an appt. with her contact Cathy Potter at 669-0013 or Susan at 806-467-4490.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Mostly sunny today with a high of 90 and south winds at 15-25 mph. Tonight, mostly clear with low of 65 and south winds at 10-15 mph. Tomorrow, partly sunny with a high of 90 and south winds at 15-20 mph. Yesterday's high was 81; the overnight low 62.

STATEWIDE — Crisp morning temperatures greeted Texans on Wednesday, with lows in the 50s in many areas of

the state. Skies were mostly cloudy in the Hill Country and along the Gulf coast, with mostly clear conditions elsewhere.

A stationary cool front extended from Cotulla to Rockport, with a weak high pressure ridge behind it. Cooler drier air spread into much of South Central and Southeast Texas north of the front, with more seasonable warm and humid conditions south of it.

Lows overnight ranged from the 50s to the 70s, with low

humidities. Readings included 59 degrees at Huntsville, 78 at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, 57 at Marfa and 73 at El Paso.

Winds statewide were mostly northerly to northeasterly from 5 to 15 mph in the north and variable in direction elsewhere.

Scattered showers and thunderstorms were expected over the lower Rio Grande Valley through tonight. A slight chance of storms was forecast for West Texas through Thursday.

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Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS
The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Furr's Cafeteria.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM
The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

CLARENDON COLLEGE
Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer GED testing on the fourth Monday and Tuesday of each month. Registration will be at 9 a.m. each day. Cost will be \$45 including a \$20 deposit. For more information, call 665-8801.

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.

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION
High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way,

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

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Lovett Memorial Library's Spring Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. every Tuesday from Jan. 11-May 16. The program, which includes crafts and stories, is open to all children 18 months to 5-years-old. Story hours are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM
Clarendon College-Pampa Center will host free brown bag lunch seminars at 12 noon each Thursday throughout the month of June with Ben Watson of Edward Jones. The first two presentations will be "Investment Basics" on June 1 and "10 Investment and Financial Risks" on June 15. The presentations are free and open to the public.

CANCER SCREENING CLINIC
The Don and Sybil Harrington

Cancer Center will offer a free prostate cancer screening clinic from 6:30-8 p.m. June 20 on the first floor of the Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo. Drs. William Anthony, John Gwozdz, Richard Kibbey, Virgil Pate, Donald Pratt and James Stafford will be conducting the clinic. Participants must be over 40 and appointments are necessary. For more information, call (806) 356-1913. To schedule an appointment, call (806) 359-4673.

GED TESTING
Clarendon College-Pampa Center conducts GED testing the fourth Monday and Tuesday of every month except for May and June. Test dates for these two months are May 22 and 23 and June 19 and 20. Those taking the full test must attend both days. Preregistration is required. For more information, call Jana Wesson-Martin at 665-8801.

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 Ivomec 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 Ivomec 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.

CAREER CAMP
Clarendon College will host Career Camp 2000 beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 11 and ending at 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 14. Participants must bring linens or a sleeping bag, pillow, alarm clock, swimsuit, towel/washcloth, toiletries, tennis shoes, notebook, pen, paper, sun screen, shades, cap, comfy clothes and shoes. Camp is limited to 30 students and is open to local eighth graders. Cost of the camp is \$35. To enroll or for more information, call 1-800-687-9737.

COW TREK 2000
Cow Trek 2000, a Maine Anjou cattle event, will be held June 19-23 at the Chisholm Trail Expo Center in Enid, Okla. The National Junior Maine Anjou show and breeder symposium will host a trade show during the Trek. Show hours will be 12-6 p.m., June 21, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. June 22 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., June 23.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m., May 3, 17 and 1, Family Health Care, 600 W. Kentucky, Pampa; 12-4 p.m., May 22, City Hall, Canadian; 12-3 p.m., May 4, Miami School, Miami; 10 a.m.-12 noon, 1-3 p.m., May 8, Shamrock School, Shamrock; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., May 10, Wheeler School, Wheeler.

TRANSITIONS
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold a patient/family education class series, "Transitions," from 2-3 p.m. May 3, 10, 17 and 24 in the cancer center amphitheater. For more information, call the Quality of Life Project, (806) 354-5875, ext. 372 or 1-800-274-4673.

OUTWARD BOUND COURSE
North Carolina Outward Bound is offering both a 21- and a 28-day "Classic Outward Bound Course" for teens interested in backpacking, rock climbing, rappelling and whitewater canoeing through the wilds of the Southern Appalachian Mountains. For more information, call 1-877-77-

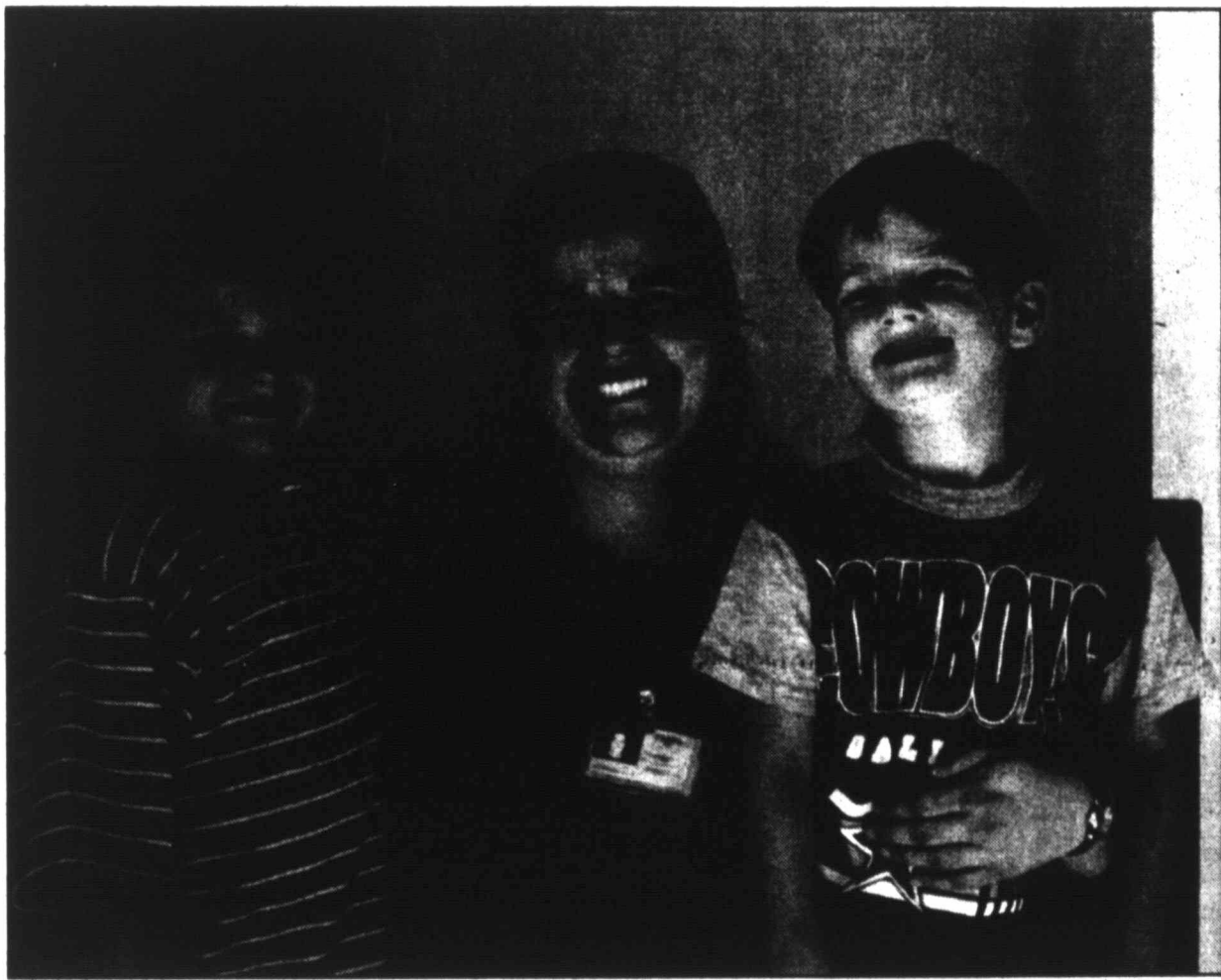
NCOBS, e-mail challenge@ncobs.org or log-on to http://www.ncobs.org/summer.html.

ART CONTEST
Arts and Kids will award \$38,000 in prizes and scholarships in this year's Annual Art Competition. The deadline for entry is July 31. The contest is open to youth 17 and younger. To participate, send one original work in any style and medium to: Arts and Kids, Suite 101-2111, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by July 31 and must include the child's name, address and age on the back. For more information, visit www.ArtsandKids.com on the Internet.

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ANIMALPRINTS.COM
AnimalPrints.com has dedicated \$1 from each sale of a newly released series of artist's prints to benefit animals in need. For more information or to view the prints, go to AnimalPrints.com on the Internet.

Pre-K Assembly



Lamar Elementary School recently held its end-of-year Pre-Kindergarten Assembly. Above are (left-right) Pete Montoya, first-year teacher Stacey Johnson and Johnathen Rowell.

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Weight-Loss Marketing Hits Above and Below the Belt

DEAR ABBY: My mother, who lives in California, recently received a page torn from a newspaper with a handwritten note attached that said, "Jenny, try it. It works!" It was a full-page ad for a weight-loss product.

My husband's "Aunt Ethel," who lives in Ohio, got the same thing with her name handwritten on it. Neither of the notes had a signature.

Both my mother and Aunt Ethel thought it was an attack from an acquaintance or family member who didn't have the courage to sign a name. They were deeply hurt.

Luckily, when we heard that they both got the exact same ad, we figured out that it was a sleazy marketing scam.

Abby, please inform your readers about this advertising technique. I'm sure many other people have been hurt by it, and they should be made aware that the ads have not been sent by an insensitive "friend." It's terrible that a company would hurt someone to promote its product. This type of marketing should be exposed for what it is.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

nized the marketing tactic for what it was and tossed it immediately. We suspect that some of the plus-sized clothing companies that market their clothing through catalogs sell their customer lists.

Readers, should you receive one of these ads, don't jump to the conclusion that someone is chastising you for your weight. And, if the product seems too good to be true, it probably is. Don't fall for false advertising.

DEAR ABBY: I have been seeing this girl for almost six months, and she means the world to me, but I get so upset when plans we make fall through.

The other night I suggested going to a movie, and later when I called to see if she wanted to go, she said she was just going to hang out at home and take it easy. I understand why and everything, but for some reason this extreme anger builds up inside me, and I end up being silent, and she knows I'm upset. The same thing happens if

she gets called in to work — she's a server, and if she gets offered a good shift (Friday or Saturday), then she's going to take it unless we have some major plans.

I totally understand why she needs to do this stuff (she's a part-time student as well), but it still doesn't prevent me from getting angry. I really care for this girl, and I don't want to do anything to hurt her in any way, but I can't seem to control these feelings. They subside after about half an hour, but by then I have already upset her.

Do you know of anything I can do to control my feelings — maybe count to 100 before I say something?

ANGRY IN OTTAWA

DEAR ANGRY: Actions are controllable; feelings less so. Learning to understand your feelings would be a step in the right direction, because your anger comes from hurt. Some sessions with a psychologist to probe into why you take normal changes of plans so personally might provide insight. Most people react with disappointment to such occurrences, not with extreme anger.

In the meantime, instead of counting to 100, remind yourself that people run away from those who pout, sulk and make others uncomfortable by applying the silent treatment.

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Tonight: Visit with a friend.

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Horoscope

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 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)

*** Build on a present relationship. Reach out for another. Communication sizzles at work and at home, especially regarding a potential investment. Others stop and listen, but they might not like what they hear. People you encounter are cantankerous. Tonight: Clear your desk.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Discussions are successful, whether you have an agenda or a set course of action. Get a head start on the weekend by finishing work. Your mind drifts to a special person in your life. Schedule a get-together or quality time soon. Tonight: Let your hair down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Build on what you know, especially financially. Check out a potential expenditure carefully — take quality and time into account. Others respond to your energy. Consider a home office or a domestic change. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Reach out for others. Your efforts are appreciated and come back manifold. Sort through urgent calls. Pressure builds; others have certain expectations, and you can only cover so

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 46 Ignores the limit

1 Character-istics

7 Practice in the ring

11 Dawn goddess

12 Yarn

13 Thrashed

14 Trebek of "Jeopardy!"

15 Ensign's answer

17 Chooses

20 Wall art

23 Remote

24 Target for Buffy

26 Winter ailment

27 Actress Lupino

28 Morse symbol

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31 Flightless bird

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33 Snare

34 Venetian area

37 Monsoon weather

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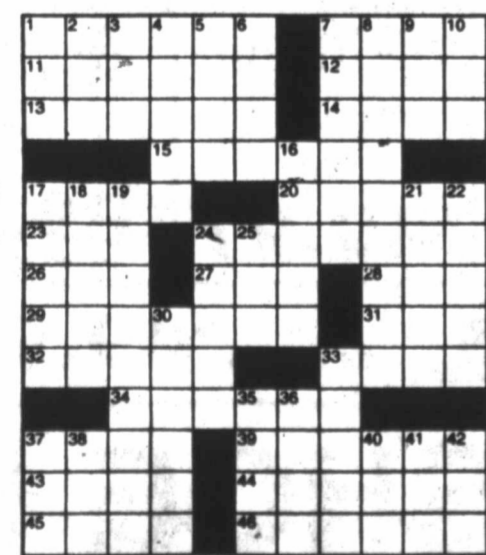
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ABOMB	SONYA
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AMP	RUET
BELLYBUTTON	SPA
CRUEL	POUND
SEMIS	SANDY

Yesterday's answer

18 '80s	35 Not so much
19 Swedish premier	36 Stumble
20 Eastwood	37 Un-processed
21 Bouquet	38 High card
22 Relent	40 Mimic
24 Scenic view	41 Newsmen
25 Fuss	42 Koppel
30 Destroyed	42 gratia artis
33 Crooner	
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The Family Circus



"My turtle's got her beat."

SPORTS

Notebook

BASEBALL

PLAINVIEW — The coaching staff at Wayland Baptist University will be conducting the 2000 Pioneer Baseball Fundamentals Camp from June 11 to June 15.

The camp will be held at David & Myrt Wilder Field on the Wayland Baptist campus.

Cost of the camp is \$250 for residents and \$60 for day campers.

For more information or to obtain a brochure, contact the WBU Athletic Department at 806-296-4739.

BORGER — Pampa split a West Texas League double-header against Borger last weekend.

Borger won the opener 8-4, but Pampa came back for a 16-11 win the second game.

Third baseman Adam Wright had three hits and three runs-batted-in and Wes Martin added a two-run homer. Kyle Keith knocked in two runs with a double while Travis Lancaster had an RBI single, Michael Galloway and Randy Tice had RBI doubles.

Lancaster hit a three-run homer in the opener.

Canyon beat Pampa 12-2 Monday.

BASKETBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — If the Houston Comets are searching for the spark that has led them to two championships, they may have found it in a 78-70 victory over the Sacramento Monarchs.

The Comets shot a season-high 53 percent from the field Tuesday night at Compaq Center.

Sheryl Swoopes scored 22 points, Tina Thompson added 21 points with 4-for-6 shooting from 3-point range and Cynthia Cooper got 18 points and eight assists as the Comets improved to 4-1.

"We're just trying to find ourselves, I still say it's going to be a little while before we can," coach Van Chancellor said, adding the Comets are missing Polina Tzekova and Sonja Henning.

TENNIS

PARIS (AP) — Unseeded Franco Squillari became the first Argentine since 1982 to reach a Grand Slam men's semifinal when he beat Albert Costa 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 today at the French Open.

Squillari will next play the winner of today's quarterfinal between third-seeded Magnus Norman and No. 12 Marat Safin.

Top-seeded Martina Hingis will play her doubles partner, sixth-seeded Frenchwoman Mary Pierce, in the women's semifinals Thursday. The other matchup will be between two Spaniards, No. 5 Conchita Martinez and No. 8 Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, a three-time champion.

The last Argentine to play in the men's semifinals of a Grand Slam tournament was Guillermo Vilas at the U.S. Open 18 years ago. Vilas and countryman Jose-Luis Clerc also reached the semifinals at the French Open that year.

"They were the inspiration for a whole generation of tennis players," Squillari said.

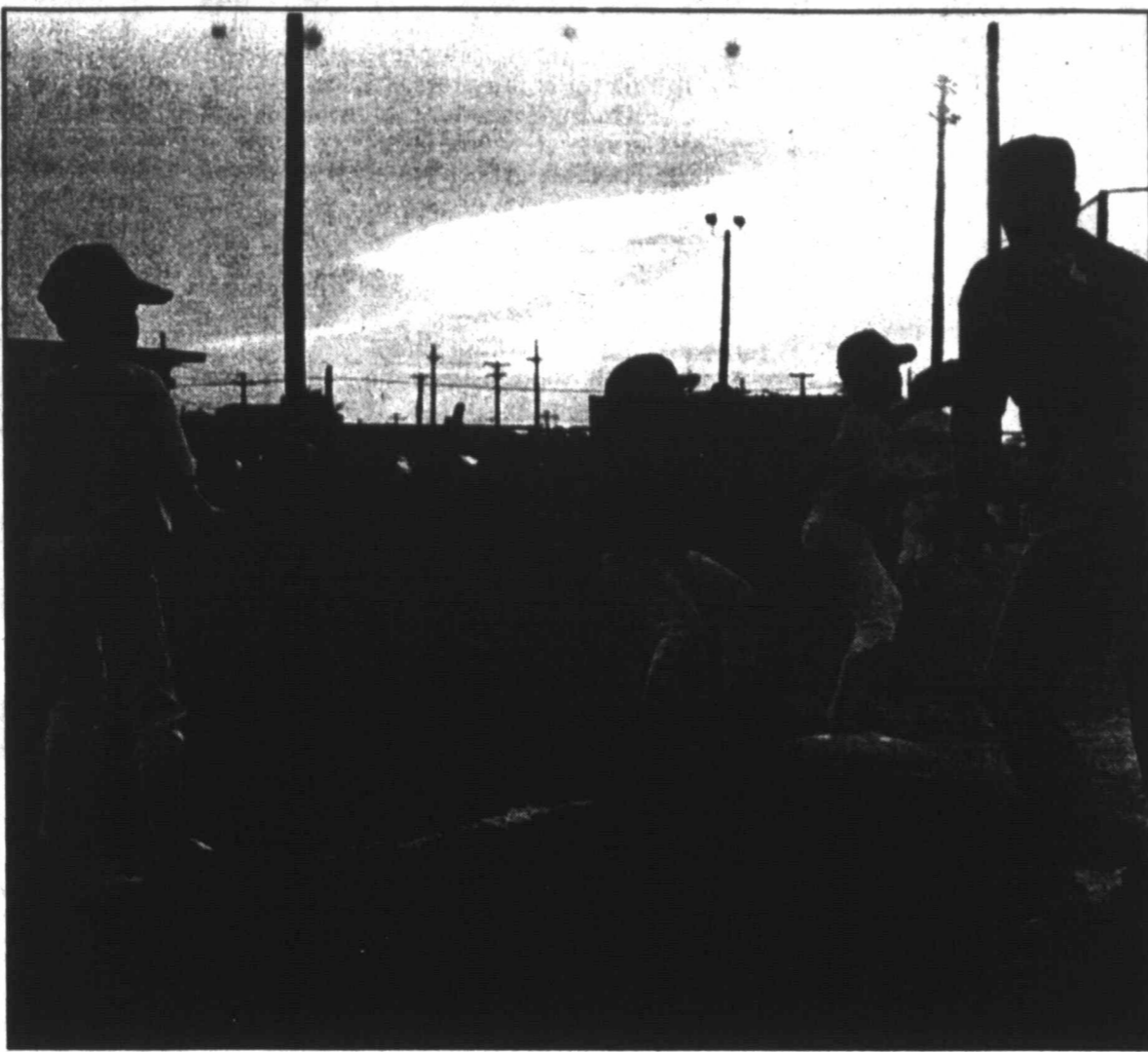
Squillari, 23, has never previously advanced beyond the second round at a major tournament.

He is ranked 45th and came to Roland Garros with a record of just 15-13 this year. He has won the Munich tournament the past two years for the only titles of his career.

Against Costa, Squillari played a masterful clay-court match, combining patience with the foot speed needed to endure long rallies.

Hardly overpowering, the left-hander used his serve merely to start the point and played several steps behind the baseline, waiting for short balls he could attack to win points.

Optimist baseball



Bernardo Casanova of The Medicine Shoppe goes into third base after a wild pitch. The Medicine Shoppe was playing Dean's Pharmacy in a 9-10 League game Tuesday night at Optimist Park.

Long road may have Stars worn out

DALLAS (AP) — Four games into the Stanley Cup finals, it's not the scars, scratches and scares the defending champion Dallas Stars have sustained this postseason that's wearing them down.

"It's not one series, not one team, it's the cumulative effect of people coming at you all the time," coach Ken Hitchcock said. "The hammering started for our team on Oct. 1. Everybody was pointing at us for a long time."

"We've responded in a terrific way, but we've got one more hur-

dle to climb." A huge hurdle: Dallas trails New Jersey 3-1 in the best-of-seven series heading into Game 5 Thursday night.

For the Stars to keep the Cup, they must become just the second team to emerge from a 3-1 deficit since the finals went to a best-of-seven format in 1939.

Of the 25 previous teams in such a predicament, only the 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs pulled it off. And they were down 0-3.

Pulling off that feat would be far more impressive than win-

ning back-to-back championships, which has been Dallas' motivating force all season.

"I honestly think we feel we're the better team, but we haven't played like it," captain Derian Hatcher said. "I still feel if we go out there and play our game, we'll have success."

This is the third straight year the Stars have been among the league's final teams. They lost to Detroit in the Western Conference finals in 1998, then beat Buffalo to win the title last season.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to hold banquet on June 17

AMARILLO — The Top Of Texas Amarillo Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will hold its 10th annual Big Game Banquet and Auction at the Big Texan Palace on June 17.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is an international non-profit wildlife organization dedicated to ensuring the future of elk, other wildlife and the habitat that supports them.

With more than 111,000 active members and 500 local chapters throughout North America, RMEF has raised \$75 million to conserve and improve more than three million acres of wildlife habitat.

Similar in format to other conservation fundraisers, the banquet includes a social hour, banquet, live and silent auctions, plus raffle and door prizes.

The Amarillo committee has

amassed more than 120 items to be auctioned or raffled, including rifles, wildlife art and gear. They hope to attract 200 people for this year's event.

Highlighting the auction is the 2000 RMEF rifle of the year, a special commemorative Browning 1885 single shot rifle 7mm Remington Mangum.

Other items include TIKKA and Browning A-Bolt, 300 Winchester Magnum rifles, a Winchester 12 gauge shotgun, a number of framed wildlife art prints, wildlife and hunting sculptures, flyfishing and hunting gear, knives and clothing, and jewelry. There's also a special progressive auction that offers one winner a guided elk hunt in New Mexico in 2001.

For reservations and tickets, call Carson Christi at (806) 355-1375 or Gerald Sitton at (806) 342-0611.

Pacers hope to slow Shaq

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rik Smits wasn't afraid to say what all of the Indiana Pacers must be thinking.

"I'd much prefer to play against Portland," Smits said. "Not that the Trail Blazers aren't a great team, but it would make my job a lot easier."

Smits' job, which he shares with all his teammates, is stopping Shaquille O'Neal. With his mix of size, speed and strength, the Los Angeles Lakers' MVP center shreds most conventional defensive schemes and generally makes players like Smits wonder why they took up basketball in the first place.

In the NBA Finals, beginning tonight at Staples Center, the Pacers undertake the task at which the entire league failed this season. Most recently, the Blazers tried everything from pre-emptive fouls to constant, oppressive double-teams in an effort to slow Shaq.

They still lost the Western Conference finals in seven games.

To hear the Pacers, the series sometimes seems like a matchup of Goliath vs. 12 Davids. Such is the truly massive presence O'Neal has taken on during this season, when he finally acquired a quality supporting cast and led Los Angeles to the league's best record.

"You know Shaq is going to get his points no matter what you do, because he's the MVP," Indiana guard Jalen Rose said. "The key to the series is going to be our team defense. When Shaq gets the ball down low and he's looking to pass it out, we have to prevent people from getting open shots. That's all you can really do."

If that's the case, the series could depend on which team's outside shooters perform better. Los Angeles assistant coach Tex Winter noted that without Shaq, the series is essentially a matchup of two jump-shooting teams who prefer the perimeter game to post play.

City softball signups will end on June 15

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering the following leagues for summer softball: Men's Open, Women's Open, Mixed Open, and Men's Masters (over 35).

The entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team (\$185 if team is currently sanctioned).

The player's fee is \$12 per player with a minimum of 11 players for Men's Open, Women's Open and Men's Masters, and 12 players for Mixed Open.

The entry deadline is Friday,

June 16 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on June 21 at the Recreation Office.

Play is scheduled to start the week of June 26.

Roster Forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For questions or more information on the Summer Softball leagues, contact Shane Stokes at 669-5770 during business hours.

Dodgers defeat Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers were happy to finally get Eric Gagne a victory.

Gagne threw six shutout innings and got some help when Texas had a two-run homer by Scarborough Green taken off the board as the Dodgers beat the Rangers 7-1 on Tuesday night.

Gagne had allowed three earned runs or less in six of his first seven starts this season, but was without a victory in his role as a spot starter and part-time reliever.

"He just pitched a beautiful game," manager Davey Johnson said. "He had to pitch a lot in the first couple of innings. It was nice to see him get that first win. We wanted to make sure he got it. His work was the most important thing in the ballgame."

Gagne (1-3) allowed five hits in six-plus innings for his second major league victory. He walked three and struck out seven, including the side in the sixth.

"It's always nice to break the ice and get that first win out of the way," said Gagne, pitching for the first time since May 30. "Now I'm ready to go out for my second. My fastball was working tonight so I didn't have to throw that much off-speed. It's a lot of

weight off my shoulders." Johnson and pitching coach Claude Osteen kept reminding Gagne to stay aggressive against the free-swinging Rangers.

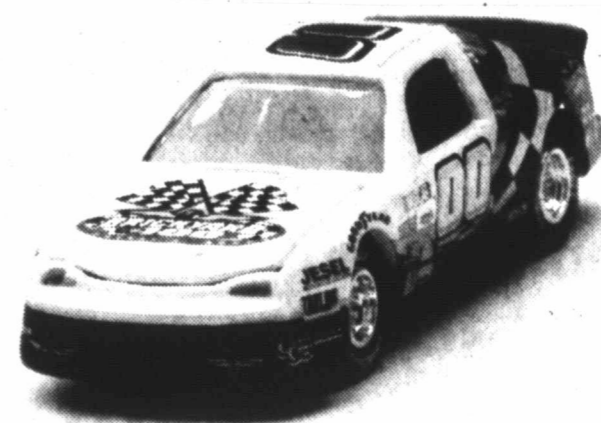
"He threw only two or three curves," catcher Paul LoDuca said. "I kept telling him he needed to go hard and to keep going after the hitters. He's a feisty pitcher, he gets real hyped up. He wanted his first win real bad."

Green thought he had his first career homer in the fifth inning, when his drive to right field was ruled fair by first base umpire Gary Cederstrom. But Cederstrom was unsure of his call, asked for help from the rest of the umpiring crew, and the call was correctly changed to a foul ball.

Green had circled the bases and was in the dugout accepting congratulations from teammates when Johnson came out to argue. Cederstrom huddled with the other three umpires and the Dodgers retained their 4-0 lead. Replays showed the ball was about five feet to the right of the foul pole.

"I've got to tip my hat to him," Johnson said of Cederstrom. "He got some help and got the decision corrected."

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Joe Fortin remembered; McLean griddler gets scholarship

For several people, the death of Joe Fortin brought back memories of the old Pampa Oilers professional baseball team.

Fortin, who died Monday at age 76, was a slugging outfielder-first baseman for the Oilers, who were members of the West Texas-New Mexico League.

A Michigan native, Fortin remained in Pampa after his playing days were over.

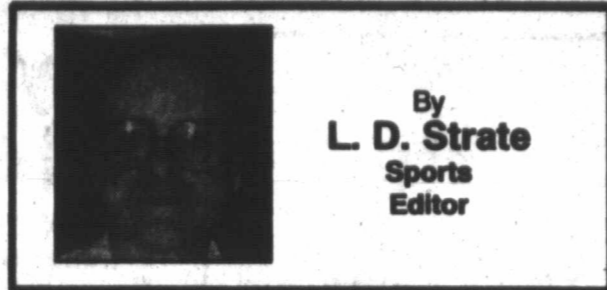
"Joe was a home run threat and a great RBI guy. He always hit for a good average," remembers Deck Woldt, one of Fortin's teammates with the Oilers.

Fortin played on league championship teams with the Oilers in 1946 and 1950. He batted .401 with 53 homers on the '50 club.

Fortin was also a marine, who saw action against the Japanese during World War Two.

Congratulations to Chris Hauck of McLean, who recently signed a football letter-of-intent to Southwest Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie.

Hauck may have been the most valuable player on McLean's District 2-1A six-man championship team this past season. He was a



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quarterback and linebacker for the Tigers, who reached the second round of the playoffs and finished with a 10-2 record.

The West Texas Baseball League has a shortage of umpires this summer. Some of the games have had only one official.

Pampa has a team in this high school age league, which also includes Borger, Randall, Canyon, Palo Duro, River Road and Dumas.

The pay is reported to be pretty good and persons interested in umpiring can contact Greg Cook at 351-1762.

West Texas A&M may have one of the best football camps in this region.

It's for boys grades three through twelve and all the players wear pads so fundamentals can be taught in a safe and correct manner.

The camp, directed by WT head coach Stan McGarvey, is scheduled for June 25-29 (first session) and June 29-July 3 (second session).

Tuition for boarding campers for the week is \$265. Tuition for commuters is \$225.

For a brochure or for more information, contact McGarvey at 806-651-2685 or write to WTAMU Football Office, Box 60049, Canyon, Tex., 79016.

"I'm be working the Miami Tournament again, which is a great three days of officiating," he says. "That's the best little tournament in Texas. I'll be in charge of setting up the officials. The people are very good to us."

McCullough is looking to officiate more Class 4A and 5A games. There may be some college contests in the future.

"I don't have any aspirations of breaking into the Big 12, but there may be some Lone Star Conference and other Division Two games," he says.

Happy officiating, coach.

It's hard to believe Frank McCullough, the highly-successful Pampa golf coach, has retired from the coaching ranks.

McCullough, who headed the golf program for 15 years, sent two boys' teams and two girls' teams to the state tournament during his tenure.

Former Amarillo Caprock coach Mike Self will fill the vacancy.

McCullough, however, will be hanging onto his whistle. He's been a basketball official for the past 20 years.

Here's some baseball trivia: Starting with the 1920s, who had the highest batting averages by decade in the Major Leagues?

1924: Rogers Hornsby (.424), St. Louis Cardinals; 1930: Bill Terry (.401), New York Giants; 1941: Ted Williams (.406), Boston Red Sox; 1957: Ted Williams (.388), Boston Red Sox; 1961: Norm Cash (.361), Detroit Tigers; 1977: Rod Carew (.388), Minnesota Twins; 1980: George Brett (.390), Kansas City Royals; 1999: Larry Walker (.379), Colorado Rockies.

Lubbock swing doctor helps golfers fine-tune their game

LUBBOCK, Texas — Even a smooth-running engine needs to be checked and tuned up every now and then.

And it's really no different for golfers — even if they appear to be on top of their games. And that's where Jesse Blackwelder fits into the picture.

Blackwelder could be called a swing doctor or a golf teacher, but he's probably best described as a fine tuner. The former New Mexico Junior College head golf coach can spot even the most minor of things ailing a golfer's swing keeping him or her from notching the scores they feel capable of achieving.

"At the very beginning, working on a player's posture, stance and other fundamentals is necessary," said Blackwelder, who recently opened his own teaching facility in Lubbock, Blackwelder's Golf. "The thing I'm trying to do is integrate fundamentals in a person. It takes several years to do that, though — you just don't walk up and do it."

"It takes time to learn how to play golf."

There are hundreds of thousands of golfers who would freely admit needing pointers on their game. But what makes Blackwelder so interesting is that people who wouldn't expect need help still seek him out.

Players such as Shane Bertsch, Ronnie Black, Bart Bryant and Per Nyman who have competed on the PGA Tour or the Nike and Buy.Com Tour, have all had their games dissected by the Wink native.

Last week, in fact, professional Kent Jones was in Blackwelder's shop, getting some pointers — only a few weeks after posting a win in the Shreveport Open on the Buy.Com Tour with a 15-under-par 273.

"In golf, you may be good during a week, but you are never really finished working on your swing," said Jones, a Carlsbad, N.M., native who is preparing to play in a U.S. Open qualifying tournament. "And when you're out on the

road, you get tired and you don't practice as much and start to develop bad habits.

"And you can't really see what you're doing. So you need someone else who is familiar with your swing to look at it."

What exactly can you show a professional who appears to be cruising along just fine? Basically the same things you teach weekend duffers who celebrate with a 12-pack if they break 100.

"What we usually work on is fundamentals," Blackwelder said. "We work on setup, alignments, the same things other players work on. When even a professional gets off a little on that stuff, it's difficult for them to realize it. They have to constantly keep their fundamentals intact."

Blackwelder's life has been centered around golf for the last 40 years. After graduation from Wink High School in 1959, he participated on the college golf teams at Odessa College and University of Texas-El Paso. While in Odessa, he helped his team capture a pair of national

junior college titles.

After his career ended following graduation from UTEP, Blackwelder wanted to remain in the game. And when an opportunity to help start a program at NMJC came up, he jumped at it.

"When I first started playing golf, there wasn't a lot of money to be made," Blackwelder said. "There were lots of opportunities to be a club pro in Odessa, but I went to NMJC and they wanted to start a program there."

"I've always been very competitive and wanted to stay in the game and it gave me the chance."

After leaving NMJC in 1991, he went into his current private business of helping golfers work the kinks out.

A process that is remarkably similar for professionals and weekend warriors alike. "I work on the same things with high schoolers as I do with (Jones)," Blackwelder said. "One of the major difference for professionals is they have a better conception of fundamentals,

while other as looking for a quick gimme. It takes time to get a golf swing down."

"Jack Nicklaus was quoted as

saying, 'If you don't know how to grip and set up, you can't be taught to play golf.' And he's right."

Twins turn back Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — An eight-game losing streak doesn't seem to be wearing Jose Lima down.

Lima took a two-hitter into the eighth inning, then lost his eighth consecutive decision as the Minnesota Twins rallied for three runs to beat the Houston Astros 3-1 on Tuesday night.

Lima didn't pout or duck out on post-game interviews.

"I'm still cocky, I'm still doing my dancing," Lima said. "The other teams don't say anything because they still respect me. Last year, I lost my first game and then won eight straight. I can win eight straight again. I just need to win No. 2."

Lima (1-8), in the midst of the longest losing streak of his career, hasn't won since beating Pittsburgh on April 5 in his first start of the season. He didn't allow a home run for only the third time

in 12 starts, but that wasn't enough.

"That was a great feeling," said Lima of the applause he received when leaving the game. "If I was in New York or Chicago, they'd be on me and I'd probably be going crazy. But the fans are still with me. They want to see me win so much."

With Houston leading 1-0, Jacques Jones and Midre Cummings singled leading off the eighth, Denny Hocking sacrificed and Yorkis Perez relieved.

Cristian Guzman's grounder scored Jones with the tying run. Matt Lawton doubled for a 2-1 lead and David Ortiz followed with an RBI single.

"Lima pitched a good game," Twins manager Tom Kelly said. "He made us look foolish out there. He trapped our lefties and got them to chase his changeup."

Major League Standings

American League					National League				
East Division					West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Boston	31	23	.574	—	Atlanta	37	20	.649	—
New York	31	23	.574	—	Montreal	31	24	.564	5
Toronto	30	30	.500	4	New York	31	26	.544	6
Baltimore	24	31	.436	7 1/2	Florida	26	33	.441	12
Tampa Bay	21	36	.368	11 1/2	Philadelphia	21	35	.375	15 1/2
Central Division					Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Chicago	34	23	.596	—	St. Louis	32	26	.552	—
Cleveland	31	23	.574	1 1/2	Cincinnati	31	26	.544	1/2
Kansas City	30	27	.526	4	Pittsburgh	25	31	.446	6
Minnesota	26	33	.441	9	Chicago	24	35	.407	8 1/2
Detroit	21	33	.389	11 1/2	Milwaukee	23	35	.397	9
West Division					West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Seattle	30	25	.545	—	Arizona	35	23	.603	—
Oakland	31	27	.534	1/2	Colorado	30	25	.545	3 1/2
Texas	30	27	.526	1	Los Angeles	30	25	.545	3 1/2
Anaheim	30	28	.517	1 1/2	San Francisco	27	28	.491	6 1/2
					San Diego	25	32	.439	9 1/2
Tuesday's Games					Tuesday's Games				
N.Y. Yankees 8, Montreal 1					N.Y. Yankees 8, Montreal 1				
Boston 4, Florida 3					Boston 4, Florida 3				
Detroit 2, Pittsburgh 1					Detroit 2, Pittsburgh 1				
Baltimore at N.Y. Mets, ppd., rain					Baltimore at N.Y. Mets, ppd., rain				
Chicago White Sox 17, Cincinnati 12					Chicago White Sox 17, Cincinnati 12				
Tampa Bay 5, Philadelphia 3, 10 innings					Tampa Bay 5, Philadelphia 3, 10 innings				
Cleveland 4, Milwaukee 2					Chicago Cubs 4, Arizona 1				
Minnesota 3, Houston 1					Cleveland 4, Milwaukee 2				
St. Louis 5, Kansas City 4					Minnesota 3, Houston 1				
Atlanta 7, Toronto 6					St. Louis 5, Kansas City 4				
Los Angeles 7, Texas 1					Atlanta 7, Toronto 6				
Seattle 4, Colorado 1					Los Angeles 7, Texas 1				
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Mariners down Rockies, 4-1

SEATTLE (AP) — Brett Tomko pitched five strong innings and John Olerud drove in two runs as the Seattle Mariners beat the Colorado Rockies 4-1 on Tuesday night.

Tomko (4-2) gave up one run, five hits, struck out four and walked two to improve to 8-0 in interleague play. The Mariners' fifth starter is 2-0 with a 1.69 ERA in three starts at Safeco Field. Tomko's overall ERA is 5.24.

Todd Helton went 1-for-3 for Colorado, lowering his major league-leading average to .408.

Olerud gave the Mariners all the runs they needed with a two-run, first-inning single off Brian Bohanon (2-4), who was making his first start in more than one month.

Bohanon, who started the year as the Rockies No. 3 starter but was sent to the bullpen, gave up four runs and seven hits in six innings.

Man known on Internet as 'slavemaster' suspected in deaths of five women

HARRISONVILLE, Mo. (AP)—A man who solicited sadomasochistic sex over the Internet using the name "slavemaster" is considered the prime suspect in the deaths of five women whose bodies were found stuffed in barrels in Kansas and Missouri, authorities said.

Last week's arrest of John Edward Robinson Sr., 56, led police to two bodies found Saturday on his property in La Cynne, Kan. Three more bodies in 55-gallon drums were discovered Monday at a storage locker rented by Robinson about 30 miles away, in Raymore.

Autopsies showed the victims died of blunt trauma to the head, authorities said.

Investigators began draining a pond on Robinson's property Tuesday afternoon and were to resume today.

"I would be surprised if we found any more bodies," said Paul Morrison, the district attorney in Johnson County, Kan.

Robinson was not immediately charged in the women's deaths. He was being held on \$5 million bond after being charged Monday with sexual assault on two women at hotels.

The two women told authorities they objected to him photographing them and said he brutalized them in a way that went beyond what they intended. One of the women had traveled from Texas to have a sexual encounter with Robinson in April.

At least some of the five victims are believed to be related to Robinson's alleged Internet relationships with women interested in sadomasochism. He was known to use the screen name "slavemaster" in his computer correspondence and sometimes called himself James Turner in person, Morrison said.

The prosecutor said he expected to file murder charges by week's end.

Robinson had not retained a lawyer as of Tuesday and was being represented by the Johnson County public defender's office, Morrison said.

During a news conference in Harrisonville with Cass County Prosecutor Chris Koster, Morrison said the case began three months ago as a missing persons investigation. It gained momentum after the two women came forward.

"We had been working on this case for several weeks when those victims came forward," Morrison said. "It helped us out a lot. Kind of manna from heaven."



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Amarillo brawl suit settled for \$20,000

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A civil lawsuit filed against the family of a teen-ager who hit a rival with his family's car has been settled for \$20,000.

The wrongful death lawsuit was filed again Dustin Camp and his parents followed a mall parking lot brawl between two groups of teen-agers — one known as the "white hats" and the other known as the "punks" — which ended with the death of Brian Deneke, 19.

Last September, Camp, 19, was found guilty of manslaughter and received 10 years' probation for causing Deneke's death on Dec. 12, 1997. Camp was originally charged with murder, but a jury opted to convict him of the lesser charge of manslaughter.

Camp also received a \$10,000 fine.

The lawsuit, filed by Deneke's parents in December, alleged Camp's sentence was relatively "light" considering the circumstances.

"It seemed to say that the life of a 'punk' or other non-conforming 'undesirable' was worth less than the life of a 'respectable citizen,'" it stated.

The agreement reached Tuesday releases Camp, his family and the family's insurance carrier from liability in the case, the Amarillo Globe-News reported Wednesday.

Jeff Blackburn, an attorney representing the Denekes, told the paper the family is ready to move forward.

"The Deneke family really wants to close this whole issue and put it behind them," he said. "This has gone on for a long time. As far as the settlement goes, there is no amount of money that can bring back Brian Deneke or cause justice to be truly done in this case."

Public Works Proclamation



(Special photo)

The City of Pampa recently observed Public Works Week. During the week, Mayor Bob Neslage spoke to all of the employees and thanked them for a job well done. He also signed a proclamation officially recognizing the Public Works Department as participating in the national event. The Public Works Department in Pampa is overseen by Director Richard Morris and has a total of seven departments and 48 employees. The departments include: Streets, Parks, Water Distribution, Wastewater Collection, Engineering, Code Enforcement, Sanitation and O.M.I. (Above, left-right) Public Services: David Taylor, Lee Roy Hilbren, Tony Hughs, Larry Martinez, Larry Thompson, Eddie Guerra, Geno Shuck, Morris Long, Kimberly Lincycomb, Terry Brown, Donna Jones, Gene Moya, Brian Perry, Curtis Shelton, Dennis Williams, Ruth Maddox, Johnney Montgomery, David Harvey and Neslage.

Hantavirus case found nearby in Randall Co.

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A second case this year of hantavirus has been reported in the Amarillo area, less than three months after a 12-year-old Lubbock girl stricken with the disease was released from the hospital.

Nationwide, the virus, caused by exposure to mice feces, has killed about 42 percent of those who have been diagnosed with it, officials said Tuesday.

The new case in Randall County is the 15th occurrence of hantavirus reported in Texas, and the Texas Department of Health said most of them have been in the Panhandle. Officials declined to release any specifics other than that the patient is recovering and has been released from the hospital.

Julie Rawlings, an epidemiologist with the Texas Department of Health, said Texas has averaged between two and four cases each year, but only saw one case last year and none in 1998.

"We hadn't had any in a couple years, so it seems like a lot," Rawlings said of the two cases in 2000.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, 245 cases of hantavirus have been reported in the United States. Anne Denison, communicable disease coordinator with the Amarillo Department of Public Health, said the rare virus can be prevented by limiting exposure to mice.

"Any kind of contact with mice is a concern," she said. "It's a really complex problem, especially in a farming and ranching community. You are going to have mice here. It is more of a case of trying to reduce the risk of exposure."

This year's first hantavirus case was reported in March. According to the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, the Lubbock girl spent at least a week in the hospital before doctors were able to confirm she had been exposed to the virus.

At the time, doctors said they were concerned the drought was causing rodents to seek human food sources, increasing the likelihood of contact with their feces.

Commission orders decrease in inmate population and jailer shortage

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — The Texas Commission on Jail Standards has ordered Ector County to reduce the number of contracted inmates locked up in the county jail because the facility doesn't employ enough workers to maintain a minimum required ratio of one officer for every 48 inmates.

Jack Crump, executive director of the Jail Standards Commission, issued the order requiring the reduction in the number of contract prisoners in order to comply with the ratio, the Odessa American reported Tuesday.

Ector County Judge Jerry D. Caddel said reducing the number of contract prisoners would be the quickest and easiest way for the jail to comply with the ratio.

The Ector County facility was cited by the nine-member commission after three inspection reports dating back to April 1999 showed the jail had failed to maintain the minimum staffing ratio.

Ector County Sheriff Reggie Yearwood said he didn't plan to take any action until he received notification of the order.

"The situation at the jail is not critical," Yearwood said. "It is a problem, but it is not critical. This has to be a money-making operation. To make money, we need to hire more jailers so we can house more federal inmates. Federal prisoners make this place pay."

A May inspection showed the

jail was not complying with the ratio and found eight other deficiencies in the facility.

The jail, which can hold up to 667 inmates, was housing 457 inmates at the time of the inspection, Yearwood said.

The county receives \$35.79 a day per federal inmate and is allowed to hold up to 125 federal inmates. Yearwood said the ideal jail shift has 18 support and operations officers.

Crump said the group will continue to monitor staffing as well as other deficiencies found during the inspection, which included improper drainage in a dish room, improper storage of fuel containers and a failure to house

minimum and maximum custody inmates separately.

Caddel said he planned to form a task force that would more closely examine problems at the jail. He said he was confident a solution to the staffing issues could at least partially be in place by August.

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