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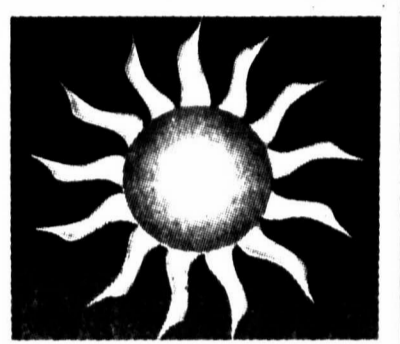
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## Pampans can watch Miss Texas USA

Amarillo television station, Fox 14, will rebroadcast the Miss Texas USA pageant featuring Pampa graduate Melinda Stowers at midnight, Monday, July 30, family members said Monday.

The two-hour live telecast of the pageant will air from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., July 30, on KCPN-TV, Channel 65, Amarillo. This station is not included in the Pampa Cable One package, explained Melinda Stowers, the contestant's mother. Representatives for Amarillo's Fox 14 said it will rebroadcast the pageant on Channel 9 at 12 midnight, she said.

## Parks Board meets Thursday

The Dr. V. E. von Brunow Park Gazebo funding will be discussed during the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

The water bill donation fund will be discussed as will bimonthly meetings.

Staff reports will be given by Shane Stokes and Kimberly Lincycorn.

- Stanley O'Dell Martinez, 68, retired construction company employee.
- Jace Maul and Caden Maul, stillborn twin sons of Adam Maul and Heather Petty of Pampa.
- Wilson DeWitt Stroud, 82, retired bread company employee.
- Norma Fay Weatherly, 76, charter member of Fellowship Baptist Church.

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## City expects tax hike, cuts in some services

By KATE B. DICKSON  
Associate Publisher

When the city begins operating under a new annual budget on Oct. 1, Pampans can expect to pay higher taxes and get fewer services in return.

That was the consensus Monday after two rounds of meetings in which City Commissioners, Mayor Lonnie Robbins and City Manager Bob Eskridge talked about priorities and where cuts can be made.

"In order to get (to a balanced budget) there will have to be some policy changes," said Commissioner Jeff Andrews. "What kind of services do we

want? We are not going to get there without modifying the service level. For eight years we have asked department heads to provide the same services with less ... they have done a phenomenal job. But now, they can't keep doing that."

City Manager Bob Eskridge replied, saying, "You are going to have to cut. The only significant cuts are in personnel."

Eskridge made reference to the commission's first discussion of possibly operating with only one fire station, thus reducing the number of fire personnel.

"I can make the numbers work," the city manager said. "And we have opportunities to look at. We have a maintenance (See CITY, Page 3)

## Water usage drop, insurance cost hike concern commission

Two significant economic issues facing the city are a drop in water usage/revenue and a proposed 50 percent rate hike in the amount the city pays for employee health insurance.

During Tuesday's City Commission work session (see related story), City Manager Bob Eskridge said, "Water usage is down and the customer count is down."

(See WATER, Page 3)

## Attorney: Pig petition may carry no legal weight

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

An anti-pig assistance petition circulating in Pampa and the surrounding area may not be legally binding, says County Attorney Todd Alvey.

The petition is in regard to National Pig Development's plan to locate a hog genetic research facility about 11 miles east of town.

Petition organizers want a county-wide vote to prohibit Gray County officials from offering any type of tax incentives (abatement) to any swine-related industry.

Alvey said Tuesday morning he has talked with the Attorney General's Office on this petition as well as two previous petitions in Gray County which resulted in elections: the dog issue in 2000

and the juvenile detention facility issue a few years ago.

He said that in both of those situations there were specific statutes allowing the commissioners court to call for an election. However, he doesn't think there are statutes to apply to this petition.

"County government can do anything as long as it is specified in the statutes," said Alvey. "My understanding is that there is nothing in the law that county commissioners have the authority to call an election with this petition. I haven't seen the petition though."

He said he did not believe the commissioners court has the authority to ask for an election on the tax abatement issue of the pig facility.

"I believe the commissioners court will ask me to (See PIG, Page 3)

## Pampa welcomes golfers

Senior golfers and their wives have gathered in Pampa this week for the 67th annual Tri-State Golf Association Tournament. Tri-State activities are not only a big event for the seniors, but it's quite a happening for the Chamber of Commerce.

"It's the highlight of the year for us, it really is. We enjoy them tremendously," said Chamber manager Clay Rice. "We always look forward to having the seniors and their wives in town."

The 54-hole tournament teed off today at the Pampa Country Club Course, but other activities like a scramble for the men and a putting tournament for the wives on Monday set the stage for the opening round.

The team of Dill DeLoach of Granbury, Allen Roberson of Elk City, Okla., Bill Ritte of Stratford and Dan Steen of Conrad came in first in the scramble with a 57. Placing second with a 58 was the team of Duane Kuntz of Ruidoso, N.M., Gerald Cressy of Conroe, Larry Freeman of Bullard and Dr. Frank Kelley of Pampa.

Seniors started signing up for the tournament on Sunday and they all took part in a photo session for next year's brochure. The Chamber hosted a hospital

ity hour for contestants and their wives following registration.

"All the golfers and their wives seem to have a great time. They stay very active all week," Rice said.

A style show for the senior ladies is scheduled today at the country club, followed by a treasure hunt, sponsored by the chamber. A hospitality hour starts at 7 tonight, followed by a cash bar and dance.

"The treasure hunt is something the wives enjoy. At the different businesses they sign up for a gift that will be given away at the banquet on Thursday night," added Rice.

Wednesday activities include a wives golf tournament at Pamel, a tour of the White Deer Land Museum and Western Night with a barbeque buffet at the country club. The wives can also participate in bridge every day.

The awards banquet is set for 7:30 Thursday night at the country club. Winners in each flight will be recognized and the Colonel Bogey recipient will be announced.

Ben Mathers of Canadian is serving as association president this year.

## Summer fun ...



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Pampa youngsters are enjoying their summer in many innovative ways. Robert Douglas displays his skateboard skills and talent with intricate moves on a specially constructed ramp in his neighborhood. Several young people in the north Pampa area have been spending many hot days of summer skating down the ramp.

## Virus strikes some local computer users

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Staff Writer

"SirCam," an insidious computer virus that attaches to e-mail addresses within a personal computer then mails itself to unsuspecting addressees has reached Pampa.

Persons receiving an e-mail with the subject line that says, "Hi! How are you? I send this to you for your advice" should not open the attachment, warns Jeff Andrews, Pampa city commissioner and local businessman.

Another form of the virus is "Hi! How are you? Hope you can help me with this file" and another form contains "This is the file you asked for," Andrews said, adding that all start with the words, "Hi! How are you?" The virus can only be released by opening the attachment, he said.

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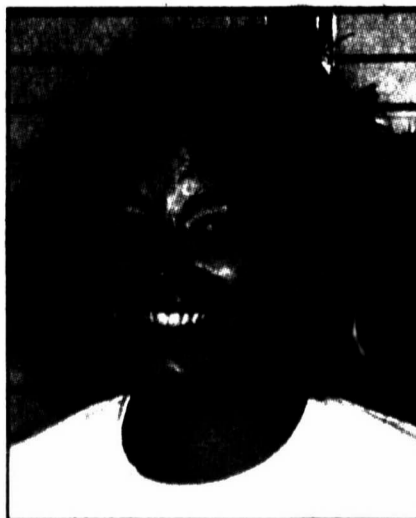
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• The release must accompany the photo to the newspaper or the photo will not be accepted.

## Quite frankly... Do you think hog farms would improve Pampa's economy?



"I don't think it will hurt Pampa at all."

- Lisa King



"Any new business is going to help if they hire people from Pampa."

- Jennifer Chaney



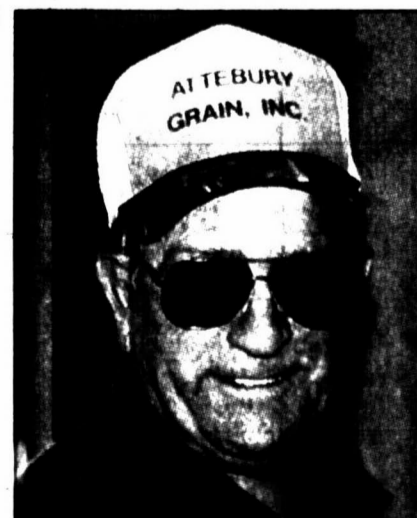
"Yes. From what I know, it should create more jobs."

- Jennifer Harrison



"Yes. But they also should be concerned about the environment."

- Cathy Bybee



"You don't want no pig farm of any kind!"

- Sam Garrison

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**CITY**

person leaving and we aren't going to fill that position."

The city's revenues haven't grown to keep up with expenses and inflation and the sales tax isn't growing, Eskridge said in an interview this morning, noting the \$180,000 drop in sales taxes two years ago. Likewise, property tax values have not risen.

In addition, the decline of 11 percent of the population in the past 10 years means there are fewer numbers of people at the bottom of the equation, Eskridge said. "The costs aren't spread out among as many people as they used to be."

Also, state-mandated water and sewer projects have caused the city to take on debt including \$900,000 for treatment plant improvements, \$1.5 million for above ground water tanks and \$2 million for taking part in the Roberts County well field project, Eskridge said today.

To further complicate finances in the water fund, Eskridge said water usage has dropped thus dropping revenue. See related story on this page.

"Nothing is immune" from consideration for cuts," Eskridge said, "We are at a point now where when we make cuts, the citizens will notice it."

Eskridge said the 31 job positions cut over the last six years have mostly been internal ones not readi-

ly noticed by citizens. The city has 152 employees.

Commissioners looked at a wide range of places to cut that include reducing the hours at the library, closing Marcus Sanders Pool, mowing less often, delaying purchases of equipment including new police cars, eliminating the police drug dog, cutting one of two police officers from the drug task force and returning that officer to Pampa's streets.

And, on the flip side, besides a property tax increase, commissioners discussed raising fees for recreational teams and for memberships at the city-owned Hidden Hills Golf Course. Mentioned too, was the desire by some that the golf course become self sustaining.

Regarding the fire station issue, Commissioner Jeff McCormick said he wants to see both stations remain open.

"So, how much are you willing to raise taxes?" Commissioner Faustina Curry asked McCormick. Previously, after voting no on a tax increase, McCormick said he did so because when running for office he pledged to never vote for a tax increase.

Before he could answer, Commissioner Andrews said, "You can't raise taxes enough ... you can't get there from here. I'd like to see that station remain ... but I don't see how we can do it."

Commissioner Bob Dixon said, "The way I see it, no department is immune. Even the police department."

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**WATER**

Previously, 10 percent of the city's water customer consumed 2,000 or less gallons per month, Eskridge said. Now the smaller user number has climbed to 24 percent — "a major drop in usage."

"I think if you drive up and down the streets you'll see that people aren't watering their yards," the city manager said. "It's in (June-September) that the water fund makes 60 percent of its revenue."

Mayor Lonnie Robbins said, "There are 200 houses on the market now ... I don't know how many aren't watering this year because of that."

Regarding health insurance costs, Eskridge said when the city was notified by its insurance provider, the Texas Municipal League, that premiums would go up 50 percent others were invited to bid. The bids, on self-funded or fully-insured pack-

ages, are due Aug. 31.

According to City Secretary/Personnel Director Phyllis Jeffers, the city will pay \$404,000 this year for employee health coverage. Dependancy coverage is not included in this number and workers pay that themselves.

The proposed hike would send the cost to over \$600,000 per year.

Pampa is included in a pool with other cities, 22 of which also got notice their premiums would go up 50 percent, Jeffers said. Other pool member cities reported increases in the range of from 15 percent to 45 percent.

Jeffers communicates with other city secretaries online and said said, "Everyone is going 'ouch' saying, 'What are you going to do?'"

Jeffers said some cities are absorbing the increase while others are doing as Pampa and seeking bids from other providers.

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seek an official opinion from the AG's office. I have tried but our web sites are down since the courthouse move and I won't be able to seek the opinion until the site is back up," said Alvey.

Gray County Commissioners approved action at their July 2 meeting to establish guidelines for granting tax abatements.

County Judge Richard Peet said the recent action by the county commissioners court did not give anyone a tax abatement. He said the action only gave the county authority to set up the guidelines. "Each business that would request that (abatement) would be evaluated individually on their own merit," said Peet.

A spokesman with the Attorney General's Office in Austin said the authority of enforcement such a petition would have should be decided by the local County Attorney.

A 3,700 sow facility, from farrow (baby pig(s) to finish) is being proposed by National Pig Development. NPD's parent company is Smithfield

Foods, Inc., out of North Carolina.

Locating a hog facility in the Pampa area has been a controversial issue in the community.

During a public meeting held by NPD officials July 10 at M.K. Brown Auditorium to discuss the proposed pig facility, it was revealed approximately 40,000-50,000 pigs would actually be at the facility as the sows would have their litters of pigs with them at the Gray County facility. Pigs would be grown to about 250 pounds (finish) before being sold to breeding operations.

Gray County Tax Appraiser Pat Bagley said he could not estimate how much tax value the facility would generate until it is constructed. NPD officials estimated construction costs for the local facility to be \$15 million.

He explained that agriculture taxes are different from other real property. He said the building and land would be taxed but some agriculture businesses are exempted by an implements of husbandry category which applies to equipment. Production value is also considered in agricultural markets, he said.

**Condemned man seeks DNA test  
Set to be executed Wednesday night**

AUSTIN (AP) — A death row inmate scheduled to be executed Wednesday has asked the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to delay his execution and consider whether he should receive DNA testing under a new state law.

Texas lawmakers approved the law allowing state-paid DNA testing during the past legislative session. The bill was one of Gov. Rick Perry's top priorities.

A trial court in Montgomery County already has twice denied post-conviction testing for the condemned man, Richard William Kutzner, but Kutzner's lawyer said the trial judge did not properly use the new law, the Austin American-Statesman reported Tuesday.

Monday's appeal gives the panel's nine members their first chance to instruct lower court judges on how to apply the law.

The law allows a convict to request DNA testing or retesting if prosecutors gathered or used

genetic material as evidence in the case being appealed. Among other things, the convict must convince a judge that the identity of the perpetrator is in doubt or was in doubt at the time of the conviction.

Kutzner, 58, was convicted in the January 1996 murder of Reta Van Huss. According to prosecutors, Kutzner broke into Huss' Houston business, stole money and two money orders and strangled Huss.

Kutzner's appeals attorney, Jim Marcus, said the appeal was made so close to Kutzner's scheduled execution date because the Montgomery County district attorney's office only recently released DNA evidence collected in the case.

Montgomery County District Attorney Michael McDougal said his office did not use any DNA testing to convict Kutzner and did not withhold any evidence from him.

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"Since (the e-mails) come from people you know, you don't think about opening them," he said.

Andrews said the company where he works, Bourland & Leverich, received more than 20 e-mails containing the virus just this morning. His office first received the virus Monday afternoon.

Called "SirCam," the virus contains a "worm" that is released that enters the computer and randomly attaches itself to files within the computer and the e-mail address book. It then sends files to persons listed in the address book. Old addresses that have been trashed but remain in the computer's history are also affected.

The virus' official name is "w32.sircam.worm@mm" according to the Norton Anti-Virus site. and the virus was discovered Tuesday, July 17.

The Norton site cautions that the worm contains a payload that can delete files on the infected computer's hard drive on Oct. 16 if the virus has not

been cleaned out of the computer by that time.

SirCam victims recommend that PC users keep an updated version of a good anti-virus software on their computer to protect against viruses like this one. Constant updates are necessary to protect computers from the continually evolving viruses.

"If you haven't updated by (last) Friday, it's too long," Andrews said.

Many recipients of the virus reported their anti-virus software caught the problem before it had infected their computer system.

Those computers that were infected had no anti-virus software or their software had not been recently updated.

Anyone receiving a "SirCam" e-mail can delete the e-mail, then permanently delete it from the "trash" or "deleted items" file in their computer, Andrew said.

Anyone believing their computer has been infected by the virus can download a free Norton "SirCam" virus removal tool by accessing "pan-tex.net" Pampa home page and clicking on the Norton Anti-Virus info link.

**Nevada prison inmates donate hair to balding youngsters**

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Seventeen inmates and guards at a state women's prison cut their hair so the locks could be used for making wigs for Nevada youngsters battling cancer. Instead, their contributions will benefit children with a balding disorder.

The volunteers each donated 10 inches or more of their hair to the nonprofit Locks of Love, which makes wigs for children who've lost their hair because of medical reasons.

But it was only after the cutting was done that inmates and guards at the Southern Nevada Women's Correctional Facility in Las Vegas learned the organization doesn't provide hairpieces for chemotherapy patients.

"That's not what we do," explained Cathleen Cason of the Palm Spring, Fla.-based group. "It

takes four months to make a hairpiece. They're custom-made. A lot of times, (chemotherapy patients') hair will start to grow back by then."

Cason said the group has helped 400 children nationwide since 1997, but most have a balding disorder called alopecia.

The intended beneficiaries of the prison's July 2 cut-a-thon were young victims of a cancer cluster in Fallon, a northern Nevada farming and Navy town where more than a dozen children are being treated for acute lymphocytic leukemia. One boy died of the disease and authorities are still searching for clues that might explain the high number of cases diagnosed.

"My hair will grow back," said Shannon Grillo, 30, a murder convict serving two life sentences. "Theirs won't, at least not yet."

**Lack of help frustrates police**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington police are frustrated by the silence of some of Chandra Levy's neighbors, who investigators believe could provide clues to the missing woman's whereabouts.

A half-dozen visits to Levy's apartment building still leave police with "far too many people, more than a handful," who have yet to be interviewed about her disappearance, Executive Assistant Police Chief Terrance Gainer said.

Police do not expect to find someone responsible for her disappearance, Gainer said. But the people who live closest to a missing person frequently can supply important information about her actions and possible visitors in the days before the disappearance, he said.

"It's part of the irritating thing about this. We've been to the building a half-dozen times, we've knocked on doors three or four times and now we've slipped notices under the door," Gainer said

in an interview. "But this is America and absent acting like jack-booted thugs, we can't force them to talk to us."

Levy, 24, of Modesto, Calif., has not been seen since April 30, when she canceled her membership at a Washington gym.

Rep. Gary Condit, meanwhile, has talked to police three times, most recently on July 6. And on Monday, the spokeswoman for the California Democrat indicated Condit would be willing to meet with investigators again.

"If the police or FBI have anything new they want to discuss, we're happy to cooperate," said the spokeswoman, Marina Ein.

In a July 6 interview with police, Condit, 53 and married, admitted to an affair with Levy, a police source has said.

Police have said they do not consider Condit a suspect in Levy's disappearance.



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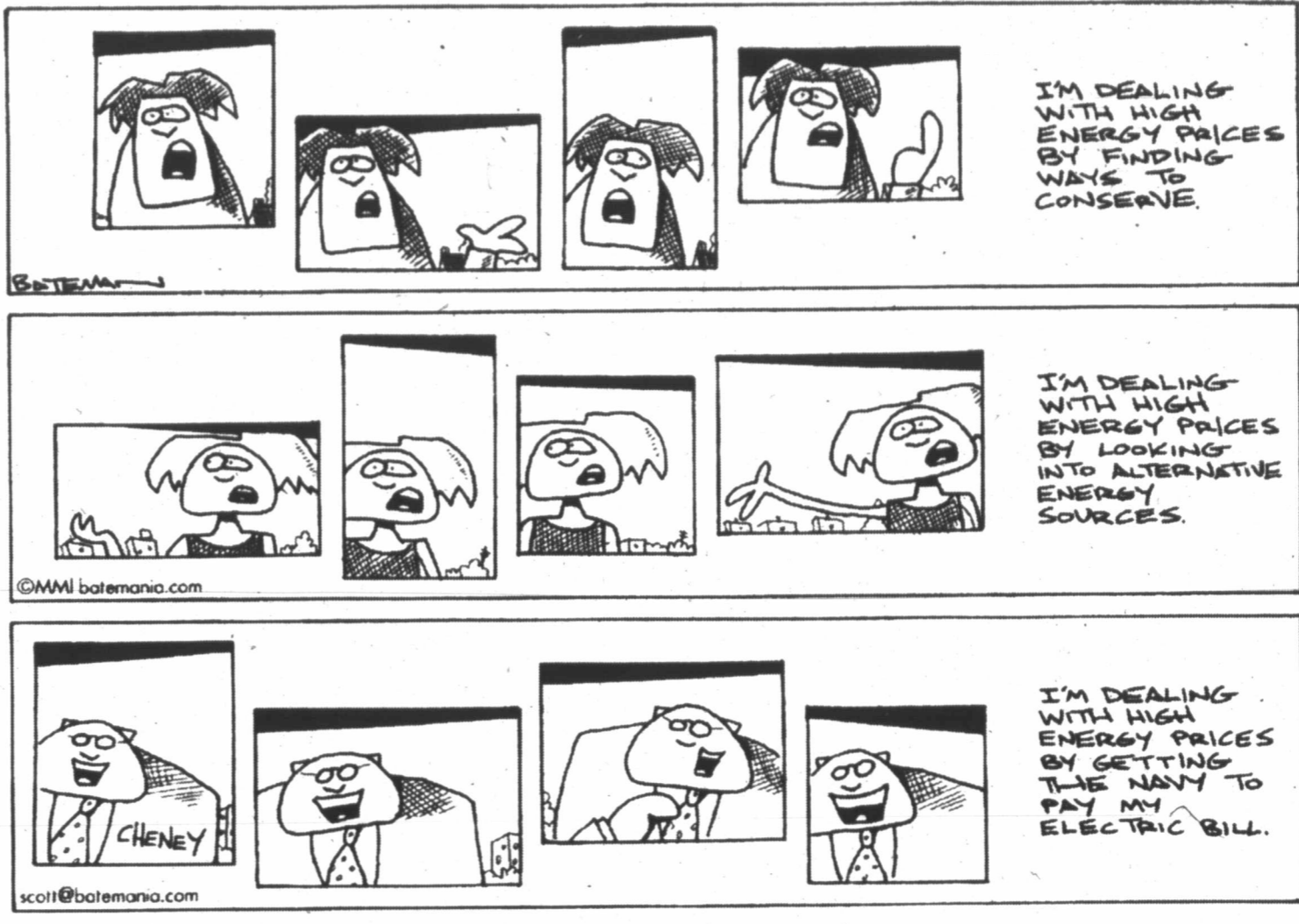
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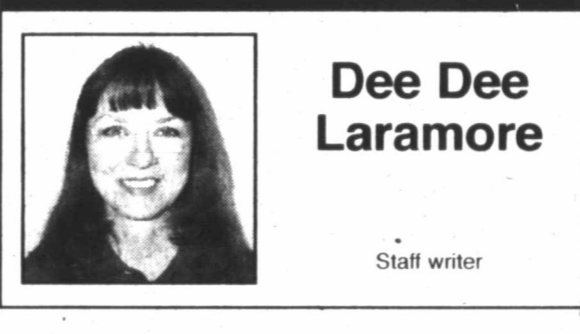
Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas: Odessa American on FBI is overextending itself: The FBI has had an acting director since former director Louis Freeh left the position June 21, but President Bush announced Thursday that Robert Mueller, a former assistant attorney general and a U.S. attorney now in the San Francisco office, has been nominated for the position. We can only hope that this move also means the Bush administration plans to combine the naming of a new director with a reassessment of the role of the FBI in American life. The FBI, which at one time might have been the most respected law enforcement agency in the world, has suffered numerous embarrassments in recent years. Last weekend the General Accounting Office reported that the deputy director misled Congress back in 1999 about how reliable an inquiry into Chinese-American scientist Wen Ho Lee at Los Alamos National Laboratory was. A couple of weeks ago an FBI analyst was arrested for selling secrets to mobsters and he immediately accused a former FBI agent of setting him up. Such scandals can't help but remind people of FBI veteran Robert Hanssen, who spied unimpeded for years or even decades. The FBI failed to turn over relevant documents in the Oklahoma City bombing case, which delayed Timothy McVeigh's execution. The FBI crime laboratories have been criticized. FBI actions at Waco and Ruby Ridge have still not been adequately explained or resolved. For these and other reasons some had suggested that the new director should be somebody from outside the agency, and especially somebody with strong experience managing a large organization, perhaps even a private business. And perhaps the term of the FBI director might be shortened, perhaps to six years. The fact that Louis Freeh left after eight years, with two years remaining on his 10-year statutory term, suggests the job in its present form is too much to take for 10 years. That brings us to more basic issues. Freeh was proud of expanding the FBI with overseas offices. That was precisely the wrong direction in which to move. The FBI has become unmanageable in part because it has grown too far and too fast. It's time to think about downsizing the agency's mission and size. The FBI was respected when it performed a few tasks well. Do a few things well and establish strong management and supervision and numerous problems will disappear. The Senate Judiciary Committee has held hearings on the FBI and legislation to create a commission to rethink the agency is likely. Such a commission would be most useful if it considers the possibility that a general-purpose federal law enforcement agency is unnecessary. A commission that asks the FBI and other federal agencies to justify their activities from a "zero base" would be interesting. The perception is widespread that the FBI needs more than a new director, it needs a complete revamping. Let's hope the Bush administration understands.

Human brain: A marvel and a mystery

The human brain — complex, mysterious and fascinating. I think I will spend my life searching for some small understanding of what goes on inside people's minds. I probably became a journalist because of this fascination with what makes people do what they do. People have tried to unravel the brain's mysteries for centuries. In later times, scientists have found that this organ that elevates us from animals is propelled by an intricate system of chemicals and electrical impulses. That, in itself, defies explanation. How does this happen? I have trouble simply trying to express my awe. While I find the physical aspects of the brain astonishing, I find the way people act even more astounding. A newspaper reporter spends a lot of time observing. So do writers. They watch people intently. They do this so they can translate what they see into words so others can see what they saw. It's a good way to get paid for what I would do anyway. An Associated Press story Monday tells how President Bush now has a bust of the late British Prime Minister Winston Churchill in the Oval Office, next to a West Texas landscape. The sculpture came to the President's office on a long-term loan from the British government last week after Bush hinted in his recent trip to England that a bust of the statesman was just what the Oval Office needed for an air of conviction and determination. The story reminded me of Churchill's eccentric personality. From what I've read, he subscribed to social niceties only when it suited his purposes. He went to bed late and he got up late. He excelled in academics when he was interested in the subject, but did not waste his time or efforts on those he didn't like. He drank hard liquor morning to night, especially preferring old brandy with his cigars. When President Roosevelt opened the door to Churchill's room during a White House visit and caught him dictating correspondence in the all-together, Churchill responded, "See, I told you I have nothing to hide from you." I love a story I've heard about Churchill that while I'm not absolutely sure it's true, it certainly sounds like what I know of him. At a party, Churchill reportedly replied to an English dowager's retort, "Sir, you're drunk!" with "And you, Madame, are ugly. However, in the morning I'll be sober and you will still be ugly." What is about this man's brain that made him such a dogged and brilliant politician and statesman when Britain needed these qualities most, while still being able to produce a literary masterpiece worthy of the 1953 Nobel Prize and then becoming a renowned artist?



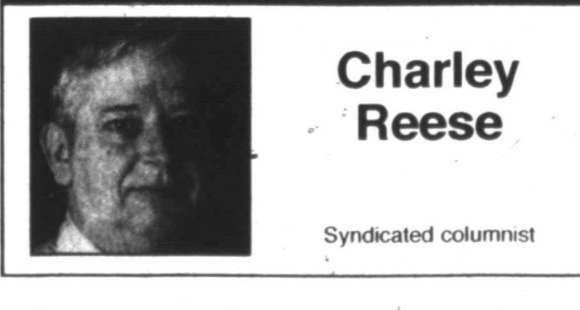
Were the chemicals and electrical firings in his brain different from others? Benjamin Franklin is another fascinating personality. His brilliant mind created untold inventions. We know how he used a key and a kite to prove the existence of electricity. I hear of new ones all the time. Most recently, I learned that he invented an organ made of crystal glasses. Franklin loved the sound made when rubbing the rim of a crystal glass with a wet finger. He even wrote music for the instrument. I heard a demonstration of the instrument and it sounded hauntingly beautiful, like something I imagine would be played in heaven. Like Churchill, Franklin was totally unconcerned by nudity. He loved to take air baths where he would sit unclothed in the center of the room and allow breezes from open windows to flow over him. He insisted this unique pastime helped him maintain his health. He also did not live a chaste life. When serving as an ambassador to Europe, he indulged himself with several affairs. That's another part of the chemical and electrical impulses of the brain that mystifies me. Is there a trait that goes with being in politics that also makes a person prone to becoming involved in illicit sex? Think about it. Unlike more recent politicians, Franklin's affairs did not involve Washington interns. His extramarital activities involved married women older than himself. "I like older women," he explained. "They're so grateful." With a birthday looming on the horizon, that much I think I can understand.

**Today in history**

In Kinderhook, N.Y.  
 In 1866, Tennessee became the first state readmitted to the Union after the Civil War.  
 In 1923, the Treaty of Lausanne, which settled the boundaries of modern Turkey, was concluded in Switzerland.  
 In 1929, President Hoover proclaimed the Kellogg-Briand Pact, which renounced war as an instrument of foreign policy.  
 In 1937, the state of Alabama dropped charges against five black men accused of raping two white women in the Scottsboro Case.  
 In 1959, during a visit to the Soviet Union, Vice President Richard M. Nixon engaged in a "Kitchen Debate" with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev at a U.S. exhibition.  
 In 1974, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Nixon had to turn over subpoenaed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecutor.  
 In 1975, an Apollo spacecraft splashed down in the Pacific, completing a mission which included the first-ever docking with a Soyuz capsule from the Soviet Union.  
 In 1998, a gunman burst into the U.S. Capitol, opening fire and killing two police officers before being shot and captured. Russell Weston Jr., diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic, was found incompetent to stand trial.  
 Ten years ago, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev announced a final agreement on a treaty designed to preserve the Soviet federation while giving more power to the republics.

Reasons to avoid maximum freedom

Harry Browne is the only libertarian I know who has carried his philosophy to its logical conclusions. Years ago, in a book titled "How I Found Freedom in a Unfree World," Browne makes it crystal clear that the only way to achieve total freedom is to jettison all attachments and responsibilities — to family, to country, to people, to government and to morality. In other words, only when you become a lone wolf outlaw do you achieve maximum freedom. That's one of the reasons I don't call myself a libertarian. I've never desired that kind of freedom. My loyalties and responsibilities to family, friends, God and country have always restricted my own freedom. I have never minded that. This kind of loss of freedom is the price we pay for community. How can anyone not feel responsibility toward their parents when they have brought you into the world, fed you, clothed you and protected you when you were too small to do those things for yourself? Responsibility is the other side of the coin of freedom that too many people these days never seem to notice. Nor can you have rights without a government. You can't have private property without a government. You can't do business without a government. Unless there is a means to enforce rights, to record and defend property



discredited Utopian schemes, such as socialism. They have all failed despite rivers of blood shed because the schemes are theories dreamed up in the abstract without any attempt to relate them to the reality of actual communities and actual human beings. The traditional American belief, both among our Revolutionary forefathers and Confederate forefathers, was this formula: Sovereignty rests with the people; people control the Constitution; and the Constitution controls the government. Today, of course, the Constitution is generally disregarded and the government presumes to control the people. Nor do most Americans recognize that tyranny always wears a smiling face. Let me solve your problems, says the would-be tyrant. You don't have a job? I'll provide you with one. You didn't save for your old age? I'll give you a pension. What? You didn't take care of yourself or put aside a little something for the doctor? Not to worry; I'll provide you with medical care. Pretty soon, people who think they are accepting "free benefits" find out they have traded away their freedom. Today working men and women pay nearly half their income in taxes and lose another chunk to that most insidious of all taxes, inflation. The Founding Fathers would not recognize the country. rights and to guarantee the sanctity of contracts, you can't enjoy any of those things. You could, of course, build your own castle and hire your own army, but that would be going backward. I've actually heard some libertarians advocate that. It just reminds me that Harry Truman was fond of saying the only surprises are the history you don't know. If you know the history of the times when people did have their own castles and armies, then you know they were constantly at war. Some liberals accuse conservatives of being against government. We are not. We just seek that elusive balance that our forefathers sought — a government strong enough to do its limited tasks but not strong enough to usurp the people's rights. That, itself, is a hard enough political task. What we conservatives reject are all these

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# Church's Scare Tactics Cause Family to Flee From the Fold

**DEAR ABBY:** Last year, our family went through the most traumatic experience of our lives: We left the church we'd been attending for more than a decade.

I always suspected our church was a little "unusual," but because I saw what appeared to be positive changes in people's lives, I kept telling myself we couldn't possibly be involved in a "cult."

My family and I were led to believe we were members of a "special" group — that we had a "different" calling than other churches, which was why we had to work harder and sacrifice more than the average Christian. We were ordered to terminate any activity or relationship that pulled us away from our church obligations or planted seeds of doubt in our minds.

Finally, things got so weird my husband and I could ignore it no longer. We informed the pastor we would not be coming back. He said if we did, we would become "shipwrecked" — doomed to divorce, and our kids would not serve God when they grew up. Then two church leaders called to beg us not to "leave the fold."

By the grace of God, we escaped. I suffered nightmares, depression and total mistrust of any other church for a long time after that. We, who were once part of the trusted few, the "elite inner circle," were now the enemy. We lost all our friends. We had known some of them more than 10 years. Although they claimed to love us, they were forced to cut us off — the same thing we had done to those who had left before us.

Please print my letter as a wake-up call to let people know that scare

## Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

tactics, manipulation and mind control techniques are very much alive. They are not just reserved for "cults," but are used by some churches. It's called "spiritual abuse," and it's as real as any other form of abuse. Books on the subject can be found at local bookstores and public libraries.

Thankfully, we now belong to a church that does not control our lives, does not shame us when we ask questions, does not resort to belittling and name-calling, and does not blame us for their failures. Instead, our church serves as a positive symbol and source of strength.

If people have doubts about an organization or church to which they belong, they should check it out. If it's a legitimate organization, it will stand up to scrutiny. Please, Abby, urge your readers not to ignore their conscience or bury their feelings. If someone feels something is wrong, there's a good chance it is. Sign me... FREE AT LAST

**DEAR FREE:** You are 100 percent right in saying that if something feels uncomfortable, it's time to examine it more closely and do something about it. It's not a sin; it's healthy, mature behavior. Anything that requires all your time and money is depriving you of a balanced life.

**DEAR ABBY:** I know the world reads your column. I'd be so grateful if you would print my letter.

Why is it that when a person becomes a senior citizen, cashiers, hairdressers, everyone starts calling us "Sweetie," "Hon," "Honey," "Sweetheart" — one even called me "Kitten"! It really upsets me and other seniors.

Is this something that comes with age, and is there something I could say to them?

OHIO GRANNY

**DEAR GRANNY:** The names are intended as terms of endearment. They are far nicer than some of the names people are being called today. However, since you find the designations demeaning, inform these well-meaning people that you prefer to be addressed by your name only.

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## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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24 French friend	17 Ouzo	29 Narrative poems	37 Pub order
25 Bill word	19 Spirited attack	31 Old Greek city-state	38 Discordant noise
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OH, ELLY!!!

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I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY! THIS HAS ALL BEEN SUCH A CRAZY EMOTIONAL MESS!

WEDDINGS ARE LIKE THAT, HONEY.

AND I STILL HAVE TWO KIDS LEFT TO GO.

**Zits**

WHAT THE REST OF THE WORLD CALLS "SEMI-CASUAL..."

ARE YOU READY, JEREMY? WE LEAVE FOR THE REUNION IN TEN MINUTES.

"I CALL 'FULL-BLOWN, ALL-OUT, PEDAL-TO-THE-METAL DOOFUS'"

**Garfield**

ALL OF US HAVE A DESTINY, GARFIELD

I WONDER WHAT MY PLACE IN HISTORY WILL BE?

SOMEWHERE BETWEEN FLOYD THE WHISTLING SNAKE AND CRAB GRASS

**Beetle Bailey**

THAT WAS AN EASY ONE... THIS ONE'S A TOUGHIE... HA! GOT IT! HERE'S ANOTHER EASY ONE...

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**Marvin**

I DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO LIKE THIS NEW DAY-CARE TEACHER

WE'LL SOON KNOW WHO AMONG YOU IS THE WEAKEST LINK!

**B.C.**

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**Peanuts**

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M GOING OVER TO THE MALL TO MEET A GIRL I DON'T REMEMBER...

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#### GOLF

**PAMPA** — Hidden Hills Seniors Association held a scramble last weekend at Hidden Hills.

Results are as follows:  
 1. Howard Wells, Travis Johnston, O.K. Lee and Lucio Moreno, 62.  
 2. Larry Odgen, Ray Covalt, James Lee and J.B. Holt, 62.  
 3. Ralph Baker, Larry Heard, Walden Haynes and Bill Brown, 63.  
 4. Willie Nickelberry, Bob Lyle, Irvin Williams and Bill Stephens, 64.  
 Closest to hole: Jerry South, No. 12.

**PAMPA** — Floyd Watson of Pampa shot a 78, one stroke below his age Saturday at the Pampa Country Club course.

#### FOOTBALL

**WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP)** — The new starting quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys wears No. 3 and has diamond studs in both ears. He's lost 11 more games than he's won and he's never completed a pass in a playoff game.

Tony Banks is no Troy Aikman. The Dallas Cowboys aren't expecting him to be.

"We asked Troy on a number of occasions to win the football game for us. We're not asking our quarterbacks to do that now," coach Dave Campo said. "They're going to manage games, do what they do best and get the ball to the guys that have a chance to win games for us."

Banks is the first player other than Aikman to go into training camp as Dallas' starting quarterback since Steve Pelleur in 1988.

But making fans forget Aikman isn't even on Banks' radar. At 28, going into his sixth season and third team, his biggest concern is to finally establish himself as an NFL quarterback.

"I think I've got one year left, maybe, with the potential label," Banks said, smiling. "I'm almost past my limit."

Banks was a second-round pick by St. Louis in 1996 and became the starter right away. He lasted two more years, but wasn't consistent enough, so he was traded to Baltimore.

While the Rams were on their way to winning the Super Bowl, Banks got off to a good start with the Ravens, going 6-4 and throwing a career-best 17 touchdown passes. He remained the starter going into last season, but lost the job to Trent Dilfer in October.

Dilfer remained in charge all the way to a Super Bowl title. Banks threw only five more passes all season.

This offseason, the Cowboys were the only team offering Banks a chance to step in as a starter, so he accepted an offer of \$500,000 for one year, with no signing bonus — and the onus of replacing Aikman.

"I know there's a lot of tradition and legend there with Troy, but I'd rather come in after a guy like Troy and expectations are high than come in after a guy who didn't do anything and have no expectations," Banks said.

The 6-foot-4, 230-pound Banks is more mobile than Aikman and has the arm strength to zing the ball downfield and let speedy receivers Joey Galloway and Raghbir Ismail run under it.

Banks isn't as accurate on the short- and medium-range timing passes that were Aikman's specialty. He's also been fumble-prone and has thrown nearly as many interceptions (58) as touchdowns (61).

**PAMPA** — The Pampa All-Stars became the first team in the Optimist girls softball leagues (ages 12 and under) to advance to the state tournament after beating Azle 9-5 in the Sectional finals Monday night at Optimist Park.

The Pampa All-Stars had plenty of support as local fans packed the stands to act as cheerleaders.

Winning the coin toss turned out to be a good omen for Pampa as the

coaches chose to be the home team.

Azle came to bat in the first inning facing pitcher Nicole Clark. The first batter hit a line drive to Kenzi Nickell, at third base for the first out. After walking a bat-

ter, Clark struck out the next two batters to retire the side in the bottom of the first inning.

Leadoff batter Stephanie McVay drew a walk for Pampa in their half of the first inning. Logan Boles then reached first on an error by the Azle shortstop. Clark followed with a base hit that scored McVay. Cassy Tice came through with a two-run double and Nickell rapped a single to score Tice. Alyssa Kelsey reaches first on a hard-hit grounder and Erika Silva gets a base hit to score Nickell. That gave Pampa a 5-0 lead after the first inning.

In the second inning, Azle's leadoff batter drew a walk and the next batter reached first on an infield error.

Clark struck out the next batter for the first out of the inning. The next batter walked to load the bases with one out. Clark then struck out the side to stifle the potential Azle rally.

In the bottom half of the second, Clark singled to left field and Tice followed with a home run over the left field fence to give Pampa a 7-0 lead after two innings.

In the third inning, the Azle defense came alive. After starting the inning with a walk and an error, Azle had three consecutive hits to score four runs.

Pampa's defense then shut down the next three batters to end the rally.

Pampa answered right back in the bottom of the third. With two outs, McVay reached first on an infield error and Boles followed with a run-scoring base hit. Clark drew a walk and Tice lifted a fly ball to right field, which was misplayed to allow Clark to score. Clark was put out trying to steal home to end the inning, but Pampa maintained a 9-4 lead.

Azle was never able to recover.

With Clark pitching and a stingy defense supporting her, Pampa shut down the visitors the next three innings, allowing just one run.

Clark pitched an outstanding six-inning game, striking out 11 and allowing only four hits and five walks.

With the victory, Pampa becomes the Sectional champion and advances to the State Tournament July 27-30 in Waco.

They will face the other three Sectional champions.

The Pampa team is coached by Randell Tice, Layne Clark and Mark McVay.

Pampa defeated previously-unbeaten Azle 5-4 Sunday to force a final game for the title.



(Pampa News photo by Lance Burton)

The Pampa All-Stars celebrate after winning the Sectional Tournament Monday night at Optimist Park.

## Wood struggles, but Cubs still defeat Astros, 6-2

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Struggling power pitcher Kerry Wood was throwing on his off day when he received a visit from Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan.

"He was down there the other day when I was pitching on the side," Wood said of his visit from Ryan on Saturday. "I picked his brain and what better guy could you have help you."

On Monday, Wood won for just the second time since June 17 as the Chicago Cubs beat the Houston Astros 6-2.

He didn't dominate as he did May 6, 1998, when he tied the major league record for strikeouts in nine innings with 20 against the Astros.

But he was pleased with the result and, with his visit with Ryan.

"We talked about pitching

and what he thought I could improve on," Wood said. "I cured some of it tonight. A lot of it was mental."

With Ryan in the crowd, Wood (9-6) won for the first time in four starts since July 3, allowing two runs and 10 hits in 5 2-3 innings. He struck out five.

"I thought I had good stuff," Wood said. "I had good velocity and my cutter was working. I stuck with it. This is only the second or third time I've given up 10 hits in my career."

"I'm not thrilled with the way I pitched, but it's something to build on."

Corey Patterson and Miguel Cairo hit rare home runs as Chicago earned a split of the four-game series to maintain the 3 1/2-game lead they brought with them to Houston

on Friday.

It was only the second homer of the season for Patterson and Cairo.

"When you've got guys on the team, you've got to play them, you can't let them sit around, you've got to use them," Cubs manager Don Baylor said.

"He (Patterson) hit a big home run and with the more exposure he gets, maybe he'll hit some more for us. Cairo faced Oswalt in the minors and he knew what to expect."

Roy Oswalt (8-2), 6-0 in eight previous starts this year, gave up four runs and six hits in six innings.

Houston was unbeaten in his previous starts. He also made eight relief appearances.

"They all count no matter who hits the home runs,"

Oswalt said. "I got tired early tonight and they took advantage of it."

Houston, which alternated wins with the Cubs in the series, stranded 10 runners.

"It's a little disappointing to lose the game," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "At least we got out from under what Wood has done to us. I don't know if we left a lot of runners on base or he made us leave runners on base. I'm just happy we got some offense off him for once."

Matt Stairs hit an RBI single in the first after Delino DeShields tripled, and Cairo homered leading off the second, the last hit off Oswalt until Ricky Gutierrez singled with one out in the sixth.

Houston tied it on RBI singles by Craig Biggio in the second and Jeff Bagwell in the fourth.

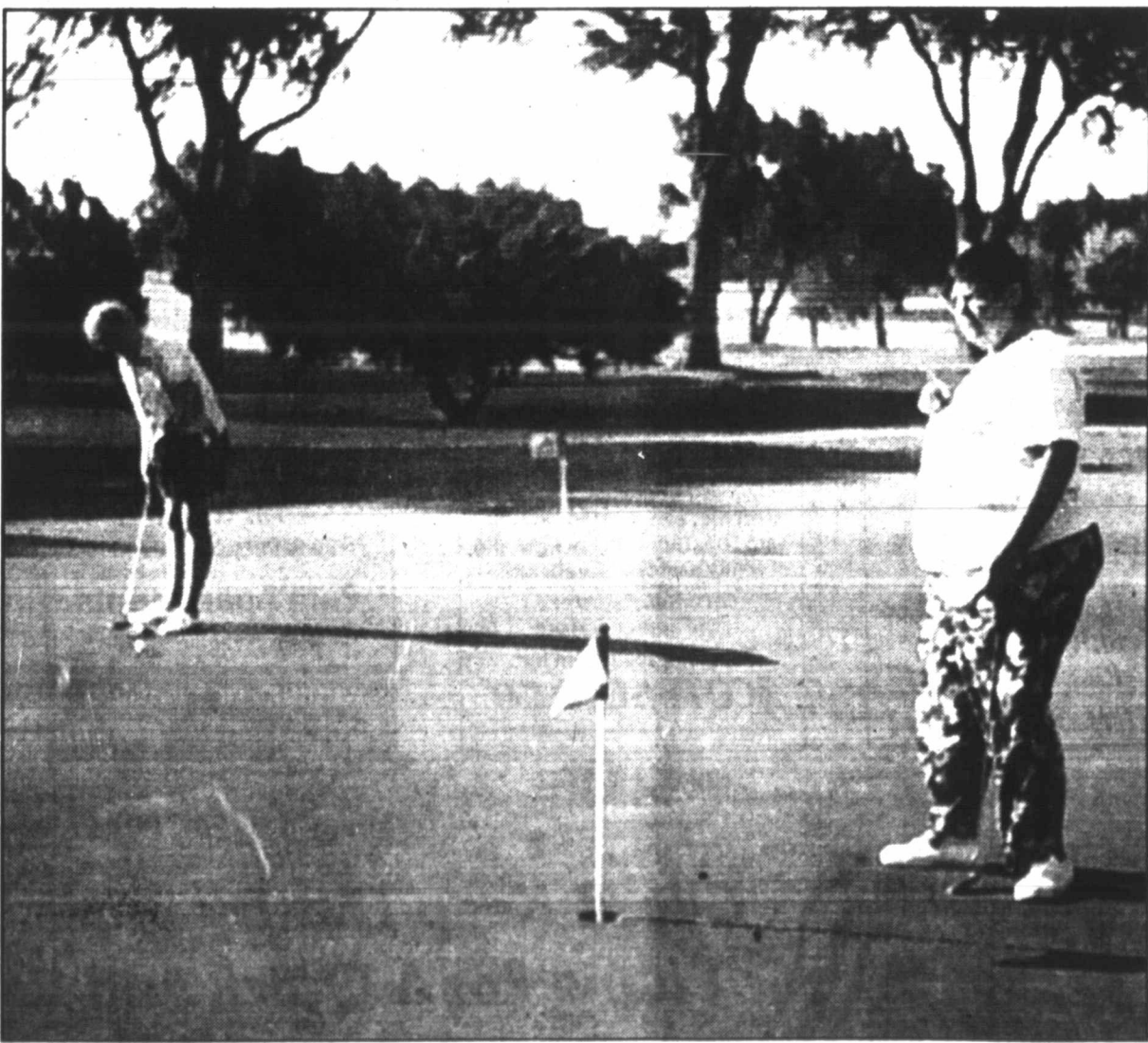
Patterson followed Guttierrez's sixth-inning hit with a home run that put the Cubs ahead 4-2.

Chicago got two runs in the seventh off Nelson Cruz when DeShields hit an RBI single and scored on Sammy Sosa's double.

Sosa is second in the major leagues with 93 RBIs, trailing only Arizona's Luis Gonzalez. "To come in here and give up only 14 runs (in four games) is real good for our team," Baylor said. "And to come in here and get a split, we're still ahead."

Notes: The Cubs are 47-7 when scoring four or more runs, 10-34 when scoring fewer than four. ... The 12th sellout of the season, 42,958, set an Astros' home record for a four-game series at 172,340.

### Putting contest



(Courtesy photo)

Mary Davidson of Odessa and Linda Reese of Bartlesville, Okla. participated in a ladies putting contest Monday at the Pampa Country Club. The putting contest was held in conjunction with the Tri-State Senior Golf Association Tournament this week.

## Texas Twisters claim world softball tourney

**HONOLULU** — Pampa's Stephanie Cameron helped spark the Texas Twisters to the championship at the USA World Class Sports Softball Tournament last weekend in Hawaii.

Cameron led the Twisters in hitting with two singles during a 3-1 win over Hill County Community College in the finals. Abby Flemming of Borger and Shayla Davis of Dumas each had singles.

Cameron also had a double in Texas' 2-0 victory over Dawson Community College of

Montana in the semifinals. Meghan King of Dumas, Hailey Criswell of Borger and Davis each had a single.

The Twisters were unbeaten at 6-0 in the tournament. The Texas defense, according to coach Misty Shaklee, was a key factor in compiling the perfect record. Cameron played shortstop on a team that committed only four errors.

King was the winning pitcher in all six games.

In the title game against Hill County, she struck out seven in going the distance.

### Flashback

1983: Miami defeated Lefors 42-26 in a girls basketball game. Angie Trimble led Miami in scoring with 16 points. Janet Adams followed with 9. Crystal Roberts and Debbie Stubbs had 6 points each for Lefors.

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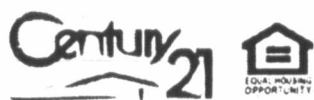


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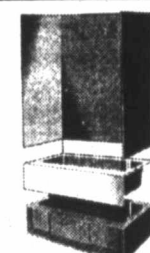
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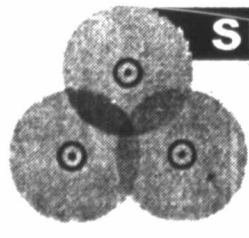
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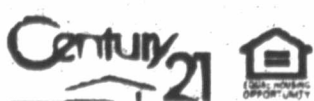
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