

270 12/18/97 4227

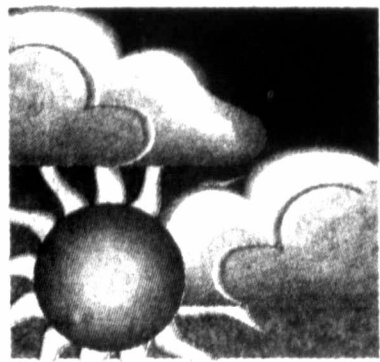
SOUTHWEST MICRO PUBLISHING  
2627 F. YANDELL ST.  
EL PASO, TX 79903

# PAMPA NEWS

VOL: 89 NO: 279

Pampa, Texas

50¢ DAILY/SUNDAY \$1



Low tonight in mid 30s.  
High tomorrow in mid  
50s. See Page 2 for  
weather details.

**LEFORS** — The Lefors Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. in the elementary school library.

Action items include consideration and approval of policy revisions, the calendar for 1997-98 and consideration of allowing the city access to the bonfire area.

The board also plans to adopt the new teacher appraisal system and adopt a number of text books.

This is an open meeting and the public is encouraged to attend.

**PAMPA** — The Pampa Middle School's Teen Leadership classes are sponsoring a 3 on 3 and free throw basketball tournament on Saturday, March 1, beginning at 8 a.m.

Winners will be awarded trophies and gift certificates from Hastings.

Admission is one dollar and all proceeds will go to the American Heart Association.

**PAMPA** — The Pampa Home Educators' Association recently held its Science Fair for home school students. Winners of the association's science fair include: grades K-2: Taran Roundy, first; Clint Devoll, second; and Travis Marsh, third.

Brian Marsh placed first and Coy Devoll placed second in the 6-8 grade division. April Roundy and Sam Roundy tied for first in the 9-12 grade division.

The Science Fair was held at Pamel Hall at Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group's Pampa Facility. Celanese chemical engineers Kelly Wallace and Nicole Wallace judged the entries.

### By The Associated Press

Three tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The winners will split an estimated \$20 million. The tickets were sold in Dallas, Corpus Christi and Lake Hills.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were 3, 9, 12, 28, 36 and 43.

There were 272 tickets purchased matching five of the six numbers, winning \$1,063 each. Matching four of the six numbers were 12,850 tickets, with a prize of \$81 each.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

Classified ..... 8  
Comics ..... 6  
Editorial ..... 4  
Sports ..... 7

## New industrial park area development plans begin

By LAURA HALEY  
Staff Writer

Plans for developing the new 213-acre industrial park on the east side of town has begun.

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation has retained the services of Webber/Smith engineering firm in Lancaster, Pa., to help develop a master plan of the 213-acre tract. Webber/Smith's project manager, Kevin Boyer, was in Pampa two weeks ago to begin work on the industrial park.

Among items the engineering firm will address are the location of the industrial park, access to and from highways, available utilities at the site and drainage. After considering these items, the engineering firm will then determine the number of businesses the site can accommodate.

"This is an excellent location, right in the midst of the food belt," said Boyer.

Members of the Pampa economic district are hoping the local industrial park will serve to be a big plus in recruiting businesses to the Pampa area, especially value-added agriculture businesses such as a food processing plant. Because of the strong agriculture ties, it is this type of business the economic district will initially attempt to recruit to the industrial park, with the help of Webber/Smith.

Susan Tripplehorn, project coordinator for the economic district, explains, "We really wanted to key on this company's experience. Our first targets are value-added agricultural firms centered around agriculture. There are so many agricultural products grown in this area and we can add value to them by local processing."

Webber/Smith has a unique advantage with value-added agriculture firms and has worked with companies such as IBI, Kraft and Nestle.

However, agricultural based businesses are not the only ones

the new industrial park is expected to attract. Other related service businesses will also be heavily recruited once a spec building is completed and filled.

"... [W]ith 213-acres to fill, we also will be looking at companies whose businesses range from metal fabrication to plastics," said Tripplehorn.

Lewis Meers, chairman of the board of directors for the economic district, added, "We expect development of this industrial site to eventually bring more business and lots more jobs to Pampa."

The finalized drawings for the industrial park should be finalized by mid-April, at which time the economic district board can begin development of the property.

The development of the property is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year. The economic district is hoping to begin recruiting of businesses next year after the construction of a spec building is finished.

## Dallas lawmaker sponsors off-beat bills

DALLAS (AP) — In state Rep. Tony Goolsby's perfect world,

adolescent body piercing would need a parent's OK, holders of overdue library books could be jailed and college students would play drinking games with soda instead of beer.

Overhauling the state's education system it's not. But Goolsby, R-Dallas, says his bills are aimed at improving life a little for the average Texan.

"Not every law has to part the Red Sea," said Goolsby, 54, who is serving his fifth term in the Legislature. "Sometimes it's the little laws that can change our lives the most. These aren't ideas I made up. ... They are issues my constituents brought to me."

Goolsby, who ran unopposed last fall, has introduced legislation this session that would:

— Make it a misdemeanor to arrange, conduct or participate in games where the primary intent is getting drunk. An example is "quarters," where the idea is to bounce a quarter into a glass

or take a drink if you miss.

"I don't have a darn thing against drinking," Goolsby said. "But about three years ago, a young man from one of my schools was involved in a drinking game. He drank a quart of rum and is dead now because of alcohol poisoning. That's serious."

— Give lawmakers the power to perform weddings.

"This is kind of a personal one, because I've known people over the years who haven't wanted to get married and thought it might be nice if I could marry them. I haven't asked for a hearing for that one yet."

— Make it illegal for adolescents to have their body pierced without parental consent.

"That came from PTA members who said they were seeing these damn rings all over kids. This bill isn't a joke. Those things can lead to a serious infection."

— Make it a misdemeanor, punishable by up to a \$500 fine, to hold library books more than 10 days past their due date.

Nonpayment of the fine could lead to an arrest.

"You have to realize that libraries lose thousands of dollars of taxpayers' money every year. The goal is to get the books back — not put people in jail."

— Create regulatory commissions to oversee plaster contractors and geologists.

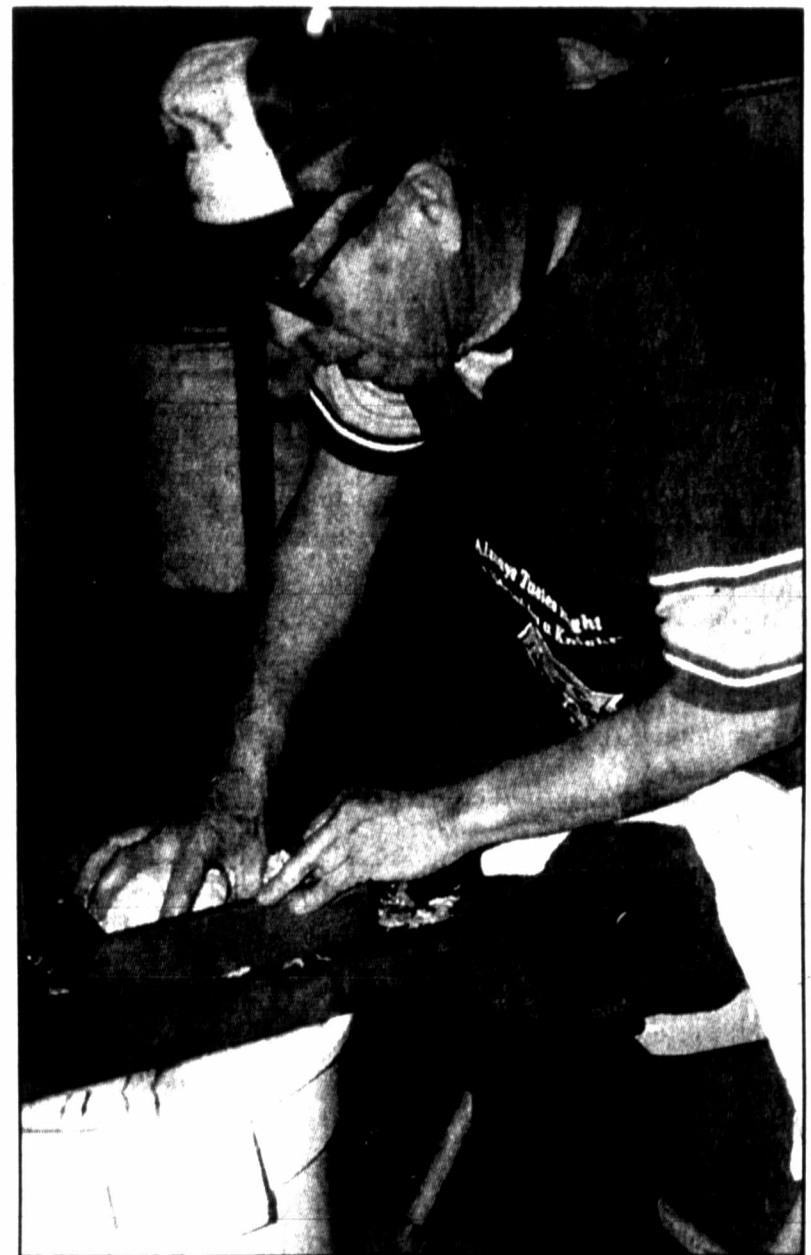
Republican Party chairman Tom Pauken said it is not unusual for lawmakers to support legislation that serves a niche.

"If these are things his people are bringing to him as concerns, then it's his job to support those things," Pauken said.

Lisa Payne, Dallas County's Democratic Party chairwoman, said Goolsby's attempts at useful legislation don't represent the needs of many constituents.

"If more people took an active role in government, legislators would get a more accurate picture of what is really important to people," Ms. Payne said. "Some lawmakers only hear from a very vocal few and act on what they want."

## Polish Sausage Dinner



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

The Knights of Columbus are preparing for their 46th annual Polish Sausage Dinner. Bennie Rodriguez lends a helping hand by getting the cabbage for the coleslaw ready to feed approximately 1,200 people. The sausage dinner will be served at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Sunday, March 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Marking property could help insurance

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas homeowners and renters could get a break on their insurance policies for marking and photographing their property.

Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer next month will consider a proposal to allow insurers to offer a 5 percent discount on their property insurance for homeowners and renters who clearly mark property with their driver's license numbers or state identification numbers.

Property too small for permanent marking, such as jewelry, would have to be photographed.

Under the proposal, property owners would have to mark at least six of 12 items listed by the state, including videocassette recorders, stereos, computers, televisions and cameras. They also would have to photograph at least four of eight items identified by the state, including jewelry, silverware, crystal and coin collections.

## FDA wants easier to understand labels for over-the-counter drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans will no longer have to pull out a magnifying glass and a dictionary to pick the best drugstore remedy, the government said Wednesday as it unveiled simpler labels for over-the-counter medicines.

The Food and Drug Administration proposal aims to help consumers tell at a glance how to properly use a nonprescription drug, its side effects and when to see a doctor — information now often buried in fine print and baffling medical jargon.

The news was welcome to 86-year-old Vera Santos of Washington, whose glaucoma makes it difficult to read today's drug labels.

"I'd read along and then everything would blur," she said while shopping in a local drugstore.

"Oh, that's good," she exclaimed, pointing to a sample of the FDA's new labels. "Yes, that's real good! I can read that with just one eye."

It's the same sort of simplified label the FDA put on foods in 1994 to help consumers figure out nutrition, and it comes as Americans are turning to over-the-counter remedies four times as often as they consult a doctor.

Yet until now only a few members of the \$18 billion nonprescription drug industry voluntarily produced easy-to-read instructions.

"We definitely think the more

user-friendly a label is, the better it is for consumers," said Meg Grattan of the Nonprescription Drug Manufacturers Association, which supports the FDA proposal. "Nobody wants to read something that looks confusing."

And if Americans don't read the label, the FDA says, they not only could pick the wrong cold medicine to treat their sniffles, they could be missing vital health warnings.

How many patients who take antidepressants called MAO inhibitors know never to take Rofitussin or Dristan nasal decongestants or cough syrups — because the mix can kill? Or that mixing the heartburn medicine Tagamet with the prescription epilepsy drug Dilantin is dangerous? Or that aspirin and ibuprofen can cause stomach bleeding, so see a doctor if you have symptoms?

"Nonprescription medicines can be potent and can have real side effects," said FDA Commissioner David Kessler. "The new OTC drug labels will be clear and concise. Consumers will not have to hunt around for information on the label."

The FDA also ordered companies to use laymen's terms, simply saying "lung," for example, instead of "pulmonary."

To illustrate the change, the FDA bought Rite-Aid brand Tri-A-Phen, a drugstore brand antihistamine and nasal decongestant. Tiny print lists the dose,

side effects and health warnings. In fact, consumers must read 16 lines crammed on the bottle's side before learning people on certain antidepressants should not use Tri-A-Phen.

The FDA put a sample label on the bottle that says upfront and in larger print, color-coded to catch consumers' attention: "Do Not Use" if you take those antidepressants and "Ask a Doctor Before Use" if you have heart disease, high blood pressure or other diseases the drug could affect.

Smaller sections list the active ingredients and the symptoms they relieve, so people with a runny nose and cough will know the remedy is appropriate. "Stop using this product," the label warns, if side effects like dizziness, fever or a persistent headache occur.

A few companies beat the FDA to the simpler labels, saying it makes good marketing sense.

Thompson Medical Co. was first, relabeling a hemorrhoid medication in 1995 to highlight a health warning — don't use Hemorid if you also take blood pressure medicine — that had been buried in fine print. The heartburn medicine Pepcid AC went an extra step, offering an illustrated insert explaining just what heartburn is and five ways to avoid it without drugs — information patients would get if they went to a doctor instead of opting for over-the-counter relief.


### New-look labels

The Food and Drug Administration is proposing clearer, simpler labels for over-the-counter drugs.

#### Proposed label design

Active Ingredient (In Each Tablet)	Purpose
<b>Uses:</b>	
▶	
<b>Warnings</b>	
Ask a Doctor Before Use If You Have:	
▶	
If You Are:	
▶	
<b>When Using This Product:</b>	
▶	
<b>Directions:</b>	
Adults	
Children over	
Children under	

#### Existing label design

Allergy Tablets	
<b>INDICATIONS:</b>	
<b>DIRECTIONS:</b>	
<b>EACH TABLET CONTAINS:</b>	
<b>WARNINGS:</b>	
	
1256117490	

Source: Food and Drug Administration

AP

27 FEB 27 1997



## Carson reviews water pipeline proposal

By SHERRY CROMARTIE  
Staff Writer

Kent Satterwhite met with Carson County commissioners in their regular session Monday to discuss the installation of a 52-inch water line in the northwest portion of the county.

The line will carry well water from Roberts County fields to an existing line which is already in place in Carson County.

"The Canadian River Water Authority at Fritch is pumping water from Roberts County fields into an existing line that runs through Carson County. This water will be mixed with Lake Meredith water through the line that comes through the county, as well as into Borger and Amarillo," explained County Judge Jay Roselius.

Roselius said this proposal for the installation of the water line will not affect the existing water supply for residents of Panhandle and county homes using the city's water wells.

White said the line (which will run through the county) services several other towns in the Panhandle and southern region around the Plainview, Lubbock and Lamesa area.

More specific details on the proposed pipeline plan and further discussion concerning rights-of-way and water rights will be presented to the court for further review.

A brief discussion concerning compliance with the anti-drug and alcohol program testing for the county

was held. Commissioner Mike Britten will give his report in the next session concerning what action the county should take in order to stay in compliance.

The recent fire destruction caused to the First Baptist Church in Panhandle left brick and concrete materials needed to be disposed of, and commissioners agreed to allow the materials to be hauled to a pit located approximately four miles east of the church site, in order that the church lots can be cleared for future construction.

Commissioners acknowledged and approved the recent hiring of Chief Jailor/Deputy Gary Robinson, setting his salary at \$20,781.72 per year.

Commissioners also approved the hiring of Ronee Durst as a regular part-time custodian, setting the salary at \$7,557.30 per year.

In other matters of the court, commissioners voted to approve:

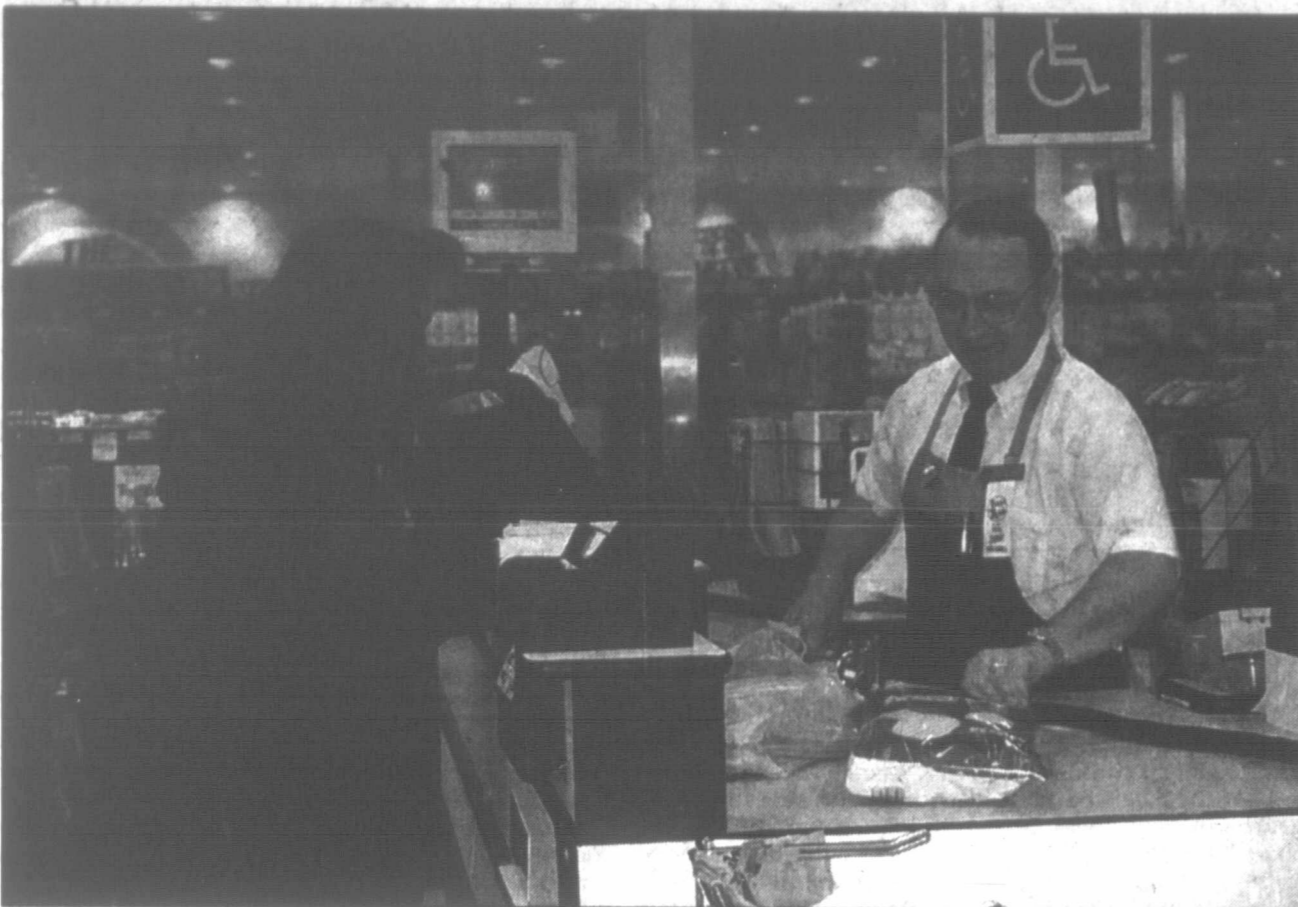
- A guard light to be located at the White Deer 4-H project pens.

- The release of \$341,342 of safekeeping receipts from the First Bank and Trust of White Deer.

- A safekeeping receipt from SunBank in the amount of \$1,000,000, released and replaced with another security of like value; and

- Designation of Commissioners Jerry Strawn and Kevin Howell to attend the annual West Texas County Judges and Commissioners' Conference in Wichita Falls Mar. 12-14.

Roselius said the next commissioners court meeting is Monday, March 10.



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

"I've used his counter pretty often, and he's a nice man ...," said Nancy Vigil, a customer at Albertson's check-out counter, manned by retiring Joyce Moler, after serving in the grocery business for 45 years and the past 13 years in the same location with Furr's and Albertsons.

## Forty-five year veteran of grocery business retires from Albertson's

By SHERRY CROMARTIE  
Staff Writer

After 45 years, Joyce Moler is retiring to "do what I want to do," which includes visiting with old coffee buddies or playing a round or two of golf. He is retiring from the grocery business.

"I've got a lot of coffee drinking buddies in town, and I am looking forward to meeting with them to just visit and drink coffee, and I just might get a little more serious about playing golf," he said.

Moler's last day at work at Albertson's check out counter is today.

Moler and his family moved to Pampa in the fall of 1956, according to his wife, Yvonne Moler, who holds the office of District Clerk in the Gray County Courthouse. At that time, Moler was just looking into new options. He went to work for the IGA grocery store here in Pampa at that time.

Most all of his working life has been associated with groceries in one way or another, because he also was a distributor for the Frito-Lay Company once. He first started with United Grocery Stores in Sayre, Oklahoma, and he worked for Ideal Grocery for four years in Perryton and in Pampa.

In Pampa, Moler served as manager of the Ideal Grocery

when it was located on Brown Street (where Franks is now), he said. He later took a position with Furr's Grocery in 1984. He has been associated with Albertsons Stores since it took over the Furr's store here in 1991.

"The grocery business has really been good to me through all these years," said Moler, talking with his store director, Maxwell Carey.

Carey came to Pampa's Albertsons in 1993 and has worked closely with Moler. He praised him as being a good employee and representative of the store.

"Joyce is good people," he said. "He's good with customers and he's good with other employees. We really hate to lose him."

"Well, I did try to be here by 6 o'clock every morning," said Moler.

Both men agreed, however, that the grocery business has changed a great deal in the past several years.

"There's a lot of changes due to automation and computers ...," Moler said.

Moler said he has held a spot in about every grocery department in those stores, except maybe the meat department. He said his favorite department was in the drug department and working with general merchandise, whenever that was his responsibility.

Joyce and Yvonne have raised

three children, including Ronnie, who lives in Amarillo and is the father of one son; Kenneth Wayne and his wife, Pam, of Pampa, who are parents of four children; and Karen Hedrick and her husband, Barry, who are parents of four children and live in Mahomet (Champaign), Ill.

"One of those granddaughters is living with us for now, however. She's attending Pampa High School and is a cheerleader in her junior year," Moler said.

Brooke favored staying here in Pampa, since being picked as a cheerleader, to stay with her friends and finish out her high school years.

"Her activities will probably add a little more action to her grandfather's retirement days," suggested a co-worker standing nearby.

He says he has enjoyed all of his duties as a grocery man and enjoys working with his fellow employees.

"I will certainly miss these (people) I've worked with these years, and I will miss seeing my regular customers," Moler said.

Most of his customers like for him to wait on them and they, too, will miss seeing him quick and ready to check their grocery purchases.

"I've used his counter pretty often, and he's a nice man," said Nancy Vigil as she was paying for her groceries Tuesday of this week.

## Committee considers 'safe schools' legislation

AUSTIN (AP) — Schools could expel students for misdemeanor drug and alcohol offenses under a bill approved by the Senate Education Committee.

The measure by Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, is meant to strengthen a law decreeing "zero tolerance" for drugs, alcohol and disruptive behavior on campus. The bill was approved Wednesday by the committee and goes to the full Senate for consideration.

Bivins acknowledged that his measure could result in students

being expelled "to the streets," because smaller counties aren't required to have juvenile justice alternative education programs for students expelled from campus.

But he said that concern is outweighed by the need to allow schools to fight alcohol and drugs on campus as they see fit. Bivins said there have been alternative programs set up even in counties that aren't required to have them.

"I have had a number of school superintendents come to me and say, 'If your goal is zero tolerance

for drugs and alcohol on campus, why is it that you have prevented us from being able to expel students that are in possession of these controlled substances?'" said Bivins.

Current law calls for expulsion of students for felony drug and alcohol violations.

The bill was among several approved by the Education Committee to adjust the safe schools provision of the 1995 education overhaul, which allows teachers to remove violent or disruptive students from their classrooms for placement in alternative education programs.

## Torricelli tips scales against budget agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — The balanced budget amendment, the first and foremost priority of the Republican Congress this year, appears headed for defeat.

Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., ended days of suspense Wednesday when he announced that he couldn't accept the Republican version because he thought it left the nation too vulnerable in times of military or economic crisis.

The last undeclared senator, supporters needed Torricelli to get the 67 votes, or two-thirds majority, needed for passage. Without him, the amendment could face the same fate it met two years ago, when a balanced budget amendment was defeated by one vote in the Senate.

The Republican leadership still has until next Tuesday, the probable date of a final vote, to change somebody's mind, but the chief sponsor of the bill, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, showed little interest in making concessions to bring another Democrat on board.

The GOP-crafted bill "is the only bipartisan amendment that has a chance of passage," he said. "There's no way we can change the amendment. This has been worked out over the years."

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. also said his party would probably not make concessions on Social Security, the issue cited by many Democrats opposing the measure. He said, without elaborating, he had "a

couple other ideas," but also acknowledged that "the only way we are going to win is if a couple more Democrats realize that it is the right thing to do and find a way to do it."

All 55 Republicans in the Senate have come out in favor of the amendment. They have been joined by eleven of the 45 Democrats.

Torricelli, who voted for a similar amendment when he was a member of the House two years ago, said the Republican version makes it too tough to waive the balanced budget requirement for economic hardship or military threats. He also pressed for a separate capital budget for long-term investments that would not go into year-by-year balanced budget calculations.

 24 Hour Prescription Service  
**DEAN'S PHARMACY**  
2217 Perryton Parkway  
669-6896

When You're Ready To Spruce Up The House ... We Have The Supplies You'll Need!  
**FRANK'S TRUE VALUE**  
626 S. Cuyler • Pampa  
665-4995

# Cellular Gives Security



## On Winter Days

Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> Only  
Free Motorola Global Handheld  
No Activation Fee! 100 Bonus Minutes!  
\*All activations require a 12 month contract.

Existing Customers - Refer A New Customer And Get \$25.00 Credit

# CELLULARONE<sup>®</sup> of the Panhandle

1-800-530-4335 • 1329 N. Hobart • 669-3435

<b>Sales Representatives</b>	<b>Authorized Agents</b>
Stacey Ramming.....662-0997	Frank's True Value.....806-665-4996
Randy Hendrick.....662-0191	Ma's Auto Sales.....806-665-7119
Cynthia Leach.....662-0123	Larry Mangus.....662-0126
	Ronnie Martin.....806-664-2525
	Joe Johnson.....806-665-3368

**CALL TODAY!**

## THE PAMPA NEWS

YOUR FREEDOM NEWSPAPER • SERVING THE TOP 'O TEXAS FOR 83 YEARS

403 W. ATCHISON  
PAMPA, TEXAS  
TELEPHONES: (806) 669-2525  
1-800-687-3348  
FAX: 669-2520

This newspaper (UPS 781-540) is published daily except Saturdays and holidays by The Pampa News, 403 W. Atchison, Pampa, Tx. 79065. Periodicals postage paid at Pampa, Texas. Postmaster: Send address changes to the Pampa News, P.O. Drawer 2198, Pampa, Texas 79066-2198.

Publisher: Wayland Thomas  
Managing Editor: Larry Hollis  
Advertising Director: Rick Clark  
Business Manager: Jayne Craig  
Circulation Manager: Dean Lynch

<b>SUBSCRIPTION RATES</b>	
CARRIER HOME DELIVERY	
1 yr.....\$84.00	6 mos.....\$42.00
3 mos.....\$21.00	1 mo.....\$7.00

<b>MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS</b>	
Mail In Roberts, Gray, Carson, Wheeler And Hemphill Counties In Texas	
1 yr.....\$102.00	6 mos.....\$51.00
3 mos.....\$25.50	
Mail All Other Areas In U.S.	
1 yr.....\$114.00	6 mos.....\$57.00
3 mos.....\$28.50	

**Single Copy Mail**  
Daily.....\$1.50 Sunday.....\$2.50  
No mail subscriptions are available within the city limits of Pampa. Mail subscriptions must be paid 3 months in advance.

**HOME DELIVERY**  
All carriers are independent contractors and The Pampa News is not responsible for advance payments of two or more months made to the carrier. Please pay directly to the News Office any payment that exceeds the current collection period.


**MISS YOUR PAPER?**  
Circulation department hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Sundays.

**COPYRIGHT NOTICE**  
The entire contents of The Pampa News, including its logotype, are fully protected by copyright and registry and cannot be reproduced in any form for any purpose without written permission from The Pampa News.

**SINGLE COPIES**  
Daily 50¢/Sunday \$1.00  
Member: Audit Bureau of Circulation  
Associated Press

**CINEMA 4**  
Coronado Shopping Center  
Leaves & Butthead (PG-13)  
Do America (PG)  
Michael (R)  
Scream (R)  
Absolute Power (R)

For Show Times Call 669-2141  
\$3.00 Per Person

 Mitch says, my dad provides the same dependable service my grandpa J.S. (Jap) McBride has for over 30 years, plus he is fully insured, bonded and carries workers comp for your protection. Can your plumber say that?  
**McBride Plumbing Inc.**  
Mike McBride Master Plumber M12260  
**665-8540**  
Clip & Save \$5 on Service Call

Viewpoints



THE PAMPA NEWS

EVER STRIVING FOR THE TOP O' TEXAS TO BE AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE

Let Peace Begin With Me

This newspaper is dedicated to furnishing information to our readers so that they can better promote and preserve their own freedom and encourage others to see its blessings...

We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveeting commandment.

Wayland Thomas Publisher

Larry D. Hollis Managing Editor

Opinion

O.J. case polluted by race and fame

Perhaps the best metaphor for O.J. Simpson's encounters with the court system was the freeway chase that launched the extravaganza...

And such was the saga of O.J. in the court system, particularly in the criminal case, where proceedings meandered at a surrealistic saunter...

This supposedly O.J.-hating police department was the same one whose officers worked desperately to keep O.J. from killing himself during the Bronco escapade...

The civil trial did not degenerate similarly. Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki insisted it was O.J.'s alleged actions that were at issue...

Fujisaki's ability to keep things focused may account for the different outcome — a unanimous verdict for the plaintiffs. But perhaps more significantly, the judge demonstrated that a courtroom needn't become a big top...

Among the preparations for the reading of the verdict was a police deployment — another reminder of how race framed so many people's perceptions of the Simpson story.

A powerful lesson of the saga is the poison that flows from race-consciousness, another argument — if we may digress, though it's really not a digression — against government policies that encourage people to view themselves primarily as black, brown or white...

One of the earliest and most dubious decisions in this case may have been made with race in mind. The district attorney chose to try the case downtown, before a more racially mixed jury than was likely among O.J.'s genuine peers...

How much more healthy for all of us if the Simpson proceedings could have been viewed from the outset as trials of an individual, not a black individual. And not of a celebrity, but of a man answerable to the law along with the rest of us.

Perhaps the civil-case jury understood this. In any case, the rest of us should take away from this long, strange saga a resolve to view all life through eyes unclouded by considerations of color or fame.

Your representatives

- State Rep. Warren Chisum
Austin Address: PO Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910
Austin Phone: (512) 463-0736
State Sen. Teel Bivins
Austin Address: PO Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711
Austin Phone: (512) 463-0131
U.S. Rep. William M. "Mac" Thornberry
Washington Address: 412 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
Washington Phone: (202) 225-3706
U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison
Washington Address: 283 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510
Washington Phone: (202) 224-5922
U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm
Washington Address: 370 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510
Washington Phone: (202) 224-2934
Texas Gov. George W. Bush
PO Box 12428, Austin, TX 78711
Constituent Hotline: 1-800-843-5789

Berry's World

SEE NO O.J. HEAR NO O.J. SPEAK NO O.J.



© 1997 by M.E.A. Inc.

A balanced budget shell game

Most politicians would rather be caught in bed with a dead girl or a live boy than be accused of tampering with Social Security. That explains why a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution, which once looked like a certainty, now has almost no chance of passage.



Stephen Chapman

Opponents of a simple balanced-budget amendment, which include President Clinton, say it would harm retirees by allowing Social Security surpluses to be used to offset deficits elsewhere in the budget.

North Dakota's Democratic Sen. Byron Dorgan says such a "misuse" would violate "a solemn promise: This tax taken from your paycheck goes into a trust fund to be used for only one purpose, and that is to fund the Social Security system."

They propose an alternative version that excludes Social Security from deficit calculations. For many members of Congress, this option has an extra attraction: It has no chance of enactment, since it would force Congress to come up with another \$465 billion in spending cuts or tax increases between now and 2002.

But the public shouldn't be fooled. The opponents are playing a shell game, hoping voters won't be able to detect their sleight of hand.

First of all, excluding Social Security would create a loophole big enough to drive a \$300 billion deficit through. If Social Security is exempt from the balanced-budget requirement, everything will be Social Security.

"Housing, national health care, highways will be treated as Social Security," says Heritage Foundation budget expert Daniel Mitchell. We would end up with a "balanced" budget that drives us ever deeper into debt.

The exclusion is billed as a way to prevent looting of the trust fund, but its actual effect would be zero. Right now, the retirement fund is running a surplus every year. The surplus is "invested" in government bonds — in other words, it is lent to the Treasury, which uses the borrowed money to pay for other government programs.

Security benefits. But his proposal does nothing to prevent that.

The ostensible reason we are running a surplus is to build up a reserve that can be used to pay benefits when the baby-boom generation retires. Dorgan and Co. say the original balanced-budget amendment would deplete that reserve, seriously endangering future benefits.

The opponents insist that excluding Social Security from the amendment would shield it from politicians eager to starve Grandma so they can hand out goodies to special interests.

This argument is neat, simple and hopelessly naive. What it overlooks is that if Congress can't use the surplus to balance the budget, it can always get rid of the surplus by cutting payroll taxes — then raise taxes an equivalent amount elsewhere to pay for the programs it wants.

The opponents of the original amendment take the politically easy position of saying that the Constitution shouldn't require the budget to be balanced at the expense of the elderly.

Today in history

By The Associated Press Today is Thursday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 1997. There are 307 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Twenty-five years ago, on Feb. 27, 1972, President Nixon and Chinese Premier Chou En-lai issued the Shanghai Communiqué at the conclusion of Nixon's historic visit to China.

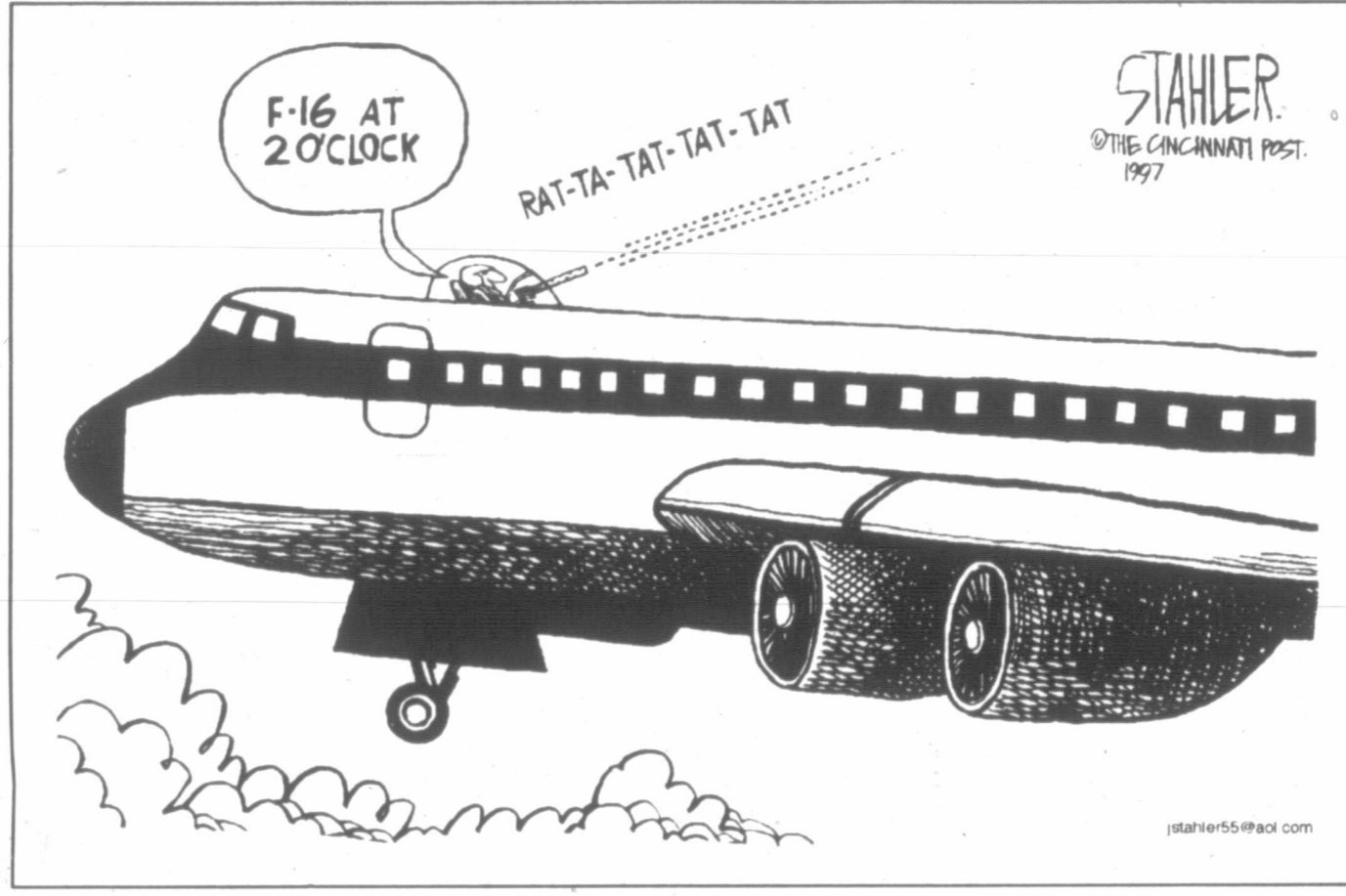
In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

In 1807, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland, Maine.

In 1861, in Warsaw, Russian troops fired on a crowd protesting Russian rule over Poland; five marchers were killed.

In 1922, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that guaranteed the right of women to vote.

In 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, caught fire. The Nazis, blaming the Communists, used the fire as a pretext for suspending civil liberties.



Establish a pay-as-you-go plan

Charley Reese

Allowing the government to invest Social Security funds in the stock market is another bad idea.

First, of course, is the problem that there is no money to invest. The "surplus" is taken by Congress every year, spent on operational matters and replaced with government bonds.

Second, government has a poor record as an investor.

Third, the stock market will crash sooner or later. It is the nature of the beast. Most of the current "value" of stocks is merely psychological, and psychology can change overnight.

The really sensible approach is to make Social Security a pay-as-you-go program right now and get rid of this fraudulent idea of a trust fund, which has no funds and which nobody trusts.

Coupled with a pay-as-you-go system should be a provision for people to opt out. Well-off folks don't need Social Security. But opt-out provisions should be carefully crafted.

wisely would yield a better retirement, it is certainly true that lots of folks don't have the smarts or the discipline to make private investments.

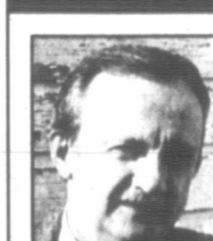
The much quoted figure of 36 million Americans without medical insurance surely includes millions who could afford medical insurance but choose not to buy it.

Responsible people would suffer the consequences because large numbers of indigent people would run to Congress asking for help. And Congress, always a soft touch with other people's money, would help them.

It would seem prudent then to require, as a condition for opting out, proof of a private investment plan with some provision to verify it every so often.

Finally, Congress should squarely address the issue of creating a sound money and credit system. As it is, Congress grants cost-of-living increases as an excuse not to deal with monetary inflation.

Dreaming of the Brooklyn Dodgers



Joseph Spear

I had the most agreeable dream the other evening.

It had been a busy day, and I had not had the time to read the pleasurable parts of the newspaper until just before I went to bed.

It wasn't long before I was deep into Part One of my reverie. (You probably didn't know this, but writers tend to dream in chapters.)

This moneyed man, it turned out, had spent many glorious afternoons as a child at Ebbets Field. He had idolized people by the name of Campanella, Furillo and Robinson.

There were a few provisos. There would be no dividends, and profits would be plowed back into the team. Shares could not be sold except back to the corporation.

Hmm, said I, this sounds similar to the manner in which the Green Bay Packers have been operating for 75 years.

observer thought of public ownership before? Well, some interested observers have.

Baseball teams are important civic institutions, much too vital to the general sanity to be entrusted to the buffoons, bean counters, unbalanced personalities, moguls, cowboys, pizza makers and car dealers who currently own them.

There are many problems associated with the proposal, of course, not the least of which are the rules the owners have against public ownership.

Well anyway, back to Part One of my dream. The idea of bringing the Dodgers back to Brooklyn proved wildly popular, and the citizens lined up for many blocks to buy shares.

Well anyway, back to Part One of my dream. The idea of bringing the Dodgers back to Brooklyn proved wildly popular, and the citizens lined up for many blocks to buy shares.

In Part Two of my dream, I saw a walled-off compound with a sign over the entrance that said "Owners' Purgatory."

In Part Three of my dream, I followed the shuffles of a hunchback who left the steamy owners' purgatory every day and climbed a few ladders to a level where the sun shone and flowers bloomed.

At one point, the geezer turned toward me and I saw it was George Michael Steinbrenner III, and I snuggled down and fell into a peaceful slumber as I've had in many a night.

## Texans donated to DNC following coffee

WASHINGTON (AP) — A handful of well-heeled Texans pumped more than \$157,000 into Democratic Party coffers in the six weeks after they sipped coffee and chatted with President Clinton in the White House Map Room.

The Texas coffee klatsch, attended by former Gov. Dolph Briscoe, Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro and other party activists, was one of more than 100 coffees held at the White House in the last two years.

Clinton readily acknowledged Wednesday that he hoped the coffees and other meetings with potential donors would result in contributions. But he denied any illegal solicitation of money and told reporters there was "no price tag on the events."

Documents released this week by the White House — which place Clinton at the center of an all-out fund-raising push — show the Aug. 23 Texas gathering was scheduled because the party wasn't meeting its fund-raising goals in Texas.

In a July 14, 1996 memo to White House officials, Clinton campaign manager Peter Knight said Texas party officials were \$2 million short of their goals. The coffee, shoe-horned into Clinton's already crowded fund-raising schedule, was projected to bring in \$500,000.

No solicitation was made in advance or at

the coffee, Knight and some of the Texas guests said this week.

Over the past two years, the Democratic Party raised \$27 million from 350 people who attended the White House sessions or companies that were represented there.

An Associated Press review of soft-money contributions — which donors can make without limit to political parties — shows that eleven of the 21 guests at the Texas coffee contributed \$743,000 over the last two years to the Democratic Party.

The bulk of that money, \$591,400, was contributed last year. Those figures don't include the hundreds of thousands of dollars more given directly to individual campaigns by the Texans and their families.

Houston trial lawyer Lee Godfrey, who gave \$50,000 to the Democratic National Committee nine days before the coffee and another \$10,000 a month later, said there was "absolutely" no fund-raising pitch linked to the event.

"Nobody said 'Give us X dollars' or that sort of thing," Godfrey said Wednesday. "I had given money to the Democratic Party for a long time before that and quite a few times since then."

Godfrey and a fellow coffee klatsch participant, Houston lawyer Arthur Schechter,

acknowledged that being invited for coffee with the president isn't likely to prove a fund-raising deterrent.

"There was a big push to get money in," said Schechter, who was finance chairman for the Clinton campaign and DNC in Texas. But he added, "We never, never, never made a quid pro quo for any invitation to the White House."

After the events, he acknowledged, "I'm sure that all of these people, especially those who hadn't given any money, were contacted and asked for money — but not as a quid pro quo for going and having coffee with the president."

Schechter contributed \$62,400 to the party in the last two years, including \$30,000 two weeks before the coffee and \$1,400 two weeks after. The invitation came "days" before the event, he recalled.

It's no surprise that Texas contributors were giving money in the period surrounding the coffee, Schechter said, noting that Clinton attended major fund raisers in Houston in June and September. Hillary Rodham Clinton also made a fund-raising swing through Texas that summer and Texas party activists were asked to raise \$400,000 for the president's birthday gala in New York in August.

## Pampan crowned WT prince

CANYON — Ryan Gibson, a freshman animal science major from Pampa, was crowned Prince at the West Texas A&M University All-University Formal Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo.

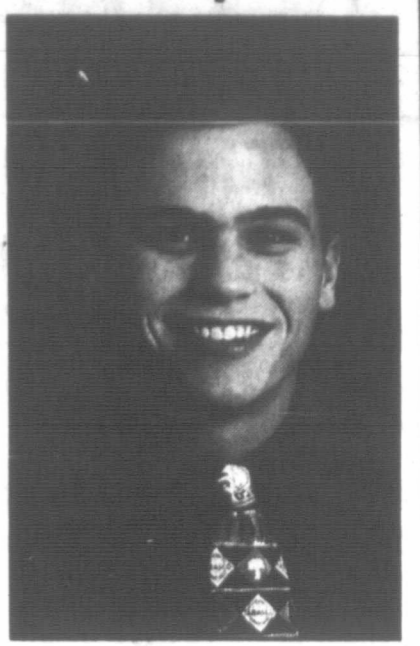
Katy Huffaker, a sophomore marketing major from Tahoka, was crowned Princess.

Gibson is the son of Mark and Jan Gibson of Pampa and the grandson of Bill and Jean Gibson of Hooker, Okla., and Orville and Marge Scoggins of Tyrone, Okla.

A two-way tie for WTAMU's Formal Queen between Marsha Hamilton and Sarabeth Key gave this year's Formal King, Matthew Parker, a king's wish of having two queens.

Royalty was selected during student elections Feb. 11-12.

The court included Parker, a



Ryan Gibson

senior pre-medical major from Umbarger; Hamilton, a senior reading major from Clovis, N.M.; Key, a senior reading major from Amarillo; Huffaker and Gibson.

## Record 188 salamanders found

AUSTIN (AP) — Just 2 1/2 months after the deaths of some Barton Springs salamanders made front-page news in Austin, a record 188 of the amphibians have been found.

The salamanders were found this week at a spring outlet in Zilker Park, where 28 of the rare creatures recently were killed as a result of a faulty pool-cleaning procedure.

Scientists said the discovery, while encouraging, doesn't reduce the urgency of protecting the species, known only in three outlets fed by the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer.

Meanwhile, a new study con-

cluded that water quality at Barton Springs hasn't changed significantly since 1979 but is likely to decline as urban development continues in the largely rural watershed, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported Wednesday.

The salamanders are rare amphibians that recently were denied endangered species status. At 2 1/2 inches long, the tiny salamanders have been at the center of a controversy between environmentalists and developers in Austin for years.

Scientists found the 188 salamanders on Monday in Eliza Springs, an oval-shaped outlet adjacent to Barton Springs Pool.



WE HAVE  
**WORK BOOTS**

WAYNES WESTERN WEAR

Open 9-6 Daily; 9-8 Thursday

Closed Sunday

1504 N. Hobart

665-2925

Searching for a pharmacy that also provides a package mailing service?

LOOK NO FURTHER ...

Keyes Pharmacy

928 N. Hobart • 669-1202



## Wilson School Honor Roll

Woodrow Wilson Elementary School has announced its Honor Roll lists for the fourth six-weeks grading period of the 1996-1997 school year.

### Second Grade

A Honor Roll: Megan Addington, Shaunna Gray, Britnee Ledbetter, Kaley Maddox, Kenzi Nickell, Ashton Ray, Toria Rodriguez, Justin Sealman, Alex Torres and Matthew Trusty.

A-B Honor Roll: Kirby Broadus, Jenea Edie, Matthew Garrison, Ashley Martinez, Tanner Ray and Tasha Triplett.

### Third Grade

A Honor Roll: Alicia Anguiano, Chelsea Anderson, Adeena Dallas, Christian Daughtery, Jordan Douglas, Karli Douglas, Brandi Holden, Jon McCoy, Julie Pilkington, Sarah Platt, Jose Venegas and Erin Watson.

A-B Honor Roll: Dusty Cook, Cooper Crow, Ryan Flores, Dylan Henley, Bear Raymo, Mandy Rippetoe, Anthony Staab and Erin Turner.

### Fourth Grade

A Honor Roll: Kristen Boyd, Lyndsey Dyer and Angela Henthorn.

A-B Honor Roll: Brandi Carpenter, Stephanie Cross, Susan Jay, Cassie Newton, Stephanie Nidiffer and Philip Staab.

### Fifth Grade

A Honor Roll: Melissa Land, Tisha Platt, Cara Pryor and Bobby Wood.

A-B Honor Roll: Cody Atwood, Brad Britten, Nicky Davila, Benny Martinez, Ryan McCarley, Melissa Scobee, Jessy Silva, Luis Silva, Heather Staab, Amanda Stephenson, Ashley Winton and Zack Woodruff.

## Lefors School Honor Roll

LEFORS — Lefors Junior High and High School has announced its Honor Roll lists for the fourth six-weeks grading period of the 1996-1997 school year.

### Seventh Grade

A Honor Roll: Tommy Davenport and Aaron McKean.

A-B Honor Roll: Caleb Barnes, Evelyn Drinkard, Dee Jay Preston and Amanda Woodard.

### Eighth Grade

A-B Honor Roll: JW Mains.

### Ninth Grade

A Honor Roll: Jeremy Pierce and April Rogers.

A-B Honor Roll: Nick McKean, Candid Ray and Michael Steele.

### Tenth Grade

A Honor Roll: Shelly Murray

and Linda Schwab.

A-B Honor Roll: Dana Crutcher, Heather Howard and Gwen Nolte.

### Eleventh Grade

A Honor Roll: Nikki Bockmon, Angie Davenport and Misty McMullen.

A-B Honor Roll: Terri Burris, Katisha Jackson, Maureen Patterson and Tracy Tucker.

### Twelfth Grade

A Honor Roll: Tenille Franks, Karla Murray and Brandie Pierce.

A-B Honor Roll: Jamie Cenicerros, Amber Gilbreath, Justin Howard, Kim Seung-II, Jennifer Lock and Chris McKean.

Say  
**goodbye** to spider veins

Turn to Dr. Elaine Cook. She's a board-certified dermatologist who's helped more than 3,000 women get rid of spider veins. Her state-of-the-art outpatient treatment can reduce these veins permanently. The procedure is safe, effective, and surprisingly affordable. Call and find out how easy it can be to have legs you'll want to flaunt again.

Call today: 665-9444

2609 Waller Village, Amarillo • 3023 Perryton Parkway, Suite 201, Pampa

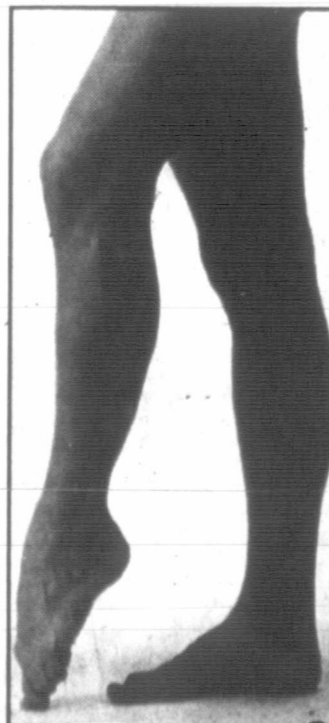
Elaine R. Cook, M.D.

Board-certified Dermatologist

More than 12 years of experience

Member: AAD, TMA, ASD, TDS, AAPS

ADVANCED SKIN TREATMENT CENTER



For the beautiful skin you've always wanted

FRIDAY THRU MONDAY

# SEASON PREVIEW SALE

SAVE ON NEW SPRING LOOKS FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

- MISSES', JUNIORS', PETITES' & WOMEN'S SPRING DRESSES
- MENS' & MISSES' DOCKERS® • MISSES' CAREER SEPARATES
- MEN'S SPORTS SHIRTS BY SPECIALTY COLLECTION®, D.B. CLASSICS® & SANTANA®
- GOLD, STERLING SILVER & VERMEIL JEWELRY
- SHOES FOR THE FAMILY • MEN'S DRESS CLOTHING

BEALLS CHARGE IT!

PLUS! JUST REDUCED ALL FALL & WINTER MERCHANDISE

# 70% OFF

Reductions off of original prices. Interim reductions taken.

Just a sample of the savings you'll find. Selections varies by store.

# BEALLS

We're all about you!

## Those Who Wait For Gifts Are Unclear On The Concept

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm continually amazed by people who write to you with righteous indignation about gifts that weren't good enough, objects they feel entitled to, or inheritances that they expect to receive.

Don't these people understand the concept of a gift? A wedding (or birthday or Christmas) gift is not an obligation, it is a generosity. An inheritance is not a right; it is a choice made by the benefactors to bestow upon whomever they wish.

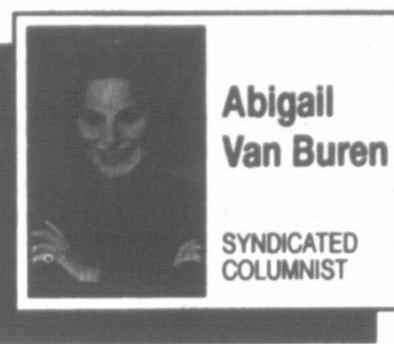
I get the feeling that many of your readers would lead happier lives if they would quit worrying about what they think they're entitled to, and concentrated on earning what is theirs and being grateful for the gifts they receive.

My dear grandmother (whom I prefer alive, lucid, happy and loving at the age of 85, rather than tallying whatever her estate might amount to) gave me a plaque many years ago that contains a motto to live by: "Blessed are those who expect nothing, for they will not be disappointed."

JEFF KURTTI, LOS ANGELES

**DEAR JEFF:** You make a good point. The higher the level of expectation, the lower the degree of satisfaction.

**DEAR ABBY:** You said in your column that a felon loses his right to vote. I think your experts need to bone up on constitutional law.



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

All citizens are allowed to vote as long as they are registered and are not serving a prison term (for felony conviction) and/or on parole. Once the parole has been served and the convict has been discharged from the sentence, his constitutional right to vote is restored.

Voting is not a privilege, Abby, it is a right!

DON WEST, PARALEGAL INVESTIGATIONS, LONG BEACH, CALIF.

**DEAR DON:** I checked with my legal expert to be certain that I had not misled my readers. In 47 states and the District of Columbia, upon a felony conviction the right to vote is lost. In many, but not all states, the right to vote is restored upon completion of the sentence or parole. Some states require a pardon or administrative or court procedure before an ex-convict can vote again.

The courts have upheld state laws that prohibit felons from serving on juries, holding elective office and working as peace officers, and have limited other rights. So, while felons are afforded due process of law, their rights may be limited or revoked either permanently or temporarily, depending on the right and the state where the felon resides.

**DEAR ABBY:** Your answer to the woman whose live-in boyfriend would rather have his ex-girlfriend hem his pants than pay a measly \$5 was lousy. You told her to take them to the seamstress when they arrived and pay the money to keep the peace. He's a cheap jerk who cares more about saving a buck than his girlfriend's feelings.

Why should she be the one to do anything differently? He should stop being helpless and self-centered. They both work and neither sews, so let him take care of his own pants. If he runs to his ex-girlfriend for something this trivial, be assured he'll start doing it every time his current girlfriend disappoints him. Peace schmeace! Tell him to grow up!

SELF-RELIANT

**DEAR SELF-RELIANT:** I'll tell him, but I doubt if he will change his manipulative ways. Why should he? He has two women bending over backward to accommodate him.

## Horoscope



Your Birthday

Friday, Feb. 28, 1997

In the year ahead you may be inclined to make some significant changes that could result in greater material security. Be patient, what you'll desire will take time to transpire.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Your willpower and your vivid imagination can work wonders for you today. Picture yourself in positive circumstances and proceed to take advantage of your opportunities. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You are likely to be more perceptive in your commercial affairs today. If you use your insights effectively, substantial personal gain is possible.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** A staunch and forceful ally will say good things on your behalf today. He or she is an excellent spokesperson who'll clarify your position advantageously.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Tasks that might have been too tough for you yesterday can be handled with relative ease today. In fact, the challenges they offer will stimulate your aptitudes.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You should have favorable dealings with members of the opposite sex today. One arrangement in particular could help further a significant endeavor.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** The needs of those for whom you are responsible should be given priority over your personal requirements today. You won't regret helping where you can.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Complex mental chores that require your total

attention will be managed with alacrity today. Your vision, focus and expectation will be synchronized.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Your chances of adding to your resources today are very encouraging. You will, however, have to push harder than usual to get it.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** It is very likely you're going to be closely scrutinized today; be sure to make a good impression with your behavior, appearance and thoughtfulness.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Significant objectives can be achieved today by letting associates think your ideas were spawned by them. They will be cooperative if they feel involved.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Two close friends might depend on you more than usual today. Be prepared to shoulder some of their duties.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Today you will be capable of running a swifter race than your opponents. Do not get nervous if you find yourself drawn into a competition.

©1997 by NEA, Inc.



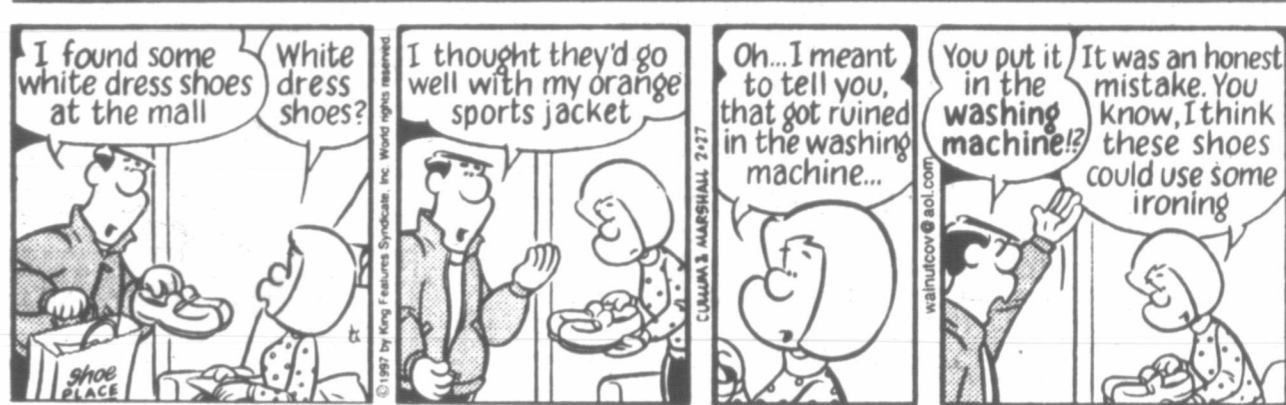
For Better or For Worse



Arlo & Janis



Garfield



Walnut Cove



Marvin



ACKNOWLEDGE

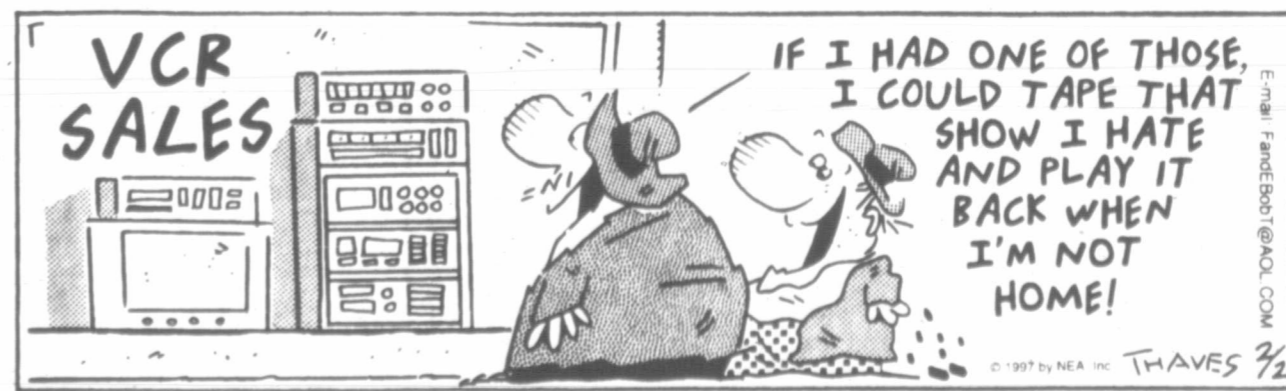
B.C.



Eek & Meek



The Born Loser



Frank and Ernest



Mallard Filmore



"I'm c-cold! Don't dry my hair! Dry the other stuff first!"



"He's very well-trained, but he's gotten over it."

### The Family Circus



Grizzwells

### Marmaduke



Alley Oop



Peanuts











## Spirit posters



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Sixth graders Julie Thompson, Jessica Nicolet, Meagan Craig, Amber Bowers and Joanna Lawley have kept busy making new spirit posters for the Pampa Middle School choirs and bands.

## Texas Tech Continuing Education to host distance learning conference March 2-4

LUBBOCK — The Division of Continuing Education at Texas Tech University will host "Visions of the Future: Distance Learning for the 21st Century" a national telecommunications conference for education, library services, health care and business professionals.

The conference is scheduled Sunday through Tuesday, March 2-4, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. On-site registration is available.

The conference also will be broadcast by satellite and compressed video to locations across the country including Tarleton State University; the Dallas County Community College District; Cameron University in Lawton, Okla.; Oklahoma State University; the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vt.; and Los Angeles Harbor College in Wilmington, Calif.

Keynote speakers are Don R. Foshee, president of the Texas Distance Learning Association; Sally M. Johnstone, director of the Western Cooperative for Educational Telecommunications; and David A. Cole, president of the Texas Division

of Southwestern Bell.

"The conference will offer the opportunity to learn more about telecommunications technologies directly from the people who are successfully using them," said William McCaughan, Texas Tech vice-provost and executive director for extended learning.

On Sunday, Foshee will speak about "Technology as Facilitator: New Perspectives on Collaboration and Change," during a banquet at 6:30 p.m. The speech will focus on emerging technology in the workplace and workers' needs to shift from traditional ways of thinking.

More than 25 seminars will be conducted Monday. The sessions include distance education in telemedicine, community colleges, the Internet in the school library and help for at-risk students. Cole will speak at a noon luncheon about the recent changes in laws affecting telecommunications, distance education and telehealth.

Johnstone will be the closing keynote speaker at the noon luncheon on Tuesday. She will update conference participants about the Western Governors

University project and how its using technology to improve access to learning opportunities; reduce higher education costs and meet individual and private sector educational needs.

More than 15 concurrent sessions will focus on business opportunities in telemedicine, transmission of master's level courses in higher education and long-range plans for instructional technology in primary and secondary education. Additionally, post conference seminars will be offered from 2 to 4 p.m.

Conference registration is \$79, which includes instructional materials, the dinner and luncheons. Texas Distance Learning Association membership is an additional \$20.

For more information or to register, call the Division of Continuing Education's Personal and Professional Development area at (806) 742-2352. Phone registration may be charged to VISA, Mastercard, Discover or American Express. Individuals also may register at the Continuing Education Office at the corner of 15th Street and Akron in Lubbock.

## State briefs

### Houston man arrested for selling LSD-laced cards

RICHMOND (AP) — Police say a Houston man was trying to sell baseball-style cards with images laced with enough LSD to provide a chemical high for 100 people.

Police said the cards seized from David Henry Johnson, 21, netted 500 "hits" or doses of "alien acid" believed destined for sale to students at Elkins and Clements high schools in the Fort Bend Independent School District.

Johnson remained in the Fort Bend County Jail in lieu of \$8,000 bond Wednesday.

### Convicted child molester agrees to move

VICTORIA (AP) — A 70-year-old man convicted of molesting a seven-year-old girl has agreed to move out of the neighborhood as part of a plea bargain.

Dionicio Flores was sentenced Wednesday to ten years deferred adjudication and 240 hours of community service and fined \$500 after agreeing to plead guilty to indecency with a child, a second-degree felony.

Flores was accused of coercing the girl to indecently touch him

on May 1, 1996, and of exposing himself to her about 2 1/2 months later.

District Judge Robert Cheshire gave Flores 90 days to move out of his home or face sentencing to a community correctional facility, such as the Victoria County Jail.

The girl's mother told *The Victoria Advocate* she was pleased with the sentence because it removes Flores from her Primrose subdivision neighborhood.

### Violent juveniles may be required to view autopsies

EL PASO (AP) — Violent juveniles and young repeat offenders will soon be forced to confront the consequences of violence in a graphic way that officials hope will discourage further criminal acts.

Within two months, juvenile and county authorities will require certain offenders to watch hourlong autopsies. They want to jolt young minds with images of the damage inflicted by gang members and criminals.

"We want to take them through the process and show them the aftermath of their violent activities, and actually, how they might end up one day if they continue to play in those violent activities," said Tim Byrne, administra-

tor of the El Paso County medical examiner's office.

The plan is to have the viewings available as an option to judges when sentencing juveniles.

The viewings are a "scared-straight" approach to dealing with violent criminals similar to programs in California, Byrne said. In Texas, a Houston judge ordered a teenager last year to watch an autopsy as part of a probated sentence.

### Dallas lawmaker sponsors offbeat bills

DALLAS (AP) — In state Rep. Tony Goolsby's perfect world, adolescent body piercing would need a parent's OK, holders of overdue library books could be jailed and college students would play drinking games with soda instead of beer.

Overhauling the state's education system it's not. But Goolsby, R-Dallas, says his bills are aimed at improving life a little for the average Texan.

"Not every law has to part the Red Sea," said Goolsby, 54, who is serving his fifth term in the Legislature. "Sometimes it's the little laws that can change our lives the most. These aren't ideas I made up. ... They are issues my constituents brought to me."

## Ranch Cowboys Association elects officers

AMARILLO — The Working Ranch Cowboys Association (WRCA) has announced the election of a new president and four additional members to the board of directors.

"I am honored to be elected president. The WRCA is the only organization in the United States supporting the working cowboy, stewards of our western heritage and rangelands. It is an exciting time for the organization with all the growth and new member input," says Duane McPherson, the newly elected president.

McPherson, a Nevada native now living in Elko, produces the Elko Ranch Hand Rodeo and is also president of the Spring Creek Association, a 16,000 acre development. He was part of the

original meeting that created the WRCA in 1996.

The newly elected board members are:

Bob Moorhouse is a manager of the Pitchfork Ranch in Guthrie, Texas. He has worked at the Pitchfork for the past 24 years and has been the manager for the past 10. He is also a talented photographer. He serves on both the Events and the Rules and Sanctioning committees.

Sue Scott is an Arizona native and is president of Primal Lite in Richmond, Calif. In 1993, she received the Small Business Administration's "Women in Business Advocate of the Year" award. She is working to create a full merchandising program for the WRCA. She lives on her

ranch in Martinez, Calif., and heads the Public Relations committee.

Russ Overguard lives in Steamboat Springs, Colo. In 1983, he founded Soda Creek Industries, a division of which is the successful Schaeffer Outfitters. In 1995, he sold much of this business and now joins the WRCA on the Membership committee.

Sheri Klein is the new treasurer for the WRCA. She is a CPA residing in Elko, Nev. She has lived in Elko since 1979. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Spring Creek Association.

For more information concerning association membership or rules and sanctioning for ranch rodeos, contact the WRCA offices in Amarillo at (800) 967-9722.

## This year's weird and wacky Grammys honor everybody

NEW YORK (AP) — How strange were this year's Grammys? Whitney Houston did not win an award. Her mother did.

The 39th annual awards honored a wild and weird cross-section of winners, with artists from Beck to Babyface to the Beatles collecting multiple awards — ten performers in all walking off with at least two Grammys.

If that wasn't enough, self-described "tone-deaf" Hillary Rodham Clinton collected her first Grammy, too.

Unlike past years, when one artist or song emerged from the scores of nominees, the first-ever Madison Square Garden festivities were all over the musical map. The closest thing to a consensus was the unlikely collaboration between Eric Clapton and Babyface, the No. 1 hit *Change The World*.

The British guitar god and the smooth R&B producer captured three Grammys apiece — including one they shared for the record of the year, *Change The World*. Clapton performed it, while Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds produced it.

The wistful tune, featured in the John Travolta movie *Phenomenon*, also earned Clapton best male pop vocal, was cited as song of the year, and helped Babyface — who earned a record-tying twelve nominations — gain the best producer award.

The pair each won awards in their usual fields, too. Babyface was cited for writing the best R&B song, *Exhale (Shoop Shoop)*. Clapton captured best rock instrumental as part of an all-star tribute to his late pal Stevie Ray Vaughan.

Several winners were as stunned by their victories as most music critics. LeAnn Rimes, the 14-year-old Patsy Cline sound-alike who won for best new artist and best female country vocal, said she expected pop group No Doubt to capture the first of those awards.

Her plans to celebrate? "I'm going to go out to dinner, but I guess that's about all I can do," said Rimes, who got a little weepy when accepting her Grammy.

Toni Braxton, another double winner, expected Celine Dion to walk off with the best female pop vocal performance. Dion, the Canadian chanteuse, had to be satisfied with a pair of prestigious awards: album of the year and best pop album for *Falling Into You*.

"Everybody, thank you, thank you. This is a surprise," sputtered Braxton, who regained her composure and offered some specific thanks during her turn as a presenter.

Bruce Springsteen, who won for contemporary folk album after a riveting performance of *The Ghost of Tom Joad*, summed up the 1997 awards process this way: "I guess ... if you sing the song, you get the award."

It worked for Beck. After a suitably quirky version of his single *Where It's At*, Beck received the best male rock vocal performance award to go with his best alternative music award.

Bucking the trend were three-time winners the Beatles, whose Grammy haul for the previous 33 years was four. They won the night's first award, best pop performance by a duo or group with vocal for their reunion work on John Lennon's leftover track, *Free As A Bird*.

They later added awards for their video anthology and their *Free As A Bird* video.

The other multiple winners were rappers The Fugees, country star Vince Gill and rocker Sheryl Crow. Crow, winner for best rock album and best female rock vocal performance, attracted almost as much attention for a sheer, black dress that left little to the imagination.

Whitney Houston, nominated in two categories, did not add to her career total of five Grammys. Her mother, Cissy Houston, did win — her first Grammy ever for traditional soul gospel album, *Face to Face*.

And then there was Mrs. Clinton, who was honored for her recording of her book on child rearing, *It Takes a Village*.

"I was very surprised because I didn't even know that the Grammys were given to tone deaf people like me," said Mrs. Clinton, who brought her trophy back to Washington to show off at a state dinner.

Winners were chosen by the 9,000 voting members of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, a group of music business professionals.

The British guitar god and the smooth R&B producer captured three Grammys apiece — including one they shared for the record of the year, *Change The World*. Clapton performed it, while Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds produced it.

The wistful tune, featured in the John Travolta movie *Phenomenon*, also earned Clapton best male pop vocal, was cited as song of the year, and helped Babyface — who earned a record-tying twelve nominations — gain the best producer award.

The pair each won awards in their usual fields, too. Babyface was cited for writing the best R&B song, *Exhale (Shoop Shoop)*. Clapton captured best rock instrumental as part of an all-star tribute to his late pal Stevie Ray Vaughan.

Several winners were as stunned by their victories as most music critics. LeAnn Rimes, the 14-year-old Patsy Cline sound-alike who won for best new artist and best female country vocal, said she expected pop group No Doubt to capture the first of those awards.

Her plans to celebrate? "I'm going to go out to dinner, but I guess that's about all I can do," said Rimes, who got a little weepy when accepting her Grammy.

Toni Braxton, another double winner, expected Celine Dion to walk off with the best female pop vocal performance. Dion, the Canadian

## Battle heats up over access to adoption records

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — After a lifetime of wondering and five years of searching, Cindy Bradley was about to learn who she really is when she got a call that a federal court had closed state adoption records.

"I cried all the way home," said Bradley, who got the call at work Tuesday, the day before she planned to look through the records.

Now, the 35-year-old Bradley and others must wait to see if the records remain closed in a case that pits the desires of adoptees to know their birth parents vs. the rights of those parents to keep their identities secret.

Lawyers for people who want to keep the records sealed have asked the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the case, which other states are watching closely as they decide whether to open their own adoption records.

Tennessee lawmakers rewrote the adoption law during the past

legislative session, opening records that were closed in 1951 after a baby-selling scandal.

The new law allows adult adoptees and others involved in an adoption to view the entire record. It prevents contact between an adoptee and a birth parent if one of them objects. The state acts as a go-between.

Such a provision, called a "contact veto," is new to the United States, having first been used in Australia.

Bradley said she just wants to meet her birth parents and learn about her past.

"I'm not going to jump up and slap my birth mother in the face. I'm not angry," she said from her home in the small west Tennessee community of Brighton. "I'm just trying to find out about my life."

Last year, two birth parents, two adult adoptees and an adoption agency filed a federal lawsuit contending that the law violated their constitutional right to

privacy. The law was put on hold until the courts could decide.


On Feb. 11, three judges from the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati opened the files, and four adult adoptees got to learn about their pasts. But the appeals court panel suspended its order late Monday to allow the law's opponents to take their case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Lawyer Larry Crain, who filed the lawsuit, was pleased the birth parents' identities would remain secret until at least April 1.

"They are sighing relief," he said. "Many of them were in despair that their records had already been released."

Crain said he will ask the Supreme Court to hear the case before the April 1 stay expires, but he doesn't expect its decision for at least 90 days after that.

Crain also is considering filing a similar lawsuit in state courts, arguing that the law violates the Tennessee Constitution.




And

## Pampa Independent School District

Would Like To

# Thank The Corporate Sponsors Of Our...




**NIE**  
(Newspaper In Education)


# NIE

(Newspaper In Education)


## Program




PAMPA BANKING CENTER




WHERE YOU ARE STILL NUMBER ONE!



Exploration & Production  
Pampa Field Area



300 W. Kingmill • 665-2341 • Pampa, Texas



NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE

