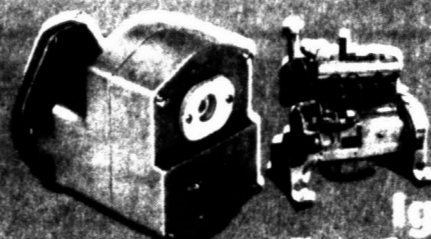


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County to continue budget battle

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

Gray County commissioners will continue discussion of the proposed 2005 county budget during their meeting at 9 a.m. Monday in the second-floor courtroom at the county courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

Two items of business which were not acted upon at the last regular meeting are once again on the agenda — an internal audit report, and the 2005 retirement rate and supplemental death benefits fund.

Commissioners are scheduled to vote on whether to continue the county vehicle

registration fee, currently in its second year, for 2005. They will also discuss 911 application road issues, in which county roads are distinguished from private and other roads and are identified.

A tax bid of \$50 for Lots 7-9, Block 64, Original Town, McLean, is on

Monday's agenda, along with tax property of Lots 5-13, Wilcox Addition, in Pampa, which the city wishes to retain for drainage purposes.

The City of Pampa's bill of \$4,046.33, representing the county's share of demolition costs of condemned tax property between July 1,

2003 and June 30, 2004, will be discussed.

Continuing education of commission members will be recognized. Also on the agenda is GASB 34 implementation consultation and training.

Commissioners began

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White-wing doves visit local garden

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

As Fran Morrison and Helen Hall sit on Mrs. Morrison's back porch, sparrows, blue jays, cardinals, grackles and doves flutter in and out among the hibiscus in the garden.

"There's even an oriole," Mrs. Morrison said.

There are also two squirrels. Morrison says there is a bench out on the family ranch on the Canadian River where her son, Jim, now lives with his family. Mrs. Morrison's late husband Don used to tell her that was the most expensive bench on the ranch. He claimed his father and uncle used to sit on that bench in the morning

and talk about what needed to be done instead of doing it.

"This is my bench," she smiled, leaning back in her comfortable porch chair as an afternoon breeze rustled the leaves of the flowers and vines. Rays of the late afternoon sun dappled the garden in light and dark greens. Bright colors from the variety of flowers added a happy contrast. "I spend a lot of time sitting on this porch."

This has not always been a Garden of Eden. When Mrs. Morrison first moved into the house, there were only two sycamore trees and



Pampa News photo by **DAVID BOWSER**

White-winged dove in Fran Morrison's backyard.

See **DOVES**, Page 2

CASA mock trial educates public

By **BEN BRISCOE**
News Intern

The parents of Danny, Josh, Sherri and Molly Jones were arrested and incarcerated for drug-related charges six months ago.

As a result, the children have been placed in an Amarillo foster-care home, under the custody of Child

Protective Services.

Since then they have been performing well in school; however, two of the children, Danny and Sherri, have developed behavioral problems.

The 223rd District Court saw a preliminary hearing for this imaginary case Friday as the Court Appointed Special

Advocates, CASA, celebrated its 10th anniversary of operation with a mock trial and luncheon.

"We decided to host a mock hearing so the public could see CASA's role in child custody cases like the one that was presented here today," Janet Watts, CASA

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Pampa News photo by **BEN BRISCOE**

Jean Martindale, who acted as ad litem representing the children in the hearing questions a witness while Brandi Robin, playing the children's mom, watches on.

Sept. 11 panel leaders urge adoption of certain reforms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators promised swift consideration of proposals to revamp the nation's intelligence structure after leaders of the Sept. 11 commission warned that bureaucratic wrangling leaves America dangerously vulnerable to another terrorist attack.

At a rare hearing Friday during the Senate's typically quiet August recess, Senate Governmental Affairs Committee Chairwoman Susan Collins, R-Maine, urged fellow lawmakers to "be bold but not reckless" in considering a reorganization that would amount to a "fundamental overhaul of our intelligence structure and a sea change in our thinking."

Added the committee's top Democrat, Joe Lieberman of Connecticut: "We're going to get this job done and get it done with unprecedented thoughtfulness and speed."

As Congress continued its debate, a working group appointed by President Bush was meeting Friday about a possible administration package of changes. A senior White House official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the panel was close to presenting its recommendations to Bush.

Among ideas prompting discussion is the establishment of a new national intelligence director, a major proposal from the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States. The official said the administration's internal debate has centered on the scope of that person's authority and the individual's working relationship with the CIA.

Without providing specifics, the official said the working group is looking at options that could go beyond the commission's recommendations and indicated that one focus might be in the area of protecting privacy rights and civil liberties.

"Reform is not easy," Bush said at a campaign stop in Springfield, Mo. "Achieving reform requires taking on the special interests, requires challenging the status quo."

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Obituaries

Bailey Danielle Brame, 13

SKELLYTOWN — Bailey Danielle Brame, 13, died Friday, July 30, 2004, at Fort Cobb, Okla. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Pampa with the Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Skellytown, and the Rev. J.C. Burt, associate pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Bailey was born on Oct. 23, 1990, in Pampa and has been a lifelong Skellytown resident. She attended pre-



Brame

school through the fifth grade at Skellytown and White Deer. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Skellytown. Bailey touched everyone's life who came into contact with her. She loved her family, friends, and her church. She loved to shop, sing, and cook. She was full of school spirit and encouraged everyone. Bailey loved the color purple. Survivors include her parents, Bruce and Debbie Brame, of the home; one sister, Kori Brame, of the home; one brother, Jacob Brame, of the home; her maternal grandparents, Dexter and Betty Cochran of

White Deer; her paternal grandparents, Morris and Marlene Brame of Skellytown; her maternal great-grandparents, Lester and Opal Cochran of Pampa; three aunts, Melinda Cochran of Pampa, Terrie Cullon and husband Fred of Skellytown, and Pam Berry and husband Dale of Jacksboro; an uncle, Rick Cochran and wife Staci of White Deer; a special friend, Cindy Hall; and numerous cousins and other friends. The family requests memorials be to The Sugar Plum Fund, c/o Skel-Tex Credit Union, 404 Main, Skellytown, TX 79080, or to First Baptist Church Pan Fork Fund, 400 Lindberg, Skellytown, TX 79080. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Services tomorrow

JONES, John Alfred "Jack" — 10 a.m., Bethel Lutheran Brethren Church, Ottawa, Ill.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department Saturday reported the following arrest, according to Gray County Sheriff's Office jail records. **Friday, July 30** Gonzalo Villasana, 39, 737 Perry, was arrested for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office Saturday reported the following arrest. **Friday, July 30** Tyson Louis Pounds, 19, 121 N. Dwight, was arrested for aggravated assault causing bodily injury.

Fire

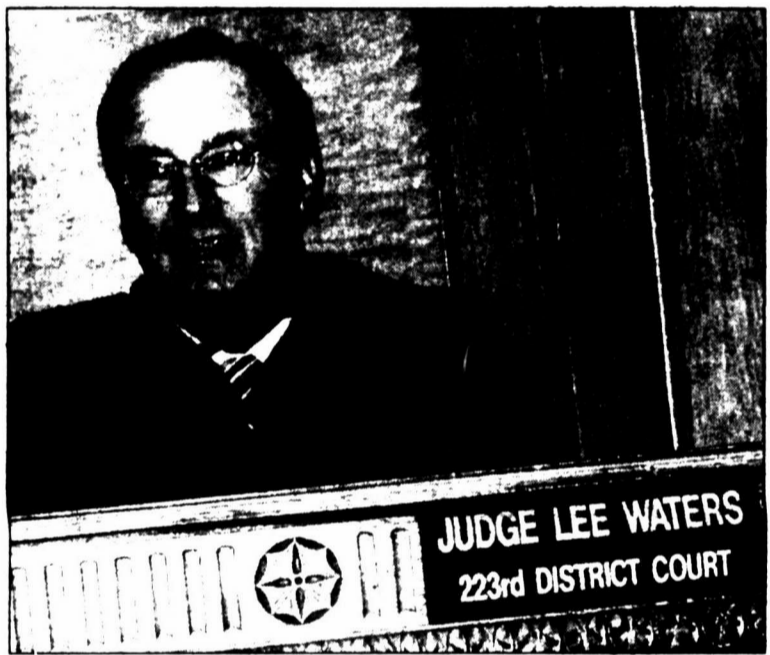
Pampa Fire Department

reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday. **Friday, July 30** 6:25 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to 18th and Dwight on a minor motor vehicle accident. **Saturday, July 31** 12:42 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to 1 Medical Plaza on a standby for LifeStar helicopter.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday. **Friday, July 30** 9:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Crane Road and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to Perry Lefors Airport. 12:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of East Kingsmill and transported a patient(s) to PRMC. 12:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo. 4:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Williston and transported a patient(s) to PRMC. 6:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 18th and Dwight. No transport. 9:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Grape and transported a patient(s) to PRMC. 10:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of South Hobart. No transport.



Pampa News photos by BEN BRISCOE

Judge Lee Waters give his findings in the "hearing."

Trial

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executive director, said. CASA Board President Stephanie Kelly was pleased with the mock trial's results. "We were really pleased with the turnout. The courtroom was packed; that was wonderful," Kelly said. "Also it was hard to explain what CASA does. This mock trial helped us do that. It even made me more informed about the process we use to help children." Last year the program utilized 45 volunteers and three paid staff members to advise the court of 121 children's best interests.

According to Watts, CASA is on its way to an even larger number of children helped for this year. "We rely heavily on volunteer assistance to achieve what our program does," she said, "and we are always looking for new volunteers." Volunteers must take 30 hours of initial training and 12 hours for each subsequent year of participation in the program. "CASA is developing a new process where volunteers can take a big part of their training now at home on a CD-ROM. That way they can do it on their time schedule," Kelly said. For more information on the program, contact Watts at 669-7638. As for the case of the Jones children, Judge Lee Waters, who presided over the mock trial, found with the help of CASA and CPS's advice that the four should remain in foster care, determining it was the best situation for them.



Pampa News photo by DAVE BOWSER

Helen Hall, left, and Fran Morrison, right, take a break on Morrison's back porch where they often gather to watch the birds among the flowers in Morrison's garden.

Doves

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a magnolia tree in the yard. "All the rest I planted," she said. Many of the flowers are in large pots that are moved

inside during the winter. "I love hibiscus," Mrs. Morrison said. "You can pick an open blossom in the morning and it will stay open all day." But they open for only one day. There are some varieties, she said, that will stay open longer, but she said she

doesn't have any of those. There's more than flowers and greenery to the garden, however. The addition of three feeders has brought a variety of birds to the oasis.

The most interesting, though, were the white-winged dove. They were different from the mourning doves that oft visited her garden. "They make more noise and chase off the other doves," Mrs. Morrison said of the white-winged doves. Initially, there was only one pair, she said. "I didn't know what they were," Mrs. Morrison said. "My neighbors told me that I heard owls, but I kept looking and saw the doves."

A migratory bird, the white-winged doves come and spend the summer with Mrs. Morrison. This past year, she counted 20 of them. "They're moving further north," she said. "There are quite a few in Amarillo. I don't know if there are any at the ranch."



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A name from the 'hopper'

Paula Golf, chair of Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee, draws the winning raffle ticket recently for a fund-raiser put on by Las Pampas Koi and Water Garden Society. Looking on is president of the water garden society, Gary Stevens.

Texas cattle inventory totals 15.1 million head, Agricultural Statistics Service says

AUSTIN — The inventory of Texas cattle and calves totaled 15.1 million head on July 1, 2004, down 3 percent from July 1, 2003. Texas continued to rank first in the nation in total number of cattle and calves with 15 percent of the total United States inventory. Beef cow inventory, at 5.78 million head, was down 2 percent from last year's total of 5.88 million head. Milk cow inventory, at 320,000 head, was unchanged from the 2003 total. Total inventory of all cows that had calved was 6.1 million head, down 2 percent from last year's total of 6.2 million head. The preliminary estimate for the 2004 calf crop was 5.2 million head, up 2 percent from the 2003 calf crop. The United States inventory of all cattle and calves

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totaled 103.6 million head on July 1, down slightly from the 103.9 million on July 1, 2003, and 1 percent below the 105.1 million two years ago. All cows and heifers that have calved totaled 42.5 million head, slightly below the 42.7 million on July 1, 2003, and 1 percent below the 42.9 million on July 1, 2002. Beef cows totaled 33.5 million head, down slightly from a year ago, while milk

cows were down 1 percent, at 9.0 million head. Beef replacement heifers, at 4.8 million head, were up 4 percent from the previous year. Milk replacement heifers totaled 3.6 million, unchanged from last year. The 2004 calf crop is expected to be 37.7 million head, down 1 percent from 2003. Calves born during the first half of the year were estimated at 27.5 million, down 1 percent from 2003.

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Viewpoints

Americans suffer from over-organization

I think I know at least a part of what's wrong with America today.

We are over-organized. It seems like every part of every day must be tightly scheduled in order to accomplish every thing that needs to be done.

Leisure doesn't exist. Simple gatherings of friends, neighbors talking at the fence, a conversation with the postman - how often do we get to do these things anymore?

What's worse. We have done this to ourselves. We created all these time-saving devices and what did we do with the time we saved? We crammed it full.

Here's a few truths I've

discovered about human nature.

No. 1 - No matter how much money we earn, we're going to spend more than we make.

No. 2 - Time cannot be a void. Something must go there to fill the space, usually a variety of meetings and appointments. There's a principal of physics that addresses this truth.

No. 3 - We are never satisfied with what we have. We always want more, bigger, better...

Books have been written explaining how we can better organize ourselves and our times. On the cover of most supermarket magazines are headlines that say

"25 ways to save money," "60 steps to a clean house in 30 minutes," or "14 ways to please your man."

Editors are counting, literally, on our need to do things quick, easy, and most important, without a personal thought.

That is, I believe, the danger of over-organization. When life is so structured, a person can become addicted to the structure and creative areas of the brain can begin to deteriorate for lack of use.

In a recent conversation, my husband Vic talked about

a meeting he had with other area locksmiths concerning the new law that locksmiths be licensed, undergo testing and a background check.

The legislation will go into full effect on Jan. 1, 2005. Lawmakers say the measure was passed to ensure the safety of consumers and keep track of people with this type of skills for Homeland Security.

The problem with the law is that it doesn't require the same stringent regulations on people who are not lock-

smiths but who do the same type work like carpenters and construction workers who install locks in doors and individuals who open locked vehicles.

If greater security was the true reason for this law, all venues for locksmithing, home security, etc., would have been covered. Such is not the case.

The more likely truth is state lawmakers bowed to the wishes of big business owners who can absorb the licensing costs and who know that many small businesses will fold under yet another increase in the cost of doing business.

So area locksmiths have decided to join forces to gain

greater strength at the state level.

But somehow, they've gotten so caught up in organizing - electing officers, deciding whether or not to require dues, discussing bylaws - that Vic wonders if they'll ever get to the original purpose.

I think that's what is happening in most clubs and organizations today. Over and over I'm being told that membership in this or that organization is rapidly dwindling and those who are still there can't understand why. They try every thing they know to attract new members, but nothing seems to

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Dee Dee Laramore

Editor



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Aug. 1, the 214th day of 2004. There are 152 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 1, 1944, an uprising broke out in Warsaw, Poland, against Nazi occupation, a revolt that lasted two months before collapsing.

On this date:

In 1790, the first United States census was completed, showing a population of nearly 4 million people.

In 1873, inventor Andrew S. Hallidie successfully tested a cable car he had designed for the city of San Francisco.

In 1876, Colorado was admitted as the 38th state.

In 1894, the First Sino-Japanese War erupted, the result of a dispute over control of Korea; Japan's army routed the Chinese.

In 1936, the Olympic games opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.

In 1946, President Truman signed the Fulbright Program into law, establishing the scholarships named for Senator William J. Fulbright.

In 1946, the Atomic Energy Commission was established.

In 1957, the United States and Canada reached agreement to create the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).

In 1966, 25-year-old Charles Joseph Whitman shot and killed 15 people at the University of Texas before he was gunned down by police.

In 1981, the rock music video channel MTV made its debut.

Ten years ago: Supporters of Haiti's military rulers declared their intention to fight back in the face of a U.N. resolution paving the way for a U.S.-led invasion. Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley confirmed they'd been secretly married eleven weeks earlier.

Five years ago: A heat wave that had gripped the nation since mid-July finally broke; authorities attributed nearly 200 deaths to the heat and humidity.

One year ago: A suicide bomber rammed a truck filled with explosives into a military hospital near Chechnya, killing 50 people, including Russian troops wounded in Chechnya.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Arthur Hill is 82. Actor-director Geoffrey Holder is 74. Singer Ramblin' Jack Elliott is 73. Cartoonist Tom Wilson ("Ziggy") is 73. Actor-comedian Dom DeLuise is 71. Fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent is 68.

'People say law but they mean wealth.'

— Ralph Waldo Emerson
American essayist, poet and philosopher

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A convention or Sesame Street?

Desperate to look like sensible, middle-of-the-road moderates, the Democrats have managed to put on one of the most boring political conventions in history.

Why anyone would bother to watch it is a puzzle - there's no fire, there's no brimstone, there's no fireworks, just a lot of far-out liberals trying to convince the voters that deep down inside they're really moderate conservatives who share the values of the majority of the American people.

In the past, Democratic National Conventions were almost always real down-in-

the-gutter slugfests. This time around the people running the show have gone out of their way to make the gathering look like Sesame Street.

You can just imagine the frustration of the feature speakers at having to have every single word in their speeches carefully scrutinized so they won't give voters the impression that they are the left-wing bomb throwers that they have

always been.

As they stand on the podium uttering their sanitized, pre-approved remarks one

can imagine what it is costing them to suppress the urge to let fly with the angry rhetoric that is their stock in trade. It must have been boiling up in their guts and it had to have taken an extreme effort to bottle up the suppressed bile before it boiled over.

In the end, they were

forced simply to recycle all the usual Democratic claptrap and flat-out lies that underlie their party line and everybody has heard a thousand times. As a result, those masses of delegates who came to Boston hungry to satisfy their need for raw meat are finding themselves being fed a diet of political fat-free yogurt.

Take for example the appearance of Mrs. Heinz Kerry on the same platform as Senator Kennedy who she once called a "perfect bastard," and insisted he is not

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Michael Reagan

Columnist



Train accident reminds of danger

The Dallas Morning News on chemical plants as possible terrorist targets:

When is a freight train accident like a canary in a coal mine? If it causes Americans to realize that Washington must do more to prevent potentially catastrophic terrorist attacks against the country's vulnerable chemical plants.

Two freight trains collided on June 28 near San Antonio, killing three people. Only one of the dead was aboard. The others lived about a mile away. Yes, a mile away. Gas killed them chlorine gas, which leaked from the wreckage and drifted over a residential area. Several other people suf-

fered severely damaged lungs.

Now imagine what would happen if gas escaped from a U.S. chemical plant bombed by terrorists especially one of the 123 plants with more than 1 million people living close by. The death toll could be on the order of the 1984 disaster in Bhopal, India, where a Union Carbide plant leaked poisonous gas into the air, immediately killing 2,000 people and injuring 600,000. Thousands more died later.

In Dallas last month,

Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge confidently asserted that the U.S. chemical industry is striving to keep its plants and depots secure. The industry "has its own security code and best practices that they market and promote, and we're working with them to see, as we prioritize these facilities, that they implement those procedures," he told the editorial board of The Dallas Morning News.

His comments didn't assure us in light of a

February report by the General Accounting Office, an arm of Congress. "Ultimately, no federal oversight or third-party verification ensures that voluntary industry assessments are adequate and that security vulnerabilities are addressed," the report said.

That's unacceptable. The laws that require water treatment and nuclear power plants to study and address their vulnerabilities should apply equally to chemical plants.

The proposed chemical security bill of Democratic Sen. Jon Corzine of New Jersey is just the vehicle to

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Altrusa

Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa met July 28 at Pampa Country Club with President Billie Dixon presiding. Terry Gamblin and Leona Willis served as greeters. Cylea King and Mozetta Johnson attended as guests.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Fun Tuesday meeting is scheduled Aug. 31 at Red River Steak House in McLean.

—Make a Difference Day is slated Saturday, Oct. 23.

—Fall Leadership Event will be Nov. 6 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo.

—Mary McDaniel delivered the accent on leadership in Altrusa, using the flying formation of Canadian geese to illustrate an ideal style of leadership.

—Glyndene Seitz conducted a new

member initiation for Didi Houghton and Sandra McKinney.

—Chuck and Louise Hogan of Mobeetie presented a program on the History of the Texas Panhandle. Old Mobeetie, formally organized on April 12, 1879, is known as the "Mother City of the Panhandle."

The oldest town in the Texas Panhandle, Old Mobeetie became the first county seat of Wheeler County.

The next meeting will be at 12 noon Aug. 10 at Pampa Country Club.

PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met July 22 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center with President Gail Wilson presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Wilson introduced Vicki McGowan of "Quilts by Designing Friends." Friends McGowan and Kathy Hock established the design business.

McGowan displayed several items from her trunk show. She will be presenting a seminar in Perryton in the near future and offered several quilt packets to members for sale.

—Members were encouraged to participate in an area "Shop Hop" this

past Friday and Saturday.

—Donna Reynolds, vice president, distributed the next installment of the mystery quilt.

—The chapter's quilt show is planned the first weekend in November.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 26 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

ABWA

Magic Plains Chapter of American Business Women's Association met July 12 at Clint & Sons Smokehouse with hostesses Evelyn Boyd and Wynona Seely.

During the meeting, the following new officers were installed by Outgoing President Jan Allen: Jowannah Shackelford, president; Marie McCathern, vice president; and Donna Swindle, secretary.

Eltha Hensley will be installed as treasurer at the next meeting.

Door prizes were won by Allen and Shackelford.

The chapter will next meet for a meal at 6:30 p.m. followed by its regular meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 9 at Clint & Sons. Scholarship awards will be presented at this time.

Community happenings

• **Pampa Lions Club** (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: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Aug. 8 and 18, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and from 12:30-4 p.m., Aug. 9, City Hall, Canadian.

• **The Red Hat Dollies Society** will meet for a private luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. New officers will be elected during the luncheon. For more information, call 665-3617.

Budget

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public hearings on the proposed 2005 county budget last Monday at the courthouse.

Heads of several county departments discussed their proposed budgets with commissioners, but time ran out before all were able to meet with commissioners, said Gray County Judge Richard Peet.

"We started at 10 a.m., and it was 20 minutes before 5 p.m. when we quit for the day," Peet said of the July 26 budget meeting.

Departments still waiting to discuss their 2005 budget with commissioners include the sheriff's office, district and county judges, and

Commissioners Wright, Wheeley and Willoughby, Peet said.

The biggest budget change for a single department discussed to date may be the \$101,000 extra planned for the county clerk's office.

County Auditor Elaine Morris said that the increase in the 2005 budget would go to buy 17 new voting machines and a new vote counting machine costing an estimated \$50,000.

The new machines are needed in order to meet new state and federal mandates.

Each voting precinct in the state must have at least one of the machines available to voters by January 2006.

The machines, designed to assist disabled voters in casting their ballots, cost about \$3,200 each, according to County Clerk Susan Winborne in a commissioners' meeting last October.

In order to cut election expenses, commissioners voted last Oct. 16 to combine county voting precincts.

The 15 voting precincts were consolidated into eight, including the early voting location, so that the number of voting

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— Elaine Morris
County auditor

machines needed would be fewer and also in order to lower the number of paid election staff by 14 per election.

The new voting machines mean that the county must also buy a new vote counting machine so that all votes may be counted, Morris said.

"We hope to get \$65,000 to \$75,000 (of the voting machine money) back in grants," she said. Peet had said last October that the State of Texas will pay \$3,000 toward each voting machine, plus \$1.30 per voter to help offset the cost of the new machines.

Perry Lefors Airport's budget for 2005 was cut \$5,500, but "they have some matching grant funds," Morris said.

Kurt Curfman, Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace, agreed

to a \$1,600 reduction in his office's budget, and a \$2,640 cut in the technology fund for his office, but "he will address the commissioners' court again," Morris said.

Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez had his technology fund cut by \$700, Morris said, and \$250 was cut from the county tax assessor-collector's budget.

No action has been taken on any of the proposed budget items, Peet said.

The 2005 budget is still in the planning stage and will not be voted on by commissioners until discussion has been completed, he said.

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— Richard Peet
Gray County judge

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to be trusted.

Noted for her tendency to be less than genteel — she recently told a reporter to "shove it," — Mrs. Kerry was all sweetness and light, and as dull as a cake knife. If the convention officials thought that by confronting the voters with a sanitized version of this spitfire they could clean up her image and make her look like little Mary Sunshine they were wrong. It would take a lot more than that to remake her image. They should have kept her under wraps instead of parading her before the voters.

They should have also realized that Americans want their first ladies to be, well, ladies. They want the president's wife to be in the

same mold as Jackie Kennedy, or Nancy Reagan or Laura Bush, none of whom would ever have told anybody to "shove it." The voters are not looking for a modern version of Tugboat Annie, even if she's worth a billion dollars.

The main reason Barack Obama, the keynote speaker, was so widely acclaimed is due to the fact that the people who came on before and after him were just flat-out boring.

Obama's main theme — that there is only one America and we're all a part of it — is just plain deceptive once you realize that the Democrat idea of oneness is not most Americans' idea.

His party believes in one America only if it is their America and that America is a socialist America.

Let's look at who is supporting John Kerry. The U.S. Communist and Socialist Parties and the head of the

communist Sandinistas in Nicaragua, for example. If you cast your vote for John Kerry these are the people who you'll be joining.

Is that the one America the American people want? The day after the election do they want to wake up realizing that they were on the same side as the Communists and the Sandinistas who brutalized Nicaragua before they got thrown out?

The convention would have been better if the Democrats had shown their real selves and engaged in shouting and screaming and shaking their clenched fists as is their usual practice, instead of trying to look like a bunch of loveable pussycats who won't really tax you down to your last dollar or surrender our sovereignty to France and Germany as soon as they get to the White House.

Organized

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work.

I think the answer is this: So much attention is being placed on organizing that the original purpose has been lost. People's lives are already so organized, so filled with things that they have to do, that not an unscheduled minute remains. They do not want to add any more to their overload.

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make that happen. It also would require safer alternatives to chlorine and other dangerous gases, wherever feasible. That legislation is what needs to be rolling down the track.

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Indonesians shine at pageant celebrating culture of indigenous people

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Kenny has just strutted his stuff on stage at the amusement park. Now, the emcee grills him on his favorite local museum, and teases him about whether or not he has a girlfriend.

"Not yet, but when I do, I will take her to the National Museum," says the 9-year-old, acing the question and answer section of the Abang None Youth Pageant.

Boys and girls ages 5-16 have been competing in the pageant for 25 years to cele-

brate the culture of Jakarta's indigenous Betawi people.

Swamped by migrants from elsewhere in Indonesia, the Betawi people are now a minority in the country's capital, and the government has long tried to promote the group's traditional culture.

The word Betawi derives from Batavia, the name given to what is now Jakarta by Indonesia's Dutch colonial rulers when they first set foot here in the 17th century.

The boys — Abang in the local dialect — model tradi-

tional Betawi dress. The girls — known as None — demonstrate how to wear "kerudung," or Islamic head scarves.

Contestants then greet the audience, and a four-judge panel asks them questions designed more to test their composure and poise than their general knowledge. Popular topics include their families, their home address, and places they have been.

Some of the contestants try to impress by answering in English. Others reply flir-

tiously, gesticulating elegantly in hopes of winning the panel's favor.

"The event is aimed at educating children and adults of Jakarta about Jakarta's traditional dress, and to preserve the Betawi culture," says the pageant's organizer, Diding Syamsuddin. "Everyone can learn from participating or just watching."

Nita Hahadi is looking to the future for her 9-year-old son, Bagas.

"This contest tests the

children's intelligence, but also it can open opportunities for a career in acting or modeling later," she says while helping him put on traditional slippers.

Bagas has a shorter-term view. "I want to win!" he says. "A win would feel good."

The children who make it to the finals are awarded certificates, and the top three finishers win a trophy and a savings account with about \$100. Many later go on to become models, television

hosts and singers.

One young girl answers a few of the panel's questions in English. Then she gets a new assignment: "You must find a foreigner in the audience and ask them how long they have lived in Indonesia."

She blushes, but keeps her composure, holds her head high, and confidently responds: "Of course, Abang!" she says, pointing at an Associated Press photographer before asking the required question.

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Bicycle Rodeo

A team of kids line up for competition in a Bicycle Rodeo at Briarwood Church recently. Above: Logan Martindale, Erin Parr, Kaylee Suttle, Christian Williams, Brycen McClendon, Austin Beck, Casey Martindale, Braden Parr, Jacob Boyd and Shauntae Foster.

Volunteers try to get kids excited about science

RICHMOND, Vt. (AP) — For computer engineer John Cohn, science was a way to connect with his three sons. He never liked sports much so he put on science experiments at home, and the kids loved it.

That sparked an idea: If he could make science fun for children — if they could hear and see it — maybe he could dispel the myth that it's boring. Cohn started by making over his corporate executive image into a wizard of sorts, complete with tie-dyed lab coat, running sneakers and jeans.

When he stood before Sharon Corologos' fourth-grade class at Richmond Elementary School for a 45-minute presentation near the end of the school year, the young audience was captivated.

He threaded a dill pickle on two wires attached to a generator and zapped it with electricity, making it glow. Purple jolts of electricity crackled in the air, making 10-year-old Alison Desautels' hair stand on end.

"I love to share this. It's not that I want to go out and make every student a scientist. If you can get people to appreciate the beauty or wonder of it," Cohn said.

"I'm hoping that ... some of the kids get jazzed by what they see in my shows, dig further, then pass on that love to others."

As more Americans pitched in to help their communities, the numbers of volunteers rose to 63.8 million last September, an increase of 4 million over the year before, the Labor Department said. Although the survey does not keep track of the number of science volunteers, more than 27 percent volunteer in education or to work with children.

For the last 12 years Cohn, a frizzy, gray-haired and bearded IBM computer engineer in his other life, has spent roughly three to four hours a week performing in classrooms and museums. He wants to reach the children who are nonplussed or apathetic about science and says fourth through seventh grade is the best time.

Passion is key to getting the message across.

"The whole hope is if you can show your passion to kids, hopefully we can put these people on the right path," said Peter Delfyett, a professor at the College of Optics and Photonics at the University of Central Florida in Orlando and a science volunteer since he was a graduate student.

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University of Central Florida Professor

Mrs. Corologos' class was studying electricity when she invited him to visit Richmond Elementary. She had seen him perform for another class at the school, where his youngest son is now a student.

Cohn controlled the remote that directed a cart built from a friend's wheelchair. He showed the children what electricity looks and sounds like by generating lightning-like discharges from a tesla coil — a trans-

former he fashioned from a 3-foot-long section of sewer pipe, a dryer vent and old transformers.

And don't try this stuff at home, he warned.

During the demonstration, he mentioned the names of a few female scientists to counter the stereotype that science is for men. He even coaxed Alison, who wants to be an electrician, to place her hand on a generator that puts out about 400,000 volts of static electricity. Strands of her hair floated above her head as if she were underwater.

"Electricity is cool," she said.

It was just the reaction Cohn was looking for. He knew he had impacted one child's life.

"I worry that people have sort of lost that curiosity, or (it's) been replaced by computers, computer games," Cohn said. "When I was a boy we took things apart."

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Calvary trio

(Left-right) "Larry," "Jonah" and "Bob" popped-up during a variety of activities at Vacation Bible School at Calvary Baptist recently. Also entertaining the children were members of Calvary Baptist Church's Praise Band (left-right) David Whitson, Misty West, Brian Wall, Steve Collins, Gary Jameson and Kay Tatum.

Girl Scouts launch on-line fund campaign



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The Five Star Girl Scouts Council is announcing an on-line fund-raising initiative, the first of its kind for the Five Star Council. The three-year "Commit to a Girl" campaign features, according to a press release from the council, a new web site with information on the challenges girls face both locally and nationally. as

well as opportunities to support the program.

The council covers a 30-county jurisdiction.

"Girl Scouting helps girls develop confidence, real-life skills and leadership abilities," said Maria DeBrango Stichel, CEO. "There are many girls in our area who could benefit from our program, including those strug-

gling with tough issues such as peer pressure, low self-esteem and even violence."

"Girl Scouts is on the cutting edge," Stichel continued, "offering activities that emphasize girls' abilities in math, technology, science and social issues. Yet, today's girls still have opportunities to participate in classic troops and camp-

ing experiences that build skills, character and provide life-long memories of fun and adventure. It has never been more important to commit the girls and the on-line campaign makes it simple!"

To make a difference in the life of a girl in your area,

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Sagan to direct new corporate training office at T. Boone Pickens business college

CANYON — The T. Boone Pickens College of Business at West Texas A&M University soon will offer corporate-training services, and veteran business-development consultant Gregory T. Sagan has been tabbed to lead the effort.

WTAMU's Corporate Training Office (CTO) is scheduled to open Aug. 1 in the Classroom Center under Sagan's direction. It will offer advanced, specialized business training for groups of corporate employees both locally and, thanks to cutting-edge technology, throughout the country and beyond.

And because it counts the University's doctoral faculty and an outstanding crop of graduate students among its many resources, the CTO will be more than capable of

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— Gregory T. Sagan
Head of CTO

providing market surveys, wage and salary surveys, performance audits and many other specialized services.

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Also at the CTO's disposal will be the University's Software and Networks Security Testing Lab (SoNST Lab), set to open in the Classroom Center in September. The SoNST Lab is being designed to perform alpha and beta testing on new industry software, and its high-tech infrastructure

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Business: Aren't anonymous tips illegal?

NEW YORK (AP) — For nearly four years now, it's been illegal for a public company to reveal any important information without letting every investor in on the discussion.

And for nearly four years, barely a day has gone by without some anonymous leak in the press about merger talks or other inside information.

Often enough, stocks dart around after these news reports, presenting a fine opportunity to make some money.

By contrast, something much more rare occurred at the Securities and Exchange

Commission last week: A company was officially charged with violating the SEC's 4-year-old rule, known as "Reg FD," short for Regulation Fair Disclosure.

The civil suit against Siebel Systems Inc. and two of the technology company's top executives marked only the fifth case brought under the regulation. As an interesting footnote, two of those cases have involved Siebel. The others produced settlements with Raytheon Co., Secure Computing Corp. and Schering-Plough Corp.

With all the market-moving chatter in the news, it

sounds somewhat implausible that there have only been five violations of Reg FD in four years. After all, the SEC has already brought hundreds of actions in the two years since the Sarbanes-Oxley Act brought sweeping reforms to securities law.

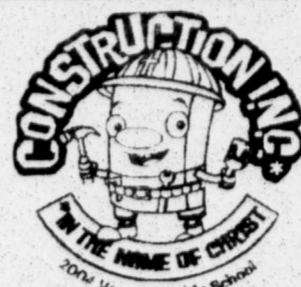
Then again, Reg FD was not designed with news leaks in mind. The main purpose was to cut back on insider trading by eliminating the preferential treatment traditionally given to Wall Street analysts and well-placed investors — the frequent recipients of private briefings and "guidance" on confidential plans and devel-

opments from management and other corporate insiders.

But while the law does not specifically outlaw leaks to the media, it seems readily apparent that there are still plenty of people on the inside who, for a variety of motives, are plenty eager to spill their inside beans to outsiders.

And when people talk, stocks often move.

Last week came news reports that a bidding war for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. had broken out between Time Warner Inc. and Sony Corp. The stocks jump after the reports, generated a profit.



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will be a key to the CTO's far-reaching capabilities.

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Sagan has been a self-employed partner in Sagan & Associates, a recruiting and training business-development consulting firm since 1993. He spent the nine years prior to that as a senior consultant with Senn-Delaney Leadership Consulting Group of Long Beach, Calif. There he worked with clients such as American Nuclear Society, Singer Sewing Products, New York Life Insurance Company, Rocketdyne and Florida Power & Light, which he helped become the first American company to win the Demming Award for Quality.

He also spent 14 years (1970-1984) in active and inactive duty with the U.S. Navy as a specialist in human resource management and organizational effectiveness. He was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for designing a strategic plan-

ning process for shore commands.

A West Texas A&M alumnus, Sagan went on to earn his master's of business administration degree in organizational behavior and marketing at the University of Colorado.

"Greg Sagan brings a wealth of experience to this position. He has more than 20 years of corporate-training experience in many different environments," Dr. John Cooley, dean of the Pickens College of Business, said. "The Corporate Training Office will be a link between the College of Business and the professional business environment that we feel is imperative for both, and Greg is the right person to make that happen."

Cooley also said that people need to think of business education as more than a classroom experience. A college of business should be a resource for the entire community and its students throughout their professional careers, he said.

"We're serious about our responsibility to be available as a resource," Cooley said. "We're working hard on projects like the SoNST Lab and the Corporate Training Office so that we can remain at the cutting edge of how business is being done in this country. And if we're at the cutting edge, we can use that expertise to the benefit of

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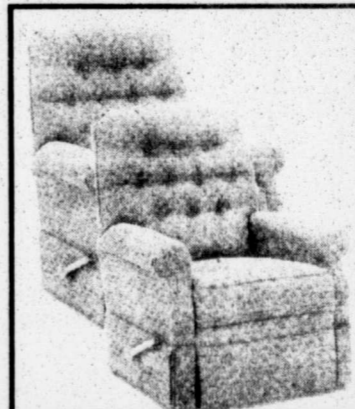
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Sports Day

Tyson knocked out

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The end came with the shocking suddenness of many Mike Tyson fights. First, the flurry of devastating punches, then a fighter falling bleeding to the canvas.

Even more shocking was that fighter was Tyson himself.

A comeback born out of financial desperation didn't go past the fourth round Friday night when an unheralded British heavy-weight by the name of Danny Williams knocked Tyson out with a savagery that may have once and for all exposed Tyson as a shot fighter.

At the age of 38, Tyson ran out of energy after trying to put Williams down for the first three rounds and was driven to the canvas with a final right hand that may have signaled the end of his hopes to become a serious heavyweight contender again.

"Once I hurt him I just let go," Williams said. "I just kept punching and punching."

Beaten and battered, Tyson laid helplessly along the ropes, blood flowing down his face. The former baddest man on the planet stared ahead with a look of resignation on his face as his latest comeback — and perhaps his tumultuous career — collapsed along with him.

In his corner, Tyson apologized to his trainer. Across the ring, Williams celebrated and then proposed to his girlfriend — who accepted.

And somewhere, lawyers began trying to figure out how Tyson could pay off \$38 million in debt when his asking price will surely plunge after such a devastating defeat.

"People forget this isn't a peak Mike Tyson. This was a Mike Tyson who was 38 years old," Williams said. "I thought I could win."

Williams ended a wild slugfest with a flurry of punches that sent Tyson sprawling into the ropes late in the fourth round. With blood streaming down his face, Tyson appeared to contemplate the end, then made a halfhearted effort to get up before the fight was called to an end at 2:51 of the fourth round.



Tournament champion

TSSGA president Tom Holmes of Ft. Worth, presents the Tournament Champion trophy to George Bebbe of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., who took this year's tournament with a final of 217. Incoming Association President, Titus Owen, is seated.

EL PASO OFF TO THE RACES

City to sponsor Bodine at Barickyard 400

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — One of Texas' oldest and biggest cities is hoping a NASCAR old-timer can help to change an unwanted reputation.

When Geoffrey Bodine gets another chance in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series next month at the Brickyard 400, he will drive an El Paso-sponsored car — the first venture of its kind for this border town of 700,000.

"We're viewed many times as being backward and not being ahead of the curve," said Gregg Jackson, who pulled together \$100,000 from El Paso businesses to sponsor the team. "There are other methods, or vehicles (he laughs), to change that image of Mexican food and maquiladoras."

During his 25 years in El Paso, Jackson developed an automotive parts plating business and did some auto racing. He believes the second-largest spectator sport in the United States provides the perfect way to improve the city's image.

"Using a national forum at a national event ... This is a very progressive idea coming from a town like El Paso, Texas," he said.

NASCAR spokesman Scott Bowman said the last time he can remember a city sponsoring a car was in 1994 — when Indianapolis funded a team for the first NASCAR race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, where the El Paso car hopes

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El Paso businessman

to qualify for its first race Aug. 8.

"It's pretty unique," Bowman said. "You don't see it a lot."

Emblazoned across the hood of Bodine's car will be, "El Paso — Do Texas Differ."

The last of Bodine's 18 career wins was in 1996, and he hasn't raced full-time in NASCAR's top series since 1999. The 55-year-old driver has 190 top-10 finishes — just two in the last five seasons — and \$14.6 million in career earnings. He was the 1982 rookie of the year and won the Daytona 500 in 1986, and 16 years later finished third there in a car with limited sponsorship.

Bodine suffered serious injuries during a spectacular crash in a NASCAR trucks race at Daytona in 2000 when his truck became a pin-wheeling fireball. He suffered a concussion along with a broken wrist, ankle and vertebrae, and nine spectators were hurt by debris.

He has made just three starts this season, the last June 20, a week after his best 2004 finish of 28th at Pocono.

"In NASCAR, the competition is pretty darned strong," Bodine said. "Realistically, you can't expect to go out there and win. We want to go out there and be respectable and competitive."

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Pampa chiropractor, Dr. Mark Ford, poses with U.S. Olympic Decathlon team members, Tom Pappas, left, and Paul Terek, following the Olympic trials in Sacramento, Calif., July 16 and 17.

Dr. Ford treats Olympians

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Following two grueling days of competition, Tom Pappas and Paul Terek found their names at the top of the scoreboard and a crowd of cheering doctors awaiting them at the end of the track.

"It was an absolutely thrilling experience to be involved with the trials and watch Tom and Paul receive the well earned title of Olympian," said Dr. Mark W. Ford Jr. of Ford Family Chiropractic in Pampa. Dr. Ford cheered for all twenty-four Olympic Decathlon hopefuls at the Olympic trial in Sacramento, Calif. on July 16 and 17, but he was especially excited to see Terek, the WGACDC decathlete he had been assigned to treat, earn one of the three spots to represent the USA in Athens next month. Pappas, the current World Decathlete Champion, is also a member of the WGACDC, an acronym for World's Greatest Athlete Chiropractic Decathlon Club.

Pappas and Terek will continue to train hard for in preparation for their trip to the Olympics.

Due to the heavy financial demands, Dr. Ford will continue to accept tax-deductible donations to the WGACDC at his office located at 103 East 28th, Pampa.

Dodgers, Marlins make six-player deal

By MIKE FITZPATRICK
The Associated Press

Just a few hours to go.

Time is winding down for teams still hoping to make a big deal before Saturday's 4 p.m. EDT trade deadline — and some of the most enticing players available have already switched uniforms.

Brad Penny, Paul Lo Duca and Kris Benson were among the big names on the move Friday, while other stars such as Randy Johnson, Larry Walker and Steve Finley were waiting to learn where they might end up.

"Where am I going? I haven't heard, I deal with this every year," said Walker, Colorado's hard-hitting outfielder.

If Penny plans to win any more World Series games, this season it will be with the NL West-leading Dodgers instead of Florida.

The Marlins traded Penny, first baseman Hee Seop Choi and minor league left-hander Bill Murphy to Los Angeles for Lo Duca, reliever Guillermo Mota and outfielder Juan Encarnacion.

Penny, who is 8-8 with a 3.15 ERA in 21 starts, should help strengthen the Dodgers' starting rotation. He is Florida's career leader with 48 wins, and he won two games

in last season's World Series victory over the New York Yankees.

"We're thrilled to be able to add a front-line starter, especially given what was available in the marketplace," Los Angeles general manager Paul DePodesta said.

Charles Johnson could be Lo Duca's replacement behind the plate in Los Angeles — a deal that would send him from Colorado to the Dodgers being held up while he decides if he wants to waive his no-trade clause.

The New York Mets made a couple of big moves a day before the deadline for deals without waivers, getting two starting pitchers in Benson and Victor Zambrano.

"It's kind of a relief just to get it over with. It's been a tough day," Benson said after Pittsburgh sent him to the Mets. "If there was a team I'd be excited to go to, it would be them."

The Mets are in fourth place, seven games behind NL East-leading Atlanta, but they hope Benson and Zambrano can give them a late push. They sent a private plane to bring Benson to Atlanta, and he planned to start Saturday night against the Braves.

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Browns offer Winslow public deal

Kellen Winslow Jr. rejected a contract offer — potentially worth at least \$40 million — from the Cleveland Browns that would have made him the highest paid tight end in NFL history.

Winslow, the No. 6 overall pick in the April draft, was not on the field as the Browns opened training camp.

"I believe the most disappointed guy is Kellen for not being here from the beginning with his teammates," coach Butch Davis said.

The Browns are hoping to avoid a lengthy holdout with Winslow, the former Miami star.

Winslow is concerned

about another number not related to money. He was issued No. 11 by the Browns during mini-camp but wants No. 80 — the number his father wore during his Hall of Fame career for San Diego.

However, No. 80 belongs to Aaron Shea, who will only give it up for the right price.

"It's going to cost him now," Shea joked. "And it's going to go up every day."

In an unusual move designed to put pressure on Winslow's agent, Kevin Poston, Browns president John Collins released a statement before the club opened camp to announce that the Browns made their "best offer" to Winslow.

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Clean slate for Bryant

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — One thing is certain with Antonio Bryant being in the Dallas Cowboys training camp: Bill Parcells likes the young receiver who threw a sweaty jersey in his face.

If not, Bryant likely wouldn't still be with the Cowboys after the heated exchange during a summer workout.

"This isn't my first bout with a player," Parcells said Friday. "All of the other guys said to me you must really like (him) if you're wasting your time fighting with him. That is about the best way I could put it."

Parcells said Bryant, the

third receiver behind Keyshawn Johnson and Terry Glenn, has a clean slate going into the start of the coach's second training camp with the Cowboys. So does everybody else.

The success of last season, when the Cowboys went 10-6 and got back into the playoffs, doesn't matter. Now they have to start over again, and everybody has to prove themselves again.

"You never ever in this game pick up where you left off, you never do that," Parcells said. "It never goes that way. You have to go back and start where you started. If you don't do that, you're making a serious mistake."

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Jackson is hoping to get positive publicity for El Paso. He also hopes to raise as much as \$10,000 from the sale of T-shirts and other paraphernalia that will be put in an education fund for children of soldiers who were killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

That's fine with Bodine, who said surviving the 2000 crash changed his life. The crash culminated a string of events including the disintegration of his race team, a bitter divorce and the death of his father.

"I asked God to use me in some way to show people his power," Bodine has said. "I knew his power ... but I didn't know he was going to use me in a big wreck at Daytona, in front of millions of people, a wreck that you can't survive, to show that if you have faith, he can protect you and do miracles in your life."

Bodine now works with the Make-A-Wish Foundation and in the past two years has spent time with U.S. troops in

Afghanistan and Baghdad.

A unique aspect of the racing endeavor is that the El Paso sponsors, who paid \$5,000 each, will get their money back if the car qualifies. That's because the last-place finisher should get about \$105,000.

So the key on a limited budget, given that some teams spend \$300,000 or more per race on preparation, is to qualify.

"It's a real struggle day-to-day wondering where we're going to get the money to buy the parts we need," said Gary Trout, owner of Gary Trout Autosports and the man responsible for getting the cars race-ready.

Bodine and Trout hope an El Paso sponsor will become a permanent sponsor so the team can continue racing. Jackson said he wants to see how this venture turns out before he commits to doing it again.

"With the economy the way it's been, sponsorship has been very difficult," Trout said. "These cars don't run on gas, they run on money."



Bogey man

With his wife Betty at his side, Bill Clemmons of Fritch, receives the Colonel Bogey Award from former winner, James Cunningham. The award is in recognition of Clemmons' efforts to golf and to the Tri-State Senior Golf Association over the past 18 years.

Bryant

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The Cowboys begin training camp with two workouts Saturday. With Parcels, it won't be a California summer vacation.

On the eve of the first workouts, Parcels spoke publicly for the first time since early June, days after Bryant's outburst over how much work he was getting with the offense and long before running back Eddie George was signed and quarterback Chad Hutchinson released.

Parcels said the acquisition of George, who has never missed a start in his eight-year career, will be beneficial in the development of rookie running back Julius Jones, the team's top draft pick.

"There's not a lot of pressure on him, which is good," Parcels said of Jones. "Now I can work him in the way I want to, I don't have to force him."

Not with returner Richie Anderson and George, who signed an incentive-laden, one-year deal after getting his desired release from Tennessee.

Parcels said he still wasn't sure how he was going to split time with the running backs, considering he had never been on the field with George and hadn't seen Jones in pads.

As for the quarterbacks, Parcels said he would continue to use the "three-and-one" rotation he used during a June minicamp — three quarterbacks splitting time each session, and the other mostly watching.

Quincy Carter started all 16 games last season, but Parcels repeated that he doesn't believe in incumbents. While he expects Carter to be better, 40-year-old quarterback Vinny Testaverde rejoined his old coach for the chance to be a starter again.

This is expected to be just a learning season for Drew Henson, who returned to football after giving up on pro baseball. Tony Romo was the third quarterback last season.

Hutchinson was cut last week, ending the Cowboys' career of the former pro pitcher. He played only one game for Parcels — late in a blowout win against Detroit — and then struggled in NFL Europe, where he was sated a league-high 25 times and injured his throwing shoulder.

"I said if I didn't see it in Europe, I

didn't expect to see it here," Parcels said. "He's a good kid and works hard, it just didn't work out. Certainly, it was a numbers thing."

Until former coach Jimmy Johnson moved camp back to Texas in 1990, the Cowboys were summertime regulars in California, a few miles away in Thousand Oaks.

Parcels never got to experience the suffocating heat of Wichita Falls, running his only previous Cowboys camp inside San Antonio's Alamodome. Now they're outside, and the temperature is still in the 70s.

"This is a wonderful place," he said. "These are ideal conditions. Repetition-wise, it's going to be ideal in terms of being able to work your team without exhausting it on a daily basis. I'm looking forward to it."

Extra points: The Cowboys signed offensive tackle Jacob Rogers, a second-round pick and only unsigned drafted player. To make room for Rogers, Dallas released wide receiver Brandon Middleton... Safety Darren Woodson and center Gennaro DiNapoli will be placed on the physically unable to perform list. ... The team went through a series of meetings and conditioning drills Friday.

Trades

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Finley could go from Arizona to a West Coast club, although the main focus on the Diamondbacks involved Randy Johnson.

The Yankees desperately want the Big Unit, but did not seem to have the right package of prospects to get him — and Arizona did not appear inclined to trade him to New York. Anaheim, Los Angeles and maybe even San Francisco also are interested in the five-time Cy Young winner.

Randy Johnson pitched Friday night for last-place Arizona and lost 4-1 at Colorado, then sounded off about all the trade talk.

"Everything just takes a life of its own," he said. "I feel like I'm in a fish bowl, which is really unfortunate because all I want to do is win and play and have fun. The only thing that is missing in 'Tradedgate' is the paparazzi in my back yard or collecting garbage out of my garbage can."

With closer Billy Wagner on the disabled list, Philadelphia bolstered its bullpen by acquiring two relievers: Felix Rodriguez from San Francisco and Todd Jones from Cincinnati. The Phillies sent outfielder Ricky Ledee to the Giants, giving them a left-handed hitter to help Barry Bonds.

Utilityman and pinch-hitter Dave Hansen rejoined the San Diego Padres, who got him from Seattle for minor league pitcher Jon Huber.

The Marlins were looking for offense and added two solid hitters in

Lo Duca and Encarnacion.

Among other names in the mix were Philadelphia infielder Placido Polanco and Detroit closer Ugueth Urbina, who attracted interest from Oakland and San Francisco.

"There are so many irons in the fire," Tampa Bay general manager Chuck LaMar said. "I think you'll see a lot of movement (Saturday)."

LaMar helped get the trade season in full swing by sending Zambrano and minor league pitcher Bartolome Fortunato to the Mets for their best pitching prospect — Scott Kazmir — and minor league pitcher Jose Diaz.

Last year, the hours leading up to the deadline were busy. There were six trades, including one that sent future AL championship series star Aaron Boone from Cincinnati to the Yankees.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might be absolutely serious about what you are saying, but before you know it, you'll lighten up and relax. Perhaps clearing the air will help you let go. Be careful just how much you treat yourself and others. Tonight: Follow a friend's suggestion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Your solemn attitude draws many to you. If you would like to get a point across about risk-taking and spending, you'd do it best by setting an example. Still, you expect a lot from those in charge. You charm your way into whatever you want. Tonight: A must show.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Try to comprehend where someone else is coming from. Understanding comes from many levels. Try walking in his or her shoes. Carefully check out someone you meet today. This person might not be all that he or she seems to be. Tonight: Follow your imagination.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others run with the ball, and you don't like it at all. You can mope or have a close discussion with a loved one. Perhaps he or she will understand where you are coming from. Working together gains good results. Tonight: Hook up with those you enjoy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ A friend could be difficult and demanding. You understand what needs to be done to get the end results desired. Support a boss, and you will be appreciated. Those in charge understand you better. Ask for what you need from superiors. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your ability to get the job done awes others. Understand what needs to be done in order to clear out work. Soon others will be seeking you out. You will want to socialize. A long-distance call makes you happy, whether you make it or receive it. Don't stand on ceremony. Tonight: Mow the lawn. Get some exercise somehow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ A serious missive sets you

back. Find others who will give you help and feedback that you understand. A partner is instrumental in helping you see the silver lining in a cloud. Lighten up and don't feel depressed. Tonight: Play with different ideas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Where you thought you had an arrangement, you find out otherwise. Demonstrate your ability to flex and move with change. Partners and friends seem to need to verbalize the opposite position. Tonight: Keep to yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Work with the unexpected, and you'll come out on top. Charge in where others fear to go. You can make sense out of chaos. Some of the information you are being fed is incorrect. Verify and get your own facts. Tonight: Hang with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Keep close tabs on a money matter, and you will gain. Remember: What you choose and how you spend your money is a reflection of who you are. Don't let a nagging partner get to you, but do listen to his or her side or opinions. Tonight: Pay bills.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Claim your power, but don't be surprised if others are reactive. Realize more of what you need. Inadvertently, you create a lot of flak. Listen and evaluate, though ultimately you will do what you want. Tonight: What would make the Fish happy?

BORN TODAY
Author Isabel Allende (1942), director Kevin Smith (1972), actor Edward Furlong (1977)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.

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Pampa artist wins at Austin art festival

Linda Nowell, artist of Pampa, came away with the title of "Best of Medium in Pottery" after competing in the Spirit Echoes Fine Art Festival staged recently at the Crockett Center in Austin.

Nowell, a self-taught pottery artist who produces both functional and decorative pieces, has attended a variety of workshops to improve her craft and has, over the years, created fine works of art through various mediums. Her first efforts involved work in oils and

pastels. She trained under the direction of Dord Fitz for several years, exploring two-dimensional formats until attending a local pottery class where she was first exposed to the pottery wheel.

Since her introduction to the wheel, Nowell has never looked back.

"This was an inspiration," she explained, "to find a wheel and go to work."

Nowell sharpened her skills by

enrolling in pottery classes in Oklahoma City, Okla., and Taos, N.M., and takes an active role in the local arts community, serving as president of Pampa Fine Arts Association in 2002, and, in 2001, earning well-deserved accolades as PFAA's Artist of the Year.

Besides her involvement with PFAA and her private, artistic endeavors, Nowell has conducted several pottery workshops for both children and adults. She is well-versed in several mediums including mid-fire glazed pottery, Raku and fully-glazed functional.

Some of her pieces are intricately carved and sculptured while others, she said, "incorporate extensive designs in the surfaces of my work."

Nowell makes use of several different types of clay, allowing her, she explained, "to vary from very smooth, polished surfaces to rougher more granulated surfaces."

"Although," she said, "I offer pottery that people can collect as sets, I always offer new and unusual pieces to

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Pampa artist Linda Nowell at work on a piece of pottery in her workshop.



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NEWSMAKERS

WALNUT RIDGE, Ark. — Kristal Stuck, daughter of Cindy Stuck of Pampa and Herb Stuck of Ravenden, Ark., was recently awarded an Institutional Grant to attend Williams Baptist College at Walnut Ridge.

This scholarship is awarded to incoming WBC students based on their college entrance exam scores. Stuck is a 1999 graduate of Lynn High School.

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Army Pvt. Brandon W. Schaffer recently graduated from basic military combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia.

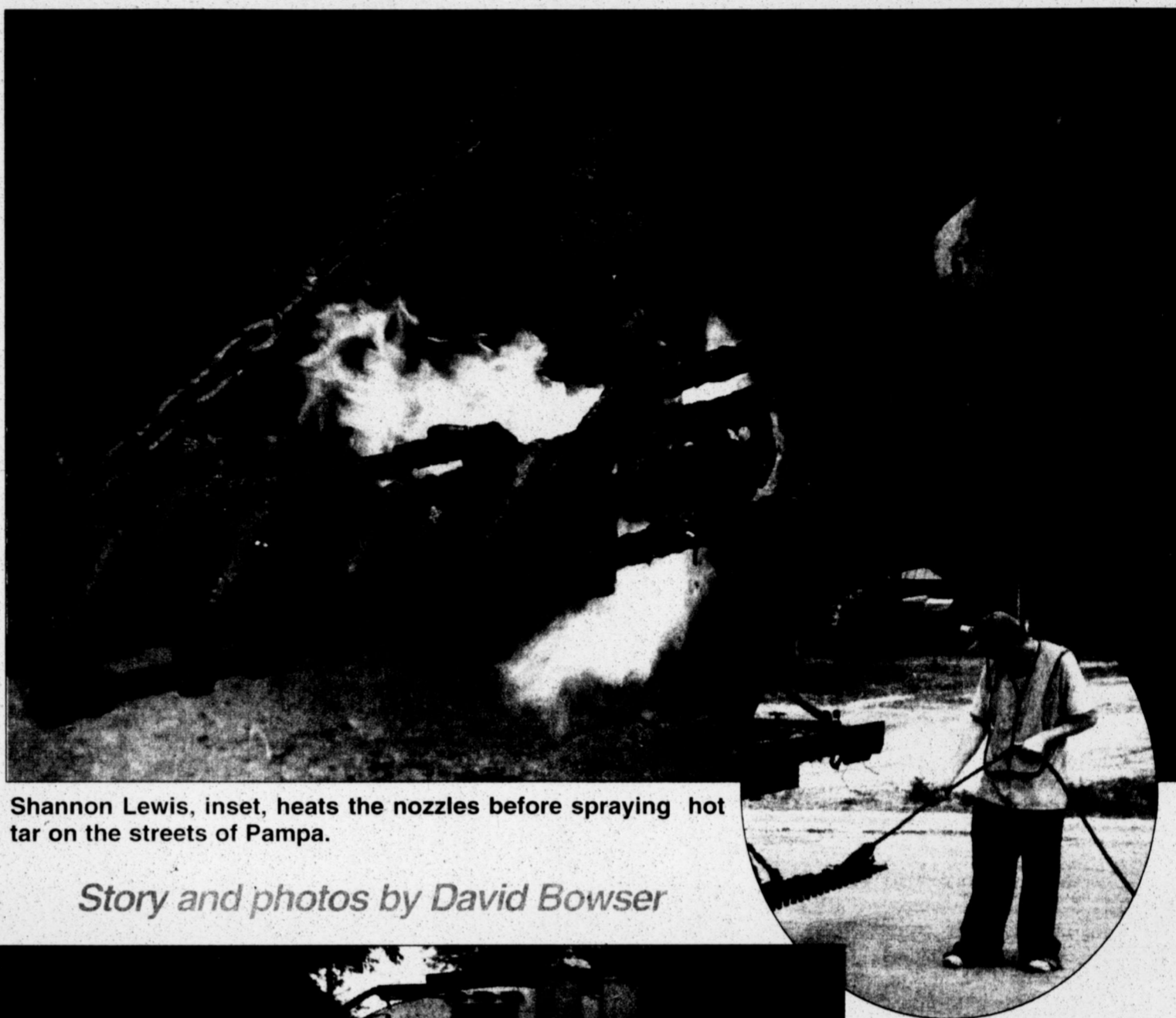
During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition, core values and physical fitness.

He received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare, bayonet use, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Schaffer, a 2003 graduate of Amarillo's Tascosa High, is the son of Susan and Dean Schaffer of Amarillo and is the grandson of Howard and Pat Williams of Pampa.

LUBBOCK — A total of 695 students from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center received degrees during commencement held at United Spirit Arena at the conclusion of the 2004 spring semester.

Students awarded diplomas included Traci B. Fredman - master of science degree, Kimberlea Mae McKandles - MS, Laura Grace Reynolds - bachelor of science degree, and Erin Brooke Simmons - MS.



Shannon Lewis, inset, heats the nozzles before spraying hot tar on the streets of Pampa.

Story and photos by David Bowser

Smith's sci-fi flick good despite low suspense factor

Although some people may think that the summer's action-filled blockbusters are cop-out flicks and not the true art of filmmaking, I have to believe that's not entirely true. The purpose of a movie is to create a world that the audience believes in for around two hours and be entertaining at the same time. Easier said than done, and "I, Robot" does a pretty good job at it.

While the story may not be very original, it is interesting. It's the year 2035 and Detective Spooner (Will Smith) is wary of robots and angry that their presence is expanding rapidly. When a robot becomes a suspect of murder, he's quick to argue that none of the other robots should be trusted either. Everybody shrugs him off as a conspiracy theorist nutter, but as is the case in these types of things, they soon realize they should have listened to him.

Anita Hacker
Guest Reviewer



The film's idea of the future coincides with what we've seen in other movies. Transportation works much like it does in "Minority Report," which is also set in the not-so-distant future. The cars are all sleek and cool, but I find myself thinking there's no way our roads are going to look like that by then. I've driven past the same construction of overpasses everyday for two years and it's not close to done. Humans also seem to forget that cotton is comfortable and begin wearing a lot of leather, just as in "The Matrix." It must be the reason they can get knocked around so much, and go relatively unharmed.

The biggest asset this film has is Will Smith. He is an old pro at action. He really makes you believe the situation is serious. It's a matter of life and death. No one can make this stuff more believable than Smith. The best part of "Robot" is the story he tells about what he has against robots. It's actually quite touching. And as far as action goes, what's more entertaining than watching the man run?

Bridget Moynahan, who has also become a fixture in action-thrillers like "The Recruit," plays Dr. Calvin, an uptight robot psychologist. She's always the sidekick and/or love interest and she's following the hero through his rogue mission yet again in "Robot." She does a competent job, but she's always holding back. If she ever wants the lead, she needs to let go.

The CGI in the movie is just okay. The robots are spiffy, but it looks like everything else got the shaft. The action sequences are fun though. There are lots of high-paced chases and fights, which is what the movie is really about anyway.

What's most disappointing about "Robot" is the lack of suspense. You never doubt that Detective Spooner is going to save the day, which is a shame. It would be great to think, just for a second, that maybe the robots will take over the world. This includes the lame ending, too. In many movies lately, not just this one, the hero figures out the simple solution to the problem quickly.

Because of the lack of originality and suspense, "I, Robot" hardly blows you away. But it is able to create a world that is believable and because of Will Smith's talents is entertaining as well.

Grade: B -

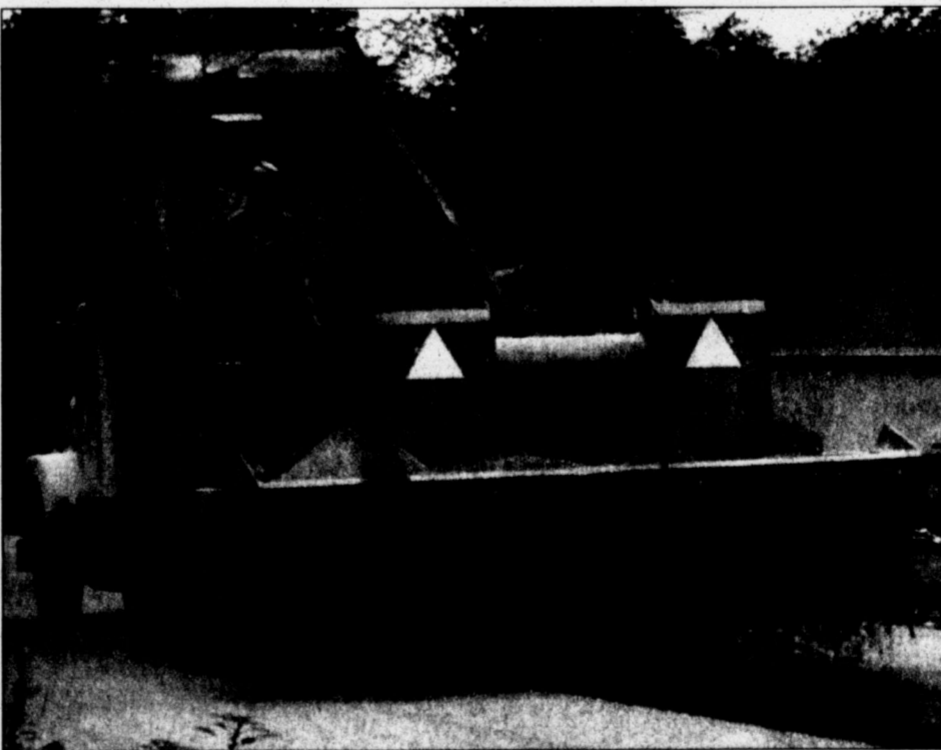
—Anita Hacker was born and raised in Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 2001 and is a recipient of the Eugene and Daniella Anderson Scholarship. She's now a journalism major in her third year at the University of Texas at Austin.



John Vargas closely monitors the nozzles spraying hot tar on Faulkner Street as his partner Pat Hendrick drives slowly up the street.



Pat Hendrick waits for the nod from partner John Vargas to more forward with a truck that sprays hot tar.



Junior Hartley, left, and Junior Vargas, driving, spread crushed rock on newly tarred streets in south Pampa.



Junior Hartley makes his way alongside the machinery driven by Junior Vargas as the two spread crushed rock over hot tar freshly sprayed on Faulkner Street.

With the temperature pushing 90 degrees on a clear summer's day, crews from G.W. James Inc. spray a hot tar along Crawford. Others will spread crushed rock on the street and roll it into the emulsion beneath.

"We put hot asphalt down," said Richard Morris, director of public works for Pampa, "and then we just put rock chips on top of it and roll it down."

"It prolongs the life of the street," said Donny Hooper, an engineering technician with the City of Pampa.

This summer's \$200,000 seal coating project will cover only 13.31 miles of city streets, a little more than 12 percent of the 108 miles of streets in Pampa, but it will help prevent more damage to already worn streets.

The coating is to seal small cracks where pavement has aged, Morris said.

The Pampa contractor started on the south end of town and is working its way north on streets to be sealed. By the end of last week, crews from the G.W. James Company had completed 11 sections of street.

"We hope to be finished in the next couple of weeks," Hooper said.

He said the seal coating prevents erosion of the base beneath the pavement. Once that begins to deteriorate, he said, it becomes a major problem and reconstruction can be very expensive.

Hooper said the city has been patching potholes prior to the seal coating. Kim Lincycumb with the public service department has had crews patching potholes for the last couple of months in preparation for the seal-coating project.

Once the potholes are patched, Hooper said, the seal coating crews go over the street with a tar emulsion and then spread a layer of crushed rock on the hot tar.

Some of the streets get a double seal, Hooper said.

"This will help," he said, "but we're still behind. It's a matter of just having the money to do it."

The funding for this summer's seal coating project essentially came from increased sale tax revenues during the past fiscal year.

Morris said he expects the project to be completed by Aug. 15, weather permitting.

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Boyd's celebrating 50 years of marriage



Mr. and Mrs. Dean Boyd

Mr. and Mrs. Deano Boyd of Pampa will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends at 6 p.m. Aug. 7 at Pamcel Hall at Celanese Chemical Plant. Children of the couple will host the reception. Family and friends are invited.

Deano Boyd and Patty Morgan were married Aug. 31, 1954, at Clayton, N.M. They have lived in Pampa for 38 years and are members of Briarwood Church.

Mr. Boyd retired from National Oilwell in 1994.

Mrs. Boyd retired in 1998. She was a caregiver for the elderly.

Children of the couple are Pam Chamberlain, Danny Boyd, Belinda Martin and spouse Darrel, Samantha Aikin and spouse Ricky, and the late Tim Boyd. They have 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Scribner, LeBlanc hold nuptials at local First Baptist Church

Dr. Misty Brooke Scribner, O.D., of Lubbock and Toby Lee LeBlanc of Slaton were wed June 26 at First Baptist Church, of Pampa with Rick Parnell, minister of education at Central Baptist Church in Pampa, officiating.

The maid of honor was Lindsay Scribner of Houston.

The matron of honor was Carisa Scribner of Pampa, and the bridesmaids were Hadley Leight of Tyler, Noelle Hardin of Nashville, Tenn., and Deawn Sims of Pampa. The flower girl was

Madison Davis of Pampa.

The best man was Jody LeBlanc of Denton. The groomsmen were Ken England of Ocala, Fla., David Edwards of Levelland, Steven Hart of Lubbock and Garrett Scribner of Pampa. The ring bearer was Bryson Schroeder of Vega.

The ushers were Michael Daugherty of Edmond, Okla., Brandon Mayfield of Rock Springs, Wyo., Dave Davis of Pampa and Matthew Hudson of Houston.

Registering the guests

were Julie Morris and Ebby Morris.

Music was provided by organist Lorelee Cooley, pianist Becky Craddock and flutist Lexi Hill, all of Pampa, and vocalists, Lindsay Scribner of Houston, Cullen Allen of Pampa and Brenna Vela of Perryton.

A reception was held following the service at Pampa Country Club.

The bride is the daughter of Billy and Cathy Scribner of Pampa. She holds a degree from the University of Houston's College of Optometry (2003) and is currently employed by Total Eye Care in Colleyville.

The groom is the son of James and Delores LeBlanc of Levelland. He holds a degree in animal science from West Texas A&M University (1998) and is currently employed by Clint Haverly of Krum.

The newlyweds took a Western Caribbean honeymoon cruise, and intend to make their home in Krum.



Dr. Misty Brooke Scribner

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Ranch setting for Baggett, Sherman wedding ceremony



Bradley Wayne Sherman and Mandy Dawn Baggett

Mandy Dawn Baggett of Pampa and Bradley Wayne Sherman of Brady were wed Saturday, July 17 at the residence of Donna Davis, aunt of the bride, on Waters Ranch near Pampa with Kurt Foster, of Pampa, officiating.

Leslie Ramming, cousin of the bride of Pampa, stood as matron of honor. Jessica Baggett of Amarillo and Jennifer Baggett of Pampa, both cousins of the bride, were bridesmaids. The flower girl was Ciera Atwood of Pampa.

Standing up with the groom was best man William Richard of Brady. The groomsmen were Robert Paradise of San Angelo and Michael Smith, stepbrother of the bride of Pampa. Kelton Baggett, cousin of the bride of Pampa, was ring bearer.

Registering the guests

were Sherry Tyrell and Joann Keller, both of Pampa.

Music was provided by Dalene Herriman of Pampa. A reception was held following the service at Gray County Annex with Debbie Wildcat, Bridget Craig and Delta Broadbent, all of Pampa, serving the guests.

The bride, daughter of Jimmy Don and Cathy Baggett of Pampa, graduated from Pampa High School and is currently employed by McLean Care Center.

The groom, son of Carl Sherman of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Darlene Simmons of Corpus Christi, graduated from Brady High School and is currently employed in water distribution by the City of Pampa.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Arizona and intend to make their home in Pampa.

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Numbers show summer enrollment at West Texas A&M ahead of 2003

CANYON — The number of West Texas A&M University students attending classes in the second summer session is 60 fewer than it was during the same session in 2003; however, the University's overall summer enrollment is 2.8-percent greater than it was a

year ago. West Texas A&M's robust enrollment in the first summer session — an increase of 188 students from the previous year — made all the difference. Enrollment is 1,769 for the second summer session and includes 1,231 under-

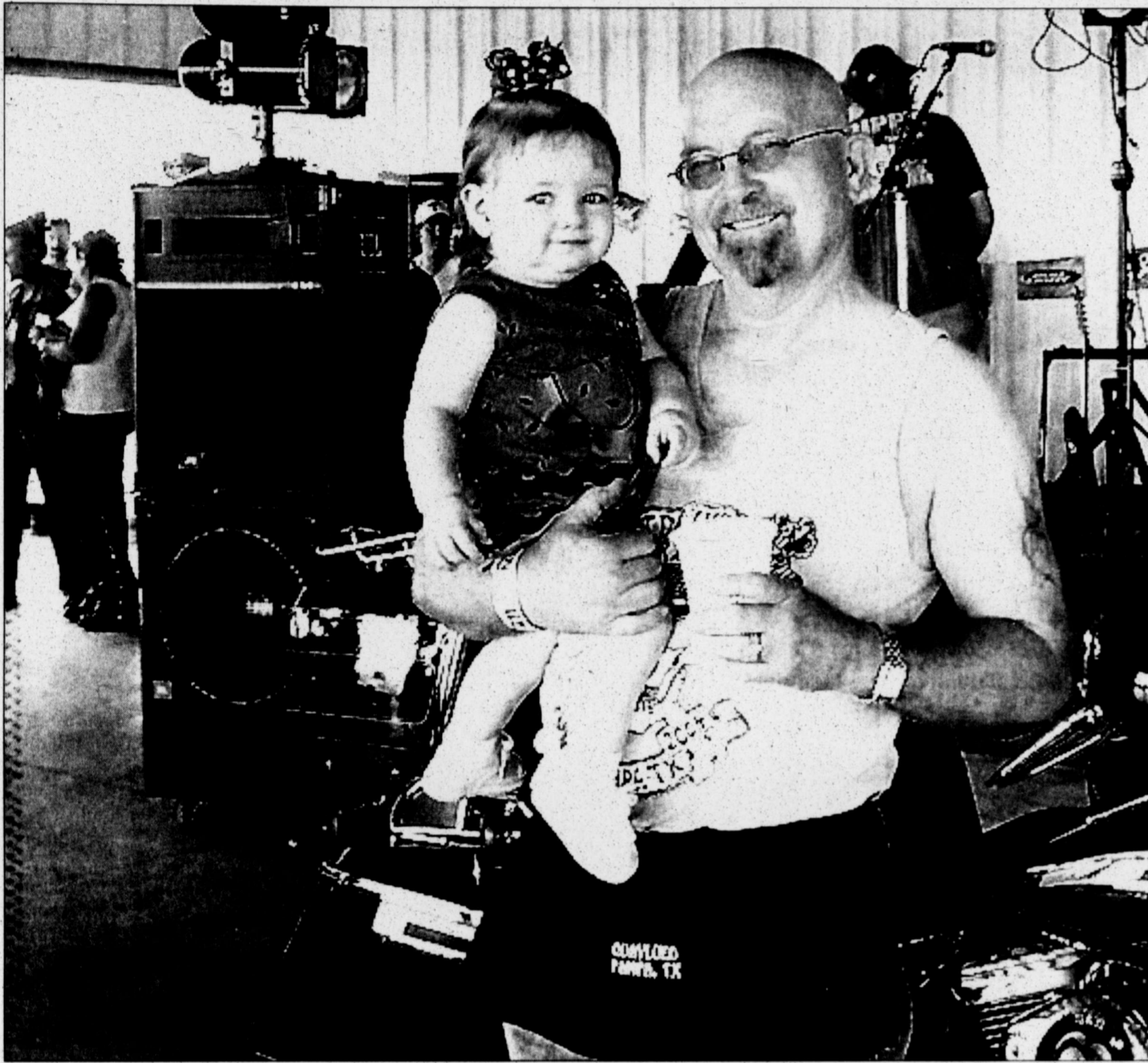
graduates and 538 graduate students. That brings the summer's total enrollment to 4,686 students, 128 more than attended WTAMU over the two summer sessions last year. "We are very pleased with this summer's enrollment numbers," University

President Russell C. Long said. "The students are working toward completing their degrees, and more students are recognizing the educational value offered by WTAMU." The largest increase this summer is evident in the University's sophomore

class, which jumped 5.97 percent in the first summer session and improved by 10.90 percent in the second session. The freshmen and junior classes also increased during both summer terms, but not as significantly as the sophomore class. The second summer ses-

sion at WTAMU runs through Aug. 12. Registration for the upcoming fall semester is under way. Priority registration closes Aug. 1, with late registration beginning Aug. 3. The first class day is Aug. 23, and the last day to register late will be Aug. 26.

Fund-raiser organizer



Dwight Chase and granddaughter Kaylee Burgess hang together recently at the Fourth Annual David Luedcke Memorial Poker Run in Pampa. Chase helped organize the poker run which benefited Tralee Crisis Center and Khiva and Pampa Shrine Club.

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Breakfast: French toast sticks.
Lunch: Steak fingers or pizza, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, peaches, rolls.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets or pizza, mashed potatoes, gravy, English peas, pineapple, rolls.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Pancakes.
Lunch: Cheese nachos or pizza, pinto beans, Spanish rice, apples.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Apricot Fruit-A-Roo.
Lunch: Chicken salad sandwiches or pizza, vegetarian beans, carrot sticks, Ranch dressing, peaches.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
Lunch: Hamburgers or pizza, French fries, lettuce/tomatoes, pickles, pears, pudding.

Lunch in the Park

MONDAY
Lunch: Corndogs, trail mix, fruit cups, milk.

TUESDAY
Lunch: Ham sandwiches, juice, cheese portion, fruit cups, milk.

WEDNESDAY
Lunch: Hamburgers, cheese portion, pickles, fruit cup, milk.

THURSDAY
Lunch: Chicken salad sandwiches, carrot sticks, fruit cup, milk.

FRIDAY
Lunch: Bean burritos, trail mix, fruit cups, pudding, milk.

Kid's Cafe
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Corndogs, French fries, pork and beans, cake.

AUG. 5
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Senior Citizens

MONDAY
Chicken fried steak or chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, northern beans, coconut cream cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY
Turkey/dressing or ham salad, sweet potatoes, Italian green beans, macaroni/cheese, beans, Boston cream pie or cherry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, baked cabbage, carrots/peas, beans, angelfood cake/whipped topping or butterscotch pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot

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'Texas Legacies' to host special show for hearing impaired

CANYON — "Texas Legacies," the outdoor drama staged during the summer at Palo Duro Amphitheatre in Palo Canyon, is gearing up for a special performance Tuesday, Aug. 10. Thanks to Panhandle Council for the Deaf, this performance will include the services of certified professional signers, created to offer an opportunity for those not normally able to hear the dialogue and the music of "Texas Legacies" to enjoy the show with the aid of signers. On a volunteer basis, sev-

eral interpreters will be situated throughout the audience to assist the hearing impaired. "It is amazing what it takes to make an evening like this happen," said Marketing Director Sheila Blackburn. "It has been a pleasure working with GayLynn Bonjour and Mark Sturkie of the Panhandle Council for the Deaf to assure that everything is in place for this performance. GayLynn and the other certified interpreters have now viewed the show and personally worked with us to insure that the event will be most

comfortable." A special buy-one-get-one-free discount is available for the Aug. 10th performance. For reservations or more information, call 1-877-58TEXAS or visit the box office at 1514 5th Ave. in Canyon. Hearing impaired individuals must request the special seating and mention code SIGN1 to take advantage of the special offer. "Texas Legacies" premiered in 2003. The show shares 100 years of historic stories of the region over a 10-year period.

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Presentation and discussions will focus on the National Animal

Identification Program and its implications for livestock producers, market and profitability outlooks for wheat and cattle, wheat variety identity preservation and more.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m.

The program will get under way at 10:30 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. with a lunch break in between.

Program instructors will include agronomists Dr. Brent Bean of Amarillo, Dr. Galon Morgan of College Station and Dr. Calvin Trostle of Lubbock.

A noon meal will be provided.

For more information, contact the local Extension office at 669-8033.

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Nowell delicately shapes a face out of clay.

Nowell

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keep my customers interested."

Nowell entered and earned honorable mention at the Oklahoma Arts Festival in Oklahoma City in 2003, and, more recently, achieved second

place at the High Plains Art Festival in Miami.

Her work is currently on display through August at the Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle.

Menu

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rolls or cornbread.
THURSDAY
Chicken strips or Frito pie, sour cream potatoes, Spanish rice, okra, pinto

beans, banana nut cake or lemon icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY
Cattfish/hushpuppies or spaghetti/meatballs, potato wedges, zucchini squash, beans, brownies or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad,

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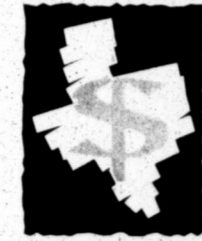
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My sister informed me that her daughter was pregnant and being married at the local courthouse. They live in Kansas. I live in Florida.

The day after the ceremony, my sister e-mailed me, expressing her anger that I did not acknowledge her daughter's "special day." Keep in mind that I have never known her kids, as we have lived so far apart all of their lives. Her other daughters have called me every name they can come up with, trying to make me feel bad for "forgetting" about the event. I don't feel I was obligated to do anything, especially when my sister announced it would be "parents only" at the ceremony.

Who's out of line here, in your opinion?

— DISTANT AUNT IN TITUSVILLE, FLA.

DEAR DISTANT AUNT: Since you weren't invited to the wedding, you had no obligation to send a gift. It would have been nice if you had marked the occasion with something -- a token gift. However, since you are now being "called every name they can come up with," I wouldn't blame you for going from distant aunt to an even more distant one.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 65-year-old grandmother who had a colostomy a little over a year ago. It wasn't due to cancer or a life-threatening illness. It was due to lack of muscle control because of having children.

I care for my grandchildren two or three times a week, a 2-year-old boy and a 4-year-old girl. How do I explain this to a 4-year-old? I don't want to scare her. From the time she was able to walk she came into the bathroom with me, and now she's curious about why she can't anymore. Is there a way you can explain this to a child? Thanks

for any advice you can give.

— GRANDMA IN BRISTOL, CONN.

DEAR GRANDMA: That you had a colostomy because of incontinence due to childbirth is too much information for a child your granddaughter's age. Simply tell her that she's not a baby anymore, and you would prefer privacy in the bathroom. Most adults do, and it should not require a detailed explanation.

However, if your granddaughter should happen to enter the bathroom unexpectedly and ask specific questions about what she has seen, a brief explanation that you are all right and that you just go to the bathroom a little differently than she does should suffice. As she gets older, appropriate information can be provided on a "need-to-know" basis.

DEAR ABBY: My sister and I are having a debate. I say you do not need to tip hairdressers if they rent their station and take 100 percent of the fees they charge. I say that tipping is only for people on commission. She disagrees.

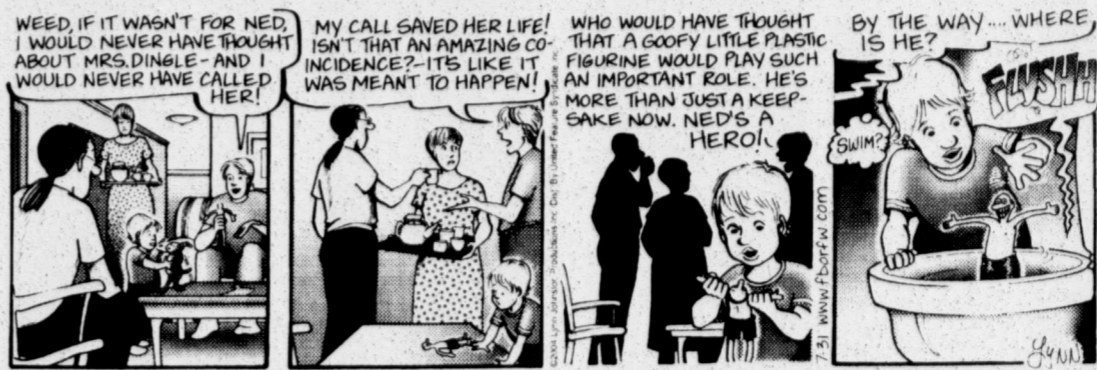
I want to send my new hairdresser a tip if I'm wrong.

— "CURLY" IN CHESTERFIELD, MO.

DEAR CURLY: When in doubt, the wisest policy is to ask if tips are accepted. In many beauty salons, tips are welcomed even by the owner. For color, cuts and permanents, the usual amount is 15 to 20 percent. For a simple wash and set or blow-dry, it's 15 percent. In addition, regular customers give their hairdressers -- and manicurists -- gifts at Christmas. So haul out your wallet: your sister is right.

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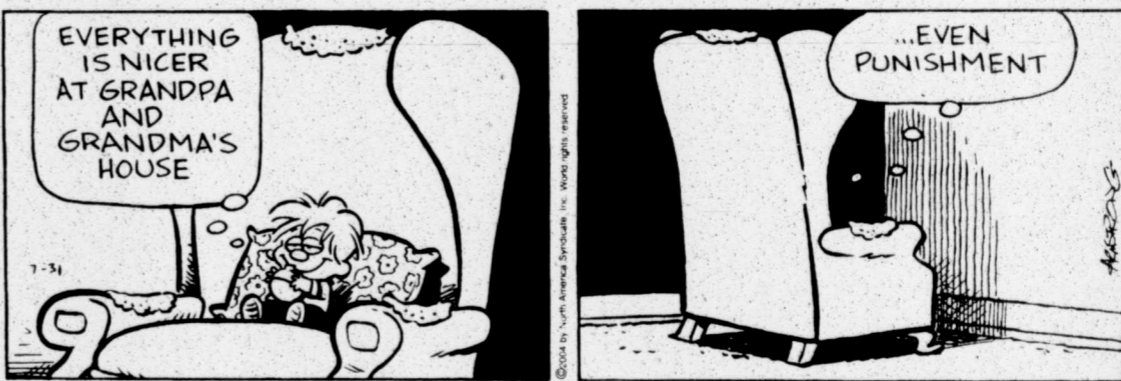
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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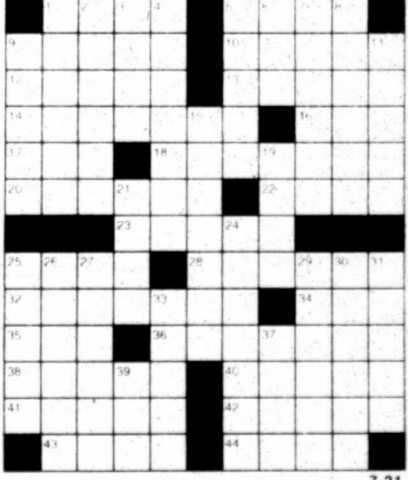
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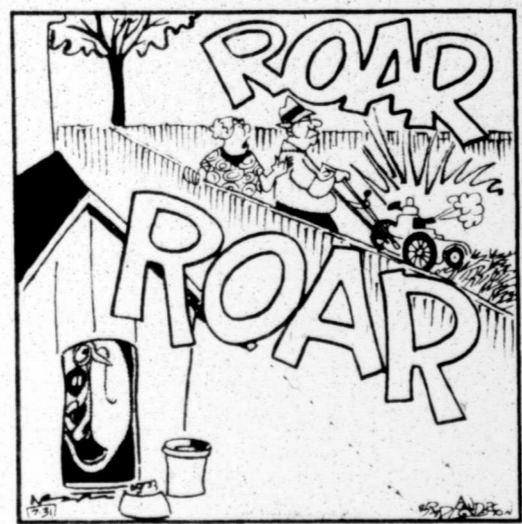
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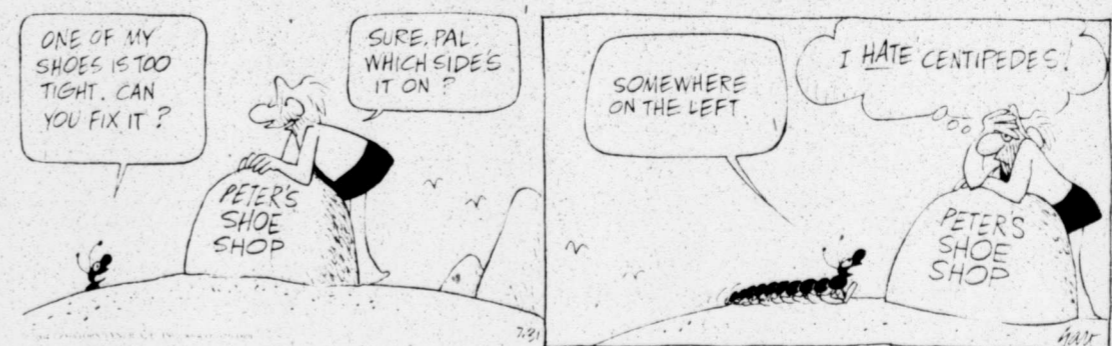


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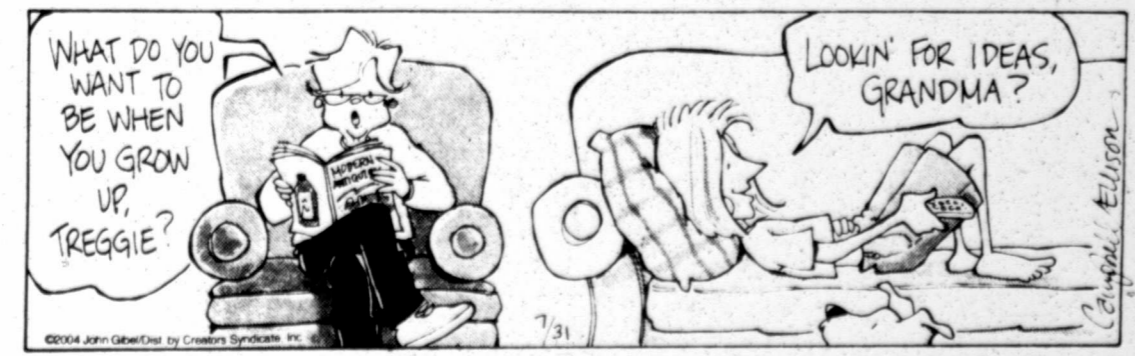
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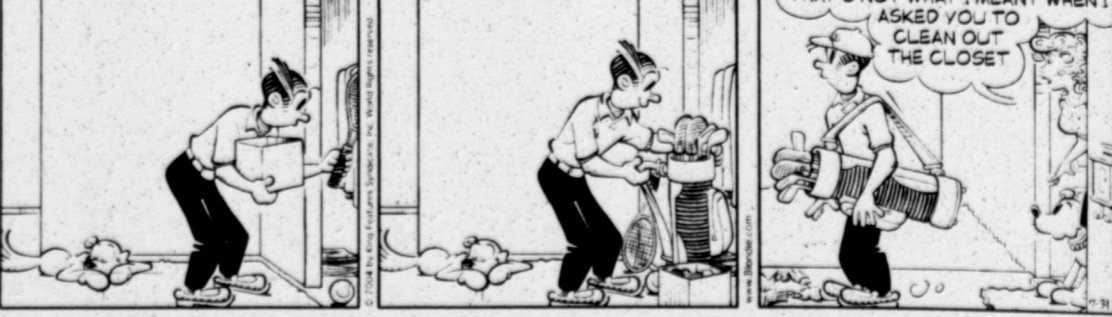
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Best advice for doctors: Ask, don't tell; listen, don't speak

AUSTIN — At a time when health care is plagued with increasing obstacles to communication between physicians and patients, renowned surgeon, author, and humorist Bernie Siegel, M.D., offered an uplifting and simple message during an address at a Texas Medical Association conference in Austin.

"Don't talk to your patients about their illnesses or health problems. Ask them about how they feel

and how you can help," Dr. Siegel shared with a ballroom full of physicians and health care professionals.

"It is amazing what you can learn about the cause of medical problems just by listening," Dr. Siegel. He is the best-selling author of "Love, Medicine and Miracles" published in 1986, "Peace, Love and Healing" in 1989 and "How to Live Between Office Visits" in 1993. His books cover thought-provoking ideas on living,

dying, and the impact of an active patient-doctor relationship.

Dr. Siegel offered an example.

"I had a patient with chronic migraine headaches. I asked her how she would describe those headaches. She said they were a burden, which she later connected to her husband. We found some assistance for her to address her relationship with her husband, and consequently the migraines went away."

Dr. Siegel's intriguing philosophy is that love, hope, and respect prolong life more consistently than medical science. His books and programs support his assertions with anecdotes from his years of medical practice.

"When we think about those who take care of us, parents, teachers, spiritual leaders, and loved ones come to mind. What happened to the medical community? Isn't that why we got in the business?" Dr.

Siegel asked the audience. "Physicians have not been trained to communicate effectively with patients."

He offered some renegade strategies to becoming more sensitive physicians.

"Try being a patient. Spend a weekend in a hospital. Or for the less adventurous, at least show some personality, emotion, and sense of humor when spending time with your patients," Dr. Siegel suggested.

A common dilemma

among physicians is that is they internalize stress created from their work with no effective release.

"This directly impacts patient care," Dr. Siegel said. "We don't know how to recognize our own stresses and cope with it. Do your patients and family a favor by finding something in your life that allows you to forget and relax. Write letters, call old friends, hug somebody," he said.

Relief may be in hand for region's allergy sufferers

"The doctor will see you now" has been told time and time again to the more than 45,000 allergy sufferers of Malouf Abraham, Jr., M.D. But thanks to his newly-invented natural allergy relief formula, allergy sufferers in West Texas can find relief without visiting the good doctor.

A native of Canadian, Texas, Dr. Abraham will be in the Panhandle Area Aug. 8, 12 and 14 to give in-store presentations of his homeopathic product — aptly called Dr. Abraham's Allernon. From 3:30 until 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 8, Dr. Abraham will be at United Supermarket, 45th and Bell, in Amarillo. On Thursday, Aug. 12, he will visit Village Pharmacy, I-40 and Georgia, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon and from 5 until 7 p.m., he will be at Market Street, 26th and Georgia, both locations in Amarillo.

Dr. Abraham says formula is a completely natural,

homeopathic and non-prescription allergy relief remedy that uses the immune system to fight allergies. It was created as an alternative to allergy shots and their often-uncomfortable side effects.

"A lot of people take too much medicine," Abraham said. "Most medicines are chemicals and they have a lot of side effects. As a society, we need to work more with our own immune systems and avoid getting sick in the first place."

Dr. Abraham says his Allernon does just that.

Because the formula does not contain harsh chemicals, even children can benefit from the product, he said. For West Texas allergy sufferers, that is a welcome sign for proper of all ages.

Allernon introduces minute amounts of allergens into the body designed to stimulate the immune system, and build up defenses against allergy attacks. The strengthening of the

'By improving the immune system, a person's body is able to function higher at an overall level because it is not to busy fighting off sickness.'

— Malouf Abraham, Jr.
Allergy doctor

immune system, especially when enhanced with the consumption of water, the doctor said, can clear out allergic reactions and infections in the body.

"By improving the immune system, a person's body is able to function higher at an overall level because it is not to busy fighting off sickness," Abraham explained.

In fact, many of Dr. Abraham's original patients, now taking Allernon, have reported that they and their children were getting far fewer colds or bouts of the flu through the use of his product, he said.

Dr. Abraham began his quest to treat allergies when the Army drafted him as a doctor during the Vietnam era. He was assigned to treat allergies of military personnel coming back from the jungles of Vietnam, many of whom were suffering from extreme allergic reactions.


He observed that traditional treatments being prescribed were often acting more as a band-aid than as a cure. He also witnessed that his patients were suffering from multiple side-effects of chemical based medicines. After thinking of a way to make the medicine much milder and more effective, Abraham began concocting vaccines that threaten not just the specific allergen but

also build up immunities for real, long-term health.

His allergy shots have produced remarkable results, he said, which ultimately led his 30-year career in private practice in Canadian. During that time, 46,000 people traveled from around the country to the tiny Panhandle town to be treated. Following retirement in 2001, his patients continued to request prescriptions for his shots.

He began to research the latest advancements in natural treatments and worked with a small laboratory in Southern Indiana to create his homeopathic formula. Within six months, Dr. Abraham and his new partners had developed his formula for natural, prescription-free, homeopathic droplets.

For more information about Dr. Abraham's Allernon, visit his website at www.allernon.com.



CHIROPRACTIC OUTLOOK
by Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr.

CHECK FOR SPINAL CURVATURES

Most cases of improper spinal curvature result from postural problems. When viewed from the side, the normal spine curves in the neck, mid-back and low back. Seen from the front or back, the spine should be straight and the shoulders and pelvis level. Poor sitting and standing postural habits, backpack misuse and improper physical movements can alter a healthy spinal curve. Doctors of Chiropractic receive extensive education and training to assess and treat this condition.

These abnormal spinal curves are not the same as scoliosis, however. In that condition, there is the sideways or lateral twisting and rotation of the spine, ribs and pelvis. The word scoliosis comes from the Greek word meaning "crooked." Someone with scoliosis may have a back that curves like an "S" or a "C." The curvature develops slowly, usually during the growth years from 12 to 16. It may need to be treated with a brace or surgery.

Early detection is essential for effective scoliosis treatment. Because the spine will grow until the early 20s, scoliosis often worsens when ignored. Once the curvature is fully developed, correction becomes difficult, and serious complications are likely. If an abnormal spinal curve is detected, your child should be reassessed at least once every six months. Your chiropractor can determine the treatment approach most advisable. Chiropractic care may include spinal adjustments, exercise, and postural and activity advice. Severe cases are referred for additional care.

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Government approves first new drug to treat alcoholism

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government recently approved the first new drug to treat alcohol abuse in a decade, a medicine called Campral that promises to help ward off relapses.

Campral, known chemically as acamprosate, isn't for patients who are actively drinking at the start of treatment or who abuse other substances in addition to alcohol, the Food and Drug

Administration warned.

Exactly how Campral works isn't fully understood. But it is thought to somehow ease alcoholism withdrawal symptoms by normalizing abnormalities in two brain chemical systems.

In a study comparing Campral to a dummy pill, more of the people using Campral were continuously abstinent throughout their alcohol-abuse

treatment, FDA said — although officials late Thursday couldn't provide the numbers to show how big the difference was.

Most common side effects were headache, diarrhea, flatulence and nausea, FDA said.

Campral, made by France's Lipha Pharmaceuticals, has been widely used in Europe for years.

Enhanced service offers more specific information

By SIOBHAN McDONOUGH
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group that sets standards for health organizations is making it easier for people to compare the quality and safety of care at more than 16,000 hospitals, nursing homes, home care agencies and other U.S. medical facilities.

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations says its online service, Quality Check, includes information about how such groups perform in four important areas — heart attacks, heart failure, pneumonia and pregnancy.

The free Web site — www.qualitycheck.org — also shows how hospitals and other facilities rate on meeting requirements to prevent medical mishaps such as misidentification of patients, surgery on the wrong body part, medication mix-ups and hospital-borne infections.

"Americans are demanding information that they can use to make decisions about where to seek treatment," said Dr. Dennis S. O'Leary, president of the Joint Commission.

The commission has published comparative information on its accredited facilities since 1994. Now patients can get more specific information on whether the facilities are meet-

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President of the Joint Commission

ing requirements for patient safety, O'Leary said.

Quality Check offers access to a broader range of information than before, including more data specific to common and major illnesses and conditions.

O'Leary said consumers can use the information to talk to their doctor about where they should go for their particular needs.

For people without access to a computer, information can be obtained through the commission's service line at (630) 792-5800.


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