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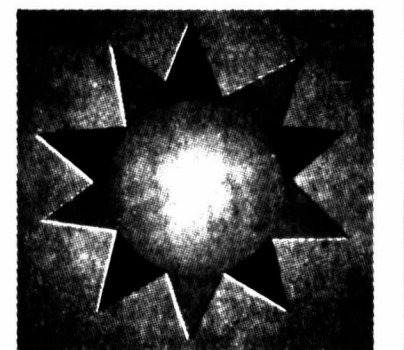
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Library: Time to turn in summer reading logs

Summer readers are reminded to get their reading logs returned to Lovett Memorial Library before Tuesday, July 31. Shania Brookshire, the children's librarian, said the children participating in the children's summer reading program must return the reading logs to be eligible for prizes for participating in the local summer reading program. Brookshire will award \$10 gift certificates at the children's program at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, "Certificates and Beyond," to the five readers who read the most minutes during the summer. A drawing for five gift certificates from all the reading logs returned to the library. There will also be a drawing for five gift certificates from all the reading logs returned to the library. The winners of the bookmark contest will also be announced. Winners will have their bookmarks printed by the Texas Panhandle Library System and used next year. An international guessing game as well as drawings, reading certificates, and prizes will be included at the final program.

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Redistricting 'doesn't make sense'

Local officials dismayed by LRB's action

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Population decline versus statewide politics — area leaders are questioning which is the answer in the Legislative Redistricting Board's (LRB) action to change the representation of Gray County as well as Howard County. The decision dealt Pampa and Gray

County a stunning blow Wednesday when it was announced Gray County had been moved from State Senator Teel Bivins' senatorial district into a district with a senator from Lubbock. Many local officials and civic leaders knew when the Census 2000 figures were released several months ago that the 5.1 percent population decline experienced in Gray County wasn't good news. But they didn't expect to lose their senator from the Panhandle area. After being in Texas' Senate District 31 for 80 years, Gray County will be moved to District 28 in 2003 unless judicial protests by several other affected counties are effective. Gray County residents will have a new state senator to represent them following the 2002 election if the legislative redistricting plan approved this week in

Austin goes into effect. "I didn't know anything about the proposal to move Gray County out of Teel's district until I read it in newspaper when I returned home last night," said County Judge Richard Peet Friday morning. He had been out of town on vacation. "I am going to call Sen. Bivins' office as well as contact Rep. Warren Chisum's office this morning to see if there is anything we can do to change it," said Peet. "I don't understand the reasoning and logic behind this decision." The judge said it was much more logical to have Bivins representing Pampa as he lives in Amarillo and knows the Texas Panhandle's needs. Amarillo is 55 miles from Pampa while Lubbock is more than 200 miles from Pampa. "Bivins has done a tremendous job, and is aware of the needs of the Panhandle,"

he said. "We have much more common interests and concerns with the Amarillo area." "It's disheartening to be taken out of a senatorial district so close to us," said Peet. Bivins was in his Amarillo office Wednesday when the LRB held the divided vote. Gray County Republican Chairman Doug Ware cannot understand the logic of the LRB's decision. "It doesn't make sense to me to divide the district like this," said Ware. "It seems like one senator should serve the entire top half of the Panhandle and the other one the bottom half. I don't understand the splitting up." "I don't think it is good for Gray County. We have a senator who lives just

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'Coney' gonna be on TV!



John Gikas, retired owner of the legendary Coney Island Cafe here, is interviewed by staff members, Gene Bryant, left, and Brooke Maples Koffas, far right, of the television magazine program, "Texas Country Reporter" at the cafe this morning. The segment on the local eatery will air this fall. Koffas said.

Fire causes \$50,000 loss

Fire marshal: spontaneous combustion started the blaze

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

After hours of investigation, fire officials say a fire that caused an estimated \$50,000 damage to a house on Louisiana Avenue Thursday morning was the result of spontaneous combustion. "There's not any way to really prove it, but I'm convinced that the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion," said Gary Stevens, Pampa fire marshal. The owner of the house, Edwin Cash, a wood worker, had been working on new cabinets for the home's kitchen, Stevens said. He worked until approximately 11 p.m., Wednesday. Cash left a brush and container that had had oil used to finish the wood in a receptacle in the south end of the home's two-car garage, the fire

marshal said. "It definitely started in that area," Stevens said, explaining the fire moved up the wall of the garage and into the attic of the large two-story house. "It smoldered a long period of time, possibly several hours," Stevens said. "It ignited probably not too long after he left the shop." Stevens estimated damage to the large home at \$50,000 with the attic and roof sustaining the greatest fire damage. The remainder of the house received smoke damage, he said. Deputy Chief Randy Dunham said Cash's daughter awakened her father and told him the house was on fire. The Cash family was able to get out of the house safely, fire officials said. Pampa Fire Department was notified of a structure fire at 7:11

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Hard work pays off (\$10,000 worth) for PHS grad

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Hard work has paid off for a 2001 Pampa High School graduate. Megan Coutts worked tirelessly in 4-H, FFA, church youth groups and volunteered in many other school and civic organizations during her young years. Her participation in these activities along with her high scholastic standing helped the young teen earn a coveted \$10,000 scholarship from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. "We are really proud of her," said Danny Nusser, Gray County Extension Agent. "A large number of 4-Hers apply for this scholarship, but only a minute number receive them." Nusser said the scholarship is based on test scores, grades, participation and accomplishments in 4-H and an interview. "It's a credit to Megan that she stayed involved in 4-H all these years. She has been an excellent junior leader and example for the younger 9, 10, and 11 year old

4-H members to emulate," he said. Nusser explained that 4-H is a family organization, and her family has been considerably supportive of her. "4-H takes a lot of time, and the family support is very important," he said. "Her family deserves a great deal of credit. "I knew she had a good chance at the scholarship — she's just one of those kids. I'm really proud of her." Coutts maintained a grade point average of 3.875. She also completed dual credit courses during her junior and senior years for 18 hours of college credit. She graduated in the top 11 percent of her class under the Distinguished Achievement Program. A member of the National Honor Society during her junior and senior years, she earned recognition on the Pampa High School Wall of Fame for her SAT scores. She was named Who's Who Among American High School Students, the United States Achievement Academy National Honor Roll, United States Achievement Academy All American

Scholar and the United States Achievement Academy Leadership and Service Award. Coutts received the President's Academic Excellence Award twice, was a participant in the Superintendent's Summer Scholar Program on the honor roll at Pampa High School continuously during all four years at PHS and was the single nominee from Pampa High School for the Principal's Leadership Award Scholarship. Currently, she serves as a Junior/Teen Leader in the Gray County 4-H, president of the Prime Time 4-H Club, a member of the Gray County 4-H Council, and a Livestock Ambassador for Gray County. She also served as secretary, vice president and recreation chairman of the Prime Time 4-H Club and vice-president of the 4-H Council. A member of Gray County 4-H for nine years, she participated on the Gray County 4-H Livestock Judging Team and received the 4-H Gold Star Award, the highest award given at the county level.

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Megan Coutts

Police arrest man for assaulting grandmother, officer

A 21-year-old Pampa man remained in Gray County Jail today charged with injuring his grandmother, assaulting a police officer and resisting arrest. Pampa police arrested Gregory Randall Edmondson, 511 Roberta, and charged him with injury to the elderly, assault of a peace officer, and

resisting arrest. Justice of the Peace Kurt Curtman set bond at \$7,500 each on the assault charges, officials said today. A \$2,000 bond was set on the resisting arrest charge. Edmondson had not made bond by press time today. The charges stem from a call to 9-1-1 shortly after midnight asking for officers to come check

on the welfare of an elderly woman at 511 Roberta. When the dispatcher asked the caller to use the police department's non-emergency number, the caller hung up, according to police reports. No one answered when the dispatcher tried to call back. Police records show that Officers Shawn Waters and Heron Garcia responded to 511 Roberta to investigate and were met by Edmondson at the door. Officers also spoke with a 95-year-old woman at the home who told them Edmondson had twisted her arm and hurt her while trying to get her to give him \$2 for cigarettes, according to the report. When officers tried to arrest

him, Edmondson reportedly became combative and punched Officer Waters in the chest with his fist, resulting in the assault on a peace officer charge. Officers were unable to find the elderly woman immediately afterwards to follow-up on her reported assault. The case is still under investigation, police said.

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SCHOLARSHIP

Couts is also a member of Pampa Future Farmers of America where she served as reporter, sentinel and treasurer. She received the Chapter Degree Award, Beef Proficiency Award and Swine Production Award.

A participant in stock shows since the age of two, Coutts placed third or above at local, district and state stock shows 116 times and second place on two occasions. The young teen also earned first in livestock showmanship seven times and second twice. In livestock judging contests, she has taken first place honors on three occasions, second five times and earned third six times.

Participating extensively in community service projects through 4-H, church and Teen Leadership, Coutts has worked on such projects as placing flags at a local cemetery for Memorial Day and Veteran's Day observances. A member of First Christian Church, she has been active in youth activities and assisted with many church activities and projects.

She worked at the local Celebration of Lights display and sung Christmas carols at the local nursing homes during the Christmas holiday season.

Couts served as a peer tutor for special needs students at Pampa High School and worked on numerous fundraisers for the local 4-H organiza-

tion, church and youth groups.

Majoring in animal science at Texas Tech University in the field of genetics, Coutts hopes to become a consultant in genetics and breeding. Her ultimate goal is to attend graduate school and find new procedures and products to improve the U.S. livestock industry, making it more efficient and competitive in the world market.

The agricultural industry has always been Coutts' passion, and 4-H and FFA have had invaluable impact upon her. She said it has taught her responsibility, leadership, perseverance, ethics, integrity and the importance of community service.

She plans to pursue a career that will enable her to give back to those programs which have meant so much to her and her family as well as be a part of improving the products available here at home and around the world from the agricultural industry.

Couts also received a Superior Scholastic Achievement Scholarship from Texas Tech University for \$1,000 per year for up to four years, a renewable \$1,200 scholarship from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Texas Tech University, the Malouf and Iris Abraham Agricultural Scholarship for 1,000 per year for up to four years, and Cabot Corporation Foundation Scholarship for \$2,000 per year, renewable for three years.

Recital to feature vocal talent

Meredith Hendricks, a recent Pampa High School graduate, will perform in concert during a voice recital Sunday, July 29, in Pampa.

The recital will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning.

A lyric soprano, she will perform a variety of vocal selections, including pieces by Mozart, Puccini, Gounod, and Andrew Lloyd Weber.

Hendricks has studied voice for the past nine years.

In the fall, she will attend Texas Tech University, pursuing a degree in vocal performance. She will continue her vocal studies in the studio of Kathy McNeil.

During the past school year, she played the lead role of Cinderella in Pampa High School Choir's production of Cinderella this past year. She also played the role of Lisa in First Baptist Church's production of The Promise for two years.

She was a member of the 2000 All-State Treble Choir and the 2001 All State Mixed Choir. Meredith has competed in UIL Solo and Ensemble Contests for the past six years, receiving



Meredith Hendricks

Division I ratings each year. She was voted Most Talented by the 2001 Senior Class of Pampa High School, and was also chosen as Who's Who in Choir.

Meredith received the American Choral Directors Association Award, which is presented to one outstanding senior choir member.

She was a member of the Pampa High School Concert Choir for three years and a member of the Show Choir for two years.

Meredith is the daughter of Roy and Roberta Hendricks, and the granddaughter of Dell Brown, and Don and Julia

Hendricks, all of Pampa.

She is a voice student of Rosemarie Scott of Borger.

Performing as a guest artist during the recital will be Dillon Hill, baritone. Dillon is presently a music education major at Texas Tech University. He is a former student of Rosemarie Scott, and is presently in his second year of study with Karl Dent.

He is a member of the University Singers, and the First Christian Church Sanctuary Choir. He played the lead roles of Jud in Oklahoma, and Sid in the Pajama Game.

Hill is the son of Ed and Kim Hill of Pampa.

Also performing as a guest artist will be Holly Myers, flutist. Holly was a member of the Pride of Pampa Band and the Color Guard; as well as being a member of the 1999, 2000, and 2001 Texas All-State Bands.

She will be attending Southwestern Assemblies of God University in the fall and plans to pursue a double major in Music Education and Children's Ministries.

Myers is the daughter of Roger and Trudy Myers of Pampa.

There will be a reception immediately following the recital in the Parish Hall.

STATE BRIEFS

Group studies kids' deaths to save lives

HOUSTON (AP) — Polio, tuberculosis and other infectious diseases that decades ago killed children of all ages and ethnic groups in large numbers are now preventable or treatable because of a dedicated effort to find cures.

Dr. George Kerr, a biology professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, said Thursday the same pains need to go to prevent homicides of adolescent black youths or the car-crash deaths and suicides of Anglo boys.

"Reducing the death toll is doable if society wants to do it," Kerr told doctors, lawyers, social workers and police officers at a conference in Houston.

Kerr is a member of the state Child Fatality Review Team, a volunteer group that supports local review teams that carefully analyze the causes of child deaths in their communities.

About 250 of these statewide and local team members, from the Mexican border to the Arkansas state line, have met since Wednesday to discuss that analysis and how to reduce the deaths. The conference ends Friday.

"The risk of black adolescent males for violent deaths is so large that we need to have programs focused on that particular demographic group," he said. "A lot of people might say that it's racist to say that, but the statistics say it's needed."

Senate supports Mexican truck safety standards opposed by Bush, but GOP still seeks changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are promising more delays against Mexican truck safety standards that the White House has threatened to veto, despite an overwhelming Senate show of support for the restrictions.

Senators voted 70-30 Thursday to end a GOP filibuster — parliamentary delays — that was aimed at forcing a weakening of the proposed rules. The regulations would cover Mexican trucks driving across the United States, which President Bush wants to allow beginning Jan. 1.

The vote was an embarrassment to Bush, who has made free trade and better relations with Mexico top goals. All 50 Democrats were joined by 19 Republicans and one independent.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said he hoped to win Senate passage of the legislation by week's end. But Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said they would erect other procedural roadblocks unless supporters of the standards agreed to negotiate.

Gramm said he and McCain don't want to let House-Senate negotiators make the final decision on the rules. Bush also has threatened to veto an even more restrictive House plan that would block Mexican trucks from venturing beyond a narrow commercial zone just north of the border.

"You have a terrible provision and a rotten provision," Gramm said after the Senate adjourned Thursday. "That usually produces terrible, rotten things."

Mexican truckers weary of stricter regulations to enter the United States

MATAMOROS, Mexico (AP) — In a dusty lot only blocks from the U.S. border, Martin Garza watched his mechanic try to perform the equivalent of a triple bypass on his 24-year-old rig.

Garza had hoped the new paint, cushioned seats, rebuilt engine and overhauled body would let his truck would pass

inspection to enter the United States — but then he heard the U.S. Congress on Thursday decided to make those checks even tougher, and sighed.

"What are we supposed to do now to get across? Build a bridge under the Rio Grande, or cross late at night when they're tired?" he joked.

The Senate on Thursday shrugged off a White House veto threat and voted to back tougher safety standards than President Bush wants for Mexican trucks entering the United States.

For truckers along the Mexican border, tougher inspections mean more headaches and more time waiting in the already long lines at border crossings.

Despite the Mexican government's push to allow Mexican trucks full access to U.S. highways, Mexican trucking associations have said they prefer the status quo: Their trucks now go 20 miles across the border to drop off merchandise at warehouses. U.S. trucks then pick up the goods and carry them further inland.

Judge dismissed organized crime charges against father, son

BRENHAM, Texas (AP) — A judge, ruling that indictments weren't specific enough, has dismissed organized crime charges

against a 78-year-old man and his 53-year-old son, accused in connection with a bogus investment scheme that another son pleaded guilty to.

Visiting Judge John L. Placke made his ruling Thursday after a hearing in a Washington County state district court.

James Russell Cleveland, 48, a stockbroker in Sealy, was in state prison and now is in federal prison after pleading guilty to theft and organized crime charges. He was arrested in 1996 by Washington County and federal authorities.

Charles Cleveland Sr., 78, and his son, Charles Cleveland Jr., 53, a dentist in Sealy, have been free on bond since 1997, when they were arrested in connection with the investment scheme.

Placke granted a defense motion to quash the indictments because they lacked required detail about the crimes they were accused of.

Prosecutors said the private investment fund bilked a dozen investors, typically retirees who knew the family, out of \$5 million by promising unusually high returns.

Authorities said James Russell Cleveland met his customers' profit ambitions by paying them with money put up by later investors. Little of the money placed in the fund was recovered, officials said.

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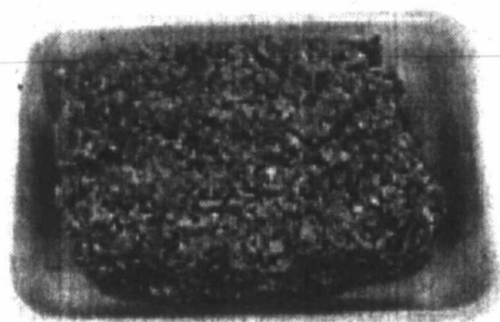
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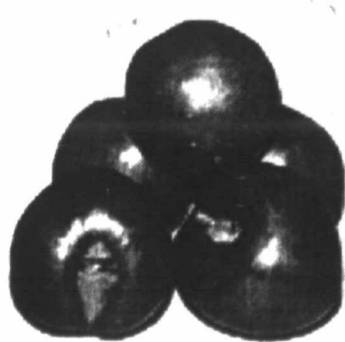
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RELIGION

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First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, will be presenting the band Which Way in concert at 7 p.m., Saturday, July 28, in Fellowship Hall of the church. The concert is free and open to the public; however, an offering will be taken to help support Speed the Light Ministry which supports various missionary ministries. Which Way is a contemporary Christian rock group with a heavy and loud style.

Ode to the little-known Christian

Some people ride the course of history with dramatic and colorful lives, but there are others who change its direction through quiet, yet powerful, influences. Felix Kersten was such a man. Here's his story.

During those blood-filled days between 1940 and 1945 when names like Hitler, Himmler and Goering struck terror in the hearts of millions, Dr. Felix Kersten rescued thousands from certain death at the hands of the Nazis. He was the personal physician and manual therapist to Heinrich Himmler, and in this position he had an amazing power over Nazi Germany's number two man.

Dr. Kersten used his influence to keep many from becoming victims of the wanton killers who led Germany. Week by week, Kersten snatched Himmler's victims from concentration camps and gas chambers. The World Jewish Council credits him with saving 60 thousand Jewish people. The number of Dutch, Poles, Finns and Norwegians he saved is impossible to estimate.



Weekly Word

By Pastor Leland Lewis
First Assembly of God

You can read his amazing story in the book "The Man With the Miraculous Hands." The influence of this little-known and quiet man changed the course of destiny for many — maybe the whole world!

All of us recognize the impact of famous and influential people, but few of us understand the dynamics of quiet lives hidden from headlines and the bright lights of publicity.

Paul, the apostle, is familiar to every Christian. Yet, this great man frankly admits his life was influenced and refreshed and possibly changed by a little-known Christian with the strange-sounding name of Onesimus.

When the great apostle wrote his last letter (2 Timothy), he spoke with warmth of Onesimus, because of his courage, faithfulness and love; others had deserted Paul during this time of crisis. Onesimus, on the other hand, had sought him out and encouraged him. It might have been this very influence that helped Paul to go to his death unafraid and with the assurance that he had fought a good fight. (Read 2 Timothy 1:16-18 for details.)

Most of us will not have a great reputation or become well-known, yet all of us can be persons of compassion, ready to help others. So if you can't be another Paul, how about being an Onesimus or a Felix Kersten?

Religion briefs...

Ashcroft defends religious beliefs during church service

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (AP) — U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft stood at one of the nation's better known pulpits to defend his religious beliefs, saying he imposes his faith on no one.

Ashcroft spoke last Sunday to a near-capacity crowd at Orange County's Crystal Cathedral, a 10,000-member church that hosts the weekly TV worship program "Hour of Power." The show draws millions of viewers worldwide.

Critics have accused Ashcroft, a lay minister and son of a Pentecostal preacher, of giving religion too prominent a role at the Justice Department — including optional prayer meetings with staff before each work day. Ashcroft insisted he was not proselytizing at work.

"It's against my religion to impose my religion," he said.

He added: "I have always hoped that if I were ever accused of being a Christian that there would be enough evidence to convict me."

Catholic priest suicide draws attention to job pressures

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — The workload of Roman Catholic

priests has drawn greater attention in Iowa since the suicide of the Rev. Mark Swanson.

The shortage of priests in the state and nationwide is creating a burden for clergy. As of 1999, only 54 of the 85 parishes in the Diocese of Davenport had resident priests, according to church statistics.

Swanson, 55, served 1,500 people in three parishes.

"Three big parishes are too much for one person," said the Rev. Ben Okonkwo, of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nichols and Lone Tree. "After Saturday Mass and Sunday Mass and hearing confessions — by Monday, you are done. You need a day off every week."

Swanson's schedule included masses at each parish every Saturday and Sunday in addition to several Masses during the week. He also ministered to nursing homes in Wellman and Kalona and presided at funerals and weddings.

Swanson died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound July 6. The diocese said the priest had suffered from depression.

Muslim prison guard sues over lack of prayer breaks

GRAFTON, Ohio (AP) — A Muslim prison guard is suing the

state, claiming his bosses violated his rights by barring him from praying and wearing a skullcap at work.

Dawoud Kareem Muhammad, a seven-year employee at Grafton Correctional Institution, filed the claim July 18 in U.S. District Court in Cleveland.

"All I ask is that I have a little spot so I can say my prayers and not be harassed about it," Muhammad said. "If you can allow people to have smoke breaks, why can't I have a break to pray?"

Joseph Andrews, a spokesman for the state prison system, declined comment.

Muhammad, of Lorain, began working at the prison in 1994 and soon after became a devout Muslim, changing his name from Dani Bowens.

Prison officials told Muhammad in July 1999 that he could not wear a skullcap under his uniform hat, even though employees were allowed to wear crucifixes under their uniforms, according to the lawsuit.

Muhammad said he was denied entry to the prison seven times because he wore the cap.

In the Islamic faith, a person must pray five times a day. For a time, Muhammad prayed in a closet at work, but when officials found out they changed the lock, the suit said. He said officials told him the prison was exempt from the constitutional protection for freedom of religion.

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'The Wilburns' to perform concert at Plainview

PLAINVIEW — Plainview Kiwanis Club will present The Wilburns, a southern gospel music group, in concert at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 10 in Herral Auditorium on the campus of Wayland Baptist University. Jackie and Elaine Wilburn began their music ministry

over 30 years ago as a duet. Children of the couple eventually joined them. The group includes sons Jimmy and Jay, daughter-in-law Kathy and a grandson Jim. Jimmy McMillan of Lexington, Ky., sings lead/baritone; Gary Castro of Hendersonville, Tenn., sings tenor; and 17-year-old Dustin Jenkins of Cleveland, Tenn., plays keyboard and harmonica.

The Wilburns made popular such songs as "Another Safe Crossing," "Coming Out of the Wilderness," "Resting Place," and most recently "Moved Up, Moved Out, Moved On." They have appeared on GMT World Premier, Albert E. Brumley Singing, Opryland's Gospel Music Jubilee, Jubilee at Sea Cruise to the Bahamas, National Quartet Convention, Gaither Homecoming Videos, Southern Gospel Music Association Awards Banquet, Dollywood and more.

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door and are available at the Baptist Book Store on the WBU campus. Proceeds from the concert will go towards a scholarship fund for Plainview area gradu-

ates and towards a variety of other projects such as Children's Miracle Network, Camp Kiwanis, Boy and Girl Scouts, Hale County Crisis Center, YMCA Youth Leagues, Senior Citizens Center, Make-A-Wish Foundation and Special Olympics.

Shamrock to host Rick Gage event at FBC, July 30

SHAMROCK — First Baptist Church in Shamrock will be the site of a Rick Gage Crusade training seminar at 7 p.m. July 30.

The seminar is open to teenagers and their parents as well as youth ministers and youth workers, coaches, band directors, FCA leaders and teachers.

The seminar is being held in preparation for a visit by evangelist Rick Gage to the area Sept. 23-26.

Gage, a former Texas Tech University football coach, leads numerous summer youth camps and ministers to over 2 million teens in public schools. A pre-crusade rally is also planned prior to the crusade.

During his visit, Gage will be speaking to six school assemblies. A "Pizza Blast" is slated at the conclusion of his crusade.

For further information about the July seminar, contact your local pastor or youth leader.

Macedonia Baptist plans catfish dinner on Saturday, July 28

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will be serving catfish starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 28 at the church.

The meal will include catfish fillets, French fries, salad and tea.

To place an order, call 665-4926. Donations will be accepted.

The congregation invites all to step by for good food and fellowship.

Vietnam refugees reveal religious, ethnic tensions

SEN MONOROM, Cambodia (AP) — The Rev. Y-Lei Buon Krong gripped his Bible, thought of God and blanked his mind out to the shouting voices of his interrogators.

It was his 12th grilling in nine months at a police station in Vietnam's Central Highlands. The 47-year-old pastor again refused to sign a pledge to stop leading Christian gatherings and to stop advocating the rights of Vietnam's ethnic minorities.

After they failed to break him, the police let him go but ordered him to return in three days. Instead, the pastor, his wife and four children fled the next day, walking for 48 hours before crossing into Cambodia. Eventually, they found refuge at a United Nations camp inside the border. "They would have made me an example to scare others," Y-Lei said.

Y-Lei says his experience this spring is only one example of the discrimination that ethnic minorities in the remote Central Highlands face at the hands of Vietnam's communist government.

The minorities' accumulated complaints of religious repression and economic exploitation have exploded into rare public protests this year, posing an unexpected challenge to an authoritarian Vietnamese regime that is used to a docile public.

When the minorities, collectively known as Montagnards, rioted in February in the provinces of Daklak and Gia Lai, the protests were broken up by water cannon, and dozens of people were accused of stirring up unrest.

Although no deaths or beatings were reported during the protests, Hanoi barred reporters and outsiders from visiting the area on their own. But the government couldn't stop the highlanders from fleeing their homes and sneaking into neighboring Cambodia.

While the conflict involves ethnic discrimination, it also has a distinctly religious flavor. Many of those claiming harassment are Protestants, and their faith is tied to their identity. Moreover, many of them worship in "house churches" that lack official approval.

The regime sees the groups' organizing ability as a threat and uses the illegal status to bully them.

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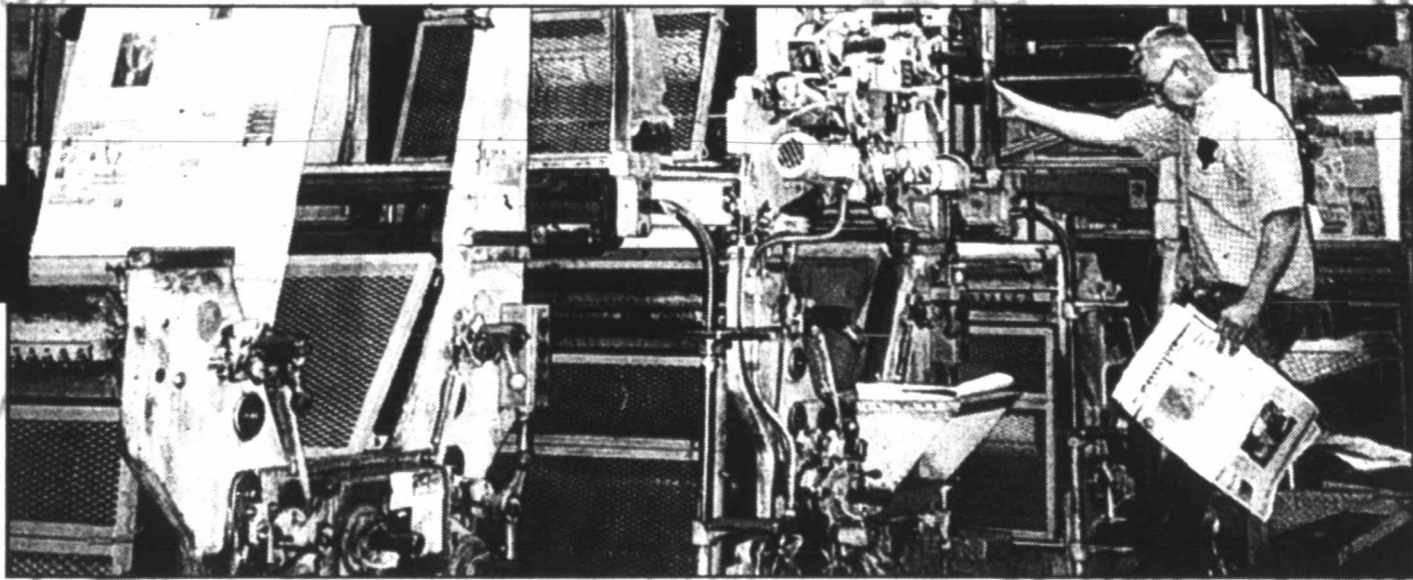


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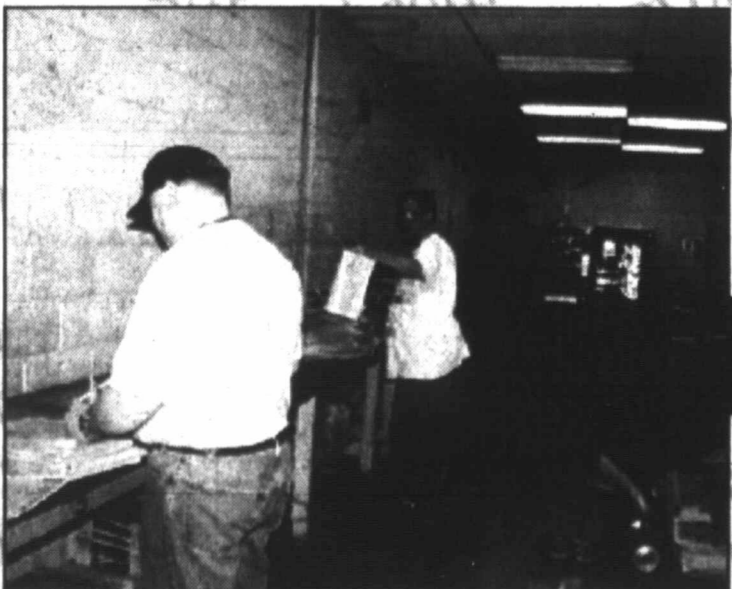
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Stepmother Fights Negative Behavior With Positive Focus

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "No Name, No Address, No Phone," about the way a stepmother treated her husband's children, brought tears to my eyes. It was a real eye-opener.

My fiancé and I have chosen to blend our families. I have an 8-year-old daughter and a 12-year-old son. My fiancé has a 5-year-old son, "Benny," whom we are trying to get custody of. The battle has been ugly and is not over yet.

The stress of being jostled back and forth between his mother and father has made Benny oppositional, defiant and difficult to live with. He got so bad that I refused to deal with him any longer. I regarded him as an ungrateful, rotten child. My fiancé was always disciplining him to appease me. He also cut back on visitations with Benny to keep peace in the household. I felt guilty about this, but was so stressed out, I didn't oppose it.

Then I read your column. It made me realize I was so focused on Benny's bad behavior, just waiting to "catch" him doing something wrong, that I had failed to recognize all the good things he was doing — and that really, all he wanted was for someone to love him unconditionally, and not expect him to be "perfect." This is every child's right, after all. I also realized we were more strict with Benny than my own children. My kids don't upset me because they're older, but they're certainly not perfect. All three children should be treated equally.

Yesterday, Benny helped me clean the living room without being asked. I scooped him up in my arms

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

and told him how much I appreciated it and what a good helper he was. His face lit up and he hugged me back. From now on, I will not see him as his mother's son. I will see Benny as the individual he is and focus on the positive.

Thank you for waking me up, Abby. Our blended family will be a lot happier because of your column. If you print this, please sign me ...

AWAKENED

DEAR AWAKENED: You are to be applauded for your awakening. All I did was write the column. You were the one perceptive enough to read between the lines, apply it to your own situation and begin to make the necessary changes. I congratulate you.

DEAR ABBY: One of the letters

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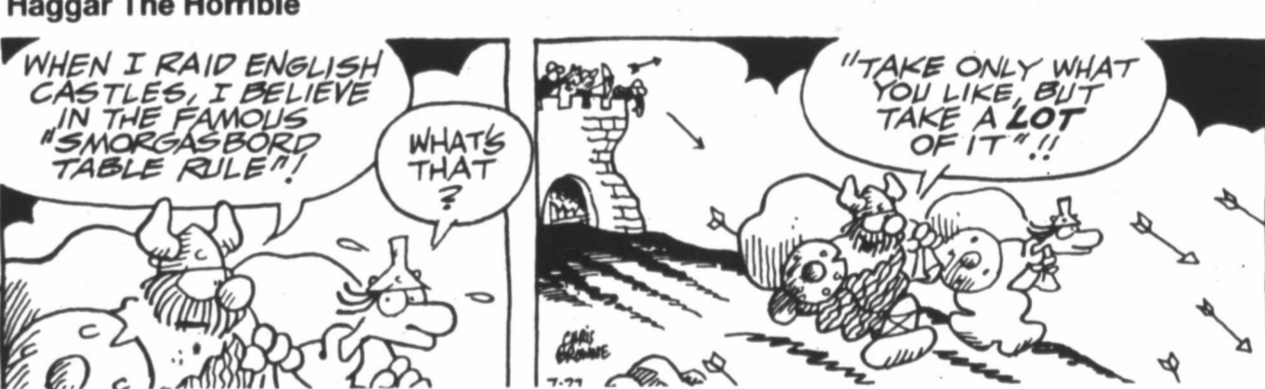
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SWIMMING

FUKUOKA, Japan (AP) — University of Texas sophomore Brendan Hansen upstaged the Olympic gold and silver medalists on Thursday, winning the men's 200-meter breaststroke at the world swimming championships.

The teen-ager won in 2 minutes 10.69 seconds, breaking the meet record of 2:11.23 set by fellow American Mike Barrowman at the 1991 championships.

"This is unbelievable," Hansen said. "I knew I had a 2:10 in me. I just went into the race and I didn't look around at all. I couldn't believe when I looked up that I was the winner."

CYCLING

SAINT-AMAND-MONTROND, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong dominated the competition once again Friday, winning an individual time trial by nearly 1 1/2 minutes to tighten his grip on a third straight Tour de France title.

Wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, Armstrong rode the 37.88 miles in 1 hour, 14 minutes, 16 seconds — an average speed of 30.5 mph — to win a stage for the fourth time in this year's Tour.

McCullough wins Tri-State

PAMPA — Pampa's Frank McCullough maintained his 10-stroke lead from Wednesday's second-round to capture the Tri-State Senior Golf Championship Thursday at the Pampa Country Club.

McCullough's 5-under par 208 set a new tournament record for 54 holes. The former PHS golf coach was competing in his first Tri-State tournament.

Lubbock's Tommy Wilson, the tournament winner in both 2000 and 1999, finished second at 218. There was a three-way tie for third at 225 between Tommy Tomlinson of Guymon, Okla., Dan Mannen of Conroe and Scott Mack of Lubbock.

McCullough and Wilson tied for medalist honors, both with a 69 at the end of the first round. However, McCullough took command in the second round and was never out of the lead.

At Thursday night's senior banquet, Pampa Country Club golf pro Mickey Piersall received the Colonel Bogey award, which annually goes to an individual who had made significant contributions to the Tri-State organization and the sport of golf.

Piersall, who grew up in Perryton, became the PCC pro in 1984.

Tri-State Senior Tournament Final results

Championship flight — Frank McCullough, Pampa, 69-67-72-208; 2. Tommy Wilson, Lubbock, 69-77-72-218; 3. (tie) Tommy Tomlinson, Guymon, Okla., 72-76-77-225; Dave Mannen, Conroe, 76-75-74-225; Scott Mack, Lubbock, 76-76-73-225; 6. Jerry Hughes, Stillwater, Okla., 70-77-80-227; 7. (tie) Duane Pittman, Stratford, 75-78-75-228; Eddie Rice, Sunray, 74-77-77-228; 9. Doug Barron, Amarillo, 76-74-79-229; 10. Gary Bowe, Lubbock, 72-79-79-230; 11. Earl Simpson, Amarillo, 74-80-81-235; 12. Ray Morgan, Lead



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Tri-State president Ben Mathers presents Frank McCullough (left) with the championship flight trophy.

Hill, Ark., 76-80-81-237; 13. John Pettit, Stillwater, Okla., 76-84-wd-160.

President's flight — 1. Miles Childers, Amarillo, 78-72-74-224; 2. J.V. Clark, Falconhead, Okla., 77-75-76-228; 3. Frank Howell, Amarillo, 79-77-82-238; 4. (tie) Ed Verzosa, Builard, 78-80-79-237; Merle Terrell, Whitney, 78-78-81-237; 6. (tie) Glen Adams, Granbury, 81-75-82-238; Eric Cornell, Houston, 80-76-82-238; 8. Duane Kuntz, Abilene, 84-81-80-245.

Super Seniors Championship: 1. Ken Pierce, Amarillo, 78-79-78-235 (won-playoff, No. 1); 2. Ed Reese, Bartlesville, Okla., 79-77-79-235; 3. Harrold Salmon, Pampa, 84-77-77-238; 4. Sonny Adams, Schulenberg, 86-73-80-239; 5. Edwin Nixon, Bullard, 78-83-83-244; 6. Dill DeLoach, Granbury, 84-81-83-248; 7. Otto Knight, Corpus

Christi, 87-89-82-258; 8. Hugh Lorimer, Granbury, 86-84-89-259; 9. J.T. Webb, Mansfield, 86-94-88-268.

First flight — 1. Jack Stork 78; 2. Gene Andruss 78;

Consolation: James Stavenhagen.

Second flight — 1. Gerald Creasy 80; 2. Norman Sublett 83; Eddy Clemmons 85.

Third flight — 1. Vern Johnston, 83; 2. Jim Williamson, 86;

Consolation: Larry Freeman.

Fourth flight — 1. Jay Guillory 87; 2. Sam Bass 87;

Consolation: John Watkins.

Fifth flight — 1. Titus Owen 85; 2. Steve Moore 88;

Consolation: Bob Cornell.

Sixth flight — 1. Bo Favor 87; 2. Orville Stafford 90;

Consolation: Bill Shreckengast 87.

Reese likes new spot

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — Before the Dallas Cowboys played the Minnesota Vikings last season, defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer had to decide which of his cornerbacks might fare best against Randy Moss.

It had to be someone fast with good coverage skills. Jumping ability was a must and good height would help.

Izell Reese fit that description. Problem was, Reese played safety.

Fast forward to the summer. The Cowboys know they're going to need two new starters at cornerback and they've just added to their safety depth by drafting Tony Dixon in the second round.

So Zimmer decided to give his old idea a shot. Reese was moved to cornerback in a mini-camp and did a good enough job to come into training camp as the starter on the left side.

"I'm feeling comfortable," Reese said. "The more I'm out there, the more comfortable I feel."

"I'm still soaking in and learning some things as I go

along. I'm starting to relax out there, read receivers and recognize different routes."

He's holding his own against second- and third-stringers in morning workouts, then often gets beat in the afternoon drills when he goes against Joey Galloway and Raghbi Ismail. Those speedy starters are being limited to one practice a day because they're coming off knee injuries.

"He's doing kind of how we anticipated he would be," said Zimmer, who was the secondary coach Reese's first two seasons.

"He's learning, getting better every day. The biggest thing with Izell is the trust factor. I trust that he's going to do a good job. If he doesn't, it's not because he doesn't know what to do or doesn't try hard enough."

Cornerbacks move to safety more often than safeties move to cornerback. One of the success stories of this type of conversion is New York Giants star Jason Sehorn, who played safety in college.

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Bridgework



Senior wives participate in a bridge tournament during Tri-State activities this week in Pampa. Checking their cards are Margie Swearingen of Georgetown, Jane McAleavey of Fort Worth, Doris Uhlenhake of Kingfisher, Okla. and Mary Johnson of Clovis, N.M.

Midland Lee back won't play in all-star game

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Midland Lee running back Cedric Benson, whose 8,418 rushing yards over his high school career is fourth on the all-time list, has said he won't play in Tuesday's Texas High School Coaches Association all-star foot-

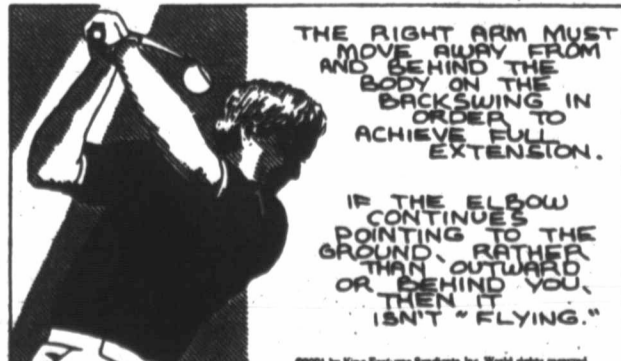
ball game. THSCA press coordinator Maury Salinger said Thursday that Benson, a University of Texas signee, said he thought it in his best interest not to play in the game.

Workouts begin Friday for the game, which is

scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Amon Carter Stadium on the TCU campus in Fort Worth.

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Horoscope
SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2001
BY JACQUELINE BIGAR
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Reach out for those at a distance. A spontaneous invitation could have you off on a road trip or a fast flight. Be the Aries pioneer. Incorporate a new adventure or happening into your life. A developing friendship leaves available Rams starry-eyed. Tonight: Decide to take Monday off!
This week: You gain yet another perspective in a confusing relationship. Others admire your clarity. Check out an offer that could affect your security. Turn over all facts.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** The Bull likes easy, lazy days for lounging and sharing with loved ones. You will prefer one-on-one relating and connecting with individuals as personally as possible. Don't forget an older family member or friend. Tonight: Keep plans low-key.
This week: Deal with people one on one. Don't expect others to grasp your ideas easily. Be willing to explain carefully. Your cheery manner does make a difference.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Let others make the first move. You could be quite touched. When you are the witty, communicative Gemini (so unique to your sign), you inadvertently close down many options. Be open to a visit or an opportunity. A long-distance call carries good news. Tonight: Follow another's lead.
This week: Speak your mind, and add that touch of drama if you want to be heard. You'll discover that you can make money off an innate talent. Let your mind create. Go with your impulses and creativity.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** You feel as if you can't walk away from a project — so don't. Ask someone to pitch in, and before you know it, you're both having a ball. Relationships mean everything to the

Moon child. The bonding you create today delights you. Tonight: Continue the closeness.
This week: Hop into work and make money. You could even convince a boss that you need a pay raise. Why not? Network. Others need your talents.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Just being you works great. You flow, and the planets support you in whimsical feelings and in whatever you desire. Express the passion of your sign. No one is surprised to see you with an entourage. A romance might be in the offing, if you're single. Tonight: Teach someone what a good time is!
This week: Mercury moves into your sign, adding to the Lion's already huge drama and wit. You impress those around you. Be careful with a new person who isn't telling the whole story.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Stay close to home and enjoy a loved one to the max. Sometimes you get so busy organizing. Let it go. (You Virgos sometimes forget how much interpersonal relating means to you.) A nurturing attitude paves the way to a happier bond. Tonight: Easy.
This week: Creativity spits out. You might worry yourself needlessly. Put your cards on the table. You'll get results. Network, too.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Use your finely tuned Libran instincts with a budding romance or a child. You could not be more right. Put that extra effort into a key relationship. Catch up on a neighbor or friend's news. Let others know that you think about them. Tonight: Beam in exactly what you want.
This week: Work on a project, but deal with basics. Brainstorm with buddies at work, and you'll discover a new path, which could result in a pay increase.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Astute Scorpios read others loud and clear, and as a result, they anticipate others' needs. Indulge a loved one as only you can. Think in terms of gain rather than loss. Work on seeing a silver lining in a black cloud. Tonight: Stay close to home.
This week: You make a statement by what you say and how you present yourself. Keep stretching and reaching out for new ideas.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Inspired by energy and imagination, you're a force to be dealt with. Let others know where you are coming from. Don't be all action, like many Sags. Speak of your dreams and long-term desires. Others not only respond positively, they help think of a way to realize your hope. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.
This week: Another is quite impressed with you. Together you make a money-making team. You're great at gathering information.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Take time off for yourself, and worry less about what is going on around you. Find a cozy hammock and day-dream, read and maybe even snooze. Recharge your batteries. Though you generally are a force to be dealt with, right now you should vanish. Tonight: Talk money, a preferred Capricorn topic. This week: You're personality-plus. Others respond positively. One-on-one relating cooks up new ideas. Brainstorm, especially about money.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Make an effort to reach out to friends or a loved one. Feelings run high for you as well as for others. Invite the gang out for volleyball or a picnic. No sign values friendship like an Aquarius. You're happiest among crowds. Tonight: With your buddies.
This week: Others verbalize way too much for your taste. Promise that you aren't changing them! Be gracious, and do your thing.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Bring others together. A parent or older friend could be a little off, though you understand this person well. Follow your Pisces intuition, and you'll gain at this point. Someone admires you, and could actually feel a lot more. Tonight: In the limelight.
This week: Restructure your work and make yourself happy. You're in the mood to tidy up your desk. You're unusually creative right now.
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Calendar of events

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

ST. MARK CME CHURCH
St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

MACEDONIA CHURCH
Macedonia Church will host a monthly breakfast the third Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 441 Elm Street with the Rev. I.L. Patrick. Donations will be accepted and the public is invited.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS
The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION
Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building.

SHRINE CLUB
Pampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 7 p.m. every third Friday of each month at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes.

PAMPA TAKEDOWN CLUB WRESTLING
Pampa Takedown Club Wrestling for youth 5-15 years of age. Practice is at 900 N. Frost. Season starts Sept. 25 through February. For more information, call Rick Urganhart at 665-8321.

MAGIC PLAINS CHAPTER ABWA
Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Furr's Cafeteria. Working business women are invited to attend. For more information, call Pat Winkleblack at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR
Lovett Memorial Library will offer a story hour at 10 a.m. every Monday and Tuesday in June. The free program is open to children 18 months to 6 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

CPF
Cerebral Palsy Foundation is seeking families with children (birth to age 12) affected by cerebral palsy in an effort to establish a chapter in the area. CPF offers financial and emotional support as well as many free services. For more information, call 1-888-872-7966 toll-free.

GRAY COUNTY ARC
Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross is in need of wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, potty chairs (with pot) and hospital beds for its Loan Closet. For more information or to make a donation, contact the local Red Cross office at 669-7121.

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.

WDLM SUMMER EXHIBIT
White Deer Land Museum will exhibit "The Creation" by Robert McKenzie this summer through Sept. 1, 2001. Visiting hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m., Saturday-Sunday. Admittance is free.

HOSPICE HOPE SERIES
Crown of Texas Hospice is offering HOPE (Healing Our Parental Emptiness) bereavement series for those grieving the death of a child (pregnancy to 18 years) from 10-11:30 a.m. the first Saturday of each month at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. The series is free and open to the public. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

SUMMER READING GAME
Lovett Memorial Library's Summer Reading Game challenges youngsters to "read around the world and beyond." Every minute is a mile. Every child who reads three hours will receive a free book. Register and receive a book bag and bookmark. Children may read or be read to by a parent or older child. The program concludes July 31.

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.

PACCS DANCE
Pampa Area Christian Singles Dance will be from 8-11 p.m., July 28 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Entertainment will be Mike Porter. For more information, call 665-7059. Attendees are encouraged to bring snacks.

MUSEUM ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Lake Meredith Aquatic and Wildlife Museum will celebrate its 25th anniversary from 3-6 p.m., July 28 at the museum in Fritch. The anniversary celebration will include guest speaker Bob Izzard, refreshments, door prizes, silent auction and a performance by "Lone Star Rising" dancers at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call (806) 857-2458.

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 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 Koops 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.

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 or pick-up a form from Melissa at Chez Tanz, 2137 N. Hobart, 669-6836.

HEAD START
Local Head Start applications for enrollment will be available from 8:30 a.m.-12 noon and from 1-3:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 3 in the gym at Lamar Elementary School. Children 4-years-old on or before Sept. 1, 2001, are eligible for the program. Participants must bring: Child's birth certificate; child's Social Security card; immunization records; income verification; child care documentation; and proof of all public assistance.

ACT EXAM
The next ACT Assessment will be administered Sept. 22. College-bound high school students must register for the college admissions and placement test by Aug. 17, the postmark deadline. The late registration postmark deadline is Aug. 31 and carries an additional fee. For more information, contact your school counselor or visit www.act.org on the World Wide Web.

MISS AMARILLO AREA PAGEANTS
The 2002 Mrs. and Junior Miss Amarillo Area Pageant will be held Sept. 9 at Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza. The pageant is open to women two years and older. Entry forms are available at First Impressions, 2706 Stanley Ste. B, in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 359-9492.

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.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Aug. 1 and 15, Harvest House, 736 Cuyler, Pampa; and 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, Aug. 15, Groom School, Groom.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the fol-

lowing upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Aug. 13, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, and Aug. 28, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, Pampa; Aug. 1 and 15, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; Aug. 2, Lovett Memorial Library, McLean; Aug. 23, Family Care Clinic, Shamrock; Aug. 13, Parkview Hospital, Wheeler. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

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-1:30 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.

MUSIC THERAPY
Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center's Quality of Life Project/Palliative Care Services offers free Music Therapy Sessions at 10:30 a.m. weekly on Wednesdays at the Harrington Cancer Center Quiet Room. Patient and adult family members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 1-800-274-4673, ext. 291.

BEGINNINGS
"Beginnings," a Harrington Cancer Center program for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients, will meet weekly in Harrington Cancer Center Quiet Room, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 359-4673, ext. 173, or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 173.

GREEN THUMB INTERNET SITE
Green Thumb, Inc., the nation's oldest and largest provider of training and employment for mature workers, now offers consumers Geezer.com, an on-line service featuring the handiwork of seniors from across the country. The site is a must for shoppers looking for distinctive, often one-of-a-kind gifts. Geezer.com includes scores of artisans and craftspeople with more than 2,000 hand-wrought products in more than a dozen categories — apparel, art, doll houses, home and hearth, music and videos, pet store, sports, recreation, toys and games, yard and garden and more.

HFA PUBLICATION
Hospice Foundation of America has published "Caregiving and Loss: Family Needs, Professional Responses." The book offers insight and practical suggestions for those assisting family caregivers as they respond to the challenges of caregiving, make critical end-of-life decisions and cope with grief. For more information, call 1-800-854-3402 or visit www.hospicefoundation.org on the World Wide Web. HFA also offers the following pamphlets: "Supporting Your Friend Through Illness & Loss," and "Caring for Someone Who is Dying."

Heat, wind hamper firefighters in Wyoming

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Firefighters braced for another day of heat and wind as they attempt to turn back a blaze that has surged toward homes and forced the evacuation of hundreds of residents in this pristine mountainous area. Flames forced crews to abandon their firebreaks and scramble to save themselves Thursday as the blaze increased to more than 3,000 acres. The forecast for Friday called for more wind and dry heat, setting up another potential advance once afternoon gusts pick up. The fire moved past a natural firebreak and was just a half-mile from one house Thursday. More than 100 homes in two subdivisions were at risk, but none had burned. Still, firefighters weren't making any promises. "I'm not going to guarantee we'll save any structures if this blows and goes," structural protection expert Jim Reinhardt said. Fire crews expected to stay near the at-risk homes through the night and monitor the situa-

tion, fire spokesman Ron Steffens said. Smoke thickened in Jackson Hole, a 40-mile-long valley surrounded by three mountain ranges and gateway to Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks. The Tetons, which lie north of the blaze, were hazy. A team of investigators arrived to determine how the fire began Sunday in a camping area. The probe was looking into all possible causes, such as a lightning strike, escaped campfire or even arson, fire spokeswoman Joan Anzelmo said. "We don't know what caused the fire yet because we have not been able to get to the point of ignition," she said. The Forest Service has marshaled about 1,000 firefighters and a dozen helicopters and air tankers each to battle the blaze. The emotional strain of the blaze was evident on many homeowners, some of whom gathered in nearby Wilson for updates and to watch the fire's advance. "It's just gut-wrenching every day," said Karilyn

Brodell, an area resident whose twin sister lives in a threatened subdivision. "You hope ... the wind isn't going to pick up. Then it does, and you're just sick." On the Net: Fire updates: <http://www.tetonfires.com> National Interagency Fire Center: <http://www.nifc.gov>

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