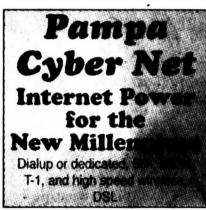


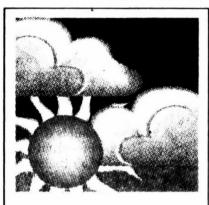
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Former Dallas Cowboys Aikman and Johnston become proud papas

DALLAS (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys Troy Aikman and Daryl Johnston each have a new player in the backfield.

The wives of Aikman and Johnston each gave birth to healthy baby girls Friday Plano evening at Presbyterian Hospital, said Rich Dalrymple, a Dallas Cowboys spokesman.

DA's, other requests cut; **County OKs new budget**

After cutting from their own budgets, county commissioners cut from other departments in order to have a balanced budget.

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Final cuts have been made in the 2002 Gray County budget including an\$18,000 car for the DAs investigator and the salary for an assistant DA was reduced from \$50,000 to \$45,000.

Precinct 2 Commissioner cut \$60,000 from his budget for vehicles during the Friday meeting while Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley cut \$10,000 from his which allowed for tank repairs.

Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley cut 10 percent of his total budget with the exception of bond premiums and liability insurance. County Auditor Elaine Morris advised him to not cut his utility line item, as she said he was cutting it close as it was. He left the utility amount the same.

County Judge-Richard Peet suggested he leave his fuel amount the same, but Hefley said he could manage.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright said he cut his budget to the bone before the submitted it and couldn't cut it any more.

Peet thought Wright should cut \$35,000 from his budget which is designated for part time help, saying, "Our job is not to provide jobs for people." Wright pays two employees part time who work during the summer months.

Commissioner Greene told Peet that Wright did have his employees structured differently than the other three, but it saved the county money. "That's Gerald's business," he said.

After cutting from their own budgets, county commissioners court members cut from other department budgets in order to have a balanced budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

The total approved county budget is \$7,443,223 for the upcoming year. Morris said there will be only enough reserve money for the county to operate one month.

(See **BUDGET**, Page 5)

County sets tax rate for FY 2002 Taxes to drop slightly

By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Due to an increase in assessed values, the Grav County Commission's approval of an eight percent property tax hike actually translates into slightly lower taxes.

It was in a 3-2 vote Friday that the Commission approved the tax rate for the 2002 fiscal year.

Voting in favor were Commissioners Jim Greene, James Hetley and Gerald Wright. Against the proposal were Commissioner Joe Wheeley and County Judge Richard Peet.

Wheeley and Peet indicated they were both against the measure instead tayoring a measure to add \$5 or \$10 tees to car tags. Under the proposal which passed, taxes on the average home-

stead would decrease by \$1.35 or 0.96 percent compared with last year's taxes.

Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would decrease by .018851 per \$100 of taxable value or 3.81 percent compared to last year's tax rate.

Wheeley said he had been contacted by some residents stating (See TAX, Page 5)

People bring pig worries to PEDC

By KATE B. DICKSON Associate Publisher

Something unusual happened at last week's Pampa Economic Development Commission meeting — a group of a dozen or so citizens came to the meeting.

But all who spoke had the same thing on their mind — the planned genetic research hog farm planned for east of Pampa where as many as 50,000 animals could be housed. The company's aim to is raise



Rhonda Aikman gave birth to Jordan Ashley, and Diane Johnston gave birth to Evan Elizabeth

Jordan weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was born at 9:48 p.m. Evan weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces. Her time of birth was not available. They were delivered by Dr.

Bryant Herzog. Aikman, who retired this spring, and Johnston, who retired last year, both work as NFL analysts for Fox Sports. They announced their first game Thursday night.

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• W. Edward Ballard, 70, retired oilfield employee. Ruth Elvira Chapman, 94, retired beautician, held ranching interests.

 Claude Lloyd Hunt, 91, former math teacher. • Louise Jenkins, 70, nurse's aide, volunteer.

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leaner hogs for breeding stock.

"We've never had more than two people before," PEDC Board President Richard Stowers said before setting parameters for conducting the public comment portion of the meeting. Stowers said he'd allow 30 minutes for comments giving each person who wanted to speak three minutes.

It didn't work out quite that way with board members allowing some to go over the time limit including retired chiropractor Dr. Louis Haydon who has been researching concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs).

"I'll take the three minutes of some of those who aren't going to speak," Havdon said.

Dr. Haydon passed out copies of some scientific research articles he has pulled off the internet as well as articles addressing the economic impact on areas that have CAFOs.

(See PEDC, Page 2)

High-profile tire trial plays out in likely place Texas heat, long driving distances

MCALLEN, Texas (AP) — In many ways it makes sense that the first trial against Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. since last year's recall played out in south Texas.

Heat is the enemy of tires, and all day long here, the asphalt, absorbs the hot sun. The cities are spread out, making long road trips a part of life. There are off-road treks through sand and mesquite; in the west it turns to brush. Pieces of tread are common sights along the highways.

But the high-profile trial and its bigwig lawyers often stood out against the isolated and largely barren region where Marisa Rodriguez was left brain-damaged and paralyzed after a rollover in a Ford Explorer with Firestone tires. Her family reached a reported \$7.5 million settlement with Bridgestone / Firestone on Friday.

The Rodriguez family's lawyers, culled from three firms, flew in on private jets bought by settlements in other Firestone-Explorer cases. During deliberations, they ribbed one another about who had the faster plane. Little Rock attorney Tab Turner flew home to attend a PTA meeting and "sleep in his own bed."

(See TRIAL, Page 2)

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out-going.

describe me: Nice.

(Courtesy photo)

Miles Cook, left, and Jimmy Goode. get a little frustrated working on the motor for their race car.

That's racin' Pampans bitten by the bug

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Staff Writer

"Let's build a race car," said the voice on the other end of the phone line.

"You cain't do that. I would never do that," was Pampa businessman Miles Cook's first response.

"My dad was a doctor and he told me never to do that. He'd picked up too many people in pieces who had done that," Cook explained.

Gary Griggs of Pampa, who had made the "unthinkable" suggestion, was no stranger to racing. He had raced motorcycles.

"I had raced motocross quite a few years for D&S Suzuki," Griggs said. "It seemed like a natural step from leaving motorcycles. You still get

the thrill of racing

Now Griggs thought it would be fun to put together a "junker" with his friends and race it on dirt tracks around the area.

Despite his initial negative reaction, Cook agreed to join Griggs in the project. They also enlisted the help of their triend and fellow car enthusiast Jimmy Goode, also of Pampa. Goode wasn't as interested in racing the cars. His interest lay in building the vehicle for racing.

"I've always been what they call a 'wrench,"" Goode said. "Yeah, I get as much enjoyment keeping it running as I would driving it. I guess Lenjoy working on it as much as anything.

With the help of Griggs' tather-in-law, John Radclitt, the three prospective racers obtained a (See RACIN', Page 2)

Sunday snapshot

Stephen King. The last book I read was: "Miserv.

> I drive a: 2001 Chevy Monte Carlo

> My favorite junk food is: Doritos.

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that way

My favorite performer is:

I wish I knew how to: Play

My trademark cliche or

My worst habit is: Biting my

I would never: Hurt anyone

on purpose.

I stay home to watch: Dallas

My favorite beverage: Dr. Pepper. My favorite restaurant is: Red Lobster

My favorite pet: My dog and cat My favorite meal is: Roast.

gravy, mashed potatoes, corn. I wish I could sing like: My mom

> I'm happiest when I'm: With my tamily

Nobody knows: Let's keep it

I regret: Not going to college. I'm tired of: All of the drugs nesses coming to Pampa.

in Pampa.

I have a phobia about: Spiders.

n't live without is: Curling iron.

moment: Don't have one.

Not doing anything.

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If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: More places to eat and more new busi-

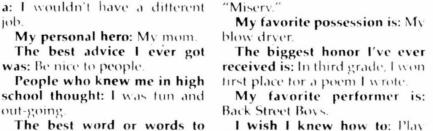
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the piano People will remember me as

being: Helpful to others. The four guests at my fantasy

dinner party would be: My nails grandma, Ashley, God. My hobbies are: Bowling.

My favorite sports team is: Dallas Cowboys. favorite author is: My

If I had a different job, I'd be

expression is: "Whatever."

The last good movie I saw

was: "Castaway.

The electrical device I could-

My most embarrassing

The biggest waste of time is:

If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is:

If I had three wishes they





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Services tomorrow

HULSEY, Linda Johnson — Requiem, 2 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lubbock.

HUNT, Claude Llovd — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean.

JENKINS, Louise - Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

W. EDWARD BALLARD

W. Edward "Eddie" Ballard, 70, of Pampa, died Saturday, Aug. 25, 2001, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Ballard was born Nov. 30, 1930, at Canadian and also grew up there. He moved around for many years, living in Pampa, California and Hobbs, N.M., and returned to Pampa in 2000. He was employed in the oilfield industry and was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly Ballard, of the home; four sons; a daughter; four sisters; and a brother.

RUTH ELVIRA CHAPMAN

Ruth Elvira Turner Chapman, 94, of Amarillo, died Thursday, Aug. 23, 2001. Graveside services were Saturday in Llano Cemetery with Paul Sneed officiating. Burial was under the direction of N.S. Griggs and Sons Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Chapman was born at Eldorado, Okla., and grew up at Miami, Pampa and Lefors. She married Alexander M. "Bud" Chapman on Aug. 24, 1938, at Clayton, N.M.; he died March 5, 1985. She owned Orchid Beauty Salon and held ranching interests in Endee, N.M., and Broken Bow and Tryon, Neb. For over 50 years, she was a beautician, working at various salons in Shamrock, Vega and Amarillo.

She was a member of Central Church of Christ. Survivors include four daughters, Roxie Thomas Brownlee of Clarendon, Clara J Chapman Driggs of Denver, Colo., Victoria E. Grogan of Fritch and J. Rose Chapman Ballard of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Rose Hall of Clarendon: 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to High Plains Children's Home and Family Services, 11451 S. Western St., Amarillo, TX 79118; or to a favorite charity

CLAUDE LLOYD HUNT

McLEAN - Claude Lloyd Hunt, 91, died Thursday, Aug. 23, 2001, at Wheeler. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Hillcrest Cemetery with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Lamb

Obituaries cont.

Funeral Home.

Mr. Hunt was born March 16, 1910, at Dodson, Texas, to Claude and Myrtle West Hunt. He married Evelyn Lois Veazey on Aug. 19, 1939, at Olney, Texas; she died June 30, 2001. He was a math teacher and resident of McLean for 42 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church of McLean and was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II.

Survivors include two daughter, Marsha Evelyn Points of Tyler and Melinda Sue Finn of Dallas; two sons, Ronald L. Hunt of Burlington, Wash., and John M. Hunt of Shamrock; and seven grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, 2200 W. 7th, Amarillo, TX 79106.

LOUISE JENKINS

Louise Jenkins, 70, of Pampa, died Friday, Aug. 24, 2001. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Doug Yates, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Jenkins was born Dec. 23, 1930, at Sarton, W.Va. She married Robert Jenkins on May 12, 1948, at South Charleston, W.Va.; he died Aug. 1, 1995.

She had been a Pampa resident since 1990, moving from Fayetteville, N.C., and was a nurse's aide and a Meals on Wheels volunteer. She was a member of First Church of the

Nazarene. Survivors include two daughters, Carol Jenkins Dout of Pampa and Angela Jenkins Sempsrott of Clearwater, Fla.; a son, Michael Bruce Jenkins of Pampa; a sister, Mary Marie Ennis of Pampa; a brother, Ralph C. Parker of Fayetteville; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Scleroderma Research Foundation, 2320 Bath St., Suite 315, Santa Barbara, CA 93105; or to a hospice of choice.

Fires

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

Friday; Aug. 24

2:03 p.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in the 500 block of North Wynne. 11:41 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters

responded to a medical assist in the 900 block of East Francis.

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RACIN'

1984 Grand Prix to use as their car.

"The idea was to build it to be in the 'bomber' class," Cook said. "That's where they put the rookies, all the ones that don't have any racing experience."

For months, working four to five hours every night, the trio worked to ready the Grand Prix for the dirt track circuit.

"We were going by the rules of the old Amarillo Speedway," he said.

All the glass had to be knocked out. They had to take off all the chrome, weld or chain the doors shut, and take all the lights out. A roll bar had to be installed.

When they were done, the wellworn vehicle gleamed with a new coat of white paint, bright yellow and red flames on the front, and crimson numbers "324" on the doors.

The old rules allowed a driver and a passenger in the car, Cook explained. They had to wear helmets, but they weren't required to wear firesuits and the car could have standard seats in it.

"We thought it would really be fun to get in together and run around the track," Cook said.

However, the gung-ho guys came up against an unexpected obstacle.

No race car track in the area allowed that type of stock car rac-

"We found out there's no place to do it around here except Abilene," he explained.

The new Amarillo Speedway rules didn't allow two people in the vehicle, required a racing seat, a roll cage, a five-point safe-ty harness, fire suit and helmet.

"You can't be a poor-boy racer and do all that," he said. "We were getting away from our original intent. We just wanted to have fun and not spend a lot of money doing it.'

Finally, the Pampa team found what they were looking for in a pure stock class at the Abilene Speedway.

It was there that Cook got his first taste of stock car racing.

"I went out for the hot laps," he said, explaining this is the time when driver's warm up and test

the track by driving a few laps. Then he competed in the first heat, eight laps around the dirt track.

Another citizen, Dalton Lewis, said he's "done a "I started last and I ended up lot of checking on Guymon, Okla., where Seaboard last," he said. "But two cars crashed and one was black flagged so I ended up fourth."



(Courtesy photo)

Old #324, built for "bomber class" stock car racing by Pampans Gary Griggs, Jimmy Goode and Miles Cook, is ready to go another round.

> "Since we started doing this it's amazing how many people we've talked to have said they'd like to do it or would go to watch these races," Cook said.

Other Pampans are involved in this type racing, too, he said, naming Richard Cantrell, Bobby Jewett, and Gary and Darlene Wheat.

"It's amazing the number of people who remember going (to the stock car races) as a kid and now they wonder why they don't do it anymore," Griggs said.

"The whole point is to have fun cheaply and somewhat safely," Cook said. "It's a little scary and very exciting."

His wife Rita agreed, adding, "It's a family deal. The wives and kids, parents and friends all go out and do it. It's something you can do to generate a little fun and not have to buy a big race car."

Griggs said his wife Sherri enjoys racing, too. "It's old hat to her. Her dad's been involved in it. Her uncle raced in Amarillo

Pampa's newest racing team looks forward to another season.

"We haven't got to do a whole

Shannon Cook, Miles and Abilene Speedway this weekend to try his hand at the "round-deround" track.

And his parents plan to be

"I hope I can watch," Rita confided, squeezing her eyes shut.

(Courtesy photo) Griggs poses Gary beside the 1984 Pontiac

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way we all three got the fun of being a part of it and it only cost

Cook hopes that someone near Pampa will build a local race years ago." track for grass root racers like Griggs, Goode and himself. He feels a dirt track here would

"I think (beginner class racing) would draw people from here, Rita's son, plans to take #324 to bring their wives, kids, a few there for the race. friends and all. There'd be at least five people for every car."

Grand Prix before it became a race car.

us \$5 total," he said.

encourage tourism and boost the economy. lot yet," Griggs said. "But we've got a real good start this year." Borger and Amarillo," Griggs said. "People could find a car, put some safety equipment in it and be ready to race. They'd

Haydon said his research indicated that areas with hog farms "... are 55 percent less likely to have any other business come in."

PEDC

"What (articles) we've been provided "generally are the negatives," Stowers told Haydon. "There are some positives."

Haydon's wife, Edna, spoke saying, "We haven't been able to turn up one thing that's positive. If you can find it I'd like to see it."

Haydon then pointed to industry changes in South Carolina where new, more rigid hog farm rules, were passed by the legislature.

What he was referring to are regulations that went into effect there on Aug. 9.

These regulations created a new category of hog farms for those with one-million pounds or more of normal production animal weight or about 7,000 hogs, according to one of the articles. These regulations create new setbacks, outlaw open-pit lagoons and sprayfields on large-scale farms and go into effect immediately as emergency regulations.

National Pig Development company has filed for a state permit to build the CAFO about 11 miles east of Pampa. NPD is owned by Smithfield Foods and has a similar genetic operation in North Carolina like the one planned here.

One of the articles Haydon obtained, quotes William Allcott, spokesman for Smithfield Foods as saying, "The possibility of any farmer getting a permit for a large farm in South Carolina looks to be effectively closed by the stringency of these regula-

Speaking of the Pampa area, Haydon said, "If we have to go to hog farms we need these rules (like South Carolina's).

Haydon also spoke of the agreement worked out between the North Carolina attorney general and the hog industry to develop new technology for handling hog waste because lagoons will no longer be permitted

Havdon said Smithfield will have to get rid of "276 lagoons" in North Carolina.

For the Gray County project, NPD spokesmen at a July public meeting here, said their plans call for 45 acres of waste lagoons. In addition, they plan to land apply some of the waste and inject some into the ground.

Corp. has a hog farm.

They have had to build a new tuberculosis clinic there," Lewis said in reference to pig farm employees in Guymon. "We should take up money to buy the (NPD) land from the Stockstill sisters." It is the estate of the late Bill Stockstill from

which NPD holds an option to buy over a section of land in Gray and Roberts County.

Dale Roth, a retired Celanese employee, said his 'prime concern" is over the use of waste lagoons which contain pollution from "disease prone" pigs. "They are cesspools," he said of the lagoons. "Municipalities used to have them and they are outlawed now. There's no reason we should let an industry in and create a 46-acre cesspool when there are other (treatment) methods available."

Stowers told those present that while he personally is for the NPD project as proposed, the PEDC is not involved because NPD has not come to them with any funding requests.

He said the PEDC was not even aware of NPD until there had been several visits to the area by company representatives.

"Maybe it was a mistake to sponsor the meeting," Stowers said in reference to the July public meeting where NPD made a presentation.

Financial records show the PEDC paid for \$235.04 in lodging costs for NPD representative's stay at the Best Western Northgate Inn. Also paid for by the PEDC was \$98 for the use of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium for the July meeting.

When a reporter asked for the PEDC members to be polled as to their position regarding the NPD proposal, Stowers disallowed the question saying, 'It would only be our opinion as citizens.'

Later, Stowers said he'd allow the board members to express their opinion but said, "I'm not in 'favor (of them doing so)"

With at least two more people asking that members be polled, PEDC board member Lee Porter said such polling would be out of order because the hog farm was not on the agenda.

To do so, he said would have the PEDC "overstepping our bounds," as it applies to open meet-

ings and rules of order. The members did, however, indicate their willingness to talk about NPD outside the meeting set-

Then Griggs took the wheel for the main heat with Cook beside him in the passenger seat.

On the first turn, at 55 miles per hour, "that fence got big in a hurry," Cook remembered.

Later on, Griggs indicated he was going to squeeze through a space among the cars for a better position.

"I said, 'You aren't going to go in that hole right there!," Cook recalled. "But we did and so did about three others. That's why we have some the dings and scratches on the car."

Griggs and Cook moved up to fifth place in a field of 17 cards before they spun out and ended up in the infield. Even with the pin out, they ended up in eighth place.

"It got pretty exciting there for awhile," Cook said dryly.

Next the group drove to Elk City to try the Grand Prix on the dirt track there only to discover that the pure stock class was only for females and males under 19 vears old.

The next closest class for them was the "hobby class." In this class, drivers are experienced, the vehicle motors are more powerful and the tires are different.

'We knew there was no chance at all of us winning anything, but we did it anyway," Cook said.

"We were lapped every four laps, but we made it to the finals and we were lapped every four laps again," he said, laughing. "When we were finished we got ready to go and a man came up to us and said, 'Aren't you going to stay for your check?' We said, 'We were last. We aren't getting any check,' and the man said, Yes, you will. You get a check

just for finishing." Sure enough, Griggs, Cook and Goode received a check from the Elk City Speedway for \$70 – \$5 less than the \$75 it cost them to enter the race.

"Heck, it would have cost us \$7 a piece just to watch the race. This

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Guest lineup for Sunday TV news shows

ABC's "This Week With Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts" -Joe Mahoney, Multi-State Lottery Association; Jim Robinson, attorney for Anne Marie Smith; Connie Chung of ABC News; Evan Thomas, assistant managing editor, Newsweek; Judy Bachrach, contributing editor, Vanity Fair; Lawrence Lindsey, director, National Economic Council; and Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C.

CBS' "Face the Nation" — Terry McAuliffe, chairman, Democratic National Committee; and Jim Gilmore, chairman, Republican National Committee.

NBC's "Meet the Press" — Abbe Lowell, attorney for Rep. Gary Condit.

CNN's "Late Edition With Wolf Blitzer" — Reps. Charles Rangel; D-N.Y.; Scott McInnis, R-Colo.; and David Dreier, R-Calif. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M.; Clinton economic adviser Gene Sperling; the Rev. Al Sharpton; former Reagan adviser David Gergen; former Clinton special counsel Lanny Davis; and former Attorney General Richard Thornburgh.

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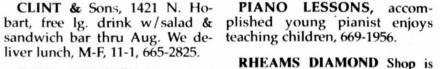
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TRIAL

The defense attorneys came in knowing they had a tough job ahead. South Texas, a region isolated from the north by seemingly endless badlands of brush and cattle, is known for softhearted juries

"You recognize that plaintiffs like to try lawsuits in South Texas," lead defense attorney Knox Nunnally said before federal Judge Filemon Vela issued a gag order. "It's just the history of what we have seen in jury verdicts.

So why take the case?

"I'm a lawyer," Nunnally said.

That was outside court. In the courtroom, all joking was off.

Press and attorneys quickly learned to fear the orders of Vela, whose courtroom prohibitions included gum chewing, mint sucking, slouching and having sunglasses on one's head. More than one national news reporter was locked out of already-started

proceedings and pleas to bring cell phones were denied. Vela chewed out Turner for walking toward the back of the courtroom during testimony

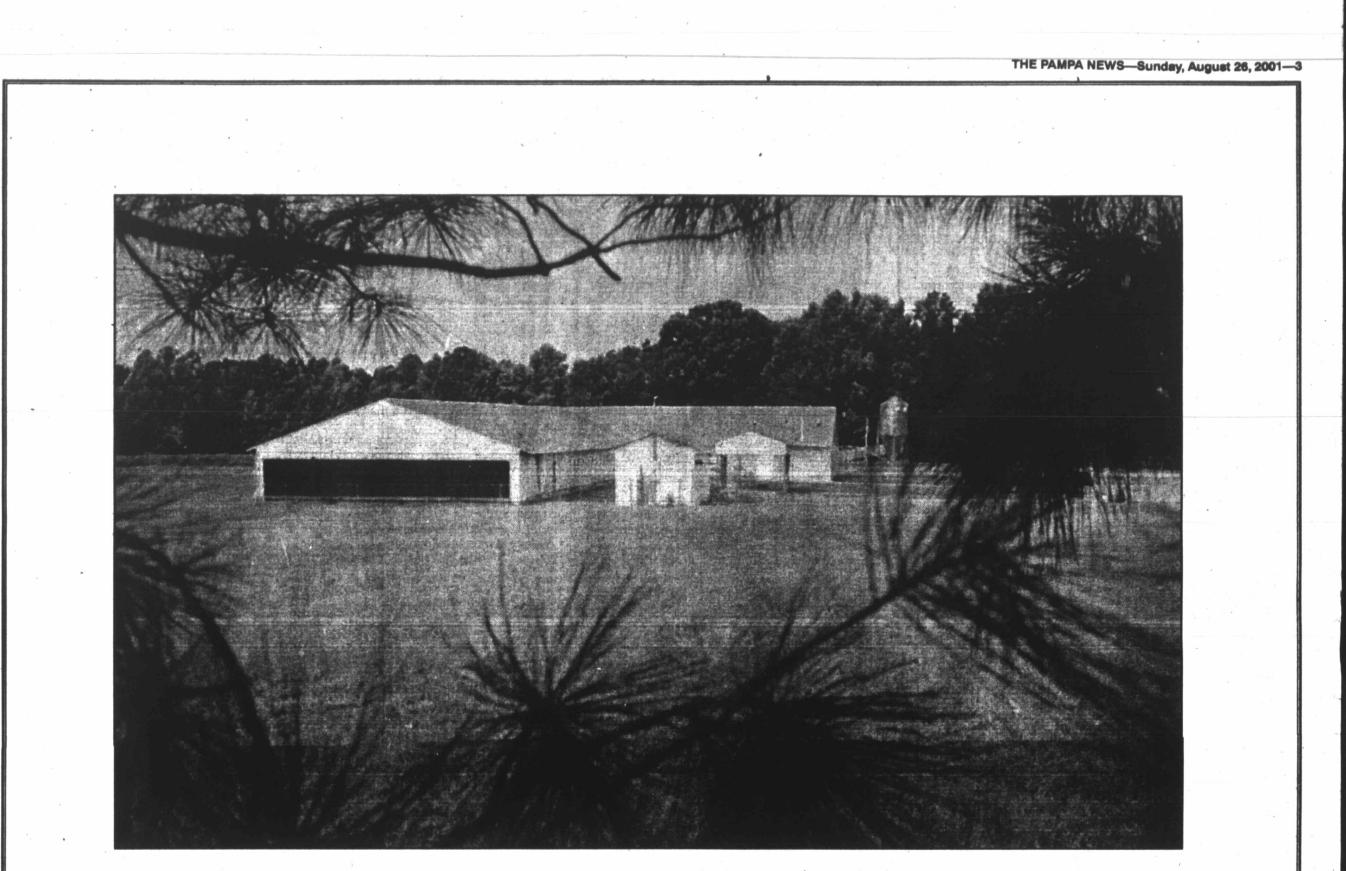
Then there was the family at the plaintiffs' table: Dr. Joel Rodriguez, a gentle-mannered Mexican-American doctor, his young children and his 39-yearold wife.

The family had already settled with Ford for \$6 million, but Rodriguez wanted Bridgestone / Firestone to take responsibility for marketing tires that federal officials have linked to more than 200 deaths.

In Friday's settlement, the tire company did not admit liability, but Rodriguez said afterward that the case had accomplished something. "The facts are

out," he said. "That was one of our main concerns." The Rodriguez case was the first Firestone lawsuit to go to trial since the recall last summer of 6.5 million tires. On a family trip last year in an Explorer, the steel belt and tread on the right rear tire tore apart,

and the vehicle overturned three times.



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The first thought I had about this was not to write about it. You know, kinda like those first thoughts you'd get about the answer to a standardized test 1-800-687-3348 • FAX: 669-2520 question. Some teachers say to go with that. And EMAIL: kbd@pan-tex.net • pamnews1@pan-tex.net they may be right but I think I'll just blunder on any-This newspaper (UPS 781-540) is published daily except Saturdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas Days by The Pampa News, 403 W. Atchison, Pampa, Tx. 79065. way

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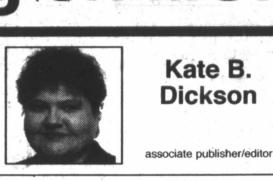
I think the County Commission meant well recently when it voted to go along with Veteran Service Officer Bob Dixon's request that the courthouse flag be lowered to half staff every time a local U.S. veteran dies.

The flag, once the courthouse restoration is over, event, not a rare one. will be lowered on the day of the funeral.

If Dixon's statistics hold true, that means the courthouse flag will fly at half staff approximately 50 times a year.

First, I want everyone to know I appreciate all our country's veterans and know I wouldn't live the life I am living without their sacrifices that helped to make our country great.

But like most of you, I grew up with the notion that a flag flying at half staff marked a rare event indeed. It's something that years can go by before the flag is lowered again.



Sadly, the dying of our nation's veterans, especially those from World War II, is a many-times-a-day

There's the saying that's been around since 42 B.C. about familiarity breeding contempt. And I think it holds true today. I fear, rather than paying honor, the frequency of the flag lowering will make it a rather. ho-hum happening ... something that won't get much attention.

And, I know that isn't what those who want to honor our veterans have in mind.

Why not consider giving the veteran's family a nicely done resolution paying homage to their loved one ... something they can keep, frame and hand down to future generations?

That's better than doing something with our flag that it wasn't intended to do.

For those of you who have asked about my mother, I appreciate your concern. I'm happy to report that she will leave rehab on Labor Day weekend and will return to her home with part-time help.

We (Democrats) told you so.

From the Associated Press comes this: President Bush's tax cut and the sluggish economy have combined to virtually erase the projected budget surplus not dedicated to Social Security this year and next, the White House estimated last week.

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One more thing while I'm thinking about it. Last Spring I received five high school graduation invitations. Two were from Pampa, the other three each from a different town. I gave each a gift. To date, I have only received two thank you notes - both were from the Pampa teens. Even though lots of time has gone by, I suggest the parents of graduated seniors double check to see if all the thank you notes have been written. If not, sit your darlings down and don't let them get up until they finish!

(Kate Dickson can be reaclied at kbd@pan-tex.net)

Today in history

By The Associated Press Today is Sunday, Aug. 26, the 238th day of 2001. There are 127

days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women the right to vote, was declared in effect. On this date:

In 55 B.C.; Roman forces under Julius Caesar invaded Britain. In 1847, Liberia was pro-

claimed an independent republic. In 1883, the island volcano

Krakatoa began erupting with increasingly large explosions. In 1957, the Soviet Union

announced it had successfully tested an intercontinental ballistic missile.

In 1961, the official International Hockey Hall of Fame opened in Toronto.

GOOD MORNING, KIDS-IT'S GREAT TO EASY FOR HIM TO SAY-HIS VACATION Be Here! DIDN'T JUST END.

New words for new tools and concepts

No one invented language in it simply spon-

Gender is a grammatical term that refers to the

essarily the opinions of The Pampa News.

Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas:

Medical researchers are holding their breaths in hopes that a new vaccine can stop, and possibly even reverse, the effects of Alzheimer's disease. It is a vaccine that, should it prove successful, will make a dramatic impact on the lives of millions of Americans.

The only problem, as with many medical studies, is that this vaccine has shown only limited promise in tab mice. It is unclear whether the new vaccine will have similar effects on humans, but scientists say it is the most promising breakthrough yet in Alzheimer's research.

Only time will tell, and researchers say results in the two-year study could be noticeable within six months of the beginning of the vaccination trials. The medical community hopes that, if the trial vaccinations prove successful in stopping or retarding the advance of Alzheimer's, the new vaccine would be used as a preventative measure

Yet because research into Alzheimer's essentially is still in the beginning stages, researchers still hold out hope that these trials, if the intended effect isn't achieved, will help further advances in Alzheimer's research and teach the medical community more about this perplexing and debilitating disease.

The impact of a successful Alzheimer's vaccination cannot be underscored. Some 4 million American's have Alzheimer's and, + . aging population, estimates are that more than 14 million will have the disease by 2050. For the victims of this disease — and this most assuredly describes both the patient, their families and caregivers — a safe, effective Alzheimer's vaccination would be a godsend. Let us all hope that the trials show this new vaccine's effectiveness and provide the medical community with more much-needed information about Alzheimer's

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Texarkana Gazette on Alzheimer's vaccine:

The Galveston County Daily News on medical savings accounts: Congress is debating whether medical savings accounts ought to be a permanent part of the landscape

We're sold that they're a viable choice for thousands who otherwise would remain uninsured.

Medical savings accounts have been offered on a trial basis since 1996. They're designed to help very small businesses offer some health coverage to employees. The employee gets a catastrophic health policy with low monthly premiums but with a high deductible

The employer, employee or a combination of the two can pay for the policy

Money put into an account can be withdrawn to pay medical expenses that aren't covered by the policy. Contributions are taken as a pretax payroll deduction, lowering the employees taxable income and employers payroll tax liability.

Critics of the accounts contend they're not the answer to the national problem of providing health care to the uninsured They're absolutely right. This is not the solution. But it's a small part of the solution that can help small companies provide some coverage to their employees.

In an age when so many workers are uninsured, we don't think any viable solution ought to be discarded.

From our files

40 years ago

SUNDAY, Aug. 27, 1961. Leo W. Nelson of Beaumont assumed duties Saturday as the new manager of Coronado Inn, it was announced by Frank R. Culberson president of the Community Hotel Co. of Pampa

MONDAY, Aug. 28, 1961. GROOM (Spl) - Groom Public School began the 1961-62 term at 8:30 a.m., today with a completed faculty for the school term following the hiring of Melvin Harp, Canyon, as band teacher and Mrs. Fred Brown, Groom, as librarian, biology and speech teacher.

TUESDAY, August 29, 1961. The Pampa City Commission voted 4 to 1 at its regular meeting in City Hall today to whack \$8,563 from the proposed 1961-62 city budget request of the Board of City Development and Mayor E.C. Sidwell recommended that hereafter the Chamber of Commerce receive all of its operating funds on a voluntary basis.

25 years ago

THURSDAY, Aug. 26, 1976. The Pampa chapter of Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) will be working to raise money for the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon to be seen on National television on Sept. 5 and 6.

FRIDAY, Aug. 27, 1976. The swine flu vaccine, being prepared under a \$135 million federal inoculation program, is scheduled to be administered free to'Gray County residents 18 vears and over in October

SUNDAY, Aug. 29, 1976. The Pampa Masons were made Nobles of the Mystic Shrine during an Aug. 20 program attended by Amarillo's Khiva Temple Ceremonial Divan Team. 10 years ago

MONDAY, Aug. 26, 1991. Pampa public schools superintendent Dawson Orr is to be the speaker for the August Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce membership luncheon Tuesday.

TUESDAY, Aug. 27, 1991. TASCOSA — The Pampa High School varsity and junior varsity volleyball squads lost Monday night to determined Tascosa High School teams.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 28, 1991. Shirley and Mike Lopez of Pampa have been named local chairpersons of the 1991 Jerry Lewis Telethon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), announced Karen Lane, district director of MDA's Panhandle chapter.

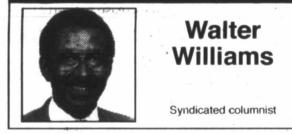
taneously evolved as a system that enables us to communicate with one another. Language is never static because in the process of progress, new words emerge for new tools and concepts. Some of today's new language, like cosmetics, conceal and confuse. Since I've been on earth a sufficient interval of time to see some of this, let's look at it.

Back in the '40s, there were flophouses where bums and hobos hung out. Urban renewal (removal) accounts for the disappearance of flophouses, but what happened to America's bums and hobos?

You might think they've also disappeared because we never hear of them. They're still with us. We call them homeless people. Linguistically, that puts bums in the same category as people who are homeless because of means there's moral equivalency between flood victims and bums. After all, who can be morally judgmental about someone who's lost his home?

The new millennium finds other missing persons. What happened to insane people, stutterers, crippled people, deaf and dumb people, and slow learners? Today we refer to them as being challenged or disabled one way or another, and sometimes even exceptional.

Also, back in the 1940s, I used to love Tarzan movies featuring him swinging through the man. jungles or trekking through the swamps chas-



ing bad guys. Like bums and hobos, jungles and swamps have disappeared as well. Today's political agenda has given them new names. They're now rainforests and wetlands. After all, who can get worked up about saving jungles and mosquito-infested swamps but, ah!, rainforests and wetlands are a different to me as chairman instead of the politically cormatter

Today, it has become fashionable to refer to fires, floods, tornadoes and earthquakes. That me as an African-American. I protest. One reason is that I risk being confused with an since both can legitimately be called African-Americans. Another reason is that I'm simply tired and worn out — not to mention the confusion for white people. Being 65, I've gone through a number of name changes that range from derogative names such as coon and nigger, to colored, person of color, Negro, Afro-American and black. I refuse to change again, and I'm going to leave this world as a black

Then there's sex, and then there's gender. nomics.

classification by which nouns are grouped and inflected. Sex refers to the divisions into which people, male and female, or animals and plants, are divided with reference to their reproductive functions. I have no idea why it's politically more correct to use the term gender rather than sex, or use gender interchangeably with sex, but it'd sure sound strange if one were overhead saying, "I was having gender with my wife last night when the phone rang."

I've been the chairman of the Economics Department at George Mason University for six years. A minor ongoing struggle with some colleagues, especially the touchy-feely among them, has been to get them to address or refer rect chair. Referring to one as chair conceals valuable information.

For example, if a colleague says, "A chair is in the next room," I wouldn't know whether or American of Egyptian or Afrikaner ancestry, not it's an inanimate object, a man or a woman where I'd have to clean up my language. Some of my colleagues rightfully think it's silly to refer to someone as a chair, so they say chairperson. I still object and on occasion have suggested that I can present unambiguous evidence that I am a chairman.

> By the way, whether to call me a chair, chairperson or chairman is a moot issue since as of July 31 this year, I've retired from the chairmanship and returned to simply teaching eco-

Comprehension lacking in today's world

I finally found a definition of an educated man, It is a quotation from St. Augustine and is contained in an article on education by Hamza Yusuf Hanson, a Muslim thinker.

St. Augustine says, "I have never seen anything I couldn't read and understand nor that I couldn't write nor that I heard and couldn't understand nor that I understood and couldn't articulate."

Here is a man describing mastery of language, which involves both comprehension or write. And just look at the infantile level of and its use. He was a product of a style of education called the trivium, which consisted of was, as you can see, a preparation for learning.

One of the errors we make is that we have forgotten the basics of learning. Unless a child can read and listen with comprehension and speak and write clearly what he or she understands, then that child is simply not equipped to acquire more knowledge. How can poor readers learn history? How can a poor listener comprehend a lecture, whether on math, chemistry or literature?

Failure to comprehend the written and spoken word and failure to articulate thoughts are we have adults with college degrees who cannot read and understand their native language or cannot articulate their own thoughts, then we're clearly in trouble as a nation.

So much conversation is wasted with people arguing the same point but not realizing it or criticizing others for something they didn't say



political speeches in this country today. Infantile speech, of course, reflects infantile the study of grammar, rhetoric and logic. It thinking. I doubt if two out of 100 senators today could even comprehend the major speeches of men like Daniel Webster and John C. Calhoun. They'd certainly have to get someone to translate the Latin for them and to explain the historical references.

> one of our battleships some years ago. There Listening to teenagers carry on a conversation was a hearing by a Senate committee. A senator certainly will shake your faith in education, if from Illinois — since retired or defeated, I don't you have any left. remember which — asked the captain, "Sir, is the gunpowder flammable?"

You could clearly see the Navy captain countthe two scariest phenomena I run into. When ing to 10 and biting his lip in cadence to keep and Eddie Murphy. Seems like a wasted powder is flammable." He was probably thinkpose the gun fires if the powder isn't flammable, you moron.'

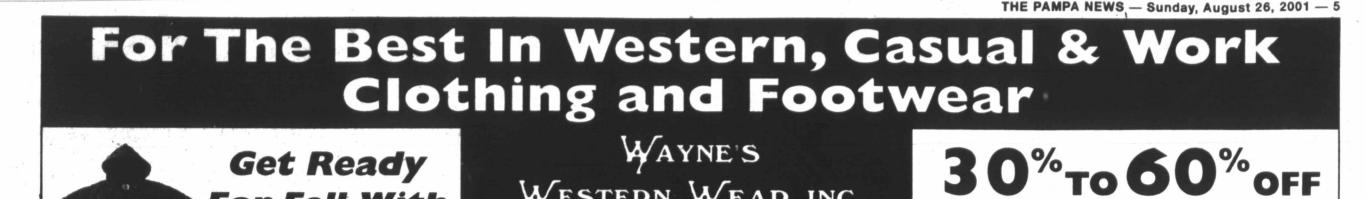
By the way, here is one more reminder that want to get off.

neither the House nor the Senate — presumably out of fear of the Israeli lobby — has ever given the survivors of the USS Liberty a public hearing. The Liberty, an intelligence ship, was attacked in broad daylight in international waters in 1967 by Israeli forces. Just to annoy them, write your representative and senators and ask them to explain to you why Congress will not hold a hearing on this incident as it has, without exception, on every other American naval disaster.

In the meantime, I've had to quit watching C-SPAN's proceedings. It's too painful, especially when I remember that part of my taxes pays those characters more than \$130,000 a year plus plentiful perks to make fools out of themselves and to ruin a perfectly good country.

Still, they're probably appropriate representatives for a people who, you know, like to be You might recall that a big gun exploded on cool, man, like, you know, etc., and so forth.

St. Augustine probably would have never repented or confessed if he had known that Western civilization would culminate in MTV from saying what he really wanted to say. Then, struggle, just to go from barbarians and a carefully and quietly, he said, "Yes, senator, the dark age to barbarians and a dimwit age. To think that martyrs died in the arena to proing, "How in the blanketyblank do you sup- duce TV evangelists. Or that musicians struggled over the centuries to produce the Backstreet Boys and Eminem. Stop progress. I



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Peet recommended the county discontinue paying half the cost of the town marshal and paying \$21,600 a year for a man to destroy predatory animals.

BUDGET

Wheeley said it was a precarious situation for him. "Lefors continues to downsize. We are helping to repair their streets." Commissioner Wright said the Lefors mayor

should be present before the commission discontinued paying half of the town marshal of the unincorporated city. "They were sure against it last time we talked about it," he said.

"If I was the Lefors mayor, I'd be against it, too," said Peet. "It saves them about \$4,500 in tax money a year."

After considerable discussion, the commission decided to continue with both programs for at least another year.

Peet said Tax Collector/Assessor Sammye Morris had saved Lefors considerable money since she took over collecting the municipalities taxes. Morris said she charges them less than \$190 for tax collection compared to the several thousand they were paying before. a profit."

He said he is not against helping the communi-

ty, but Gray County is having to 'tighten its belt.' (\$21,600) out of the budget," said Greene. "He took care of the pigeons and took out some buzzards in a woman's yard. Also, he helped with the rabies.

"I'm on the fence on it," said Wheeley. "It is a job that is important and has been in the past. Where high taxes," he said. "We've lost population from the county, he said. do we start first? This is a job that can tie into the health issue.

The last time we considered doing away with the job, we had a courtroom full of landowners," said Wheeley.

Wright said predatory animal program provides a service for rural communities.

Greene said when he took office as county commissioner there were only 7 1/2 miles blacktop in his precinct. "Now there are 13 1/2," he said. He attributed most of that increase to residential additions such as Walnut Creek and Keller Estates.

Peet said county roads are a 'fixed cost' which doesn't change. "All those roads have to be maintained," he said.

"Our job is to provide taxpayers with services they want," said Greene. "We're not here to make

Wright indicated he is opposed to cuts made in

"I hate to take the predatory animal amount reason people pay taxes is for the justice system," said Wright.

somewhere and any cuts are going to affect peo- the ambulance services are combined with the fire

"I, as a taxpayer, can't afford to continue to pay steadily for 10 years, but we still have the same in roads to be maintained."

Bob Dixon, Gray County veterans service officer, reported on the operation of the fire departments in area communities in relation to the counties. Peet said he had asked Dixon to obtain the information.

Dixon said he had contacted the city managers of Borger, Canyon and Dumas.

He said Borger's coverage area is a five-mile radius of the community in addition to the 10-mile square radius inside the city limits. He said the town has only one fire station and employs 19 fire-

Dixon said City Manager David Willard said Hutchinson County pays Borger a flat fee of \$25,000 for the service.

He said the rest of the county area is covered by Stinnett or Fritch Volunteer Fire Departments. Canyon, he said, has three paid firefighters and

District Attorney Rick Roach's budget. "Part of the the remainder are volunteers. Their first response area is 10 miles outside the city limits, but they provide backup assistance past the 10 mile line Joe Wheeley said the commission has to cut He said several rural stations are in the area, and department.

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The fire department receives \$179,000 a year

Dumas has a few fulltime firefighters, with the remainder as volunteers. Both Dumas and Canyon only have one fire station.

Dixon said he was told no money is exchanged between the city and county. He said the Dumas City Jail was closed down several years ago and the two entities trade out services, adding that all prisoners are housed in the Moore County Jail. He said the county also took over all dispatching duties when the city jail closed.

Peet said it is important the county have the information from the fire departments as the City of Pampa is considering eliminating six firefighters along with a second fire station in order to balance their budget.

The 2002 budget passed in a 4-1 vote. Peet was the only dissenter with Wheeley, Greene, Wright and Hefley voting to accept it. Peet said he felt there are more items that can be cut from the budget. Wheeley said he did, too, but would vote for it.



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Airlines pilots said Friday it would reject the carrier's proposal for fast-track contract negotiations that could be settled by baseball-style binding arbitration.

The Allied Pilots Association, which represents about 11,000 American pilots, said the proposal would be too limiting on negotiators

"Given the number of issues that need to be addressed in these negotiations, particularly on the safety front, APA's leadership concluded that management's proposal of baseball-style binding arbitration where only a handful of items could be reviewed by an arbitrator would be overly limiting," union president John Darrah said in a written statement.

American, the world's largest airline, had offered pilots an immediate pay raise of 15 percent to 22 percent if they agreed to stop bargaining after 120 days. If no deal could be reached, each side would submit a final proposal to a panel of arbitrators, who would pick one

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they felt the additional fee on vehicles would be more fair to the people than additional property taxes.

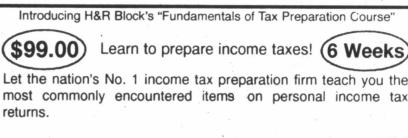
Last year the average residence homestead value was \$28,284 while this year it is **\$29,122**. The tax rate per \$100 is .494684. Last year's tax on an average size home was \$139.92. This year's is \$138.57.

Peet also reported he had been told by taxpayers that it was much more fair for everyone to pay the car registration fee than

Commissioner Jim Greene said he thought it is just a hidden tax. A \$5 fee added to the annual vehicle registration charges, would generate approximately \$120,000 to the county while \$240,000 would be generated if a \$10 amount passed

Gray County is one of 20 counties of the 254 across the state which does not have the fee.

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Letters to the editor

Telephone RBOCs are bleeding consumers dry

To the editor,

I am writing about the lack of competition that exists in the local phone market. While it appears that competition might flourish and grow in the deregulated power market, it seems that quite the apposite is happening in the local phone market.

Sprint and other companies have offered local phone service in fexas, and have then pulled that service. The problem is that it isn't profitable for them due to high access rates charged by the regiona Bell operating companies (RBOCs).

Now the RBOCs are pushing legislation that would completely gut the 1996 Telecom Act in a bill called the Freedom and groadband Deployment Act of 2001, H.R. 1542, also known as the fauzin-Dingell bill.

This bill would allow the RBOCs to enter long-distance without having to prove to the Federal Communications Commission that they have opened up the data side of their local networks to competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) at wholesale rates. In affect, the bill would remove the RBOCs incentive to allow the CLECs to use their networks. Course we didn't have much choice now, since the "wholesale" rates have been more retail than wholesale, but at least we had a guise of competition.

Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, and Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, have introduced the Telecommunications Competition Enforcement Act of 2001. This bill would add more enforcement teeth to the 1996 Telecom Act as well as require the local dominant carriers to put their wholesale and retail operations in separate divisions.

This would allow competition to succeed because Verizon and Southwestern Bell would have to buy access to the lines that connect us to their offices at wholesale rates just like the CLECs. I would bet on them actually offering wholesale rates, since their tetail divisions will have to pay them. Once this happens, the retail bperations would actually have to compete with the CLECs and we should start seeing the benefits like we did when long distance was made competitive.

There is a possibility for abuse. Each retail division would be paying the respective wholesale division of the same RBOC. These payments of "funny money," or money that stays in the same company, can allow for creative bookkeeping to make the retail unit "lose" money while making tons of money on the wholesale side in an attempt to bleed the competition dry.

I think this can be caught, and the legislation also gives the FCC the power to turn the wholesale and retail divisions into separate subsidies if they don't behave. Needless to say, the RBOCs are already screaming that this legislation is not fair! Waah! Letting monopolies bleed us dry isn't fair!

I recommend everybody check out the website www.voicesforchoices to see how the RBOCs are stifling competition. It is pretty enlightening

Boyd Campbell

Plano

How important is clean air, water to NPD?

(The following letter to the editor is an open letter addressed to John Carter, general manager of National Pig Development (USA) in Roanoka Rapids, N.C.) 4.8 4 6 94 7 1

and Mooreland, Okla., as well as Liberal, Kan.

For that reason, I have difficulty with the idea that isolation is the reason National Pig Development wants to locate here. It looks more like a forerunner for more extensive operations, simply because the characteristics of this area are so desirable.

Why will NPD be using the open-air waste lagoons (all 45 acres of them) at your proposed facility instead of dry waste methods? Lagoons are being phased out in North Carolina, South Carolina and Oklahoma for environmental reasons. We know that all lagoons leak, erode or fail over time. On the other hand, dry waste systems have been approved in Indiana, Missouri, Mississippi and North and South Carolina, and most are more economical than the lagoon systems.

We find that the average life of a hog factory is 10- to 12-years, after which it can no longer be used. What will happen when these facilities are abandoned and our water is ruined? Will NPD be accountable?

What about us? You express no concern for our well-being - clean air, clean water and a healthy environment, and you make no commitments to these. You speak only in terms of your own interests. Please reply to the Editor of the Pampa News, so that all may read

your response. We await your reply.

Edna L. Haydon

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There is something that can fix the problem. Sens. Hollings, D-SC, There is more than one side to any story ...

To the editor,

My son, Duane Curtis King, is not a threat to this community. He got a 15-year-old girl pregnant. This girl led him to believe she was 19 and had a miscarriage three months before and wanted a baby.

Her mother apparently agreed as she let Duane stay in the girl's bedroom. The girl and her mother hid it from the father until she was six months along so that nothing could be done about it.

The father, who is divorced from the mother, got mad and said that he would show who could take care of the daughter better. He then went and filed on Duane. This was a careless mistake on Duane's part but we are living with it the best we can. He is no threat to the community and your children.

It boils down to that there is a child out there that is my grandchild and Duane's son or daughter, as we don't know anything and are prohibited by law to inquire. Duane is serving 10 years probation on this and the girl, mother and father are living their lives like nothing happened and they know all about the child.

Now after reading this if you want to condemn, Duane that is your business. Thank you for reading our side of the story. Sybil Kay King

Pampa

Editors note: Duane Curtis King is a registered sex offender.

Eliminating safety staff not necessarily what city needs

To the editor,

I am responding to the city reducing the animal control personnel. This is a service that many people take for granted. One of the three employees is on call 24-hours a day 365 days a year. Three employees allow each one to have a weekend off and to trade out holidays.

How will it be possible to carry that kind of work load with only ? Will we cut back on food or supplies? The majority

Agriculture has always used more water than anyone. I remember, back when fuel was cheap, seeing big tail water ponds, because farmers would leave their water pumps going and go to town or to bed.

The real reason this is causing so much rhetoric is the smell and the possible influx of Latino labor. It's not water. We have had cattle and pig farms in this area for 40 years, at least, and there has been no proven danger to our aquifer.

It was brought up about corporate welfare going to other labor for training. This company didn't pass this program. It was passed by our legislature.

I was raised on a farm and we went broke during the drought in the 1950s. Back then, there wasn't as much farmer welfare going on as there is now. A lot of the farm land in our county is governmentsubsidized "layout" land. There are crops planted that have no chance of being harvested, so farmers can get government insurance money.

As far as low wages, what the pig farm laborers will draw might have something to do with Republicans fighting any raise in minimum wages

I hope the people of Pampa wake up about our loss of population. Every house and business loses value every time some one moves from Pampa. The farmers talk about their farms losing value, but without growth, a lot more value is lost in the city of Pampa than by those few farmers. We need to consider what is good for the entire

If this anti-growth group were really worried about water, they would be picketing T. Boone Pickens and his friends who are trying to ship our Panhandle water down state.

Calvin Lacy Pampa

Former businesses seemed to have no ill effect on town

To the editor,

How many people listened to the national news this past weekend? There were a couple of things that caught my attention. They both struck home.

They were telling how these multi-millionaires were taking out loans for multi-million dollar homes and other things then either wouldn't pay the loans or couldn't and then the banks and loan institutions, I'm talking about the big lenders, had to pass their losses on down to the poor people.

It makes you sick and angry at the same time to know that because of that and those people that low-income people are told they don't have enough revenue coming in and are not trustworthy. That takes the cake!

Now it's a sick world when people have to live scared, not able to have the little things they want or like and not knowing how to pay their bills because of people like that. These low-income families are being effected by it the worst.

Another thing that caught my attention was the 76-year-old man with Alzheimer's and no drivers license who went to the same car dealer seven times in one month and was sold a car each time he went. He had about \$240,000 worth of cars bought. Even if the dealership got fined and had to tear the loans up, it showed they tried. There is something else that I thought about, too. Aren't these very people who are trying to bring the pigs to town that a couple of years ago threw a wild-eyed hissy fit over the trucks and truckers in town and how it or they down-graded the town and polluted it, too?

They just had to have something done about them. What about all

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somehow I am troubled by these unanswered questions: How does your company plan to maintain the "50-mile zone of isolation" around your facility? If this zone should be breached in

The future by other hog-raising operations, what then? Once this sanctity is violated, will you turn your existing factory over to another — with free, pure water and all? This is not far-fetched in view of the fact that there are 300,000-plus hogs at Perryton, an 88,000 hog facility is to be built at Stinnett, and other hog factories are located at Follett, Lipscomb, Higgins, also Guymon, Laverne

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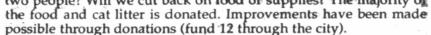
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III W. Kingsmill Ave.,



Where will we cut back without a third employee? If we cut back on the hours who will be available to pick up a wounded animal in the middle of the street? Will they have to just lay there and suffer until someone can get there in a few days?

If your child gets bit by an animal who will send off the animal to check for rabies? Do the children start taking shots since we have no way of determining if the animal is rabid until someone returns to the office? Who will help control the rabies problem that we hear about in The Pampa News? What do we do about animals running loose or when we've lost our own pets?

I don't feel we can do without fireman, policeman or animal control. We may not feel the effects of these changes for months to come but once we do how will we change it? Pampa, we need to speak up now and let the city managers know that this is not what we want. We need to find other cutbacks besides getting rid of the people doing the work.

Stephanie Ligon Pampa

Pig debate is about more than just clean water

To the editor,

I attended the "Anti-Growth" group earlier this month. Boy, beings I'm for growth, instead of declining population, I felt like a chicken with a bunch of coyotes. Until this meeting, I really didn't fully understand their real agenda. They claim it's water, water and water — don't ruin our water!

the revenue they brought in? What about the R.V. bit? What about all the ordinances they so happily passed because the industries and other things didn't suit them?

How many people have gone into the appraisal district's office, and standing in human form, talked to the people there then were told you don't know what you are talking about and more or less being told you don't exist now or never.

How many people here go and ask about the drug and alcohol hospitals and are told that this town is not concerned about those state places. Jail is better. Their lives and families need to be destroyed by the state jails, the penitentiary.

What about the children who have to be laughed at or suffer the consequences because of it? What about the women who have to support the family?

What happened to the low-income medical facility that would have helped the citizens of town? It would have provided jobs along with helping people who can't afford the doctors or medicine. That would have been a good thing for Pampa. Borger, Fritch and McLean all have one. It would have been funded by the state. But helping the people wasn't as important as all this other mess that needs to be done would it?

Look at the census. There are supposed to be so many people living here. Did they make a mistake in counting until these big dudes need help or the city gets in a mess then all these people count and are considered citizens? When are they going to act like we are invisible until they need us.

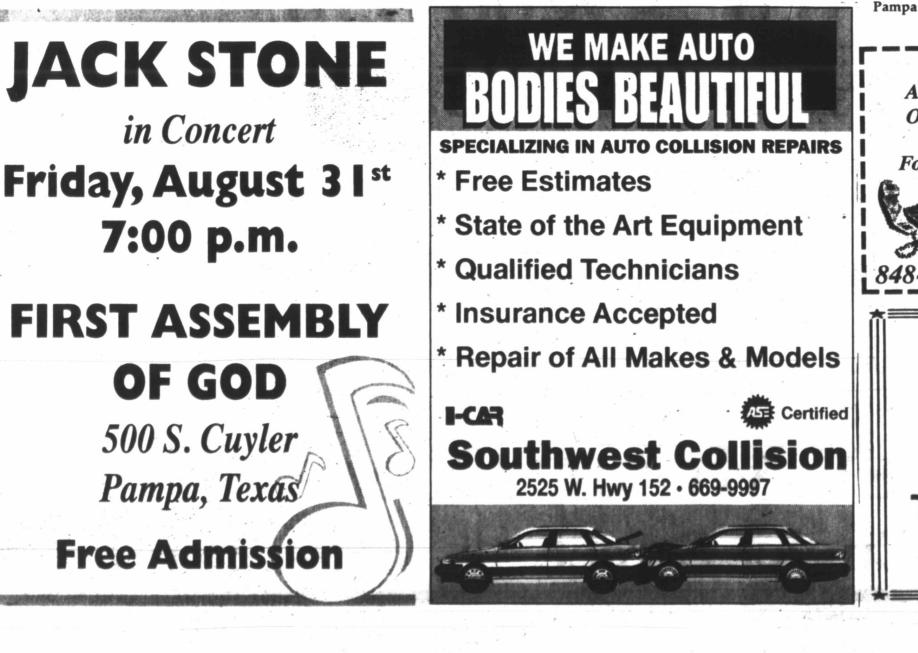
I cannot recall that trucking companies, machine shops, bottling companies, warehouses and other businesses that were here years ago had such a bad affect on the town. They brought in revenue.

How many of these big shots realize that the Chamber of Commerce building once housed the R.C. Bottling Company? Sue Meeks

Collectibles

(See, LETTERS, Page 7)









LETTERS

TNCRR needs input regarding environmental study

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The proposed National Pig Development facility east of Pampa has plans for an astounding 45 acres of open-air waste lagoons — enough to accommodate the sludge from 50,000 hogs. They will have 1,600 acres on which to expand to a possible 500,000 hogs.

The hog factories have targeted rural America because they can hide here. The terrible environmental damage they have done has gone largely unnoticed.

Hog factories have been sharply restricted or stopped in other states. That is why they are invading the Texas Panhandle with their environmental destruction. They want free access to our water, our most precious and finite asset. Don't confuse hog factories with agriculture. This is high-powered industry, geared strictly to profit. Most of that profit will be made at your expense.

National Pig Development is in the process of obtaining a permit. for the proposed hog factory. Please write now and protest the permit. Address letters to LaDonna Castanuela, Chief Clerk MC-105, Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commis on, Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. Si ON SIMUSIANSE JIN Ask for an Environmental Impact Study. Ask that National Pig

People wake up! Soon there is not going to be a city to defend from fire. This town is not growing. How can it like this? People are leaving, being forced out of their jobs, forced to leave.

think works the scene? Who stands by to save your business or home? Who watches a smoldering fire beside a business all night long? Does anyone know how many firefighters it takes to do the job at 100 percent?

The city manager and commissioners say they do not want to cut the fire department, but it seems that may happen. Would the fire department be operating at 100 percent? Do you expect less than 100 percent when your property is at stake?

People, get a copy of the city budget; please read it. Read your newspaper; find out what is going on. Go to the City Commission meetings. Speak out! Save your city! Save these fire fighters jobs ... it may be you they save some day.

Barbara Waldie Pampa

'Good Ole Boy' moving mg, being forced out of their jobs, forced to leave. When there is a fire, whether it is a house or business, who do you **to another district**

To the editor,

As the entire district is up in arms about Good Ole Boy Bivins being taken to another district, I think it may be time to bring this to their attention

What has Bivins done for the people in this area that did not profit him? His legislation on the oil and gas was touted as being a jump start for the panhandle oil industry. Look at the money he made both in his own pocket and through "gratuities" paid to his campaign chest.

Lest we forget the embarrassment he gave us when it came to light how he was illegally supporting or attempting to support the campaign of George W. Bush. (I still cannot bring myself to call him president.)





Development be required to prove conclusively that they will not contaminate the Ogallala Aquifer, which is literally the lifeline of this area. Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission will also want your address and telephone number.

Water quality and its availability are concerns for everyone in the Panhandle of Texas. What is wrong with asking for an Environmental Impact Study in order to be sure the water is not polluted? Why is National Pig Development trying so hard to move here without such a study?

Bette Truly Pampa

Cutting key personnel not good solution to budget dilemma

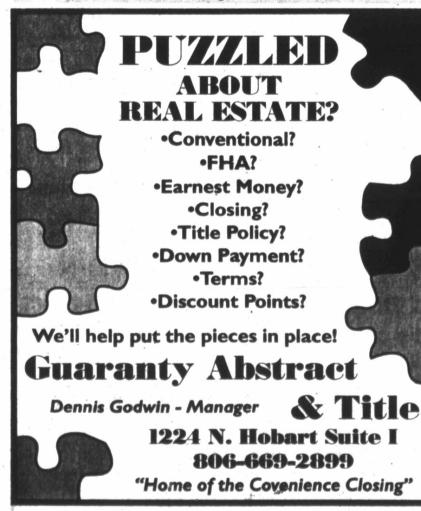
To the editor,

This letter is to the citizens of Pampa. People, please pay close attention to what the city manager and your commissioners want to do to your city.

I attended the city commissioners work meeting. I did not like what I heard. The budget needs to be balanced. To do this, the commissioners are going to cut services and the citizens will have to live with it.

The commissioners may cut the fire department. They may cut six positions this year, and who knows how many next year. People this will cost you in the long run. Is this a risk you are willing to take? The city owns a golf course. How much money does it cost to run and maintain this golf course? How much money does it bring the City of Pampa? I am not against the golf course, but it seems priorities are mixed up here.

> Have A Story Idea... Contact Dee Dee or Nancy 669-2525 800-687-3348 deedee@pan-tex.net



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LETTERS

Now we are bitterly embroiled in a situation created by Good ole Boy Bivins. We are seeing the results of a legislation he pushed which took the prospered, so eat our feces." rights of citizens to determine what businesses could locate in our area.

So, again we pad his pockets and allow the PEDC to bring in a hog operation. This operation is proven to be a bust in other areas it has gone, too. Great Bend, Kan., had second thoughts and bombed the taxpayers to pay the operation to get to heck out of Dodge. Guymon, Okla., has had people relocate to get away from the stench. Even in our own area we have seen strong opposition to this enterprise.

Good ole Boy Bivins sponsored legislation which would also allow them special privileges when it came to the pollution of our water tables. No, probably we would never taste the hog waste in our water — as if it is not enough tasting the past oil industry — but our grandkids will be left with our legacy of "We

Perhaps it is good that Good ole Boy Bivins is out of here. Maybe with a few adjustments the Pampans can take back their city, their government and set their own course to what they know is right and right for them. Otherwise we will continue to have simpletons like this continue to dictate what is good for us while at the same time blocking our abilities as citizens to voice opposition to what they are dictating.

DeWayne Foncannon Pampa

Farm Credit District posts second quarter results

ume, significant net income contributed to our success." and strong credit quality in Tenth District net income for land in the country." results.

Alabama, serving the five-state region.

Combined loan volume to \$5.2 billion in loan volume June 30, 2001, up slightly from outstanding at Dec. 31, 2000. the 97.6 percent reported at The 10th District has achieved year-end 2000. record loan volume for each of "We are pleased with our of Texas, 10 Federal Land the past five consecutive quar- solid financial results and are Credit Associations, which ters, from June 30, 2000, to cautiously watching the gener-June 30, 2001.

economy and solid demand for favorably affected by governtrict growth," said Arnold two years and diversification Henson, FCBT chief executive within our loan portfolio to Associations, which provide officer. "Our competitive loan include borrowers with both

their second quarter financial the six months ending June 30, 2001, totaled \$55.7 million, a 33 Farm Credit Bank of Texas and The Austin-based bank and percent increase from the \$41.9 affiliated 10th District associa-23 local credit cooperatives in million reported for the same Louisiana, period of 2000. Net income of Mississippi, New Mexico and \$27.7 million for the quarter Texas comprise the 10th Farm ending June 30, 2001, was up Credit District, the largest 61 percent from the net income rural lending organization of \$17.2 million reported for the second quarter of 2000.

Overall credit quality of the agribusinesses and rural totaled more than \$5.6 billion 10th District's loan portfolio homeowners and landowners. at June 30, 2001. This compares was 97.7 percent, acceptable at in the district's five-state

al economy," Henson said. "A generally strong Southern "Our credit quality has been real estate have fueled our dis- ment payments over the last

Sid Sanders, DPM, R.Ph. FOOT SPECIALIST

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AUSTIN — The Farm Credit programs and interest rates, agricultural and nonagricul-Bank of Texas (FCBT) and its reduced borrower stock tural income. We have also affiliated lending associations requirements and increased witnessed population increashave reported record loan vol- marketing efforts also have es in rural areas as lifestyle changes prompt people to buy

> The combined assets of the tions totaled \$6.1 billion at June 30, 2001, with \$1.1 billion worth of members' equity in the lending cooperatives. Together, these lending institutions have more than 58,300 loans to farmers, ranchers, region.

The 10th District is composed of the Farm Credit Bank make mortgage loans, two Production Credit Associations, which provide short- and intermediate-term agricultural loans and 11 Agricultural Credit both mortgage and short- and intermediate-term agricultural loans.

The 10th Farm Credit District is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System. The system reported combined net income of \$474 million and \$864 million for the three and six months ending June 30, 2001, respectively. This compares with combined net 3023 Perryton Pkwy. - Suite 201 income of \$348 million and \$660 million for the same peri-

Prison needs more staff members

To the editor,

I, Larry Williams honestly believe that it is the local citizens [RIGHT] to [k]now how understaffed the security is now - approximately 58 security officers short, and below minimum standards. Also, the majority of both male and female security staff are in the following category:

1) Obesity (Example: One male officer is about 5-feet 8-inches tall and 500-pounds.)

2) One female officer weighs 300-pounds and is about 5-feet 5-inches tall.

3) Most staff members here at "Jordan Unit" are not in shape physically to respond to fights between offenders or medical emergencies.

4) The most security staff members are about 60 years of age.

5) This unit is supposed to be only minimum custody level of inmates; however, though we have one cell block full and part of another cell block with medium custody level of inmates; totaling to approximately 90 inmates.

6) Because the security staff members are having to work eight hours for straight time and four hours for comp time. The officers must use all of their comp time before Jan. 1, or they will lose it. Because TDCJ-ID., will not pay them overtimepay there will be more to quit.

Larry Wayne Williams **Rufe Jordan Unit**

Don't wait too late to get involved

To the editor,

Upon initially reading in the Pampa News about a hog factory possibly coming to our area, I thought it would never happen, so I didn't speak

Then when I learned at the July 10 meeting at M.K. Brown that it wouldn't be 3,700 hogs, but 50,000, I still didn't get involved.

After the hog factory became a reality and was here for a while, I decided to speak up because our water became polluted, but by then there was hardly anyone left in Pampa to hear me.

Fellow citizens, let's speak up now before it's too late. Write letters to our representatives, call Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) at 1-800-687-4040 and write: Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, LaDonna Castanuela, Chief Clerk MC-105, Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 and ask for an Environmental Impact Study.

Joyce Davis Pampa

An evil appears to be loose in the land

To the editor, I won't bore you with hundreds of words, but

Sometimes you have to take a closer look

To the editor,

This is a reply to the abused Tammie Knight of Lefors.

Who fired God and put you in charge?

You are passing judgment on a subject you know nothing about. Did it ever occur to you that the "elderly woman" was loading her "new red pickup" with items Tralee shares with the Salvation Army store? Maybe she was taking those "bags" to a much-needy family.

But because she works in the store, you assumed she was helping herself to "the good stuff."

That "elderly woman" could very possibly be the only friend you have in a time of need. If you knew her at all, you would know she is the most generous, kind, dedicated, compassionate, fair, hard-working person in this town. Oh, she could retire and draw her Social Security, but she chooses to serve her community.

But the way, she is not the one who prices the items in the store. She is an employee and follows orders

Maybe it is your attitude as to how people perceive you. Just think, where would you be if there were no abuse centers anywhere? You would still be in that "bad situation" or dead! Thank your lucky stars you were able to get out of it and support the agency that helped you.

Sounds like you still like playing the part of the "victim" and think everyone is your abuser. Before you pass judgment on someone again, stop and think about it then thank God for what you have and not what you think is owed you, the abused.

Honey, we all have been abused in some way or another, but we don't use it as an excuse. We get over it, pick ourselves up and move on. I hope you will do the same.

S.B. Hinds Pampa

Budget process not always straight-forward

To the editor,

It seems to me Mr. Lacy thinks we, the taxpayers, should continue subsidizing his hobby (golf) while cutting corners elsewhere, such as fire and police protection. While he did not say that, it is implied by his statements concerning the District Attorney's office and the "over zealous" prosecution and jailing of "non-violent lawbreakers" (re: his letter to the editor of Aug. 19).

While I'm not smart enough to come up with a balanced budget, I am smart enough to recognize special interest groups that feed at the tax trough. Mr. Lacy has all the appearances of being associated with one of those groups.

A good way to save some money would be for those who use the Hidden Hills golf course to take possession of the property, pay the Pro's sa maintenance costs and other expenses for which the taxpayers are currently obligated. Another savings could be realized by reducing the number of new automobiles used by administrative personnel, as well as the drivers of those non-essential vehicles. Seems the only place cuts are being considered are well below the "muckitymuck" and "head honcho" levels. Perhaps the City Council could address those issues. I realize most folks have their own cross to bear; however, being burdened with higher taxes has the same effect as the old management practice of "continuing the flogging until morale improves." Sooner or later that practice comes home to roost. The same is true when throwing out numbers such as a 13.5 percent tax increase. From experience, I know how the budget process works ... ALWAYS ask for a great deal more than you actually need, then settle for less, and those gullible people who supply the operating funds will think they won a great victory (the taxpayers in this case). You know, I wish they would go for something above the figure that could trigger a roll-back vote. At that time, those of us who foot the cost of city government would have the opportunity to voice our opposition to "tax and spend, politics as usual" by voting for a roll-back. We would then, and only then, find out how much money is really needed to operate the city. Jim Terry Pampa

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ATTENTION PAMPA!!! Do you want to Close Fire Station #2?

Make plans to attend the public hearing Tuesday August 28 at M.K. Brown auditorium. Your City Commissioners need to hear from you! Last Sunday we published the delayed response times if this station is closed. What could happen with the delayed response and the cuts of people?

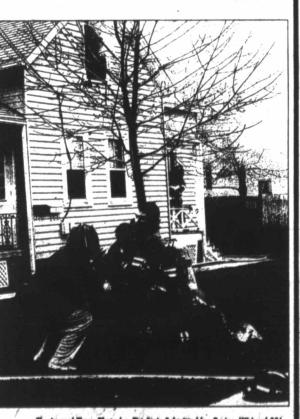
This will affect the entire city, not just the north side.

A two-minute delay will increase the fire 4 times as large.

We have been compared unfairly to Borger, Dumas, and Canyon. These cities do not provide the same services that Pampa Fire Department does. One example was in July this year. There was a structure fire at a residence in one of these cities. The response time was over 3.5 minutes. When the fire dept. arrived they were told there were 3 people in the house. The firefighters could not enter the structure until additional units arrived over 8 minutes later. The structure sustained \$115,000.00 in damages; the structures surrounding this house had \$210,000.00 in damages. It turned out that the people were not in the house or we would have read in the newspaper about the tragic death of a mother and her two children. We do not want this type of coverage in Pampa!

Is this the Fire Protection you want for Pampa? Do you want to close station 2 for only \$15.85 a year? Do you want to loose 12 more taxpayers? The Fire Department has already been cut 14 positions.

Fire fighter Dan Squires of Local 321 holds a 3-year-old he rescued from a house fire in Racine, a nice shot that reminds everyone of saving a child's life means to a fire fighter. News Photo-The Journal Times photo by: Tim Stein



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just for the record, I say "no" to the hogs.

They will cause continued devaluation of our property and ultimately higher taxes. They will deplete our water supply and when they have used us up, they will leave our community with hog sewage in our water along with disease and parasites.

This particular hog factory will be consuming 55,000,000 gallons of our water every year. Their modus operandi is to stealthily come in with one small factory, and then "lo and behold" before long, 25 more pig factories containing millions of animals which, of course, excrete millions of tons of urine and feces which requires more and more water.

Looks like we are just sitting ducks and that the "powers that be" have already decided for us. Very considerate of them.

Seems to be an evil running through our land. Mega conglomerates and their lawyers steamrolling over everyone and everything in their path.

Maybe we should be prepared to say "good-bye" to America and her ideals of individual rights and freedoms and say "hello" to the new one world movement, run and controlled by global corporations.

Until them, could you please write your Congressmen and Congresswomen and say "no" to the hogs? Karen Son

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I do not know about you, but my roots in the Texas Panhandle are very deep. One of my grandfathers came here in the 1870s as a buffalo hunter. In 1896, he was elected county judge in Hemphill County. His wife to be and/or her sister taught school in Parnell in Roberts County. My other grandfather came to the Oklahoma land rush in 1901. He homesteaded 1/2-mile from the Texas state line for a while and came to Texas as soon as he could.

For myself, I treasure the wide-open spaces, the clear skies, the clean air and good water (excluding Lake Meredith for drinking.)-The wind could slow down a bit most of the time. Our environment is very good here. I have thought about moving to another location, but there are drawbacks - humidity, hurricanes, earthquakes — so the Texas Panhandle is pretty good.

I worked at the Celanese Plant from 1966 until 1996. During this time, I worked on many environmental safety projects. Starting in 1976 and the 4 1/2-years following, I was assigned exclusively to the project that changed the name from "Smelanese" back to Celanese.

I designed and saw the installation of concrete liners on the farm ponds to protect them from the erosion caused by the wind and wave action. I supervised the drilling of monitor wells into the Ogallala to detect contamination. I was present when the first contaminated water was brought to the surface.

Surprisingly, it was not a murky dark color you might expect. The water looked as good as the water from your faucet at home. Testing told a different story. The point being that the contamination is not always visible. Now, through the efforts of many and a company dedicated to clean environment, this is being or has been remediated.

There is a threat to the things I believe in. The NPD pig factory could destroy or severely impact these things. Do not misread this. I am not against the pig factory as such. I do not agree that it is the salvation for Pampa and Gray County. The thing that concerns me most is the effect on our environment.

The proposed waste lagoon system (cesspools) are a threat to our water supply; like Celanese and Texaco, it may take 40to 50-years to be detected. The Ogallala Aquifer is a precious heritage. It has been abused and misused but must be preserved for following generations.

The lagoon (cesspool) systems with clay and/or plastic liners are too vulnerable to natural and human damage. (I wrote about the lagoon design and the flaws they possess previously.) The pig factory will consume large amounts of water, which will ultimately go to waste (pun intended.)

Swine are very prone to disease. Antibiotics are administered frequently and almost routinely. Some locations put antibiotics in the pig's drinking water. According to a Sept. 22, 2000, USDA report on hogs in Texas, the following pathogens are found in pig waste: Brucella, Eosinophilic Myostis, Encephalomycarditis, Erysipelas, six strains of Escherichia coli, at least 10 strains of influenza, Leptospirosis, Listeria, Nephritis, four strains of pneumonia, Procine reproductive and respiratory syndrome, Pseudorabies, 10 strains of salmonella, Staphylococcus.

According to some, there are up to 20 other pathogens in hog waste, solid and liquid. Mutated viruses have been discovered at hog farms in North Carolina and are presumed to be at other hog farms (New England Journal of Medicine.) Zoonosis, the transmittal of diseases between species, is indicated by several viral and bacterial diseases transmitted from hogs to humans. Influenza and pneumonia being most common and widely known. Does this create a problem? Do you want to take a chance on hog waste contaminating the Ogallala? Does this indicate the reason for the high turnover rate of personnel? Do you want to go out and kiss a pig today? The proposed lagoons are not new technology. This is technology that has been outlawed for municipalities. Why should we accept lagoon systems when new and improved technology is available? Sure, new technology will probably cost more during construction. Less if you factor in the cost of closing the lagoons or disposing of their contents. The USDA report states, "15,000 animals (hogs) in Finish Stage will produce solid waste equivalent to a town of 28,000." This issue of closing the lagoons I have not seen addressed, except that the expected life of a pig factory cell is given as 10- to 12-years. Will the owners pack up and leave the mess for the taxpayers — you and me — to clean up? The spray system to spray the waste on cropland may be used. The permit will probably be for zero discharge; this means that any run-off must be contained on the site. You and I know that the panhandle weather is unpredictable, I have seen seven-inches of rain in 45-minutes and the temperature drop 45 degrees in 45-minutes. What will happen when we receive one of our big rain seasons? Will the runoff go somewhere else? Red Deer Creek or the Playas? Is the contamination of our soil acceptable?

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must meet newer, more stringent guidelines. Setback and dis- technology to prevent or decrease all of the above is available requirements assurances such as insurance, letters of credit or methods are being developed and tested. sinking funds of 10 percent of the total cost of the entire facility (including barns) for possible remediation of pollution. A NPD wants to be a part of the community. To me, this means closure plan is also required with 100 percent of the closure that they should be willing to install systems that do not polcost insured. Finally except for Acts of God, automatic lute our water, soil and air. The water, soil and air are our her-Penalties of up to \$10,000 per day will be assessed for lagoon itage; we must do everything possible to preserve it for our or treatment loss of containment, crop field runoff or dis- children and grandchildren. charge into groundwater, with second occurrences resulting in revocation of permits."

protecting the health and safety of its citizens, can the City of questions I have presented here. Pampa, Gray County and the State of Texas do less?

We do not have to accept what the pig factory offers. New

tance requirements have been extended from previous regula- One method tested in Indiana, Ozone Injection, claims to elimtions. Lagoon capacity is limited, and must be covered if they inate or reduce all of the above and leave the water suitable exist at all. The new regulations state that "Best Available for reuse at the site. This would both reduce the demand on Technology" must be used regardless of cost. A set of financial the Ogallala and reduce the likelihood of contamination. Other

The full-page ad in last Sunday's Pampa News stated that

If you agree with me, let your wishes be known. If we do not act, the pig factory will be here with the blessings of our city It seems the State of South Carolina has taken a giant step in leaders. Tell them what you think. Ask them for answers to the

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This has nothing to do with pig factories, but the principal is similar; the sensing organ is the nose. If you are downwind from the factory you may get a nose full. The TNRCC does have a rule prohibiting nuisance odors. Enforcement is the problem. Can the inspectors smell the odors like you and I?

Following are excerpts from a memo written by Mary Solomon on the Internet, titled South Carolina Hog Farm Moratorium Ends:

"South Carolina's moratorium on new or expanded hog farms ended August 9, 2001, and was replaced by new, tougher regulations. These regulations created a new category of hog farms — those with 1 million pounds or more of normal production animal weight or about 7,000 hogs (termed large swine facilities). These regulation create new setbacks, outlaw open-pit lagoons and sprayfields on large scale farms and go into effect immediately as emergency regulations. Smithfield Foods (parent company of NPD) claims that these permits (pending permit applications they have submitted) should be evaluated under old regulations but the Department of Health and Environmental Control says they

To the friends of J.B. Floyd:

I want to thank all of you for your kindness, cards, calls, food and flowers during this time of sorrow. Meeting so many of J.B.'s friends at his memorial service let me know what fine people he had as friends.

> His Mother, **Eula Floyd**





MEDICAL

New surgical implant offers hope for weight reduction

By SHERRY JACOBSON The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — When you weigh 404 pounds and have failed at every diet on the planet, it's hard to ignore the promise of perma-, nent weight loss that beckons from across the border with a simple surgical procedure.

Leake, a 51-year-old Wilmer man of his stomach. The band is filled whose weight passed the 400pound mark last year. "But after the opening to his stomach and 30 minutes, I was talked into it. progressively reducing the The only reservation I had was amount of food he can digest. World country."

Mr. Leake says he's lost 126 pounds since undergoing the newest kind of obesity surgery, called the Lap-Band Adjustable Gastric Banding System, at a clin- looks as if he got ahead of the ic in Monterrey, Mexico. What crowd. seemed like a six-lane highway to

his stomach had been narrowed, Administration approved U.S. marketing of the Lap-Band sys-

"I'm not hungry anymore," says Mr. Leake, whose 6-foot-4 severely obese people to leave the frame now supports 278 pounds. country to get one. While it is "Sometimes, I have to remind impossible to gauge the potential myself that I haven't eaten anything all day. It's a great feeling." Six small incisions were made sights on the 10 million in his abdomen to insert a clamp- Americans who are considered "I was skeptical," recalls Eddie like silicone band around the top with a saline solution, squeezing about having surgery in a Third Recently, he had a local doctor Lap-Bands that slip out of place, add more solution in hopes of requiring a second operation. losing another 40 pounds or so.

tem, eliminating the need for demand for this device, some surgeons are eagerly setting their severely obese.

But the procedure has not escaped controversy. Some doctors say the operation is fraught with problems, including infections that follow surgery and And many patients do not expe-In his case, the promise of a rience weight losses as significant dramatic weight loss seems true as Mr. Leake's, according to the after only 13 months. And it U.S. clinical trials of the product. "The big concern is that it is so simple to put in that every doctor

Last month, the Food and Drug who does laparoscopic surgery

will do it as patients line up to tion," concludes Dr. Paul E. get them," says Dr. Daniel B. Jones, a Dallas surgeon who specializes in another form of laparoscopic obesity surgery called Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass, which permanently divides the stomach and reroutes the small intestine.

"There has to be a commitment to follow-up care. That's the key to this kind of surgery." The Lap-Band, unlike other

surgeries to treat obesity, requires ongoing adjustments by a physician.

In all, 299 U.S. patients underwent Lap-Band surgery at eight medical centers that tested the device. On average, the patients lost 36 percent of their excess body weight over three years. By comparison, an Australian study showed that excess weight loss averaged 68 percent for patients who had the band for four years.

Assessing medical need The cost of Lap-Band surgery has been estimated at \$20,000; it is not yet known whether insurance companies will pay for it. Doctors are expected to make a strong case for the band's medical necessity, showing how weight reduction improves other health problems commonly expe-

rienced by severely obese people, including asthma, high blood pressure, cardiac distress and elevated cholesterol.

"The risk of having surgery is less than the risk of not having surgery for patients this overweight," notes Dr. Christine Ren, a surgeon who will begin offering Lap-Band procedures at New York University Medical Center this summer. "It's much less risky than more invasive surgeries that involve stapling the stomach or rerouting the digestive tract."

The FDA's guidelines specify that candidates for a Lap-Band should be at least 100 pounds above their recommended weight and have a body mass index of 40 or more, which is considered a serious health risk. The index is a calculation based on a person's height and weight. For example, someone who weighs 187 pounds and is 4-foot-9 has a body mass index of 40, while the same weight on someone who is 6-foot-3 yields an index of 24, which is considered normal.

in a 1999 study published in the journal Surgical Endoscopy.

However, the troubled U.S. testing of the device is hard to explain. A spokesman for BioEnterics says the problems seemed to correlate with the inexperience of the doctors working with the device. As a result, some surgeons may have failed to closely monitor their Lap-Band patients over the first two years of the study, something that is not routinely nequired after other kinds of surgery.

Of the 299 patients in the trials, 66 had bands that slipped, requiring removal. Some patients had their bands removed after suffering infections. Some opted for other surgical procedures in an effort to lose their weight.

The problems in the U.S. testing "can be related to the technique of the surgeon," said BioEnterics spokesman Don Mills

Differing testimony

At a hearing last summer before the FDA's Medical Devices Advisory Committee, several patients including Cynthia P. Jones of Dallas told of their dramatic weight loss using a Lap-Band.

"I had tried everything from pills to having injections of pregnant mare's urine. Nothing worked," Ms. Jones wrote the committee of her weight-loss battles.

"I had gotten so big that my life had become miserable. Out of the blue, my sister called and suggested the gastric banding procedure. My surgery was March 29, 1999. I was 300 pounds."

Since then, she has lost 158 pounds, Ms. Jones said in a / recent interview in Dallas. "I am a different person."

But equally compelling testimony was offered by Dr. Harvey Sugarman, a professor of surgery at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, which hallway, asking if I will do their participated in the Lap-Band surgery. Most of them are clinical trials. cessful patients 1/8out of 37 3/8 like the ones you've heard today," he told the committee. watched the surgery being done "This is a very, very small per- at the Monterrey clinic. centage.' Many of the Richmond patients in the study developed an enlarged esophagus caused by food backing up from the smaller, pouchlike stomach that is created by a Lap-Band, Dr. Sugarman said. Others suffered from vomiting, heartburn and swallowing difficulty. Fourteen of the 37 opted to have their Lap-Bands removed within two years. "The average weight loss was 40 pounds, which you might think is a lot," he said, but noted that the loss represented only 28 percent of the excess weight that the patients needed to lose. the first two years of the study both after having the band removed. Whether these mixed results represent a serious problem for Lap-Bands remains to be seen. The device becomes available to surgeons across the country this month.

"The market obviously is very O'Brien, an Australian surgeon, big. More surgeons want to be trained than we have room for in our workshops," reports Mr. Mills of the two-day sessions surgeons are required to attend. Local interest

Several doctors at the Medical Center at Lancaster planned to begin offering the new obesity procedure, starting this month. It involves surgery that lasts less than an hour as well as an overnight hospital stay.

Recently, the doctors invited Mr. Leake and seven other local Lap-Band users to share their results with potential patients in the Dallas area. Each tells a story further adjustment or of a life changed dramatically by weight loss.

In Mr. Leake's case, he no longer spends his weekends sitting at home, or his free time eating or thinking about eating. These days, he says he's more likely to be found in his new speedboat or riding roller coasters.

"I have a season ticket to Six Flags and I've already been twice this summer," he says. "Basically, I got my life back.'

But there have been some adjustments, Mr. Leake concedes, such as learning how to eat less. Having a smaller stomach means you have to chew your food carefully, drink and eat slowly, and stop eating after ingesting about 6 or 8 ounces of food.

"I can eat anything I want, just not very much," he says, pushing aside about two-thirds of a generous bowl of pasta served at a local restaurant. "The only thing I've given up is bread, because I just can't get it to go down. That's the only problem." He also takes a daily vitamin supplement and a dose of Prilosec to prevent heartburn, a common problem for band wearers.

With endorsements like his, the Lancaster doctors wonder whether there will be a virtual stampede for the device.

"People are stopping me in the employees of the hospital," says We have had two really suc- Dr. Elliott Bader, a Lancaster surgeon who has taken the Lap-Band training course, as well as BioEnterics is requiring that surgeons do their first half-dozen procedures under the guidance of a "proctor," another surgeon experienced with the band. "The beauty of it is the adjustability," says Dr. Maese, who became familiar with the procedure through his uncle, Dr. Rodolfo Sanchez, a Monterrey surgeon who has performed about 1,600 of the procedures, including Mr. Leake's surgery last year. "I watched my uncle do the surgery when I was there for Christmas in 1997," Dr. Maese recalls. "Then we went to a party Two deaths also were reported 'at a fancy hotel that was for 600 among the U.S. patients during of my uncle's patients. People were carrying around pictures of the way they used to look. They were able to dance the night away. They were so happy. It was the most amazing thing I've ever seen."

Study finds medication errors common among hospitalized children

CHICAGO (AP) - Potentially harmful medication errors occur three times more often among hos- and pharmacists often have to dilute (medication) or pitalized children than adults, according to a new study.

Many mistakes — including prescribing medication at incorrect dosages or drugs that could cause allergic reactions - could be prevented by requiring physicians to enter orders into a computer and clinical pharmacists to be more involved in pediatric wards, researchers said.

"The high risk of medication errors highlights the importance of developing, testing and implementing effective error-prevention strategies in pediatrics," the study's authors wrote in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

In the six-week study at Children's Hospital Boston and Massachusetts General Hospital for Children, researchers found 616 medication errors out of 10,778 orders written — an error rate of 5.7 percent

Of those, 26 were considered adverse drug events, meaning they harmed the child. In 115 cases, the mistakes were caught before the medication was administered or the error did not cause a bad reaction; of those, physician reviewers said 18 were potentially fatal or life-threatening.

considered potentially harmful, such as ordering antibiotics without specifying how the drug should be administered, said lead author Rainu Kaushal, a physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

"There is a lot of weight-based dosing in pediatrics, chop pills," she said. "There is also the breadth of ages (among children), children cannot communicate quite as well if there is a side effect" and small and critically ill children cannot withstand errors as well as older children and adults. Most of the errors were made when the doctors

ordered the medication, rather than because of dispensing errors, researchers said.

Two years ago, a blistering report by the Institute of Medicine called attention to medical mistakes in hospitals. It said errors kill up to 98,000 hospitalized Americans a year and demanded major changes.

Kaushal said using computerized systems rather than writing drug orders on paper could prevent many errors because they alert doctors to patient allergies and check for harmful drug interactions and the correct dosages. Previous studies showed that computer ordering and decision support reduced error rates by as much as 81 percent in adult hospitals.

Assigning clinical pharmacists to work with doctors on medication and dosage decisions could also reduce errors, the study said. Dr. Charles Homer, executive director of the

The remaining mistakes were errors that weren't National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality, said the study's conclusions "were right on target. "Medication errors are common for adults and this paper demonstrates they're equally common in the care of children," said Homer, who also is chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Committee The overall error rate was similar to those found in on Quality Improvement. "We need to commit the same kinds of time and energy to improve safety for children."

previous studies of adult hospitals, but the number of potentially harmful errors was three times greater among children.

Kaushal said it was not surprising that errors were greater among children, especially those in neonatal intensive care units.

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Moderate drinking linked with heart attack survival

likely than teetotalers to survive a develop heart failure, two studies suggest. The findings add to the suspect-

ed benefits of moderate alcohol consumption.

Extensive research has shown that moderate drinkers are less likely to have heart attacks than Also, moderate drinking can lead to abstainers, and heavy drinking has been linked to heart failure. But there is little research on the effects

CHICAGO (AP) — People who of moderate drinking on heart Permanente, an HMO in Oakland, have a drink or so daily are more attack survival and heart failure. Permanente, an HMO in Oakland, Calif., said doctors should weigh an

heart attack and less likely to Journal of the American Medical Association. Still, doctors are not prepared to J.

routinely prescribe booze, because, Deaconess Medical Center and colof the possible effects on such things as breast cancer, fetal defects and colon cancer, Dr. Arthur L. Klatsky said in an accompanying editorial. problem drinking, he said.

Klatsky, a researcher with the cardiology division of Kaiser

Calif., said doctors should weigh an The new research appears in the individual's risks in determining the possible benefits of drinking. In one of the studies, Dr. Kenneth

Mukamal of Boston's Beth Israel leagues interviewed 1,913 heart attack patients hospitalized nation-wide between 1989 and 1994. The men and women were asked about their drinking habits in the preceding year. Death records through 1995 showed 317 died, about three-

fourths from heart-related causes.

"There will be pressure on the lower end $1/80^{\circ}$ the index 3/8from people who aren't severely obese. But we must follow the FDA's guidelines," notes Dr. Frederico Maese, a Ferris cardiologist who says he has monitored hundreds of U.S. patients who got their bands outside the coun-

The manufacturer, BioEnterics Corp. of Carpinteria, Calif., says more than 60,000 Lap-Bands have been implanted in obese patients around the world. In theory, some doctors say, the band has the potential to reduce excess weight by as much as 100 percent. However, few patients apparently reach that goal.

"A notable feature is the progressive weight loss still occurring four years after the opera-

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DALLAS (AP) - The influential American Heart Association is changing course and recommending that women not be prescribed estrogen solely to prevent strokes and heart disease, because of growing evidence that the supplements might cause harm.

for women's hearts. But the heart — cited conflicting evidence that has come out over the past few years.

Hormone supplements combining estrogen and progesterone are prescribed to about 20 million American women, mostpost-menopausal symptoms and to lower the risk of brittle bones.

The heart association said that women taking hormones for the non-cardiac benefits do not need to stop. But women should not start taking hormones simply to prevent heart trouble.

The new guidelines were pub-Circulation, a journal of the tive effects. American Heart Association. They represent a shift from 1999, enough," Manson said. "There when the organization said that doctors may consider the use of who are prescribing hormone hormones to help prevent heart replacement therapy for the disease.

The lead author of the guidelines, Dr. Lori Mosca, director of preventive cardiology at New York Presbyterian Hospital of Columbia and Cornell universities, said the widely held assumption that estrogen offers a protective effect is based on the fact that women generally have later than men.

But a review of research on the topic found no clear evidence that hormone replacement therapy reduces the risk of heart disease in women, and actually lems, Mosca said.

While hormone treatment does benefit the heart by raising good cholesterol, reducing bad cholesterol and relaxing blood vessels, doctors know it also can have negative side effects, such as inflammation of blood vessels and blood clotting

"The thing we thought was giving a benefit may cause problems in some women," Mosca said. "I think that a woman Doctors long believed that should be aware as to why she is hormone supplements are good taking hormone replacement therapy. Is she taking it because association - one of the most she thinks it's protecting her authoritative organizations in the heart? I think women need to field of heart disease prevention reflect upon why they are on it and consult with their doctor."

Dr. JoAnn E. Manson, chief of preventive medicine at Harvard's Brigham and Women's Hospital, estimated that 20 percent of women taking hormone replacement therapy ly to treat hot flashes and other are doing so expressly to prevent heart disease.

Manson, co-author of a recent New England Journal of Medicine article that advised doctors not to prescribe hormones just to prevent heart disease, said the figure was once twice as high, but fell in recent years as more studies questioned lished in Tuesday's issue of the benefits and suggested nega-

> "I think it has dropped but not are still many clinicians out there express purpose of preventing heart disease.'

> A National Institutes of Health study of 27,500 women is looking at whether hormone replacement therapy should be used solely to prevent cardiovascular disease. But the results are not expected for five years.

"We have a long time to wait. their first heart attack 10 years In the interim, this is an attempt to form reasonable recommendations in the face of less than per-

fect science," Mosca said. Dr. Nieca Goldberg, chief of the women's heart program at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York found that in some cases, women City, said the new guidelines are had a higher risk of heart prob- important because they pull together a body of evidence that For example, a study pubsuggests traditional heart disease treatments, including stopping smoking, diet changes and exercise, are the best ways to prevent cardiovascular disease. "Obviously that's a lot harder than taking a pill," Goldberg said.

TDH: New educational effort targets neural tube birth defects

AUSTIN - Many Texas women don't Texans enrolled in TDH's Women, Infants the spinal cord. Neural tube defects in newthe B vitamin folic acid helps prevent certain birth defects.

Only one third of those surveyed say they take folic acid supplements daily. Though the study shows that low- income women are less likely than higher-income women to take folic acid, few of the women surveyed said cost was a prohibitive factor.

Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Public including flour, corn, rice and oats, be forti-Health Service recommend that all women of childbearing age consume 400 micrograms of folic acid daily to prevent birth defects of the brain and spine.

"Our findings show that many women simply aren't aware that taking folic acid before pregnancy can prevent neural tube defects," said Mark Canfield, director of TDH's Texas Birth Defects Monitoring Division. "By getting this message to more women, we hope the number of babies born with disabling and sometimes deadly birth defects will drop."

Communicating this message is a function of the Texas Folic Acid Council. TFAC, a statewide coalition of public health agencies and nonprofit organizations concerned with the prevention of birth defects, encourages women to take folic acid. TFAC began its work in 1999 when former Texas First Lady Laura Bush hosted a kick-off breakfast at the State Capitol.

El Paso, Smith and Tarrant counties. TFAC anencephaly is always fatal. will select additional distribution sites for 2002

Researchers, have known for years that' up to 70 percent of neural tube defects (NTDs) can be prevented if women of childbearing age take folic acid.

fied with folic acid.

According to the CDC, NTDs have decreased 19 percent nationwide during the last decade. Health authorities atfribute the decline to TDH, the federal government and voluntary health organizations such as the March of Dimes spreading the word about the link between folic acid and the prevention of birth defects and mandatory folic acid fortification of enriched grain products.

TDH strongly supported the fortification of the U.S. grain supply at an even higher level. But women should not rely only on cereals, bread, tortillas and other fortified grain products for their daily folic acid. Health experts agree that taking a daily multivitamin or consuming highly fortified cereals (those with 400 micrograms of folic acid in a serving) are the best ways to ensure that women who could become pregnant get an adequate amount of folic acid.

TFAC recently began to distribute and spinal cord fail to develop during the and bilingual educational resources. approximately 20,000 cosmetic bags con- earliest weeks of pregnancy. NTDs include 'Organizations interested in participating in taining multivitamins, nail files with a folic anencephaly, the partial absence of the brain TFAC can contact Jennifer Edwards, TFAC acid message and educational leaflets to and skull, and spina bifida, an exposure of coordinator, Austin, at (512) 477-3221.

remember to take a multivitamin, according and Children (WIC) program. These kits ini- borns can be emotionally and financially to a survey by the Texas Department of tially will be available in Austin, Corpus devastating for families. Most children with Health (TDH), despite strong evidence that Christi, Dallas and Odessa and in Hidalgo, spina bifida are confined to wheelchairs;

> Since the neural tube forms early, women must begin taking folic acid before they learn they are pregnant. "The neural tube closes early in pregnancy, within three to four weeks after conception," said Canfield.

This means that to prevent neural tube In 1998, the federal government began defects, folic acid must be taken before a TDH, the Centers for Disease Control and requiring that enriched grain products, woman conceives. This situation is complicated by the fact that about half of all pregnancies are unplanned, so many women are not focusing on being in optimal health for pregnancy. It's very important that all women who are capable of bearing children get at least 400 micrograms of folic acid each day. The easiest way to do this is by taking a multivitamin daily."

> TFAC is composed of representatives, from TDH; the March of Dimes; the Spina Bifida Association; TEXGENE; the Texas Medical Association; Association of Women's Health, Obstetrical, and Neonatal Nurses; Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies; the UT-Houston School of Public Health; and Texas A&M University.

TFAC member organizations are responsible for a number of initiatives, including surveys of Texas women, statewide surveillance of birth defects and development of a professional education curriculum, a neural tube defect prevention project, awareness Neural tube defects occur when the brain campaigns along the Texas-Mexico border

Researches say staph bacteria active gene swappers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Staph bacteria can quickly swap genes with from bacteria to bacteria, creating new strains of antibiotic resistant relatives to turn into virulent, dangerous germs that can cause disease and resist antibiotics, a new study shows.

In a report appearing in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, federal researchers said they used a new technology to learn that Staphylococcus aureus could grab new genes from nearby bacteria to adapt itself to a changing environment.

Staphylococcus aureus, or staph, is an extremely troublesome bacterium that causes a variety of illnesses. It is a major cause of hospital-acquired infection. Staph causes such things as the scalded skin disease that strikes infants, toxic shock syndrome and systemic blood poisoning called sepsis. Antibiotics once controlled the bacteria, but strains of staph are now resistant to the drugs.

"This is the first time we've been able to do such an extensive genetic comparison of these strains of Staphylococcus aureus," said Dr. James M. Musser, senior author of the study and head of a bacterial research lab at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease's Rocky Mountain Laboratories in Hamilton, Mont. NIAID is one of the National Institutes of Health.

bugs within a matter of hours.

One of the important findings in this paper is that the anti-bacterial resistance gene is being acquired by lateral transfer," or from bacteriato-bacteria, she said. This has long been suspected, but Salyers said the Musser paper presents new evidence.

Staph is among the most common human bacteria, carried by about a third of the population. It can be picked up from countertops or door knobs, but is more frequently transferred through skin-to-skin contact, such as shaking hands.

The bacteria can invade the body through breaks in the skin and set up a virulent systemic infection, particularly among people with weakened immune systems — infants, the elderly, the injured or the ill.

Salvers said that thousands of people die annually of staph infection, but once the death toll was even higher. Before World War II, more than half of all fatalities in wars came from wounds that were infected by staph or other bacteria, said Salyers. A simple, untreated scratch on the hand or foot often was enough to set off a raging and lethal infection.

lished earlier this month in the Annals of Internal Medicine concluded that postmenopausal women who have had a heart attack or diagnosis of heart disease and are on hormone supplements for less than one year have an increased risk of another heart attack or dying from heart disease than those who are not on hormones.

On the Net:

http://www.americanheart.org

Women who try labor after C-Section at greater risk, study suggests

By STEPHANIE NANO Associated Press Writer

Mothers who have had a Caesarean section increase their chances of rupturing their uterus if they attempt vaginal delivery during their next pregnancy, especially if labor is induced, according to a new study.

For years, doctors advised women who had Caesarean sections to deliver all their babies by Csection because of the scars left on their uterus. But more recently, women have been encouraged to attempt to deliver vaginally after a Caesarean and approximately 60 percent of them try labor.

From 1989 to 1996, the rate of vaginal births after / a Caesarean increased 50 percent in the United States to 28 per 100 women. By 1999, it was down to 23 per 100 women.

The rate of Caesarean births has remained at about 22 percent during the same 10-year period.

Questions persist, however, about whether labor causes problems such as uterine rupture, an uncommon but serious complication. A tear in the uterus can result in a hysterectomy, blood transfusions or death for the mother and brain damage or death for the infant.

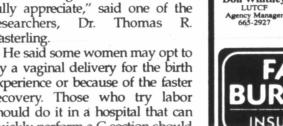
Researchers at the University of Washington in Seattle studied this issue by looking at 20,095 women who delivered their first baby by Caesarean section and then had a second child. There were 91 cases of uterine rupture, according to the findings reported in a recent New England Journal of Medicine.

Compared to women in the group who had a repeat C-section without labor, the researchers said those who went into labor spontaneously were three times more likely to have a uterine rupture. Women whose labor was induced - but not with a class of drug

known as prostaglandins — were nearly five times more likely to have a rupture and those induced with a prostaglandin, which is more potent, were 15 times more likely.

"By no means does our study suggest that no woman should have a vaginal birth after a Caesarean. What it says is there are risks of doing that that we didn't fully appreciate," said one of the researchers, Dr. Thomas R. Easterling.

try a vaginal delivery for the birth experience or because of the faster recovery. Those who try labor should do it in a hospital that can quickly perform a C-section should it become necessary, he said.



In the study, Musser and his colleagues analyzed the genes of 36 of the most troublesome strains of staph and concluded that virtually any of the bacteria's 2,817 strains could acquire the genes to become resistant to antibiotics.

"This is occurring at a far more greater frequency than we anticipated," said Musser. "The drug resistant strains can be created many times. It is not a single strain that is created once and then spreads."

Instead, he said the genetic combination that provides resistance can arise independently in many different places, many different times.

Such an easy evolution of drug resistance "has sent a wave of terror through people responsible for public health," said Dr. Abigail A. Salyers, a microbe researcher at the University of Illinois, Urbana. "They know this organism will become a major pathogen if antibiotics no longer work."

Salvers, who is president of the American Society for Microbiology, said the work by Musser and his group is important because it confirms what has long been suspected — that whole gene structures can jump

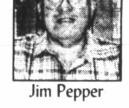
Antibiotics beat staph into the medical background, but starting in the 1980s, antibiotic resistant strains evolved. Drugs that once worked suddenly did not.

Salyers said staph is back and presenting a significant new threat while researchers scramble to learn more about ways to fight it.

"Virtually anything new we find out about staph aureus is an important finding because of its potential as a major public health threat," said Salyers.

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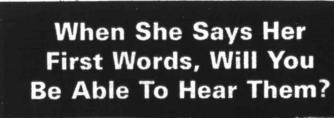
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SPORTS

Notebook GOLF

PAMPA — The Hidden Hills Women's Golf Association will have a scramble Monday at Hidden Hills, beginning at 6 p.m. with a shotgun start.

There will be five dollar entry fee, which doesn't include green fees and carts.

Call 669-5866 to sign up.

FOOTBALL

AMARILLO — All Amarillo-area Toot'n Totum stores are offering two-for-one ticket coupons for West Texas A&M's football season opener Thursday against Midwestern State, scheduled for 7 p.m. at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium.

The coupons will be available at all stores through Tuesday night and can be redeemed at the gate on Thursday.

PAMPA — Both the Pampa junior varsity and 9th grade football teams open the season Thursday against Dalhart.

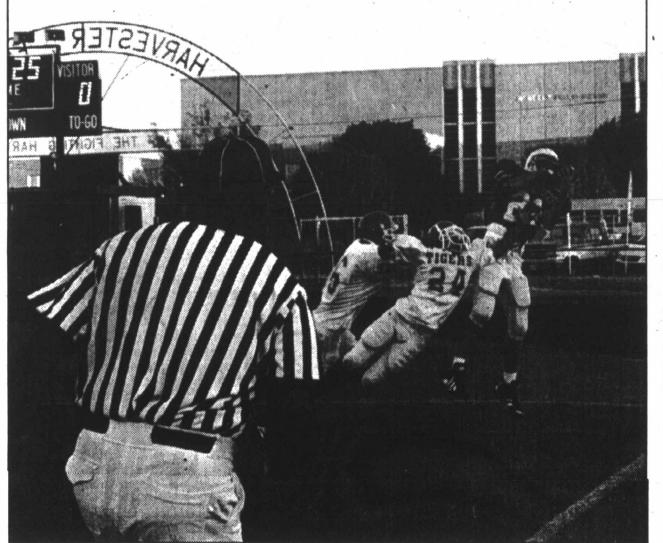
Both games will be played at home.

The freshmen will be playing Dalhart's high school junior varsity with the game starting at 5. The JV game kicks off at 6:30.

BASEBALL

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - A minor league umpire who told a manager he intentionally made a wrong call to get back at a player has resigned.

Erik Stahlbusch told the Professional Baseball Umpire Corp. that he was leaving his position with the Class A Midwest League immediately, according to a news release from Minor League Baseball.



(Pampa News photo)

Adam Rodgers catches a touchdown pass for the Harvesters in Friday night's scrimmage with Frenship.

Former TCU coach takes over at win-hungry Alabama

By JOHN ZENOR AP Sports Writer

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) concerned preacher checked up on him and his wife.

"He called our house and said, 'Carolyn, are you OK?'" Curry fraud from 1996-2000 recalled. "And she said, 'Sure, DuBose's rocky reign. I'm fine. You've got to undergion to these people.'

Franchione and the fans are helpthreats after he was hired as mer coach Mike DuBose. The mapped out through 2002. Alabama's football coach, his investigation has been going on for well over a year, looking into surprise. improper payments allegedly fraud from 1996-2000, spanning we needed greatly," he said. "I

stand, over here football is reli- enthusiasm. Alabama enters the decisions and be comfortable in Stallings said, "and we can all "impressed upon him the three season ranked 25th despite com- the decisions he made. And he said, 'Oh, no, it's a lot ing off its worst season in 43 years. "It's business as usual in where it leads us." Tuscaloosa," said Linda Beving, a season-ticket holder as she ate lunch at a diner across the street has undertaken at New Mexico from Bryant-Denny Stadium. "We're still going to have a foot- talent and with modest pediball team, we're still going to be grees and expectations. Franchione has received a out there cheering." Franchione is the fifth coach were part of DuBose's 1999 team since Bryant retired after the 1982 that won the SEC championship season, and the first to bring to and went to the Orange Bowl. the post a winning record as a head coach. He has a 138-65-2 record in 18 seasons at such hope it's a 100-meter dash. I humble outposts as Pittsburg think this one's got a chance to (Kan.) State and New Mexico. DuBose, by contrast, was elevated from defensive coordinator and had only one year of previous head coaching experience he#has decided on a starter — at Prattville (Ala.) High between senior Andrew Zow School. Franchione's organization and won't announce the decision discipline have been a good start before next Saturday's seasonafter last season's disarray on and off the field. Players were UCLA. skipping class, linebacker Victor Ellis said, and assistant coaches who's back there," said Zow,

In another regard, too: bickered.

That seems unlikely under less to do anything about the Franchione, a meticulous plan-NCAA's official letter of inquiry ner with a massive players policy When Bill Curry received death into alleged violations under for- manual and detailed schedule

The discipline caught Ellis by "It's something I wasn't

made to recruits and academic expecting, but it was something think that's what we needed, a

It hasn't tempered the fans' guy who can come in and make

career leader. "I don't want to go much time." 3-8 again."

It was the Tide's worst record since 1957, when J.B. "Ears" Whitworth's last team went 2-7-1. Bryant took over the next season, setting a lofty standard for look really good doing it," said his heirs to the program's controls.

"The Alabama fans want to over some Tide fans. win," former Tide coach Gene thank coach Bryant for that, biggest priorities. Stallings, who played for pionships. Upholding Bryant's legacy. "I think sometimes they all Bryant at Texas A&M and was on his staff at Alabama, advises Franchione to keep the distraccome up in the same sentence," Franchione said. tions to a minimum. But he's not complaining. "What he's got to worry about more than anything is his foot-"I wanted to be at a place that ball team," said Stallings, who had a chance to compete for a led Alabama to the national national championship," he said. championship in 1992. "There's a "Alabama fits that mold very lot of distractions at a place like well."

who needs 361 yards passing to Alabama. A lot of people want pass Jay Barker as Alabama's your time, and you just have so

Curry's advice is similar to Franchione's own assessment.

"All you have to do to make Alabama fans happy — it's really simple — is win every game and Curry, who won 26 games during 1987-1989 but couldn't win

Franchione said fans have Beating Auburn. Winning national cham-

Pampa impressive against Frenship

PAMPA -- If Pampa's scrim- Snelgrooes made good on all indication, the Harvesters could have a bright season ahead of them.

trolled scrimmage Friday night at Harvester Stadium.

However, PHS head coach Dennis Cavalier added a precautionary note following the scrimmage.

"I felt like we did good, but you have to be careful not to point out too much about a scrimmage, good or bad," he said. "We made some big plays and it was a good team effort, 31-Dalhart, 8 away. but we're all looking ahead to Sept. next week."

Next week is Pampa's 2001 season opener against Dalhart, which is set for 8 p.m. Friday at Dalhart.

Sophomore tailback Johnny Moore ran for one touchdown and also caught a scoring pass from junior quarterback John Braddock. Moore also had a TD reception nullified because of a holding penalty. Pampa's other TD came on a Braddock pass to Adam Rodgers.

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mage with Frenship is any three extra-point conversions. "Johnny Moore had some nice runs and there was some

Pampa scored three touch- excellent blocking. John downs while Frenship failed to Braddock threw the ball well cross the goalline during two and Randy Tice did a good job 15-minute quarters of a con- of directing the offense at various times. Adam Rodgers made some nice catches and to my knowledge he's never played football before. Jordan Klaus did a good job," Cavalier said. "There was good blocking, good pass protection and good tackling by a bunch of players."

2001 PHS Schedule Aug.

Sept.

7 - Lubbock Estacado, 7:30 away; 14 - Amarillo High, 7:30 home; 21 - Open; *29 - Palo Duro, 1 away. Oct.

*5-Hereford, 7:30 homecoming; *12 - Dumas, 7:30 home; *20 - Caprock, 1 away; *26 -Caprock, 7:30 home. Nov.

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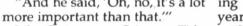
BASKETBALL

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) -Jason Richardson, the No. 5 overall pick in the NBA draft, was one of three rookies signed by the Golden State Warriors.

The Warriors also signed Troy Murphy, selected 14th from Notre Dame, and Gilbert Arenas, the 31st selection, from Arizona.

HOÇKEY

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) - Phoenix re-signed goalie Robert Esche to a three-year contract with an option for a fourth year. Esche went 10-8-4 with a 3.02 goals-against average last season.



Like Curry, new Crimson Tide coach Dennis Franchione is an outsider with no ties to Bear Bryant, the latest coach charged with safeguarding Bryant's legacy and trying to return the program to the top.

much warmer reception than Curry from Alabama fans humbled by last season's 3-8 meltdown and bracing for possible NCAA sanctions.

Hired from TCU last December, Franchione says he understands what fans expect from him at a school with six national championships and 21 Southeastern Conference titles.

"Win 'em all, I suppose," the soft-spoken Kansan said. "I don't give a lot of thought to that.

"I don't like losing. I have tremendous fear of it. I always have. That's always been a huge motivator for me. I'm not any different from fans, in that regard."

'And we're willing to accept because he set the bar.' that and follow him and see

This rebuilding job is vastly different from those Franchione and TCU, programs limited in

Many of Alabama's players

"I would not classify this as a marathon," Franchione said. "I turn around much quicker."

One obstacle to an instant turnaround is the quarterback question. Franchione said this week and junior Tyler Watts, but he opener against preseason No. 17

"After a 3-8 season, I don't care

Former big leaguer dead at 84

outfielder with the Chicago sion. Cubs, died on a golf course.

He was 84. Sauer was on the first tee at 15-year the Crystal Springs Golf Club in Burlingame, Calif., when he died.

The cause of death was unknown pending the results of the 1958 San Francisco of an autopsy. Sauer was the first player in 1959 season.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - major league history to win Hank Sauer, the 1952 NL an MVP while on a team that MVP and a two-time All-Star finished in the second divi-

> Sauer hit .266 with 288 home runs and 876 RBIs in a career with Cincinnati, the Cubs, St. Louis and the Giants.

> He was an original member Giants, and retired after the



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Nixon's grand slam dooms Rangers, 7-4

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — mistake," Narron said. "If to hit." Rookie manager Jerry Narron Moreno's job is to get left-han-Rangers a game.

Narron stuck with rookie right-handed reliever Dan Kolb against left-handed hitting Trot Nixon rather than going to the bullpen for lefty Juan Moreno. And Nixon made Narron pay with a tiebreaking grand slam that lifted the Boston Red Sox to a 7-4 victory on Friday night.

Narron wanted to give Kolb a chance to pitch out of the situation, a move he later regretted.

didn't follow normal baseball ders out, I've got to get him in to five trips to the plate and reached strategy, and it cost the Texas face Nixon. What bothers me base four times, including his tonight is that I don't feel I gave homer, a single, a walk and an our guys a chance to win in the error. eighth. That doesn't mean I don't have confidence in Danny Kolb,

a chance to do his job." homer.

"I go up there trying to make hasn't already seen?" the pitcher work," Nixon said. The Red Sox, who is "I'm picky about my pitch. I feel 5-0 against Texas this season, is "In the eighth inning, I made a confident I can get a pitch I want three games behind New York in homer of the season.

Nixon saw 27 pitches in his

"It seems like the more pitches he sees, the better he gets," Red but I've got to give Juan Moreno Sox manager Joe Kerrigan said. "As a (former) pitcher I know, Nixon was determined to force the more times you throw, the Kolb to throw a lot of pitches, more the advantage goes to the and he worked the count full hitter. After you've thrown him before hitting the decisive six or seven pitches in an at-bat, what else can you throw him he

Texas evened it at 3-all with a

the AL East.

two-run seventh. But Boston, again playing without injured slugger Manny Ramirez, broke loose in the eighth.

Troy O'Leary led off with a single against Chris Michalak (6-8), making his first appearance for Texas after being claimed off waivers from Toronto. Shea Hillenbrand singled off Kolb and Doug Mirabelli drew a one-out walk that loaded the bases.

Nixon followed by lifting a low fastball that just cleared the The Red Sox, who improved to right-field wall for his third career grand slam and 20th





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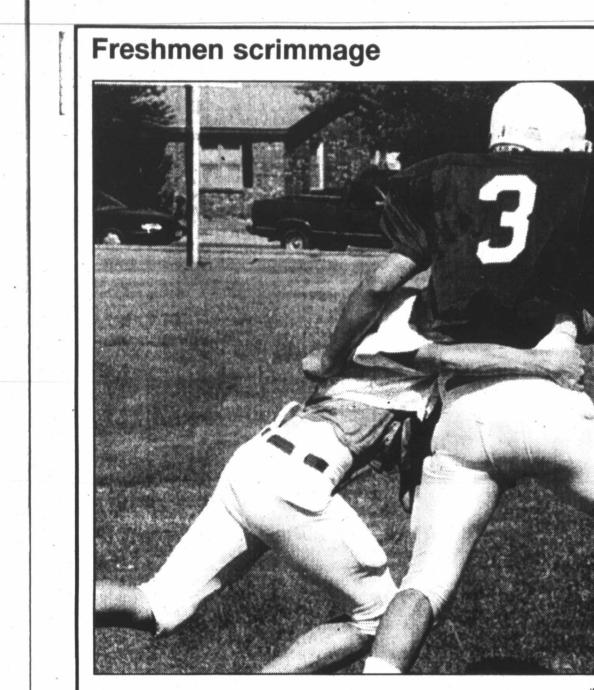
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(Photo by Grover Black)

Pampa running back Seth Foster is taking out of bounds by a Frenship defender after a short gain in a freshmen scrimmage Friday night at the Pampa middle school field. Foster later caught a touchdown pass for the scrimmage's only touchdown.

WBU hopes to start new tradition

PLAINVIEW — There is a banner hanging in Hutcherson Center that says "Pioneer Volleyball, Beginning A New Tradition." In 2001, that banner has more significance following a year in which the Pioneers finished 7-2-1 overall and failed to win a Sooner Athletic Conference match. Helping to create that new tradition of volleyball at

coach Kristee Turpin.

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Volleyball

adds Turpin. "We don't have a lot of size, but our players are running is more of a coverage more natural position of rightdefense that lets us defend the side hitter. middle better."

Eight letter winners, including five starters, return off last year are freshman Lindsey year's squad. Jennifer Worth, Havins of Vernon who will be Wayland Baptist is first-year the only returning senior, is taking over the setting duties oach Kristee Turpin. "I hope that I can bring the middle after playing out- specialist Candy Fletcher from Gibson, and defensive specialist Candy Fletcher from and the middle after playing out- specialist Candy Fletcher from the middle after playing out- specialist Candy Flet renewed enthusiasm and side last fall. Cari Lynn more energy to the program," Stridde, who is also a senior, says Turpin, a four-time Alljoins the Pioneer program for Conference player who holds the first time after four years career volleyball on the Flying Queens basketrecords. "The last couple of ball team. years have been down years, Joining Worth in the middle but I believe that we have the is sophomore Amy Smith. talent to turn things around." Smith led the Pioneers in kills Part of Turpin's plan to help and blocks during her freshboost the program is to conman campaign. Junior Traci centrate more on condition-Phipps will also see time in ing. "There are a lot of long, the middle, as well as on the grueling matches during a outside. volleyball season, so we're Tandi Morton and Jenny doing a lot more strength and Fletcher, both junior outside resistance training that will hitters, are expected to see a lot of action, as is sophomore "We're also switching Keitha Tyler once she recovers defenses to better utilize the from a back injury which will type of players that we have," cause her to miss the first few

weeks of the season. Morton is from Pampa.

The Pioneers' key ball control specialist is junior Kari Gibson, who is making the scrappy. The defense we're move from setter back to her

Among the newcomers this

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Scoreboard Arizona (Schilling 18-6) at Philadelphia Figueroa 4-4), 1:35 p.m. Colorado (Hampton 12-10) at Milwaukee (Quevedo 3-1), 2:05 p.m. St. Louis (Hermanson 12-9) at Chicago Cubs (Cruz 0-1), 2:20 p.m. San Diego (Jarvis 10-9) at Florida (Penny 7-6), 4:05 p.m. San Francisco (Ortiz 14-6) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 8-10), 8:05 p.m.

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By The Associated Press All Times EDT FIRST ROUND (Best-of-3) EASTERN CONFERENCE Charlotte 2, Cleveland 1 Charlotte 53, Cleveland 46 Cleveland 69, Charlotte 51 Charlotte 72, Cleveland 64

New York 2, Miami 1 New York 62, Miami 46 Miami 53, New York 50 New York 72, Miami 61

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Harvick wins Food City 250 race

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Kevin Childress Racing. Harvick overcame a two-lap Speedway on Friday night.

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At A Glance

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Pittsburgh 5, Arizona 1

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Montreal 6, Cincinnati 4

Florida 6, San Diego 3

Friday's Games

Los Angeles

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Colorado

Harvick, the Busch series points was marked by an angry trailed leader Greg Biffle. exchange with Green, his Cup

Green took exception to the way deficit and a heated battle with his Harvick passed him on lap 228, Winston Cup teammate to win the when Green claimed Harvick Food City 250 at Bristol Motor knocked him out of the way to get past and take over second place.

Green expressed his anger durleader, easily beat Jeff Green to the ing the next caution period by finish line to win here for the sec- repeatedly ramming the back of ond straight year. But the victory Harvick's Chevrolet as the two

teammate next year at Richard sideways to pass him," said he angrily yelled at him.

Green, the reigning Busch series champion. "I know he's my teammate in some races, but I don't like

Harvick then took over the lead on the restart on lap 236 when Biffle blew a tire and Harvick and Green blew by him.

Harvick held off Green over the final 14 laps, then blew him off when Green pulled up alongside "Anybody can turn somebody him and banged into his door as

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"Some pretty astute observers of this game said he was a can'tmiss guy," Astros manager Larry Dierker said.

Amarillo and middle blocker Micah Garvey of Anna.

Though she knows it won't be easy, Turpin believes her team will put more W's in the win column this year.

"The team is hungry for a better season. They've proven in practice that they will fight in every game, and that they will not allow the ball to hit the court," she said.

The season officially started for the Pioneer netters this weekend in Lubbock at the Lubbock Christian University Tournament.

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This article was submitted by Rhane Jeffress of the WBU Sports Information Office.

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PITTSBURGH (AP) - No comeback for the Pittsburgh Pirates this time with Houston rookie Roy Oswalt on the mound - and no defense for all those walks by their own pitchers.

Oswalt, whose last start in Pittsburgh ended with one of the greatest comebacks in major league history, beat the walkprone Pirates for the second time in six days and the Astros increased their NL Central lead with a 5-1 victory Friday night.

The Astros won for the second straight night with a relatively low number of hits - seven, or one more than they had in beating Philadelphia 2-1 in 11 innings Thursday. They lead Chicago and St. Louis by four games each following a 10-8 Cardinals victory in Chicago.

"It's going to be Cardinals, Cubs and us," Jeff Bagwell said. "If we can keep winning series, we'll be in good shape the last two weeks." Especially if they can keep Oswalt going. Oswalt (11-2), whose .846 win-

ning percentage tops the NL; breezed through the Pirates' lineup and was working on his first career shutout until Aramis Ramirez hit his 26th homer in the ninth inning. The rookie righthander struck out nine and walked one to follow a 12-2 victory over Pittsburgh on Sunday, when he struck out 10.

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Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149

513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information. T.O.P.S. #41

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

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

VFW CHARITY BINGO

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

Outreach Health Services/WIC Nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information, call 665-118

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

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945. PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

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

MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

CLASS OF 1961

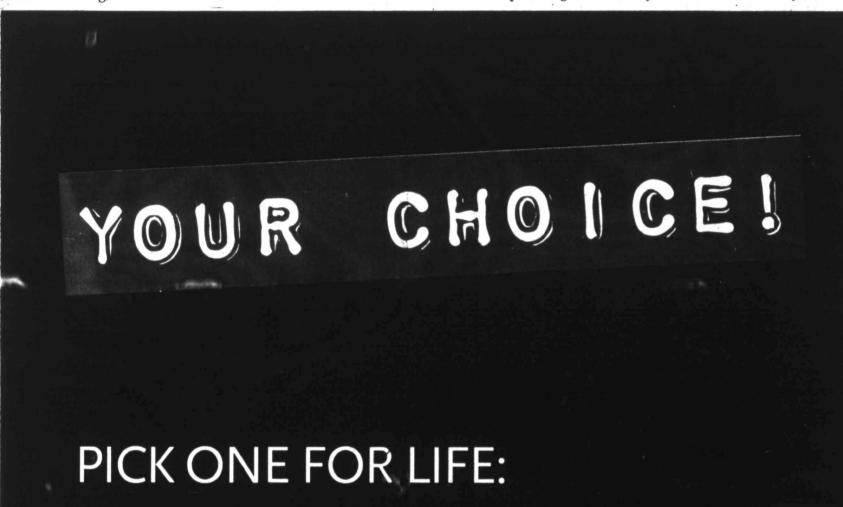
Pampa High School Class of 1961 will hold its 40th class reunion this year. Anyone interested in helping plan and organize the event should contact Zip Swaney at 665-5532. AMERICAN RED CROSS

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

The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1 p.m. and Enrollment for Clarendon College's Office Technology Certificate (OTC) Program and Machining Technology Program (MTP) is currently under way at Clarendon College-Pampa Center. Both programs can be completed in nine-months. OTC classes begin Aug. 13 and MTP classes Aug. 30. Scholarships, loans and pell grants are available. Graduates will receive free job placement assistance. For more information, call 665-880

FPC CHOIR/BAND

Frank Phillips College Community Choir and Community Band are



currently seeking new members. Choir practice starts Aug. 27 and band practice Aug. 28. Both meet in the Fine Arts Building on the FPC campus in Borger. For more information, call 1-800-6878-2056, ext. 728.

ART EXHIBIT

Artist Ric Farley will exhibit at Frank Phillips College Art Department Fine Arts Building (FAB) in Borger through Aug. 30. The public may meet the artist during a reception scheduled from 5-7 p.m. on the 30th in the FAB Gallery Room on campus. FALL RETREAT

First Baptist Church Women's Fall Retreat will be Sept. 28-30 at New Beginnings near Channing. The deadline for registration is Aug. 31. Cost is \$97 (two per room) and will include food, lodging and transportation from Pampa. Forms are available at the church, 203 N. West. For more information, call 669-1155 or contact Kathryn Green at 669-0148.

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout the month of August. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day" and "The Tree Book" with information about tree planting and care. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Blue Spruces, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Aug. 31, <u>2001.</u>

CANYON CAMPFIRE CELEBRATION

Caprock Canyons State Park in Quitaque and Caprock Partners Foundation will host "Canyon Campfire Celebration" at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 1 at the park's group shelter overlooking Lake Theo. Local artists will perform music and cowboy poetry. For more information, call (806) 455-1492. Participants should bring their own lawn chairs as seating is limited.

CHAUTAUQUA

The annual Chautauqua, sponsored each year by Pampa Fine Arts Association, will be held Sept. 3 in Central Park. HSQ CONCERT

Harrington String Quartet will commemorate its 20th anniversary with a public performance from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 in Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2415 Soncy, in Amarillo. Students of all ages who have received instruction from members of the group will honor the Quartet with performances. For more information, call Katherine Moore at (806)

GCARC TRAIL RIDE

Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens will hold its ninth annual Trail Ride beginning at 9 a.m. Sept. 8. For more information, call 665-7609, 669-0176 or 669-7171

PIONEER DAY

A "Pioneer Day" is set for Saturday, Sept. 8 at Cheyenne City Park in Cheyenne, Ókla. Activities will include: demonstrations (churn, treadle sewing, lye soap, blacksmith and more), silent auction, flour tortilla recipe contest, petting zoo, wagon ride, entertainment, antique car and machinery show and more. For more information, call (580) 497-2

TOP O' TEXAS CATTLEWOMEN STYLE SHOW

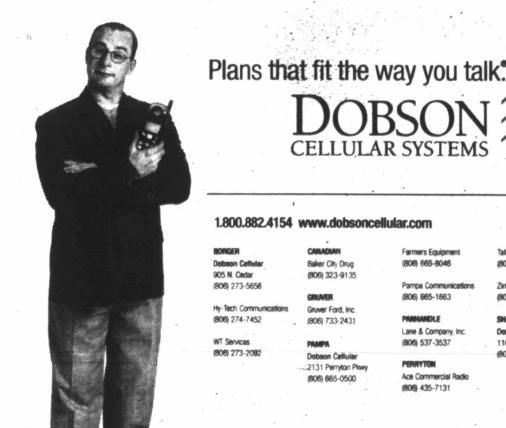
Top O' Texas CattleWomen Style Show and Brunch is slated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday Sept. 8 at Pampa Country Club. Tickets are \$15. A grand prize drawing for two travel certificates will be held. For information or tickets, call Lilith Brainard in Pampa at 665-4579. BSA FALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING

BSA Hospice in Pampa will offer its Fall Volunteer Training and Community Education Class Monday, Sept. 10 through Oct. 11. This comprehensive class is designed for adults who are interested in a nospice volunteer, want to learn more about he becoming care, or desire personal growth and enrichment. The class will meet Mondays and Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. at Clarendon College-Pampa Center. This program is offered free of charge to the Pampa, Borger and surrounding communities and CEU's will be awarded by CCPC. For more information or to pre-register, call the Hospice at 665-6677.

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CHAMBER PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly prayer breakfast at 6:45 a.m., Sept. 11 in the M.K. Brown Room of Pampa **Community Building**

CHEROKEE STRIP TRAIL RIDE

The 15th Annual Cherokee Strip Trail Ride is slated Sept. 12-16. The trail ride will kick-off at 9 a.m. at Elm Park, Waynoka, Okla. Ride fees are \$5 per day (individual) or \$10 per day (family). All horses must have current health papers. Wagons are invited. For more information or to preregister, call (316) 835-2862, (580) 6997-3314, (580) 256-7095 or (580) 824-0683. 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.

DAYLILY SOCIETY SALE

Golden Spread Daylily Society will be selling daylilies - the officials flower of Amarillo – in a special fund-raiser from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22 at Amarillo Botanical Gardens, 1400 Streit Dr., Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 352-6513. **HOSPITALITY TRAINING**

Hospitality Training for all Chamber of Commerce members is scheduled in three two-hour sessions at 9 a.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sept. 27.

WCRA WORKING RANCH RODEO

WRCA Working Ranch Rodeo and Chuckwagon Cook-off is slated Sept. 29-30. For more information, contact the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association at (806) 669-0434. PFA ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

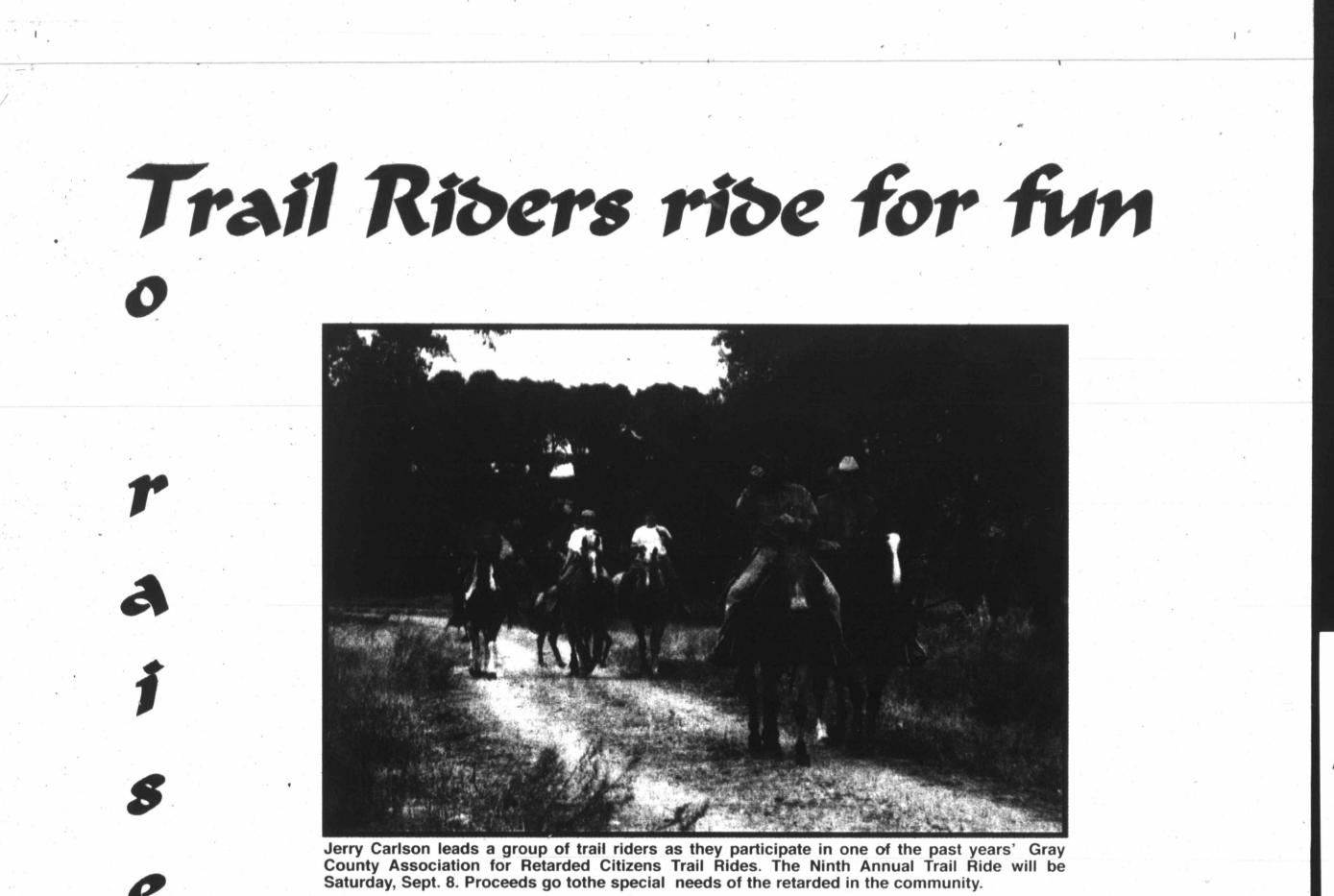
Pampa Fine Arts Association Annual Arts and Crafts Show will be Oct. 12-14 at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. COUNTRY FAIR

Pampa Chamber of Commerce Country Fair will kick-off at 6 p.m. Oct. 20 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The festivities will include good food and dancing to the music of FlashBak.

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By NANCY YOUNG Managing Editor

Trail Riders unite. It's once again time for the annual Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens sponsored Ninth Annual Trail Ride.

This year's ride will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. Riders look forward to riding their horses in the annual event each year. While the horsemen and women will be riding for pleasure, they will raising money to support activities for the mentally challenged in the com- building used for the county seat, post office and genermunity.

Third prize winner for the most money raised over \$200 will receive a pickup load of feed. The fourth place winner for most money raised over \$100 will received three round bales of hay which will be delivered.

Numerous other prizes have been donated by area businesses.

Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy the many trees and numerous wildlife as they ride their begin at 9 a.m. horses at the attractive and historical area of the **Reynolds** Ranch.

The annual event raises funds to support Special have the certificate at the registration. Olympics in the local community, support the Pampa Sheltered Workshop facility and activities, and provide for special needs of the retarded in the community.

sor giving a one-time donation.

The rider raising the most in donations over \$750 will win a saddle. Second prize for the most money over information and registration forms may be obtained by \$300 is a pair of spurs which are handmade by Floyd contacting Goode at 665-7609, Sharon Williams at 669-McMinn.

The ranch area which the riders will cover has much historical significance as it is the place where the first settlers to the area built their homes.

The first water well was dug in that area and the al gathering is also nearby.

Riders are to register at 8 a.m. Sept. 8, and the ride will

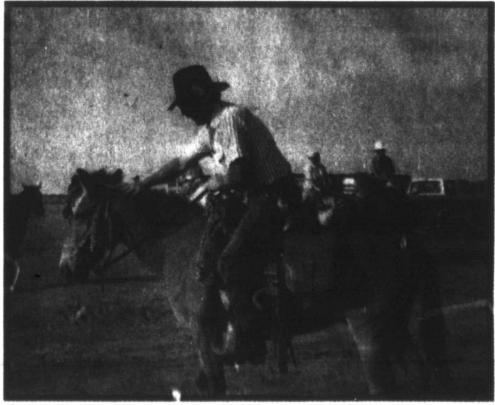
All horses must have a current negative coggins original certificate in order to ride, and riders are required to

Riders under the age of 18 must have signature of parent or guardian on registration form giving permission to ride. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided for the A minimum of \$15 is needed to ride, and each rider riders, and a barbecue lunch will be served at noon by can get as many sponsors as they want with each spon- the GCARC. Prizes will be awarded at the lunch break. The ride will continue until 3 p.m.

> Trail Ride coordinator is Jane Goode. Additional 0176 or Sherry Carlson at 669-7171.



Taking a break during a trail ride are Mark McMinn and Jerry Carlson. Many area residents enjoy the day-long event as they raise funds to help the group.



Cliff Elliott of Canyon gives his horse anencouraging word as they prepare to begin a trail ride. Riders from across the area participate in the annual event.

Courtesy photos

LIFESTYLE



Mary Lee Adamson and Chad A. Clardy

Adamson-Clardy

Mary Lee Adamson and Chad A. Clardy, both of Pampa, were wed July 28, 2001, in First Baptist Church of Pampa with the Rev. John Glover, minister of the church, officiating.

The maid of honor was Talyia Lane of Amarillo. The bridesmaids were Kim Maness of Amarillo, Amber Hathcoat of Pampa and Rishona Hatcher, cousin of the bride of Colorado Springs, Colo. The flower girl was Ashton Doke of Pampa.

The best man was Chris Teakell of Pampa. The groomsmen were Micah Adamson, cousin of the bride of Fritch, and Chi Brack and Clint Thomas, both of Pampa. The ring bearers were Jonathan Polasek of Pampa and Megan Hatcher, cousin of the bride of New Braunfels.

The ushers were Andrew Hatcher, cousin of the bride of Colorado Springs, and Micah Adamson. The candlelighters were Sara Albracht of Pampa and Andrew Hatcher.

Registering the guests was Carie Doke of Pampa.

Music was provided by pianist Becky Cradduck and vocalists Chris and Cindy Hatcher, cousins of the bride of Abilene, performing "If You Could See What I See" and "From This Moment On," and John Glover, performing "The Lord's Prayer."

A reception was held following the service in the parlor of the church with Brenda Condo, Janice Tucker, Betty Taylor, Deanna Polasek and Nita Aderholt, all of Pampa, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Roxanne Giles and Ray and Jeannetta Adamson, all of Pampa, and is the granddaughter of Lyndelle Hatcher of Pampa and the late Floyd (Red Dog) Hatcher, loward and Mattie Adamson of Pampa, Bill and Dorothy Giles of



Amanda Tracy and Stuart Griffith

Tracy-Griffith

Amanda Tracy and Stuart Griffith, both of Lubbock, were wed Aug. 4 at an uncle's home in Amarillo with Robert of Amarillo officiating.

The maid of honor was Julie Snider, cousin of the bride of Prairie Lee.

The best man was Jeff Snider, cousin of the bride of Amarillo. The usher was Jeremy Hudgeons, cousin of the groom of Lubbock. Registering the guests was Sarah Boyd of Dallas.

Music was provided by violinist Diana Goad of Amarillo and Trio Fiesta, a mariachi band of Amarillo.

A reception was held at the residence following the service with Angela Hudgeons, cousin of the groom of Lubbock, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Starla Tracy and Harry Tracy of Pampa. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in merchandising and marketing from Texas Women's University and previously worked in the purchasing department at Dollar Western.

The groom is the son of Sharon Griffith and Sam Griffith of Tyler. He holds bachelor of art degrees in biochemistry and Spanish. He is currently employed by University of New Mexico as a teaching assistant and is pursuing a master's degree in Spanish linguistics.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Puerta Vallarta, Guadalajara, Mexico, and intend to make their home in Albuquerque, N.M.





Emmy Elizabeth Dean and Ross Harrell Watkins Dean-Watkins

Emmy Elizabeth Dean of Dallas and Ross Harrell Watkins were wed July 28 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Galveston with the Rev. Frank Fabj, of the church, officiating.

The maid of honor was Kinsey McClure of Lubbock and the matron of honor was Erin Schofner of Jasper. The bridal attendants were Summer Shadden, Jessica Farrow and Lauren Miller, both of Austin, Kara Robison and Amanda Wood, both of Dallas, and Lindsay Jeansonne of Jasper.

The best man was Joe Watkins, father of the groom of Amarillo. The groomsmen were Joel Ferland and David Adams, both of Lubbock, Josh Starnes and Tommy Dean, both of Houston, Phil Everson of Dallas and Blake Watkins of Amarillo. The ring bearers were Colt Cleavinger of Amarillo and Chase Cooke of Richardson.

The ushers were Javier Avila of Lubbock, Ben Marken of Jasper and Jonathan McComb of Corpus Christi.

A reception was held following the service at Hotel Galvez with Amy Billingsley of Jasper, Allison Watkins of Amarillo and Angie Smith of Waco serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Susan Dean and of Bill Dean, both of Jasper. She graduated from Jasper High School and holds a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing and management from Texas Tech University. She is currently an account manager for Homecomings Financial.

The groom is the son of Joe and Shelly Watkins of Amarillo, formerly of Pampa, and is the grandson of Jan and Ray Covalt and Sandra and Delmar Watkins, all of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1996 and holds a bachelor of business

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Snyder, Gene and Betty DuBois of Satanta, Kan., and the late -Bobbie Carter. She graduated from Pampa High School and is currently employed as a chiropractic assistant at Albracht Chiropractic of Pampa.

The groom is the son of Dwayne and Lea Nan Sparks of Pampa and is the grandson of Kenneth and Jane Purvis of Lefors and Clyde and Vera Davis of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School and is currently employed at HP Zachry Construction in Borger.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Amarillo and to Carlsbad, N.M., and intend to make their home in Pampa.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Hammer of Bowie, Texas, formerly of Pampa, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-5 p.m. Sept. 2, 2001, in the Community Room at Bowie. Children of the couple will host the reception.

James Hammer and Jean Green were married Sept. 4, 1951, at Cisco, Texas. They have been Bowie residents for 20 years.

Mr. Hammer worked for Trident Gas for 30 years, retiring Aug. 8, 1995.

Mrs. Hammer worked for Bowie Hospital for 10 years, retiring May 29, 1996. She is active in Eastside Baptist Church where she is a member of the church choir.

Children of the couple are Dianna and Don Tidwell of Pampa, Danny and Judy Hammer of Paradise, Texas, Jimmy and Eva Hammer of Canadian and Robert and Sherry Hammer of Bowie. They have 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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The couple honeymooned in Anguilla in the British West Indies and intend to make their home in Dallas.



Daphne Barry and Tim Cox

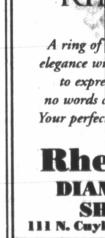
Barry-Cox

Daphne Barry and Tim Cox plan to wed Oct. 13, 2001, at Westcliff Bible Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jerold and Karlena Barry of Amarillo and is the granddaughter of Annie Daphne Barry of Amarillo, and the late L.H. Barry and the late James and Bessie Faudree. She is a graduate of Tascosa High School and is currently employed by Amarillo Speed Print.

The prospective groom is the son of Marvin and Linda Cox and is the grandson of Lafoy and Catherine Vise of Pampa, formerly of Canadian, and the late Lorene Vise, Elsie Hughes of Wheeler and the late Claude C. Cox. He is a graduate of Randall High School and is currently employed by General Office Plus.





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April Michelle Marburger and Phillips Brooks Gentry IV Amber Hayes of Amarillo and Joshua Brookshire



April Michelle Marburger and Phillips Brooks Gentry IV, both of Amarillo, were wed Aug. 25, 2001, in First Presbyterian Church of Pampa with John Curry of Pampa officiating.

The maid of honor was Heather Domenico of College Station. The bridesmaids were Dianna Green of The Woodlands and Amy Wells of Indian Hills, Colo

The best man was Shalor Craig of Houston. The groomsmen were Brian Foote and Cory Griggs, both of Amarillo.

The ushers were Derek Marburger of Houston and Reid Scivally of Amarillo.

Music was provided by organist Doris Goad and flutist Katrina Hildebrandt.

A garden reception was held following the service at the groom's parent's home in Pampa.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marburger of Houston and is the granddaughter of Ernestine Marburger of Houston and the late Leroy Marburger and Louise Keller of San Diego, Calif., and the late Wallace Keller. She graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in finance in August 2001

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Gentry of Pampa and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scivally of Amarillo and the late Mr. and Mrs. P.B. Gentry Jr. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1996 and from Texas Tech University, summa cum laude, with a degree in petroleum engineering. He is currently employed by Anadarko Petroleum Corporation in Amarillo.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to St. Lucia and intend to make their home in Amarillo.

Amber Hayes of Amarillo and Joshua Brookshire were wed July 21, 2001, in Calvary Baptist Church of Pampa with Rick Pearson, youth minister of the church, officiating.

The maid of honor was April Hayes of Amarillo. The bridesmaids were Tiffany King of Abilene and Dayla Lewis of Pampa. The flower girl was Taylor McNeely of White Deer.

The best man was Steven Crocker of Amarillo. The groomsmen were Casey Brookshire of Canyon and Jeremy Harm of Amarillo. The ring bearer was Hunter McNeely of White Deer. The ushers were Justin Ensey of Pampa and Clint Lewis of Amarillo.

Registering the guests was Nicole Sturgill of Pampa. Music was provided by vocalist Amanda Rogers of Pampa. A reception was held following the service at the church with Sunni Gras, Brandy Wilson and Lakeshia Perkins, all of Amarillo, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Kathy Reeves of McKinney and the late Dale Hayes. She graduated from Caprock High School in 1997 and from Amarillo College in 2001. She plans to attend the University of North Texas at Denton this fall.

The groom is the son of Terry and Llaine Brookshire of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1996 and is manager at EZ Pawn. He plans to attend the University of North Texas at Denton this fall.

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

Angie Dawn Turpen and Justin Lee Barker

Hayes-Brookshire

Angie Dawn Turpen and Justin Lee Barker, both of Las Vegas, Nev., were wed Aug. 4, 2001, in First Baptist Church of Lefors with Lewis Ellis, of the church, officiating.

Turpen-Barker

The matron of honor was Ginger Jernigan of Lefors. The flower girls were Elizabeth and Abigail Hartwig, both cousins of the bride of Greeley, Colo.

The best man was Robert Barker, father of the groom of Deming, N.M.

The ushers and candlelighters were Ray Turpen, brother of the bride of Lefors, and Matt Dawkins, brother of the groom of La Mesa, N.M

Registering the guests was Heather Maples of Lefors.

Music was provided by vocalist Johnny Woodard, who sang "Forever is as Far as I'll Go," and organist Taci Fernick.

A reception was held following the service in fellowship hall of the church with Marla McMurtry, Valorie McMurtry, Cheryl Allen and Carol Martin, all cousins of the bride of Texhoma, Okla, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Ron and Molly Turpen of Lefors. She graduated from Lefors High School and medical school at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. She is currently employed in X-Ray at Mountain View Hospital in Las Vegas.

The groom is the son of Robert Barker of Deming and Butch and Justina Dawkins of La Mesa. He graduated from Gadsden High School in New Mexico. He was an Army medic, Flight Academy, and is currently a flight dispatcher for Sun Rise Airlines in Las Vegas.

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

Fall gardening can be *most* rewarding

Longing for cooler days, I intently watch the long-range weather forecasts. I heard magic words this warm evening ... lows in the 50s for the early part of the week.



seeds and make salad. *** The most important thing about gardening is to enjoy yourself and ive a good time Z. Guest

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As the summer slowly slides toward fall, toasted greenery is coaxed into growing again. Plants hanging on by a leaf, sprout new buds. Tomatoes set blooms again. Mid-August to mid-September is a mini growing season.

When afternoon highs are below 86 degrees, it is time to plant a fall crop. Spinach, lettuce and radishes are cool weather vegetables. Is there anything tastier than freshpicked greens spiked with slices of a plump, late-summer tomato? Or a plate piled high with fried green tomatoes Absolutely not!

This is winter weather forecasting time. According to the oldtimers, bugs and beasts can predict the harshness of winter.

-If the rooster molts before the hen, we'll have winter thick and thin; if the hen molts before the cock, we'll have winter hard as a rock

-If squirrels have extra fur and very bushy tails, it will be a cold winter.

—If oak leaves stay on the trees into December, it will be a very mild winter.

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-If squirrels bury their nuts me. Why? Years ago I abanclose to the surface of the ground, it will be a harsh winter.

-If the wooly caterpillars are extremely woolly and plentiful, the winter will be hard.

-If cattle and horses put on their winter coats in late September, buy a snow shovel.

-Onion skin very thin, mild winter comin' in. Onion skin thick and rough, winter's goin' to be real rough.

doned any activity involving chickens. The Cat Brothers do not allow Sammie, the squirrel, into the yard. (Or, Sammie is too smart to venture into Cat Country.) I do not have a mulberry tree — a major delicacy of woolly worms. Or an oak tree. The last horse I personally knew pitched me on my face. And, I forgot to plant onions this year.

Until winter arrives, I Using these guidelines to pre-shall liven up my garden dict winter will be difficult for with a handful of spinach

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Local 4-Hers participate in Gray County 4-H Bake Show

Hers recently participated in the District I 4-H Better Bake Show 2001 Gray County 4-H Better on Sept. 15 at the Tri-State Fair Bake Show. The 4-Hers prepared in Amarillo. and exhibited drop cookies.

The purpose of the Better Bake Show is to promote the panhandle's major agricultural product wheat. Participants are taught the nutritional value of wheat products and learn how to plan, prepare, serve and score these products.

Taking top honors was Jessica Baggerman of Prime Time 4-H Club in Pampa. Jessica's entry was Praline Drop Cookies. Emily Elliott, of Pampa's Super Clover 4-H Club, earned second place honors with her Old Time Cinnamon Jumbles. Jessica will represent Gray

Twenty-four Gray County 4- County at the Panhandle

The purpose of the Better Bake Show is to promote the panhandle's major agricultural product - wheat. Participants are taught the nutritional value of wheat products and learn how to plan, prepare, serve and score these products.

Also competing in this year's contest were Kelby Rucker, Megan Crawford, Courtney Crawford, Emily Nusser and Blake Nusser (Swine Project Club); Ryan Baggerman and Dustin Neef (Prime Time Club); Sarah Schwab, Kendra Strickland and Megan Pettit (Super Clover Club); Wakely Pairsh, Gabriel Miller, Misty Pairsh, Nick Miller, Amanda Lawrence, Rebecka Lawrence, Emily Jackson, Cory Jackson and Drake Jackson (Lefors 4-H Club); and Sarah Shackelford, Anna Shackelford and Travis Fish (McLean 4-H Club).

The winning recipes are as follows:

Praline Drop Cookies -Jessica Baggerman, Prime Time 4-H Club **INGREDIENTS:** 1/2 cup, plus 1/3 cup flour 3/4 teaspoon baking powder 1/4 teaspoon salt 1/4 cup butter 3/4 cup packed brown sugar



(left to right) Jessica Baggerman and Emily Elliott compare notes on the recipes that won them top honors in the 2001 Gray County 4-H Better Bake Show. Baggerman and her Praline Drop Cookies will advance to competition at the Amarillo Tri-State Fair.

1 egg, beaten 1 teaspoon vanilla

add brown sugar gradually. Drop dough with a small the 4-H Program, call the Blend in egg and vanilla. Add melon scoop onto a cookie County Extension office at 669-DIRECTIONS: Cream butter; dry ingredients and mix well. sheet lined with parchment 8033.

paper. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-minutes. Top each cookie with two pecans while still warm. Cool cookies on a cooling rack and pour icing on top. Makes 25 cookies.

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Time Old Cinnamon Jumbles -Emily Elliott, Super Clover 4-H Club

INGREDIENTS:

1/4 cup soft shortening

1/4 cup soft butter

1 cup sugar

- 1 egg 3/4 cup sour milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups unbleached flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

DIRECTIONS: Mix shortening, butter, sugar and egg (first four ingredients) thoroughly. Stir in sour milk and vanilla. Combine and stir in unbleached flour, baking soda and salt. Chill dough 30-minutes. Drop rounded teaspoonfuls about 2-inches apart on lightly greased baking sheet. Sprinkle with mixture of sugar and cinnamon (1/4 cup sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon). Bake 7-9 minutes in oven preheated to 400 degrees. Makes about 4 dozen cookies.

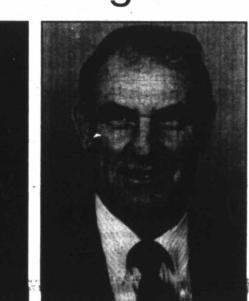
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Pipeline Group to host public education program

(Courtesy photo)

The Pipeline Group's annual "Public Education — Contractor Awareness Program" is scheduled at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13 in the Heritage Room at M.K. Brown Memorial Civic Auditorium in Pampa, The program will be sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities.

A free dinner will be catered by Dyer's Bar-B-Que for all individuals involved in excavation related activities in Armstrong, Carson, Donley, Gray, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Roberts and Wheeler Counties.

Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities.

The Texas law requiring notification to a one-call system before ravating will be discu sed. Sponsors will provide romonona materials including notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other safety reminders. Each year many lives are injured or lost, plus millions of dollars in repairs and lost products are incurred due to "third party" incidents - someone digging into a pipeline. Thousands of communications, some life-threatening, may be disrupted when expensive fiber-optic cables are damaged or severed. These types of excavation can be financially devastating to the responsible party. This safety program is an attempt to help those who do excavation work to avoid such situations. Sponsors for the program include: ANR Pipeline Co., BP, Celanese LTD, Colorado Interstate Gas Co., Diamond Shamrock Refining and Marketing Co., DIG TESS, El Paso Natural Gas Co., Equilon Pipeline Co., LLC Koch Pipeline Co. LP, MidCoast Gas Services Inc., Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America, Northern Natural Gas Co./Transwestern Pipeline Co., ONEOK WeTex Transmission Inc., Phillips Pipe Line Co., Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc., Sun Pipe Line Co., Transok LLC, Williams Gas Pipeline-South Central. Williams Gas Processing - Williams/Mid-America Pipeline Co.

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Jony Thomas of Panhandle, Norma Brooks of Amarillo,

A reunion was held recently Nona Gray of Pampa and Gaydean Bucher, Verna Morrow and Dale Litchfield of Canadian.

Not present at the festivities were a brother and sister, Carole Appel and her family of Marshall, Ark., and the late Don Litchfield.

Among those present were grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, greatgreat-grandchildren and friends including: Carolyn and Sara Beddingfield and Jony and Cecil Thomas of Panhandle; James and Vicky Jay, Tessa Caffee Lees, Amy and Bryan Castillo, Wanda Clark and Wayne and Norma Brooks of Amarillo; Erica and Shadyn Coffee of Claude.

George and Verna Morrow, Kim, David, Jay and Kristen Parnell, Van, Guy and Bailey Beth Morrow, Dale Litchfield and Stephanie Rowden of Canadian; Kirk, Katina, M.T. and Ty Morrow of Dimmitt; Nona Gray and Ron and Chervl Underwood of Pampa.

Dennis and Terri Williams of Lefors; Andrea and Brandon Cox and Bud and Teresa Faris of Dumas; Sue and Jakie Diggs of Lubbock; Dell and Rudy Comstock of Hemphill; Jerry Pam Bucher and of Richardson; Rick, Lisa, Zach and Stacey Bucher of Lafayette, La.; Terry, Sue, Meredith and Madison Bucher of Plano; and Faye and Avery Word of Higgins.



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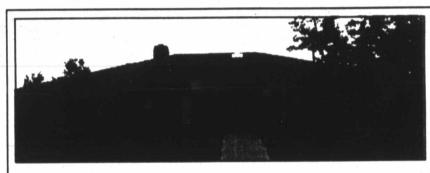
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Billboard music charts

Bv The Associated Press Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifes more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than **\$00,000** copies sold.):

Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; adio playlists; and monitored tadio by Broadcast Data Systems) 1. "Fallin'," Alicia Keys.

2. "I'm Real," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Ja Rule). Epic. 3. "Someone To Call My Lover,"

fanet. Virgin. 4. "Hit 'Em Up Style (Oops!),"

Blu Cantrell. RedZone. 5. "Let Me Blow Ya Mind," Eve (feat. Gwen Stefani). Ruff Ryders.

6. "Where The Party At," Jagged (Platinum)

Edge With Nelly. So So Def. 7. "U Remind Me" "U Remind Me," Usher. Arista.

8. "It's Been Awhile," Staind. Flip/Elektra.

9. "Drops Of Jupiter (Tell Me)," Train. Columbia.

10. "Hanging By A Moment," Lifehouse. DreamWorks.

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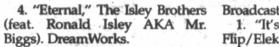
The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan) 1. "Now 7," Various Artists. EMI/Universal/Sony/Zomba/Vi

2. "Songs In A Minor," Alicia Keys. (Platinum - certified sales

of 1 million units)

3. "Celebrity," 'N Sync. Jive.



"8701," Usher. Arista.

6. "Kiss Tha Game Goodbye," Judakiss. Ruff Ryders/Interscope. 7. Soundtrack: "American Pie 2." Republic/Universal.

8. "Break The Cycle," Staind.

Flip/Elektra. (Platinum) 9. "(Hybrid Theory)," Linkin Park. Warner Bros. (Platinum) 10. "J.Lo," Jennifer Lopez. Epic.

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Hot Adult Contemporary

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems) 1. "Thank You," Dido. Arista. 2. "There You'll Be," Faith Hill.

Warner Bros. 3. "If You're Gone," matchbox

twenty. Lava. 4. "Only Time," Enya. Warner

Sunset. 5. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack With Sons Of The Desert.

MCA Nashville. 6. "More Than That," Backstreet Boys. Jive.

7. "One More Day," Diamond Nickelback. Roadrunner.

Rio. Arista Nashville. 8. "Follow Me," Uncle Kracker.

Top Dog/Lava/Atlantic.

9. "This I Promise You," 'N Sync. Jive.

10. "Ghost Of You And Me," BBMak. Hollywood.

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2. "I'm Real," Jennifer Lopez

Brothers (feat. Ronald Isley AKA

5. "Izzo (H.O.V.A.)," Jay-Z. Roc-

6. "U Remind Me," Usher.

7. "Differences," Ginuwine. Epic.

8. "Family Affair," Mary J. Blige.

9. "One Minute Man," Missy

10. "I'm A Thug," Trick Daddy.

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(feat. Ronald Isley AKA Mr. Biggs).

2. "Kiss Tha Game Goodbye,"

3. "Songs In A Minor," Alicia

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Fashioned Way," Snoop Dogg

6. "The Saga Continues," P.

10. "So Blu," Blu Cantrell.

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1. "Fallin'," Alicia Keys.

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Flawless/Geffen/Interscope. 5. "Crawling," Linkin Park.

6. "Down With the Sickness,"

7. "Bodies," Drowning Pool.

Wind-up. 8. "Astounded," Tantric. Maverick.

10. "Your Disease," Saliva. Island.

Modern Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems) 1. "Smooth Criminal," Alien Ant

Farm. New Noize/DreamWorks. 2. "Fat Lip," Sum 41. Island. "Schism," Tool. Tool 3.

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7. "Control," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless/Geffen/Interscope.

8. "Hash Pipe," Weezer. Geffen. 9. "Crawling," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.

10. "I Wish You Were Here," Incubus. Immortal/Epic.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

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

1. "Austin," Blake Shelton. Giant.

2. "I'm Just Talkin' About Tonight," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.

3. "Where The Blacktop Ends," Keith Urban. Capitol.

Curb.

4. "What I Really Meant To Say," Cyndi Thomson. Ćapitol. 5. "Downtime," Jo Dee Messina.

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Dunn. Arista Nashville.

4. "You Set Me Free," Abigail. Groovilicious/Strictly Rhythm.

5. "Romeo," Basement Jaxx. XL/Astrelwerks.

6. "Tell Me Who," Tamia. Elektra/EEG.

7. "Inside Your Secret," Celeste Price. Java/Capitol.

8. "Someone To Call My Lover," Janet. Virgin.

3. "Where the Party At," Jagged 9. "Name of the Game," Crystal Metho d 4. "Contagious," The Isley

Outpost/Geffen/Interscope. 10. "We Come 1," Faithless. Cheeky/Arista.

Hot Latin Tracks

(Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)

1. "Como Se Cura Una Herida,"

Jaci Velasquez. Sony Discos.

2. "Azul," Cristian. Ariola. 3. "O Me Voy O Te Vas," Marco

Antonio Solis. Fonovisa.

4. "Como Olvidar," Olga Tanon. WEA Latina.

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7. "Besame," Ricardo Montaner. WEA Latina.

8. "Pueden Decir," Gilberto Santa Rosa. Sony Discos.

9. "Abrazame Muy Fuerte," Juan 1. "Eternal," The Isley Brothers Gabriel. Ariola.

> 10. "Con Cada Beso," Huey Dunbar. Sony Discos. Copyright 2001, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

Top Contemporary Jazz Albums

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan) 1. "Deep Blue," Keiko Matsui. Narada Jazz/Virgin. Brian

"Nice & Slow," 2. Culbertson. Atlantic. Aaliyah. 3. "A Twist of Marley — A

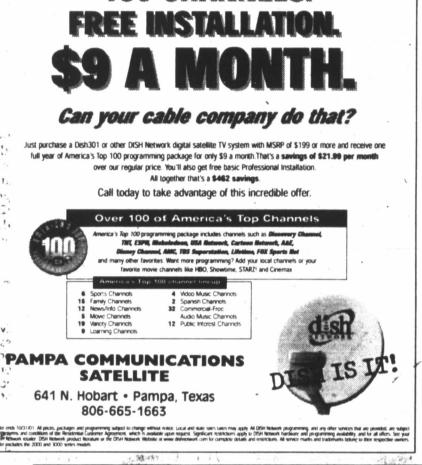
8. "Broken Silence," Foxy Brown. Tribute," Various Artists. GRP. Def Jam/DJMG. (Gold) 9. "Now 7," Various Artists. EMI/Universal/Sony/Zomba/Vir 4. "In Modern Times," Spyro

Gyra. Heads Up. 5. "M Squared," Marcus Miller. 3

Deuces. 6. "Tourist," St. Germain. Blue

Note. 7. "Face To Face," Wayman Tisdale. Atlantic. and

8. "The Dance," Dave Koz. Capitol. 9. "Life In The Tropics," The Rippingtons (feat. Russ Freeman). Peak/Concord. 10. "Kisses In The Rain," Rick Braun. Warner Bros. 2001, BPI Copyright Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.



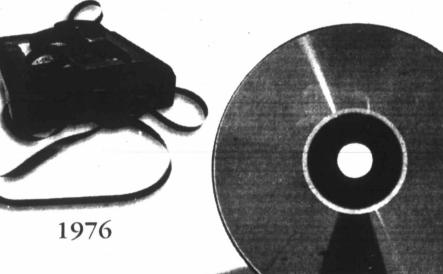
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(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan) 1. Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Platinum)

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3. "New Favorite," Alison & Union Station. Krauss Rounder/IDJMG. 4. "Set This Circus Down," Tim

McGraw. Curb. (Platinum) 5. "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Bad Boy/Arista. Womack. MCA Nashville. (Platinum)

6. "I'm Already There," Lonestar. BNA. (Gold)

7. "Greatest Hits," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)

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5. "We Gonna Make It," Judakiss (feat. Styles Of The Lox). Ruff Ryders/Interscope.

6. "Big. Poppa/Warning," The Philips. (Gold) Notorious B.I.G. Bad Boy/Arista. 2. "Sacred (Platinum)

7. "Let's Be Friends," Ta Ta Brando (feat. Larry Poteat Of The Donz). Heartless. 8. "All My Thugs," Young

Phantom. Heartless. 9. "Po' Punch," Po' White Trash

& The Trailer Park Symphony. Pocket Change.

10. "One More Chance/Stay With Me," The Notorious B.I.G.

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Hot Dance Music — Club Play

(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists) 1. "Thank You," Dido. Arista.

2. "I Feel Loved," Depeche

"Running (Remixes)," 3. Information Society. Tommy Boy and Silver Label/Tommy Boy.

Top Classical Albums

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan) 1. "Verdi," Andrea Bocelli.

2. "Sacred Arias," Andrea Bocelli. Philips. (Platinum) "Appalachian 3. Journey,' Ma/Meyer/O'Connor. Sony Classical.

4. "Casta Diva," Angela Gheorghiu. EMI Classics/Angel. 5. "The (NU)1 Tenor Album," Various Artists. Decca/Universal Classics Group.

6. "Play Piazzolla," Sergio & Odair Assad. Nonesuch/AG. 7. "Ultimate Relaxation Album," Various Artists. Decca/Universal

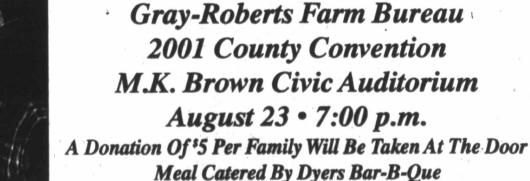
Classics Group. "Vivaldi: 8. Late Violin

Concertos," Guiliano Carmignola. Sony Classical. 9 "Vivaldi: Il Cimento

Dell'armonia E Dell'invenzione, Op. 8," Europa Galante (Biondi). Virgin Classics/Angel.

10. "Legend," Maria Callas. EMI Classics/Angel.

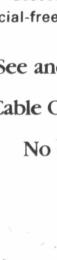
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"Hank the Cowdog in Concert" is a 60 minute program of innocent fun and wholesome family entertainment. Through songs and readings, Rooster Morris brings to life the characters from John R. Erickson's award-winning "Hank the Cowdog" series of books and audio books.

John R. Erickson, author of the Hank the Cowdog series says, "Rooster Morris is a man of many talents: guitarist, fiddler, singer, composer, and performer. In addition to those skills, he is a lifelong cowboy from a family of cowboys in the Texas Panhandle. Rooster knows Hank and Hank's country to the bone, and has the skills to share Hank's adventures with others."

Rooster lives in Perryton, Texas with his wife and family. When he is not performing Hank programs, he is composing and recording his own music or cowboying on local ranches.



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(Courtesy photos)

Nicholas Odom of McLean, leftt, received an honorable mention in the junior division of Texas Cattle Feeders Association Junior Fed Beef Challenge recently at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Lucas Webb, right, also of McLean, right, took best record book honors in the junior division. Presenting the awards was Snuffy Boyles of Amarillo, chairman of the Junior Fed Beef Committee. The

TCFA Junior Fed Challenge, sponsored by TCFA, allows 4-H and FFA students to gain practical experience in commercial cattle feeding. Students feed a pen of three steers, then compete on the carcass merit of the cattle, plus the student's ability in live animal evaluation, a written test, oral interview and record keeping.

TDA currently accepting Land Heritage Program applications

Since the program's inception in 1974, it has honored 3,580 farms and ranches in 219 counties. For the first time last year, TDA recognized farms and ranches in the 150- and 200-year categories.

AUSTIN — The Texas ranches honored for 200 years Department of Agriculture is cur- and nine operations recognized rently accepting applications for for 150. Program applications are avail-

the 2001 Family Land Heritage Program. The program recog- able through county judges or nizes farms and ranches that the TDA. Applications may also have been in continuous agricul- be obtained at TDA's website tural operation for 100 years or (www.agr.state.tx.us) or by writmore by the same family.

Since the program's inception Department of Agriculture, P.O. in 1974, it has honored 3,580 Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711; farms and ranches in 219 coun- or by calling Burns at (512) 463ties. For the first time last year, 2631. The application deadline is TDA recognized farms and Nov. 15. ranches in the 150- and 200-year categories. There were three Two farms in Gray County,

have received recognition from He the TDA for being in continuous Independent School in his agricultural operation for 100 years or more by the same fami-

In 2000, the Hopkins family farm was recognized. Located 12 miles southeast of Pampa, James Alvin Hopkins, Jr., bought the land in 1892. He had farmed in a family operation on 4,320 acres with his brother-in-law and sister, Henry and Fannie Lovett, beginning in 1888.

In 1902, Hopkins was the first justice of peace of Gray County.

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founded header. The family home was on Dec. 27, 1898.

Hopkins destroying the family memorabilia. inal land is still in operation by The second farm was honored smokehouse. The school later this past spring. It is the A.M. merged with Grandview. Renner farm 20 miles east of Hopkins was struck by light- Pampa on the Miami-Laketon ning in 1918 while cutting Highway. Renner bought 1,120 of 101. His son Willie Renner, 82, wheat with a horse-drawn acres of Gray County school land lives on the farm and raises cattle

Willie Renner and Elizabeth Shipp of Wheeler. They raise wheat, feed hay, horses and cattle. Renner died in 1953 at the age and wheat. A veteran of World struck by lightning in 1945, Eight hundred acres of the orig- War II, he served in the Pacific.



2001 Property Tax Rates in CITY OF LEFORS

ing: Melissa Burns, Texas

This notice concerns 2001 property tax rates for CITY OF LEFORS. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxes in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The CITY OF LEFORS will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.98 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted. The public hearing will be held on September 10, 2001 at 6:45 p.m. at Lefors Civic Center, 102 N. Court, Lefors, Tx..

The rates are given per \$100 of property value.		FOR the proposal:	Russell Jackson Shane Johnson	Craig Harkcom Gene Gee
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Last year's debt taxes	\$0	AGAINST the proposal:		
Last year's total taxes	\$25,124			
Last year's tax base	\$5,486,788	PRESENT and not voting:		
Last year's total tax rate	0.457900/\$100			
This year's effective tax rate:		ABSENT:	Melanie Ray	1
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$25,067			
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)		The following table compares tax	es on an average home	in this taxing unit last year
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Statement of Increase/Decrease		Tax rate (per \$100)	0.457900	0.522000
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If CITY OF LEFORS adopts a 2001 tax rate equal to the effective state of the second st		Tax	\$61.50	\$70.78
per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2000 taxe	s by \$1,430.			
		Under this proposal, taxes on t	he everage homesteed	would increase by \$9.28
This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollb				
You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Gray C	ounty lax Office, 408 w.	or 15.09 percent compared with	•	
Kingsmill Suite 196-A Pampa, Tx.		adjusting for changes in proper	•	
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Resentful Daughter Is Trapped In Bickering Parents' Divorce

DEAR ABBY: My parents have been divorced for six years. I am 11, and I have a sister who is 15.

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Since our parents divorced, my sister and I fight a lot more, but I still look up to her for everything. Mom's and Dad's sides of the family constantly question us to see which one is better. Without my sister telling me what to say, I might say the wrong thing.

I love my parents, but I hate it when each of them asks questions about the other instead of enjoying our company. It's just not fair. What do you think?

SICK AND TIRED OF FIGHTING, GREENVILLE, TEXAS

DEAR SICK AND TIRED OF **FIGHTING: I sympathize with** your predicament. No one wants to be caught in the middle, and to put you there at your tender age is very unfair. Your parents - and many others - could benefit from the following list of "Do's and Don'ts" for divorcing ago. Read on:

outsiders.

Dear Abby Is written by Pauline Phillips and

daughter Jeanne Phillips. - Do encourage your children to talk freely about their feelings even if it's painful to you. Bottling

up emotions is even more damaging to children. - Do have a special place for

your children's toys and belongings during visiting time. It will make them feel more at home.

Now, the DON'Ts:

- Don't badmouth the other parent to your children, or to anyone else in their presence.

- Don't send messages to the other parent through your children. - Don't ask your children to

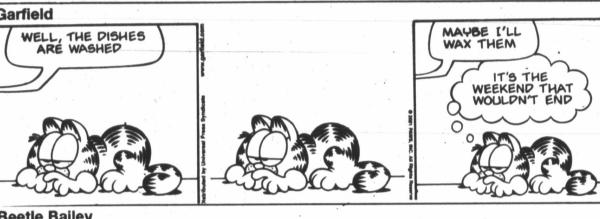
keep secrets from your ex-spouse.

children's approval.

DEAR ABBY: I'm only a kid, but I really need your help. I want a dog. A collie. They get along with other animals and don't need a lot of exercise. The problem is that my parents hate dogs. They say I can have as many

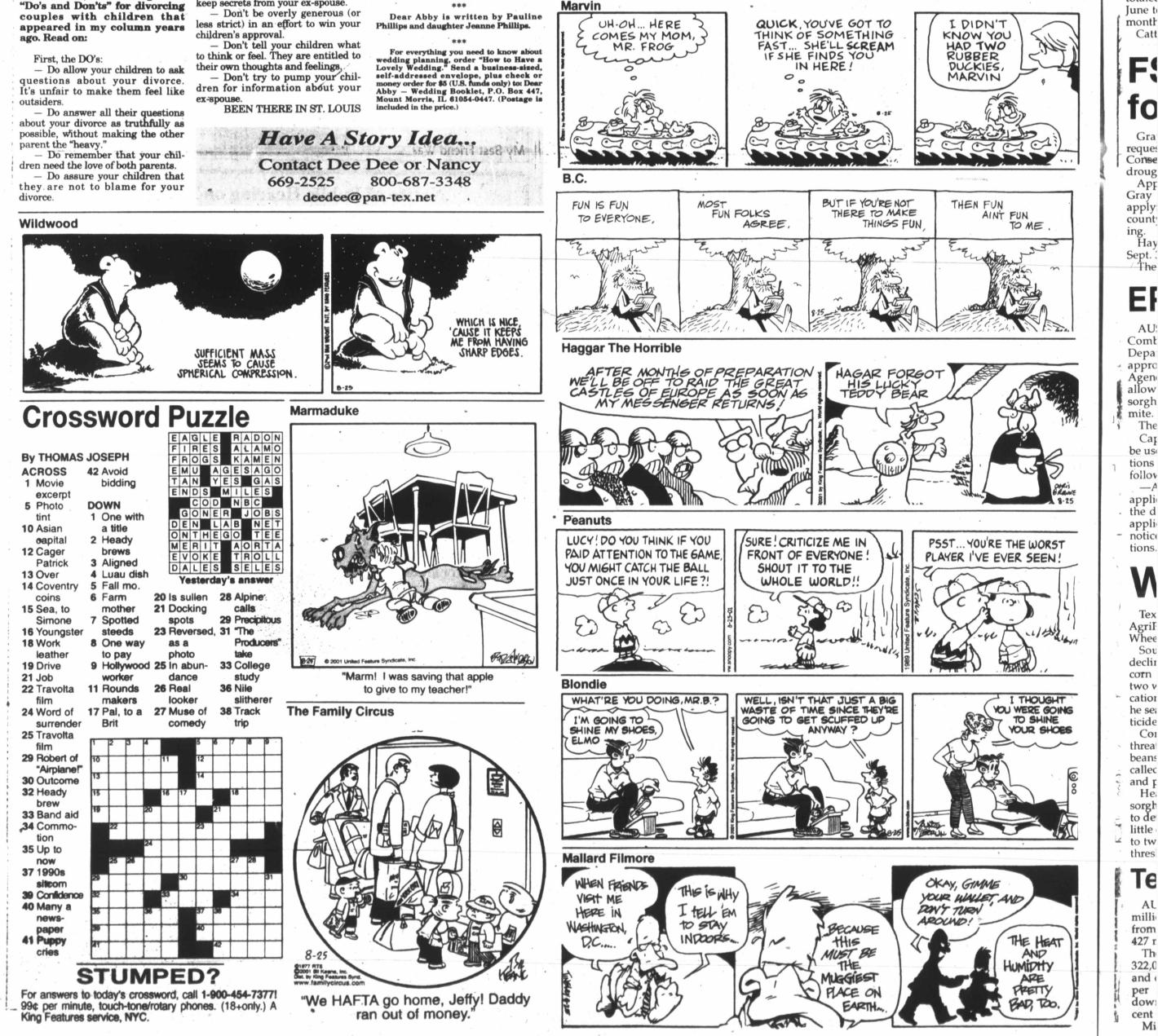
dogs as I want when I grow up, but I can't wait that long. Almost everyone I know has a dog. I have \$375, so I can afford to buy one and pay for its food and shots. Abby, how can I change my parents' minds? DOG-DEPRIVED IN DENVER

DEAR DOG-DEPRIVED: There is no way I can change your parents' minds for you. If I could, I would. However, if you volunteer at an animal shelter or local veterinarian's clinic, you could fill some of the void you are feeling.



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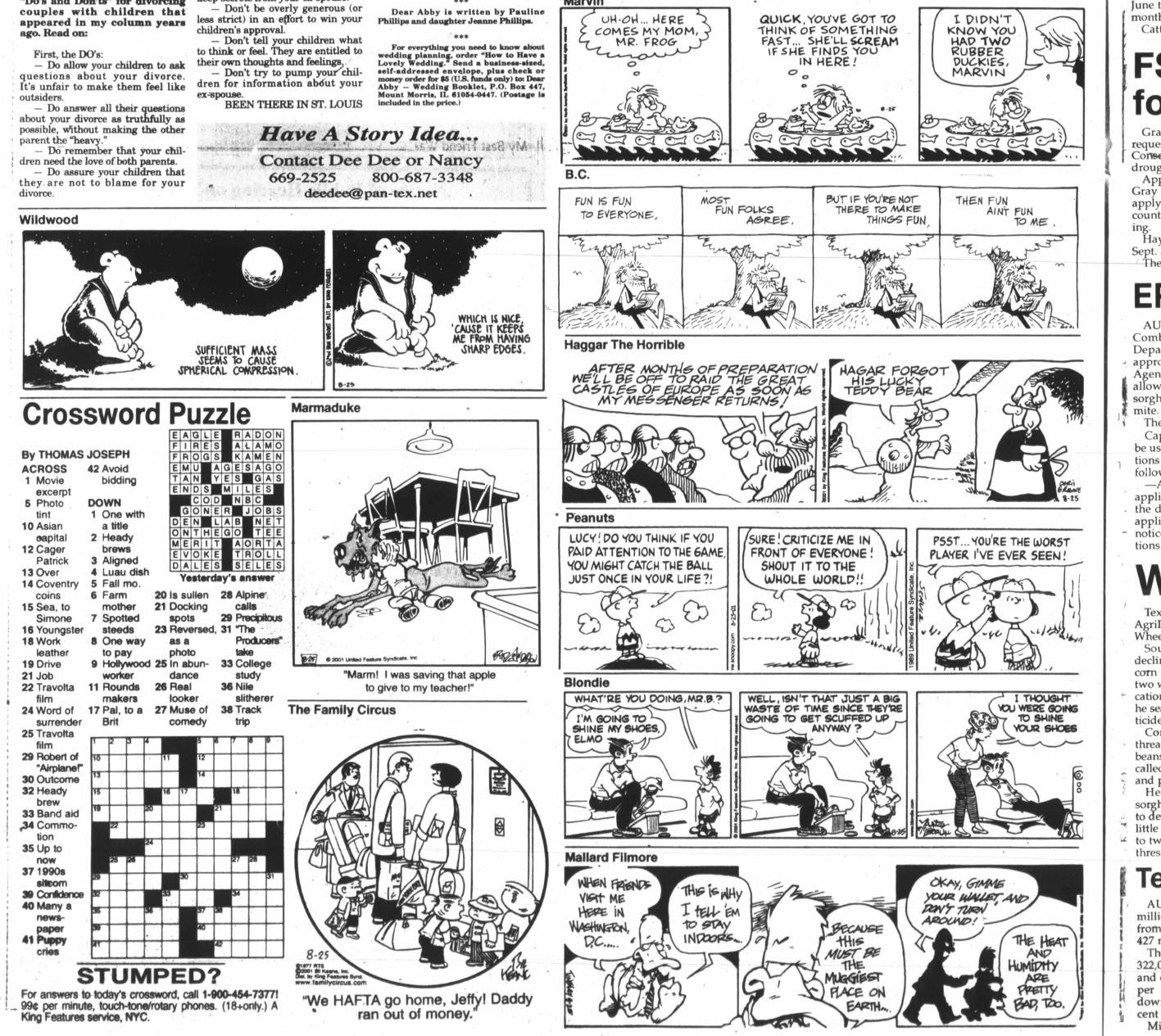
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Fertilizer and manure leaking from farms and ranches into waterways is a leads to the loss of bay grasses that serve as habitat bays in Texas. big reason why almost half of America's bays are for fish and promotes the growth of toxic algae that too polluted for fishing and swimming, scholars robs water creatures of oxygen. and environmentalists say.

least \$6 billion to prevent more pollution and to luted bays, the scholars and environmental groups restore millions of acres of wetlands and streamside said. buffers.

because of nitrogen coming down the rivers from much of a good thing," said JoAnn M. Burkholder, the use of fertilizer," said Ohio State University natural resources professor William J. Mitsch. The University. worst example, he said, is the Mississippi River

The nitrogen is contained in agricultural runoff. It

It is considered the leading cause of nutrient-They urged Congress on Thursday to approve at overloaded "dead zones" in many of the most pol-

"It's like feeding them candy ... (or) too much fer-"There is almost total scientific consensus it's tilizer put on a lawn and weeds start to grow — too professor of aquatic botany at North Carolina State Chesapeake bays in Maryland, Virginia and

> According to federal data, the most polluted of the nation's 138 bay areas are:

-the Laguna Madre, Corpus Christi and Baffin untary measures - proper application rates and

-the Northern Gulf of Mexico, Lake Pontchartrain and Calcasieu Lake bays in Louisiana.

-Florida Bay.

-the Neuse River Bay in North Carolina.

-the Delaware Inland Bays.

-the San Francisco and Newport bays in California.

-the Potomac River, Patuxent River and Pennsylvania.

-the Barnegat Bay in New Jersey.

Groups such as American Rivers and Restore America's Estuaries said that because of insufficient funds, most farmers are turned away during the application process when they seek federal help to clean up polluted bays.

"Given the chance, farmers want to participate," said Environmental Defense senior attorney Tim http://www.americanrivers.org Searchinger.

The Agriculture Department has tried to help ies.org/ producers reduce the pollution runoff through vol-

storage, for example.

Federal and state cost-sharing programs help farmers set up and manage conservation practices, but typically the demand exceeds the dollars available. For example, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program for farmers and ranchers has \$200 million this year, only about a third to a quarter of the demand.

Despite the lack of enough federal help, the groups said, more than a third of all farms have changed the way they plow their fields to reduce polluted runoff into nearby streams.

The groups support a bipartisan bill in the House that would provide an additional \$6 billion in help.

On the Net:

Environmental Defense: http://www.environmentaldefense.org

American **Rivers**:

Restore America's Estuaries: http://www.estuar-

Ohio State University: http://swamp.ag.ohio-

Cattle, calves for slaughter up 10 percent for year ago

ter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 10.89 million head on Aug. 1, head or more totaled 3.0 million head on Aug. 1, up 2001. This inventory was 7 percent above Aug. 1, 10 percent from a year ago. According to the 2000. monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was unchanged from million head, 4 percent above July 2000. July placethe July 1 level.

Producers placed 510,000 head in commercial feedlots during July, down 2 percent from a year totaled 444,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled

during July, a 5 percent drop from a year ago but totaled 2.05 million head, down 2 percent from July unchanged from the June 2001, total.

On August 1 there were 2.47 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 82 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was up 1 percent from last year but up 7 percent from last year and 19 percent above down slightly from the June total.

July placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 413,000 head, down 18 percent from the cent above 2000 and 11 percent above 1999. June total. Marketings were up 2 percent from last Marketings during July, at 1.76 million head, were month, to 412,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in 1999.

AUSTIN — Cattle and calves on feed for slaugh- the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.99 ments of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 469,000 head; 600-699 pounds ago and down 18 percent from the June 2001, total. 606,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled Texas commercial feeders marketed 495,000 head 467,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during July 2000 and 3 percent below 1999.

Feeders in the historical seven monthly states with feedlots having a capacity of 1,000 head or more reported 9.39 million head on feed on Aug. 1, Aug. 1, 1999.

July placements totaled 1.73 million head, 4 perdown 1 percent from 2000 and 3 percent below

FSA office taking applications for emergency haying, grazing

Gray County has been approved to accept the per acre annual rental rate times the num onservation Reserve Prog drought and extreme heat of 2001. Applications are currently being accepted at the Gray County FSA Office. Anyone interested in applying for these requests must come into the county office before beginning any grazing or hay-Haying or grazing is authorized only through Sept. 30.

requests for Emergency Haying and Grazing of acres actually hayed or grazed in 2001. On the stock operations located within a ty are eligible for emergency having or gra CRP acreage.

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For more information on the emergency p contact Matthew Street, Gray Co. FSA, at (80

EPA grants Capture 2EC exemption

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced today that the Texas through chemigation equipment at a rate of Department of Agriculture has been granted 0.1 lb. a.i. (3.84 to 6.4 fluid oz. product) per approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection maximum of two applications may be made Agency to issue a Section 18 specific exemption, a maximum of 0.2 lb. a.i. (12.8 oz. product) a allowing the use of Capture 2EC (bifenthrin) on per acre. sorghum grown for seed to control the Banks grass mite.

The specific exemption expires Aug. 1, 2002.

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Weekly AgriPartner repo Texas Cooperative Extension Service weekly AgriPartner Report for Gray, Roberts, Carson and Wheeler Counties is as follows:

Southwestern corn borer moth activity has declined but numbers are still high. Check non-Bt corn fields for eggs especially if it has been over two weeks since the fields had an insecticide application. Eggs may be highly parasitized this time of Webworms are capable of causing severe he season and as a result may not require an insecticide application.

Corn earworm moths are active but pose no threat to corn but check sorghum, cotton and soybeans for eggs and small larvae. Corn earworm are called headworms in sorghum, bollworm in cotton and podworm in soybeans.

Headworms are reported infesting a few sorghum fields. Check fields twice a week in order to detect larvae while they are small and have had little opportunity to cause significant damage. One to two larvae per head is considered the economic numbers are below threshold and do not appear to threshold.

Reports indicate greenbug infestation declined. Parasitic wasp and lady beetles given the credit for causing the decline.

Some webworm activity has been repo area alfalfa. The larvae feed on leaves strip the green and leaving only the network veins. Considerable webbing is also pro tion in alfalfa.

Cotton bollworm activity is gradually inc but still remains below infestation leve would require an insecticide application.

Boll weevil activity has increased but damage in the field continues to be virtually non-existent. Boll weevils caught in pheromone traps should increase as second-generation weevils search for fields with squares and small bolls on which to feed

Cotton aphids can be found in cotton fields but be increasing.

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Texas milk production down 10 percent

AUSTIN — Texas milk production totaled 390 the monthly survey totaled 12.1 billion pounds, million pounds during July, down 10 percent down 1.2 percent from production in these same from last year. Production for June 2001, totaled 427 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during July averaged 322,000 head, down 27,000 head from last year and down 3,000 head from June 2001. Production per cow averaged 1,210 pounds during July, down 2 percent from last year and down 8 percent from the 1,315 pounds during June 2001.

Milk production in the 20 states participating in unchanged from June 2001.

states in July 2000. June revised production, at 12.1 billion pounds, was down 0.2 percent from June 2000.

Production per cow during July averaged 1,555 pounds, 6 pounds below a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 20 states was 7.75 million head, 72,000 head fewer than last year but

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Special few suited for life as an air traffic controller

AP PhotosBy ALEX LYDA Associated Press Writer

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — Nonstop chatter streams through his earpiece as Mark Mulder gazes through tinted windows at an aging 727 trailing black smoke.

It can't land until the plane ahead lifts off the runway. What about that errant freighter? It made a wrong turn. Better give him new instructions. The choreograph is delicate; the price for a major error is measured in human lives.

As the wheels of one plane leave the ground and the 727 lands, Mulder -- "On Time" to his colleagues — already has turned his attention to another incoming flight.

Mulder controls planes at a U.S. airport envied by other air traffic controllers for its acres of concrete and challenging flight schedule: Dallas-Fort Worth International, the hub of the nation's largest carrier, American Airlines.

Among the nation's controllers, the men and women from Chicago O'Hare, Atlanta Hartsfield, Dallas-Fort Worth and the New York airports get the most respect, Mulder says, with just a bit of the professional braggadocio needed for the job.

"You go to a party of controllers and you say you work at DFW - you stand out," agrees Jim Burgan, assistant air traffic manager for the Federal Aviation Administration's Southwest Region.

Working the airplanes from afar, some ground controllers view planes as cylindrical pawns on a maze of runways and taxiways, moving them like chess players who see nine moves ahead. Looking at the planes abstractly - rather than tubes of human life — allows them to maintain control.

"I honestly don't think about it. It's an airplane. I deal with airplanes," Mulder says. Dallas-Fort Worth's tower operations make it the nation's third-busiest, with 2,000 to 2,500 takeoffs and landings a day, according to the FAA.

Above DFW's east runway, the pace in the tower this weekday is frenetic.

"We're getting ready for a push," Mulder says, referring to a clump of planes. queued for takeoff during peak hours.

Ground controllers sit in front of plastic strips - called flight progress strips - that contain flight information. They spit out orders like auctioneers, glancing up only to confirm where planes are.

"During a push, you'll see probably the most engaged, best teamwork you've ever seen of people working together," Burgan says as he oversees the tower's operations. "But my challenge is to keep that when things slow down, because when things slow down, people tend to slow down ... Most accidents, most times you get in trouble, are (during) the lulls.

And mistakes happen.

Last week, an air traffic controller ordered a taxiing Continental 737 into the path of a departing Delta 737, federal authorities said. The jets missed each other by 500 feet.

The close call and five other incidents this year occurred on the airport's west side, which has been the subject of scrutiny by federal and airport officials since 1997 after a series of runway mishaps.

On this day, an American Airlines Fokker 100 jet sits in the No. 1 position for takeoff, but the pilot requests a minute to assess a mechanical problem — an unforeseen glitch that threatens to ripple delays throughout the system.

In a velvety, confident voice, Mulder tells the pilot to move the jet aside. Mulder expects his orders to be followed instantly. If a pilot deviates, he had better offer an excellent reason.

The jet moves over.

That penchant for issuing orders bleeds into his home life, Mulder concedes. It's a job that seems impossible to leave at the office.

"My daughter, she knows when dad uses that voice that she damn sure better do it," Mulder says. "She can look in my eyes and I'm a joker, kidder, and she knows it, she's just like I am. But she also knows when dad's serious."

The overriding quality needed for the job is the ability to juggle priorities.

"These guys are great multitaskers," says Paul McElroy, who is writing a history of the controllers' union and wrote TRACON, an acclaimed novel on air traffic control. "There's a stereotype, too, of government workers being lazy, not wanting to work fast. I have never met a controller (who doesn't) take pride in moving the traffic as fast as they can.

The life of a jet is usually measured in terms of cycles and flight hours. A takeoff and landing is one cycle.

After a scheduled number of cycles and hours, jets go in for D-check - a complete

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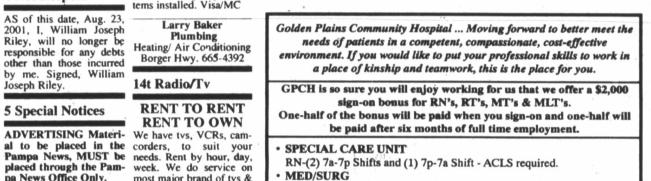
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stripping of the fuselage for an inspection of the plane's avionics and control surfaces. Aircraft mechanics sometimes refer to it as setting an airplane's odometer to zero.

The life of a controller is measured in years. They get a vacation now and then. But there is no D-check.

Many controllers retire in their 40s, often with stress-related medical problems, when they are no longer willing or able to shoulder the heavy responsibilities that come with the job. Indeed, Mulder's wrinkled forehead is etched permanently from scrutinizing airplanes as they line up nose to tail and listening to incessant pilot talk. One of the most comprehensive studies of controllers, however — the Rose Report, commissioned by the FAA in 1972 — found medical proof of the job's hazards "conspicuously elusive."

Aug. 3 marked the 20th anniversary of the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Association strike, during which 13,000 air traffic controllers were fired after months of negotiations with the federal government. Afterward, the FAA went on a massive hiring binge.

By the middle of this decade, many of those controllers will be eligible to retire.

Because air traffic controllers are paid well — a DFW controller makes about \$94,000 to start and peaks at \$125,000 — many are able to retire earlier than the average federal worker.

But for the special few suited for the job, no other profession could be better. Mulder is 46, an air traffic controller for 17 years.

"Is there an adrenaline rush?" Mulder asks. "Yeah. Are you in control? Yes. Are you doing something good for the community? Yes. Are you doing something good for you? Yes."

On the Net:

Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport: http://www.dfwairport.com National Air Traffic Controllers Association: http://www.natca.com TRACON: A novel on air traffic control: http://www.japphire.com

Actor Robert Blake to sell his home

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Robert Blake plans to sell his home, dubbed the "Mata Hari Ranch," which he shared with his wife who was shot and killed.

The 67-year-old former "Baretta" star has put the Studio City home up for sale and will move to the west San Fernando Valley to be closer to his adult daughter, Blake's attorney Harland Braun told the Daily News of Los Angeles for Friday's editions. Both Blake and the daughter will help care for his 14-month-old girl, Braun said.

Blake is asking \$1.09 million for the nearly 5,000-square-foot compound, which has seven bedrooms and six baths, according to a real estate agent who listed it Thursday.

The actor's wife, 44-year-old Bonny Lee Bakley, lived in a house on the back of the property. She was shot to death May 4 as she sat in a car near a restaurant where the couple had just dined.

Police are still investigating the case and have made no arrests. They've interviewed Blake twice, and Bakley's family members also have cooperated.

Although Blake has not been ruled out as a suspect, Braun has said his client is mnocent and believes some people may have wanted to kill Bakley, who ran a business soliciting money from lonely men.

Penn lauds global meetings protesters

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP) - Sean Penn praised anti-globalization protesters and slammed the quality of Hollywood filmmaking in scathing comments before a film festival screening of his new movie.

He dismissed President Bush as a "nowhere man" on Thursday and lauded protesters at a recent global meetings for caring about something beyond themselves.

"I don't know if people value the thought of revolution any more," Penn told reporters at the Edinburgh International Film Festival, where he was promoting the "The Pledge," which he directed. "I think it would be an enormously patriotic movement to invest in the possibility of revolution."

"There's a lot of stuff going on around the world and in the U.S. as well, like the protests in Genoa and Seattle, and young people are putting themselves on the line," he said, referring to demonstrations at this summer's G8 meeting in Italy and the 1999 World Trade Organization conference in Seattle.

The 41-year-old Penn said he became a director because the quality of most Hollywood films was so poor, he figured he could do a better job himself.

"Truly, half the people in this room could work on that level," he said. "It takes enormous pressure off to know that if you put two thoughts into your movie, you're already well up on them. ... There's a consistent beating against anything that doesn't serve the bank."

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Horoscope

MONDAY, AUG. 27, 2001

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

take glimpses at being a workaholic. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Shake your head at the mis- distraction. Postpone all social matters *** Get organized. Make a list of

out the problem. You find this to be a LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) refreshing change. Let this person know * * * * Someone groans at your

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ****.Reverse roles. Absorb infor- weekend, your energy won't sag.

might be surprised by all that you hear. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) something off your chest.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

highly directed energy to clear out as your day easier. Tonight: Don't just talk, BORN TODAY much as you can. Schedule a meeting for do.

later in the day, when you need a break. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Though someone talks on and on, you *** * You wake up on the right side (1943) will find the right spots to express your of the bed. You're on a mission as you

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4-Positive; others run around in circles. When your in the day. Tonight: Ask an older friend audience calms down, reveal your views out for dinner. and share your ideas. Popularity soars CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) because of how forgiving you are. *** Your nerves push you this morn-

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takes that surround your finances and a until late afternoon, when you can relax. chores and set priorities. Don't hem and haw. Simply plunge in and get the job done. Don't allow others to stand in your way. Networking and returning calls rank how relieved you are. Think ahead to the bounce and enthusiasm. Could this be high in your successes. Use the late part long weekend. Tonight: Touch base with envy? Whatever your plans are, you of the day for quieter work. Tonight: Get charge right in. If you can get more done a good night's sleep

than usual, do so. If you remember the PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

** * You might not "take" to another's bossiness, but there is a message behind his attitude. Ask needed questions Schedule a key meeting later in the day *** Balance your checkbook before as you focus on your work. You might with a financial or business adviser. Two making a major purchase. Realize limits ask yourself at a quieter time how you minds work better than one. Tonight: Get rather than pushing beyond them. Others might have provoked this person, or seek you out, but postpone a rendezvous whether you're in the right job! Tonight: until later in the day. A friend proves to Follow your friends.

Mother Teresa (1910), child actor Alexa Vega (1988), actress Tuesday Weld

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic; Have: 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult *** Never say never. Your ability to Continue this generosity of spirit. ing. Rather than be on edge, simply

hit a home run surprises everyone. All Explain your finances with care. Tonight: plunge into a task. You might not want to the homework you have done now pays Work late. off. Whether you step up to the head of VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) the class or take a leap up the corporate *** Though you always act with

partnership. Someone decides to clear Tonight: Do only what you love.

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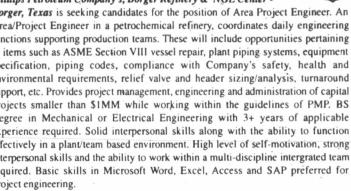
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Junior Fed Beef Challenge





(Courtesy photos)

Zachary Odom of McLean, left, received an honorable mention in the junior division of Texas Cattle Feeders Association Junior Fed Beef Challenge recently at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Kristen Odom of McLean, right, won second place written exam and second place record book. Presenting the awards was Snuffy Boyles of Amarillo, chairman of the Junior Fed Beef

Committee. The TCFA Junior Fed Challenge, sponsored by TCFA, allows 4-H and FFA students to gain practical experience in commercial cattle feeding. Students feed a pen of three steers, then compete on the carcass merit of the cattle, plus the student's ability in live animal evaluation, a written test, oral interview and record keeping.

Grandparents keep family close with annual children's gathering

By STEPHANIE ALLMON Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO — James and Linda Moffatt drive to Waco from Texarkana once a year to act as coaches, referees and timekeep- don't get to see each other very ers for their 14 grandchildren.

The event is "Cousins Camp,"

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sorts for the children. But for the Moffatts, it's also a chance to bond with their family, which is spread out in Waco, Carrollton and Tennessee.

"We live so far apart that we often," James Moffatt said. Gone are the days when entire

a weeklong Olympic games of families lived so close that the

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grandparents' house was like an extension of the family's home. Now, millions of grandparents must hit the airways or the Interstate just to visit their grandchildren.

For two years, Cousins Camp is one way the Moffatts have handled the distance between them. The entire family grandparents, three grown children, their spouses and all 14 grandchildren — converge at the Castle Heights home of Todd and Alison Moffatt. With its rock-climbing wall and swim-ming pool, the home has been dubbed "Six Flags Over Waco" by the rest of the family.

All that playtime not only lets the family bridge the generation gap once a year, but it also helps the cousins, ages 2 to 18, get to know each other, said Alison Moffatt, James and Linda's filled with family tradition, friendly competition and fun times, she said.

Establishing traditions like a Cousins Camp and staying in touch between visits helps foster a long-distance relationship between grandparents and grandchildren, said Janet Teitsort, author of the book Long Distance Grandma: How to Stay Connected with Grandkids Far Away

"The idea is to stay connected," she said, "so you don't have to start fresh every time you get together."

Teitsort and her husband, John, who live in Westport, Ind., have personal experience with long-distance grandparenting. They have an 18-month-old granddaughter in Indianapolis, about a teeny-tiny woman in a hour and 15 minutes and seven grandkids in sent them packets of jelly and Louisiana. When three of the grandkids were young, they lived in Westport and family gatherings happened often. Teitsort said she and John would see the kids almost every day and at all the community's events. Ifi 1989, her daughter and son-in-law moved to Ohio, then to Tennessee, then to Louisiana. Teitsort said that when the family moved to Louisiana, she was a bit nervous that the grandchildren wouldn't know who she was. So this former first-grade

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most people do in a month, but teacher got creative with ways to for the whole family, it's a week develop relationships with each one. She compiled her ideas in her book, which was published in 1998.

Teitsort suggests keeping a cal-endar of the children's activities and scheduling time to call them at least once a month. Also on her calendar is a schedule of visits. She said she and John try to see the grandkids every few months, but she realizes that may not be possible for everyone

"We can do that because we're retired and can do this," she said. 'For some people it's not a possibility, and their health wouldn't let them do it."

Between visits, Teitsort uses her own talent and creativity to stay connected with the children.

"One time I wrote a story strawberry garden," she salu. gourmet crackers. They got a big kick out of that." She also takes advantage of holidays to do something special for each of them. She has sent them boxes of graham crackers, icing and candy hearts to let them decorate Valentine's Day cookies. And at Easter, if she and John aren't able to be with the kids, they send a long-distance Easter egg hunt. They fill eggs with things like candy and money and let their parents hide them around the house. Teitsort said she and the older

grandchildren write letters to each other. But for the younger ones, videotapes or cassette tapes help them recognize voices, she said.

"In September, if you can't go for children's Grandparents Day (at school), make a videotape where you tell about your own days at school and then send it to them," she suggested. She said technology has also

helped her stay in touch. She and her husband have a videophone that allows them to see up-to-date photos of the kids.

"We got to see their Easter dresses," she said. "The reception may not always be exactly what we want to be, but they could see us."

Not everyone may think to do things like long-distance Easter eggs and cousins camps, but Teitsort said grandparents don't have to rack their brains to com up with ways to foster a relationship that spans the miles. 'I do a lot of creative stuff, but that's my personality," she said. "I recommend for younger ones that you do send a videotape, photos, cassettes, just so they can hear your voice frequently and can see a picture of who you are. Anyone can do that. You want them to know you. That's your aim."

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Annual PPHM art gala in offing

CANYON - The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will host "Canyon Rhythms, Art Show and Sale" Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8 and 9 at the museum.

The Art Show and Sale is open to the public from 12 noon until 5 p.m., Saturday and from 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission will be free. Artists from throughout Texas and the Southwest will. showcase their work throughout the weekend event.

The Gala on Saturday evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail buffet. The artists will! be on hand to visit with participants. Included in the gala evening will be an art auction and the music of Hugo H. Loewenstern. Tickets for the Gala evening are \$40 per person and are available by calling (806) 651-2244.

Artwork will be presented in a variety of mediums, including sculpture, oils, glass, furniture, jewelry, ceramics and woodblock prints. Artists will include B.J. Briner, Alix Christian, Jared Davis, Doyle Goebel and Curtis Nazworth, Melanie Fain, Daryl Howard, Michael Obranovich, Phil Poirier, Doug Ricketts and Michael Untiedt.

Canyon Rhythms is an annual fund-raiser of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society, the museum's sponsoring organization. Proceeds will be used by the museum for educational programming.

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