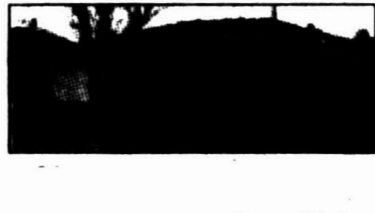


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The railroad crossing intersection at Farm-to-Market 282 (Price Road) and U.S. 60 will be closed from Monday, July 1, through Wednesday, July 3, due to replanking of crossing by Burlington Northern Santa Fe.

July 4 display set
As is the tradition, the City of Pampa will sponsor a free July 4 fireworks display night at dark Thursday night in Recreation Park. City Manager Bob Eskridge said he expects a "good-sized crowd" to turn out and watch the \$5,500 in fireworks light up the night sky.

DEATHS
Hazel Franklin Butler, 83, longtime resident
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EDC debate continuing City leaders at odds

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Members of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation say they are following the legally prescribed manner in performing their appointed duties, as they shut down the PEDC. The board members say they are trying to do what they were appointed to do and get along with everyone.

City Commissioner Robert Dixon questioned a bill to the PEDC from a legal firm in the amount of \$9,088 in a recent Pampa Economic Development Corporation meeting.

Dixon said the bill was excessive and told the PEDC Board he wanted the bill printed in the newspaper.

Dixon is also questioning whether the PEDC has enough money earmarked for legal

ills in their budget. He said the board may have to make a budget amendment.

The bill in question was from the Peterson, Farris, Doores and Jones law firm, and was not on the list of disbursements to be considered for payment at the June 24 meeting.

City Finance Director John Horst said during the meeting the bill had not been presented to him for payment.

PEDC secretary-treasurer Steve Phillips said Thursday the law firm sent a copy of the first bill to each member of the PEDC Board for their review. The firm was hired April 28 at \$160 an hour by the PEDC to represent them following the resignation of Don Lane who was acting in that capacity until a few months ago.

Phillips said he has not (See DEBATE, Page 5)

Fond farewell

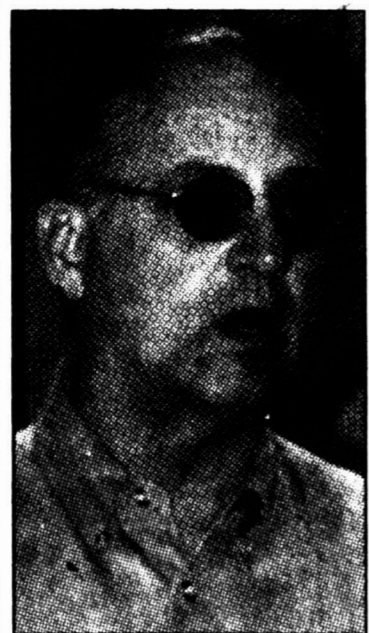


(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

A crowd of well-wishers were on hand Friday afternoon to join Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris as he ushered in his retirement at a party at City Hall. Morris, who started his career at the local police department and came back later as its chief, had praise for his cohorts, saying he's had the chance to work "with the best staff in the world." Morris wants to get his master's degree and start a second career as a teacher of criminal justice.

Pampa to beautify Highway 60

By KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER



Danny Winborne

Brightly-painted dumpsters that could include a logo or tree motif and ridding the roadside and gutters of litter are things that will be done to kick off a campaign to better the appearance of an area along Highway 60.

"I think the should should make the first moves," said Commissioner Jeff Andrews. "Then people will have seen that something has been done."

That was the decision after Building Official Danny Winborne met with city commissioners last week to give them an update on the plan.

Because the dumpsters along that stretch are exposed to view, he suggested making them look better with paint and possibly community service signs to

initiate the project.

Several meetings back, City Commissioners agreed they want to see the entrances to the city cleaned up and decided to start first on Highway 60 west.

Winborne said he visited recently with Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland to ask if trustys could be used to help clean up the gutters.

"He was real receptive," Winborne said of the sheriff. "There's a definite possibility we can work something out to use the inmate labor."

To further the clean up, Winborne said he planned to start condemnation proceedings on some dilapidated structures along that stretch of highway. Also, he wants to address civic clubs to let them know about the cleanup and possibly seek help in the project.

Winborne is also interested in getting a

new International Property Code passed by the commission. Unlike the city's housing code, it is a code that covers all structures.

Andrews expressed some reservation about the new code that he says "seems a little excessive."

Winborne said, "If you get into all the codes, they are excessive ... but it gives you a tool if you need it. You can use it as a last resort, not as something to give everybody a ticket."

On another matter, Winborne told Commissioners he's met with some real estate sales people with regard to the fact "some 'for sale' property is not being kept up."

He said he also wants to talk to the Pampa Board of Realtors about the situation, saying that its members are "good people to work with."

Queen luncheon reservations must be turned in by July 8

Deadline is drawing close for purchasing tickets for the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Luncheon and Style Show, in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building on Thursday, July 11.

Tickets must be purchased no later than noon on Monday, July 8, at the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard.

The steak meal will be catered by Cattle Exchange from Canadian.

Contestants in the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas

pageant will be modeling western dresses and entertaining the audience. Each contestant will give a speech on the town or area from which they entered the contest.

Also, Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Stacy Huddleston and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen Lindsey Price will be speaking at the luncheon.

Tickets are available for \$12 per person and must be purchased in advance at the rodeo office. No tickets will be available at the door.

Golden Horseshoe hunt begins

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is sponsoring the "Golden Horseshoe Treasure Hunt" again in conjunction with the Top O' Texas Rodeo, July 11, 12 and 13.

A "Golden Horseshoe" has been hidden in the area and clues will be given each day that will help locate the horseshoe.

The lucky person who finds the horseshoe will receive a box seat, valued at \$150, to all three performances of the 56th annual Top O' Texas Rodeo. Winners will also be able to ride in the rodeo parade on Saturday, July 13.

This year the clues will be placed in selected stores in Pampa (See HUNT, Page 5)



Change of county's fiscal year on agenda Monday

Changing the county fiscal year will be considered by the Gray County Commissioners Court when the body meets at 9 a.m. Monday morning.

Members of the commissioners court have discussed the pros and cons of changing the county's fiscal year from the calendar year to Oct. 1 through Sept. 30 several times in recent years. However, no action has been taken.

Gray County is one of approximately 20 counties of the 254 in Texas which is on a calendar year budget. The remaining counties' budgets are from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30.

County Judge Richard Peet said the county's adult and juvenile probation departments (both state agencies) are on a budget year of Sept. 1 through Aug. 31 along with all other Texas state agencies and Pampa Independent School District.

Peet said the federal government's budget begins Oct. 1 and ends Sept. 30, also.

Commissioners Court will also consider implementing a burn ban in the county.

Other items on the agenda include consider local law enforcement block grants program, allowing Pampa High School Rodeo Club to use Bull Barn for monthly meetings, changing capital asset threshold to \$2,500 and authorizing transfer of local Adult Protective Services funds to local depository.

Paying bills and salaries, line item budget transfers and miscellaneous are also on the agenda.

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

JONES, Mason Leo "Pete" — 10 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Vici, Okla.

MORRISS, Charlene Carter — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

CHARLENE CARTER MORRISS

1937 - 2002

Charlene Carter Morriss, 65, of Pampa, died Friday, June 28, 2002. Services will be at 2 p.m., Monday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with John Turner, minister of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, and Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Morriss was born June 19, 1937, at Georgetown, Texas. She married Roy Morriss on Feb. 18, 1972, at Pampa. She had been a Pampa resident since 1972.

She worked at Hutchinson County Library in Borger, Ethridge Claims Service, was a bookkeeper for Phil-Pet Federal Credit Union, and retired as branch manager of Amarillo Federal Credit Union in Pampa after 27 years of service.

She was a member of Church of Christ, Pampa Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Altrusa Club, and Women of the Moose. Mrs. Morriss was a for-

mer secretary of Pampa Bowling Association, was a former president of Pampa Fine Arts, and was a Chautauqua volunteer.

Survivors include her husband, Roy, of the home; her mother, Alpha Carter of Carmine, Texas; a sister, Georgie Edith Flinn of Carmine; a stepdaughter, Panda Bourelee of Bishop, Calif.; and two stepgrandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 6-8 p.m., today at the funeral home and requests memorials be to Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, 1342 Mary Ellen, Pampa, TX 79065; or to American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, in care of Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.



MASON LEO "PETE" JONES

VICI, Okla. — Mason Leo "Pete" Jones, 88, died Friday, June 28, 2002, at Beaver, Okla. Services will be at 10 a.m., Monday in

First United Methodist Church in Vici. Interment will be in Camargo Cemetery under the direction of Shaw Funeral Home of Vici.

HAZEL FRANKLIN BUTLER

1918 - 2002

Hazel Franklin Butler, 83, a longtime resident of Pampa, died Saturday, June 29, 2002, in Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Doug DuBose, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Butler was born on Nov. 25, 1918, in Groom. She graduated from Groom High School in 1937 and from Draughn's Business College in Oklahoma City in 1938. While attending Draughn's, she met Everett R. Butler of Marlow, Okla. They married on May 5, 1939, and were lovingly married for 63 years.

Following his service in the U.S. Navy during World War II, the couple made their home at Dorchester Cargray Natural Gas Plant at White Deer where Mr. Butler worked for 33 years before retiring to Pampa in 1982.

Mrs. Butler worked as a teller at Security Federal Savings & Loan Association in Pampa

for 18 years, and she was widely known throughout the area.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Pampa.

Survivors include her husband, Everett Butler, of the home; a daughter, Eileen Dibble of Bedford; two sons, Rickey Butler of Aurora, Colo., and Chris Butler of League City; two sisters, Virginia Vance of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Cleo Nix of Groom; a brother, Orville Franklin of Pampa; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.



EBEN D. WARNER JR.

1917 - 2002

Eben D. Warner, Jr., 85, of Pampa, died Thursday, June 27, 2002, at Pampa, Texas. Memorial services were held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, at the First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Scott Penrod, pastor, officiating. Graveside services were at 4 p.m., Saturday, at the Chillicothe Cemetery in Chillicothe under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Warner was born June 15, 1917, in Chadron, Neb. He graduated from Amarillo High School and attended Oklahoma State University, West Texas State University, and received a law degree from Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn.

He married Alice Tabor on Oct. 23, 1937, in Little Rock, Ark.

He was an independent oil producer and

was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife Alice of 65 years; his daughter, Thera Warner Scott of Canyon; his son, Eben D. Warner III and wife Ludie of Odessa; his son, Mark Warner and wife Cay of Pampa; eight grandchildren, Lee Scott, Tol Scott, Theron Scott, Matt Scott, Morgan Fuller, Allison Warner, Rebekah Warner, and Mary Alice Warner; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981, or the Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston, St., Pampa, TX 79065.

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County industries try to save on energy

Some Gray County industrial and irrigation power customers of Xcel Energy are taking part in a program designed to reduce electricity demand during peak consumption periods, said Bill Crenshaw, Xcel spokesman in Amarillo.

Though customer privacy keeps the company from releasing more information about specific customers involved, Crenshaw said they are commercial users who have signed contracts with Xcel.

The customers get discounts on their bills while helping the company postpone building new power plants or having to buy electricity from other utilities during higher-priced, high-use periods, Crenshaw said. This helps keep overall rates down.

During peak demands these customers may have their power, or a portion of it, curtailed for several hours at a time, he said.

So far this year there have been curtailments. Last year the area had its all-time peak electrical load period on July 11, 12 and 13, Crenshaw said.

In Texas and New Mexico there are more than 50 commercial and industrial customers and several hundred irrigation customers involved in the program.

Overall, the program can conserve some 277 megawatts of power at a given time thus reducing peak loads and adding service reliability, Crenshaw said. One megawatt of power can serve 1,000 homes.

Controlled burns in North America date back centuries

LAKE GEORGE, Colo. (AP) — The use of controlled burns to manage North American forests predates the United States, according to environmental historians and promote the growth of desirable berries and plants.

"By removing underwood and fallen trees, the Indians reduced the total accumulated fuel at ground level," Briton William Wood wrote in the early 1600s after a visit to New England. "With only small, non-woody plants to consume, the annual fires moved quickly, burned with relatively low temperatures and soon extinguished themselves."

The practice remains common in hunter-gatherer societies around the world, said Henry T. Lewis, a retired anthropology professor at the University of Alberta, Canada. He said Indians were still setting such fires as late as the 1950s.

The burning, done in the cool conditions in the spring and fall, could direct where wildlife go, making it much easier for hunters to find them.

"Whether it was an intentional management strategy or not, it ended up being one. Leaving it to lightning was

too dangerous because it often comes at the wrong time," said Lewis, who in 1982 predicted that intense wildfire suppression — which has been a policy of the U.S. Forest Service — could result in devastating fires.

The prediction seems to have come true, particularly over the past 10 to 15 years. Hundreds of thousands of acres have burned out of control, feeding on fire-prone undergrowth and trees packed so closely together that they are called "doghair."

The Forest Service and other agencies for decades have used controlled, or prescribed, burns to thin forests. The practice came under intense scrutiny in 2000 after a burn set by the National Park Service to destroy brush got out of hand and destroyed nearly 43,000 acres and scores of homes in Los Alamos, N.M.

Fire suppression wasn't always national policy, said Stephen Pyne, a professor of environmental history at Arizona State University.

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WEATHER

PAMPA — Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs in the middle 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the middle 60s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Monday, mostly sunny. Highs in the middle 90s. Monday evening, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms.

Tuesday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Highs in the middle 90s.

Wednesday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the middle 60s. Highs in the lower 90s.

Independence day, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Highs in the lower 90s.

Friday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the middle 60s. Highs around 90.

AMBULANCE

Rural Metro Ambulance Service made the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Thursday, June 27

7:41 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Christine and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

1 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Varnon Drive and transported one to PRMC.

2:53 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a nursing facility in McLean and transported one to BSA Hospice in Amarillo.

10:29 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Duncan and transported one to PRMC.

Friday, June 28

11:41 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to BSA-West, Amarillo.

6:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of Somerville and transported one to PRMC.

11:50 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Nelson and transported one to PRMC.

Saturday, June 29

6:55 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to 600 block of Bradley and transported one to PRMC.

SHERIFF

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

Friday, June 28

Lewis D. Terrell, 46, Borger, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Tonya Ann Gasaway, 25, White Deer, was arrested on a bond surrender for possession of a dangerous drug.

Alva Dee Boaz, 31, Lefors, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated - first offense, breath test refusal.

POLICE

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

Friday, June 28

Wade Ray Wood, 29, 2705 Seminole, was arrested for reckless driving.

Disclaimer

In the Tuesday, June 25, edition of *The Pampa News*, a story about McDonald's on the Business Review page stated a cheeseburger and small fries were available at the local restaurant for \$1, a double cheeseburger and large fry, \$2; and a triple cheeseburger and super size fry, \$3.

Those prices are erroneous as this promotion is not currently offered at the local restaurant.

The Pampa News regrets the error and apologizes for any inconvenience to the customers and the McDonald's staff.

Nancy Young
Managing Editor

Business Extra: Central Texas cookie company growing rapidly

By CARA ANNA
AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN

AUSTIN — Closing a cookie sale can take some dirty work. "I drive around and find the garbage dump," Jeffrey McDonald explains.

McDonald, the chairman of Chipperry Gourmet Bakery Products, still makes cold calls. It goes like this, he says: Park near the hotel Dumpster and grab a box of warm cookies. Bluff the security guard and hurry for the kitchen. Surprise head chef. Pop cookie in open mouth. Follow up later.

McDonald really doesn't need these visits anymore. The Chipperry, a privately held, Austin-based gourmet cookie company, has six regional sales representatives across the country and brokers in 40 major metropolitan areas. It works more than 200 trade shows a year.

But McDonald says the visits have been, and will be, a key part of the Chipperry's growth. From a tiny nook in Littlefield Mall 17 years ago, the company has become a national name in wholesale cookie and cookie dough circles. Sales were \$20 million last year, and profits were \$1.6 million.

That's just a crumb compared with the industry's leaders: Privately held Otis Spunkmeyer Inc. had an estimated \$280 million in sales in 2001, and there are even larger competitors such as Pillsbury Co., which had \$5.7 billion in sales in 2000 before being acquired by General Mills Inc.

But the Chipperry is aiming for those heights. "We probably want to be one of the top three cookie manufacturers in the U.S.," says Dave Merkel, a co-founder and the company's chief executive. "But not No. 1. We probably don't have the ability to be No. 1, not with Nabisco and Pillsbury."

The company's five owners, who have never received outside investment, shed the retail market years ago, shutting the last of their four Austin cookie shops in 1989 and

moving into wholesale.

Now, as the Chipperry prepares for the fall fund-raising season and the holidays, it is already outgrowing its new 52,000-square-foot plant in southeast Austin. The number of employees will double during this peak season to about 160, and outgoing shipments of cookies and dough should fill about 34 tractor-trailers a day.

The company's owners are hoping to find 15,000 to 20,000 square feet in nearby buildings during the next few months. If not, they say, they'll tear down some walls and take over a chunk of the company's office space.

In the Chipperry's early days as a wholesaler, potential customers rarely returned sales calls, so the company went direct. The owners holed up in cheap hotels, awoke at 4 a.m. and baked cookies in a small oven they plugged into a wall socket.

If someone forgot the oven mitts, fresh washcloths would do. McDonald once forgot the baking papers and used some leftover deli wrap instead, but the wax on the paper started smoking and set off the fire alarm. He took to leaving a couple of boxes of cookies for the maid. "Hush money," he says.

They would leave the hotel with 15 to 20 sample boxes — someone thought of investing in hand warmers to keep the cookies soft — and spent their days sneaking into hotel kitchens.

"Our philosophy was and is, 'Get it in their mouth,'" says Steve Vincent, an owner and the Chipperry's secretary.

"Typically, salespeople would walk into the kitchen, and I would kick them out," says Frank Dameron, corporate chef for Wyndham Hotels, a big Chipperry customer. "But Steve was a lot bigger than I was."

The chain has been buying Chipperry cookies for 12 years, about 40,000 cases a year, ever since Vincent's unscheduled visit.

The Chipperry's cookies keep winning the

blind taste tests Wyndham holds when it wants to update its cookie supplier contract, Dameron says.

And the taste? "Naughty," he says. "No, I shouldn't say that. Yummy."

When money was tight, the owners found a friend in Eddie Safady, then the president of Liberty National Bank and now president of Liberty Bank. A mutual friend introduced him to

the team at their Dobie Mall shop in 1988, and he was impressed by their straightforwardness.

"These are not the kind of guys who would stiff you," he says. They always paid, even when Safady once wrote them a \$15,000 check for a loan in a tight spot. (Over the years, the owners say, they've received \$2 million to \$3 million in bank loans.)

(See COOKIE, Page 7)

Centennial table tents



(Courtesy photo)

Nearly 300 Centennial table tents listing upcoming events to be held during the county's 100th anniversary celebration will be distributed to over 30 Pampa restaurants and cafes by community volunteers. Helping fold the flyers recently was Patricia Steward of the Salvation Army, Milo Carlson, former Pampa mayor, and Willie Mae Mangold, retired science teacher. The Centennial celebration, to kick-off Oct. 4-6, will feature the Kwahadi Indian dancers of Amarillo and various other entertainment.

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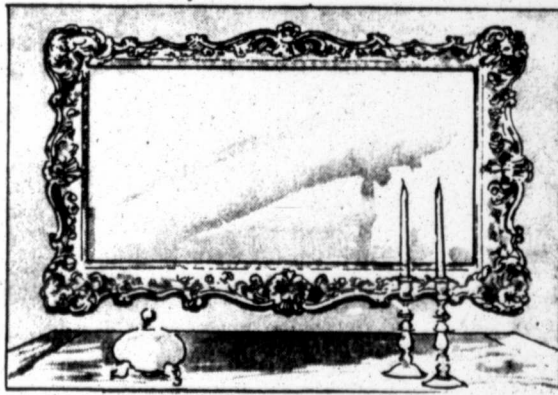
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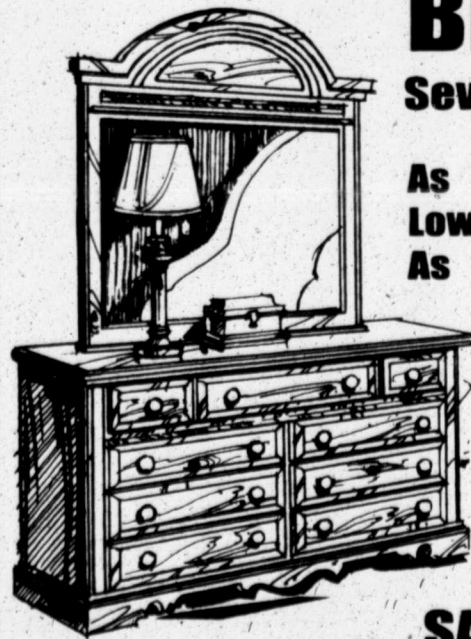


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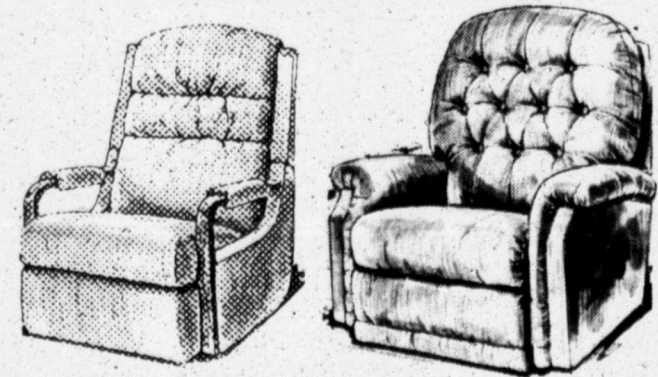


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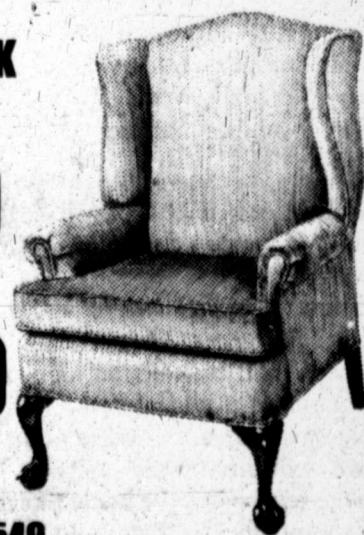
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People can disable themselves

When a person uses the statement, "I can't" or "I'm not able," or "I don't know how," that person is usually disabled. That person is disabled in the worst possible way — they disable themselves mentally.

I had a neighbor named Jack. Jack is suffering from the disease cerebral palsy. Jack can't use his arms and legs, he can't speak without a tremendous struggle, and he can't look after himself in anyway. When a person sees Jack for the first time, a sour expression usually comes over their face, a first glance of slight disgust and then a glance of sorrow. If a person chooses to engage in a conversation with him, it usually sounds as if that person is talking to a dog or to a very young child in a high pitched voice. After getting to know Jack, I have come to realize something very special — Jack is physically handicapped, but he does not let that disable him mentally.

Jack lives by himself. He tries to maintain his independence as much as possible. In all my years of living, I have never met a man like him. He is 54 years old and his life is full of indignities. Imagine not being able to bathe yourself, not being able to talk clearly so people know what you are saying, or sitting on a toilet for 8 hours at a time. How unfair would that be?

Jack lives in a single bedroom apartment in a 28-floor high-rise building near Washington D.C., and considering all of the things that life has presented him with, he is one of the most powerful Christian witnesses that I have ever met. One thing I have observed about Jack is he does not let his handicap disable his mind or his attitude. He is a happy person. I can think



J.B. HORTON
GUEST COLUMNIST

of many powerful Christian witnesses in my life, but none have ever touched me quite like Jack.

One day when I came home after a rather long and rough day at work, Jack was listening to music in his apartment. So I decided to peek my head in the door and say, "Hi."

I hesitated for a moment because I thought that he might want me to stay and talk — "what a burden after this long day I've had," I thought. Somewhat reluctantly, I peeked my head through the door and I saw a smile that went on for a mile.

Even though Jack struggled to even talk, he mustered the strength to do what he loved most — sing to music. When I looked into his eyes after what seemed to me to be a long, drawn-out, battle-ridden day, Jack sang the words to the song "Just turn it over to Jesus." When I heard those words from the mouth of this man, a man who had a much harder day than I could ever imagine, a sudden relaxation came over my entire body.

Jack had reminded me of something — that I am blessed with an incredible opportunity to live, to live freely, to live a life in the pursuit of happiness. He reminded me that I am spoiled and that I should not take my life for granted. Looking at Jack, I realized that no matter

how bad my day was, I could never fully understand what it would be like to be in his shoes. And yet, here he was, singing and smiling. Making the best of what he had. On that day, a different reality was shifted in my mindset. I had a slightly different outlook on life.

Life is not about making a living. The birds in the air prove that point to be true. Life is about letting God use you and whatever talents He has given you to do His work. As Helen Keller once said, "The saddest thing in the world is a person who has sight, but cannot see."

I never heard Jack complain. Not once. He never told me what he "couldn't do" but he always tried his best to maintain his independence and to keep a positive attitude. All of us can name people who are negative and condescending. Most of us limit ourselves and our own abilities because of our personal fears, whatever they may be. But not Jack. He tries to make the most out of life. He enjoys the little blessings that everyone else takes for granted. He has sight and he can see too.

We can all learn from Jack. Life is about living, not complaining. Life is about seeing other people for the value of who they are and realizing that everyone has value. Jack remains a powerful witness to me and I will never forget the lessons I have learned from him.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A mere drop in the ocean

There has been much said about pollution of the Ogallala Aquifer from so many self-proclaimed experts that I'm confused about what I learned from high school science and life's experiences. A few of the following examples were printed in *The Pampa News*.

The wind blows 40 mph from the east in the spring. (I guess that's why the founding fathers placed the land fill on the east side of town.)

Hog contamination will run up hill from east of Town to Lake Meredith. (Amazing concept!)

Red Deer Creek disappears into the Ogallala Aquifer. (Profound quote from one of our sterling county commissioners.)

Well, if it was printed in the paper, it must be true. But sad to say, many of our citizens make decisions based on such misguided information. If you are so concerned about our water, where have you been for the past 60-plus years that the oil industry has operated in the Panhandle? Living in a vacuum or just looking the other way because it was a direct or indirect source of income.

During the 1950s through the late 1970s, we had thousands of slush pits full of salt water and oil sediment just sitting in unlined open pits with nothing to prevent seepage. These pits were located next to wells and tank batteries until the EPA through the Railroad Commission required the industry to stop the pollution via more stringent regulations.

Folks, pollution from the hog industry is a mere drop in the ocean compared to what has occurred from the oil industry. Pollution takes place in industry and that's a fact of life. Why are so many of you now so concerned about water pollution? If I am to believe all the accusations going around about the hog industry polluting the aquifer, then we will surely be drinking water contaminated with salt water, paraffin, oil sludge and benzene 50 years before the hog contamination reaches the aquifer. This is not rocket science, it's reality. What is the hidden agenda here, because it's obviously not water contamination.

Bob Neslage
Pampa

FROM OUR FILES

40 years

TUESDAY, July 3, 1962. Pampa's City Commission today formally entered into contract with the Texas Municipal Bond Co. of Lubbock to handle the sale of a proposed \$1,500,000 bond issue for storm sewers, right-of-way, and street improvements.

WEDNESDAY, July 4, 1962. Lynn Gill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gill, 1016 Huff Road, caught two large bass in Martin's Lake, located northwest of Guthrie, Okla., Saturday morning.

FRIDAY, July 6, 1962. County Tax Collector Aubrey Jones today filed a report with City Manager Harold Schmitzer showing that 94.07 percent of the city's personal and real estate taxes due June 1 this year have been collected.

25 years

SUNDAY, July 3, 1977. Judging in the largest three-day Appaloosa horse show in the state of Texas will get under way at 10 a.m., Friday in the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena east of Pampa.

TUESDAY, July 5, 1977. Sheriff Rufe Jordan is mowing grass today after picnickers on July 4th discovered a patch of marijuana growing near Danciger Park located near Lefors.

WEDNESDAY, July 6, 1977. The Pampa Optimist 13-year-old All-Star Team lashed North Plains, 22-5, Wednesday night to advance into the second round of the loser's bracket in area tournament held at Optimist Park.

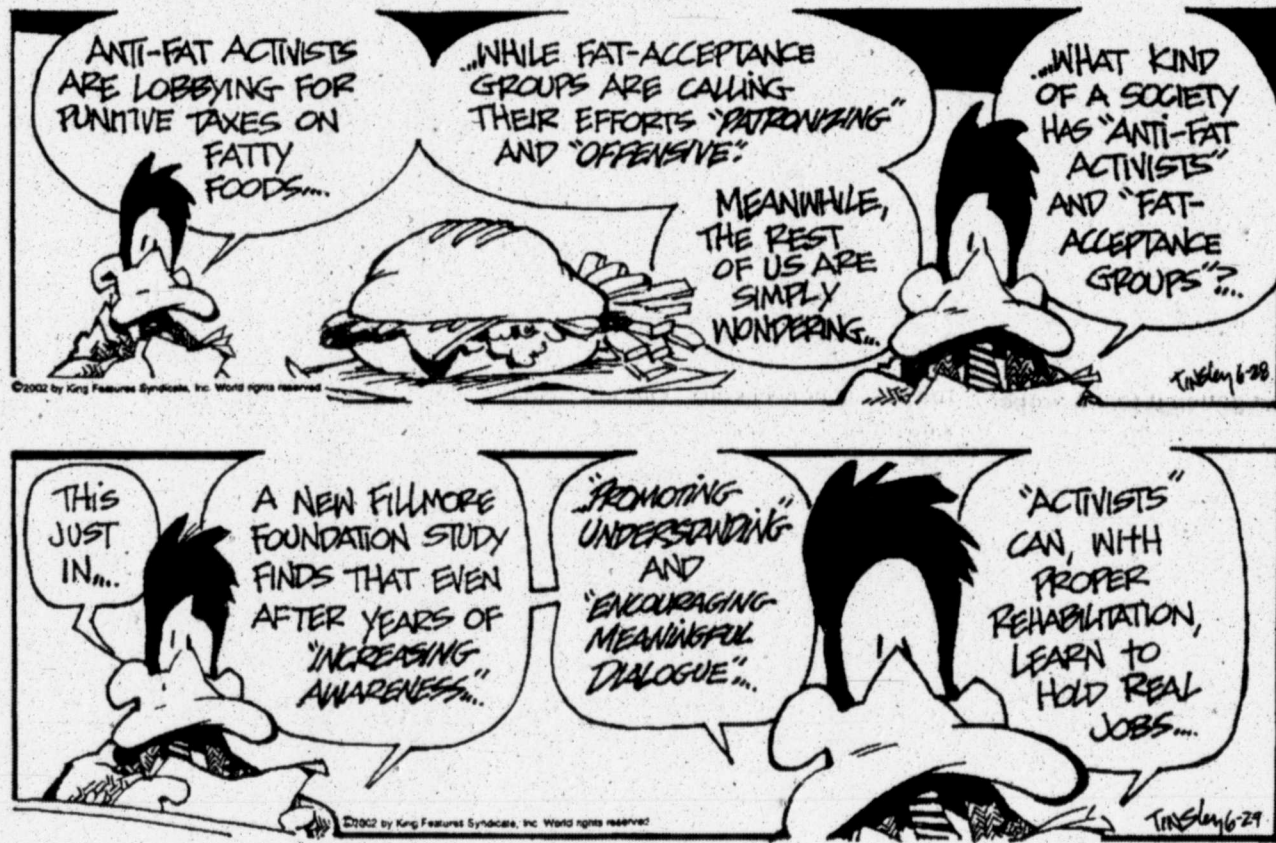
10 years

THURSDAY, July 2, 1992. The town of McLean is scheduled to be part of a segment focusing on Old Route 66 during Ted Koppel's "Nightline" set to air at 11 p.m., Friday on Channel 7.

FRIDAY, July 3, 1992. Pampa Mayor Richard Peet will be guest speaker in Evergreen Park, south of Calvary Baptist Church, on Sunday during a special Independence Day program.

SUNDAY, July 5, 1992. Texas Tech is expected to be a contender in the Southwest Conference this season and White Deer's Bart Thomas could play a key role for the Red Raiders.

Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley



American unaware of what real liberty is

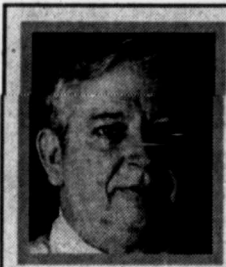
Paul Craig Roberts, a true conservative, recently put into focus one of America's real problems. Our government favors a policy of exporting jobs and importing poor people.

Another problem is the chronic trade deficits that put dollars into the hands of foreigners so they can buy up American public and private debt as well as American corporations and real estate.

These being real problems in which the main culprits are Democratic and Republican politicians and the corporate establishment, naturally the corporate media ignore them. They prefer that Americans be concerned with such "problems" as reparations for slavery or homosexual rights or some alleged threat from overseas.

Slavery is a problem that became a non-problem almost 140 years ago. The fact that some intellectual con artists are trying to dupe the American people into paying reparations to people who were never slaves is just another indication of the low level of education in America. That would have been a non-starter among earlier, better-educated American generations.

As for homosexual rights, I'm not aware that the Bill of Rights excludes them or anybody else. What the homosexual lobby wants to do is enlist the power of government to compel people to approve of them. Homosexuals are one of



CHARLEY REESE
COLUMNIST

the wealthiest of all minorities, so the claim that they are being discriminated against in the job market is just nonsense.

Nobody has a right to be liked or approved of. Americans these days seem unaware of what real liberty is. They should be opposed to any attempt by the government to tell them whom and what they must approve of and whom and what they must disapprove of. It is a cornerstone of American liberty that the government may not use force to compel people to think or believe as the government wishes.

Yet there are some groups about trying to do just that. Making what they define as hate speech a crime would be an example of using the power of government to control how people think. One man's hate speech can be another man's just criticism. It is best to leave such matters to be sorted out by people in the private sector. No one has a right not to be hated. No one should have the right to use the power of government to imprison people who disagree with them, but that is already the

case in Germany and France, where even disagreeing about the details of the official version of the Holocaust can land you in prison.

Too many Americans, in my opinion, seem to think that liberty is safe as long as they can drink, smoke dope, and watch pornography. Liberty, as conceived by the founders of the Republic, was never about personal habits. It was about political liberty necessary for people to be free to think, speak, write, assemble, defend themselves, and participate in their government. It was about prohibiting the government from making illegal searches and seizures, from trying people in secret and preventing them from facing their accusers.

Americans today are a great deal less free than they were even in the 1940s. The problem every new generation faces, of course, is a short frame of reference. Unless they become students of history, they will never have the knowledge necessary to evaluate their own present situation.

Public education seems to be determined to make sure they never get that knowledge. I would say there is a whole lot more indoctrination than education going on these days. One increasingly runs into people who speak a sort of government catechism and show no evidence that they can think on their own. That's another real problem.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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cal endorsements, letters to third parties and "thank you" letters will not be published except at the discretion of the editor, depending on general interest.

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Town described as nation's 'armpit' smells chance to cash in

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Battle Mountain residents thought they took an unfair hit last year when a national magazine listed their rural north-east Nevada town as the nation's armpit. Now, many hope that story was opportunity knocking.

Reacting to the Washington Post Magazine article, the community is holding a "Festival in the Pit" — with new events such as a deodorant toss replacing the old-fashion egg toss.

"You know, when you talk about armpits, you think it was an awful, horrible thing to be called," says Shar Peterson, executive director of the local Chamber of Commerce. "Armpits are stinky and sweaty. But it doesn't have to be something bad. We can springboard off this."

There were mixed feelings as the festival took shape. Peterson says some wanted more focus on the "armpit" theme while others wanted no references to the magazine article at all.

In the end, the "Festival in the Pit" planning took a middle road, with a mix of events favored by both factions.

For the "any publicity is better than none" crowd, there's the deodorant toss and the event's name. Miles away, down busy Interstate 80 that runs through Battle Mountain, there's a billboard that says, "Make Battle Mountain your next pit stop."

And for those who don't like the "pit" theme, there are some expected small-Nevada town festival favorites: a concert, a pie contest, Basque dancing, cowboy-shepherd

poetry and a Rocky Mountain oyster cookoff. For the uninitiated, those "oysters" are fried sheep testicles.

"This is small-town America, the heart of America," says Peterson, adding that armpits "are just five inches from the heart" — a line borrowed from the sympathetic headline on the humorous article written by Gene Weingarten.

Weingarten was invited to serve as grand marshal of the festival, which starts this weekend and continues on the Fourth of July weekend.

"We haven't heard from him yet," Peterson says. "He asked if we could guarantee his safety. In this day and age, that's probably something to worry about."

Battle Mountain is an old mining town that dates to the

1860s and owes its names to violence. In 1857, a band of Shoshone Indians attacked either an emigrant party or a road-building crew in a nearby mountain range.

Located in a pancake-flat desert area 218 miles northeast of Reno — roughly midway between the Nevada-California line to the west and the Nevada-Utah line to the east, Interstate 80 and its traffic is an economic mainstay for Battle Mountain. Mining also still drives the town's economy.

Businesses include a diner and a fast-food joint, motels, a couple of bars, a pharmacy, a beauty parlor, service station, a car wash — and a legal brothel. In his article, Weingarten said corrugated aluminum and aluminum siding "seem to be the building material of

choice."

Besides the new festival to give the town a new face, Battle Mountain's tiny business district was tidied up a bit, and barrels of flowers were placed here and there.

The town's effort follows a similar move to make the most of a seemingly bad situation by the Battle Mountain Bugle's former editor — who lost her newspaper job for agreeing with Weingarten's tongue-in-cheek assessment.

Lorrie Baumann took advantage of her spare time by churning out a murder mys-

tery and then starting a second book.

The town also was encouraged by a state Tourism Commission consultant, Roger Brooks, to incorporate the "armpit" designation into an "America's outback" campaign that would lure more tourists to town.

Brooks suggested replacing, removing or fixing some signs advertising businesses. One that was fixed was the Shell sign that illustrated the Post magazine article — with the letter "S" in "Shell" burned out.

Evacuees watch dreams go up in smoke

SHOW LOW, Ariz. (AP) — Doug and Lana Page spent three years building their dream house — a log cabin in the pine forest. They only enjoyed one weekend there before a huge wildfire reduced it to ash.

"It was an accomplished dream," said Lana Page, choking up after seeing the remains of their home near Show Low. "It's hard to see your dreams go up in smoke so fast."

They were among small groups of fire evacuees who were given tours of their neighborhoods Friday where many lost homes to the largest fire in

Arizona history. So far, 423 homes have been destroyed.

The fire grew to 447,000 acres and was about 25 percent contained. The biggest threat was to Forest Lakes Estates, an evacuated subdivision of 600 homes 40 miles west of Show Low.

Firefighters on Saturday held the blaze to about a mile away from Forest Lakes, which sits on a plateau above steep canyons. Flames pushed out of one of the canyons during the night and started several spot fires beyond a containment line, fire spokesman Jim Paxon said. Firefighters extin-

guished all of the spot fires.

Firefighters still expected the blaze to burst out of two other canyons and challenge the line again, Paxon said.

The evacuated town of Show Low was seemingly out of danger and its 7,700 residents hoped to return home soon. Paxon said city and county officials would meet Saturday to discuss letting Show Low residents return home.

The fire forced about 30,000 evacuations in nine different communities.

Heading west, the road from Show Low to the hard-hit

Heber-Overgaard community was marked by strips of road turned copper-red from fire retardant. The landscape included black skeletons of pine trees, soot-covered wedding china and a charred saguaro cactus sculpture made of beer and pop cans. Scattered metal, springs and melted tires are all that remain of a Volvo.

"This thing was rockin' and rollin' when it came through here," fire information officer Dick Fleischman said of the fire, which charred hundreds of homes and vast stands of timber. "This place never had a chance."

Carlos Carrizosa retired last week and his wife was supposed to retire Friday. The couple planned to move into their home in Timberland Acres, a square mile of log cabins, trailers and ranch-style houses. Their home was reduced to a scarred one-acre patch. Now, retirement is on hold.

"We were going to come here, and now we have nothing to come to," Irene Carrizosa said.

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DEBATE

submitted the bill to Horst for payment, but that he would be soon. He said payment of the bill would be acted upon at the July 22 meeting of the PEDC.

"We're not hiding anything," said Phillips. "We just haven't gotten it to the proper channels for payment."

He said the board is trying hard to get along with everyone.

"It's my understanding that the bill is privileged information until it gets to John Horst," he said. "It will be brought up at the next meeting."

Vanessa Buzzard, attorney

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HUNT

and you can only get the clues by going into that store. Clues will be given each day in The Pampa News and on the radio as to where the horseshoe is hidden. Merchants have been asked not to give any information out over the telephone.

The first clue can be found at the green farm equipment house.

If you have any questions concerning the Top O' Texas Rodeo or the Golden Horseshoe Hunt, please call Jane Jacobs at the rodeo office, 669-0434.

with the Amarillo firm, told the board Monday night it was her legal opinion that the bill from the firm fell under attorney-client privilege.

During the Monday meeting, Dixon said he has seen the bill in question. He said the amount the attorneys are charging is too much and said the cost is unnecessary. Dixon said attorney Don Lane does not cost nearly that much in his work for the City of Pampa.

Dixon questioned why the PEDC needs an attorney for the dissolution of the organization after Pampa voters went to the polls in last November and voted out the entity.

PEDC members have estimated it will take approximately four to six years to pay off the debt to phase out the corporation.

Phillips said the PEDC is charged with selling off the

assets and paying the bills before the corporation can be dissolved.

"We have to understand the contracts if we are to do this," he said. He said he didn't think the PEDC could do a proper job of selling the assets if board members don't know the background on the projects.

Responsibility of oversight of the dissolution will be decided in the Attorney General's office by Sept. 23.

Pampa City Commission recently requested an AG opinion to determine if the city should phase out the entity or if it should be the PEDC. PEDC board members are appointed by the city commission.

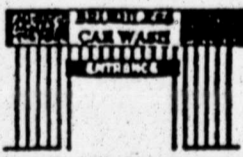
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UPCOMING EVENTS

'LEGACY'

The M.K. Brown "Legacy" book is currently on sale at White Deer Land Museum, Hastings and the Chamber of Commerce.

AMARILLO BOTANICAL GARDENS

Amarillo Botanical Gardens will host a gardening hour from 12-1 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month through Oct. 16 at its location in Harrington Regional Medical Center Complex in Amarillo. For more information, call the Gardens at (806) 352-6513.

GRAY COUNTY VETERANS

Gray County Centennial Celebration organizers are requesting all Gray Co. veterans to sign-up with the county veteran's service so a list of all veterans living here can be compiled for use in the upcoming Centennial Celebration. The County, in conjunction with the observance of its 100th birthday, wants to honor all Gray County veterans. To get listed, call Veterans Service Officer Robert Dixon at 669-8040. You can leave your name and address on the answering machine.

CAPROCK CANYONS

Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway State Park near Quitaque will offer the following programs during the month: Trailway Adventure, 7 p.m., July 1; Family Nature Hike, 9 a.m., July 13; Wild and Edible Plants, 9 p.m., July 13; and Texas State Bison Herd Program, 8:30 p.m., July 27. For further information on the other events, call (806) 455-1492.

ACT I

ACT I of Pampa will stage its final production of the season, "Moon Over Buffalo," June 21-22 and 28-30 at its location in Pampa Mall. (Use the west entrance.) The production, a comedy by Ken Ludwig, is under the direction of Berinda Turcotte. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3.50 for students. For reservations, call 665-3266. Show times are 2:30 p.m., Sunday, and 7:30 nightly, Friday-Sunday.

PRIDE TRAINING

Catholic Family Service, Inc., of Amarillo will conduct a free PRIDE training for couples wishing to become foster or adoptive parents. The one-day training will be offered on the following dates: June 28 and July 5 in Amarillo; and June 29 in Lubbock. Couples must RSVP. For more information, call Danny Wampler at (806) 345-7908.

MASONIC LODGE

Masonic Lodge #1381 will feature a special speaker at its next scheduled meeting at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 2.

WHEELER 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Wheeler will be the site of the 17th Annual Fourth of July

Celebration on Independence Day, July 4, of this year. Festivities will kick-off with a breakfast sponsored by St. Mary's Catholic Church at 6:30 a.m., in the Coin and Copper Room at Wheeler Banking Center. Other activities will include a Fun Run and Walk at 8 a.m. in the square and beginning at 10 a.m. "Punt, Pass, and Kick," tug of war, turtle races, lawnmower races, talent show, game booths, food, and much more.

LEFORS EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Lefors Ex-Students Association will sponsor an all-school reunion July 6 in honor of Gray County's 100th anniversary celebration. Registration will get under way at 9 a.m. Visitation will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in the school cafeteria. Activities will include a class photo shoot, an all-school assembly, a barbecue, and a street dance. For more information, call 665-1006.

PPHM TOUR

Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon is planning a trip to Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 9-15. Deadline for registration is July 10. For more information, call (806) 651-2245.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

BSA Hospice will offer the following free grief support groups on Thursdays from July 11-Aug. 15 — from 3-4:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 219 N. Gray, McLean; and from 7-8:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 418 Coolidge St., Borger. For more information or to register, call BSA Hospice at (806) 665-6677 or toll-free at 1-800-658-6985.

MENSA

Panhandle Mensa, a chapter of American Mensa, Ltd., will offer membership tests at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 20, at Amarillo Public Library Southwest Branch, Amarillo. Participants must pay a fee to take the test. For more information, call (806) 356-7069.

HEAD START

Registration for local Preschool/Head Start students will be from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., July 23 in the cafeteria at Lamar Elementary School.

PARADE OF PONDS

Ogallala Water Gardeners in Amarillo will conduct its annual "Parade of Ponds" from 9:30-11:30 p.m., Saturday, July 28. Tickets along with a map and brochure will be available on the day of the tour from any of the homes. For advanced tickets, contact Amarillo Botanical Gardens. To find out more, visit www.amaonline.com/owg on the Internet. Proceeds will benefit Amarillo Botanical Gardens.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Tralee Crisis Center will provide domestic violence and sexual assault training to interested volunteers beginning Aug. 1. For more information, contact the Pampa office at 669-1131.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3:30 p.m., July 3 and 24, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and 11 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Canadian City Hall, Canadian.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: July 10, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, and July 23, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, both in Pampa; July 3 and 17, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; July 29 and 30, Family Care Center, Shamrock; and July 30, Parkview Hospital, Wheeler. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

OUTWARD BOUND

North Carolina Outward Bound teen summer wilderness program will offer several courses for teens this summer including a kayaking expedition, hiking expedition, rock climbing and more. Teens are taught first aid, wilderness safety, navigation and environmental stewardship courtesy in the program. For more information call 1-877-77-NCOBS, e-mail challenge@ncobs.org or log onto www.ncoutwardbound.com/summer.html.

EMBASSY MUSIC SEARCH

Embassy Music of Nashville, Tenn., is conducting a New Artist and Song Search. Deadline for application is Aug. 16. For entry forms or more information, call (615) 345-2500 or visit www.embassymusic.com on the World Wide Web.

USS MADDOX

USS Maddox Destroyer Association Reunion will be Aug. 22-26, 2002, at Savannah, Ga. For more information contact Cliff Gillespie at (714) 960-5283.

USS SAINT PAUL

The USS Saint Paul (CA-73) Association will kick-off its 10th reunion celebration Aug. 27, 2002, at Portland, Ore. For more information, call George M. Takis, Jr., at (770) 393-3185 or write: George M. Takis, Jr., Secretary, 125 Spaulding Drive N.E., Atlanta, GA 30328.

U.S. LST SHIPMATES SOUGHT

U.S. LST Association is looking for all LST'ers to participate in an upcoming reunion Aug. 27-Sept. 2, 2002. The reunion celebration is open to shipmates from World War II to the present date. For more information, contact: Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill, TX 75948; 1-800-228-5870; e-mail USLST@KMBS.com.

USS LONG BEACH ASSOCIATION

USS Long Beach CGN-9 Association Inc., will stage its 2002 reunion celebration Sept. 10-15 at Clarion Hotel in Omaha, Neb. For more information, call (716) 569-2314; e-mail LBCGN9@aol.com; write Don Shade, 299 Kiantone Rd., Jamestown, NY 14701-9370; or visit www.uslongbeach-assoc.org on the Internet.

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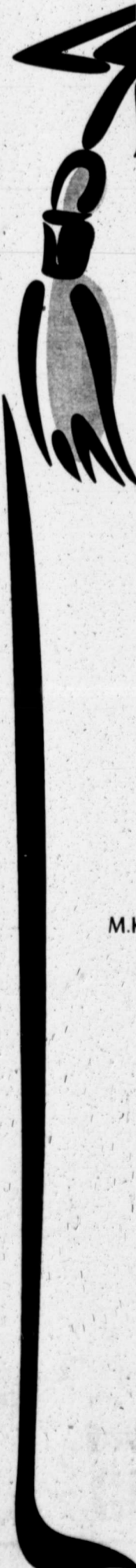
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Banquet honors Red Cross volunteers

The efforts of Joe Millican and other local volunteers were showcased recently during an annual meeting of the Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC).

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Gregory handed out many other awards, recognizing her board of directors and her Health & Safety instructors. Others honored included Heidi Phelps, Disaster chairperson, and ARC office volunteers Scottie Herring and Barbara Shearer, and, of course, all the members of the disaster team.



(Courtesy photo) Joe Millican was among local Red Cross volunteers recognized during Gray Co. ARC's annual meeting.

COOKIE

The Chipperry's customers include the Hilton Hotels group, the University of Texas, Texas A&M University and San Antonio-based Levy Restaurants, which put Chipperry cookies in the luxury boxes of sports arenas such as the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

The Chipperry churns out 7.2 million cookies a week in a large, spare room staffed with workers in white coats and machinery that includes a \$250,000 device for making cookies look more homemade.

Soon, as the peak season begins, the work will be three shifts a day, seven days a week.

One reason for the bustle is the Chipperry's move into the fund-raising business about five years ago. This fall, door-

to-door and catalog sales of three-pound, \$10 tubs of frozen dough should make up about 30 percent of the company's business, Merkel says. The rest is the growing business to hotels, restaurants and food-service companies.

The Chipperry's future will not be built on grocery store shelves. Squeezing into that already-stuffed space means facing heavy competition from some very large players, Merkel says.

And Mrs. Fields-style cookie shops, such as the ones the Chipperry abandoned in 1989, require too much money upfront, he adds.

Instead, the company wants more freedom, the kind that comes with no dependence on outside investors and business decisions as simple as a show of hands.

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New videotape designed to help teens who stutter

Stuttering is a frustrating and embarrassing problem for millions of people, but it can be especially tough on teenagers. Now some new help is available at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa in the form of a new videotape.

"It's meant to encourage teens, to tell them that there is hope out there," said Professor Peter Ramig of the University of Colorado at Boulder. Ramig is one of three nationally recognized experts appearing in the video produced by the non-profit Stuttering Foundation of America.

The video features students from junior high school through college talking about their experiences with stuttering and what they found to be helpful.

The students talk openly about the ridicule they faced from classmates and how their stuttering made them feel about themselves.

"We really try to emphasize the embarrassment and frustration factor, and we think teens will relate to that," adds Ramig. He appears in the video along with speech-language pathologists Dr. Barry Guitart of the University of Vermont and Dr. Hugo Gregory of Northwestern University.

The three experts answer questions about stuttering, refute myths and misconceptions, and present examples of therapy sessions showing how stuttering can be reduced.

"More than 3 million Americans stutter, yet stut-

tering remains misunderstood by most people," said Jane Fraser, president of the Stuttering Foundation. "Myths such as believing people who stutter are less intelligent or suffer from psychological problems still persist despite research refuting these erroneous beliefs."

The 35-minute videotape, entitled "Do You Stutter:

Straight Talk for Teens," is being distributed free of charge to public libraries nationwide. For more information about how to obtain a copy of this tape, contact the Stuttering Foundation of America, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111-0749, call toll-free 1-800-992-9392, or visit www.stutteringhelp.org on the World Wide Web.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS
The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Jim Greene at 665-8067 and Bill Kidwell at 669-6347.

PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION
Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building (Chamber building).

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

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

MAGIC PLAINS CHAPTER ABWA
Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at The Coffee Shop, 220 N. Cuyler. Working business women are invited to attend. For more information, call Pat Winkleblack at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

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

ACCORD
The Gray County Chapter of Active Citizens Concerned Over Resource Development in Agriculture, Inc. (ACCORD INC.), meet the first and third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Lovett Memorial Library. For information, call 665-8516 or 665-7659.

PAMPA WOODCARVING CLUB
Pampa Woodcarving Club meets at 7 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday of each month at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson. Meetings are open to any individuals interested in woodcarving from beginners to all experience. Projects and instructors are available. For more information, call 669-3008.

GRAY COUNTY PARTNERSHIP
Gray County Partnership meets at 12 noon on the third Friday of each month at Medical Office Building, second floor conference room, in Pampa. For more information, call 665-3631 and leave a message.

MOM MANIA
Mom Mania, a support group for mothers with small children, meets at 6:30 p.m., the last Tuesday of each month in the meeting room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. Come for facts, food and fun. Nursery not included but infants and toddlers are welcome. For more information, call 665-3631.

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

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

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

VFW CHARITY BINGO
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open one hour early. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Edgar D. Carson, 669-0853 or 669-1264.

OPEN DOOR AL-ANON
Open Door Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m., Monday and Wednesday

each week at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 665-9702.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON
Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 2004 Williston. For more information, call 665-6898.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Women's Support Group for victims of domestic violence offers peer counseling, group support and education on issues resulting from family violence and/or sexual assault from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call 669-1131.

GRAY COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION
Gray County Extension Education meets at 1:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Gray County Courthouse Annex.

GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter through the north door of the jail building.) For membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at 669-6294.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD
Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #173-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

GRAY COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS
Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
The Alzheimer's Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson at 6650 0356.

CLARENDON VFW CHARITY BINGO
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7782, Hwy 287 east, Clarendon, hosts charity bingo every Saturday. Doors open at 6 p.m. with games starting at 7 p.m. Ten games are played per session. For more information, call 874-VETS. The maximum award is \$750 per game and \$2,500 per session.

PPHM STORY TIME
Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will present "Story Time" at 2:30 p.m. every second Saturday of each month except December and January on the second floor of the museum. For more information, contact PPHM at (806) 651-2244.

OLD MOBEETIE JAIL MUSEUM
Old Mobeetie Jail Museum in Mobeetie offers various volunteer opportunities to interested individuals. For more information, call (806) 845-2028.

SKY TEENS
Crown of Texas Hospice is offering SKY Teens, a monthly bereavement series for teens grades 9-12 who are grieving the death of a loved one, from 5:30-7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at its office at 1000 S. Jefferson in Amarillo. There is no charge for the series. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

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

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

AL-ANON
Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 665-6898.

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NOTICE TO ALL VETERANS
To recognize the contributions Texas veterans have made to the liberty we enjoy, Memory Gardens Cemetery is assigning grave spaces to honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. If you are a veteran, you may be qualified for free burial space. However, you must register to obtain the free plot and you must show proof of honorable discharge. A number of veterans' spaces are available. Certificates will be issued on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, call (806) 665-8921.

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

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

LAS PAMPAS WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY
Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at First Landmark Building in the Pampa Mall. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Loyd Waters 665-6466.

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

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL
A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid

schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

PAMPA MASONIC LODGE #966
Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at 420 W. Kingsmill.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

PAMPA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE
Pampa Area Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month. Location changes monthly.

HIGHLAND BAPTIST
Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, will host prayer time from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., each Thursday with a special time of prayer from 12:15-12:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at 669-6509.

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

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY
The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION
American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at Chaney's Restaurant.

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.

TOP O' TEXAS RODEO ASSOCIATION
Top O' Texas Rodeo Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month in the Nona S. Payne Room of Pampa Community Building.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

BOY SCOUTS
Boy Scout leaders meet at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at First Presbyterian Church of Pampa. The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

GIRL SCOUTS
Pampa Girl Scouts meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Pampa Girl Scout House on Kingsmill.

PAMPA ROTARY CLUB
Pampa Rotary Club meets at 12 noon every Wednesday at Pampa Country Club.

PAMPA CITIZENS PATROL ASSOCIATION
Pampa Citizens Patrol Association meets at 8 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at 1224 E. Francis.

PAMPA PILOTS ASSOCIATION
Pampa Pilots Association meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Airport Lounge.

PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD
Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

PAMPA GARDEN CLUB
Pampa Garden Club meets at 2 p.m. the second Monday of each month from September through May. Meeting location changes monthly.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM
White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) winter visiting hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. No charge for admission; elevator provided.

FREEDOM MUSEUM
Freedom Museum, USA, 600 N. Hobart is open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Revolutionary War to Kosovo. All branches of service are represented. For more information, call 669-6066.

MIRACLE EAR
Miracle-Ear Children's Foundation, a non-profit organization, works in cooperation with Miracle-Ear Centers nationwide to provide free hearing aids and services to children 16 and under, whose families do not qualify for public assistance, yet cannot afford the expense of hearing aids for their children. For more information, contact the local Miracle-Ear Center at (806) 795-0188 or 1-800-808-0188.

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION
High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

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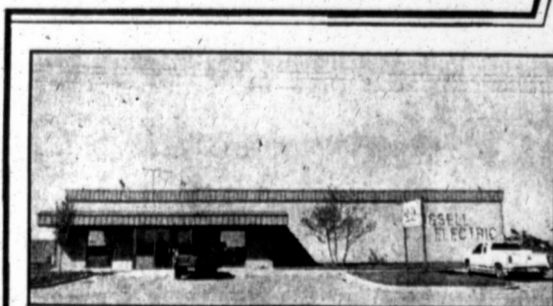
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TABLE 1 — MAY TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICT

RAILROAD COMMISSION DISTRICT	PERMITS TO DRILL OIL/GAS HOLES	OIL COMPLETIONS	GAS COMPLETIONS
(1) SAN ANTONIO AREA	14	2	5
(2) REFUGIO AREA	53	13	35
(3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS	80	22	32
(4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS	130	6	96
(5) EAST CENTRAL TX	48	8	41
(6) EAST TEXAS	56	5	56
(7B) WEST CENTRAL TX	41	15	8
(7C) SAN ANGELO AREA	94	12	32
(8) MIDLAND	87	134	21
(8A) LUBBOCK AREA	79	117	5
(9) NORTH TEXAS	220	22	82
(10) PANHANDLE	39	2	35

TABLE 2 — APRIL TEXAS TOP TEN OIL AND GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

COUNTY	CRUDE OIL (BBLs)	COUNTY	TOTAL GAS (Mcf)
1. GAINES	2,616,051	1. HIDALGO	21,435,279
2. ANDREWS	2,177,884	2. PANOLA	19,778,679
3. YOAKUM	2,031,348	3. PECOS	17,514,413
4. HOCKLEY	1,820,408	4. ZAPATA	16,864,984
5. ECTOR	1,616,439	5. FREESTONE	16,052,093
6. MIDLAND	858,613	6. WEBB	12,812,094
7. CRANE	849,748	7. STARR	11,470,122
8. PECOS	760,442	8. BROOKS	10,687,995
9. SCURRY	705,064	9. CROCKETT	8,895,152
10. UPTON	651,427	10. YOAKUM	8,048,630

RRC posts monthly oil, gas statistics

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 941 original drilling permits in May 2002 compared to 1,214 in May 2001.

The May total included 733 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 23 to re-enter existing well bores, and 185 for re-completions. Permits issued in May 2002 included 202 oil, 361 gas, 346 oil and gas, 18 injection, and 14 other permits.

Texas preliminary April 2002 crude oil production averaged 971,778 barrels daily, down from the 1,016,666 barrels daily average of April 2001.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for April 2002 is 29,153,327 barrels, a decrease from 30,481,982 barrels reported during April 2001.

July 2002 gas allowables set

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission recently posted July 2002 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 30,407,621 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

For these fields, the July 2002 allowable represents a decrease of 2,280,709 Mcf when compared to actual production of 32,688,330 Mcf in July 2001. In setting the July 2002 allowable, the Commission used historical production figures from July 2001 and producer forecasts for the July 2002 demand, and then adjusted the figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc.

Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for April 2002 is 299,706,877 Mcf compared to 180,391,974 Mcf in May 2001. The June 2002 gas storage estimate is 297,172,788 Mcf.

Gas well gas from prorated fields accounts for 8 percent of total gas well production in Texas.

Preliminary statewide production reported for April 2002 is 29,153,327 barrels of crude oil and 354,020,608 Mcf of gas well gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for this month can be obtained by multiplying these preliminary production totals by a production adjustment factor of 1.0630 for crude oil and 1.0693 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

In May 2002, operators reported 378 oil, 448 gas, 49 injection, compared to 270 oil, 481 gas, 19 injection and four other completions during May 2001.

Total well completions for 2002 year to date are 4,334 up from 3,660 recorded during the same period in 2001.

Operators reported 699 holes plugged and 92 dry holes in May 2002 compared

to 523 plugged and 119 dry holes in May 2001.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 424,008,211 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for April 2002; down from the April 2001 preliminary gas production total of 440,320,019 Mcf.

Texas production in March 2002 came from 142,839 oil and 58,344 gas wells.

Carson County Historical Commission earns award

The Carson County Historical Commission was one of 20 county historical commissions and one historical organization in Texas to recently receive the Distinguished Service Award for its 2001 programs at the Texas Preservation Conference in Abilene.

To receive the award, a county historical commission must complete at least three programs designed by the Texas Historical Commission.

Programs the Carson County Historical Commission adopted were: Organizational Structure, Heritage Education,

Heritage Tourism, and Archeology. Some programs involved cooperation with the Square House Museum in Panhandle, according to Mogie R. McCray, county historical commission chairman.

Over 300 participants attended the three-day conference in Abilene. The theme of the conference was "Frontier Folklore: Preserving the Lone Star Legacy." Different aspects of folklore, and its importance in Texas history were explored in the sessions.

Attending from Carson County were Jim and Mogie McCray of Panhandle.

TWC: Unemployment rate at highest level since 1994

The lowest unemployment rate among the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in May was 1.8 percent in Bryan-College Station. Lubbock was next at 2.6 percent, followed by Amarillo and San Angelo at 3.3 percent.

AUSTIN — Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May was 6.2 percent, the same as the April rate, which was revised from 6.1 percent, according to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

"At 6.2 percent, the unemployment rate is the highest we've seen in Texas in almost eight years," said TWC Chair Diane Rath. "One positive note is that Nonagricultural employment grew in May for the fifth consecutive month, with a gain of 800 jobs."

"Employment in Transportation, Communications and Public Utilities grew for the second month in a row with 900 new jobs in May," said Commissioner for Labor T.P. O'Mahoney. "However, Manufacturing continued to show more job losses with a 2,900 job decline during the month, part of 60,300 jobs lost in that industry over the year."


"Services, the largest major industry in Texas, led all industries in employment growth for the second straight month,

adding 1,800 jobs," said Commissioner for Employers Ron Lehman. "Still, the Construction industry's loss of 2,700 jobs in May indicates the economy in Texas is still lagging behind the robust economy of recent years."

The lowest unemployment rate among the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in May was 1.8 percent in Bryan-College Station. Lubbock was

next at 2.6 percent, followed by Amarillo and San Angelo at 3.3 percent. Abilene was fifth lowest at 3.9 percent.

The highest unemployment rate was 10.8 percent in the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA, followed by Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito and Beaumont-Port Arthur at 8.2 percent. El Paso was next at 8.0 percent, followed by Laredo at 7.0 percent.



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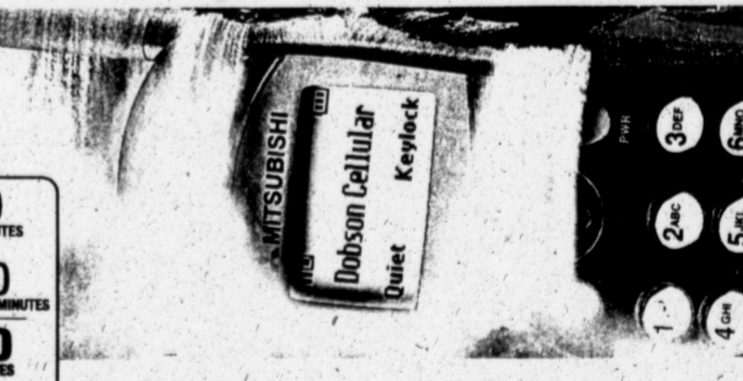


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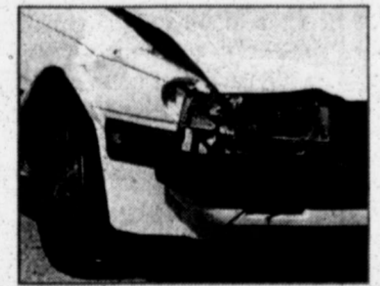
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TDH cautions Texans to beware of ticks this summer

AUSTIN — The weather is warm. The days are long. Both animals and people are in the countryside.

It's tick time in Texas. Ticks are often found in the same spots that people like to visit — wooded, brushy and grassy areas. And they often land on animals as well.

A bite from an infected tick can cause illnesses such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, human ehrlichiosis and tularemia. With prompt medical attention, these illnesses can almost always be successfully treated. But if people do not recognize the symptoms and seek treatment, the illnesses can be serious, even fatal.

The tick most likely to carry disease in Texas is the lone star tick, common throughout the south and central United States, according to Jane Mahlow, a veterinarian and director of the Zoonosis Control Division at the Texas Department of

Health (TDH). "This tick, which is about the size of a watermelon seed, will readily feed on human blood," she said.

Other tick species prefer attaching to animals and staying there.

The most frequently diagnosed tick-borne problem in the country is Lyme disease, a bacterial infection that can cause skin, joint, heart and nervous system problems. Named after the town of Lyme in Connecticut where it was first described in 1976, the disease usually begins with flu-like symptoms such as fatigue, headache, fever, stiff neck and joint pain. Occasionally there may be skin lesions or rashes, usually around the site of the tick bite.

Untreated, Lyme disease can result in severe damage to joints, the heart and nervous system. Studies show that from 1 percent to 2 percent of ticks in Texas carry the organism that causes the disease. From 1990 through 2000, more than

2,200 possible cases of Lyme disease were reported in Texas. Of these, 732 cases were confirmed.

Symptoms of Rocky Mountain spotted fever and human ehrlichiosis include headaches, muscle aches and high fever. A measles-like rash also may be present.

Tularemia is a bacterial disease affecting animals and humans, usually transmitted through a bite from an infected tick. It also can be spread through contact with blood or tissue from infected animals or by handling or eating undercooked rabbit meat.

Symptoms of tularemia include fever, an ulcerative skin sore and painful swollen lymph glands. If the organism is ingested, the person may have a throat infection, abdominal pain, diarrhea and vomiting.

Antibiotics are used to treat tick-borne diseases. "Avoiding ticks is always the best prevention for any of these diseases," Mahlow said. "Keep fleas

and ticks off pets and discourage unwanted animals such as rats, mice and stray dogs and cats around the home," she said.

To protect yourself from ticks: —If you are in an area with ticks, check your body carefully for them every few hours. Ticks are small and easy to miss. They can attach to any part of the body C head to toe.

—Stay on trails outdoors; avoid areas of overgrown brush and tall grasses.

—Wear light-colored clothes to easily spot ticks. Protect skin from tick bites by wearing a hat, long-sleeved shirt and long pants tucked into boots or socks.

—Use insect repellent containing DEET (chemical name, N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) or permethrin (follow package directions).

If you find a tick on your skin, remove it right away. To remove an attached tick, use tweezers to grasp the tick at the skin surface. If tweezers are not available, use a tissue to

protect fingers from possible exposure to the tick's body fluids. With a steady motion, gently pull the tick straight out. Do not crush the tick's body. Have patience; it may take time to remove the tick properly. Ticks should be removed from pets using the same technique or by using a tick dip.

Using petroleum jelly or touching the tick with a hot match may be common practices but are not the best procedures, Mahlow said.

Live ticks may be submitted for identification and testing to the TDH laboratory. They should be put in a small container such as an old pill bottle with the cap tightly on. Never mail ticks loose in an envelope. Call the TDH laboratory at (512) 458-7615 for information on the proper way to submit live ticks.

People with flu-like symptoms following contact with a tick should get medical attention as soon as possible.

So-called 'Botox parties' can be extremely unsafe, physician warns

DALLAS — A new rage — the Botox party — may seem innocent and even fun for a group who wants to participate in this nonsurgical cosmetic procedure. But the chairman of plastic surgery at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas cautions that there can be unwanted consequences.

Dr. Rod Rohrich warns people who are contemplating attending these gatherings to check the credentials of the doctor who will be performing the procedure, receive an individual evaluation by a physician and be informed of possible complications before having an injection. The use of Botox has increased dramatically since its recent approval by the Food and Drug Administration.

The drug's popularity has prompted some doctors to sponsor Botox parties for groups who want to have the cosmetic procedure done in a festive setting, complete with hors d'oeuvres, wine and champagne.

"It is important for people who are considering attending these type of parties to check the credentials of the person who will be doing the procedure," Rohrich said. "Botox is safe, simple and effective but should only be used by a qualified, trained physician."

"This procedure is not like applying an anti-wrinkle cream. Botox is a drug, and there is a potential for complications, such as drooping eyelids and asymmetry of facial features."

Botox is derived from sterile, purified Botulinum Toxin

Type A, a protein produced by a bacterium, Clostridium botulinum.

"When small doses of Botox are injected into the muscle, the serum works by blocking the signal that causes the muscle to contract," Rohrich said. "This is how Botox helps smooth three to four months."

According to the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, more than 1.6 million Botox procedures were performed last year, and the treatment has already become the No. 1 nonsurgical cosmetic done in the United States.

Botox parties are being used as a marketing tool to attract clients. Some doctors send out invitations to people in their area, without first evaluating them. Rohrich said he is concerned because these parties don't leave room for the

development of a doctor-patient relationship.

"Some people may not be good candidates for Botox," Rohrich said. "So it's important that each potential patient be evaluated individually and informed by a physician of the risks involved before having the procedure done. Providing alcohol to potential patients before having Botox injections is not recommended either," he said.

Rohrich advises patients to be on the lookout for unscrupulous business that may dilute Botox and sell treatments for as low as \$100.

"One treatment can cost from \$450 to \$650," Rohrich said. "If someone is quoting you an unreasonably low price, the serum may be watered down, and results will not last as long."

UT Southwestern gerontologist offers nursing home tips for families

DALLAS — A recent study conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services found that nine out of 10 nursing homes in the United States lacked adequate staffing to properly care for patients.

Such findings may alarm Americans, but a gerontology specialist at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas said consumers who conduct research on prospective facilities and discuss all options with family members can find an appropriate nursing home for themselves or loved ones.

"Nursing homes are not suitable for everyone," said Dr. Kevan Namazi, chairman of gerontology at Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School. "It is important to have an earnest discussion about options — from medical needs to the level of assistance required — with the person who is considering living in a nursing home. Involving him or her in the decision-making process can help ease anxiety during this transitional period."

According to the Administration on Aging, 5 percent of Americans 65 or older live in the nation's more than 17,500 nursing homes.

"With so many choices available, knowing which facility to

pick can be overwhelming," Namazi said. "Knowing what questions to ask and what to look for can help streamline the process."

Such questions might include: Is the facility located near your home? Has it been cited for any violations? If so, how often? Does the facility offer special care for patients who have physical disabilities or suffer from Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia? Does the facility encourage prompt family visits and offer lengthy visiting hours and a variety of recreational activities? What is the ratio of staff members to residents during the afternoon and overnight? For optimal supervision, there should be

one staff member for every five to six residents.

Once consumers have done as much preliminary research as possible, they should visit each prospective facility. If the facility has an odor or looks unkempt, or if some residents appear to have been unattended, walk out, Namazi said.

"This means that residents are not being properly taken care of," he said. Namazi also suggested people talk to the staff and residents and visit the facility at different hours of the day and night when checking out nursing homes.

Valuable resources about nursing homes also can be found on the Internet or in books, Namazi

said. A Medicare site that compares nursing homes can be found at

www.medicare.gov/NHCompare/home.asp. Or you can call 800-442-2620 for more information.

The Texas Department of Human Services site offers nursing home consumer information at www.dhs.state.tx.us/nhconsumer.html, or you can call 888-834-7406. Additional consumer information on how to choose a nursing home can be found at www.dhs.state.tx.us/programs/ltc/consumer.html.

The Texas Advocates for Nursing Home Residents have a Web site at www.tanhr.org. You also can call the organization at 888-826-4748.

Study: Stem cell therapy may stall MS in some patients

DENVER, Colo. (AP) — Stem cell therapy has helped to delay multiple sclerosis symptoms in some patients with a severe form of the disease, researchers say.

Stem cells are the body's master repair cells. They can develop into a wide variety of different cell and tissue types.

At a neurology conference this week in Denver, University of Washington Medical Center

researchers reported initial success with an experimental therapy in which they filtered stem cells from the blood of 26 patients with MS using a new magnetic method.

Then they wiped out the patients' faulty immune systems with a combination of chemotherapy, radiation and biological agents. Next, they reintroduced the stem cells into the patients' bloodstreams. Within nine days, the stem cells had begun growing new immune cells, they said.

In a 14-month period following the procedure, 20 patients were stable and six


showed some improvement, said neurologist George Kraft, who led the experiment.

"These patients had been rapidly deteriorating, so to get them to a point where they are stabilized is great progress," Kraft said.

However, at least three patients also suffered serious infections and fevers related to the suppression of their immune systems, including one patient who died several weeks later from a virus. Within 17 months of the treatment, a few patients showed some new MS symptoms, Kraft said.

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Report: Valley corn crop very poor this season

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — South Texas corn yields are expected to be lower due to freezes earlier this year and continued drought conditions, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

"Our corn in the (Rio Grande) Valley and in the lower Gulf Coast was seriously injured by the freezes we had (in February)," said Dr. Steve Livingston, extension agronomist in Corpus Christi. "We had two (freezes) down there and as many as three to five on the Upper Gulf Coast."

He said the corn in Fort Bend and Wharton counties was just beginning to come up at the time of the freeze. Producers had lost some stands and went back to replant, but they were running out of moisture because of the dry spring.

"I haven't seen a good field of corn south of Refugio County," Livingston said. The plants are short, and a lot of the acreage has been "zeroed out" for crop insurance purposes.

"We've never really had a year in the last 20 or 30 years where it's never rained since the time the corn

was planted," Livingston said. "In that respect, the roots of the corn had to dig deep for moisture. The corn was reaching downward. They had a real extensive root system."

He predicted only about 8 percent of the corn will have ears that will fill out in DeWitt and Colorado counties.

Livingston said cool temperatures and overcast conditions for most of February and March also hurt the crop.

"So we've got some ears of corn that are 12 or 15 inches off the ground, which is real low," he said.

Another harmful factor was heavy wind, sometimes blowing from 30 to 35 miles per hour, he said.

"Ninety-five percent of the water that is used by a plant is used to cool it or transpire through the leaves," Livingston said. "When you have a lot of wind, it just increases the amount of water that is used. The wind and lack of rainfall created a lot of stress, so the ears are shorter and grain fill is less."

That damage was compounded by lack of rainfall. "We normally would like to have 26 inches of annual rainfall or better. In the last three out of

four years there has not been adequate rainfall."

He said it's not necessarily the amount of rainfall but when it falls. South Texas had a lot of rain in October and December of last year, but it just didn't rain later when the crop needed it.

"Some areas had two inches, some had four and some had none," Livingston said. "Some places didn't get any rain after it was planted, so everything depended on what was in the soil."

"With our deep soils on the Coastal Plains we're able to suck up maybe 10 to 14 inches of water from the subsoil and soil profile as it migrates upward."

The water that is currently available will help stalk growth and may take the corn into pollination, but there is not enough water to make a corn crop without additional rain, he said.

Insect infestations in the corn lowered yields as well. Chinch bugs were common in most areas this season, he said. They occur when there are dry conditions.

"(Chinch bugs) get down next to

the soil line where the leaves go into the stalk, and they pierce the plant and remove water as well," Livingston said. Many areas reported large numbers of chinch bugs, and producers had to spray for them.

He said those were probably the only insects that resulted from the weather patterns. Yet, where corn is grown on the same land over and over for years in a row, producers can have problems with corn rootworms. These worms prune the roots and cause some lodging to take place, Livingston said.

"We've seen some of that this year: as corn gets older, it will lean or try to fall over," he said.

"Corn earworm is another one we have every year, so there's nothing unique about it. But, if you have a smaller ear anyway and then you've got a worm that punches into the ear and eats what you've got, then it's a lot more destructive."

As a result of the drought, wind and insect damage, yields are expected to run from zero to 70 bushels per acre in the Coastal Bend and South Texas area, Livingston said, with a majority of it being less than 70

bushels.

"Last year wasn't too spiffy, but I guess it kind of depended on where you were standing there," he said. "This year, everyone south of Victoria suffered from drought, whereas last year it depended on exactly where you were."

Livingston said the yields this year are terrible: most producers are harvesting only 30 or 40 bushels per acre. During a good year, yields are 77 to 85 bushels per acre, and Gulf Coast producers sometimes harvested more than 100 bushels per acre.

The drought has caused problems with a shortage of feed for livestock as well, yet the corn crop could help to resolve this problem, he said.

"We grow a lot of cattle and we usually keep a two-year supply of hay so we can get through these droughts," Livingston said. "Well, this year, having the last three out of four years being drought years, we are struggling to have enough hay down here to feed through the summer and winter. So what a lot of these producers will do is bale up these corn stalks and sorghum residues for hay."

June feeder cattle totals 2.87 million

AUSTIN — Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.87 million head on June 1, down 1 percent from a year ago.

According to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was up 6 percent from the May 1 level. Producers placed 760,000 head in commercial feedlots during May, down 6 percent from a year ago and more than doubled the April 2002, total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 580,000 head during May, up 6 percent from last year and 5 percent above the April 2002, total.

On June 1, there were 2.36 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 down 1 percent from last year but up 7 percent from the May total.

May placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 635,000 head, up 115 percent from the April total. Marketings were up 6 percent from last month to 482,000 head.

Cattle and calves, on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 10.94 million head on June 1, 2002. This inventory was 3 percent below June 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.23 million head, 6 percent below May 2001. May placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 350,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 434,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 744,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 699,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.17 million head, 1 percent below 2001.

Feeders in the historical seven monthly states with feedlots having a capacity of 1,000 head or more reported 9.42 million head on feed on June 1, down 2 percent from last year and down slightly from June 1, 2000.

May placements totaled 1.95 million head, 5 percent below 2001 and 2 percent below 2000. Marketings during May, at 1.86 million head, were down 1 percent from 2001 and slightly below 2000.

AGRIPARTNER REPORT

Texas Cooperative Extension's weekly AgriPartner Report for Gray, Roberts, Carson, and Wheeler counties is as follows:

Southwestern and European corn borer larvae can be found in many fields. Infestation rates appear to be lighter than 2001. Larvae will feed on leaves and in the whorl before entering the stalk. If an insecticide application is justified, it must be made before borers enter the stalk.

Miticides are being applied in a few corn fields in an attempt to prevent spider mites from developing to economic levels later in the growing season.

Western corn rootworms are feeding on corn roots. In some fields, rescue treatments are necessary. A good rain or irrigation is needed to move rescue treatment insecticides to the root area where the rootworms are feeding.

Thrips continue to cause problems in area cotton. Cotton that is in the five- to seven-true leaf stage is likely beyond being threatened by thrips but continue to monitor the crop for flea-

hoppers and tarnished plant bug.

Area boll weevil eradication zones report very low trap catches of overwintered boll weevils. In overwintering site surveys, no live weevils were found.

Raisin farmers paid to pull up vines

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Faced with a surplus of raisins in the United States, farmers are being paid to remove their grapevines from the San Joaquin Valley — the nation's main source for raisins.

Federal food regulators approved the rare late-season action to help lower production and the stock of raisins and get California's 5,000 raisin growers better prices.

Raisin farmers were allowed Tuesday to start pruning or yanking out about 8,000 acres of grapevines. Those who participate will be paid based on how many vines are removed. The payments will come from the Raisin Administrative Committee, an organization that manages quality standards and overstocks.

While vine-pull programs are relatively common, this is the first this late in the raising-growing season, which ends in September.

The Raisin Administrative Committee asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture last month to approve the removal program after seeing this year's crop projections.

About 400,000 tons of raisins are expected to be harvested this year, up from 373,000 tons last year. The 2000 raisin crop was a record at about 433,000 tons.

"In the past two years, the prices have been so bad that a lot of farmers are losing their ranches," said Richard Garabedian, Raisin Administrative Committee chairman. "Some banks are refusing to lend ... because they are afraid they are not going to get paid back."

California, primarily the San Joaquin Valley, produces most of the nation's raisins and 40 percent of the world supply.

Increased raisin imports also have contributed to overstocks and declining prices in the United States. More raisins are being shipped in from Turkey, Iran, Greece, Chile, Australia and South Africa, where labor costs are lower, said Stephen Vasquez, a farm adviser at the University of California.

The acreage of grapes planted in the United States has remained at 280,000 for the past decade. However, growers who once sold grapes to grocery stores or the juice or wine industries have switched to raisins because they are cheaper to produce since they require less labor to pick and handle than grapes.

Eighty-year-old grower Harry Rustigian said he plans to remove vines on his 100-acre farm near Fowler. He received about \$540 for a ton of raisins last year, though it

cost him \$800 a ton to grow them.

Growers received \$1,211 a ton just two years ago.

"I remember the Depression time and we'd make enough money if we worked hard. You just can't make it today because everything you buy is expensive and we sell the raisins very cheap," said Rustigian, who is living off his retirement savings.

This season, Rustigian and other growers will be compensated by the Raisin Administrative Committee if they prune their vines by July 31. Growers will be given a bonus if they pull out the vine completely, Garabedian said. It takes a grapevine three

years to produce grapes.

The vine-pull program was approved because of declining demand for raisins the past seven years, USDA spokesman George Chartier said. About 366,000 tons of raisins were sold in the nation in 1994, compared with 295,000 tons in 2001.

Growers are looking to increase sales. The industry has brought back the "Dancing Raisins," a mid-1980s print and television ad campaign that used animated clay raisins to encourage people to eat and cook with California raisins.

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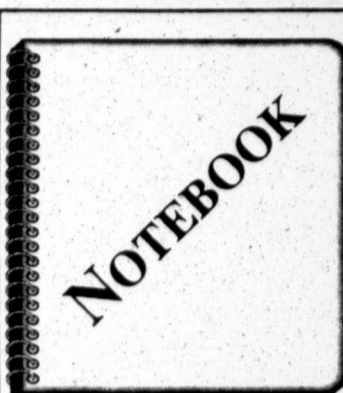
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SPORTS



Seles advances to fourth round at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Monica Seles dropped her first set in nine matches against Ai Sugiyama but rallied to win Saturday and advance to the fourth round at Wimbledon.

The fourth-seeded Seles, who had beaten Sugiyama in straight sets in eight previous matches, struggled to pull out a 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 victory in 1 hour, 37 minutes on Court 1.

Seles is making her ninth appearance at Wimbledon, where she lost in the 1992 final to Steffi Graf but hasn't been past the quarterfinals since.

Seles was way off her game in the first set, committing 16 unforced errors. After breaking Seles for a 4-3 lead, Sugiyama served out the set three games later.

The Japanese player double-faulted on her first set point, but ripped a cross-court backhand winner on the second.

Seles settled down and ran off the next set in 27 minutes. She then went up 5-2 in the third before stalling. Serving for the match, Seles was broken at love by Sugiyama, who held in the next game for 5-4. But Seles served out the match, finishing with a backhand winner.

Seles will next face Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn, who beat Melien Tu of the United States 6-2, 3-6, 6-0.

In early men's play, Spain's Feliciano Lopez — who saved a total of seven match points in his first two

matches — beat 17th-seeded Rainer Schuettler of Germany 3-6, 7-6 (7), 6-4, 6-4.

Schuettler's loss means 13 of the top 17 in the men's seedings were eliminated in the first week.

Lopez will next play Andre Sa, who downed Flavio Saretta 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, 1-6, 6-1 in only the third all-Brazilian Grand Slam match in the Open era. It's the furthest that Sa, ranked 90, has ever gone in a Grand Slam.

Greg Rusedski isn't surprised there aren't many seeded players left in the draw. He's just happy to be one of the few still around.

"It's the depth of men's tennis these days — if you don't play your best every day, you're going to go home," the 23rd-seeded Rusedski said Friday after his 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 win over No. 11 Andy Roddick.

Among those eliminated before Friday were second-seeded Marat Safin, No. 3 Andre Agassi and No. 6 Pete Sampras.

No. 5 Yevgeny Kafelnikov joined the early losers' club Friday, leaving just two of the top 15 — No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt and No. 4 Tim Henman.

In the bottom half of the draw, the highest-seeded player left is No. 22 Nicolas Pietrangeli.

Losses Friday by Roddick and Taylor Dent left lucky loser and little-known Jeff Morrison as the only American man still in contention.

9-10 champs



The Celanese team won the championship in the 9-10 Cal Ripken Tournament. Team members are (front row, l-r) Shane Smith, Rhett Skinner, Chris Hampton, Kade Wilson and Conner Wilson; (top row, l-r) coach Donny Hooper, Eric Lewis, Craig Conner, Michael Fisher, Tyler Hooper, Corbin Clifton, Tanner Davis and coach Shawn Clifton. Not pictured is coach Tim Conner. Celanese defeated Moose Lodge last week in the finals. Moose won the first game 11-10, in the double-elimination tournament, but Celanese came back to win the second game 6-5.

SOCCER

PAMPA — Competitive club soccer for both boys and girls is being offered in Pampa this summer.

Tryouts will be held today, and again on July 2, 9 and 11 at the middle school practice field.

Tryout times are 6:30-7:30 for U-13 to U-15; 7:35 to 8:35 to U-16 to U-19.

Any questions, please call John True at 669-1236.

BASKETBALL

WHEELER — Wheeler has scheduled a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on the fourth of July.

Entry fee is \$15 per team.

The tournament will be held at the Wheeler city park.

For further information, call Brad Masters at 826-3265 or Courtney Finsterwald at 826-1502.

Texas Tech 2002 Schedule

- Aug. 24 - at Ohio State.
- Sept. 7 - at SMU; 14 - Mississippi; 21 - North Carolina St.; 27 - at New Mexico.
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Hall leads U.S. Senior Open by 1 shot

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — Walter Hall just wasn't himself in the second round of the U.S. Senior Open.

"I probably won't ever do it again, but I sure had my day in the sun today," Hall said after shooting a 6-under-par 65 Friday. "This was my Tom Kite imitation today."

Hall's bogey-free round put him at 7-under 135, one shot ahead of Kite and Jose Maria Canizares at the midway point of the \$2.5 million tournament. It was Hall's first sub-70 score in 14 rounds at the U.S. Senior Open.

Hall's objective the rest of the way was to avoid doing a R.W. Eaks impersonation. After opening with a tournament-record tying 64, Eaks had three

bogeys and a double bogey en route to a 73 that left him at 137.

"I've got to look at it this way: I'm two shots back and this is a U.S. Open," Eaks said.

Eaks and Hall, who have one career win between them, have performed admirably in an event that features some of golf's biggest stars.

"You've got some of the greatest ball strikers that have ever played in this tournament," Hall said. "I'm fortunate to be playing with them."

That might be true, but after two rounds, Hall's place among all those prominent golfers was atop the leaderboard.

Fred Gibson, Tom Watson and Isao Aoki were at 138. Gibson and Aoki shot 69s, Watson a 71.

Arnold Palmer had three triple bogeys and a double bogey, shooting an 85 for a 25-over 167 total. Afterward, he wondered aloud about his future in competitive golf.

"I think maybe I've got a clue as to what's been wrong," Palmer said. "I'll go work on it and see if I can hit good enough to even continue to play at all. That's how bad I've been playing."

Palmer wasn't the only big-name golfer to struggle on the 7,005-yard Caves Valley Golf Club course.

Gary Player, who shot a 75 for a 154, and defending champion Bruce Fleisher, who shot a 75 for a 151, were among several prominent golfers who missed the cut of 7-over 149.

City softball



(Photo by Grover Black)

Kenny Williams of Mainstreet Entertainment gets a hit during last week's city softball action at Recreation Park. Mainstreet Ent. was playing CTW in the Mixed Open Division.

My name is Greg Day and I have been a citizen of Pampa Texas a little more than three years now. It has come to my attention that I have been linked to a character on the internet that is writing comments about Pampa Athletics and some of the individual Coaches and Athletes. I would never attack any Coach or Athlete in a public forum such as this site on Amarillo Net. I am shocked that I have been linked to this. It is an attack of my character and everything I stand for. I have supported the athletic programs in this city on all levels every chance I get. It is evident that this person has bragged on some past achievements and experiences. I have been "profiled" by certain citizens of this city. I have been told there is no proof so I challenge anyone to provide it. I will not be hard to find as I will be helping with the 14-15 All Star team. In the meantime I hope this character steps up to the plate and reveals who He is and doesn't hide behind a user name on the internet. And I certainly hope my family and my son in particular do not suffer over these false allegations. It must stop now! If not I will do everything I can to find my accusers and face them in a Court Of Law.

Greg Day

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Shawn David Strate named to the Oklahoma State Roll, a student higher grade enrolled in 12 at the university. Shawn is the Strate of Pampa.

Heather N. received a bachelors in interdisciplinary Texas A&M U. Garner is the Melissa Garner granddaughter of Helm of Pampa Amarillo, and

Teryn L. recently named to the United States National Achievement College Scholarship Committee. Students named to the National Achievement College Scholarship Committee but only students whose names are on the book are eligible. Garner was by Starla K. High School. She is the Melissa Garner granddaughter of Helm of Pampa Amarillo, and

Navy Petty Officer Geoffrey W. Sisk of Pampa from the Vulnerability Center, Corning. During the war was taught Department systems, to protect computers with a ment, intruder security too. Sisk is a Mission Ear Mission, Texas April 1990. (See NE)

COMMUNITY

NEWSMAKERS



Shawn David Strate

STILLWATER, Okla. — **Shawn David Strate** of Pampa was recently named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater for the 2002 spring semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.50 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university.

Shawn is the son of L.D. and Lois Strate of Pampa.



Heather Nicole Garner

Heather Nicole Garner recently received a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies from West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Garner is the daughter of Terry and Melissa Garner of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Bobby and Betty Helm of Pampa, Lynda Payne of Amarillo, and Dale Browne of Alpine.



Teryn L. Garner

Teryn L. Garner of Pampa was recently nominated a United States Achievement Academy (USAA) "United States National Honor Roll" member.

Students nominated to the honor roll are eligible for inclusion in the USAA National Awards Yearbook and also qualify as candidates for a USAA College Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee grants awards each year, but only students named to the yearbook are eligible to apply.

Garner was nominated for the award by Starla Kindle, a counselor at Pampa High School.

She is the daughter of Terry and Melissa Garner of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Bobby and Betty Helm of Pampa, Lynda Payne of Amarillo, and Dale Browne of Alpine.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Geoffrey W. Sisk**, son of Elizabeth A. Sisk of Pampa, recently graduated from the Network Security, Vulnerability Technician Course while assigned to Naval Technical Training Center, Corry Station, Pensacola, Fla.

During the eight-week course, Sisk was taught the skills needed to secure Department of Defense information systems. This involved learning how to protect computer networks and systems with a focus on security management, intrusion detection systems and security tools.

Sisk is a 1982 graduate of Shawnee Mission East High School of Shawnee Mission, Texas, and joined the Navy in April 1990.

(See NEWSMAKERS, Page 18)



Pampa Harvester soccer goalie Carlos Medina is perfectly horizontal as he attempts to block a shot in a recent game. Soccer is a favorite sport for the high school sophomore.

SOCCER

FÚTBOL — Pampa style



Danny Meza, a sophomore varsity soccer player, attempts to block the ball.

Courtesy photos

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Youngsters in Pampa are getting a 'kick' out of one of the up and coming sports programs in town.

"You may have heard the name Pampa F.C. around town," said John True, Pampa High School soccer coach.

Pampa F.C. (PAMPA FÚTBOL CLUB) is a new competitive club soccer program started to increase the skills and visibility of 13 and older aspiring soccer players, said True.

"With the increased popularity of soccer in the United States, Pampa F.C. provides this community with an outlet for young soccer players (male and female) to compete at a higher level, thus increasing its popularity in Pampa," said True. "Pampa F.C. will also encourage kids of all ages to play soccer well into their teen years."

He said one of the many advantages of a club soccer system is that it can give young soccer players a way to be seen outside the Texas Panhandle.

"This can and should lead to a faster progression of a higher quality high school program, but also can showcase potential college soccer prospects in our community," he said.

True said that soccer is different from many other high school sports in that col-

lege soccer coaches rely on club soccer programs for their players.

"We have had a handful of quality soccer players who, because they didn't play club soccer, were not recruited or acknowledged as potential college soccer athletes, even though their play on the field proved their ability to compete at a collegiate level," said True. "Pampa F.C. will give these athletes a visible outlet to

the next step in a natural athlete progression," he said.

A board member of the Pampa Soccer Association, Roy Anderson, said the new program is working closely with PSA.

"Both boys and girls teams are being formed," he said. He said ages six through 12 players will continue playing in the Pampa Soccer Association Recreation League.

He said Pampa F.C. was established to develop those soccer players wanting to train and compete successfully at a higher level of competition.

"With the number of recreational teams in the upper age brackets declining, coaches had to spend a great deal of time just trying to find games to play. By moving into competitive leagues, teams will have a set schedule of 20 league games a year plus four to five tournaments," he said.

The Pampa F.C. teams will be able to play league games with teams not only in the Panhandle area, but teams from all over West Texas, he said.

Tryouts will continue for those interest on July 2nd, 9th and 11th at Pampa Middle School.

Additional information about the organization and regarding tryouts may be obtained by contacting True, 669-1236; Anderson, 665-3144; or Patty Carpenter, 665-2941.



Pampa Harvester soccer player Curtis Pritchett is surrounded by Borger Bulldogs in a recent game.

potentially play college soccer."

True is excited about the new club soccer program.

"Club Soccer is the next progressive step after recreational soccer and is associated with our local soccer association (Pampa Soccer Association) to provide young males and females a chance to take

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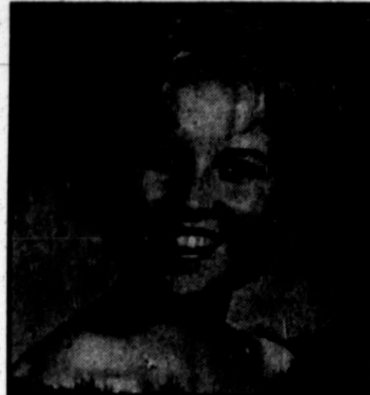
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CattleWomen

Top O' Texas CattleWomen met June 10 at The Coffee Shop in Pampa with President Kay Stiles presiding. Eighteen members and four guests — Jennifer and Laurie Hale, Brent Boswell, and Leno Torres — were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—An overview of beef activities on Father's Day was presented. In-store demonstrations were held at Wheeler, Shamrock, Miami, and Canadian; recipes and information booklets were handed out; beef gift certificates were awarded to Mrs. Glenn Elmore of Allison and Mary Ashwood of Shamrock; and aprons were won by Mrs. Bob McCain of



Elise McCown

Wheeler and Aaron Reynolds of Shamrock.

Pampa CattleWomen distributed beef recipe brochures to the meat markets at Albertson's, United, and Frank's Thriftway.

—The Style Show was discussed. Information should be to Berklee Clements by July 1, 2002.

—Lilith Brainard brought up the Pampa Business Fair held recently in Pampa. Top O' Texas CattleWomen donated five cookbooks and two beef gift certificates for drawings. Lilith reported the Business Fair was well attended and there was a steady crowd throughout the day.

—Brent Boswell, one of the chapter's candidates for Beef Ambassador competition, attended the meeting. He gave his speech "Why Beef? Why Not!" to the members. Another candidate, Elise McCown of White Deer, was unable to attend.

As well as representing the



Jennifer Hale

chapter as a Beef Ambassador, McCown has won a scholarship in the amount of \$250 from the organization as did Jennifer Hale of Canadian High School who was presented her scholarship award by Stiles during the meeting. The \$500 scholarship went to Claire Yauck of Follett High School.

Top O' Texas CattleWomen will not meet in July. The next meeting is scheduled at 10:30 a.m., Aug. 12 at Mel's Diner in Wheeler.

(See CLUB, Page 17)



Claire Yauck

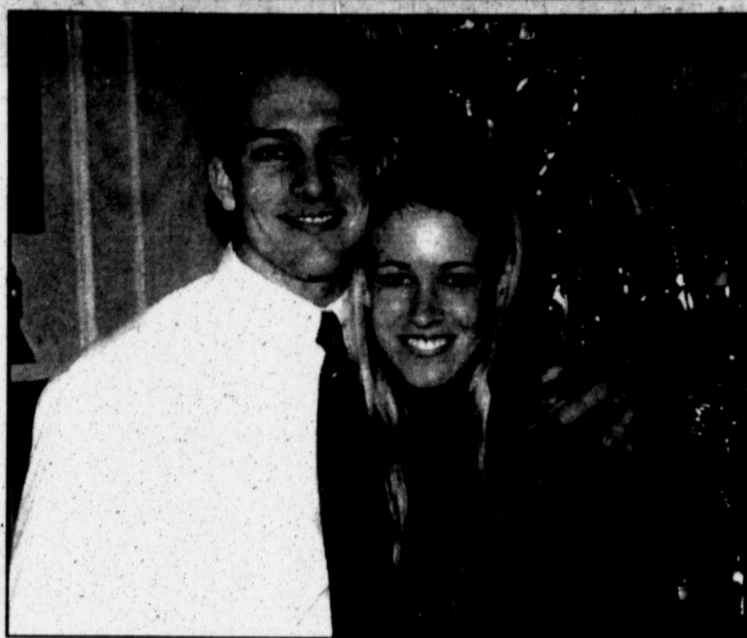
ENGAGEMENTS

Gaines-Phelps

Constance Gaines and Brian Phelps, both of Lubbock, plan to wed July 20, 2002, at First Baptist Church in Lubbock.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Bruce and Kristi Gaines of Lubbock. She is a graduate of Lubbock's Coronado High School and received a degree in public relations and marketing in May 2001 from Texas Tech University. She was crowned Miss Lubbock USA 2000 and placed sixth in the Miss Texas Pageant. She is currently employed by Harolds Stores, Inc.

The prospective groom is the son of Steve and Heidi



Brian Phelps and Constance Gaines

Phelps of Pampa and Joan Thomas of Amarillo. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1996 and from Texas Tech University summa cum laude in December 2001,

receiving a degree in chemistry. He is currently employed by University Medical Center in Lubbock. His future plans are to attend medical school.

Morton-Laos

Tandi Morton of Pampa and Calen Laos of Glendale, Ariz., plan to wed July 13, 2002, at Briarwood Church in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Whitney and James Morton of Pampa. She attends Wayland Baptist University, where she is a member of the volleyball and track teams.

The prospective groom is the son of Tim and Betty Laos of Glendale. He attends Wayland Baptist University and is a member of the university's baseball team.



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How to stretch food dollars

Have you ever run out of food and money before the end of the month? Sometimes, between paychecks, we must stretch the food in our cupboards and the dollars in our billfolds. This can be an easier task with some of the following creative ideas.

Often it is less expensive to cook from "scratch" rather than buying ready-made foods and mixes. You will save money and be able to buy some of those other extra food items for your family.

Convenience foods can cost twice as much as the same dish prepared at home. For example, you can make three or four egg, cheese, and English muffin breakfast sandwiches for what you pay for one sandwich at a fast-food restaurant.

Eating out is expensive. Restaurants are the most expensive places to eat. The food is convenient, but not cheap. This



By **MELISSA ROBERSON**
EXTENSION SERVICE
"NUTRITION 'MATTERS'"

can cause our food dollars to vanish before we realize what is happening. Cooking at home gives us control over what we eat, and how it's prepared.

Learning how to plan menus is another helpful skill. Planning meals and snacks is one way to determine what foods you need to keep in the house.

First, think about what foods you and your family enjoy. Next, determine what you already have on hand in your pantry. Then make a list of the food items you still need to pur-

chase to prepare your meals.

Stick to your list as closely as possible at the store. Remember to include a variety of foods from all five food groups of the Food Guide Pyramid, which contains the bread, fruits, vegetables, meats, and dairy groups. This ensures that you and your family will get all the nutrients you need to stay healthy.

Think of left-overs as "planned overs." Make a plan about how you will use the left-over food before it is stored. Using left-overs to create another meal saves time and money. If it's going to be more than a few days before you are able to use the left-overs, wrap the food for the freezer and freeze immediately.

Clip coupons from the Sunday newspapers or ask friends and relatives to save the coupons for you. Try to locate a grocery store that will double the coupons, but keep in mind that this isn't always the best bargain for your dollar either. Sometimes the store brand or generic brand is a better deal, even without a coupon.

Studies indicate that non-poor families spend about 16 percent of their total family expenditures for food. Compare this with approximately 30 percent for poor families.

(See DOLLARS, Page 17)

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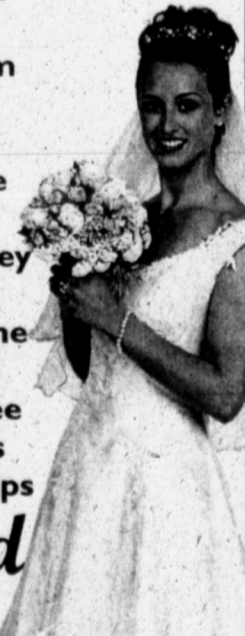
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Putman-Bruce

Season Heather Putman and Wade Landon Bruce, both of Pampa, plan to wed Sept. 7, 2002, at Briarwood Full Gospel Church in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ms. Karen Putman of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Putman of Lubbock. She graduated from Frenship High School in Wolforth in 1997 and holds a career degree in interior decorating from PCDI in Atlanta, Ga. She is currently employed at First State Bank of Miami, Pampa branch.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bruce of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1997 and from West



Wade Landon Bruce and Season Heather Putman

Texas A&M University in 2001, receiving a degree in computer information systems. He is currently employed at UroSource in Pampa.

Seuss loose in museum

By AMANDA ROGERS
FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

FORT WORTH, Texas — Do you like to rhyme and such?

Play, climb and read a bunch?

Do you want to be the Cat in the Hat?

Do you want to act like that? Then the Museum of Science and History is definitely where you should be.

"Seuss!" is a vivid interactive exhibit that displays a love of Theodor Geisel's children's books, with re-creations of scenes from some of his most popular ones, including 'The Cat in the Hat, Green Eggs and Ham, There's a Wocket in My Pocket!' and 'One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish'.

The exhibit runs through Sept. 29.

"This exhibit, like Seuss' books, speaks to the inner child in all of us," says Chip Lindsey, the museum's director of visitor programs. "It has the greatest attraction for those getting ready to read and the early readers."

Using brightly colored life-size murals and landscapes, "Seuss!" lets you climb right inside the books. Sail on the boat from 'Green Eggs and Ham', then follow the train tracks through the tunnel. Kids can even mess up the life-size house from 'The Cat in the Hat', then tidy up with his big cleaning machine, a kid-operated device that has a hand for sorting things into three categories.

Kids and parents can reenact the house's destruction with hand puppets of Thing One and Thing Two, the Cat's hoiden helpers.

Crawl on up on the seven-hump Wump of Gump from 'One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish', then hop on the mat from 'Hop on Pop'.

"Of course, there's a nice quiet corner for parents and children to sit down and read the Seuss books, too," Lindsey says.

Reproductions of the books' original artwork and photographs depict Geisel's life and creative process.

The eye-catching artwork will snag the attention of even the smallest museum visitors, says Kit Goolsby, the museum's director of education.

"It engages very young children from 18 months with visually stimulating, thought provoking graphic images," Goolsby says. "The exhibit will encourage them to explore lots of different things in a developmentally appropriate manner."

(See SEUSS, Page 28)

CRADLE CALL



Lauren Brooke Harper

Lauren B. Harper

Lauren Brooke Harper was born at 10:19 a.m. April 7, 2002, at Boca Raton Medical Center in Boca Raton, Fla., to Joel and Jamie Harper.

Lauren weighed 9-pounds, 2-ounces at birth and was 22-inches long.

She is the great-granddaughter of Ray and Retha Jordan of Pampa.

Signing camp helps children to better interact with others

By JAIME POWELL
CORPUS CHRISTI CALLER-TIMES

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — When Linda Leal's son, Lalo, started having problems with spelling in school last year, she used a skill she gained as a child to help him through it.

"I had a friend in elementary school who was deaf," Leal said. "I learned sign language from her. When Lalo started having problems in spelling I taught him signs. Once he got it with his hands, he could remember it in spelling."

Along the way, Leal's other children became interested and wanted to learn too. Leal said that when the family heard about a sign language class for children who can hear being offered

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DOLLARS

Single-parent poor families fare even worse, spending an average of 34 percent for food. The average family receiving welfare spends about 16- to 34-percent of their money on food.

There are several programs that offer food assistance, including WIC coupons for women, infants and young children, food stamps, free or reduced priced school lunches or breakfasts, meals for preschoolers at Head Start, commodity food programs, food from a community food pantry or free meal site, and fresh vegetables are often available from a farmer's market for a great price.

You may think there's no way to stretch your food dollars further than you already are, but most people find they can save even more when they really put their minds to it.

at the Corpus Christi Area Council for the Deaf, she knew her children needed to be there.

Leal went straight to the council's office to pay the \$20 fee for each of her children.

Recently, her children, a couple of relatives and a friend are among 50 who enrolled for a weeklong Sign Camp for Kids that Leal hopes will impart more of the knowledge she started teaching at home.

Lalo, 9, agreed that learning sign language has helped with his spelling.

"We are all here because we really wanted to learn more sign language," he said.

Amanda Dunn, 10, and Sarah Arce, 10, grinned ear-to-ear as they carefully manipulated their hands into shapes that mimicked a recent lesson in Tracy Daugird's sign language class.

Daugird said she started the class with simple hand shapes and the alphabet. The class then advanced to colors and simple signs like please and thank you. When the class was over the students entertained their parents and other guests by performing a song completely in sign language.

(See CAMP, Page 28)

MENUS

WEEK OF JULY 1-5

Lamar Cafeteria

MONDAY

Breakfast: French toast sticks.

Lunch: Steak fingers, pizza, sliced potatoes, peaches, rolls.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Pancake-and-sausage-on-a-stick.

Lunch: Burrito, pizza, corn, applesauce.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Cinnamon toast.

Lunch: Oven-fried chicken, pizza, whipped potatoes, carrots, pineapple, rolls.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY

Holiday.

Lunch in the Park

MONDAY

Lunch: Pizza, trail mix, fruit cups, milk.

TUESDAY

Lunch: Bologna sandwiches, carrot sticks, fruit cups, milk.

WEDNESDAY

Lunch: Hot dogs, trail mix, fruit cups, milk.

THURSDAY

Lunch: Turkey sandwiches,

fruit cups, juice, milk.

FRIDAY

Lunch: Burrito, trail mix, fruit cups, milk.

Senior Citizens

MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chicken Louisiana, mashed potatoes, green beans, beets, beans, pineapple cake or cherry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Chicken strips or hamburger steak, Rosemary potatoes, corn cobettes, spinach, beans, cherry chocolate cake or lemon icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed

potatoes, California blend, turnip greens, beans, old glory cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, jalapeno cornbread or cornbread.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY

Closed for holiday.

Meals On Wheels

MONDAY

Sloppy Joes, tater tots, pork beans, apricots.

TUESDAY

Corn dogs, macaroni/cheese, peas/carrots, applesauce.

WEDNESDAY

Eggs, bacon, biscuits, gravy, peaches.

THURSDAY

Closed for holiday.

FRIDAY

Roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello.

LIFESTYLES POLICY

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before a holiday such as Thanksgiving or Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

7. Birth announcements will only be published for 0- to 3-month-olds.

8. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

9. Two anniversary pictures may be placed for a \$25 charge or four extra lines may be added to announcements for \$25 (\$50 for both).

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CLUB

Altrusa

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met June 25 at Pampa Country Club with President Anne Stobbe presiding. Billie Sue Evans and Sheila Neslage served as greeters.

Among those present were guests Kelly and Jimmie Rushing, Kathleen Chaney, April Gomez, and Denise Joiner. Gomez is the recipient of the Geraldine Rumpy Adult Vocational Award, and Joiner received the Geneva Tidwell Memorial Scholarship.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Georgia Johnson was welcomed back following recent surgery.

—The accent "A Tribute to the American Flag" was presented by Mary Wilson.

—The program was delivered by Kelly Rushing, chief deputy at Gray County Sheriff's Office, who spoke on his life in law enforcement, which spans 29 years.

The next meeting will be at 12 noon, July 9 at Pampa Country Club.

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OB/GYN Update
 by Otoniel Huertas, M.D.
 Obstetrics & Gynecology

UTERINE PROLAPSE
 In uterine prolapse, the pelvic muscles and ligaments weaken and stretch, losing their ability to support the uterus and the vagina. These structures begin to sag, and the uterus slips down into the vagina. Uterine prolapse is more common after menopause, especially in women who have had several children, and can interfere with the normal functioning of the vagina, bladder, colon, and rectum. The principal damage occurs during labor, as the baby's head pushes against the muscles (levator ani) surrounding the vagina, bladder, and colon, and rectum. While Kegel exercises can help strengthen muscles to manage minor prolapse, and support devices (pessaries) may be inserted to hold sagging pelvic structures in place, reconstructive surgery is the only cure.

This condition is one of many that your gynecologist can detect during your pelvic exam. All women of childbearing age and older should see their gynecologists on a regular basis and not wait for the problems to arise to prompt making appointments. Your age, history, and general health will help your doctor determine how frequently you should be seen. To schedule your next appointment, phone my office at (806) 273-7771. We are located at 106 S. Bryan. Borger. New patients are welcome.

P.S. As many as 40-50 percent of postmenopausal women have some degree of prolapse, but only 10-15 percent have noticeable symptoms.

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NEWSMAKERS

CANYON — West Texas A&M University recently announced students named to its President's and Dean's Lists for the 2002 spring semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 3.85 or higher grade point average (GPA) while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include: **Victoria L. Fossett, Lisa A. Gibson, Jordan R. Holmes, and Mandy J. Waldrip**, all of Pampa; **Clifton T. Brunson, Allison A. Lusby, Derek R. Maupin, and Cory D. Smith**, all of Canadian; **Emily K. Burger, Kimberly A. Harper, and Kay L. McLaughlin**, all of Groom; and **Karen J. Hillman** of Lefors.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.25-3.85 GPA while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university. Students named to the list include: **Rebecca J. Aderholt, Cortnie M. Allison, Veronica L. Arreola, Aaron P. Baker, Jody A. Been, Jimmy C. Chavado, Teresa J. Clark, Courtney J. Cruz, Cynthia D. Davis, Tina M. Dwight, SarahBeth M. McCall, Lindsey D. Mitchell, Charity D. Nachtigall, Candi J. Terry, David S. Towles, Jessica L. Williams, Molly E. Williams, and Mary M. Zamudio**, all of Pampa; **Eric C. Hall, Claudia I. Hernandez, Desirae S. Manning, Lori D. Risley, and Jacob L. White**, all of Canadian; **Wyatt J. Weinheimer** of Groom; **Amber L. Holland** of Miami; **Nicholas J. Simpson** of Shamrock; **Jasmine L. Evans** of Skellytown; **Bret M. Goad, Elissa L. Ray, and Rachel A. Stiles**, all of Wheeler; **Tiffany L. Britten, Clinton J. Grange, Rhonda L. McClendon, Suni J. Petty, Angela Starks, and Chadd R. Warminski**, all of White Deer.

CANYON — For the first time in almost 15 years, West Texas A&M University hosted its own graduation ceremony on campus and awarded a total of 562 degrees during commencement exercises held at the conclusion of the 2002 spring semester at the WTAMU Event Center. The University awarded 454 baccalaureate and 108 master's degrees.

Students receiving degrees from the university include: **Kristi L. Tidwell**, bachelor of science degree (BS), of Alanreed; **Claudia I. Hernandez**, bachelor of arts degree (BA), **Cory D. Smith**, BS, and **Jeremy T. White**, BS, all of Canadian; **Kay L. McLaughlin**, bachelor of business administration degree (BBA), of Groom; **Emma L. Swigart**, BBA, of Mobeetie.

Annie M. Baker, BS, **Stefan C. Bressler**, MBA, **Kevin L. Coe**, BBA, **Deborah F. Davis**, BS, **Trent R. Davis**, BBA, **Victoria L. Fossett**, BS, **Karen L. Gordy**, BS, **Gloria J. Green**, bachelor of science in nursing degree (BSN), **Jeanne S. Jameson**, master of education degree (MED), **Misty D. McSpadden**, bachelor of general studies degree (BGS), **Melisa D. Price**, BGS, **La Von L. Reagan**, BS, **Amber D. Stephens**, BS, and **Jackie L. Sublett**, BSN, all of Pampa.

LUBBOCK — **Traci Dawn Banister** recently received a bachelor of science degree in communication disorders from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Banister is the granddaughter of Audry Huff.

WAYNESVILLE, Mo. — Army Pvt. **Ricky D. Conner II** recently graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood in Waynesville.

During training, Conner received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions. Conner is the son of Ricky and Diane Conner of Pampa and is the grandson of Frances Conner of Pampa.

WEDDINGS

Fuller-Palmer

Jennifer Fuller and Ryan Palmer, both of San Antonio, were wed June 29, 2002, at Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo with Scott Schlotfeld, of the church, officiating.

The maid of honor was Dr. Tracie Swayden of Fort Worth. The bridesmaids were Samantha Burd, Tammy Gordon, and Courtney Palmer, all of Amarillo, Kerry Collins of Irving, Amanda Thompson of Los Angeles, Calif., and Jacqueline Vratil of San Antonio. The flower girl was Tera Fuller of Pampa.

The best man was Billy Slaughter of Amarillo. The groomsmen were Casey Cronin of Rockwall, Eddie Esparza of Austin, Dustin Fuller of Pampa, Orlie Martinez of Dallas, Chris Phillips of San Antonio, and Chris Swayden of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The ring bearer was Taylan Palmer of Amarillo.

The ushers were Jarrod Dunavin of Amarillo, and Todd Palmer and Trent Palmer, both of De Soto.

Registering the guests was Jodi Cain of San Antonio. Music was provided by soloist Rachel Martin of Arlington and pianist-organist Karen Cline of Amarillo.

A reception was held following the service at Khiva Shrine Temple in Amarillo with Jodi Cain of San Antonio, Stacey Moore of Lewisville, and Corrie Underwood of De Soto serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Beverly Fuller of Pampa. She graduated from Amarillo High School and holds a degree from Texas A&M University. She is currently a fourth-year dental student at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

The groom is the son of Gloria and Butch Palmer of Amarillo. He graduated from Amarillo High School and Texas A&M University at College Station. He is currently employed as a touring golf professional.



Jennifer Fuller

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Jamaica and intend to make their home in San Antonio.

Harris-Ponce

Rosette Rane Harris and Ramon Ponce, both of Pampa, were wed June 15, 2002, at The Pampa Chamber of Commerce with Bishop Dean Looper officiating.

The maid of honor was Rachel Casanova of Pampa. The bridesmaids were Amber Harris, Marisa Ponce, Bracie Harris, and Kelly Smith, all of Pampa.

The best man was Ramiro Ponce of Pampa. The groomsmen were Zachery Ponce, Seth Harris, Robert Ponce, and Brendon Ponce, all of Pampa.

The ushers were Israel Casanova, Bernardo Casanova, Megan Addington, and Heather Addington, all of Pampa.

Music was provided by the vocals of Melodee Marlow and Jamie Ledgerwood and by Michael Addington, who performed at the reception, all of Pampa.

The reception was held at The Pampa Chamber of Commerce. The bride is the daughter of Ira Wayne and Joyce Potter of Pampa.

The groom is the son of Jose and Corina Ponce of Pampa. He has been employed with B&G Electric for 10 years.

The couple will reside in Pampa, Texas.



Rosette Rane Harris and Ramon Ponce

Hopson-Taylor

Rainy Hopson of Pampa and Avery "A.J." Taylor were wed June 8, 2002, at First Christian Church in Pampa with Nathan Hopson and Mike Sublett, both of Pampa, officiating.

The bridesmaids were Lydia Kidd of Lubbock and Amanda Paeltz of Amarillo.

The best man was Dale Taylor of Pampa. The groomsmen were Bryce Taylor of Pampa.

The ushers were Chris Taylor of Wolforth, Justin Paeltz of Amarillo, and Mike Grimes of Pampa.

Registering the guests was Amber Ford of Fort Worth. Music was provided by pianist David Harris of Amarillo and vocalist Heather Parry of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service in the parlor of the church with Susie Kidd of Lubbock, Rachel Bell of El Dorado, Ariz., and Brie Taylor, Kelly Mullican, Nicole Sikes, and Kim West, all of Pampa, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Nathan and Janey Hopson of Pampa.

The groom is the son of Dale and Joann Taylor of Pampa. He is currently serving in the U.S. Army and is stationed at Fort Hood.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Dallas and intend to make their home in Killeen.



Avery "A.J." Taylor and Rainy Hopson

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YOU'RE INVITED!

All former students, faculty and friends of the school are invited to the Lefors High School Ex-Students' Association all-school reunion scheduled for Saturday July 6th, in Lefors.

Activities are scheduled all day Saturday, the 6th, at the school starting with registration from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be visitation in the school cafeteria from 9-3 with drinks and cookies served. A special assembly gets underway at 3 o'clock in the auditorium with a salute to veterans who gave their lives in service to America, lots of entertainment featuring the North Fork Band and a number of former students singing and performing including the Bigham family, Katie Baumgardner Chavez, Mary Beth Hammond Aldridge and her daughters, Patsy Winegeart Jones and others. There will be an election of officers, awards given in a number of categories, addresses from local dignitaries, etc. Class photos are scheduled throughout the day.

A barbecue dinner is planned starting at 6 p.m. with a street dance to follow downtown. Everyone is welcome at the barbecue as long as the food lasts. Tickets will be available at the door. There is no charge for the street dance.

The ex-students will be participating in the Lefors portion of Gray County's 100th Birthday Celebration which is planned for the same week end as the reunion. Centennial Celebration activities planned include a parade Friday night, July 5, with a watermelon feast and another street dance planned that night. There will be demonstrations, exhibits, food, booths and games all day Saturday on the square downtown. A Lefors High School activities bus will be available to shuttle folks back and forth from the school to the 100th birthday celebration activities.



PATSY JONES

Recording artist and former Lefors student Patsy Winegeart Jones will be performing for the returning students at the all-school assembly and at the street dance as well. Ms. Jones has performed in Las Vegas, Nashville and numerous other well-known locations across the country. Her country and western renditions will provide one of the reunion's highlights.



"COMMUN' ON" BAND

The "Commin' On" country and western band of Hardesty, Okla., will be providing music for the Saturday night street dance at the reunion. Lead singer for the band is Clinton Martin. Others are Dale Eisenhauer, rhythm guitarist; Ronnie Line, lead guitar; Quint Finney, bass; and Allan Evans, drums. There will be songs of Merle Haggard, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Garth Brooks, etc. The dance will be from 8 p.m. to midnight.

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ENTERTAINMENT

BILLBOARD MUSIC CHARTS

By 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 signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

BILLBOARD HOT 100: TOP 10

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Hot In Herre," Nelly. Fo' Reel.
 2. "Without Me," Eminem. Web.
 3. "Foolish," Ashanti. Murder Inc.
 4. "Oh Boy," Cam'ron (feat. Juelz Santana). Roc-A-Fella.
 5. "Hero," Chad Kroeger (feat. Josey Scott). Columbia.
 6. "The Middle," Jimmy Eat World. DreamWorks.
 7. "I Need A Girl (Part One)," P. Diddy (feat. Usher & Loon). Bad Boy.
 8. "A Thousand Miles,"

- Vanessa Carlton. A&M.
9. "Addictive," Truth Hurts (feat. Rakim). Aftermath.
10. "I'm Gonna Be Alright," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Nas). Epic.
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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. "The Eminem Show," Eminem. Web.
 2. "Lovehatetragedy," Papa Roach. DreamWorks.
 3. "Untouchables," Korn. Immortal.
 4. "Totally Hits 2002," Various Artists. Warner Music Group.
 5. "Let Go," Avril Lavigne. Arista.
 6. "Masquerade," Wyclef Jean. Columbia.
 7. "Ashanti," Ashanti. Murder Inc. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
 8. "P. Diddy & Bad Boy Records Present... We Invented The Remix," Various Artists. Bad Boy.
 9. "Gravity," Our Lady Peace. Columbia.
 10. "M!ssundaztood," Pink. Arista. (Platinum)
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HOT ADULT CONTEMPORARY

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "A New Day Has Come," Celine Dion. Epic.
 2. "Superman (It's Not Easy)," Five For Fighting. Aware.
 3. "Hero," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
 4. "To Where You Are," Josh Groban. 143.
 5. "I Need You," Marc Anthony. Columbia.
 6. "Bring On The Rain," Jo Dee Messina. Curb.

7. "I'm Already There," Lonestar. BNA.
8. "Drops Of Jupiter (Tell Me)," Train. Columbia.
9. "Only A Woman Like You," Michael Bolton. Jive.
10. "If You're Gone," matchbox twenty. Lava.

TOP GOSPEL ALBUMS

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "The Rebirth Of Kirk Franklin," Kirk Franklin. Gospo Centric. (Gold)
 2. "Heart To Yours," Michelle Williams. Music World.
 3. "Believe," Yolanda Adams. Elektra.
 4. "I Believe," Marvin Sapp. Verity.
 5. "WOW Gospel 2002: The Year's 30 Top Gospel Artists And Songs," Various Artists. EMI/Word/Verity/Zomba. (Gold)
 6. "Live In London And More...," Donnie McClurkin. Verity. (Platinum)
 7. "Noboddy But You," Norman Hutchins. JDI.
 8. "Go Get Your Life Back," Donald Lawrence & The Tri-City Singers. EMI Gospel.
 9. "Awesome Wonder," Kurt Carr & The Kurt Call Singers. Gospo Centric.
 10. "Vanessa," Vanessa Williams. Bajada.

MAINSTREAM ROCK TRACKS

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "Drift & Die," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
 2. "Hero," Chad Kroeger (feat. Josey Scott). Columbia.
 3. "I Stand Alone," Gosmack. Republic.
 4. "By The Way," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.
 5. "Hold Me Down," Tommy Lee. MCA.
 6. "She Loves Me Not,"

- Papa Roach. DreamWorks.
7. "One Last Breath," Creed. Wind-up.
8. "Get Away," Earshot. Warner Bros.
9. "Here To Stay," Korn. Immortal.
10. "For You," Staind. Flip.

MODERN ROCK TRACKS

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "By The Way," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.
 2. "Hero," Chad Kroeger (feat. Josey Scott). Columbia.
 3. "Drift & Die," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
 4. "Running Away," Hoobastank. Island.
 5. "Warning," Incubus. Immortal.
 6. "She Loves Me Not," Papa Roach. DreamWorks.
 7. "Sweetness," Jimmy Eat World. DreamWorks.
 8. "I Feel So," Box Car Racer. MCA.
 9. "Somewhere Out There," Our Lady Peace. Columbia.
 10. "Here To Stay," Korn. Immortal.

HOT COUNTRY SINGLES AND TRACKS

- (Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)
1. "I'm Gonna Miss Her (The Fishin' Song)," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville.
 2. "Living And Living Well," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
 3. "Not A Day Goes By," Lonestar. BNA.
 4. "The Good Stuff," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
 5. "The One," Gary Allan. MCA Nashville.
 6. "Drive (For Daddy Gene)," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
 7. "Courtesy Of The Red, White And Blue (The Angry American)," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
 8. "My Heart Is Lost To You," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville.
 9. "When You Lie Next To Me," Kellie Coffey. BNA.
 10. "Long Time Gone," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
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TOP COUNTRY ALBUMS

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
1. "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems," Kenny Chesney. BNA. (Platinum)
 2. Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Platinum)
 3. "Drive," Alan Jackson.

- Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
4. "Part II," Brad Paisley. Arista Nashville. (Gold)
5. "Greatest Hits," Martina McBride. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
6. "Pull My Chain," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
7. "Alright Guy," Gary Allan. MCA Nashville.
8. "Greatest Hits," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
9. "Steers & Stripes," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
10. "Set This Circus Down," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
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HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLES AND TRACKS

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)
1. "Oh Boy," Cam'ron (feat. Juelz Santana). Roc-A-Fella.
 2. "Hot In Herre," Nelly. Fo' Reel.
 3. "Addictive," Truth Hurts (feat. Rakim). Aftermath.
 4. "halfcrazy," Musiq. Def Soul.
 5. "I Need A Girl (Part Two)," P. Diddy & Ginuwine (feat. Loon, Mario Winans & Tammy Ruggieri). Bad Boy. Cash Money.
 7. "Just A Friend 2002," Mario. J.
 8. "U Don't Have To Call," Usher. Arista.
 9. "Call Me," Tweet. The Gold Mind.
 10. "Foolish," Ashanti. Murder Inc.
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1. "The Eminem Show," Eminem. Web.
 2. "Masquerade," Wyclef Jean. Columbia.
 3. "Life Goes On," Donell Jones. Untouchables.
 4. "P. Diddy & Bad Boy Records Present... We Invented The Remix," Various Artists. Bad Boy.
 5. "Ashanti," Ashanti. Murder Inc. (Platinum)
 6. "Come Home With Me," Cam'ron. Roc-A-Fella.
 7. "Juslisen (Just Listen)," Musiq. Def Soul.
 8. "Hood Rich," Big Tymers. CashMoney. (Gold)
 9. "AZiatic," AZ. Motown.
 10. "Instant Vintage," Raphael Saadiq. Universal.
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HOT RAP TRACKS

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled, and provided by SoundScan)
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 2. "Hot In Herre," Nelly. Fo' Reel.
 3. "Addictive," Truth Hurts (feat. Rakim). Aftermath.
 4. "halfcrazy," Musiq. Def Soul.
 5. "I Need A Girl (Part Two)," P. Diddy & Ginuwine (feat. Loon, Mario Winans & Tammy Ruggieri). Bad Boy. Cash Money.
 7. "Just A Friend 2002," Mario. J.
 8. "U Don't Have To Call," Usher. Arista.
 9. "Call Me," Tweet. The Gold Mind.
 10. "Foolish," Ashanti. Murder Inc.
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 2. "Hot In Herre," Nelly. Fo' Reel.
 3. "I Need A Girl (Part Two)," P. Diddy & Ginuwine (feat. Loon Mario Winans & Tammy Ruggieri). Bad Boy.
 4. "Still Fly," Big Tymers. Cash Money.
 5. "Without Me," Eminem. Web.
 6. "I Need A Girl (Part One)," P. Diddy (feat. Usher & Loon). Bad Boy.
 7. "Down 4U," Irv Gotti Presents The INC. (feat. Ja Rule, Ashanti, Charli Baltimore & Vita). Murder Inc.
 8. "Down A Chick," Ja Rule (feat. Charli "Chuck" Baltimore. Murder Inc.
 9. "Nothin'," N.O.R.E. Def Jam.
 10. "What's Luv?," Fat Joe Featuring Ashanti. Terror Squad/Atlantic.
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HOT DANCE MUSIC — CLUB PLAY

- (Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)
1. "Lazy," X-Press 2. Skint.
 2. "Blame," Sonoi. Groovilicious.
 3. "Love At First Sight," Kylie Minogue. Capitol.
 4. "One Step Too Far," Faithless (feat. Dido). Cheeky. Cash Money.
 5. "The Need To Be Naked," Amber. Tommy Boy.
 6. "One Day In Your Life," Anastacia. Daylight.
 7. "I'll Be Waiting," Full Intention Presents Shena. Traffic.
 8. "Come With Us," The Chemical Brothers. Freestyle.
 9. "The Sound Of Goodbye (Robbie Rivera's Fierce Remix). Perpetuous Dreamer. Nervous.
 10. "Hella Good (Roger Sanchez Remixes)," No Doubt. Interscope.
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HOT LATIN TRACKS

- (Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)
1. "Quitame Ese Hombre," Pilar. Montenegro. Univision.
 2. "Y Tu Te Vas," Chayanne. Sony Discos.
 3. "Tu Y Yo," Thalia. EMI Latin.
 4. "Yo Puedo Hacer," Ricardo Montaner. Warner Latina.
 5. "Si Tu Te Vas," Paulina Rubio. Universal Latino.
 6. "Entra En Mi Vida," Sin Bandera. Sony Discos.
 7. "Una Lagrima No Basta," Los Temerarios. Fonovisa.
 8. "A Dios Le Pido," Juanes. Surco.
 9. "Me Huele A Soledad," MDO. Sony Discos.
 10. "El Poder De Tus Manos," Intocable. EMI Latin.
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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Unhappy Ex-Wife Wants To Win Back Her Husband

DEAR ABBY: I had what I thought was a great marriage to "Grant" for nearly 15 years. Like many women, as I entered my 30s, I became bored and unhappy and, as our marriage suffered, I blamed it all on him. (I mean, wasn't he supposed to keep me happy?)

To make a long story short, I filed for divorce. Grant was shocked. I don't think he would have ever filed. It devastated our 10-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter.

It has been three years since our divorce became final, and after a series of boyfriends — each more disappointing than the last — I still haven't found what I'm looking for. Grant has had only two girlfriends since, and he is fairly infatuated with the woman he is seeing now.

Our children adore their dad, and I now realize how handsome, how nice, and what a great man Grant really is. I now believe he really is my soul mate.

Did I make the biggest mistake of my life? Can I, or should I even try to win him back? Help me, Abby!

If it turns out that Grant really is the person you want to spend the rest of your life with, pray that he is more forgiving than most would be after having been hurt the way he was. It will take a miracle for him to forgive you. But miracles have been known to happen. And you'll never know unless you try.

DEAR ABBY: My 90-year-old grandmother had been a devoted member of her church for more than 50 years. She has been homebound for the last two years. The first of each month, she continues to send 10 percent of her Social Security check to her church, hand-delivered

DEAR VENTING: There is no excuse for your grandmother to be ignored any longer. Whoever takes her money to the church next time should have a heart-to-heart chat with the pastor and tell him or her what you have written to me.

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One of my grandmother's snapshots was of a lady and a dog. Neatly printed on the back was, "Me and my dog."

SAM IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR SAM: It could have been worse. It could have said, "Me and my gal," signed with a paw print.

by friends and family — whoever is attending.

Is my grandmother's pastor required by a "higher power" to come to her house on a regular basis to visit and pray with her, so that she feels she's still a part of her church community?

During the past year, my grandmother's pastor has come by her home only once. Grandma's modest home is always spotless, and she is pleasant to be around — she's just old and lonely.

Her world has always revolved around her church, and now is the time that she needs their support. To tell you the truth, I'm so disappointed by their lack of compassion, it will be hard to look at those church people if they show up at her funeral.

VENTING IN OKLAHOMA

Pauline Phillips and her daughter, Jeanne Phillips, share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

REGRETFUL IN MICHIGAN

DEAR REGRETFUL: The answer is yes to all three questions. Sometimes we don't appreciate what we have until we lose it.

Before you start campaigning to win him back, you would be wise to get some counseling to be sure you're serious about wanting him back and not acting out of frustration about your inability to connect with another man.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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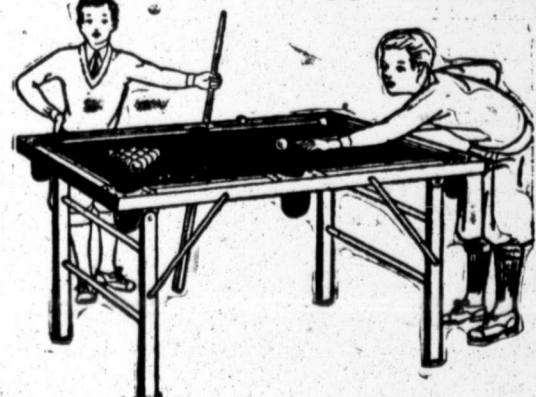
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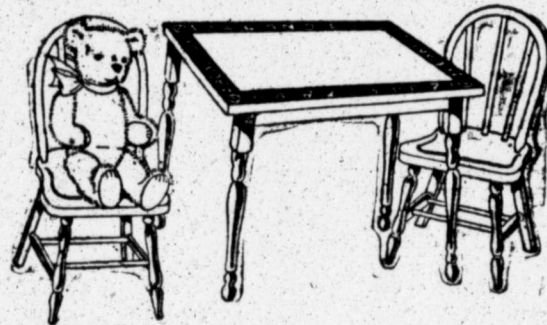
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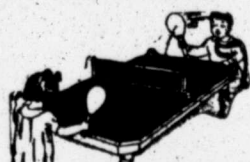
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Mystery of missing woman pilot continues after 65 years

By RON STATON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

HONOLULU (AP) — Elgen Long believes Amelia Earhart remains in her plane on the Pacific Ocean floor after running out of gas.

Ric Gillespie thinks she landed on an island and died a castaway.

Tod Swindell theorizes she survived a crash landing in the Marshall Islands, was captured by the Japanese and secretly repatriated, living out her life as a New Jersey housewife.

Sixty-five years after her disappearance at age 39, the missing pilot remains one of America's great mysteries and the subject of continuing searches of the Pacific and research and debate.

The tomboy who became an icon with her short tousled hair, leather jacket and silk scarf already had set numerous flying records when she began her final flight May 20, 1937, from Oakland, Calif.

She made it as far as New Guinea. And on July 2, she took off from there for tiny Howland Island on a 2,556-mile flight that would be one of her longest and most dangerous.

Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, never made it to the tiny atoll southwest of Hawaii. She

radioed she was running low on fuel. The Navy searched for Earhart's plane. Not a trace was found.

The official position of the U.S. government has been that Earhart and Noonan went down with their plane.

Elgen Long, a consultant for Nauticos, a company based in Hanover, Md., supports the government conclusion and earlier this year led a \$1.7 million, 27-day search of waters within 100 miles of Howland. The expedition ended early with equipment problems. Nauticos plans to resume the effort when repairs are made and more money is raised, Long said.

"We have high expectations the airplane is in the area we are searching," Long said. "It's important to find it to correct the history of the event."

The Nauticos effort was preceded by Dana Timmer's group in 1999. Head of Howland Landing Ltd. of Reno Nev., he spent \$1 million to hunt for plane in 1999. Timmer still wants to try again, but waits for more money.

He has acquired rights to the Lockheed Electra from Earhart's estate, and he wants to restore it and display it at a museum.

Ric Gillespie, on the other hand,

believes the plane landed at Gardner Island, now called Nikumaroro in the Phoenix Islands.

Gillespie, a former aviation accident investigator, heads up The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery (TIGHAR), a non-profit that has made six trips to Gardner Island over the past 14 years.

On the trip last September, the group found evidence of a castaway. Artifacts recovered there are still being analyzed, Gillespie said.

Other researchers believe the Marshall Islands are where Earhart and Noonan landed, and from there are some of the most intriguing theories.

Earhart's mother, Amy Otis Earhart, in a 1949 newspaper interview, said she was convinced her daughter was on a government mission and was picked up by a Japanese fishing boat and taken to the Marshalls, which the Japanese controlled.

In his 1966 book "In Search of Amelia Earhart," the late Fred Goerner says former Pacific Fleet commander Chester Nimitz told him Earhart and Noonan were picked up by the Japanese.

Most who believe that theory think Noonan was executed and that

Earhart was executed or died of dysentery.

However, Joe Gervais' research convinced him Earhart survived; was repatriated and returned secretly to the United States where she lived in New Jersey under the name of Irene Craigmile Bolam.

Gervais, a retired fighter pilot, was introduced to Bolam in 1965 at a gathering of the Early Birds of Aviation, a group of aviation pioneers. He noticed her resemblance to Earhart and that she was wearing two aviation pins Earhart had worn.

When a book based on Gervais' research came out in 1970 — "Amelia Earhart Lives" by Joe Klaas — Bolam sued. Five years later, the defendants offered to settle for the requested \$2 million if Bolam provided fingerprints in front of the judge. Bolam dropped the suit, Gervais said in a 1996 interview with Tod Swindell, a screenwriter.

Before Bolam died on July 7, 1982, she willed her body to Rutgers University for research. A spokeswoman for the medical school there said the body was later cremated. Bolam's death certificate listed her parents as "unknown."

Swindell, a professional screen-

writer, has expanded on Gervais' research, trying to find out if Bolam was really Earhart. Recently he showed a conference of Earhart aficionados overlays of photos of the pilot's face and hands, matching perfectly with those of Bolam.

"It's an exact congruence," said Swindell who had the help of two forensic pathologists.

Even some skeptics found the evidence intriguing.

"We were inclined to think Irene probably was not Amelia Earhart," said John Bolam, a retired aerospace engineer from Merritt Island, Fla., and a half-brother of Guy Bolam, Irene's husband. However, he said, "The forensic studies are very convincing."

While Irene Bolam denied being Earhart, she was not an ordinary housewife as she claimed, John Bolam said. "She was influential, knew many well-placed people and was well-traveled."

On the Net: Official Amelia Earhart site: <http://www.ameli-earhart.com/>

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Border retailers enjoying Mexican shoppers' loyalty, money

By LYNN BREZOSKY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LAREDO (AP) — Three times a month, 56-year-old Yolanda Frias of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, enlists her son to drive her and his grandmother across the Rio Grande to Texas.

Once beyond the international bridge, they bypass Laredo's old town square with its carnival of Latin music and, spirited Spanish-language sales pitches in favor of air-conditioned aisles offering bulk toilet paper, microwave popcorn and dish soap.

The Friases are part of a market that has merchants angling for space wherever U.S. cities meet Mexican.

"Anyone holding or earning pesos has seen their buying power increase," said Felix Fernandez, regional president for border banking at Wells Fargo & Co. "It's a huge market with a lot of pent-up desire for variety."

To help them spend, retailers are stocking favorites like diapers, paper products, salty snack foods and motor oil along with appliances, clothing and home decor items. And they're hiring people to distribute sales fliers to motorists waiting to cross north, accepting pesos and refunding sales tax on site.

"We pretty much have catered to the Mexican clientele as well as our U.S. clientele,"

said Ed Garza, district manager overseeing the Laredo Wal-Mart where Frias was shopping. According to Garza, his Wal-Mart is tops nationally in sales per square foot among Division I stores — the class that is larger than "neighborhood" stores and smaller than "superstores." Other major retailers' border operations have boasted similar sales superlatives.

"What happens in Mexico is the supermarkets are really quite expensive," said Pia Orrenius, senior economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. "I don't really understand why that is. Certain things are still considered luxuries. Canned meat that costs \$2.50 a can here can be \$5 a can. It has to do with distribution and transportation costs."

As a clerk bagged purchases that included dog food, napkins, laundry detergent, air fresheners, glass cleaner and a television remote, Frias agreed with Orrenius' assessment.

"We come all the time, because everything's cheaper," she said.

In a global economy where borders blend, commerce is going to be driven by universal factors, like price, and in this case shoppers seeking the same access to American products, said Tony Zavaleta, a Mexican culture expert who is vice president for external affairs at the University of Texas at Brownsville. A more homogenized culture where bedrooms on both

sides of the border are decorated in Martha Stewart lines from Kmart is a natural result, Zavaleta said.

"It's a healthy and useful symbiotic relationship," Zavaleta said. "Culture refers to things we've adopted into our framework, our way of thinking and living. ... We are in a retail culture."

"Do not look at the border as a line where Texas ends and Mexico begins," Zavaleta said. "Mexico is not an underdeveloped nation. Mexico is a rapidly developing nation and literally an awakening giant at our doorsteps."

The peso has dipped in recent months, but overall has continued to grow stronger against the dollar, and economists expect the trend to persist. That strength spurs foreign investment into job-creating factories that have helped build a middle class with expendable income, especially along Mexico's northern border.

Still, no retailer knows exactly how much of his sales are to Mexicans, but their estimates average about 50 percent, with fluctuations based on proximity to the border. Bill Summers, president of the Rio Grande Valley Partnership, says Mexican shoppers make some 70 percent of purchases in Texas' four-county Rio Grande Valley.

Miguel Conchas, president of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce, said his city uses a

"very conservative" estimate of 40 percent.

Cross-border trade, a tradition that dates to the end of the U.S.-Mexican War in 1848, accounts for roughly 53 percent of Texas border-area employment. Since 1990, the number of retail outlets along the 16-county Texas border region has jumped from 10,263 to 18,173, with gross sales increasing from \$1.5 billion to \$3.6 billion in 2001.

Texas State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently credited brisk border retail with helping Texas avoid the post-Sept. 11 recession experienced by many other states. May data from the Texas Workforce Commission showed unemployment down in all border metropolitan areas except El Paso, a trend counter to the rest of the state.

According to the Texas Center for Border Economics and Enterprise Development at Texas A&M International University, sales on both sides of the border are growing at a healthy pace of 5 percent to 6 percent a year, and the region's doubled population over the past decade is expected to keep things moving.

That buying power is being shown the length of the 2,000-mile border, from Brownsville to San Diego, which had some South County businesses reporting losses of 60 percent because certain shopper, that is a firm believer in buying things directly from the source.

Sweet Home schoolhouse is endangered historic site

By AMY DORSETT
SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

SWEET HOME — If it weren't for the four-room Sweet Home Vocational and Agricultural High School, Connie Quarles doubts she would have received a formal education.

Sweet Home, located a few miles south of Seguin, was one of hundreds of Rosenwald Schools that dotted the rural South and educated black students, a segment of the population that had been long ignored.

At its peak, there were more than 500 Rosenwald Schools like Sweet Home in Texas, and countless more in other Southern states.

Recently, the National Trust for Historic Preservation identified the schoolhouses as one of America's 11 most endangered historic sites.

It was the 15th such list the organization has produced, with the goal of getting the sites more attention and money, which has made all the difference in some cases.

"Many of them have been saved because people realize their heritage is too important to be hauled off to the landfill," said Richard Moe, president of the National Trust.

Moe, and others involved in preserving historic sites, say they didn't know about the Rosenwald Schools until recently.

"Many people don't know about them," he said. "They played a significant role in the education of African-Americans in this country."

The schools were built

from 1913 to 1932 and partially funded by Julius Rosenwald, a Jewish philanthropist from Chicago who is credited with turning Sears, Roebuck stores into an American retail empire.

Rosenwald teamed with Booker T. Washington to build schools.

"(Sweet Home High School) made me to be a leader, a strong black woman. It taught me how to take the little things and appreciate them."

— Connie Quarles
Sweet Home alumni

In a unique concept at that time, Rosenwald would provide money to communities and they would supply other funds for the project.

"It was a forerunner of matching grants," said John Gesick, a history professor at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin. "The black community in the rural South would have to raise money, as much as they could."

Rosenwald Schools provided an education to children who otherwise would have had to do without.

"I probably wouldn't have gone to school. There were no other schools in walking distance," said Quarles, a retired schoolteacher.

"I have very good memories. I was the only girl of four boys in my class."

Rosenwald Schools went beyond the three R's of basic education.

They specialized in vocational training and were used by communities as gathering places.

"It was the hub of our community. It's where everyone went, where everything evolved," said Quarles, who was 5 when she first started walking the 2 1/2 miles from her family's farm to the school. "That was the center of our life."

Students at Sweet Home learned cooking, sewing, agriculture, blacksmithing, carpentry, auto mechanics and mattress making.

Quarles, who still lives on the family farm, said she developed confidence at the school.

"It made me to be a leader, a strong black woman," said Quarles, 67. "It taught me how to take the little things and appreciate them."

The Sweet Home school, already listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is owned by a nearby Baptist church, which uses it as a fellowship hall and nutritional center.

Gregory Smith, National Register coordinator for the Texas Historical Commission, said his office wants to identify more of the schools so they can be saved.

"We suspect there are many more out there," he said. "Hopefully this placing on the list will elicit more interest."

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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, July 1, 2002:

For the first half of the year, your intuition allows you to hone in on what must happen. To others, you might seem extra lucky. Keep following those fine-tuned instincts. As a result, you'll gain financially, especially after summer. Take greater responsibility with your work. Be more in touch with what you want from your public and professional lives. If you are single, you could meet someone quite soon, if you haven't already. This person could be Mr. or Ms. Right. If attached, your relationship will benefit from your strong, intuitive caring and additional funds! Plan on doing something very special together. ARIES pushes you hard.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Though you might drag into work, you will be skipping out the door. Whether that fact promises a good day or a happy exit could be determined by your attitude. Midday, you get a second wind, feeling that anything is possible. Tonight: It's your call.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Use the daylight hours, when your energy peaks, and you're in prime-time. If you opt for a long weekend, you might not care about what goes on, but know that you will need a nap late afternoon. Take your time with a friend. Tonight: Play it low-key.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Whether running for office or simply trying to clear out your errands, you emerge a winner. You enjoy yourself no matter where you are and no matter

what you're doing. Jump on an opportunity, as it might not occur again for a long while. Tonight: Recognize the good times.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Put your best foot forward, and you'll gain as a result. You might not need to agree with others, but it might be helpful to understand where they are coming from. Not everyone is wrong. Accept responsibilities graciously this afternoon. Tonight: The spotlight is on you!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Use your intuition with both money and love. Don't let something slide to the back burner. Reach out for someone at a distance who often expresses his or her caring. Detach by walking in another's shoes. Remain positive. Tonight: Reach out for someone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** A friend points to the right path. Go. Don't hesitate, or you might be sorry later. Negotiations over a money or personal matter could be most successful, as long as you're both clear about your expectations. Don't worry so much. Tonight: Allow someone in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Deal with others directly, at work this morning. Though you might be overloaded, work could be demanding. Allow others to take the lead in a personal matter. Sometimes, by not making a decision, you make the decision. Tonight: Defer to another's wishes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Relax and maintain a less- hectic pace. Creativity flourishes when you don't push too hard. Return all long-distance calls and messages. Work demands a lot of attention in the afternoon. Not everything is as simple as you would like. Tonight: Burn the candle at both

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Optimism surrounds you. Allow others to infuse their energy into your work environment. Though you're not usually serious, you might be quite focused. A financial offer might not come again. Jump on it, if you think you want this opportunity. Tonight: Let off steam.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Say what you think in the early part of the day. Your words fall on welcome ears and bring a positive response. Make calls and clear out your work, errands and messages. You might have a mini-bout with laziness this afternoon. Tonight: Make it OK.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Deal with others directly. You might want to rethink a decision that involves a car, computer or another form of communication. Honor the role of money in your life. Don't hesitate to ask for more of what you need. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Use the morning, when you still have a lot of get-up-and-go. Add that extra friendly touch wherever you go. Others are thrilled by your attention and caring. Know that you can donate on another without spending a lot. Use your creative, please. Tonight: Your treat.

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Banks take El Pasoans' money; use for loans elsewhere

By CHRIS ROBERTS
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EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Chuy Reyes had good credit, a prominent name and a brother in Congress. But it wasn't enough to qualify him for a loan in El Paso when he was trying to open a business selling metal buildings.

"It was a disappointment, really, because we lived here all our lives and had good credit," said Reyes, brother of U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas. "We went to three banks, larger banks, and nobody was interested in taking a chance."

Reyes eventually went to Deming, N.M., to get the \$250,000 he needed to start his now thriving King Buildings of El Paso three years ago.

City and county officials say Reyes' experience is common, that stingy lending practices of big banks are stunting economic development in El Paso, where small businesses account for the majority of commerce.

The problem, local officials say, is the banks will take deposits, but are less willing to lend the money back to local residents and small businesses.

El Paso Mayor Ray Caballero says the banks' lending practices are "the No. 1 reason for El Paso's economic problems."

Banks, on the other hand, contend that the statistics critics use to calculate the amounts of small business loans and loan-to-deposit ratios shouldn't be used to draw any firm conclusions. They say the numbers exclude loans for homes and autos from subsidiary companies that account for a large part of their business.

Nonetheless, using 2000 statistics from Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council and the U.S. Census Bureau, Caballero's staff concluded that of Texas' seven metropolitan statistical areas, El Paso receives the least per capita in loans to small businesses with annual revenues of \$1 million or less.

El Paso received \$113 per capita, compared with Brownsville/Harlingen/San Benito at \$230. Laredo — which has two well-established, locally owned banks — was tops with \$382.

Figures from the Federal

Deposit Insurance Corp. and other sources showed that nearly 74 percent of El Paso's deposits were held by the nation's 10 largest banks. And the four leading local banks loaned out only about 65 percent of the amount they took in as deposits, Caballero said.

El Paso's loan-to-deposit ratio is slightly lower than the state average. County Attorney Jose Rodriguez told a state Senate panel the local market is controlled by multinational banks with no local ties "and no qualms about investing our deposits outside El Paso."

In Laredo, where large national banks are less dominant, the loan-to-deposit ratio is 93.4 percent.

Generally, the critics of big banks would like to see loan-to-deposit ratios approaching 100 percent, which indicate the banks are loaning back to the community the amount they are holding in local deposits. A ratio of more than 100 percent indicates the banks are bringing in money to make loans in the community.

Texas as a whole isn't faring much better than El Paso. The ratio of loans to deposits, 66 percent, ranks 48th in the nation, said economist Ray Perryman, president of the Perryman Group in Waco. That means Texas banks are siphoning local deposits to other states, he said.

El Paso's problems are an example of the difficulty faced by many rural and poor Texas communities whose residents try to borrow from the big banks.

Perryman contends that if Texans received loans at the average rate of the rest of the country in 2000, the most recent statistics available, the state would have had \$55.3 billion more in annual gross state product, \$31.7 billion more in personal income and 670,000 more jobs.

"Incomes of Texas workers would have been 7.1 percent higher and employment would have been 6.7 percent higher," Perryman said.

Texas exports money for complex reasons.

No large banks are based in Texas, and they are the ones that tend to lend locally, Perryman said. Texas' traditional industries — farming and ranching, for example — are being elbowed

out by hotter businesses such as high-tech companies.

At one time, the boards of small banks were composed of local business leaders who made decisions about reinvesting the bank's capital based on what was good for the community.

In the late '80s, Perryman said, regulations changed amid a banking crisis that was aggravated by the savings-and-loan disaster and plummeting oil prices. The crisis motivated rule changes allowing outside banks to swallow small local banks and turn them into branches.

"Since our local banks were sold, we have seen a steady decline in our per-capita income," said state Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso. "If our community ... can't access our own capital, we won't see the job creation that leads to our own prosperity."

The changes, according to some experts, pitted the interests of the community against the interests of bank stockholders.

El Paso and other hard-hit areas in Texas — poor border and rural regions — are generally perceived as high-risk, Perryman

said. Large banks tend to prefer clients who make large transactions over small-business clients, he added.

But economist Harvey Rosenblum, vice president and director of research for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, speaks for many in the banking industry when he says the available data are inadequate for drawing such conclusions.

Perryman acknowledges the data give only a partial picture. "But, by the same token, when we as a state are so far below the other industrial states, it shows that there is a problem," he said.

Bank officials say deposits from Mexicans who are protecting their money against the fluctuation of the peso and, to some degree, drug profits, inflate the deposit totals in Texas, throwing off loan-to-deposit ratios.

Richard Celli, senior vice president for JP Morgan Chase in Houston, said the loan-to-deposit ratios are misleading because they don't count money lent by credit card and auto finance companies, or home loans and other small loans made by the bank's subsidiaries.

Celli said Chase made \$64 million in loans to El Paso's small businesses in 2000 and loans about \$300 million each year for local mortgages. The bank had more than \$1 billion in deposits in El Paso County that year, according to FDIC records.

Statewide, the bank had \$18.3 billion in Texas deposits in 2000, according to the FDIC. Celli said the bank made \$1.7 billion in mortgage loans statewide that year.

Celli added that the bank also helped establish El Paso's revolving-loan fund, which lets small business owners get city funds that can be used to qualify for a bank loan.

Wells Fargo says that adding auto, home, credit card, small business and other El Paso loans into the mix gives a local loan-to-deposit ratio of 104 percent.

President Stephen Helbing contends that his bank has approved more than 70 percent of the small business loan applications in the last two years.

"There's no motivation for me to ship my money out of town," he said.

Caballero agrees that large

banks, which can offer services the small banks cannot, have their place in a healthy economy. He suggests that part of the solution is to have more small, locally owned banks operating in his city.

"Our market is absolutely undeveloped," Caballero said. "Smaller community banks, that's the future. Anywhere you go, including the big cities, most business is small business."

Les Parker, president of the United Bank of El Paso del Norte, one of three locally owned banks, said his bigger rivals must please stockholders but that his small bank, created a year ago, is more sensitive to local business needs.

Parker believes some El Paso business owners who could qualify for a bank loan never apply, maybe fearing that they will be rejected. And he said some El Paso residents don't trust banks, stashing their savings in home safes.

"I don't think there's some kind of evil conspiracy," Parker said of the banks' lending habits. "I really think it's more an issue of education of the consumer."

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SEUSS

Even a tiny child will understand "hop" if she's hopping on the pop mat, Goolsby explains.

And "Seuss!" will encourage child/adult interaction, Goolsby points out.

"Some parents who are fabulous at loving but don't know how to encourage a child to learn," she says. And because it's Seuss, the exhibit will appeal to all ages, not just the 2- to 5-year-old set it's aimed at.

"This is the nonsense we screen out of our lives," Lindsey says. "Seuss relishes the nonsense and helps you figure out the world."

"We're going to have some thirtysomethings and fortysomethings on their hands and knees becoming part of the Seuss books once again. Seuss is timeless."

"Seuss!" also works on children's early reading skills, asking them to match shapes and exposing them to new words. It also encourages parents to read and rhyme with their children, Goolsby says, which is the beginning of literacy.

"It's true literacy at its earliest form, and Seuss is so good at that," Goolsby says.

Developed by the Children's Museum of Manhattan, the traveling exhibit is on a 10-city tour.

Admission to "Seuss!" is included in the museum's regular exhibits fee, which is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for children ages 3-12 and free for those younger than 3.

"Man, if you've got a 2 1/2-year-old, there's no excuse not to come 3/8," Lindsey says.

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CAMP

Arce said she knew she needed the course because she wants to be able to talk to all of the people, not just some of them.

"It is important to be able to do that," she said. "My best friend's little brother is deaf. He's 5 and I want to talk to him."

Susan Tiller, the executive director of the Corpus Christi Area Council for the Deaf, said she was expecting 20 children between the ages of 5 and 12 and she got 50.

"There is really a heightened interest," Tiller said. "Before it was a private, almost secret language. Now it is very recognized."

Tiller said the language is difficult to learn.

"It is a foreign language like Spanish, German or Russian," she said. "It changes like English. Until recently, we did not have words for things like computers and e-mails. It fits where you live and what you need. We have a sign for enchilada here and we do not have one for bagel."

Tiller said when the council offered the camp, she was not expecting such a large turnout.

"We were not planning to offer it again this summer, but it was such a success that we might consider it."

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