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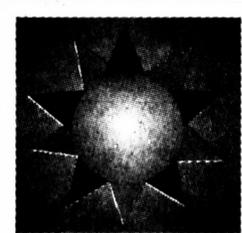
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## Hospitals in need of Hispanic nurses

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The demand for Hispanic nurses, the most underrepresented ethnic group in registered nursing ranks, is at an all time high amid a nationwide nursing shortage that is straining health care organizations and the nursing profession.

At many health care facilities, Hispanic nurses are often called upon to help doctors and fellow nurses communicate with Spanish-speaking patients.

"Don't get me wrong; I'd do anything for a patient," said Carmen Garcia, a 29-year-old nursing student in San Antonio. "But sometimes, it hinders me from learning or helping the patient I'm assigned. One day, I was the only one who spoke Spanish, and if I wasn't there, what would they have done?"

The duty gives her satisfaction knowing she's of help, but it also takes precious time away from caring for her own patients, while adding to her daily workload.

"You can feel stretched trying to meet all the demands," said Mary Lou Siantz, president of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses. "But it's all about being responsive to the needs of our population."

NAHN ended a three-day national conference Friday at the Adam's Mark River Walk Hotel.

No deaths were reported to The Pampa News.

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## City eyes cost cuts, meeting needs

Commission to meet Monday at 4 p.m. for additional budget talk

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Staff Writer

Pampa city commissioners will meet at 4 p.m. Monday for another round in the battle to balance the upcoming budget.

In a two-hour session July 12, commissioners looked at the effect a centralized fire station would have on the city's ability to provide fire services and briefly discussed other areas where city officials could cut costs.

Much of the discussion at the July 12 meeting was based on the results of a survey commissioners filled out, evaluating services and the need of proposed capital improvements, and a questionnaire. In the questionnaires, the commissioners were asked to prioritize budget items using a

point system ranging from "firmly disagree" to "firmly agree."

At this meeting they plan to use the questionnaire results as they continue to discuss what city services programs are most necessary.

"This is not written in stone," City Manager Bob Eskridge told the commissioners earlier. "It gives me some guidelines to go by (when making out the budget). This just helps me prioritize."

In the questionnaires, commissioners' responses varied widely in what they felt were priorities for the city.

The city's governing body agreed strongly that the city should maintain a minimum 5 percent emergency cash reserve in operating funds and that the budget should be adjusted each year to maintain the emergency reserve.

Annexation of undeveloped areas north of the current city limits was another area commissioners felt was important for the city to pursue.

Through their answers, they also indicated they wanted to work cooperatively with county officials on issues and services impacting both entities.

The City of Pampa will see a reduction in the debt portion of the property tax rate next budget year. Eskridge gave four options for using the money.

Commissioners gave highest priority to using one half of the available tax rate for the General Fund operations and the other half to fund new debt.

Commissioners showed a strong disagreement with reducing the tax rate. They were slightly more agreeable to placing all of the available tax rate into the General Fund operations, but indicated they did not want to use the available amount to issued additional debt for city improvements.

Using the evaluations and questionnaires as a basis, Eskridge said commissioners indicated the following as their list of priorities: working with the county to cut expenses, cutting expenses without cutting services, street equipment,

fire/police staffing, Extenda hoe, streets (highest priority), golf course breaking even, strip paving, addressing the rabies problem, new skid street loader, utility work vehicles, water plant problems, quality of life issues, and sanitation trucks.

He also listed areas that commissioners felt might help reduce costs: fire staffing; two fire stations (highest priority); Drug Task Force; finance - utilities, administration, library hours, study cost of recycle vs. cost of landfill, M.K. Brown capital improvement, one public pool, bridge repair, street name replacement, dispatch, golf course - no more subsidy; parks, grass pick-up, police - duplicating effort with county, privatization of parks, equipment replacement, combine dispatch with county.

The work session begins at 4 p.m. Monday, in the third floor conference room. It is open to the public. No action will be taken at the meeting. A regular meeting of the city commission is set for Tuesday, July 24.

## Two companies looking at Pampa as possible home

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

Two businesses are inquiring about establishing businesses in Pampa, said Susan Tripplehorn, executive director of Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

In "very, very preliminary stages", Tripplehorn said neither business is definitely coming to the area. During a presentation to the Pampa Chamber of Commerce last week, she told Pampa Chamber members and their that an ice cream company is looking at possibly moving to the area.

"We are dealing with a site selector out of Chicago so we don't know the name of the company," she said. "This is pretty common in the economic development business."

She said the PEDC got a call from the site selector that the project is in the works, and requested a proposal. Working quickly, the PEDC staff developed a proposal and sent it to them.

PEDCO Park, which is the industrial park area, is the proposed site for the food processing company. It is located to the north of Recreation Park area.

(See COMPANIES, Page 3)

## Head Start, Pre-K sign-up starts soon

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

School will begin in less than a month.

Head Start and Prekindergarten registration will be soon for the 2001-2002 school year.

Parents and guardians of children who will be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, must register the children Aug. 3 at Lamar Elementary Gym. Times are 8:30 a.m.-12 noon, and 1:30 p.m.

Criteria to be met to register for the Head Start program include family income guidelines, family on public assistance, child with documented disability or child in foster care.

(See SIGN-UP, Page 3)

## A message from the publisher

Beginning immediately, *The Pampa News* is instituting a new policy concerning photographs that appear in the newspaper.

• Anyone bringing photographs that bears a photographer's name, a studio name or a copyright must have a signed publication release from the studio or professional photographer.

• The release must accompany the photo to the newspaper or the photo will not be accepted.

## Flag flying fun ...



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Flags of all kinds, many of them a part of the nation's history, fly in front of Kirt and Glenna Bell's house at 1602 Charles. Included in the flag line-up are the famous "Don't Tread On Me" from when the American colonies first rebelled, and one of the first United States flags with a circle of stars representing the first 13 states.

## 'Operation Lonestar' Guardsmen learn, help others

LA JOYA, Texas (AP) — They line up at 5 a.m., waiting for free medical care that for some marks the first time they've seen a doctor in years.

More than 5,000 uninsured people, many coming from poor communities along the Mexican border, are expected to be treated under the Defense Department's "Operation Lonestar" program by the time it ends next week.

For National Guard members, this is the fourth year of a program that gives them "real world" medical training.

For the patients, it provides a much-needed source of health care.

"We heard there was not too much red tape," said Juan Pineda, 32, who brought his wife and 4-

year-old daughter to La Joya's E.R. Chapa Elementary School, one of three schools housing clinics as part of the program.

"Down here where it's hot, there's all the diseases you would see in a lot of other regions in the world," Guard spokesman Sgt. Ken Robinson said.

They include high blood pressure, skin conditions, digestive problems, respiratory problems and diabetes, a problem that is particularly prevalent in the Rio Grande Valley.

One woman came complaining of lightheadedness and lethargy. She was found to have a sugar level near 500, well above the normal of 70 to 120 and putting her in danger of a diabetic coma.

(See LONESTAR, Page 3)

## Sunday snapshot



Name: Brandi Lacher  
Occupation/activities: I like to

play volleyball.  
Birth date and place: Feb. 5, 1987, Borger, Texas.  
Family: Mom  
When I grow up I want to be: An actress.  
The best advice I ever got was: Stay out of trouble.  
My classmates think of me as: I don't know, they won't tell me.  
The best word or words to describe me: Nice.  
People will remember me as being: Nice.  
The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: God, my family, my grandma, Selena.  
My hobbies are: Volleyball and soccer.

My favorite sports team is: The Avalanche.  
My favorite author is: I really don't have a favorite author.  
The last book I read was: "Charlotte's Webb."  
My favorite possession is: My music.  
The biggest honor I've ever received is: Getting on the Middle School honor roll.  
My favorite performer is: Selena.  
I wish I knew how to: Sing.  
My trademark cliché or expression is: "Whatever."  
My worst habit is: Biting my nails.  
I would never: Be mean to

people.  
The last good movie I saw was: "Meet the Parents."  
I stay home to watch: "Three's Company."  
Someday I want to drive a: Convertible  
My favorite junk food is: Candy.  
My favorite beverage is: Dr. Pepper.  
My favorite restaurant is: Braum's.  
My favorite pet is: My dog.  
My favorite meal is: Steak and potatoes.  
I wish I could sing like: Selena or a country singer.  
I'm happiest when I'm: With

my mom and my aunt.  
I regret: Being mean once and a while.  
My biggest fear is: Mean, big dogs.  
The electrical device I couldn't live without is: TV.  
My most embarrassing moment: When someone walked in on me.  
The biggest waste of time is: Arguing.  
If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: I would buy a house and a car for my aunt and my mother.  
If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: More things here for teenagers to do.

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# Daily Record

## Fires

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

### Friday, July 20

8:53 a.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to National Oil Well to a pump house fire. Damage was estimated at \$7,500.

8:55 a.m. - Three units and five firefighters responded to the 900 block of South Faulkner where an electrical cord run under the skirting of a mobile home was smoking.

5:15 p.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to Coronado Health Care, 1504 West Kentucky, on a smoke scare caused from food in the oven.

### Saturday, July 21

12:59 a.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to Coronado Health Care, 1504 West Kentucky, after an alarm sounded. Nothing found.

1:52 a.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to Coronado Health Care, 1504 West Kentucky, after an alarm sounded but were called back to disregard.

## Obituaries

No deaths were reported to The Pampa News today.

## Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Crime Stoppers.....	669-2222
Energas.....	1-888-Energas
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700
SPS.....	1-800-750-2520
Water.....	669-5830

## Police report

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

### Friday, July 20

Daniel Bedoya, 18, 415 Starkweather, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.  
Erich Michael Von Greer, 20, 2805 Rosewood, unlawful carrying of a weapon.

# People in the news ...

**JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP)** — The actress who plays Tony Soprano's maid on the hit mob drama "The Sopranos" was beaten up and tossed down a flight of stairs, police said.

**Katalin Pota**, who plays Soprano maid Lilliana Wosilius on the HBO show, was beaten around the face, legs and torso before being thrown down the stairs on July 5, police said Friday. Her arm was also broken.

Police arrested Andre Doumler, 40, of Jersey City, on Friday and charged him with aggravated assault.

Doumler, a Russian national, was in custody at the Hudson County Correctional Facility. His arraignment had not yet been scheduled.

An HBO spokeswoman didn't immediately return a telephone call after business hours on Friday.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The planned reunion of all original members of **The Jackson Five** at **Michael Jackson's** 30th-anniversary concert may be in doubt.

Producers of "Michael Jackson: 30th Anniversary Celebration, The Solo Years" released a statement Friday saying that **Jermaine Jackson** had dropped out of the shows, to be held Sept. 7 and 10 at Madison Square Garden.

**Marlon Brando**, **Britney Spears**, **Destiny's Child**, **N Sync**, **Quincy Jones** and **Diana Ross** are among the celebrities expected to participate.

"I am sorry Jermaine has chosen not to participate in this event," said David Gest, the producer of the event. "This is an event for Michael Jackson. It is a salute to a truly great and legendary artist. **Jackie, Tito and Marlon**, original members of The Jackson Five, will join their brother, Michael, onstage for this very special reunion."

However, Jermaine Jackson's manager, Danny O'Donovan, told The Associated Press that Jermaine had not dropped out. He said his client just wanted to make sure early supporters of The Jackson Five would be invited.

"There is no split, no division between the brothers," O'Donovan said. "Michael is doing his anniversary special, and the brothers are all going to do it, and I am hopeful as a manager that they are all going to be there."

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Basketball star **Patrick Ewing** will be called to testify Monday about his encounters with nude dancers at the Gold Club, the lead prosecutor in the case said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Art Leach said Friday former professional wrestling executive Eric Bischoff also would testify next week, as well as former Gold Club dancer Jana Pelnis, who is expected to say that she witnessed dancers having sex with Ewing and Bischoff at the Atlanta strip club.

Prosecutors say club owner Steve Kaplan used the lure of sex to attract professional athletes and celebrities while cheating customers to funnel cash

to New York's Gambino crime family. He and six others are charged with obstruction, credit card fraud, loan sharking and other charges.

In testimony last month, a former Gold Club dancer said she saw a stripper perform a sex act on Ewing in 1996 as Kaplan watched. Ewing, who gained fame as a star for the New York Knicks, played last season for the Seattle SuperSonics and recently signed a free agent contract with the Orlando Magic.

Bischoff was reinstated last year as head of World Championship Wrestling, but the move failed to regain viewers. The rival World Wrestling Federation bought WCW earlier this year.

**ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP)** — After performing a 90-minute concert before an invitation-only audience, **Elton John** put one of his outfits and the piano stool he used in the performance on the auction block to help raise funds for monuments in Russia's former imperial capital.

The beige jacquard Versace suit with matching shoes and the stool brought \$27,000 at the auction late Thursday after the concert at the 18th-century Catherine Palace in the village of Pushkin, just outside St. Petersburg.

Admission to the concert in the gilded hall required a minimum donation of \$1,500. Among those in attendance were Boris Nemtsov, leader of the liberal Union of Right Forces party, and aluminum and oil tycoon Roman Abramovich.

Proceeds from the concert are to be used for restoring crumbling monuments in St. Petersburg and building a new one to commemorate the late Nobel Prize-winning poet **Joseph Brodsky**.

**KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)** — **Desmond Ballentine**, a popular Jamaican musician known as Ninjaman, was in stable condition after being hospitalized with injuries sustained during a domestic dispute.

An argument broke out Wednesday between Ballentine and his live-in girlfriend, police spokeswoman Angela McTaggart said.

A family friend tried to intervene and during the ensuing brawl, allegedly stabbed Ballentine four times in his head. Ballentine also received injuries along his neck and his hand. The family friend, who fled after the skirmish, has not been charged.

"It's pure foolishness," Ballentine told The Associated Press from his hospital room. "It's the one time in my life that I'm sure I never did anything to deserve the (punishment) that I got."

Ballentine has focused his career on dance hall music, a reggae-rap hybrid. He was a popular dance hall deejay in Jamaica during the late 1980s and early 1990s, and has written such songs as "Murder Them."

He served a year in prison for possession of a firearm.

Ballentine is facing a murder charge in the killing of Anthony White, a Jamaican taxi driver. Ballentine has pleaded innocent to the charge.

# For over 34 million taxpayers, no tax refund check is coming

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Bush said Friday that "help is on the way" as the first tax refund checks hit the mail, but more than 34 million taxpayers will get no check — most because the Social Security and Medicare payroll taxes they paid don't count.

The refund checks of up to \$300 for individuals, \$500 for heads of households and \$600 for married couples filing jointly are based on income tax liability during 2000.

Most of those left out paid income taxes during the year, along with their Social Security and Medicare taxes. But they claimed enough credits, such as the \$500 child tax credit and education credits, to get a refund that ultimately reduced their income tax to zero — meaning they don't qualify for a check.

If the Treasury Department's projection of 34 million is accurate, it would mean about one in four taxpayers will get no refund check.

Checks won't be in the mail for taxpayers who were claimed as dependents on someone else's return, even those who had tax liability last year. Nonresident aliens also get nothing.

Bush, speaking via satellite hookup to a tax cut event in Kansas City, Mo., said the refund checks marked the first installment of the 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax relief package he signed into law last month. Even though the president's original budget included no immediate tax relief, Bush said the checks would help stimulate the struggling economy by putting money into people's hands now.

"The combination of this tax relief and lower interest rates should help get it moving again," Bush said from Genoa, Italy, where he is attending an economic summit. "For all those who feel their taxes and bills are too high, and they could use a little help, help is on the way."

Bush spoke at a Treasury Department processing center where some of the first batch of almost 8 million checks were

going out in the mail. Vice President Dick Cheney and Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill also attended what amounted to a celebration of the Republican-led tax cut, Bush's biggest legislative accomplishment during his first six months in office.

Yet Democrats argue that the people most in need of immediate tax relief are those 34 million taxpayers who won't be getting checks. Senate Budget Committee Democrats say the bulk of those people are in the bottom three-fifths of income earners, those making less than \$44,000 a year.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., was careful Friday not to criticize the refund

checks — Democrats actually came up with the idea first — but said they should have been sent to everyone who pays federal taxes, including payroll taxes.

Daschle predicted Republicans could suffer some political backlash because "they're going to raise the expectations for a lot of people that aren't going to get any check at all."

The Internal Revenue Service mailed two separate notices to taxpayers about the checks, which are based on 2000 tax returns. One described how much taxpayers who get checks will receive and when they should arrive; the other listed reasons some wouldn't be getting one.

## City Briefs

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# Suicides put spotlight on baffling disorder

By LINDSEY TANNER  
AP Medical Writer

**CHICAGO (AP)** — A mother of quadruplets flees home and drowns herself in Lake Michigan less than a week after their births.

Another new mother disappears from her house several months after her baby is born and jumps to her death from a 12th-story hotel window.

Aracely Erives, whose body was found in the lake on Wednesday, and Melanie Stokes, who died June 11, were among four new mothers to commit suicide in Chicago over the past two months, authorities say.

The women could have met pushing strollers in the park, sharing stories of sleepless nights, first smiles and favorite lullabies. Instead, at a time that is supposed to bring wondrous joy, they were all struck by postpartum depression.

The condition has been in the spotlight recently because of Andrea Yates, a Houston woman said to have been afflicted with the most severe form of the illness. She is accused of drowning her five children in the bathtub June 20.

Authorities believe the recent cases do not mean there is any surge in postpartum depression-linked violence, but rather reflect a slowly growing awareness of the baffling disorder.

Experts admit they know frustratingly little about postpartum depression and its causes. And some say not enough is being done to detect it before tragedy strikes.

"People dismiss it and say that you can just snap out of it, that you've chosen to feel this way. That is totally wrong," said Lisa Anderson, a Tacoma, Wash., shipping company auditor. She went to several doctors before finding one who took her seriously when she developed postpartum depression after the birth of her third child last year.

Anderson, 33, said she thought her family was better off without her and contemplated suicide. But medication and counseling helped her, and she said women should know "they shouldn't blame themselves for this illness."

Postpartum depression happens in about 10 percent of pregnancies and typically develops within the first few weeks after childbirth, according to the National Institutes of Health.

It is often blamed on the dramatic drop in estrogen and progesterone, pregnancy-sustaining hormones, that occurs with childbirth. But there is little scientific evidence to support that theory, said Dr. Valerie Davis Raskin, a University of Chicago psychiatrist.

An NIH study is seeking to test the theory by using drugs to create a "scaled-down" hormonal

state of pregnancy in non-pregnant women and then measuring their mood after immediate withdrawal of the synthetic hormones.

One problem is trying to figure out which women are susceptible, since all women experience a hormone crash after giving birth but only a fraction develop postpartum depression, Raskin said.

The condition is known to run in families, and women who had had previous mental ailments, including an extreme form of premenstrual syndrome, also face an increased risk, she said.

Women with difficult pregnancies, such as 27-year-old Erives, who spent more than a month on bedrest, are also at risk.

Carol Blocker, Stokes' mother, said her daughter's symptoms began soon after her baby's birth in February.

"She stopped eating, she couldn't sleep, she was very agitated," Blocker said Thursday. "She told me that she felt like a walking zombie. She told me she was a living corpse."

Stokes, 41, was eventually hospitalized and diagnosed with postpartum psychosis, an extreme variation that affects one in 500 to 1,000 women. But she was later sent home.

Stokes' mother is promoting legislation Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill., introduced in her daughter's name that seeks more research and services for postpartum depression victims. "I'm not going to let her die in vain," Blocker said.

The U.S. government does not track postpartum depression-related violence, but estimates that up to 200 U.S. infants a year are killed and many more suicides are committed by afflicted mothers, said Laurence Kruckman, a medical anthropologist at Indiana University in Pennsylvania.

Kruckman said the United States lags behind places like Britain, where all new mothers are evaluated for postpartum depression before they are sent home, and nurses make at least two mandatory home visits to check for symptoms within 40 days of childbirth.

At Indiana Hospital outside Pittsburgh, where Kruckman works as a consultant, all new mothers are screened for postpartum depression and are offered free support-group sessions with their babies where experts look for symptoms.

New York and New Jersey are the only states that require hospitals to give mothers information on postpartum depression, said Sonia Murdock, president of Postpartum Support International, a Santa Barbara, Calif., group.

On the Net:  
Postpartum Support International:  
<http://www.postpartum.net>

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A California company is recalling about 600 baby walkers because they fit through doorways and don't stop at the edge of steps, potentially leading to falls and injuries.

SunTome Trading Corp., of Los Angeles, has not received any reports of injuries, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said Friday.

The recalled baby walker is model number ST-108ST, which is written on the box. "Q BABY" is written on the front of the walker and "MADE IN TAIWAN" is written on back of the seat. They are blue, pink, green, purple and white.

The walkers are packaged in a box labeled "BABY HAND'S," and "COMFORTABLE PAD MADE OF TC CLOTH, WITH FRONT AND BACK GUARD."

Stores in California, Arizona and Texas sold these walkers from January 1998 through July 2001 for between \$18 and \$22.

The safety commission advises consumers to stop using these baby walkers immediately and call the company for return and refund instructions at 1-888-786-8663 between 12:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. EDT Monday through Friday.

Consumers can also call the safety commission at 1-800-638-2772.

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## Sunday morning news shows lineup

ABC's "This Week With Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts" — Pre-empted by coverage of the British Open.

CBS' "Face the Nation" — Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

NBC's "Meet the Press" — Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.; presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin; and William Safire, columnist for The New York Times and former adviser to President Nixon.

## Marine scientists free rope-entangled North Atlantic right whale

**BOSTON (AP)** — Marine scientists freed a North Atlantic right whale entangled in rope Friday but a second whale, one that has been the subject of several failed rescue attempts, continued swimming north with a rope embedded in its jaw.

Two whale watching vessels assisted rescuers who untangled the marine giant from rope and a buoy within hours of its sighting 30 miles east of Portsmouth, N.H., said Joanne Jarzowski, a spokeswoman for the Center for Coastal Studies.

## Weather focus

**PAMPA** - Today, mostly sunny with highs 102 to 106. South to

southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Today night, mostly clear with lows in the upper 70s.

Monday, mostly sunny. Highs 100 to 105. Tuesday through

Friday, mostly clear. Lows in the mid to upper 70s. Highs 100 to 105.

Friday's high was 100; the Saturday morning low 76.

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## COMPANIES

"They are talking about a \$20 million investment with 50 jobs," she said. "We are competing against two other communities in Texas and various other states, so the competition will be severe."

She said Pampa is still being considered three weeks after learning of the possibility of the firm locating in the local area, but she didn't know any additional information.

"It is nothing definite," she said. "It is a proposed project, but I will keep you posted as much as I can on that project."

Tripplehorn said many times she has projects come across that she cannot share with the public because of the company's request. "But, as much as I can, I try to keep you informed."

Another proposal is much more preliminary, said Tripplehorn, and "just barely on the table." She said she met with a company Friday, July 13, showing them the community. "They are very interested in building a power generation plant in the Texas Panhandle," she said. "That is a huge project."

They have to evaluate whether they can use natural gas or coal more efficiently, she said. She said the project from start to finish would take seven years.

The project would be a \$460 million investment,

and would be 60-80 jobs. Fifteen would be operator positions and remainder would be maintenance type jobs.

The annual payroll would be \$4.8 million and it would take \$60 million a year to operate such a plant, she said.

"We know in Texas, because we are moving towards deregulation that power plant companies are moving into the state," she said. "This happens to be a company which is already in Texas and is a company that is just completing two brand new power plants in the state."

She said it would "really be wonderful" to land such a project such as this, but cautioned the project was very, very preliminary.

"During the construction phase, which would take two or three years, it would require 1,200 people," she said.

The company is now evaluating the project cost based on the feasibility of using natural gas versus coal.

Giving a comparison of what coal would mean, Tripplehorn said Celanese uses 12,000 tons of coal a day and gets a 100 car coal train every seven to 12 days. She said the power plant project would require 66,000 tons of coal daily, requiring a 100 car coal train.

She said obtaining the power plant is a "long, long way" down the road.

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## SIGN-UP

Numerous documents are required in order to register the children. All the documents must be presented at the Aug. 3 registration.

The required documents are child's birth certificate, child's social security card, immunization records, child's documentation of disability (if applicable), income verification (2 months in a row of the most recent stubs or a letter from your employer with the last two months of wages or last

tax return), child care documentation (two months of most recent receipts of child care) or a letter from care giver with the last two months of charges and proof of all public assistance.

Forms of assistance include TANF, WIC, Medicaid/Texas Healthy Steps/CHIPS, foster care adoption subsidy, unemployment insurance, energy assistance program, Title V, HUD, CCMS, SSI, and food stamp case letter.

All applications for enrollment in the 4-year-old school program must be made on Aug. 3, said school officials.

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## LONESTAR

"It's humbling that so many need this kind of basic care," said Sgt. Chief Corpsman George Herrera, 51, a Navy reservist.

Many of the reservists are doctors, dentists and medical professionals with regular practices all over the nation. Operation Lonestar pulls in personnel from the U.S. Navy Reserve, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Texas Department of Health and the Texas Disaster Medical Assistance Team.

The patients they see often don't know about state-sponsored health programs for the uninsured. Others are undocumented immigrants who are frightened clinic officials will alert immigration about them. Just about all are unable to afford a doctor's visit.

According to the state health department, 32 percent of children and 40 percent of adults along the

border lack medical coverage.

One of the most frequent treatments at Operation Lonestar is school vaccinations.

Failure to get required school physicals often delays children's entry to school, said Benito Saenz, a representative of La Joya Independent School District, a district that ballooned from fewer than 3,000 students in 1980 to 18,400 students last year.

Francesco Marin, a 58-year-old from Mission, said his entire inheritance was going to pay a \$20,000 hospital bill for a lung problem earlier this year. He left the Operation Lonestar clinic Friday with four bottles of prescription medicine.

"In the pharmacy, these medicines would cost me \$200," he said.

On the Net:  
Texas Dept. of Health:  
<http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/>

# Doctors unhappy with veto

AUSTIN (AP) — Nearly 80 people, mostly physicians, have sent letters to Gov. Rick Perry criticizing his decision last month to veto a bill that would have forced insurance companies to pay doctors' claims more quickly.

Many of those doctors who wrote the letters, provided to the Austin American-Statesman under the state's public information laws, said they would not support Perry in the 2002 election.

"I will work vigorously in your upcoming election ... to make sure that you don't get re-elected. Remember every doctor talks to patients, i.e. voters every day; we can be a powerful force," C. Martin Persons, a Fort Worth doctor, wrote in a letter to Perry. Persons said he had to borrow \$75,000 last year to keep his practice afloat as he waited for late insurance payments.

Some who wrote the letters are contributors to the Texas Medical Association's political action committee, which has decided for now not to endorse a gubernatorial candidate, the newspaper reported.

Doctors and hospitals contributed \$395,000 to Perry's cam-

paign from 1997 to 2000, according to a preliminary analysis conducted by Texans for Public Justice, a nonpartisan watchdog group. The TMA political action committee, which had been neutral in Perry's 1998 race for lieutenant governor, contributed nearly \$50,000.

Insurance companies and health maintenance organizations, which supported the veto, gave Perry \$536,000 during the same time period.

Perry defended his veto of the bill in a letter to 43,000 doctors last month, saying the bill would have prevented insurers from settling disputes through alternate methods or binding arbitration, encouraged frivolous lawsuits and driven up the cost of health insurance.

Many of the doctors said they felt blindsided when the measure was among Perry's 82 vetoes, especially since the Texas Hospital Association had already endorsed him for 2002.

Perry's office said it was trying to pressure insurance companies to pay their bills more quickly and believes the Department of Insurance can resolve the problems, without a new law in place.

Perry has told HMO representatives and insurance companies that he expects prompt payment to physician and health care providers and reminded them of state law that requires payment within 45 days, Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt said. She said failure to comply could result in a \$1,000 claim per day fine.

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# Business highlights ...

### Protester killed in summit riot

GENOA, Italy (AP) — Club-wielding riot police and violent protesters clashed Friday with deadly consequences as leaders of the world's seven wealthiest nations vowed to fight AIDS and global economic woes.

With miles of fence-and-concrete barricades isolating them from tens of thousands of protesters — one of whom was fatally shot — President Bush and six European leaders issued a joint statement saying the right policies were in place to avert a global recession, though the economy "has slowed more than expected."

Their summit overshadowed, the frustrated leaders pressed forward with an agenda designed to show sympathy for causes espoused by some demonstrators: An AIDS plan for Third World countries that includes \$1.2 billion in initial pledges, as well as economic relief for poor nations. They also pledged to rally their sluggish economies and open a new round of global trade talks.

### Losses drag down firm's bottom line

DETROIT (AP) — Continued losses at DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group dragged down the company's bottom line in the second quarter. But the division still performed better than financial analysts expected and executives predicted the company would meet 2001 turnaround targets laid out at earlier this year.

Even so, in the short term, the world's No. 5 auto company warned results would take a hit in the third quarter as a weak auto market undermines U.S. car sales and its fragile commercial truck unit. In the April-June period, DaimlerChrysler saw a 58 percent decline in net profit to 731 million euros (\$619 million), from 1.7 billion euros a year ago — but still managed to beat forecasts.

### Government expected to grant waiver

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is expected to approve the acquisition of television station owner Chris-Craft Industries by News Corp., parent of the Fox network, giving the companies waivers to comply with certain media rules, according to a source familiar with the matter.

The Federal Communications Commission could clear the merger Friday in the coming days, said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity, and is likely to sign off on the deal by a split 3-2 vote.

The agency's review of the merger, announced nearly a year ago, had been held up as the commission waited for its new members to get settled and acquaint themselves with the issues raised by the deal.

### Merck & Co. posts profit increase

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Merck & Co. posted a 5 percent increase in second-quarter profit, driven by sales of six key medicines and increased revenue at its pharmacy benefit business.

The drug company said Friday its net income rose to \$1.8 billion, or 78 cents per share, for the

April-June period, up from \$1.7 billion, or 73 cents per share, a year ago.

Revenue increased 25 percent to \$11.9 billion for the quarter from \$9.5 billion a year ago.

Last month Whitehouse Station-based Merck lowered its earnings estimates for the quarter to between 77 cents and 79 cents per share, citing lower-than-anticipated sales of arthritis and pain drug Vioxx and adverse effects from foreign exchange rates.

The second quarter results matched the revised expectations of analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial/First Call.

### Gillette has profit despite lower sales

BOSTON (AP) — Gillette Co. posted a profit despite lower sales in the second quarter, meeting Wall Street expectations after reporting a loss in the period a year ago.

Gillette said Thursday it earned \$232 million, or 22 cents per share, in the April-June period in contrast to a loss of \$131 million, or 31 cents a share, a year ago as it absorbed costs related to the pending sale of its stationery business. The latest results matched expectations by analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial/First Call.

In trading Friday on the New York Stock Exchange, Gillette shares rose 14 cents to close at \$29.45.

Sales fell 5 percent to \$2.12 billion from \$2.22 billion a year ago.

### Judge refuses to block bank merger

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — A judge refused to block the merger of Wachovia Corp. and First Union Corp., rejecting in Friday's ruling a request by rival suitor SunTrust Banks Inc.

But he rejected as "invalid and unenforceable" a non-termination clause that would, for several months, block Wachovia from merging with another bank if the agreement with First Union fell through.

The 64-page ruling could be a major blow to SunTrust in its attempt to buy Wachovia, based in Winston-Salem.

### Merrill Lynch to pay former client

NEW YORK (AP) — Merrill Lynch & Co. agreed to pay a former client \$400,000 to settle allegations that he was misled by overly bullish research by Internet stock analyst Henry Blodget as well as information provided by his broker at the Wall Street powerhouse.

In an arbitration case filed in March with the New York Stock Exchange, Debasis Kanjilal claimed that he lost about \$518,000 in the Internet stock Infospace Inc. due to the fact that Blodget had kept a "buy" recommendation on the stock as Merrill Lynch as the firm brokered a deal to get another Web company bought by Infospace.

Kanjilal, 46, a pediatrician and father of two who had been trying to build his children's education fund, also claimed that he lost about \$311,000 in JDS Uniphase Inc. due to a long-term inflated rating, according to the case filing.

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Texas Editorials

**By The Associated Press**  
 A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas:  
 Waco Tribune-Herald on a moratorium on endangered species lawsuits:

The Bush administration stirred up a hornet's nest of controversy when it asked Congress to remove from the Endangered Species Act a provision that permits environmental groups and individuals to sue the federal government to get plants and animals on the endangered list.

Despite the controversy, Bush should stick to his guns. He was right to call for a temporary halt in the glut of lawsuits attempting to add to more than 1,200 plants and animals currently protected as endangered.

The 26-year-old old Endangered Species Act has gone far beyond the law envisioned by the 92 senators and 355 House members who voted for the legislation that President Richard Nixon happily signed into law on Dec. 28, 1973.

The debate leading up to the approval of the act concentrated on the need to protect the bald eagle, America's national symbol. Other majestic animals mentioned included the whooping crane, grizzly bears and the California condor.

The bill would never have gotten out of committee had any member of Congress imagined that this proposal would one day be used to stop practically any targeted development, strip property owners of their rights, obtain private property for public use without compensation to the owners, clog courts with lawsuits, bring gridlock to government regulatory operations and put millions of acres of public land off limits to most human use, such as 4 million acres recently designated as critical habitat for the California red-legged frog.

Lawmakers who passed the act realized their efforts had gone awry when the law was used to block completion of a Tennessee Valley Authority dam that supposedly threatened a tiny fish called a snail darter.

The dam was on federal land so lawmakers overrode their own law. After the dam was completed it was learned that the snail darter never was threatened in the first place.

Congress can solve its problems with the law, but not average Americans.

All Bush has proposed is a one-year halt to new lawsuits so the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service can start to catch up with the backlog of lawsuits from environmental groups and individuals attempting to add new species to the endangered list.

Bush has been pummeled by environmental groups for his proposal, which is the same proposal requested by the Clinton administration.

Bruce Babbitt, Interior secretary in the Clinton administration, publicly agrees with Bush.

Babbitt says the glut of lawsuits brought by environmentalists has forced the government to divert its best scientists from more important duties.

Bush not only should hold his ground on his proposal, he should go further by proposing that Congress replace the Endangered Species Act with a flexible, common sense law that keeps public lands open for broad public use and protects both landowners and endangered species.

From our files

**40 years ago**  
**SUNDAY, July 23, 1961.** Four Pampa young people brought the story of the Pampa Revival, scheduled for Aug. 14-20, to members of the Pampa Kiwanis Club at their weekly meeting in First Methodist Church Friday.

**MONDAY, July 24, 1961.** Members of the industrial team working with the Industrial Committee of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce are busy processing data to be included in a new brochure being prepared to provide detailed information on Pampa and its surrounding area for industries considering location sites.

**TUESDAY, July 25, 1961.** Police Chief Jim Conner said today he had received complaints from several sections of the city on the parking of cars across city sidewalks.

**25 years ago**  
**THURSDAY, July 22, 1976.** Kim Morrison, 15, who was selected Pampa's Babe Ruth Baseball Queen last month, captured the state title in Seminole early this week.

**FRIDAY, July 23, 1976.** City commissioners finalized Pampa's proposed operating budget for fiscal 1976-77 Thursday night at \$3,243,875, an increase of \$212,000 over the current year's budget.

**SUNDAY, July 25, 1976.** Vincent Price, actor and art collector and commentator, will appear in Pampa... in a program sponsored by the Pampa Fine Arts Association.

**10 years ago**  
**MONDAY, July 22, 1991.** Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. will be presenting a program, "Thoughts on Education," for the monthly Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce membership luncheon Tuesday.

**WEDNESDAY, July 24, 1991.** Pampa city commissioners learned Tuesday night during their regular session at City Hall they will have to come up with \$11,000 to help fund the school district's settlement with Hoechst Celanese over an agreeable tax rate.

**THURSDAY, July 25, 1991.** Officials with Harbert Construction, general contractor for the new Jordan Unit prison being built east of Pampa, said preliminary work on the site is moving ahead of schedule.

Lots of pig talk going around

Seems there's been lots of pig talk going around while I have been out of town. I hate that I've missed it as it is an interesting topic.

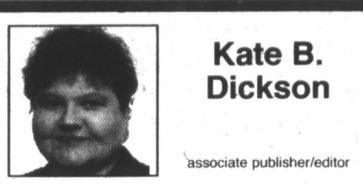
In our news page writing, we've been accused by some of being "pro pig" and by others that we're "anti-pig." So, I guess we must be doing a pretty decent job of reporting.

Of course, on the editorial page — this page — we can have our say. And, frankly, there is no united front among my co-workers or "official" editorial stance on the subject. Some want it, some don't. "It" being the big National Pig Development hog farm that's proposed.

Personally, I know Pampa needs more money, but I'm not sure I want to see it in the form of a pig farm with 45 acres of poop lagoons, poop sprayers and poop ground injectors. But I have co-workers who say they'll take money any way it comes to Pampa and Gray County.

Speaking of poop, for those of you connected to the Internet, there's one site that keeps up with poop production... in North Carolina only, I think. That poor state has been hit heavy with an abundance of hog farms... and that's the state from which NPD hails. It also seems that NPD, at the attorney's general's behest, is going to change methods of dealing with waste i.e. no more lagoons.

In fairness, the eastern North Carolina hog farms were hard hit a couple of years back when a hurricane — I can't recall its name — did just what the recent hurricane did to Houston. And that was sit and sit and dump rain upon rain upon rain. Some lagoons and confined hog operations were flooded.



Kate B. Dickson  
 associate publisher/editor

Poop everywhere. Dead hogs floating around. And we don't have too many floods in the Texas Panhandle.

I think North Carolina is cracking down, as is Oklahoma, and we're going to see more and more hog farms move to Texas. The panhandle to be specific.

I think these websites ran with a story while I was gone to check on my mother but I'm running them again... and it is the hogwatch site that has the poop counter. I think I've mentioned it before.

smithfieldfoods.com  
 www.hogwatch.org  
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The Smithfield Foods site is related to NPD as NPD is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Smithfield Foods, according to a spokesman at the recent town (pig) meeting.

Oh. Be sure and read letters to the editor today. There are some pig-related ones. And if you want to share your opinion, on pigs or anything else, we

need your letters by noon every Wednesday. All letters run on Sunday.

On another subject, many of you keep up with my mother, Sugah, through my column. And I've appreciated your comments and prayers about/for her. She's in a rehab unit but has had a tough go. Among other things, she crossed her legs some way a week ago (bad with hip replacements) and popped the new ball out of the new socket. The surgeon said it took six folks to "wrestle" the artificial parts back in place. She was put under for that, thankfully.

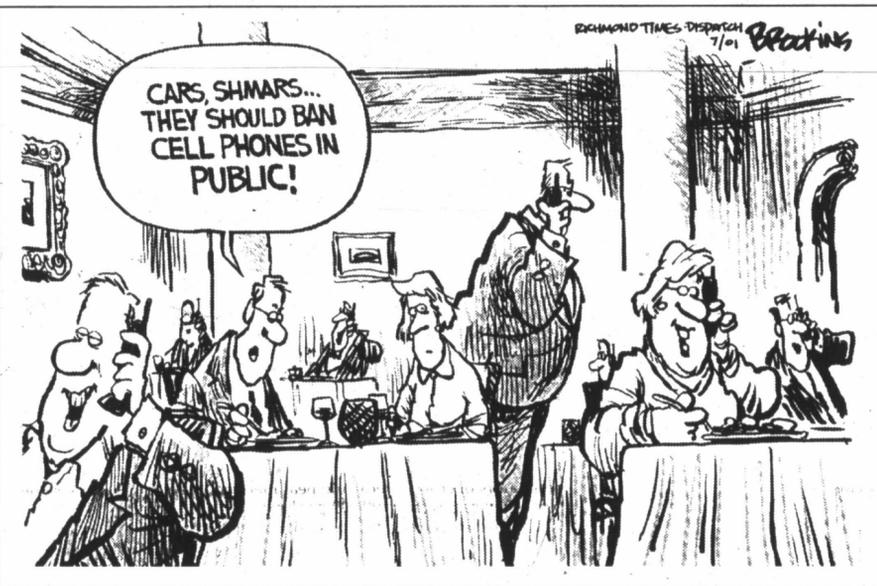
I just don't know. When I was checking over some of today's pages I paused to read a story on the medical page about broken hips. Seems that half the people who go to rehab from that injury never walk on their own again and 40 percent have to go to a long-term care facility.

Certainly I know our family is not the only one in this boat. And that fact was made more real as I saw and talked with other people whose parents or grandparents are in the same rehab unit with Sugah.

And while I'm on this subject, I'd like to say a special thanks to all of you who do work with the elderly and show them compassion... it isn't an easy job and the monetary reward is far from enough.

I know I am only one among many who feel that way. And if you aren't told every day you are appreciated someone dropped the ball.

My e-mail is back. The way I freaked you'd think it was something I'd had all my life and couldn't live without. The address is: kbd@pan-tex.net



Today in history

**By The Associated Press**  
 Today is Sunday, July 22, the 203rd day of 2001. There are 162 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
 On July 22, 1933, American aviator Wiley Post completed the first solo flight around the world in seven days, 18 3/4 hours.

**On this date:**  
 In 1796, Cleveland, Ohio, was founded by Gen. Moses Cleaveland.

In 1916, a bomb went off during a Preparedness Day parade in San Francisco, killing 10 people.

In 1934, a man identified as bank robber John Dillinger was shot to death by federal agents outside Chicago's Biograph Theater.

In 1937, the Senate rejected President Franklin D. Roosevelt's proposal to add more justices to the Supreme Court.

In 1942, gasoline rationing with coupons began along the Atlantic seaboard.

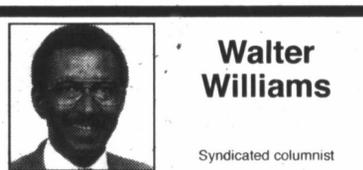
American contempt for rule of law

What should be the characteristics of laws in a free society?

Let's think about baseball rules (laws) as a means to approach this question. Some players, through no fault of their own, hit fewer home runs than others. In order to create baseball justice, how about a rule requiring pitchers to throw easier pitches to poorer home-run hitters, or simply rule what would be a double for anyone else a home run?

Some pitchers aren't as good as others. How about allowing those pitchers to stand closer to the batter? Better yet, we could rule their first pitch a strike, regardless whether it is or not. In the interest of baseball justice, we might make special rules for some players and not others. That might level the playing field between old players and young players, black players and white players, and fast runners and slow runners.

You say: "Williams, you can't be serious! Can you imagine all the chaos that would ensue: players lobbying umpires, umpires deciding who gets what favor, lawsuits and not to mention fighting?" You're absolutely right. The reason baseball games end peacefully — and players and team owners are satisfied with the process, whether they win or lose — is that baseball rules (law) are in advance; they are applicable to all players; they're fixed; and umpires don't make up



Walter Williams  
 Syndicated columnist

rules as they go along. In other words, baseball rules meet the test of "abstractness." They envision no particular game outcome in terms of winners and losers. Baseball rules (laws) simply create a framework in which the game is played.

Laws or rules that govern a free society should have similar features. There should be "rule of law." Rule of law means that laws are certain and known in advance. Laws envision no particular outcome, except that of allowing people to peacefully pursue their own objectives. Finally, and most important, laws are equally applied to everyone, including government officials.

Sir Henry Maine, probably the greatest legal historian, said: "The greatest movement of progressive societies has hitherto been a movement from status to contract." In non-progressive societies, rule of law is absent. Laws are not general. They're applied according to a person's status or

group membership. There's rule not by legis, the Latin word for law, but by privileges, the Latin term for private law.

Let's look at our country and ask whether we live under rule of law. Just about every law that Congress enacts violates all of the requirements for rule of law. How do we determine violations of rule of law? It's easy.

See if the law applies to particular Americans as opposed to all Americans. See if the law exempts public officials from its application. See if the law is known in advance. See if the law takes action against a person who has taken no aggressive action against another.

If you conduct such a test, you will conclude that it is virtually impossible to find a single act of Congress that adheres to the principles of the rule of law. That's the very reason lobbyists descend upon Washington and cough up the big campaign bucks. They want Congress to use its law-making power to grant them special privileges. But every indication I see, privilege granting is precisely what most Americans want, though they might disagree on who gets what privilege.

Most Americans have no inkling of what rule of law means. We think it means obedience to whatever laws Congress enacts and the president signs. That's a tragedy.

Many are Southerners philosophically

Most of the political problems in this country won't be settled until more folks realize the South was right.

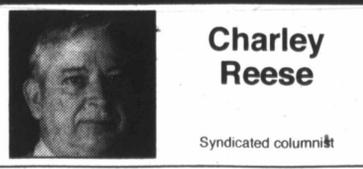
I know that goes against the P.C. edicts, but the fact is that on the subject of the constitutional republic, the Confederate leaders were right and the Northern Republicans were wrong.

Many people today even argue the Confederate positions without realizing it.

For example, if you argue for strict construction of the Constitution, you are arguing the Confederate position; when you oppose pork-barrel spending, you are arguing the Confederate position; and when you oppose protective tariffs, you are arguing the Confederate position; and when you argue for the Bill of Rights, you are arguing the Confederate position; and when you argue that the Constitution limits the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, you are arguing the Confederate position.

One of the things that gets lost when you adopt the politically correct oversimplification that the War Between the States was a Civil War all about slavery is a whole treasure load of American political history.

It was not a civil war. A civil war is when two or more factions contend for control of one government. At no time did the South intend or



Charley Reese  
 Syndicated columnist

attempt to overthrow the government of the United States. The Southern states simply withdrew from what they correctly viewed as a voluntary union. They formed their own union and adopted their own constitution.

The U.S. government remained intact. There were just fewer states, but everything else remained as exactly as it was. You can be sure that, with as much bitterness and hatred of the South that there was in the North, the Northerners would have tried Confederates for treason if there had been any grounds. There weren't, and the South's worst enemy knew that.

Abraham Lincoln's invasion of the South was entirely without any constitutional authority. And it's as plain as an elephant in a tea party that Lincoln did not seek to preserve the Union to end slavery. All you have to do is read his

first inaugural address. What Lincoln didn't want to lose was tax revenue generated by the South.

As Northern states gained a majority in both houses, they began to use the South as a cash cow. Here's how it worked: Most Southerners who exported cotton bartered the cotton in Europe for goods. When the protective tariffs were imposed, that meant Southerners had to pay them. To make matters worse, the North would then use the revenue for pork-barrel projects in its states. The South was faced with either paying high tariffs and receiving no benefits from the revenue or buying artificially high-priced Northern goods.

Southerners opposed pork-barrel spending. Their correct view was that, because the federal government was merely the agent of all the states, whatever money it spent should be of equal benefit. Their position on public lands was that they belonged to all the people and the federal government had no authority to give the lands away to private interests.

Northerners had announced they would not be bound by the Constitution. What you had was the rise of modern nationalism fighting the original republic founded by the American Revolution. So, regardless of where you were born, you may be a Southerner philosophically.

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## State starts Anthrax education program

AUSTIN — Recently parts of the state have been plagued by outbreaks of Anthrax. In an effort to educate Texans on this deadly disease, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) is releasing a free brochure and other materials in a public awareness campaign.

According to the TAHC, Anthrax is a naturally occurring disease with worldwide distribution. It is caused by *Bacillus anthracis*, a spore-forming bacteria that can remain alive, but dormant in the soil for many years. The bacteria can "bloom" and contaminate surface soil and grass after periods of wet, cool weather, followed by several weeks of hot, dry conditions.

Grazing animals — such as cattle, sheep, goats, exotic and domestic deer, and horses — ingest anthrax bacteria when they consume contaminated grass. By the time an animal displays signs of disease, including staggering, trembling, convulsions, or bleeding from body openings, death usually follows.

Domestic and wild swine are fairly resistant to anthrax and although they may become ill, some of these animals recover fully.

Anthrax outbreaks depend on two factors working together — the presence of the spores in the soil and suitable weather conditions. Outbreaks usually end when cool weather arrives and the bacteria becomes dormant.

An outbreak may occur one year, but not the next. Death loss may occur in one pasture, while animals nearby remain healthy.

Anthrax can occur anywhere, but in Texas, cases most often are confined to a triangular area bounded by the towns of Uvalde, Ozona and Eagle Pass.

This area includes portions of Crockett, Val Verde, Sutton, Edwards, Kinney and Maverick Counties. In these counties, many livestock producers routinely vaccinate livestock against the disease.

By mid-July 2001, seven ranches in Val Verde, Uvalde and Edwards had laboratory confirmed cases of anthrax in deer and livestock. Private veterinary practitioners and ranchers in these counties and Real, Kinney and western Bandera Counties also had reported losses due to the disease. A "significant" white-tailed deer death loss was reported in southeast Edwards and southwest Real Counties.

When anthrax outbreak begins, veterinarians will have the initial cases confirmed through lab tests conducted at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station. Subsequent cases in an outbreak are to be expected and may be diagnosed clinically, based on disease signs and sudden death loss.

An effective anthrax vaccine can be purchased through private veterinary practitioners, feed stores or animal health product distributors. The injection can be administered by private veterinary practitioners or ranchers and is recommended for livestock residing in or near an outbreak or animals that will be moved into the area, such as horses transported to trail rides.

When administering the vaccine, wear a long-sleeved shirt and use latex or work gloves to prevent skin contamination with this "live" vaccine. Consult your physician for treatment if you suffer a "needle stick," splash vaccine in cuts or scratches, or if you develop a sore after handling vaccine or livestock.

During an outbreak, white-tailed deer often suf-

fer the most from the disease as they cannot be "rounded up" and handled like domestic or farmed exotic livestock. Furthermore, the anthrax vaccine has not been approved for use in deer.

To prevent contaminating the ground with the anthrax spores or organisms, TAHC regulations require that property or livestock owners thoroughly burn carcasses of animals that may have died from anthrax.

Wear long sleeves and protect your hands with gloves, and do not move or open bloated carcasses, as this could release bacteria into the air, causing further disease spread. Do not salvage hides, horns, antlers or any other tissue from the carcasses.

If the animal was housed in a barn, burn the animal's bedding, manure and the surrounding soil. To disinfect panels, trailers or equipment, use an ammonia-based disinfectant, labeled as effective for anthrax. Follow label directions to prevent respiratory irritation!

Pastures cannot be disinfected with chemicals. Only burning ensures that anthrax bacteria has been killed.

Due to environmental concerns, do not use heavy oils or tires to burn carcasses!

Fuels permitted by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) include gasoline, diesel or wood. Care should be taken to keep fires from "getting out of hand."

In counties under a burn ban, burning must be coordinated with local fire authorities.

Vaccinate healthy livestock and move the animals away from the carcasses, to clean pastures, if possible.

### •Other Safety Precautions:

—Wash your hands thoroughly after handling livestock. Ranchers can contract a skin form of anthrax that requires specific antibiotic treatment. See your physician if you develop a sore or lesions after handling vaccine or livestock or burning carcasses.

—Keep dogs out of pastures and away from carcasses during an anthrax outbreak. Although dogs are reportedly resistant to anthrax, they can develop infection from the bacteria and may require treatment.

—Do not swim in stock tanks or stagnant ponds in pastures where death losses have occurred. Streams are considered safer, as the moving water will dilute organisms. Report animal carcasses in streams or rivers to local sheriff or police departments.

—During an outbreak, do not consume wild hogs shot in an affected area. Swine may have fed on carcasses. Although swine are resistant to anthrax, they may temporarily harbor the bacteria.

—During cool weather, wild hogs will be free of the disease. As always, the TAHC recommends hunters wear latex gloves when processing game, to prevent potential exposure to bacteria, viruses or parasites. Thoroughly cooked meat is considered safe to eat.

—Do not collect antlers, skulls or horns from animals. Anthrax can survive, even if bones are bleached.

Anthrax is a reportable disease, and the TAHC is to be notified of confirmed and suspected cases. Reports can be made to TAHC area offices, or to the TAHC headquarters at 1-800-550-8242, where a veterinarian is on call 24-hours a day.

## Pests, weather devastate bee numbers; wipe out half of Maryland's bees

DUNKIRK, Md. (AP) — With bare hands, Bob Cory reaches into the swirl of bees around the hives he keeps in his back yard.

Wearing a protective white suit, he pulls out a white board and scans it closely, ignoring the buzzing cloud that jumps when he disturbs the bee colony.

Cory is hunting for the tiny red dots that are varroa mites, a voracious pest that latches onto honey bees and sucks their blood like a tick. They can decimate an entire colony in less than a year.

"Imagine you had a tick on you the size of a softball," he said. "That's what it's like for the honey bee."

Cory was lucky this year. Varroa and other mites destroyed only seven of the 15 hives he tends in southern Maryland. But that's more than the usual two that Cory, 75, loses over the winter.

A combination of pesticide-resistant mites and wet weather has devastated bee populations, wiping out more than half of Maryland's bees and clobbering hives in many regions of the country.

Beekeepers now struggle to rebuild their colonies, while farmers who rely on the insects to pollinate their crops have difficulty finding available hives to place in their fields.

Bee colonies from Massachusetts to Illinois were socked by varroa and mites that infest the bee's breathing tubes. Vermont, the largest honey producer in New England, lost 20 percent of its hives. Along the East Coast, some keepers' losses have approached 90 percent.

The losses have been especially tough on Maryland's 898 recreational and commercial beekeepers, who rent their hives to farmers and tap them for honey.

"It was one of the worst seasons we've experienced in the past 30 years and the worst I've seen in my 20 years of beekeeping," said Dean Burroughs, president of the Maryland State Beekeepers Association.

Burroughs and other commercial beekeepers have been scrambling to meet the demand from farmers who depend on bees to pollinate their watermelon, apple, strawberry and other crops.

Burroughs lost roughly 60 percent of his 110 hives last winter, and he has been busy spreading the remaining colonies on fields around Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Even with modern farming equipment, bees are the most efficient pollinators of crops, producing healthier and larger fruits and vegetables. They can average 20,000 per hive.

A recent Cornell University study estimated that regular honey bee pollination adds between \$5 billion to \$20 billion of value to crop production each year nationally.

The bee shortage started last summer, when heavy rains washed away much of the flower nectar that bees collect to make honey, the food they depend on during winter months.

Many colonies weren't able to store up the roughly 60 pounds they need to survive the winter, leading to starvation. Beekeepers like Cory fed sugar to their hives, but couldn't make up for the honey shortage.

Bees heading into the winter already were weakened by infestations of mites. Imported to the United States from Asia in the mid-1980s, varroa had been kept in check by chemically treated strips placed in the hives. This year, though, many farmers found the mites had devel-

oped a resistance to the pesticide.

Varroa are especially destructive because they also attack bee larvae, either killing developing bees or causing serious deformities when they hatch.

Keepers like Burroughs have tried to replenish their hives by buying new queen bees through the mail. They then split their surviving hives among the new queens.

"Most beekeepers have built up their strength this spring, but they're not going to make much of a crop of honey this year," said I. Barton Smith, the Maryland Department of Agriculture's apary inspector.

On the Net: Maryland State Beekeepers Association: <http://iaa.umd.edu/mdbee/mdbee.html>

## Extension service issues area reports

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service AgriPartner Report for Gray, Roberts, Carson and Wheeler Counties is as follows:

The second flight of corn borer moths is under way. These moths will lay eggs that will hatch into the second generation of corn borer. It is the second generation of borers that most often requires an insecticide application to prevent economic losses in corn. Bt corn should not require a corn borer insecticide application.

Western corn rootworm adults continue to emerge. The time for adult rootworm suppression is likely past. Insecticide applications to control adults are generally made 10- to 12-days after adults begin to emerge which in most areas of the Texas Panhandle was the last week of June.

Spider mites are increasing but in general remain on the light side. Reproductive corn and hot, dry weather favor mite buildup. Closely monitor fields, for mites can increase rapidly especially in fields that have had an insecticide application for corn borers or adult rootworms.

Greenbugs are beginning to increase in area sorghum. Most infestations are below the economic threshold but may build rapidly in full canopy sorghum especially with this hot, dry weather.

Corn leaf aphids are common in area sorghum. This aphid does very little damage to

sorghum, so don't confuse it with greenbug. Corn leaf aphids serve as hosts for lady beetles and parasitic wasps. Once these beneficials establish themselves on corn leaf aphids, they will be in place to control greenbugs when they begin to develop.

Cotton fleahoppers can be found in most area cotton, but only a few fields have needed an insecticide application. Square set in general has been fairly good throughout the area.

Some cotton aphid activity is reported; however, lady beetles, nabids and spiders seem to be keeping the aphids under control at this time.

Pheromone traps continue to catch very few boll weevils. A few punctuated squares are reported but numbers are way below economic threshold.

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## Texas Department of Health issues health precautions for hot summer weather

AUSTIN — Hot and getting hotter. That's often the weather forecast day after day in Texas in the summer. And while sunny days are the norm, intense heat can pose serious health problems even for those who are used to the scorchers.

Preliminary data from the bureau of vital statistics at the Texas Department of Health (TDH) show 58 deaths from heat-related causes last year. Most often, the elderly, the very young, people with other illnesses or those without access to air conditioning are the victims of intense, prolonged heat.

The body normally cools itself by sweating, but the combination of high temperatures and high humidity can cause this natural cooling system to work overtime. Dehydration and heat illness can result if a person does not replace fluids and salts lost during perspiration. Also, when humidity is high, sweat does not evaporate efficiently, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly. This heating of the body to dangerous levels may result in a heat illness.

Symptoms of heat illness include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches. People with these symptoms should find shade, drink water and make sure there is good ventilation.

If fluids are not replaced soon, heat stroke can follow causing extremely high body temperature, red and dry skin, rapid pulse, confusion, brain damage, loss of consciousness and, eventually, death. For severe symptoms, get the victim into shade, call for emergency medical services and start cooling the person immediately with cool water or by fanning.

Staying in an air-conditioned area, either at home or in a public place such as a mall, library or recreation center, is the most efficient way to combat heat. If air conditioning is not available, pull the shades over the windows and use cross-ventilation and fans to cool rooms. In times of high temperatures and high humidity, however, turn off the fans or aim them through a window to blow the hot air out. A cool shower or bath also is an effective way to cool off. Limit the use of stoves and ovens to keep home temperatures lower.

Children especially can quickly become dehydrated. They need to drink fluids frequently, especially water, and wear light, loose clothes. Avoid drinks that are heavily sweetened or contain caffeine. Check on children often, especially if they are playing outside in high temperatures.

Other heat precautions include:

—Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle during hot weather.

—Drink plenty of fluids, but avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or a lot of sugar. Start drinking fluids before going out into the heat.

—Plan strenuous outdoor activity for early morning or in the evening when the temperature is lower.

—Take frequent breaks when working outside.

—Wear sun block, hats and light, loose-fitting clothes.

—Stay indoors and in air conditioning as much as possible.

—Eat more frequently, but be sure meals are well balanced and light.

—Avoid dressing infants in heavy clothing or wrapping them in warm blankets.

—Check frequently on people who are elderly, ill or may need help.

—Check with a doctor about the effects of sun and heat when taking prescription drugs, especially diuretics or antihistamines.

—At first signs of heat illness — dizziness, nausea, headaches, muscle cramps — move to a cooler place, rest a few minutes, then slowly drink a cool beverage. Seek medical attention immediately if conditions do not improve.

—Pay attention to pets. Be sure they have plenty of water, and do not leave them closed up in parked cars or hot buildings.

The best defense against heat-related illness is prevention. Staying cool, drinking plenty of fluids, wearing cool clothing and monitoring outdoor activities all are key to staying healthy in hot weather.

## Researchers find evidence hearts can repair themselves

By STEPHANIE NANO  
Associated Press Writer

laboratory-grown stem cells to stimulate the growth of new heart muscle.

Challenging decades of medical dogma, researchers have discovered that damaged hearts can repair themselves by growing brand-new muscle cells.

With this discovery, researchers hope to eventually find ways to boost the heart's ability to mend itself after a heart attack or heart failure.

"The recognition that this mechanism exists and, in the future, the ability to recruit this mechanism, opens up entirely new prospects for novel kinds of therapy for heart attacks," said Dr. Eduardo Marban of Johns Hopkins University, chairman of the American Heart Association's council on basic cardiovascular sciences.

Until now, experts had assumed that the heart — unlike other body parts, such as skin and bone — could not form new heart cells. It was thought that once the heart was damaged, the damage was irreversible.

"The bottom line: We didn't know before. Now we know that heart cells divide. It's obviously highly significant," said David Finkelstein of the National Institute on Aging, which helped fund the research. "If one could find a way to turn on this division, it would be very important."

For example, Marban said, heart attack patients in a matter of just a few years might routinely be given injections of their own

The researchers examined 13 hearts after fatal heart attacks and found a significant amount of new cardiac muscle being formed in two areas of the heart. Their findings were reported recently in *New England Journal of Medicine*.

"This is probably the most compelling demonstration that heart muscle cells can regenerate and therefore repair damage," said Dr. Piero Anversa, who conducted the research at New York Medical College in Valhalla, N.Y.

The damaged hearts were from patients who had died four to 12 days after suffering a heart attack. During a heart attack, blockage of a coronary artery cuts off the blood supply to the heart, killing off part of the heart muscle. The damaged hearts were compared with 10 hearts from people who died from injuries or other ailments.

The researchers focused on two areas of the heart — one next to the damaged portion and one more remote. They checked for evidence of cell division by looking for a protein present when cells are dividing. Compared with the normal hearts, the number of multiplying muscle cells was 70 times higher next to the damage and 24 times higher in the remote area.

"So the heart is not so unusual like everybody believed, and the dogma has no basis to exist," Anversa said.

## Genetic variant fingered in decreasing breast cancer risk

CHICAGO (AP) — Older white women with a genetic variation in a protein that helps regulate cell growth are 60 percent less likely to get breast cancer, preliminary research suggests.

The research bolsters scientists' understanding of the protein and its variations, some of which have been linked to colon cancer in humans and tumors in mice.

The inherited variation, found in about 15 percent of the U.S. population, involves the gene for a naturally occurring protein called transforming growth factor beta-1, said Dr. Elad Ziv, a researcher at the University of California-San Francisco. Ziv led the study involving data on 3,075 white women aged 65 and older.

"When we know more about the role of variations in this gene and others in determining cancer risk, this knowledge may be com-

bined with other risk factors to better estimate each woman's risk of developing breast cancer," Ziv said.

The study was published recently in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

A JAMA editorial calls the study "exciting but preliminary." Such work could potentially help scientists better understand the causes of breast cancer, said editorial writer Dr. Katrina Armstrong of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Other genetic variations have been linked to breast cancer, specifically mutations in the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes, which are linked to a significantly increased risk but are also relatively uncommon and account for a small number of cases.

The gene for transforming

growth factor beta-1 shows up in three different ways. The two most common variations were found in 2,617 of the participants and are present in about 85 percent of the U.S. population, Ziv said. While women in the study with these two variations were about 2 1/2 times more likely to get breast cancer than women with the third variation, only about 6 percent of them developed breast cancer during 10 years of follow-up. About 2 percent of women with the third variation developed the disease.

Ziv said the risk faced by women with the more common variations likely is similar to the general population's average risk. The average U.S. woman's lifetime risk is about 8 percent, according to the American Cancer Society.

Because all of the participants

were 65 or older when they enrolled in the study, and most of the cancers developed in women after age 70, the results only address the relationship between the protein variations in older women.

"Indeed, it is theoretically possible that the effects of the polymorphism (variation) differ by age or menopausal status," the authors said.

The study also involved mainly white women, so it's possible the variation would have different effects in women of other races, the authors said.

Other studies have found that the less common gene variation is associated with higher levels of the protein. Because study participants with this variation faced a decreased cancer risk, the results support the theory that high levels of the protein suppress initial tumor development, Ziv said.

"More studies of this genetic variation in other populations are needed to establish how useful it will be in the general population," he said.

On the Net:  
JAMA: <http://jama.ama-assn.org>  
National Cancer Institute: <http://www.cancernet.nih.gov>

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## ALZHEIMER'S

Physicians using existing guidelines can diagnose Alzheimer's with 85 to 90 percent accuracy.

Certain treatments developed since 1994, specifically a class of drugs known as cholinesterase inhibitors, have proven effective in improving memory, thought and reasoning abilities in patients with mild to moderate Alzheimer's.

Vitamin E may also help to ease some symptoms of Alzheimer's by aiding in the breakdown of brain-damaging free radicals.

Patients' behavioral problems may be eased by walking or other light activity, playing music during meals and bathing and building a routine.

While there is no cure for Alzheimer's, the findings should help people diagnosed with the disease — usually

those over age 65 — plan for the future, said Dr. Steven DeKosky, co-author of the guidelines and chairman of the Alzheimer's Association's medical and scientific advisory council.

"If you knew that you were going to have a progressive loss

of thinking function, you'd want the ability to maintain your own self-determination, whether you want to see the Grand Canyon or determine who you want to give your jewelry to when you die," he said.

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## Wife Who Was Clinging Vine Has Grown to Rely on Herself

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "Buddy" for 20 years. During the past seven years, we went through some big problems. I used to plead with him to pay more attention to me, but he never felt I was important enough. It's taken me years, but I have finally learned to live my life to the fullest without him.

Well, now all of a sudden Buddy has noticed that I am no longer "crying and clinging" to him. And get this: Now he wants to be the perfect husband!

Abby, I grew so accustomed to being without Buddy that now I don't know what I want. I still love him, but I don't know if I want to remain in this marriage. The tables have turned, and I feel suffocated by all his sudden attention - which I used to long for. I don't know what to make of all this. Can you please tell me what you think?

DEAR WIFE: Whatever was distracting your husband has come to an end. During his emotional absence you wisely developed other resources.

You and Buddy could benefit from marriage counseling. It will get you both back on the same track - if that's what you both really want.

DEAR ABBY: I recently began experiencing anxiety attacks. They started so unexpectedly. I didn't realize what was happening to me. I would sweat profusely, become nauseated, and my legs would feel weak and shaky. I went to my family doctor and was checked out, but he found nothing physically wrong.

### Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

My health insurance provider gave me the phone number for a mental health hotline. I called and was immediately put in touch with a counselor. I have been seeing the counselor for three weeks, and my attacks are noticeably less severe.

Abby, please advise your readers who suffer from this that they are not alone. There is help out there. Nobody should feel embarrassed about asking for it. Seeing my life through someone else's eyes has made me understand how difficult and stressful this past year has been without my realizing it.

ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR ON THE ROAD: I have always considered psychotherapy to be attending the "University of You." The course may be challenging, but it's always informative, and almost everyone can benefit from it.

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 and do not get along well with my mother, mostly because we are so much alike. My problem may seem childish and immature, but my mother goes through everything of mine. She routinely goes through my dresser and desk drawers, my backpack and my purse. She gets angry if she finds a journal entry or note to a friend containing a remark about her.

I say she shouldn't be searching through my personal things in the first place. Am I unreasonable to ask for a little privacy? Has she crossed the line, or am I just being overly sensitive?

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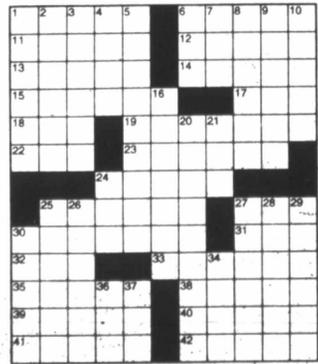
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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  - 14 Pie nut
  - 15 Alanis Morissette song
  - 17 Exploit
  - 18 In support of
  - 19 Swift works
  - 22 Conclude
  - 23 Cunning
  - 24 Historic sheep
  - 25 Pate cover
  - 27 Beheld
  - 30 Van Buren's sister
  - 31 Greek letter
  - 32 Skill
  - 33 Alarms
  - 35 Malice
  - 38 Green shade
  - 39 Game official
  - 40 Discussion group
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- 1 Discard
  - 2 Underworld ferryman
  - 3 Tape
  - 4 Answer from the flock
  - 5 Sub feature
  - 6 Man in blue
  - 7 Parrot
  - 8 Fasten down
  - 9 Pencil part
  - 10 "Hamlet" extras
  - 16 Message leavers
  - 20 Palomar fixture
  - 21 Wall climber
  - 24 Bad bomb
  - 25 La Brea sight
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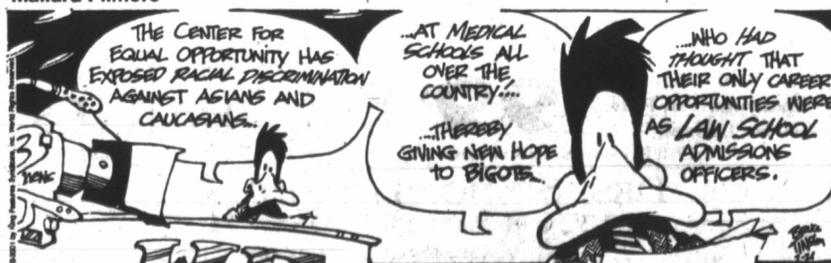
### Peanuts



### Blondie



### Mallard Filmore



# Letters to the editor

## The British are coming ... with pigs

To the editor,  
The British are coming, the British are coming — only this time they are bringing hogs with them! (National Pig Development — founded in Yorkshire, England.)

To quote Richard Stowers in the Tuesday, July 10, Pampa News, "He (Stowers) added that there would be no more than 3,700 pigs involved in the project. ... This is all they're going to do," he said.

Then at the M.K. Brown meeting if Kathleen Green hadn't pressed the issue, we would never have known that the proposed facility will be able to accommodate 50,000 pigs!

We're not exactly familiar with the so-called new math, is this it? Or is this called a cover-up? All we heard Tuesday evening was an excellent propaganda program. Why aren't our officials listening to folks who have lived here for years and know the water situation and how easily it can become polluted?

The New Yorkers (Bus Co.) absconded with the taxpayers' money, but these people will ruin our water supply with usage (hogs require a lot of water) and contamination, which is much worse than what the New Yorkers did, considering water is soon going to be more valuable than oil. Ask T. Boone Pickens about that.

Joyce Davis, Ray Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Palmittier  
Pampa

## Free speech integral part of freedom

To the editor,  
Freedom is a privilege to be cherished and defended. Expressing one's dissatisfaction with local, state and federal government is as American as apple pie. We have a wonderful document called the Constitution that protects our right to free speech.

Under the guise of what is and is not "American," Mr. Tripplehorn, in his letter to the editor on July 15, attempts to deny freedom of speech to those who oppose his views by labeling them as Communists.

I am proud and grateful for my right to voice my opinion as an American citizen. I am not opposed to economic development; but I am opposed to economic development at the cost of environmental, physiological and economical injury to our surrounding area. I would point out that the PEDC has thrown away taxpayer dollars on one bad investment after another.

I have lost faith in the purpose of the PEDC. I have researched National Pig Development (NPD), Smithfield Foods, Murphy Family Farms and other concentrated animal operating facilities (CAOFs). What I discovered is extremely alarming.

I encourage all city and county citizens to do their own research. A plethora of information is readily available on the Internet and from the state and federal courts in Kansas, Iowa and North Carolina. Internet photos published by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture reveal disturbing hog farm practices.

Citizens who oppose NPD and PEDC are not "long-haired, dope-smoking, self-styled dictators." Many intelligent, hard-working residents from all walks of life oppose corporate pig operations.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Tripplehorn equated the signs posted in town as a desecration of our veterans. These brave men fought against all forms of oppression. They fought for everyone's right to free speech.

K.J. Davis  
Pampa

## Look on the Internet, get the scoop on NPD

To the editor,  
After the meeting sponsored by PEDC and National Pig Development on the 10th, I went to my computer to locate information on NPD. But there was none. The next day the Pampa News stated NPD was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Smithfield's Foods (they seemed to want to keep that a secret). Now I had a name I could work with on the computer.

Here are a few things I found: Smithfield Foods is the largest pork producer in the world with sales of \$3.8 billion per year and owns 276 pig factories (called farms) in North Carolina and has 1,257 contract growers in North Carolina.

The Attorney General of North Carolina has just reached a landmark agreement with Smithfield Foods, if fully implemented, will require Smithfield Foods to eliminate open-air anaerobic lagoons and sprayfields in North Carolina within the next two years. (It was stated at the meeting of the 10th, that NPD would be using open-air lagoons and sprayfields east of Pampa). Smithfield is to pay \$15 million plus \$2 million per year for the next 25 years, (that's \$65 million) to fund research of alternative hog waste technologies at North Carolina State University.

In 1997, a federal court fined Smithfield \$12.6 million dollars (the largest ever) for polluting and there were other violations. There is a move to convince the North Carolina General Assembly to mandate a phase-out of lagoons on all other North Carolina hog farms. The article also stated that the banning of waste lagoons in North Carolina may prompt other states to pursue similar agreements or enact state laws to avoid becoming dumping grounds for the industry. An Oklahoma senator has already issued a press release calling for similar

action in that state, and Oklahoma has issued a moratorium on new hog farms, so they are coming to Texas.

The meeting on the 10th raised several puzzling questions. Why didn't they want the public to know who owns NPD? What took place the day before in a closed meeting of NPD, PEDC county commissioners and other politicians? At the meeting, we heard endorsements of NPD from politicians, state agencies, PEDC and others. They even had their own public relations firm present. Apparently, they anticipated a big "slam dunk."

But some big questions were not answered. Why would a company this size merit tax abatement or be excused from taxes? Why were they forced to admit to a capacity of 55,000 hogs instead of the 3,700 as presented? Why didn't they want us to know that NPD is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Smithfield Foods? Why were we told they needed to be 50 miles from the nearest pig operation? That is not the case of NPD in Roanoke Rapids, N.C. Why was there no TV coverage of such an important meeting? Why were the people of Miami not informed and invited to the meeting? (They live downwind of this location.) Why were the people that have properties and homes near the site not informed? Don't take my word or the fuzzy answers we heard last week.

Go to the following Internet websites and draw your own conclusions: (1) <www.hogwatch.org> (several articles); (2) <www.sierraclub.org/factory-farms/report99/smithfield.asp> (several articles); (3)

<www.time.com/time/magazine/1998/dom/981130/special\_report.corporat2.html>.

This last web address is the article in Time Magazine "The Empire of the Pigs." It tells what really happened in Albert Lea, Minn., and Guyton, Okla., with Seaboard Corp. Seaboard is the company that is putting in the 88,000 pig operation north of Borger and has other operations in the Oklahoma Panhandle and Kansas.

Read these articles, make copies and give them to your friends and neighbors who don't have computers, so they can make their own decisions about pig factories in Gray County. (Lovett Library also has computers to use.) Get the facts. The PEDC did not have this information until after the meeting, but I think their attitude is still the same for bringing hog farms to Gray County. As to the question about jobs: Pig factory jobs will not replace the quality jobs that Pampa has lost.

Dr. Louis W. Haydon  
Pampa

## We must allow new industry into Pampa

To the editor,  
Yes, Pampa should let the pig farm come in, Pampa needs industry, and a plant that calls for a pay roll that big, Pampa needs.

I had rather smell a pig, if it creates jobs for people that are without jobs.

This facility could put food on the table for some little children that their fathers doesn't have a job. Dalhart has a large pig farm. You don't hear their people griping about it.

A pig farm will not put out as much pollution as Pantex. The pigs would not run loose on the land.

Pampa commissioners wake up. Pampa is in need of jobs. Let all the industry come in that you can. The pigs would not smell any worse than those cattle lots east of Pampa.

The people who will operate it, will see it's kept clean. That one at Dalhart is clean.

Pampa must have city commissioners like Clarendon has. They won't let anything come in, and they just live off each other and half of the town is boarded up. Let the pigs come in. We can deal with them, people on the city force, let industry come into Pampa.

Nell Derr  
Pampa

## NPD may turn out to be good for town

To the editor,  
I would like to start out by saying I am in support of NPD coming to our area. I have worked on a hog farm before and really enjoyed it. I even lived right next to one and about a half-mile from another. The smell was not bad.

The town I lived in had two farms southwest and one from the north and they were within five miles of the town. When you were in town, you could not smell them. I do not think NPD says the farms will be odorless but the lagoon system will control the smell and work similar to our sewer system does.

I believe NPD will be true to their work in the jobs it will create. Now, on the salary, how many jobs can you start at \$14,000 a year or \$7.50 an hour with benefits and know nothing about the job? There will be raises and room for advancement in the company. I know that NPD wants to work with our community.

No one can stop another hog company in wanting to build here. But where will they build in Gray County? There is really no other land east of town to build on and north and west of Gray County you have canyons and south Gray County you have a lake. So there really is no other place to build.

I hope everyone will take the time to find out more about NPD before forming a negative opinion. I know some of the representatives from NPD and they are wonderful people.

Christy Wyant  
Pampa

(See, LETTERS, Page 12)

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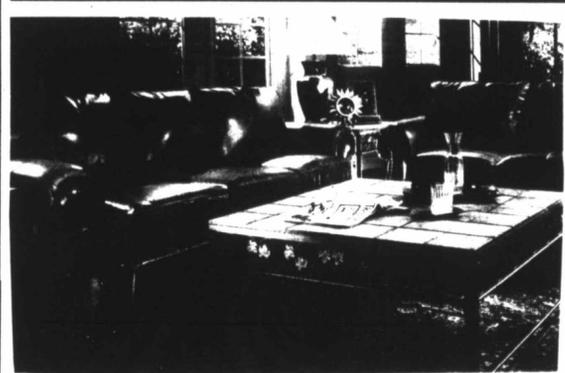
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# SPORTS

## Notebook

### OLYMPICS

**GENEVA** — Amarillo's Brandon Slay will keep his gold medal.

German wrestler Alexander Leipold had his ban from competing cut from two years to one, but he will not regain his Olympic gold medal, according to the USA wrestling Web site.

In a ruling from the Court of Arbitration for Sport, Leipold's two-year ban from international wrestling for testing positive for an illegal steroid was reduced to 12 months, but the court refused to return Leipold's gold medal, which was awarded to Slay in early November. Slay initially was the finalist to Leipold in the 167.5-pound division.

### GOLF

**PAMPA** — Hidden Hills Ladies Golf Association is sponsoring a mixed scramble on Monday, July 23 at the Hidden Hills public course. There will be a shotgun start at 6 p.m.

Entry fee is five dollars, plus green fee and cart.

Deadline is July 22. Call David Teichmann at Hidden Hills (669-5966) to enter.

### BASEBALL

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)** — Doug Davis has found success doing something he would like to avoid: pitching out of trouble.

"I'm not concentrating hard enough, obviously, because I can't have a 1-2-3 inning," said Davis, who allowed one run and 11 hits in eight innings as the Texas Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 4-1 Friday night. "I gave up a lot of hits, but I spread them out through eight innings so none of them hurt me."

Ivan Rodriguez and Ruben Sierra hit consecutive homers for Texas.

"He pitched a great game," Rodriguez said of Davis. "He kept the ball in and out. He threw strikes. When you throw strikes, you've got a pretty good chance to win the game."

Rodriguez and Sierra, without an RBI in his previous nine games, hit solo homers in the sixth inning to put the Rangers up 3-1. It was the 12th time this season the Rangers have hit consecutive homers.

Rodriguez went 2-for-4. He is batting .412 (61-for-148) in his career against Tampa Bay, his highest average against one club.

Sierra also picked up an RBI with a bases-loaded walk in the ninth.

In a season of lows, the Devil Rays (30-67) dropped to a franchise-record 37 games under .500. Tampa Bay has scored just three times in the past three games.

"Offensively, we're not executing," Tampa Bay manager Hal McRae said. "The guys need to relax and not be concerned with the outcome, but the process."

Tampa Bay is 1-35 when scoring two runs or less.

It was the ninth straight time Davis, who struck out six and walked three, has gone at least six innings. In nine starts since being recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma on May 31, the left-hander has allowed 24 earned runs in 64 2-3 innings.

"The thing that has impressed me is he steps it up when he gets in trouble," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "He's done it about the last four times that he's pitched. When he's gotten in a little trouble, he's been able to pitch out of it."

### Flashback

**1986:** Susanna Holt and Allison Thompson of Pampa won the 16 & Under Girls Doubles Championship at the Perryton Tennis Tournament. Holt and Thompson defeated Holly Holt and Cristi Davis of Borger 6-1, 6-4 in the finals.

## Tri-State Seniors gather in Pampa this week

**PAMPA** — The 67th annual Tri-State Senior Golf Association Tournament tees off this week at Pampa Country Club.

Registration will be held from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. today at the Pampa Country Club. A hospitality hour for golfers and their wives will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

A men's scramble is set for Monday, starting at 7:30 a.m. A putting tournament for the senior wives starts at 9 a.m. the same day.

Other activities for the wives are planned through-

### Golf

out the week, ranging from a 9-hole scramble to a style show.

The 54-hole tournament gets under way Tuesday, and will be competed Thursday.

The 32-player championship flight will be cut to the low 16 after the first 18 holes. The 16 remaining players will make up the president's flight. All other flights are scheduled for match play Tuesday and Wednesday.

"The course is in great shape. In fact I think it's in as good a shape as it's ever been

in," said PCC club pro Mickey Piersall.

Piersall said the tournament format would stay the same, including no practice round for the second straight year.

"The 100-degree heat is a perfect reason why we shortened the tournament. These guys are a little older and we were giving them a little too much golf to play," Piersall said.

There again will be a Super Senior Championship Flight consisting of players 70 years of age and older.

The tournament closes with an awards banquet scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the

Pampa Country Club.

Two-time defending champion Tommy Wilson of Lubbock returns to defend his crown. Amarillo golfers Earl Simpson and Doug Barron could be two of the main challengers. Simpson was runner-up a year ago and Barron placed second behind Wilson in '99. Barron was fifth last year after losing a playoff for fourth place.

Wilson pulled away to a six-stroke win after shooting an even-par 71 the final round. Simpson won a second-place playoff from E.C. Roark of Lake Suzy, Fla. For Gary Bowe, another Lubbock

golfer, 2001 could be his year. Bowe has been hanging around the leaderboard since earning medalist honors in 1996, but shooting three solid rounds has been his problem. He was sixth last year, but his 73 was the second lowest score of the final round. His 72 in '99 put him in a four-way tie for second at the end of the first round, but he wound up placing eighth.

Former PHS golf coach Frank McCullough, who turned 55 this year, could make a run for the title. McCullough won the president's flight in last year's Top O' Texas Tournament.

## Azle wins Sectional tilt

**PAMPA** — The Pampa 11-12 year-old girls all-star softball team met Azle in the Sectional Little League Tournament Friday night at Optimist Park with Azle coming away with a hard-fought 5-1 victory.

Both Pampa and Azle were undefeated going into the contest.

Cassy Tice pitched the entire sixth-inning game for Pampa, striking out 11, allowing only two hits and giving up seven walks.

Azle pitcher Katlyn Wright also threw a two-hitter at Pampa. She also went six innings.

Stephanie Clark and Nicole Clark had Pampa's two hits.

Pampa met the Graham-El Paso winner on Saturday. Saturday's winner faces Azle in the championship game today, starting at 3 p.m.

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### Softball

Stephanie Cameron was one of the hitting stars for the Texas Twisters in their opening game of pool play.

Cameron had a double and single as the Twisters run-ruled Cloud County Community College of Kan. 10-2. The game was called after five innings due to the eight-run rule.

The Twisters won their second game by a score of 7-4 over Oklahoma Pride Northeastern Oklahoma A&M.

Dumas pitcher Meghan King pitched six scoreless innings and had three singles for the Twisters.

The Twisters are competing in the USA World Class Sports national tournament in Hawaii. They now go into regular tournament play.

The Twisters are one of four high school teams entered in the tournament.

There are 10 college teams.



(Pampa News photo)

**Pampa third baseman Erika Silva and an Azle player tumble to the ground after a play at the bag. Pampa shortstop Stephanie McVay moves in to help out.**

## Females and Football

**PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)** — Tanice Hamilton yanked at the black bandanna hiding the corrugos under her helmet. Teammates slapped her shoulder pads as she lined up at middle linebacker. At the snap, Hamilton threw her body into the line, absorbing punishment as she hunted for the ball carrier.

Across the field, Carmen Garcia — nicknamed "Icebox" by her teammates — exploded off the line, blocking two boys at once as her teammate ran by her on a sweep.

Another player, Erica Maldonado, took a three-point stance on the defensive line, standing up blockers as they tried to dislodge her.

The threesome are the first girls to participate in a junior development program held each summer by the NFL. The camp teaches the fundamentals of tackle football — and a few life skills to kids, most of them from the inner city.

"You'd never know they're females by looking at 'em," said Don Tamelleo, a longtime high school coach and the camp's director. "They hit that good."

They get in the three-point stance. They get tackled. Nothing different." Hamilton, Garcia and Maldonado are all from Providence, and they expect to be treated like boys when they're on the field — and they are.

Helmets and pads on, they are indistinguishable from the others. The coaches say they hit like boys. Hamilton even trash-talks like boys, her teammates say.

They're pioneers of sorts in this program for kids between 12 and 14 years old. The monthlong introduction to football and instruction in broader themes, such as sportsmanship and responsibility, is being held in 22 cities in the United States.

Hamilton, the first one to sign up, took it as a challenge. NFL representatives talked about it at her middle school, but when she asked if she could join, they said it was too rough for girls. Her mother told her the same. Her older brother carped at her for considering it.

"I was like, 'Watch me,'" the 13-year-old said. "I have a lot of courage in myself. I believe I can do it."

## Duval surges into contention at British Open

**LYTHAM ST. ANNES, England (AP)** — David Duval flirted with both the lead and the course record Saturday before settling for a 6-under 65 that put him in contention in the British Open.

Duval took advantage of ideal playing conditions to birdie seven of the first 14 holes to move into a tie with second-round leader Colin Montgomerie. But he bogeyed the 15th from deep rough and played the final four holes in 1 over.

Duval was a shot off the course record of 64 by Tom Lehman when he won in 1996.

Tiger Woods also started strong, making a long birdie putt on the first hole and adding a second birdie on the fourth to get to 5 under for the tournament and two behind Montgomerie before falling back a shot with a bogey on the par-3 fifth.

A number of other players who began the day at even par with Duval also made moves as light winds and overcast skies kept the course playing soft and made birdies plentiful.

Sergio Garcia, Ernie Els and former British Open champion Paul Lawrie moved to 4 under on the day and the tournament while playing the back nine, while Chris DiMarco and U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen were 3 under.

The strong early play meant that the leaders couldn't be satisfied with making pars if they were to remain atop the leaderboard on a Royal Lytham & St. Annes course that suddenly proved itself vulnerable.

A day earlier, the gallery seemingly willed Montgomerie on, perhaps giving him some help as a shot destined for the crowd and deep grass sailed right of the seventh green. A few seconds later, it rolled down a cart path onto the fair-

way. "We'll help you Monty," the fans yelled as a bemused Montgomerie walked up to his ball.

If they could, almost all the 41,500 who traveled by train and car to the seaside links would pitch in to win one for the ruddy Scotsman.

But they can't play Tiger Woods. And they can't erase Montgomerie's history of failure in this major championship.

Montgomerie has to do that himself in what shapes up to be the weekend of his golfing life. "This is all new territory for me," Montgomerie said. "I haven't done a bad job, but at the same time I haven't been in this position in the Open before."

Montgomerie was at 7 under and on top of the Open leaderboard after two rounds following a 70 on Friday. He had a one-shot lead over Fulke and two ahead of Joe Ogilvie, Greg

Owen and Jesper Parnevik.

But the one he's most worried about is Woods, who was four shots back after a 68 that included birdies on all three par-5s.

Woods knows what it is like on a Sunday with the crowd going wild and the claret jug up for grabs. He won the Open last year and has captured six major championships.

It's an advantage that even Montgomerie's most avid fans will find hard to overcome.

"I've won Open championships, and that in itself relieves a lot of tension, a lot of pressure, because you know what it takes," Woods said. "I know what the emotions are and I know what I'm going to encounter."

Montgomerie doesn't, because he hasn't won a major championship. He's come close, losing playoffs in the U.S. Open and the PGA, but this is different.

FOIX, France (AP) — The sight of Lance Armstrong's back disappearing into the distance is becoming a familiar one for Jan Ullrich.

In two of the last three Tour de France mountain stages, the German rider has made an aggressive bid for the race lead, only to see Armstrong catch up, then overtake Ullrich in the final stretch.

In the other mountain stage — an uphill individual time trial — Ullrich started before Armstrong. He set a blistering pace, then watched as the Texan slashed a minute off his time.

After being beaten by a late-surgingly Armstrong in Friday's race and falling a further 31 seconds behind in the overall standings, the 1997 champion was trying hard to see things in a positive light.

"I rode very well, and I'll keep doing so," said the Team Telekom rider, who is Armstrong's biggest rival for the title. "At least I can try to keep on attacking."

Colombian Felix Cardenas won the stage between Perpignan and the Plateau de Bonascre ski station in the Pyrenees. Spaniard Roberto Laiseka was second.

Armstrong, a 29-year-old Austin,

Texas, resident, placed third after joining Ullrich at the foot of the last climb, then powering past him in the final few miles.

Some observers were surprised that Ullrich led the attack, thereby giving Armstrong another opportunity to hold back before accelerating in the home stages.

"Jan gave everything he had at the bottom of the climb," Armstrong said. "He showed what a great rider he is. He was fast and it wasn't easy to follow his wheel early on."

"I was surprised that he attacked so early. But Jan's a fighter, not a quitter, and he'll attack again before we reach Paris."

Armstrong remained third in the tour rankings, but extended his lead over Ullrich to 4 minutes, 5 seconds.

Frenchman Francois Simon and Kazakhstan's Andrei Kivilev — No. 1 and No. 2 in the race overall — figure to lose their lead in the two remaining mountain stages.

If Armstrong can take Simon's place in the Pyrenees and increase his already substantial lead over Ullrich, he is almost certain to take a third title when the tour finishes in Paris on July 29.

This is the British Open, the tournament he cherishes most and the one he most desperately wants to win.

"This is bigger than anything," Montgomerie said. "It's draining. I feel like I've been here 10 days already."

It's usually Woods who draws the big galleries and gets the huge cheers. But here it is Montgomerie, who at 38 might never get a better chance to win his Open.

"It was an incredible reception," Montgomerie said. "Long may it continue."

Still, it's hard not to look back and see the imposing shadow put down by Woods.

"I'm happy he's behind me. I will be happier on Sunday if he's behind me," Montgomerie said. "We all have an eye on him. He's the best player in the world by some margin. We are ahead of him right now, but he must be quite comfortable in that position."

# Scoreboard

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National League				
At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
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East Division				
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Florida	50	47	.516	4 1/2
New York	44	54	.449	11
Montreal	43	54	.443	11 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	55	40	.579	—
Houston	63	42	.558	2
St. Louis	48	47	.505	7
Milwaukee	43	52	.453	12
Pittsburgh	37	58	.389	18
Cincinnati	35	61	.365	20 1/2
West Division				
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Arizona	55	41	.573	—
Los Angeles	52	45	.536	1 1/2
San Francisco	52	46	.530	3 1/2
San Diego	46	51	.474	9 1/2
Colorado	41	55	.427	14
Thursday's Games				
Florida 5, N.Y. Mets 3				
Atlanta 2, Cincinnati 1				
Montreal 5, Philadelphia 2				
Arizona 3, San Diego 0				
St. Louis 4, Houston 1				
Los Angeles 8, Milwaukee 6				
San Diego 8, Arizona 4				
Pittsburgh 3, Chicago Cubs 2				
San Francisco 2, Colorado 1				
Friday's Games				
Florida 5, Cincinnati 3				
Philadelphia 10, N.Y. Mets 1				
Montreal 6, Atlanta 3				
Houston 5, Chicago Cubs 2				
Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 1				
Colorado 11, Los Angeles 3				
San Diego 11, Milwaukee 2				
San Francisco 1, Arizona 0				
Saturday's Games				
Los Angeles (Gagne 2-4) at Colorado (Neagle 6-3), 4:05 p.m.				
Arizona (Schilling 13-4) at San Francisco (Jensen 0-1), 4:05 p.m.				
Montreal (Munoz 0-0) at Atlanta (Perez 6-7), 7:05 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Davis 2-1) at Florida (Penny 7-3), 7:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 3-10) at Philadelphia (Wolf 5-9), 7:05 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 8-7) at Houston (Mlicki 1-0), 8:05 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Beimel 4-5) at St. Louis (Smith 1-0), 8:10 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Suzuki 0-2) at San Diego (Tolbert 3-3), 10:05 p.m.				
Sunday's Games				
Montreal (Mates 3-1) at Atlanta (Maddux 12-5), 1:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 6-8) at Philadelphia (Coggin 1-0), 1:35 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Anderson 5-9) at St. Louis (Kile 10-7), 2:10 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Bere 7-4) at Houston (Reynolds 8-9), 2:35 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Reitsma 4-9) at Florida (Burnett 7-5), 4:05 p.m.				
Arizona (Anderson 2-6) at San Francisco (Rueter 9-6), 4:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Haynes 6-12) at San Diego (Jones 5-12), 5 p.m.				
Los Angeles (Adams 5-3) at Colorado (Astacio 6-11), 8:05 p.m.				
American League				
At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	56	40	.583	—
New York	56	40	.583	—
Toronto	46	51	.474	10 1/2
Baltimore	41	53	.436	14
Tampa Bay	30	67	.309	26 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	58	38	.604	—
Cleveland	54	40	.575	3
Chicago	46	48	.489	11
Detroit	43	51	.457	14
Kansas City	37	59	.385	21
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Seattle	69	27	.719	—
Oakland	51	45	.531	18
Anaheim	47	48	.495	21 1/2
Texas	40	55	.421	28 1/2
Thursday's Games				
Anaheim 2, Tampa Bay 1				
Toronto 4, Boston 3				
Detroit 11, N.Y. Yankees 2				
Minnesota 12, Oakland 10				
Kansas City 6, Seattle 3				
Cleveland 10, Chicago White Sox 3				
Texas at Baltimore, ppd., hazardous conditions, 1st game				
Texas at Baltimore, ppd., hazardous conditions, 2nd game				
Friday's Games				
Detroit 7, Cleveland 3				
Toronto 10, N.Y. Yankees 4				
Texas 4, Tampa Bay 1				
Seattle 4, Minnesota 0				
Boston 7, Chicago White Sox 2				
Oakland 14, Kansas City 3				
Anaheim at Baltimore, ppd., dangerous conditions				
Saturday's Games				
Seattle (Pineiro 0-0) at Minnesota (Johnson 0-0), 1:05 p.m.				
Detroit (Pettyjohn 0-1) at Cleveland (Nagy 3-3), 1:15 p.m.				
Boston (Ohka 2-4) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 6-5), 1:15 p.m.				
Texas (Oliver 7-5) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 4-8), 4:15 p.m.				
Toronto (Halladay 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Kestler 1-2), 4:35 p.m.				
Anaheim (Rapp 3-9) at Baltimore (Roberts 7-7), 7:05 p.m.				
Oakland (Heredia 5-7) at Kansas City (Reichert 8-7), 8:05 p.m.				
Sunday's Games				
Detroit (Weaver 9-8) at Cleveland (Colon 8-7), 1:05 p.m.				
Toronto (Carpenter 7-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 9-8), 1:05 p.m.				
Texas (Rogers 5-7) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 4-8), 1:15 p.m.				
Anaheim (Schoeneweis 7-8) at Baltimore (Porson 5-6), 1:35 p.m., 1st game				
Anaheim (undecided) at Baltimore (undecided), 7:35 p.m., 2nd game				
Seattle (Abbott 8-2) at Minnesota (Lohse 3-1), 2:05 p.m.				
Boston (Wakefield 6-4) at Chicago White Sox (K.Wells 6-5), 2:05 p.m.				
Oakland (Milder 11-6) at Kansas City (Suppan 4-8), 8:05 p.m.				

# Merced's bases-loaded home run lifts Astros over Cubs

By MIKE FITZPATRICK  
Associated Press Writer

The Chicago Cubs think they found themselves a left-handed batter who can come up with some big hits down the stretch.

The Houston Astros, chasing the Cubs in the NL Central, know they already have one.

Hours after the Cubs traded for outfielder Michael Tucker, the Astros got a pinch-hit grand slam from Orlando Merced to rally past Chicago 5-2 Friday night at Enron Field.

The Astros, who have won seven straight over the Cubs since last Aug. 23, cut Chicago's lead to two games. Houston has beaten the Cubs 10 times in 11 meetings, and they play 13 more times this season.

"These games are big because they are in first place," Houston's Craig Biggio said. "The fans are excited and we're excited. When you're chasing first place, the games you play against them are important."

The Cubs have one of the NL's top pitching staffs, but probably need to upgrade their offense if they want to hold off Houston.

They worked out a deal for slugging Tampa Bay first baseman Fred McGriff, but he blocked it by invoking a no-trade clause in his contract.

Chicago acquired Tucker from the Cincinnati Reds for minor league right-handers Chris Booker and Ben Shaffar.

"Hopefully, he will generate some offense from the left side," manager Don Baylor said. "We've been looking at this for a long time. His experience can give us a lot of help."

The 30-year-old Tucker hit .242 with seven homers, 30 RBIs and 12 steals for the Reds this year. He was expected to join the Cubs in time for Saturday night's game against the Astros.

"I hope he brings some offense," Chicago second baseman Eric Young said.

In other NL games, it was Philadelphia 10, New York 1; Montreal 6, Atlanta 3; Florida 5, Cincinnati 3; Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 1; Colorado 11, Los Angeles 3; San Diego 11, Milwaukee 2; and San Francisco 1, Arizona 0.

The Astros, already loaded with talented outfielders like Moises Alou and Lance Berkman, know Merced can come off the bench and provide a big hit — just like he did Friday night against Jon Lieber (12-5).

Merced's third career slam and third pinch-hit homer this season came in the fifth inning, giving the Astros a 4-2 lead.

It was Houston's seventh grand slam of the season, setting a club record.

Astros rookie Tim Redding (3-0) allowed two runs and six hits in five innings, and three Houston relievers shut down the Cubs on one hit the rest of the way.

Billy Wagner got his 21st save, converting his 15th consecutive

opportunity. "We're not pressing," Young said. "Give their pitching credit, they did a good job."

Robert Person (8-5) pitched a five-hitter and hit his first career homer as Philadelphia won at Veterans Stadium to snap a four-game losing skid.

Pat Burrell homered and tied a career high with five RBIs for the Phillies, who moved within one game of first-place Atlanta in the NL East.

Orlando Cabrera and Jose Vidro had three hits apiece, and Mike Thurman (5-6) pitched seven solid innings as visiting Montreal matched a season high with its fourth straight victory and snapped Atlanta's three-game winning streak.

Braves starter Kevin Millwood (1-4), coming off the 60-day disabled list, went five innings and gave up seven hits and four runs — three earned.

Cliff Floyd, Mike Lowell and Derrek Lee homered in the first inning for host Florida.

Matt Clement (6-6) allowed two unearned runs in six innings to win his second straight. The Marlins are 7-2 since the All-Star break.

Jason Schmidt (6-5) pitched one-hit ball for seven scoreless innings as Pittsburgh ended an 11-game losing streak against St. Louis.

# Raptors want Rockets' Olajuwon

By CHRIS SHERIDAN  
AP Basketball Writer

With their three main free agents safely back in the fold, the Toronto Raptors are Dream-ing of adding a fourth.

Hakeem Olajuwon is the target, and Raptors coach Lenny Wilkens has already flown to Houston to make his pitch directly to the former MVP, nicknamed "Dream."

The Raptors can make an offer that Houston would have to think twice about matching, whereas the Rockets would like Olajuwon to accept a huge pay cut so they will have enough salary cap space to sign Maurice Taylor, Moochie Norris and Shandon Anderson to long-term deals.

"It's an honor that a player of Hakeem Olajuwon's stature would consider playing for Toronto," Toronto general manager Glen Grunwald said Friday. "But there's nothing to report on that front."

The Houston Chronicle reported that the Raptors are offering a four-year, \$22.5 million contract and the Rockets have countered with a two-year offer after initially proposing a one-year, \$4.1 million pact.

Because Olajuwon's salary counts as \$24.5 million against next year's salary cap, the Rockets can't make any other moves until they renounce his rights or re-sign him.

The Raptors have already agreed to terms with their three primary free agents — Antonio Davis, Alvin Williams and Jerome Williams.

Toronto is offering Olajuwon, a 17-year veteran, the \$4.5 million mid-level exception. In the past, the Raptors have shown themselves willing to give out relatively long-term contracts, so it is not inconceivable that they would be

offering the 38-year-old Olajuwon a three- or four-year deal.

Olajuwon's agent, Dan Fegan, did not return several phone messages.

Grunwald said the Raptors would be willing to make a sign-and-trade deal with the Rockets, using the \$5 million trade exception they received from the Charles Oakley deal.

Grunwald said he was uncertain of what Olajuwon's time frame is for making a decision.

"We're prepared to wait for him," he said.

The Chronicle also said the Knicks, Heat, Jazz and Pacers had expressed interest in Olajuwon.

"I'd have trouble seeing him in another uniform, and that's why we're working so hard to keep him here," Rockets general manager Carroll Dawson said. "Money and years are both issues."

On the second day that NBA free agents were allowed to sign, Thursday saw more posturing and leveraging than deal making.

Dan Majerle left Miami to sign with Phoenix, Avery Johnson finalized his deal with Denver and John Amaechi agreed to terms with Utah, but no other players switched teams.

Derek Anderson remained at odds with the Spurs over the financial terms of his next contract. San Antonio is offering \$36 million for five years, but Anderson wants a sixth year guaranteed — along with maximum raises from year to year.

"We're probably going to set a timetable soon," agent Tony Dutt said, adding that Cleveland, Portland, Dallas and Miami are trying to acquire Anderson through a sign-and-trade deal.

Dutt said the chances of Anderson returning as San Antonio's starting shooting guard

are "50-50."

The Spurs also face the possible loss of backup forward Samaki Walker, who has drawn interest from the Los Angeles Lakers.

Los Angeles is in the market for a power forward after losing Horace Grant to Orlando, but Dutt said the Lakers' offer — somewhere around \$1.5 million — isn't enough.

Like many teams, the Lakers are trying to avoid letting their payroll climb above \$54 million. Teams exceeding that threshold will have to pay a dollar-for-dollar luxury tax.

"Minutes are more important than dollars, but if someone steps up with a mid-level exception, you have to consider it," Dutt said.

Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak refused to discuss any specific free agents, but said he was growing somewhat concerned with his team's lack of height.

After trading Greg Foster to Milwaukee and losing Grant to Orlando, the Lakers have only three big men healthy and under contract — Shaquille O'Neal, Robert Horry and Stanislav Medvedenko.

"I think we'll get somebody. That would be the hope," Kupchak said.

KFAN radio in Minneapolis reported Joe Smith has agreed to a six-year, \$34 million contract with the Timberwolves.

"We haven't re-signed Joe. We've talked to him and to his agent," T-Wolves general manager Kevin McHale told the Star-Tribune.

# Unbeaten team



The First Bank Southwest team won both the league and city championships this season in the 9-10 Cal Ripken Division. The Bank had a perfect 18-0 record. Team members are (front row, l-r) Dylan Hendrix, Cragar Swarb, Heath Skinner, Danny White, Ty Powell and Zack Doan; (middle row, l-r) Terry Davis, Stormy Estes, John Luke Covalt, Hayden Skinner, Brett Powell and Reid Bradley; (back row, from left) coaches Jeff Skinner, Monte Covalt and Joe Skinner. Not pictured is Bryce Harrah.

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## LETTERS

### Does 'develop' mean tear down and destroy?

To the editor,  
Cows, cows, pigs, pigs, pigs ... is that all this town knows? Is that all it's good for now?

Why hasn't that lady negotiated some deals to put part of them where she lives instead of all east of town?

They say they are not in the retail business yet, what do you call these places you go buy from? Do they think this town is not big enough for more than three grocery stores, a Wal-Mart and two department stores? Why are they forcing people to go to Amarillo to do their business?

Those people over there are more than ready to sell a car or anything else. You can also find a good place to eat after eight or nine at night, too.

What does PEDC stand for any way? Somebody needs to get their dictionary out and find out what economic and development means. They also need to find out what a city, community and town consists of, too. How many more of their debts are we going to have to pay off for them?

That man said he was refused a business to go in. That woman said they tried every way to get him a loan.

About 15 or 20 years ago, some businessmen went to all the trouble to keep money flowing in town and sell their products. What happened? That's gone now, too.

They complained about signs on Hobart but they think that old black and white spotted cow is something great. Mr. Lefors was a cattleman. Does that thing do his statue justice? Why isn't it moved around to some of these business lots from time to time?

What does that Freedom Museum stand for? I think those men and women gave their lives and risked them for us to be free. How can that man patronize that place and those people then be a part of the same thing that he and others fought against in the wars and then let it happen right here in Pampa today, and it's okay?

Look at the crime rate here. It's high. People have apparently resorted to crime because their applications aren't looked at and they probably wanted a job to start with then couldn't get hired.

The drug problem is bad here and there are state facilities for people who want help and need it. But when you ask about it, who knows anything about or wants to do anything? We have a lot of people here who know everything and know nothing.

There's a whole lot of people here that don't want to take responsibility for their actions. I'm not talking about the everyday citizens, either. Are they afraid they might look good if they bring the town up to par again?

The people of the town are tired of paying for these peoples' mistakes. When we get in a mess, who really gets us out? So why should we have to pay for what they do? Does develop mean build or tear down? It looks like here it means tear down and destroy.

Sue Meeks  
Pampa

### National Pig lagoons will not hold water

To the editor,  
The proposed wastewater lagoons at the NPD site will not hold water very long. The proposed clay liner for the lagoons is a concept approved and used widely in industry. These liners are designed by so-called "experts" who do not realize one important environmental factor that we in the Texas Panhandle contend with on a daily basis. The wind.

My experience in this field was caused by having to deal with the problem and figure out ways to alleviate the problem. I talked with people and companies both local and nationwide about the problem and possible solutions. Many different approaches have been developed, some good and some bad.

Wave action created by the winds will destroy the clay liner in a very short time. One case that I know of lost the clay liner in one winter of strong northerly winds. Industries in this area have had to try to out-smart the wind in various ways. One installed a plastic liner over the clay, the wave action pounded the clay and the liner until the clay was deposited at the bottom of the slope. Heavy fabric made with pockets in an octagonal pattern and filled with rock will also be destroyed by the wind and waves. These comments can be confirmed by various entities. Ask SPS, Phillips, City of Canyon, Celanese and many more.

When the clay liner fails the effluent will then go into the natural ground and as many fear the potential for going into the aquifer is certainly there.

A material sufficiently tough enough, erosion resistant, durable and long-lasting must be placed over the clay liner to protect it from the wave action. I suggest concrete and you reply "that will cost millions." You are probably right. All environmental projects are expensive but so are lawsuits and remediation.

The local dairy industry should pay attention also and check their installations before the TNRC does.

Dale Roth  
Pampa

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The Pampa News welcomes and encourages readers to express their opinions on issues of public interest and concern. However, we also reserve the right to accept or reject any letter for publication.

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Letters may be dropped off at the office, 403 W. Atchison, or mailed to The Pampa News, Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066.

### Rylander posts July sales tax rebates

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has delivered a total of \$219.3 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,109 Texas cities and 119 counties. July payments are up 5 percent compared to July 2000. Year-to-date, payments to cities and counties are running 5.4 percent ahead of the first seven months of 2000.

The sales tax rebates Comptroller Rylander delivered include \$201.7 million to Texas cities, up 4.9 percent compared to July 2000. Texas counties received July rebates of \$17.5 million, up 6.1 percent compared to a year ago.

In addition to city and county

sales tax rebates, \$75 million went to Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems, and \$8.1 million was paid to 59 special purpose districts.

July sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in May and reported to the Comptroller in June.

For details of July sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Report on the Comptroller's website at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/s/taxinfo/alllocsum/comp-sum.html>.

## TPMHMR convenes for monthly board meeting

AMARILLO — Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation (TPMHMR) Board of Trustees met recently for its monthly board meeting.

During the meeting, Board Chair Dean Copeland announced TPMHMR had been recognized with the Betty Hardwick Excellence in Risk Management Award and that it ranked number one among all MHMR centers in the state with regard to safety and loss prevention practices within the Worker's Compensation, Liability and Property Trusts.

In other business, the board approved an Employee Health Insurance Program, several provider contracts and a health-care provider Compliance Plan for FY 2002. The Compliance Plan applies to all TPMHMR operational activities defined in federal and state regulations for healthcare professionals.

Executive Director Sandy Skelton presented an overview of recent Legislative appropriations for FYs 2002-03, reporting that TPMHMR is slated to receive additional funds for psychiatric medications, rehabilitation services, early childhood intervention and home and community services for individuals with mental retardation.

The board also heard reports from Advisory Committee Chairs Judge Nancy Bosquez of Amarillo and John Hervey of Pampa. MHMR Advisory Committees make recommendations to the board on a quarterly basis.

The nine-member board represents the citizens served by TPMHMR in the upper 21 counties of the Texas Panhandle. Its purpose is to provide oversight for the operations of the agency. It meets monthly and conducts business in accordance with the Open Meetings Laws of Texas.

Board members are: Dean Copeland, chair, Pampa; Larry Campbell, vice chair, Amarillo; Steve Cornett, secretary/treasurer, Canyon; the Hon. Willis Smith, Higgins; Dr.

Sam Reeves, Amarillo; Elaine Vivers, Amarillo; Jordan Mills, Dumas; and Diane Scoggins, Borger.

The center has offices in Amarillo, Borger, Clarendon, Dumas, Hereford, Pampa, Perryton and Wellington.

### Blood drive



(Community Camera photo by Brienna Taylor)

Coffee Memorial Blood Center helped sponsor a blood drive recently in honor of Braeden King and Caleb Phillips. Above: Misty Hood, Caleb's aunt, donating blood.



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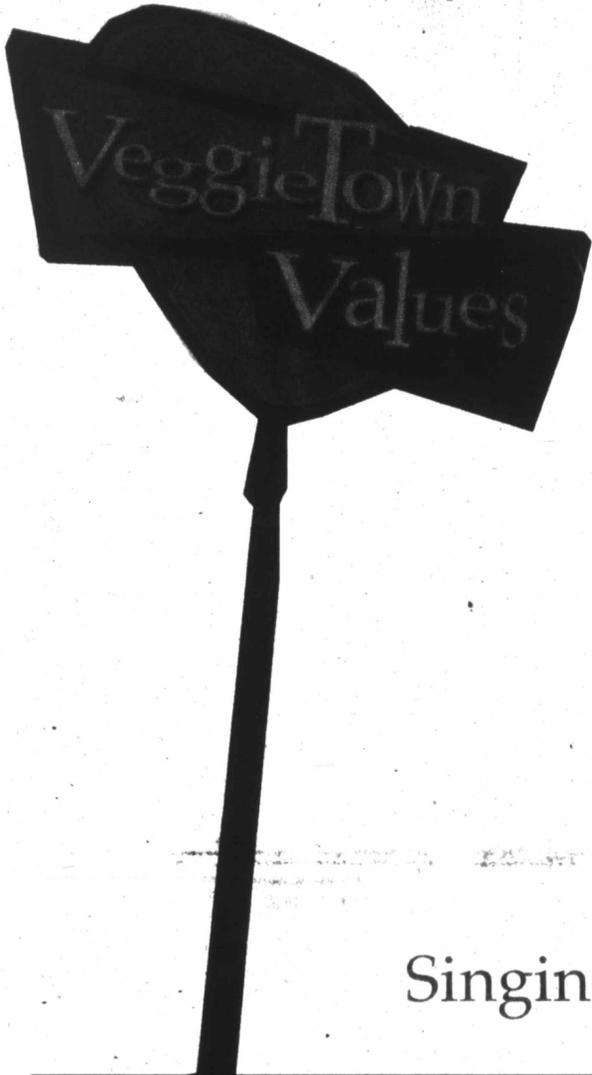
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# Summer fun awaits small fry



## Carnival



## Calvary Baptist invites children for a fun week

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

One of the most popular summer activities for children to go in the summer is Vacation Bible School. Not only do the children learn, but they have fun while they are doing it.

Calvary Baptist Church will host children ranging in Ages from preschool to sixth grade during the one week session. The church members are inviting all children to visit the VBS which will have its annual Veggie Town theme.

Veggie Town is a place where God's values are important. It is a place where the children can learn to solve everyday problems God's way. The award winning Veggie

Tales videos are a big hit with the children of all ages.

Calvary Baptist says the endearing characters, dazzling animation, wry humor and catchy songs will be a big hit with the younger folks.

The church leaders are interested in building citizens for God's Community, and feel Veggie Town is an excellent place to hold the learning sessions for the children.

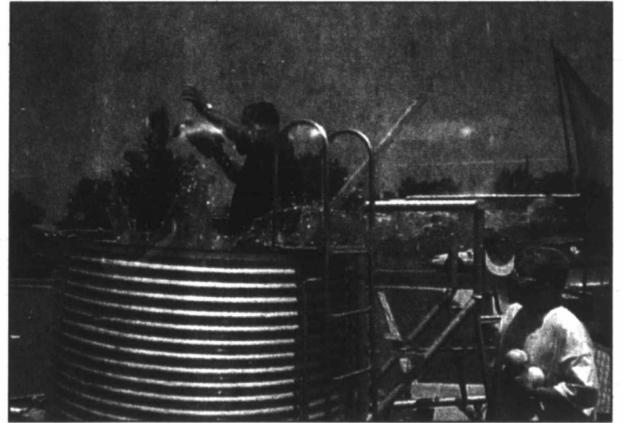
Veggie Town VBS classes will be July 24-28. The Tuesday through Friday classes will be held 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. On Saturday the session will be 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church at 900 e. 23rd Street.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 665-0842.

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# LIFESTYLE



Mr. and Mrs. Duane Howe

## Howe anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Howe of Pampa will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m. July 29, 2001, at First Christian Church. Children of the couple will host the reception.

Duane Howe and Barbara Berryman were married Aug. 1, 1951, at Raton, N.M. They have been Pampa residents for 44 years and belong to First Christian Church.

Mr. Howe was a machinist at Motor Inn Machine Shop for 15 years prior to joining Coe's Machine Shop where he was a machinist until retiring in November 1997.

Mrs. Howe worked at Ideal Foods for nine years and at J.C. Penny's for seven years.

Children of the couple are Belinda Collier of Pampa and Dwight Howe of Amarillo. They have seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Kasia Lea Lewis and Nolan Ray Bledsoe

## Lewis-Bledsoe

Kasia Lea Lewis and Nolan Ray Bledsoe, both of Claude, were wed June 2, 2001, in First Christian Church of Pampa with Barry Loving, of the church, officiating.

The matron of honor was Alicia Krizan of Amarillo. The bridesmaids were Jenifer Ingram of Pampa and Angie Shirey of Amarillo. The flower girls were Kenzie Carter of Pampa and Allie Bledsoe of Cabool, Mo.

The best man was Paul Gabel of Lubbock. The groomsmen were Paul Summers of Roswell, N.M., and Bobby Vaughn of Durango, Colo.

The ushers were Grayson Lewis, brother of the bride of Vernon, Braden Suttle of Pampa and Jeremy Bledsoe of Marfa.

Registering the guests was Anita Carter of Pampa.

Music was provided by organist Sue King of Pampa and vocalist-guitarist Bobby Vaughn of Durango.

A reception was held following the service in the parlor of the church with Karen Skaggs, Marsha Richardson and Anita Carter, all of Pampa, and Kelly Kennedy of Canyon serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Jeffie Lewis and Danny Lewis, both of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1994 and from Texas Tech University Health Science Center in 2000 with a bachelor of science degree in occupational therapy. She is currently employed with Progressive Step Rehab in Amarillo.

The groom is the son of Raymond Bledsoe of Dexter, N.M., and Barbara Bledsoe of Mountain Grove, Mo. He graduated from Dexter High School in 1994 and currently attends West Texas A&M University. He is self-employed.

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



Deborah Fern Gruhlkey and Ryan Coleman Davis

## Gruhlkey-Davis

Deborah Fern Gruhlkey of Adrian and Ryan Coleman Davis of Pampa were wed July 21 in First United Methodist Church of Adrian with Todd Dyess, of First United Methodist Church of Pampa, officiating.

The matron of honor was Tonya Gruhlkey, sister-in-law of the bride of Adrian. The bridesmaid was Melanie Harwood of College Station. The flower girls were Alaura Mendez of Wilson and Sarah Freitag of Tahoka, both cousins of the bride.

The best man was Dave Davis, brother of the groom of Pampa. The groomsmen were Ace Berry of Texhoma. The ring bearer was Zack Mendez, cousin of the bride of Wilson.

The ushers were Cody Annen of Canyon, Russell Wells of Lindsay, Okla., and Keith Jacoby of Dallas. The candlelighters were Joshua Freitag and Benjamin Freitag, both cousins of the bride of Tahoka.

Registering the guests was Natalie Davis, sister-in-law of the groom of Pampa.

Music was provided by pianist NINETTE BOYDSTUN of Adrian, violinist Elizabeth Davis, cousin of the groom of Channing, and vocalists Frank Davis, uncle of the groom, Melody Davis, aunt of the groom, and Elizabeth Davis and Jonathan Davis, both cousins of the groom, all of Channing.

A cake reception was held in fellowship hall of the church followed by a dance at Adrian Community Center. Serving the guests were Tonda Freitag of Tahoka, Cindy Klaus and Melissa Mendez, both of Wilson, all cousins of the bride.

The bride is the daughter of Audrey Gruhlkey of Adrian and the late John Henry Gruhlkey. She graduated from high school at Adrian in 1997 and is currently a senior at West Texas A&M University, pursuing a degree in elementary education.

The groom is the son of Lewis and Debbie Davis of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1997 and from West Texas A&M University in May 2001. He is currently employed by LDR Farms in Pampa.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Las Vegas, Nev., and intend to make their home in Pampa.



Cindy Mechelle Abbott and Michael Carl Hiebert

## Abbott-Hiebert

Cindy Mechelle Abbott and Michael Carl Hiebert, both of Lubbock, plan to wed in March 2002 in Jamaica.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Doug and Cindy Abbott of Pampa. She graduated from Amarillo College in 1999 with an associates degree in applied science. She is currently employed as a dental hygienist at Abbeville Dentistry in Lubbock.

The prospective groom is the son of Walter and Erna Hiebert of Vancouver, B.C., Canada. He graduated from Seaquan High School in 1993 and has played professional hockey for the past five years. He is currently employed as a wholesale manager at Rustics Furniture and Design in Lubbock.



Lyndsey Morgan and Corey Coronis

## Morgan-Coronis

Lyndsey Morgan and Corey Coronis, both of Pampa, were wed July 16, 2001, at Cottonwood Springs in Pampa with Gene Allen officiating.

The maid of honor was Britney Morgan, sister of the bride of Pampa. The bridesmaids were Katrina Hopson of Wichita Falls and Katie Cook of Amarillo. The flower girl was Rebekah Thompson, cousin of the bride.

The best man was Alex Hallerberg of Arlington. The groomsmen were Sam Kotara of San Francisco and Bobby Thompson of Boerne. The ring bearer was Ryan Roden of Pampa.

Registering the guests was Megan Cherry, cousin of the bride of Amarillo.

Music was provided by Josh Gibson of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service at Cottonwood Springs with Kim Buchanan of Red River, N.M., and Megan Cherry of Amarillo, both cousins of the bride, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Sam and Joni Morgan of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1998 and from Clarendon College Secretarial Science course in 1999. She is currently self-employed.

The groom is the son of Paul and Laverne Coronis of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1989 and is currently employed with Coronis Builders.

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



Amy Schoonover and Steve Reynolds

## Schoonover-Reynolds

Amy Schoonover and Steve Reynolds, both of Pampa, were wed July 4, 2001, at The Wedding Chapel in Amarillo with Bryson Binion, minister of Amarillo, officiating.

The matron of honor was Christy Ream of Pampa. The bridesmaids were Melissa Glass of Pampa and Deserae Gastelum of Amarillo. The flower girl was Kiersta Reynolds of Fritch.

The best man was Bobby Ream of Pampa. The ring bearer was Bobby Lee Ream.

The usher was Jim Schoonover of Pampa. The candlelighters were Debbie Gamble of Skellytown and Pam Reynolds.

A reception was held at the Chapel following the service.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Jannis Schoonover of Pampa and Debbie and Danny Gamble of Skellytown. She owns A&A Auto Glass.

The groom is the son of John and Pam Reynolds of Fort Worth. He owns A&A Auto Glass.

The couple planned a honeymoon shopping spree to Amarillo and intend to make their home in Pampa.

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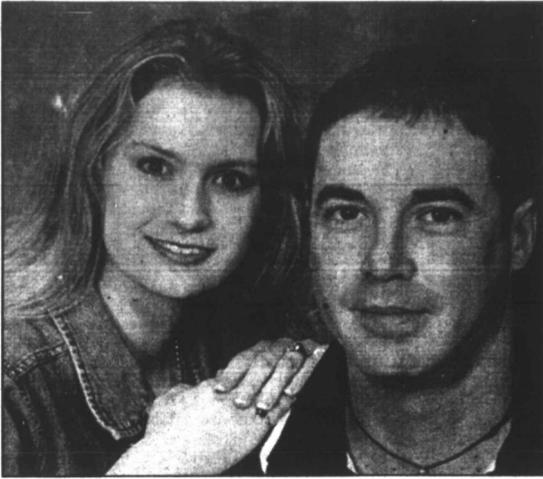
Melissa Crump of St. Louis, Mo., is currently attending D.D.S., in Amarillo. The prospective groom is Ryan Coleman Davis of Pampa. He is currently attending Amarillo College.

## Thunder from

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Kathy McGarber



Melissa Crump and Justin Cross

## Crump-Cross

Melissa Crump of Amarillo and Justin Cross of Pampa plan to wed Aug. 17, 2001, in Briarwood Church of Pampa. The bride-elect is the daughter of Deana Crump of Borger and Joe Crump of Stinnett. She graduated from Borger High School and is currently attending Amarillo College. She works for Dr. W.L. Bullis, D.D.S., in Amarillo. The prospective groom is the son of Maurice and Bonnie Cross of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School and attended Amarillo College. He is currently employed with Cross Plumbing in Pampa.

## Thunderbird draws rain from passing clouds

When the temperature is over 90-degrees at 10 o'clock in the evening, the feminine person in our house is grumpy. Grumpy is a catchall word used very loosely regarding the current weather. I downloaded Weatherbug. This informative program keeps me apprised of the current temperature with an icon on my computer screen. Was I insane? I really do not need a cyber-thermometer to know it is too hot outside. Lightning sliced across the sky a few nights ago. Thunder

As long as the painted birds remained on my lawn, it rained each time two clouds passed. There are things in life I do not attempt to understand. Tomorrow, however, I am buying spray paint.

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"There will be a rain dance Friday night, weather permitting."  
—George Carlin



Kathy Davis Morris  
GARDEN WISE

boomed. The tantalizing smell of rain filled the air. Prayers were rainedrops away from being answered. Four feet of rain fell at the house ... one drop every four feet.

The main topic of conversation everywhere is about the unrelenting heat. Each evening, the clouds turn gunmetal gray. Each evening faces turn skyward searching for rain. Disappointment is palatable. The long-range weather outlook does not sound good. I am sick of watering my plants twice a day. Watering my lawn is equivalent to pushing a string. The water just runs to the curb. What is the point? The Native Americans enticed rain to fall by painting a Thunderbird on the earth. Three summers ago I witnessed the magic of this ancient tradition.

Wishing desperately for rain, a young woman decided to mow the shape of a Thunderbird in a pasture. With twine, she carefully and artfully staked out the giant bird. From wingtip to wingtip, he measured the length of a football field. The land-locked bird's tail feathers flared out 50-yards. His image, shaped to scale and mowed with perfection, looked like a ragged mess at ground level. Climbing up a tall tower, the artist peered down on a beautiful, grassy bird.

Twice weekly she mowed the perimeter of the bird. With each trim, the Thunderbird's prominence increased. Pilots flew circles above the pasture as if to reassure themselves of what they had seen.

Shortly after the bird's creation, clouds gathered over the pasture. Moisture-filled miracles began. Each time two clouds passed, it rained on the property. At times, the clouds seemed to stop to visit with the bird.

Nature's mysteries abound. Every time it rained where the bird lived, the highway and neighboring areas remained dry. Wanting to tempt the gods, I summoned the young artist. With spray paint and chalk, she used my lawn and sidewalk as a canvas.



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clifton Skaggs

## Skaggs anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clifton Skaggs of Pampa recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and a card shower (P.O. Box 2124, Pampa, TX 79066-2124). Harry Clifton Skaggs and Alta May McCoun were married on July 21, 1941, in First Christian Church of Christ parsonage at Cheyenne, Okla.

The couple previously resided in Shamrock, Amarillo, Perryton, Borger and Bridgeport, Texas; Guymon, Pauls Valley and Edmond, Okla.; Aurora and Sterling, Colo.; Elkhart, Liberal and Medicine Lodge, Kan.; and Cherokee and Emmetsburg, Iowa and Nebraska. Mr. Skaggs was born Nov. 11, 1913, at Chicago, Mo. He retired from pipeline construction after 43 years of service, operating heavy machinery such as ditching machines, backhoes and bulldozers. He also did welding and mechanic work.

Some of the companies he worked for include Brodie Construction of Amarillo, Gorman-Phillips of Perryton, Frenchie LeBlanc of Shamrock, Carlson and Craddock Construction of Pampa and O.R. Smith of Wichita, Kan. Since retirement, he and Mrs. Skaggs have made their home in Pampa.

Mrs. Skaggs was born May 1, 1908, at Eva, Okla. For the past 60 years, she has been a homemaker. She was also a member of Gray County Extension Club for a number of years.

The couple belong to First Baptist Church of Pampa and Pampa Senior Citizens Association.

Children of the couple and their spouses are Roger and Velma McCoun of Amarillo and Rodney and Artalee Skaggs of Yucaipa, Calif. They have five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



Angie Butkovich and Jimmy Fossett

## Butkovich-Fossett

Angie Butkovich and Jimmy Fossett, both of Pampa, plan to wed Oct. 20, 2001, in St. Thomas the Apostle Church of Amarillo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of John T. and Brenda Butkovich of Los Lunas. She holds a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from the University of New Mexico and is currently employed as a process engineer at Celanese-Pampa Plant.

The prospective groom is the son of Pat and Juanita Patrick of Pampa. He is currently employed as an electrician at Mac Supply.

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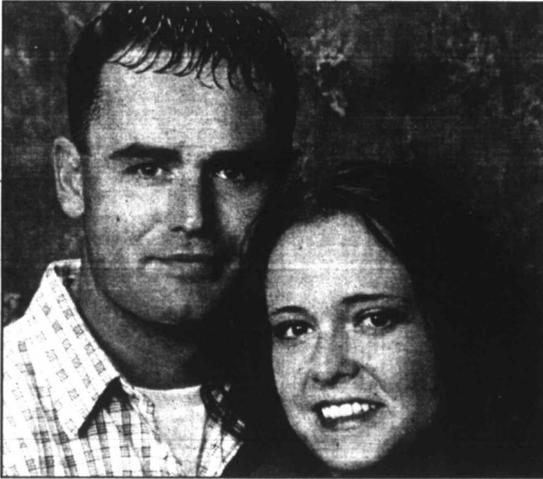
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Kathryn Anne Hamilton and Jeff Cloud

## Hamilton-Cloud

Kathryn Anne Hamilton and Jeff Cloud, both of Amarillo, plan to wed Aug. 18, 2001, at Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena Pavilion in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Stacy Hamilton of Pampa and David Hamilton and Joann Ondrovik, both of Paris, Texas. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1993 and from West Texas A&M University in 2000.

The prospective groom is the son of Alan Cloud of Borger and Pam Cloud of Pampa. He graduated from Borger High School in 1993 and attended West Texas A&M University in Canyon. He is currently employed by Morgan Stanley in Amarillo.

An announcement tea or party is planned Aug. 11 at 1140 Perry in Pampa with Glynis Blaine, Manda Dunlap, Stacy Hamilton, Cel Henley, Ruth Williams and Shelly Young hosting the event.

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# Calendar of events

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

## T.O.P.S. #41

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

## AL-ANON

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

## VFW CHARITY BINGO

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

**OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES/WIC**  
Outreach Health Services/WIC Nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information, call 665-1182.

## CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

## PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

## PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

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

## MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

## CLASS OF 1961

Pampa High School Class of 1961 will hold its

40th class reunion this year. Anyone interested in helping plan and organize the event should contact Zip Swaney at 665-5532.

## BEEF AMBASSADOR CONTEST

Top Of Texas CattleWomen is seeking youth between the ages of 15-19 to compete for the Beef Ambassador Award. For more information, contact Amy Brainard at (806) 323-6397.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS

Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers from the community to respond during times of crisis in Pampa and other parts of the county. As well as personal satisfaction, volunteers learn how to protect themselves and cope with disaster by planning ahead, particularly essential during tornado season. In addition, ARC is willing to deliver informational discussions on disaster preparedness to area church or community organizations. For more information, call (806) 669-7121.

## VETERANS HALL OF FAME

The Panhandle Veterans Hall of Fame is currently accepting nominations for induction into its ranks through July 20. Send all nominations to: Panhandle Hall of Fame, 600 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065. Chairman of the organization is John L. Tripplehorn.

## ARC SWIM LESSONS

Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor swim lessons June 4 through Aug. 3 at M.K. Brown Outdoor Pool. The classes will include Levels I, II, III, IV and V and will be offered in four sessions: June 4-15, June 18-29, July 9-20 and July 23-Aug. 3. Cost is \$35 and all fees are due prior to the session. Participants are encouraged to register now. For more information or to enroll, contact the local ARC office, 108 N. Russell, at 669-7121.

## BSA TRAINING

BSA Hospice is sponsoring a volunteer training class from 5:50-8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and again from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, July 16-28. Volunteers are the "heart and soul" of the Hospice team. Volunteers visit patients, work in the in-patient and home care division, help with mailings, transport patients and provide clerical and spiritual support. For more information or to register, call Deborah Andrews, LSW, at BSA (806) 212-8715.

## TRI-STATE SENIORS GOLF TOURNEY

Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament will be held July 22-26. The event is being sponsored by

Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact the Chamber at 669-3241.

## RANCHING HERITAGE CENTER

The National Ranching Heritage Center will host Lanny Fiel and the Ranch Dance Fiddle Band as part of its "Original West Texas Saturday Night Ranch Dance Summer Series 2001" from 8-11 p.m., Saturday, July 28 at the Center located at 3121 4th St., in Lubbock. Admission is \$2 per person. For more information, call (806) 742-0497, ext. 222, or visit [www.ranchdance.com](http://www.ranchdance.com) on the Internet.

## TEXAS GUN & KNIFE SHOW

The Texas Gun and Knife Show is slated July 28-29 at Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. The show hours will be from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Admission is \$3.50 for adults. Children under 12 are free. Two adults get in for the price of one the first hour of each day. For more information, contact Don or Kim Hill at (830) 257-5844 or visit [www.texasgunandknifeshows.com](http://www.texasgunandknifeshows.com) on the Internet.

## PARADE OF PONDS

Ogallala Water Gardeners will stage its third annual "Parade of Ponds" Water Garden Tour from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, July 28 in Amarillo. An additional night tour will be offered from 9:30-11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults. Children accompanied by an adult get in free. Tickets are available at the following locations: Amarillo Botanical Gardens, Bubbles Aquariums, Coulter Gardens Nursery, Fish Pros, Pitter Patter Pets, Panhandle Greenhouses, Rolling Hills Aquatic Gardens and The Pond Place. Much of the proceeds will go to Amarillo Botanical Gardens for a new large, public water garden. For more information, visit [www.amaonline.com/owg](http://www.amaonline.com/owg) on the Internet.

## TIMELESS TREASURES QUILT GUILD

Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild will hold its quarterly meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 28 at Methodist Enrichment Center, 6th and Quinn, Guymon, Okla. The program will be presented by Eva Lou Koons of Liberal, Kan. Free demonstrations will be offered in the afternoon on the following three quilt patterns: 21st Century Bull's Eye quilt, Ragtime quilt and Paper Foundation Quilt Piecing. Visitors are welcome and attendees are invited to participate in show and tell.

## QUICK TASP

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will conduct a

Quick TASP test at 9 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 15. Test-takers must bring with them a check or money order made out to National Evaluation Systems in the amount of \$29 plus a \$10 CCPC testing fee and for identification purposes either a driver's license or a Social Security card. Calculators are also allowed. For more information, call CCPC at 665-8801.

## CLASS OF 1991 REUNION

Information and money for Pampa High School Class of 1991 reunion is due no later than Aug. 1, 2001. To request info and questionnaire, e-mail [gtexash@aol.com](mailto:gtexash@aol.com) or pick-up a form from Melissa at Chez Tanz, 2137 N. Hobart, 669-6836.

## COOP OF WOMEN ARTISTS

Cooperative of Women Artists is seeking participants for its 2001 annual National Multimedia Juried Art Show slated Oct. 5-26 at the Katy and E. Don Walker Education Center, Sam Houston Memorial Museum in Huntsville. The entry deadline is Aug. 10. Cash awards will be given in various categories. For more information, call Golda Rich at (936) 295-5377 or write: CWA Multimedia, 266 Elkins Lake, Huntsville, TX 77340.

## COUNTY CENTENNIAL LOGO CONTEST

Gray County Centennial Logo Contest is currently seeking entries. Deadline is Sept. 15, 2001. Submit design on separate sheet of paper and include name, address, day and evening phone numbers. Mail to Madeline Gawthrop, Route 2, Box 74A, Pampa, TX 79065. For more information, call 665-6345. No entries will be returned without a SASE.

## DIALOGUE

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

## PATHWAYS

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will offer "Pathways," a four-part support series for those who have lost a loved one, from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesdays throughout the month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

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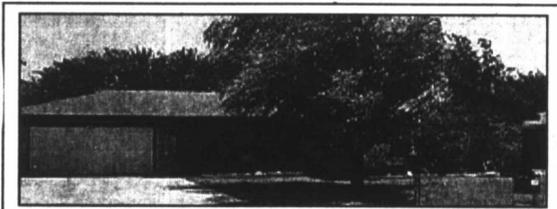
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## Billboard music charts

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### Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "U Remind Me," Usher. Arista.
2. "Hit 'Em Up Style (Oops!)," Blu Cantrell. RedZone.
3. "All or Nothing," O-Town. J.
4. "Let Me Blow Ya Mind," Eve (feat. Gwen Stefani). Ruff Ryders.
5. "Peaches & Cream," 112. Bad Boy.
6. "Drops Of Jupiter (Tell Me)," Train. Columbia.
7. "Bootylicious," Destiny's Child. Columbia.
8. "Hanging By A Moment," Lifehouse. DreamWorks.
9. "Drive," Incubus. Immortal.
10. "What Would You Do?" City High. Booga Basement. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

### The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10

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

1. "Songs In A Minor," Alicia Keys. J.
2. "The Saga Continues," P. Diddy & The Bad Boy Family. Bad Boy/Arista.
3. "Devil's Night," D-12. Shady.
4. "Break The Cycle," Staind. Flip/Elektra. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
5. "Survivor," Destiny's Child. Columbia. (Platinum)
6. "Jagged Little Thrill," Jagged Edge. So So Def/Columbia.
7. "Take Off Your Pants And Jacket," Blink-182. MCA.
8. "Lil' Romeo," Lil' Romeo. Soujja.
9. "Skin," Melissa Etheridge. Island/IDJMG.
10. "(Hybrid Theory)," Linkin Park. Warner Bros. (Platinum). Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

### Hot Adult Contemporary

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

1. "There You'll Be," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
2. "Thank You," Dido. Arista.
3. "If You're Gone," matchbox twenty. Lava.
4. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack With Sons Of The Desert. MCA Nashville.
5. "Only Time," Enya. Warner Sunset.
6. "More Than That," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
7. "One More Day," Diamond Rio. Arista Nashville.
8. "Angel," Lionel Richie. Island.
9. "This I Promise You," 'N Sync. Jive.
10. "Ghost Of You And Me," BBMak. Hollywood.

### Top Gospel Albums

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

1. "Live In London And More...," Donnie McClurkin. Verity. (Gold)
2. "CeCe Winans," CeCe Winans. Wellspring Gospel.
3. "Thankful," Mary Mary. C2/Columbia. (Gold)
4. "The Experience," Yolanda Adams. Elektra.
5. "WoW Gospel 2001: The Year's 30 Top Gospel Artists And Songs," Various Artists. EMI/World. (Gold)
6. Soundtrack: "Kingdom Come." Gospo Centric.
7. "Awesome Wonder," Kurt Carr & The Kurt Carr Singers. Gospo Centric.
8. "The Storm Is Over," Bishop T.D. Jakes & The Potter's House Mass Choir. Dexterity Sounds.
9. "Thank You," The Christianaires. Marxan.
10. "It Ain't Over," Regina. Real Deal/Orpheus. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

### Mainstream Rock Tracks

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1. "It's Been Awhile," Staind. Flip/Elektra.
2. "Schism," Tool. Tool Dissectional.
3. "Crawling," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
4. "Days Of The Week," Stone Temple Pilots. Atlantic.

### Modern Rock Tracks

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

1. "It's Been Awhile," Staind. Flip/Elektra.
2. "The Rock Show," Blink-182. MCA.
3. "Schism," Tool. Tool Dissectional.
4. "Hash Pipe," Weezer. Geffen.
5. "Fat Lip," Sum 41. Island.
6. "Crawling," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
7. "Days Of The Week," Stone Temple Pilots. Atlantic.
8. "You Wouldn't Believe," 311. Volcano.
9. "Short Skirt/Long Jacket," Cake. Columbia.
10. "Smooth Criminal," Alien Ant Farm. New Noize/DreamWorks.

### Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Singles and Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)

1. "U Remind Me," Usher. Arista.
2. "Fallin'," Alicia Keys. J.
3. "Where The Party At," Jagged Edge with Nelly. So So Def.
4. "Music," Erick Sermon (feat. Marvin Gaye). NY.LA/Def Squad.
5. "She's All I Got," Jimmy Cozier. J.
6. "Peaches & Cream," 112. Bad Boy.
7. "Take You Out," Luther Vandross. J.
8. "Hit 'Em Up Style (Oops!)," Blu Cantrell. RedZone.
9. "Fiesta," R. Kelly (feat. Jay-Z). Jive.
10. "Contagious," The Isley Brothers (feat. Ronald Isley AKA Mr. Biggs). DreamWorks. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

### Hot Country Singles and Tracks

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

1. "I'm Already There," Lonestar. BNA.
2. "She Couldn't Change Me," Montgomery Gentry. Columbia.
3. "When I Think About Angels," Jamie O'Neal. Mercury.
4. "Austin," Blake Shelton. Giant.
5. "I'm Just Talkin' About Tonight," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
6. "Two People Fell In Love," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.
7. "Where The Blacktop Ends," Keith Urban. Capitol.
8. "Downtime," Jo Dee Messina. Curb.
9. "Laredo," Chris Cagle. Virgin/Capitol.
10. "I Could Not Ask For More," Sara Evans. RCA. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

### Top Country Albums

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

1. Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Platinum)
2. "I'm Already There," Lonestar. BNA.
3. Soundtrack: "Coyote Ugly," Curb. (Platinum)
4. "Set This Circus Down," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
5. "Greatest Hits," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Gold)
6. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack. MCA Nashville. (Platinum)

### Hot Rap Singles

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

1. "Purple Hills," D-12. Shady.
2. "My Baby," Lil' Romeo. Soujja/No Limit.
3. "My Projects," Coo Coo Cal. Infinite/Tommy Boy.
4. "Bigacts Littleacts," Afu-Ra (feat. GZA). D&D/In the Paint/Fat Beats.
5. "Bad Boy For Life," P. Diddy, Black Rob & Mark Curry. Bad Boy/Arista.
6. "Torture," Screwball (feat. M.O.P.). Hydra.
7. "Take That," Da Beatminerz (feat. Flipmode Squad & Vinia Mojica). Rawkus.
8. "Call Me E.S.," 7L & Esoteric. Direct.
9. "Y'all Don't Wanna," Skillz. Eastern Conference/Rawkus.
10. "None Tonight," Lil' Zane. Worldwide. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

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3. "Devil's Night," D-12. Shady.
4. "Jagged Little Thrill," Jagged Edge. So So Def/Columbia.
5. "The Reason," Beanie Sigel. Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam.
6. "Luther Vandross," Luther Vandross. J.
7. "Lil' Romeo," Lil' Romeo. Soujja.
8. "Free City," St. Lunatics. Fo' Reel. (Platinum)
9. "Miss E...So Addictive,"

### Hot Latin Tracks

(Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)

1. "Azul," Cristian. Ariola.
2. "O Me Voy O Te Vas," Marco Antonio Solis. Fonovisa.
3. "Abrazame Muy Fuerte," Juan Gabriel. Ariola.
4. "Besame," Ricardo Montaner. WEA Latina.
5. "No Me Conoces Aun," Palomo. Disa.
6. "Me Vas A Extranar," Pepe Aguilar. Musart.
7. "La Bomba," Azul AzuL. Sony Discos.
8. "No Te Podias Quedar," Conjunto Primavera. Fonovisa.
9. "Como Se Cura Una Herida," Jaci Velasquez. Sony Discos.
10. "Y Llegaste Tu," Banda El Recodo. Fonovisa. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

### The Billboard Latin 50: Top 10 Albums

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

1. "Cuando La Sangre Galopa," Jaguares. RCA/BMG Latin.
2. "Historia Musical Romantica," Grupo Bryndis. Disa.
3. "Shhh!," A.B. Quintanilla Y Los Kumbia Kings. EMI Latin.
4. "Paulina," Paulina Rubio. Universal Latino. (Gold)
5. "Mas De Mi Alma," Marco Antonio-Solis. Fonovisa. (Gold)
6. "Homenaje A Chalino Sanchez," El Original De La Sierra. Univision.
7. "Historia De Un Idolo Vol. 1," Vicente Fernandez. Sony Discos.
8. "Despreciado," Lupillo Rivera. Sony Discos.
9. "Azul," Cristian. Ariola.
10. "Proxima Estacion... Esperanza," Manu Chao. Virgin. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

### Hot Rap Singles

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1. "Purple Hills," D-12. Shady.
2. "My Baby," Lil' Romeo. Soujja/No Limit.
3. "My Projects," Coo Coo Cal. Infinite/Tommy Boy.
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### Hot Dance Music — Club Play

(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)

1. "Keep Control," Sono. Groovilicious.
2. "Live To Tell," Lucrezia. Logic.
3. "Never Enough," Boris Dlugosh (feat. Roisin). MSU.
4. "Play," Jennifer Lopez. Epic.
5. "Lady Marmalade," Christina Aguilera, Lil' Kim, Mya & Pink. Interscope.
6. "I Got My Pride," Barry Harris (feat. Pepper Mashay). Tommy Boy Silver Label.
7. "Planets Of The Universe," Stevie Nicks. Reprise.
8. "We Come 1," Faithless. Cheeky/Arista.
9. "Someone To Call My Lover," Janet. Virgin.

## Billboard video charts

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Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission:

### Top Music Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Flame Flamenco & Romance," Esteban.
2. "The Up In Smoke Tour," Various Artists. (Platinum)
3. "Britney In Hawaii: Live & More," Britney Spears. (Platinum)
4. "Saliva," Tool.
5. "Aaron's Party... Live In Concert!," Aaron Carter.
6. "Touring Band 2000," Pearl Jam. (Platinum)
7. "Live At Madison Square Garden," 'N Sync. (Platinum)
8. "Encore," Old Friends Quartet.
9. "Hell Freezes Over," Eagles. (Platinum)
10. "My Reflection," Christina Aguilera.

### Top Video Rentals

(Compiled from a national sample of rental reports)

1. "The Wedding Planner," Columbia TriStar Home Video.
2. "Unbreakable," Touchstone Home Video.
3. "Cast Away," FoxVideo.
4. "Save The Last Dance," Paramount Home Video.
5. "Snatch," Columbia TriStar Home Video.

### Top Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Bring It On," Universal Studios Home Video.
2. "Coyote Ugly," Touchstone Home Video.
3. "The Emperor's New Groove," Walt Disney Home Video.
4. "Charlie's Angels," Columbia TriStar Home Video.
5. "Disney's The Kid," Walt Disney Home Video.
6. "Miss Congeniality," Warner Home Video.
7. "Me, Myself & Irene," FoxVideo.
8. "Gone In 60 Seconds," Touchstone Home Video.
9. "Dr. Dolittle," FoxVideo.
10. "batteries not included," Universal Studios Home Video.

### Top DVD Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Unbreakable," Touchstone Home Video.
2. "Snatch," Columbia TriStar Home Video.
3. "The Wedding Planner," Columbia TriStar Home Video.
4. "Cast Away," FoxVideo.

### Billboard Magazine Chart Leaders

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

- HOT POP SINGLE:** "U Remind Me," Usher. Arista.
- TOP POP ALBUM:** "Songs In A Minor," Alicia Keys.
- HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLE:** "U Remind Me," Usher.
- TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUM:** "Songs In A Minor," Alicia Keys.
- HOT COUNTRY SINGLE/TRACK:** "I'm Already There," Lonestar.
- TOP COUNTRY ALBUM:** Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"
- TOP VIDEO RENTAL:** "The Wedding Planner."
- TOP VIDEO SALE:** "Bring It On."
- TOP DVD SALE:** "Unbreakable."
- TOP MUSIC VIDEO:** "Flame Flamenco & Romance," Esteban.

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# Jobseekers, plagued by tight market, look for advice

By RACHEL BECK  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — It wasn't long ago that corporate America couldn't stop fawning over dot-commers. They didn't need resumes or interviewing skills. Recruiters chased anyone with the least bit of Internet experience.

But now that the fairy-tale job market has collapsed, many of these startup refugees are learning what it takes to find work the Old Economy way. They are studying up on business etiquette, what to wear on an interview and how to describe their skills.

"Many of them don't have a clue how business really operates," said Mary Ann Salas, president of Super Systems Inc., a placement firm based in Atlanta and West Hartford, Conn. "They are in shock when they hear that they even need a resume."

The prospect of so many people baffled by their job searches has attracted some entrepreneurs. The Layoff Lounge, for instance, began in February throwing recruiting and networking parties in Los Angeles. It now has events in 12 U.S. cities, among them New York, Boston, Dallas and San Francisco.

Robert Hill, 38, of Long Beach, Calif., attended a recent Layoff Lounge event in Pasadena, Calif., after realizing that gone are the days of when he could post a resume online, and hear from potential employers within minutes.

"The job market has done a 180-degree flip from a year ago," he said.

The casual Web culture further complicates the job hunt for former dot-commers, recruiters say. Instead of suits and ties, many have shown up for interviews in T-shirts and wrinkled slacks. They often don't bring resumes or references, and frown at the idea of regular schedules that oblige them to be at the office around the same time every day. They have bold salary requirements and want to be hired high up the corporate ladder.

Deborah Pleva, 30, formerly of the defunct sportswear e-retailer Lucy.com, showed up at a recent interview in a casual top and skirt with open-toes shoes. As she left,

she noticed another job candidate in the waiting room dressed in a suit.

Though she doesn't blame her casual attire for failing to land the job, the experience has inspired her to dress more conservatively — nice slacks and a sweater — for future interviews.

"It made me think that maybe my presentation was a little too laid-back, which was an impression I didn't want to give off," said the Portland, Ore., resident.

This spring, HotJobs.com received so many questions about basic job-hunting advice from visitors to its career-oriented Web site that it started a job-tip-of-the-day service via e-mail in early June. Don't wear white socks to interviews. Do make good-quality copies of your resume.

At the Los Angeles-based placement firm Korn/Ferry International, recruiting executives increasingly work with jobseekers on what they should expect, a result of many candidates coming in with inflated expectations of job title and salary.

"We have a lot of young CEOs

from these (dot-com) companies that could not be an assistant vice president in the real world because there are different skills and different rules," said Charles Wardell, managing director of Korn/Ferry's northeast region.

Salas reminds clients to research the companies prior to interviews, to prepare concise, well-organized resumes, and to dress appropriately. But she doesn't always get her message across — one client recently showed up for an interview at a manufacturing firm in torn-up jeans and flip-flops.

"The manager he was interviewing with said that his dress was disrespectful, and it signaled to him that this person might be hard to work with," Salas said.

Andrea Kay, a Cincinnati-based author and columnist on career issues, coaches people on how to use their dot-com experience at their advantage. She encourages them to cast their time at a Web company in a positive light even

if the company later went bust.

"Working at dot-com isn't a stigma, except the fact that your company, like others, failed," Kay said. "That does not mean that you are a failure."

That's the message Wendy McCulley, a veteran of three dot-coms, including the failed Hardware.com, is trying to convey.

While gaining valuable marketing and advertising experience at her Web jobs, she says she has few concrete results to document on her resume. So she has spent the last few months trying to develop solid examples of what she learned at her previous jobs.

"Everything at the dot-coms was changing all of the time," said McCulley, who lives in Los Angeles. "We would do one media plan, and then it would change in a week, and change again and again... but that doesn't mean I didn't work hard or learn a lot from the experience." The Layoff Lounge events, with

a cover charge of \$10, are geared for people in the technology industries. The parties bring together as many as 300 jobseekers, recruiters and company representatives.

At the Pasadena gathering, Hill lined up one interview, which didn't turn into a job. More importantly, however, was the connection he made with another attendee who had similar technology experience. Already this new friend has suggested Hill look into employment in the area of streaming media, something he previously knew little about.

"It is a different world out there when it comes to getting a job," Hill said. "No one is coming to find you."

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## Clinton PAC raises \$662,325 after operating six months

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton's political action committee raised \$662,325 in its first six months, catapulting the freshman senator into the top tier of fund-raisers in the U.S. Senate.

HILLPAC handed out \$100,000 in contributions to other lawmakers from Montana to Georgia, according to records filed with the Federal Election Commission. Among HILLPAC's largest donations was \$10,000 to the legal defense fund of embattled Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J.

Campaign finance experts called Clinton's haul impressive, without being so large as to raise eyebrows.

"A garden variety junior senator, newly elected, would have some real trouble raising that kind of money," Washington D.C.-based election lawyer Kenneth Gross said. "She's among the top."

The PAC allows New York's junior senator to contribute to other federal candidates, pay for her political travel across the country and boost her stature with party leaders. There is also some speculation that it could help her win allies for a run for president. Clinton has said she will serve out her six year term in the Senate.

"We're very pleased that we have the opportunity to help out Democratic candidates," HILL-

PAC executive director Patti Solis Doyle said Friday.

Many members of Congress have similar leadership PACs.

Clinton's totals put her in the same ballpark as possible Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., who raised \$766,041 and contributed \$142,605 in the last election cycle. Republican fund raising powerhouse Mitch McConnell, of Kentucky, raised \$142,500 and gave out \$163,303 during the same two year period.

Clinton doled out \$2,000 donations to the re-election campaigns of many of her Senate colleagues, including Dick Durbin, of Illinois; Jean Carnahan, of Missouri; Max Cleland, of Georgia; Max Baucus, of Montana; Paul Wellstone, of Minnesota; and Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia and Carl Levin, of Michigan.

Many of HILLPAC's donors were among the larger contributors to the former first lady's \$29 million Senate bid, such as Slimfast president S. Daniel Abraham, music executive Gail Zappa, and Black Entertainment Television founder Robert Johnson. All three gave the maximum individual donation of \$5,000 to HILLPAC. Her donors also included various labor unions and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

## Chicago suicides refocus spotlight on baffling disorder

CHICAGO (AP) — A mother of quadruplets flees home and drowns herself in Lake Michigan less than a week after their births.

Another new mother disappears from her house several months after her baby is born and jumps to her death from a 12th-story hotel window.

Aracely Erives, whose body was found in the lake on Wednesday, and Melanie Stokes, who died June 11, were among four new mothers to commit suicide in Chicago over the past two months, authorities say.

The women could have met pushing strollers in the park, sharing stories of sleepless nights, first smiles and favorite lullabies. Instead, at a time that is supposed to bring wondrous joy, they were all struck by postpartum depression.

The condition has been in the spotlight recently because of Andrea Yates, a Houston woman said to have been afflicted with the most severe form of the illness. She is accused of drowning her five children in the bathtub June 20.

Authorities believe the recent cases do not mean there is any surge in postpartum depression-linked violence, but rather reflect a slowly growing awareness of the baffling disorder.

Experts admit they know frustratingly little about postpartum depression and its causes. And some say not enough is being done to detect it before tragedy strikes.

"People dismiss it and say that you can just snap out of it, that you've chosen to feel this way. That is totally wrong," said Lisa Anderson, a Tacoma, Wash., shipping company auditor. She went to several doctors before finding one who took her seriously when she developed postpartum depression after the birth of her third child last year.

Anderson, 33, said she thought her family was better off without her and contemplated suicide. But medication and counseling helped her, and she said women should know "they shouldn't blame themselves for this illness."

Postpartum depression happens in about 10 percent of pregnancies and typically develops within the first few weeks after childbirth, according to the National Institutes of Health.

It is often blamed on the dramatic drop in estrogen and progesterone, pregnancy-sustaining hormones, that occurs with childbirth. But there is little scientific evidence to support that theory, said Dr. Valerie Davis Raskin, a University of Chicago psychiatrist.

An NIH study is seeking to test the theory by using drugs to create a "scaled-down" hormonal state of pregnancy in non-pregnant women and then measuring their mood after immediate withdrawal of the synthetic hormones.

One problem is trying to figure out which women are susceptible, since all women experience a hormone crash after giving birth but only a fraction develop postpartum depression, Raskin said.

The condition is known to run in families, and women who had previous mental ailments, including an extreme form of premenstrual syndrome, also face an increased risk, she said.

Women with difficult pregnancies, such as 27-year-old Erives, who spent more than a month on bedrest, are also at risk.

Carol Blocker, Stokes' mother, said her daughter's symptoms began soon after her baby's birth in February.

"She stopped eating, she couldn't sleep, she was very agitated," Blocker said Thursday. "She told me that she felt like a walking zombie. She she told me she was a living corpse."

Stokes, 41, was eventually hospitalized and diagnosed with postpartum psychosis, an extreme variation that affects one in 500 to 1,000 women. But she was later sent home.

Stokes' mother is promoting legislation Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill., introduced in her daughter's name that seeks more research and services for postpartum depression victims. "I'm not going to let her die in vain," Blocker said.

The U.S. government does not track postpartum depression-related violence, but estimates that up to 200 U.S. infants a year are killed and many more suicides are committed by afflicted mothers, said Laurence Kruckman, a medical anthropologist at Indiana University in Pennsylvania.

Kruckman said the United States lags behind places like Britain, where all new mothers are evaluated for postpartum depression before they are sent home, and nurses make at least two mandatory home visits to check for symptoms within 40 days of childbirth.

At Indiana Hospital outside Pittsburgh, where Kruckman works as a consultant, all new mothers are screened for postpartum depression and are offered free support-group sessions with their babies where experts look for symptoms.

New York and New Jersey are the only states that require hospitals to give mothers information on postpartum depression, said Sonia Murdock, president of Postpartum Support International, a Santa Barbara, Calif., group.

On the Net:  
Postpartum Support International:  
http://www.postpartum.net

## Texas, other states ask for quarantine to be phased out

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said Friday that she and agriculture commissioners from other states have recommended the phasing out of Karnal bunt quarantines.

Instead, the U.S. Department of Agriculture should consider the wheat fungus as a quality issue

and establish tolerances for grain, Combs said.

Combs and agriculture commissioners New Mexico, Florida, Arizona and California, sent a letter to Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman to complain that the zero tolerance for Karnal bunt is trade driven and other countries have been using it as a trade barrier, Combs said Friday.

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5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;  
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\*\*\*\* An associate resents your attitude of all business and no play. Lighten up some, and be willing to listen to another's long tale of woe. Just be grateful it isn't yours! Your ingenuity finds you answers, but you might observe someone who isn't all that receptive. Tonight: Join a pal for dinner.  
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\*\*\* It takes all your interpersonal skills to deal with a very touchy associate or partner. Just because you might be doing the politically correct thing doesn't mean that it will appease another. Claim your power and refuse to be triggered. Tonight: Buy that item you have been coveting.  
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# Newsmakers

**Marquetta E. Oliveira**, daughter of Jeannie Oliveira of Pampa, has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty.

Oliveira will report to Fort Leonard Wood in Waynesville, Mo., for basic training.

**SHAWNEE, Okla.** — Oklahoma Baptist University recently announced its President's Honor Roll for the 2001 spring semester.

To be eligible for the honor

## Club news

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

### PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met June 28 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center with President Pat Stubbs presiding. Thirty-six members and one visitor were present.

Outgoing President Stubbs installed the following officers for the 2001-02 club year: Susie Edwards, president; Jane Jacobs, vice president; Jean McCarley, secretary; Thelma Matthews, treasurer; Mary Bandy, publicity; and Kathy White, newsletter. Door prizes were won by Mary Seeding and Connie Parks.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. July 26 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. Visitors are welcome.

### CCGS

Gray County Genealogy Society will host guest speaker Edwina Peterson at its next meeting slated at 7:30 p.m., Monday, July 23 at the Sheriff's Department Classroom located downtown on Francis Street.

The program will be "Where to Begin Your American Indian Family Research." A question and answer session will follow.

Mrs. Peterson is an enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation. She has been researching her Cherokee ancestry for 10 years and for the past three has assisted others in researching their American Indian ancestry.

She is a charter member of American Indian Cultural Center of Amarillo and also belongs to Texas Inter-Tribal Indian Organization.

The meeting is open to the public. Visitors are welcome.

### Altrusa

Altrusa International Inc. of Pampa met July 17 at Pampa Country Club with President DeLynn Gordzelik presiding. Terry Gamblin and Mattie Norton served as greeters.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Anne Stobbe, delegate to the Altrusa International Convention held recently in Dallas, gave an update on bylaws, resolutions and recommendations passed at the convention which 14 Pampa Altrusans attended.

During the convention, the local chapter was recognized for having received the Distinguished Club Award for achievements the past year. To qualify for the award, a club must have a minimum 10-points in areas of service, membership, leadership, programming and communications and a minimum overall total of 120-points out of a possible 150.

—Brenda Hampton and Susan Crane were recommended for membership and a three-month leave of absence for Jodi Roden was approved.

—Members voted to sponsor a Laser Light Show in the fall as a fund-raising project and to schedule the annual style show in the spring of 2002.

—Birthday wishes went to: Tina Sutherland, Donna Crow, Gaye Honderich, Lori Groenvold and Becky Holmes.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. July 31 at Pampa Country Club.

roll, a student must maintain a 3.70 grade point average for the semester. Students named to the list include: **Jeremy Michael Buck** of Pampa.

**GOOSE CREEK, S.C.** — Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Billy R. Boyd, III**, 2000 Canadian High School graduate and son of Mary N. Boyd of Canadian, recently graduated from Nuclear Field "A" School at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in Goose Creek.

The three- to six-month course teaches machinist's mates, electrician's mates and electronics technicians the basics of their jobs. It provides hands-on training on equipment designed to teach technical skills.

Boyd will attend follow-on training at Nuclear Power School and will receive more detailed instruction on principles of science and engineering, construction and operation and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants.

In addition, Boyd was also promoted to his current rank.

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** — Army Pvt. **Jamey S. Smiles**, 1993 Pampa High School graduate and son of Scott and Kathy Smiles of Pampa, recently graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson at Columbia.

During the training, the soldier received instruction and practice in drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history and traditions.

**COLUMBUS, Ga.** — Army Pvt. **Michael M. Brack**, 2000 Pampa High School graduate and son of Billy and Brenda Gardner of Pampa, recently graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning at Columbus.

During the training, the soldier received instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, weapons, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history and traditions.

## 'TEXAS' cast has ties to Pampa

**CANYON** — Two members with family ties in the Pampa area brighten the Pioneer Amphitheatre in the spirit of "TEXAS," contributing their talents to the production's 36th Anniversary Season. "TEXAS" is an outdoor musical drama set in the majestic Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo. Since 1966, it has entertained a worldwide audience through song, dance and drama.

Shana Grusendorf is joining the company as a customer service representative for her first season. Throughout high school and most of college she played piccolo in band. She was a member of the Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra and the Junior College All State Band. She is an honor graduate from Pampa High School and her parents, Gerald and Deletta Grusendorf live in League City. She is a volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House and Family Room of Amarillo and is majoring in radiation therapy at Amarillo College.

Josh Gibson is joining "TEXAS" for his first year as a cast member. He is a 2001 graduate of Pampa High School. While attending high school, he played leading roles in three PHS choir musicals. He is a two-year member of the Texas All State Choir. He plans to attend Wayland Baptist University in the fall where he will major in music. He is the son of Brad and Lisa Gibson of Pampa.

"TEXAS," written by author Paul Green, is a tale of the joys, triumphs and challenges of early Texas Panhandle settlers to the area. The musical takes the audience through the area's development of open prairie land to the



Josh Gibson

building of the railroad, while adding a little romance and charm along the way.

As the Official Play of the proud State of Texas, "TEXAS" runs from June 7-Aug. 19. Cost of tickets for children under the age of 12 ranges from \$4 to \$23 and adult tickets range from \$8 to \$23. Discounts are also available for groups of 20 or more. "TEXAS" is shown nightly except Wednesdays, all performances begin at 8:30 p.m. barbecue catered by Cattle Call is served nightly at 6 p.m.

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(photo by Sarah Bir)

Pampa Sailor Robert W. Washbourne participates in Armed Forces Day in California.

## Pampan takes part in special training

### Official Navy Release

Pampa's Robert W. Washbourne was one of 18 "citizen Sailors" (naval reservists) who spent two weeks this summer supporting the Amphibious Group Three (PHIBGRU-3) unit at Naval Station San Diego, Calif. The naval reservists are members of the Naval Embarked Advisory Team (NEAT 110), which is located in Tulsa, Okla., 80 miles northeast of Oklahoma City. NEAT 110 reservists provided security for ships for an armed forces celebration that took place in San Diego. The reservists performed these duties as part of their two-week annual training.

In celebration of Armed Forces Day, PHIBGRU-3 staff members planned and organized a public event that provided 3,500 citizens with a glimpse of life onboard amphibious ships and showcased the Navy and Marine Corps team.

Reservists like Navy Chief Petty Officer Washbourne, the 51-year-old son of Forrest Washbourne of Pampa, shared his unique perspective.

"I was able to answer specific questions posed by civilians attending the open house, as well as getting my own recruiting questions answered by active duty recruiters," said Washbourne, a 1968 graduate of Pampa High School.

Washbourne, an information systems technician for NEAT 110, operates and maintains global satellite telecommunications systems. His duties gave him the ability to help support the PHIBGRU-3 event in several ways.

NEAT 110 provided security, stood watch on boats at Naval Station San Diego, and provided harbor patrols. The reservists used their military and civilian experience to deal with these challenges.

"My participation was unique because as a member for NEAT 110, I am intimately involved in the everyday operation and utilization of the reserve force and reserve personnel," Washbourne said.

The reservists' contributions helped not just in the Armed Forces Day celebration but also in providing training for Sailors on amphibious ships. NEAT 110 reservists assisted the weapons department of the amphibious transport dock ship USS Denver (LPD 9). They provided training to weapons department personnel and much-needed assistance for the preservation of the armory and ordnance facilities. Additionally, the reservists fielded numerous questions from Denver Sailors about their civilian jobs and their naval reserve careers. The reservists provided much more to the event than job experience.

"My pride in the participation is very high. I was called upon to supervise the deploying and rotation of watchstanders for base security," said Washbourne, a 24-year Navy veteran.

Reserve units like NEAT 110 are all over the country. The naval reserve force consists of the ready reserve, the standby reserve and retired reserve, which includes 690,000 men and women. They provide mission-capable units and individuals to the Navy and Marine Corps team for both peace and war operations. The naval reserve represents 20 percent of the Navy's total assets and is a significant force multiplier for the active duty component, which faces daily challenges in meeting growing global commitments.

A drilling reservist is required to spend one weekend per month with their unit, and at least two weeks per year on active duty supporting naval commands around the world.

There are many types of reserve units, including the selected reserve, which is the Navy's primary source of immediate mobilization manpower and represents those reservists paid, as either weekend drillers, or who serve in full-time support on active duty status in the training and administration of the naval reserve force program.

For naval reservists like Washbourne, an event like Armed Forces Day gave them not only a chance to fulfill their military obligations but an opportunity to show the public the military lifestyle.

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