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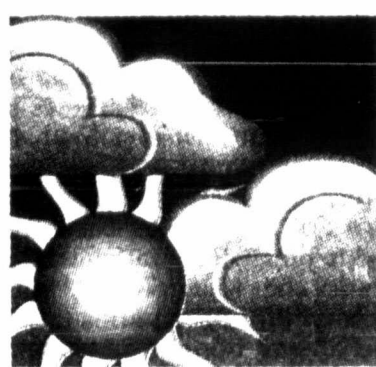
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PAMPA — The Gray County Commissioners Court will hold its regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, in the second floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse.

Commissioners will consider:

- Update reports from Gray County Extension Agents Danny Nusser and Donna Brauchi.
- A request from Hoechst Celanese for permission to bore under the north/south county road (east of the Celanese flyash pit), separating sections 132 and 133.
- A request from Boatmen's First National Bank for collateral exchange.
- A request from Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland for office space in McLean.
- Approval of general business transactions recommended by the county auditor and treasurer.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13) will be holding town meetings in Gray, Hemphill and Wheeler counties in his home district in Texas on Friday, April 18, and Saturday, April 19.

Rep. Thornberry will be in Pampa at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 18, at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard, to provide a legislative update and to answer questions after his comments. He will be discussing such major issues as the federal budget, taxes and immigration reform. Thornberry also will be in Canadian at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 19, at Boatmen's Bank, 115 Main, and in Wheeler at 2 p.m. at Maxey's Steak House, Highway 83 South.

Area residents are encouraged to attend these meetings.

PAMPA — Area residents having good things to say about their mothers are invited to send in special words about their moms and have a chance to win a prize.

Entries should be 25 words or less — poem, short paragraph, expression of thoughts. Entrants have a chance to win \$100 in Pampa Bucks and a retail good bag.

Deadline for entries is 5 p.m. on Friday, May 2. Entries may be hand-delivered to The Pampa News office, 403 W. Atchison, or mailed to Mother's Day Contest, c/o The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066.

Winning entries will be published in the Mother's Day edition of *The Pampa News* on May 11.

The contest is sponsored by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Retail Trade Committee and The Pampa News.

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Search for missing girl enters ninth day

By **TERRI LANGFORD**
Associated Press Writer

FRIENDSWOOD, Texas (AP) — The night before Laura Kate Smither vanished from her home, she and her family were celebrating the homecoming of her stepmother Gail at a local restaurant.

A snowstorm in the Northeast had extended Mrs. Smither's four-day stay in Boston to a week. Finally, a break in the weather April 2 allowed her to return home to her husband Bob, her 9-year-old son David, and her 12-year-old stepdaughter Laura.

They were about 12 hours from a family ordeal.

They picked up Mrs. Smither at Ellington Field, the airstrip closest to home, then went out for dinner. Laura appeared to be her usual, happy adolescent self, according to her father.

The next morning, April 3, Laura left for a jog down the family's rural Ware Dairy

Road. She hasn't been seen since.

The plight of the Smithers' has shocked Friendswood, a woodsy community close to NASA's Johnson Space Center, about 20 miles southeast of Houston.

The 23,000 who live here are used to quick mobilization in times of trouble. However, trouble for this area — 30 miles from Galveston Bay — usually comes in the shape of torrential rainstorm or hurricane.

"I've got two daughters, I have a 17-year-old and a 14-year-old," said Ken Brown of Friendswood, one of the hundreds of searchers looking for the girl over the weekend.

"I just know how I'd be feeling if it were me," Brown said, as he combed through brush near a canal.

"Everybody always helps everybody out," said volunteer Brad Shelton.

Despite the good face the community puts on, the longer Laura is missing, the more grows the fear that the girl smiling

through her braces on posters and fliers may not return alive.

No one in Friendswood wants to consider that possibility, so they continued their search Saturday, helped by Marine Corps reservists and Texas State Guard and National Guard units — on horseback, in cars, on foot.

Laura Kate Smither was born on April 23, 1984, to Miles A. "Bob" Smither and Carol L. Smither.

Eighteen months later, Mrs. Smither died of cancer and the widower was left to care for Laura with the help of a nanny from Zimbabwe — Gail E. Orsmond.

Since 1978, shortly after completing a Ph.D. in electrical engineering at the University of Houston, Smither has operated an electronic design company from his home, called Circuit Concepts Inc.

His doctoral dissertation, titled "Contribution to the Study of Electron Interactions," is dedicated to his first wife — "To Carol ... who knows why."

But when Carol became ill, they sought a nanny and hired Gail. After his wife's death, his dependence on Gail evolved and deepened, according to records, they were married in Houston on July 2, 1986, and Gail immediately sought to adopt Laura, a fact Smither emphasized.

"She's the adoptive mother," he says. A few years later, their son David was born and the four lived happily until the Thursday before Good Friday — April 3.

That morning Mrs. Smither and son David were in the kitchen, getting a breakfast of pancakes ready, Smither said. Laura told Mrs. Smither she was going out for a run, part of the strength conditioning she was pursuing as a part of her ballet lessons.

Mrs. Smither told the girl to be back in 20 minutes for breakfast. When Smither came to the breakfast table about 9:25 or 9:30 a.m., Laura had not returned.

Then began the search for Laura, he said.



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Holding up a banner promoting the upcoming Relay for Life fund-raiser event for the American Cancer Society are Chris Hurt, Andrea Perez, Pam Dalton, Rhonda Glass and Carrie Durog. Gray-Roberts County Unit ACS board members helping with the event but not pictured are Gery Caylor, Betty-Tom Graham, Shannon Beck and Kathy Gist.

Registration opens for Relay for Life event

Registration is now under way for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event.

The 24-hour, non-competitive relay has been set for May 16-17 from 3 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pampa High School Harvester Stadium to benefit the Gray/Roberts County Unit of the ACS.

Former and current cancer patients, their families and the public are invited to take part in the exciting team relay event, according to Andrea Perez, event public relations chair.

The teams consist of individuals representing corporations, clubs, organizations, businesses, churches, neighborhoods, co-workers and families. Each team, consisting of a minimum of 10 persons, will keep one person on

'Relay for Life is as much an awareness raiser about the progress against cancer as it is a fund raiser.'

the track for the entire 24 hours while the rest of the team camps out in the center of the track and participates in various activities, including games and entertainment provided by local artists.

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's version of relay, with a new twist. It is a community-oriented team event where participants can walk or run around a track.

"Relay for Life is as much an awareness raiser about the progress against cancer as it

is a fund raiser," Perez said. "Many of the participants will be people who have been cured of cancer themselves. Their involvement is proof of the progress that has been made not only in cancer cure rates, but in the quality of life following cancer treatment."

Perez said the local unit would like to see more than 25 teams relaying through the night of May 16-17 to raise money for this important cause.

"The funds raised by the Relay for Life will enable the

American Cancer Society to expand its services to cancer patients and their families, to offer more programs that will teach people to reduce their risk of getting cancer and to expand its cancer research programs," she said.

The first lap of Relay for Life will be designated as the Cancer Survivors Walk. This lap will honor those who have fought and won their battle against cancer.

For more information about the event and registration needs, contact Pam Dalton at 665-0356 or the American Cancer Society at (806) 353-4306 to get a team information and registration packet.

More details on the planned activities in relation to Relay for Life will be announced in upcoming weeks.

Class C warrants amnesty period set

By **LAURA HALEY**
Staff Writer

The Pampa Police Department will be offering a three-day amnesty for anyone with an outstanding warrant for a Class C violation to pay their fines without being arrested.

After the three-day period, which begins Monday, April 14, and ends at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, the Pampa Police Department, in a cooperative effort with the Gray County Sheriff's Office, will begin arresting individuals with outstanding warrants. These arrests could take place at home, work, during routine traffic stops and at other times and places, said Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris.

The three-day amnesty is being offered to save residents the embarrassment of being arrested by paying their fines in full.

In addition to saving some residents from potentially embarrassing situations, the police department and municipal court office is hoping the three-day amnesty will help clear some of the 1,500 outstanding warrants currently issued against Pampa residents. This figures to approximately \$230,000-250,000 that is currently owed to the municipal courts.

For those residents that do not decide to take advantage of this three-day period, Police Chief Morris warns that steps are being taken to arrest all community members with warrants.

"We will make a concentrated effort to serve all warrants," Morris said.

In order for a warrant to be dropped against an individual, the outstanding fines must be paid in full. Partial payments and payment plans will not result in the warrant being dropped, said Belinda Stafford, the municipal court clerk.

Therefore, residents wishing to take advantage of the amnesty program should pay in person at the municipal court, room 202 at City Hall. Only cash, money orders or cashier's checks will be accepted, warned Stafford. Personal checks will not be accepted.

Louise Fletcher named to PPA Hall of Fame

Former Pampa News publisher Louise Fletcher was inducted in the Panhandle Press Association Hall of Fame on Saturday during the PPA convention held in Amarillo.

Rollie Hyde, of the Plainview Daily Herald, noted the inductees into the PPA Hall of Fame represent the "best of the best" in the Panhandle area newspaper industry, forming a group of very dedicated people for their loyalty and commitment to newspaper publishing and writing over the years.

Fletcher began her career at The Pampa News on Sept. 1, 1950, as secretary to the publisher while still a teenager. Over

the years she worked through the ranks, handling national advertising, working in the business department and serving as general manager before being promoted to publisher in 1980.

Upon her taking over the publisher's position, she became the first woman publisher of The Pampa News and the first female publisher in the Freedom Communication chain.

She retired in December 1994, after 44 years of service to the newspaper and to the community. She served on the boards of directors for The Salvation Army and the Pampa Sheltered Workshop, among other com-

munity service.

Fletcher had been named Woman of the Year by the Pampa Altrusa Club, received the Distinguished Service Award in April 1995 from the Amarillo Women's Forum and was presented the Golden Nail Award for support of the arts.

Also inducted into the PPA Hall of Fame this year were the late Albert Law, who served as managing editor of The Dalhart Texan from 1936 to 1983; the late Bill Lee, former Amarillo Globe-News reporter and journalism instructor, department chairman and director of communications at West Texas State University; and Kenneth

Hogue, publisher and owner of The Dalhart Texan for over 40 years.

In the newspaper contest judging for the PPA for 1996 entries, *The Pampa News* gained five awards: first places in spot news photography and society/lifestyles and third places in front page layout and best use of photography. The paper also received honorable mention for advertising initiative.

The *Miami Chief* also received five awards: first place in best editorials, second place in front page layout and honorable mentions in best serious column, best humorous column and best use of photography.

Daily Record

Services today

PARRISH, Joel O. - 2:30 p.m., Church of Christ, Shamrock.

Obituaries

HELEN UPCHURCH GILPIN

BURLESON - Graveside services for Helen Upchurch Gilpin, 91, of Burleson, were conducted Wednesday, April 9, 1997, in the Glenwood Cemetery in Alvarado, under the direction of Clayton Kay Funeral Home. The Rev. J. R. Taylor officiated.

Mrs. Gilpin, a former resident of Skellytown, died Monday, April 7 in a Burleson nursing home. She was born Aug. 15, 1905 in Itasca. She was a homemaker.

Survivors are one daughter, Loice Williams of Fort Worth; two sisters, Rosetta Bullard of Fort Worth and Carol Ann Owens of Marlin; six grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

JOEL O. PARRISH

SHAMROCK - Joel O. Parrish, age 79, a long-time Shamrock resident, died Friday, April 11, 1997. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. today at the Church of Christ in Shamrock, under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors, with the Rev. Cottie Tarbet of Shamrock officiating.

Mr. Parrish was born in Shamrock. He married Estelle Dickey on July 11, 1936, in Sayre, Okla. He served as a city councilman for the City of Shamrock in the 1960s. He had been a deacon and served on the building for the Church of Christ. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the 746th Tank Battalion in Germany during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Estelle, of the home; two daughters, Ramah Row of Amarillo and Alice Jo Hutson of Mustang, Okla.; one brother and one sister, Sterling Parrish and Violet Cantrell, both of Shamrock; and three grandchildren.

JANIS K. SAUNDERS

LEBANON, Tenn. - Janis K. Saunders, 49, a former Pampa, Texas, resident, died Thursday, April 10, 1997, at Nashville, Tenn. The body has been cremated. Memorial services will be scheduled at a later time under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Saunders was born March 8, 1948, at Lefors, Texas. She attended Pampa schools and was a graduate of Pampa High School. She lived in Lebanon and was vice president of the Trust Department at First Interstate Bank.

Survivors include her husband, James P. Saunders, of Lebanon; a daughter and son-in-law, Julie K. and Kevin Harvick of Lebanon; her mother and stepfather, Betty and Howard Buckingham of Pampa; her father and stepmother, Jack and Joyce Seals of Pampa; a half-brother and his wife, Tommy Jo and Donnie Byrd of Breckenridge, Texas; a granddaughter, Alexandra Kaylee Harvick of Lebanon; and two nephews, Jason Johnson and Justin Johnson, both of Lubbock, Texas.

The family requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society; Girl Scouts of America; or Sarah Cannon Cancer Center, Centennial Medical Center, 2300 Patterson St., Nashville, TN 37203.

Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149

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

T.O.P.S. #41

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

AL-ANON

Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.

TRALEE CRISIS GROUP COUNSELING

Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler, is offering group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Klempeter, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Preschool story hour will be held at Lovett Memorial Library 10 to 11 a.m. each Tuesday. Children ages three to five are welcome.

VFW CHARITY BINGO

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

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Warren Chisum's Office, 100 N. Price Road. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

AARP

The American Association of Retired Persons will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, April 14, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. Speaker will be Cinda Jennings, who will be giving information on the Meredith House. The public is invited.

TOP O' TEXAS TRADE DAYS

Entries are being taken for events in the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association's Trade Days, set for May 3-4 at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion and rodeo grounds. Events include chili cookoff, brisket cookoff, arts and crafts booth, and team penning competition. For more information on these activities, call 669-3241.

JUNIOR PARENTS MEETING

Pampa High School counselors Gail Cole and Karla Howell will meet with parents of current PHS juniors at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 17, in the high school library to provide information for parents in preparation for their students' senior year. Topics will include post-high school plans, college admission testing, graduation costs and other information.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

THURSDAY, April 10

3:38 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of East Browning on a medical emergency. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center Emergency Room.

9:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of S. Russell on a medical call. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

10:16 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of West Foster on a medical call. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

11:33 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport a patient to the 100 block of South Russell.

FRIDAY, April 11

4:11 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky on a medical call. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

6:16 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Recreation Park on a medical call. Two patients were transported to Columbia Medical Center.

6:30 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of East Campbell on a medical call. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

6:59 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to four miles east of Pampa on Highway 60. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

8:00 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to FM 282 on a motor vehicle accident. No accident was found.

8:43 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th street on a trauma call. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

8:59 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Highway 60 east on a motor vehicle accident. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

10:29 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

1:15 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Baptist-St. Anthony's West in Amarillo to transport a patient to a local nursing home.

SATURDAY, April 12

12:45 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transport a patient to a local nursing center.

3:02 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of East Browning on a trauma call. Two patients were transported to Columbia Medical Center.

6:00 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of East Campbell on a medical call. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

Sheriff's Office

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

FRIDAY, April 11

A burglary was reported at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion.

A theft was reported at Big Country Tire on Highway 152.

Arrests

FRIDAY, April 11

Bryan Haze Wood Jr., 19, 1328 Starkweather, was arrested on two municipal warrants for a defective tail light and no driver's license. He remains in custody.

SATURDAY, April 12

Jason Dewey Kysar, 22, 1500 N. Sumner, was arrested on four district court warrants for failure to appear, theft by check, forgery by passing and probation violation. He remains in custody.

Fires

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

FRIDAY, April 11

7:10 a.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to the 1500 block of West 23rd on a gas leak.

8:59 a.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to the 2600 block of East Frederic on a vehicle accident.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incident for the 24-hour period ending 7 a.m. Saturday.

SATURDAY, April 12

An assault - family violence was reported in the 400 block of Wynne. No suspects were arrested.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Crime Stoppers.....	669-2222
Energas.....	665-5777
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700
SPS.....	669-7432
Water.....	669-5830

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Thousands rally to support judge's display of the Ten Commandments

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - Thousands of people, including Christian families and longhaired bikers for Jesus, rallied Saturday to support a judge who refuses to remove a display of the Ten Commandments over his bench.

The demonstration for Judge Roy Moore turned into a litany against liberal courts, abortion, television and civil libertarians.

"We are drawing a line in the sand and saying 'Devil, you've taken enough from us!'" the Rev. Clifford Terrell shouted from the white marble steps of the Alabama Capitol, where the Confederacy was born and voting rights marchers rallied in 1965.

With Confederate flags and countless posters of the Ten Commandments waving overhead, Moore told the crowd, "Your presence today will send a message across this nation. That message is clear: We must - nay, we will - have God back in America again."

An Alabama court has found that Moore's display of the Christian tenets violates the Constitution by promoting one religion in a government setting.

Moore is appealing, and Gov. Fob James has threatened to call out the National Guard and state troopers if anyone tries to remove Moore's plaque.

"By defending his liberty we preserve freedom for all Americans," James said at the rally.

The judge, a Baptist, invites others to pray with him in court - as long as they're not Muslim, Hindu or Buddhist. "We are not a nation founded upon the Hindu god or Buddha," he said earlier.

Organizers said Capitol police estimated the crowd at 20,000 to 25,000 people but the throng did not appear nearly as large as the 1965 rally at the close of the Selma-to-Montgomery voting rights march, when a reported 25,000 gathered at the same spot.

One man flew in from California to be part of what he described as a new wave of Christian activism and defend the judge.

"All Judge Moore is asking for is to acknowledge God, he's not asking to proselytize," said Mark Rizzo, an auto shop owner from Riverside, Calif. "He clearly is not trying to establish a

national religion."

"Maybe this will be a wake-up call to America as it slips morally, economically, and most of all, spiritually," said Christian biker Mike Wiyugel of Tupelo, Miss., wearing a black leather jacket and fringed chaps.

A handful of opponents who accuse Moore of fostering religious intolerance debated his supporters carrying signs with slogans like "We Want God in America Again."

Log truck driver Wayne Willis said the judge's highly publicized fight is making it tougher to be one of only a handful of Jews in the southeast Alabama town of Troy.

"Just last week a boy held my boy's arm behind his back and tried to break it. He said he did it because he was Jewish," said Willis, with tattooed arms and a baseball cap decorated with the Star of David.

The judge's supporters said his battle is about saving America, not bigotry.

"All the laws we've got, even traffic laws, are based on biblical principles," said Al Cotter of Andalusia.

Pampa Area Cancer Support Group to meet Thursday

Nutrition and cancer is the topic for Thursday night's monthly meeting of the Pampa Area Cancer Support Group.

Kathryn Hughes, dietician for the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center of Amarillo, will discuss the impact nutrition has for healthy bodies as well as for those suffering the effects of cancer.

"You've heard the fantastic claims about miracle diets or cancer fighting foods. Well, it is a challenge to sort through the

hype and figure out what is fact and what is fiction," explains group moderators Kathy Gist and Emily Washington, representing PACSG.

Each monthly meeting is to present information and educational materials for individuals, friends and families who are subjected to the consequences of illnesses due to cancer.

Sponsorship is by the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, Columbia Medical Center and the American Cancer Society.

The group meeting will be in the cafeteria dining room at Columbia Medical Center of Pampa on Thursday, April 17, from 7-8 p.m.

The meeting is open to the public, and following the meeting refreshments will be served to those wishing to visit with Hughes.

Anyone needing a ride to the meeting is encouraged to contact PACSG coordinators Betty Whitson after 5 p.m. at 669-2198 or Linda Norris at 655-2654.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Today, generally sunny with a high near 50 and northwesterly winds 10-20 mph. Tonight, generally clear with a low near 30. Monday, sunny and warmer with a high in the mid 60s. Saturday morning's low was 17; Saturday's high was 39.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Panhandle: Today, partly cloudy with a high in mid 40s to near 50. Tonight, mostly clear with lows from mid 20s to around 30. Monday, mostly sunny with highs from around 60 to mid 60s. South Plains: Today, partly cloudy. Highs 50-55. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 30-35. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in mid 60s.

North Texas - Today, partly cloudy and cool. Highs 52 north to 60 southeast. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 33 to 38.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Today, partly cloudy and cool. Highs in the 50s. Tonight, mostly cloudy and cool. Lows in the 40s south central to 30s Hill Country. Upper Coast: Today, partly cloudy and cool. Highs near 60 inland to the 60s coast. Tonight, partly cloudy and cool. Lows in the 40s inland to 50s coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Today, mostly cloudy and cool with a slight chance of rain. Highs from 50s coast to near 60 inland and Rio Grande plains. Tonight, cloudy and cool with a slight chance of rain. Lows in low 50s coast to upper 40s inland.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico - Today, decreasing chance for snow showers north central and northeast. Partly cloudy elsewhere with a slight chance of rain or snow showers remainder of the north and in the southeast. Highs mostly 40s mountains and north-east, 50s elsewhere over the north and east except 60s to low 70s lowlands southwest. Tonight, partly cloudy. A slight chance for evening snow showers near the central mountains. Lows teens to mid 30s mountains and north with 30s to low 40s lower elevations south.

Oklahoma - Today, mostly sunny and not so cold. Highs in the 50s. Tonight, clear to partly cloudy and cold. Lows upper 20s northwest to mid 30s south.

City briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

HAIR EXPRESSIONS

Free bottle of tanning lotion with 1 month of tanning, now thru April 30th. 319 W. Foster, 669-7131. Adv.

IN EFFORT to provide to those without, the Pampa Noon Lions Club is accepting the donations of used eye glasses to be presented at their annual district convention on April 18, 1997. Donations can be made as late as Thursday, April 17th. There will be a box at the Health Fair in MK Brown on Saturday and there will also be boxes at Heard & Jones, Simmons & Simmons, Regional Eye Clinic and Balfour Optical. Adv.

STAY AT home mom would like to keep infant and/or toddler. Call 669-3919 after 5 p.m. References. Adv.

RALPH LAUREN, Polo jeans and t-shirts at Cuyler Clothing Company. 113 N. Cuyler. 665-8698. Adv.

NEW ARRIVALS, Brighton belts, bracelets, hand bags, and shoes. 123 N. Cuyler. 669-1091. Adv.

TAX SERVICE: Glenda Brownlee, 625 Whittenburg, Borger 274-2142 or 800-600-2670. Adv.

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 carriers. Please pay directly to the News Office any payment that exceeds the current collection period. For your protection make checks payable to The Pampa News.

MOVING, HEALTH Reasons. Make offer on home. 665-6333. 1005. E. Foster, Pampa. Adv.

LOVE BEYOND Words

April 13th, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Central Baptist Church featuring Brian Randone "Touches lives with the Power of Mime". Adv.

REMEMBER WHEN your Pampa News carrier collects, does the carrier have his/her cards and hole punch? If not, don't pay. Thanks, Circulation Department.

MONDAYS ONLY 2-5 p.m. Meals on Wheels Garage Sale Collection and Silent Auction. Pampa Mall - South end, 669-1007. Adv.

NEW LANDMARK Club hours. Tuesday-Friday 5 p.m.-12 p.m. Saturday 5 p.m.-1 a.m. Closed Monday. We will close for remodeling April 16th-23rd. Adv.

GRADUATION MONOGRAMING: The Stitchin' Barn has hanger, tote bags and shaving kits in school colors, large laundry bags and towel wraps. Bring us your letter jackets, bath and beach towels, robes, etc. 669-3543 (located in Walnut Creek). Adv.

JEFF AND Tammy Stevens are proud to announce the birth of Johnathan Miles Stevens on April 3, 1997. Adv.

TOP O' Texas Crisis Pregnancy Center Walk For Life, April, 26, Central Park, 9 a.m. Adv.

CHICKEN EXPRESS - Lunch Special. Everyday 11 a.m.-8 p.m. All You Can Eat "Tenders" \$4.95. Adv.

CALL 1-800-359-3131 for Weight Watchers information. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Sunday 11-2 p.m. Sanchos, roast beef, chicken fried steak, Polish sausage and sauerkraut. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING, Marvin Bowman, 669-3871. Ticket dismissal - (USA). Adv.

SUNDAY BUFFET Best in Town! Grand Coronado Inn Coffee Shop. Every Sunday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Adv.

KITCHENS - BATHS cabinets, tops, reface, marble. We update. Grays Decorating. Adv.

MALE CNA looking to do home sitting in the Pampa area. Call 669-6037. Adv.

ATTENTION! ALL ladies and young ladies (6th - 12th grade) in Pampa, come hear former Miss America, Dr. Shirley Cothran Barret speak on "From Miscellaneous to Miss America" - Tuesday, April 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church. Cost of meal - \$2. Reservation required by April 18th. Call 669-1155. Adv.

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Area briefs

McLEAN — The annual Historic Route 66 Car Rally and Rodeo Extravaganza in McLean will be held Friday and Saturday, June 20 and 21, and plans are now in the final stages.

Events, competitions and shows include the McLean Rodeo, the Car Rally and Parade, Poker Run, arts and craft shows, foods and dancing throughout the weekend.

The car show includes antiques and classic models from 1900-1949; 1950-1959; the best of the 1960s and 1970s; best truck; best of show; and people's choice awards. Cost of each vehicle entry is \$7.

Those interested in entering the competition in the rodeo and/or the car show should contact Jane Funk, secretary for the McLean Greater Area Chamber of Commerce, at P.O. Box 445, McLean, TX 79057-0445, or call her at (806) 779-3176.

Information and forms for registration will be provided. The earlier your entry, the better, so that coordination of events can be better scheduled for the public's enjoyment, Funk says.

AMARILLO — A series of four workshops for people newly diagnosed with multiple sclerosis will begin on Saturday, April 19.

The workshops are open to men and women who have been diagnosed since January 1994 and their family members and friends.

On April 19, Dr. Michael Ryan, Amarillo neurologist, will focus on what multiple sclerosis is, who gets it, symptom management and new research into its cause and cure. Dr. Ryan is a past chairman of the Professional Advisory Committee of the Panhandle Chapter.

On April 26, there will be a discussion of the emotional aspects of the disease and how to deal with it, led by Ellen Lawrence, LMSW, the director of social services at Texas Tech Clinic. Ms. Lawrence has been active with the Chapter for many years. On May 10 and 17, small group workshops will focus on issues of employment, insurance and local resources.

The workshops will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Baptist St. Anthony's, 1600 Wallace Blvd, Meeting Room 1.

For more information, call Fredricka Gens, (806) 372-4429 or (in Texas only) 1-800-344-4867.

BORGER — The Hutchinson County Friends of the Library will be sponsoring the Amarillo Little Theater production of *Always ... Patsy Cline* at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 25.

The show will be held in the Frank Phillips College auditorium.

Tickets are available at county libraries in Borger, Fritch and Stinnett, the Borger Chamber of Commerce and Virginia's Interiors.



(Pampa News photo by Laura Haley)

Local Aggies are gearing up for the annual Aggie Muster, a Texas A&M tradition over 100 years old. Above, Ken Windhorst, Joe Mechelay, Fran Kludt and David Day are a few local Aggies preparing for the upcoming event.

Aggie Muster scheduled for Pampa area

Former students of Texas A&M University will assemble in Pampa on Monday, April 21, for the annual Texas Aggie Muster, announced Muster chair Judy Wood.

Registration and socializing will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Sportsman's Club on S. Barnes in Pampa. BEVO barbecue will be served at 7:15 p.m. and the Muster program will follow. Muster is open to all former students and their families, parents of students and friends of Texas A&M.

Texas A&M is in its "Second Century of Greatness." Since

1876, Texas A&M has grown from a small land grant college to one of the leading research and educational institutions in the world, now holding the distinction of sea and space grants as well.

The Muster tradition is more than 100 years old. More than 400 Musters will be held around the world this year "wherever Texas A&M former students live or work."

During wars, Aggies mustered in foxholes, on the battlefield, aboard ships, in airplanes and in medical hospitals. In World War

II, a muster was held on Corregidor Island shortly before the Japanese captured it in 1942.

Every Muster ceremony is the same. Texas Aggies pay their respects to all those who are absent because of death since the last Muster. When the names of the honored dead are called from the Muster Roll, a friend of the deceased answers, "Here."

Reservations need to be made by Tuesday night by contacting DeLynn Gordzelik at 665-8410 or 665-5956. Tickets will be \$8 per person.

Student alternative prom cancelled in Arlington

ARLINGTON, Texas. (AP) — One of two student-produced proms organized to protest Arlington school officials' decision to test all prom-goers for alcohol has been cancelled.

The event was called off Friday because of low ticket sales and few donations to pay for the May 3 dance.

Donations of more than \$900 came in, but that wasn't enough to keep ticket costs to \$30 each, organizers said. A ballroom booked at Reunion Tower that could accommodate up to 400 students would have cost \$11,000 to rent.

"It's extremely disappointing," said parent Cynthia Giromini, a supporter of the students organizing the event.

The other alternative prom will go on as scheduled April 26 to coincide with a Lamar High

School-sponsored event at which prom-goers will be subjected to a 10-second breath test.

"The breath tests are a violation of the trust we've tried to establish with school officials over 12 years," said Jeff Hurst, an Arlington High School senior.

The affair at Reunion Tower drew little attention because

three other proms — for Arlington, Sam Houston and Martin high schools — were planned for the same date.

Organizers have said they wanted to hold the alternative dance on the same day as the other schools' proms so students could attend after-prom parties with their peers.

Pampa Garden Club to observe Arbor Day

The Pampa Garden Club will observe Arbor Day on Monday with several activities promoting the landscaping and environmental benefits of planting trees.

The scheduled activities include recognizing a local citizen for his contributions to Pampa, providing more trees to be planted in special areas of the city and introducing a tree — the Ginkgo — for future plantings.

E.L. "Smiley" Henderson will be honored for his contributions to Pampa through the excellent care and maintenance of trees on his grounds at his residence, 419 E. Foster, and, as a result, providing inspiration to all who pass by, according to Thelma Bray, Pampa Garden Club representative.

"Arbor Day is observed in every state of the United States as a day to plant trees, but caring for trees is just as important," she said.

In addition, the club is providing a variety of trees to William McCarley for the landscaping he is doing around the M.K. Brown Municipal Swimming Pool area at 701 E. Kentucky.

The Ginkgo tree, Bray noted, has been widely acclaimed as one of the finest street and specimen trees in the temperate world. Its freedom from insect and disease pests has made this long-lived species a favorite of city planners, she said.

Considered a living fossil and a sacred tree, the Ginkgo has long been cultivated and possibly preserved from extinction by Buddhist priests on temple

grounds in China, Japan and Korea.

For more than 5,000 years, Chinese herbalists have considered Ginkgo Biloba valuable in fighting age-related conditions; an extract from the leaves is believed to aid circulation, Bray said.

The Ginkgo leaves are used as insect-proof bookmarks.

The tree has a straight trunk, pyramid form, which grows 40 to 50 feet tall and more. It is slow growing, with foliage turning golden yellow in the fall. Known also as the maidenhair tree, its fan-shaped leaves resemble the maidenhair fern.

Monday's activities are the latest in longtime ongoing projects the Pampa Garden Club has undertaken over the years in planting hundreds of trees in Pampa in various city parks and other locations.

Organized in 1956, the club has been responsible for such projects as landscaping projects in Aspen Park and development of the Hike and Bike Trail. Members also have provided leadership for the landscaping around M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

Pampa Garden Club members note that there are many benefits that accrue through the planting of trees: investing in Pampa's future, improving the environment, providing beauty and serenity, purifying the air, increasing property values, leaving a legacy for future generations, and providing food and shelter for birds and other animals.

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Wayland Thomas
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Opinion

Chemical weapons treaty is dubious

The Clinton administration is so intent on passing a worldwide ban on chemical weapons that it has bypassed Congress and taken its case to leaders of other nations. This is a dubious tack.

The administration believes the Chemical Weapons Convention will make the world a safer place. So, the Clintonites have lobbied hard for CWC's Senate passage and its endorsement by governments throughout the world. The way the treaty is designed, it goes into effect automatically once it is ratified by 65 nations.

Senate Republicans have raised crucial questions about how the treaty would be enforced and whether it would do much to prevent chemical weapons production by such renegade nations as Iran, Iraq and North Korea. Rather than answer those queries, the administration has strong-armed many small nations into signing it.

In November, Hungary submitted to U.S. pressure and became signer No. 65, triggering an April 29 deadline. If we fail to sign by that date, the Clintonites say America will be left out of the deal and will be an international laughingstock.

That's not much of a threat when you consider the U.S. is supposed to pay 25 percent of the CWC's annual enforcement budget. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms and some other senators are not intimidated. They want to address CWC's problems before signing onto it.

"For one thing, it is not global. Iran and Libya, for instance, have not signed, and China and Russia have not ratified it," stated a recent *Washington Times* editorial. "Should we be concerned about chemical weapons in Belgium and Holland? Of course not ... The treaty is not adequately verifiable. Even the Clinton administration admits as much. And ... it will spread the knowledge of a potentially lethal technology to countries that could make dangerous use of it ..."

Another serious concern: The treaty would impose huge regulatory burdens on chemicals manufacturers and companies that produce such products as detergents and food. The CWC also will open the doors to corporate espionage. Authoritarian nations have been known to use treaty verification to steal U.S. trade secrets. So, the CWC would put U.S. businesses at the mercy of international inspectors.

In February, Pentagon documents revealed Russia is involved in a clandestine chemicals weapons program that would evade detection under the CWC. "The Pentagon report says the chemical formulas are not defined in the CWC lists," J. Michael Waller wrote in a Feb. 13 column in the *Wall Street Journal*. "Therefore, (the) weapons technically are not banned under the treaty. The administration counters that they are banned in 'spirit,' but as with all its arms control agreements, Moscow has been banking on the technicality and the camouflage."

Clearly, the CWC wouldn't stop the production of chemical weapons by a nation determined to produce them.

These are serious issues the administration should address. Pressuring other nations to sign the treaty as a means to pressure the Senate shows disdain for American democracy.

These sordid tactics raise this question: Is the administration more interested in passing a chemical weapons ban treaty, any treaty, or in making the world a safer place? The Clinton administration has some explaining to do.

Thought for today

"Upon the education of the people of this country the fate of this country depends."

Benjamin Disraeli

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Time for educrats to take a hike

For nearly four decades, the education establishment has delivered one failure and set of excuses after another. Education for blacks is nothing less than catastrophe, and education for white kids is nothing to write home about.

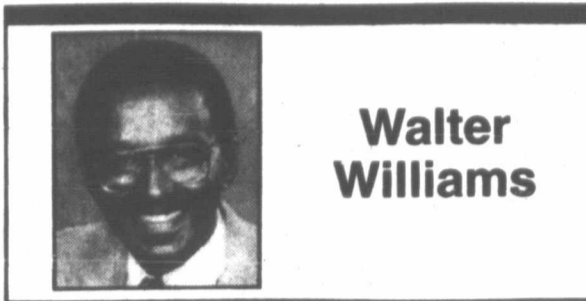
People can and do make mistakes, and they produce never-worked-anywhere nostrums. In most cases, we fire them or run them out of town on a rail. But educationists are immune to those corrective forces. Instead, in the wake of one education disaster after another, we call them back for more advice and yet another half-baked experiment.

Black kids are fair game for these schemes, and their academic performance shows it. Higher quality education is no mystery — let's look at some historical data from the New York Board of Education.

On achievement tests given in 1941, some elementary schools in Harlem had grade-equivalent scores in paragraph and word meaning, and arithmetic reasoning and computation that were equal to or higher than those in elementary schools of predominantly white working class schools on New York's Lower East Side.

Harlem school sixth graders averaged a grade equivalent score of 5.5 in paragraph meaning and 5.4 in word meaning. That's to be compared to averages in Lower East Side schools of 5.1 and 4.6. The New York citywide average was 6.8 and 6.5 respectively.

In no cases were Harlem school students as



Walter Williams

much as a year below grade level. Harlem third graders were at or above grade level and, in some subject fields, scored higher than their counterparts on the Lower East Side, including in arithmetic reasoning and computation as well.

How do we explain the fact that black kids back then were holding their own? First, let's try an explanation that's consistent with how liberals view the world: Back in the 40s, Harlem blacks faced no discrimination; school budgets must have been higher than they are now; teachers were more highly paid; classes were smaller; and Ebonics must have been the classroom language.

I'm guessing those explanations and other educationist "requirements" for improved education are balderdash. Instead, I'd put my money on differences like: teachers being able to read and write themselves, school discipline, homework being assigned and done, and parental support of the

school's education objectives.

White liberals, black and white politicians, and civil rights organizations have done far greater harm to black academic excellence than yesterday's racists could have ever done. They have given unquestioned support to an education establishment whose actions have condemned large numbers of black youngsters to lives of educational mediocrity, while simultaneously bleeding taxpayers to death.

But black parents cannot be held blameless. Out of a misguided sense of loyalty, they have allowed the education establishment to lead them down one blind alley after another.

Take Washington, D.C. If the mayor, superintendent of schools, and the majority of school principals and teachers were Klansmen, it is hard for me to imagine education being any worse than it is now with a black as mayor, a black as school superintendent and blacks as principals and teachers. The only difference would be that black parents would be up in arms about the education rot.

I think it high time that black parents — and for that matter white parents as well — stop listening to the excuses and promises of educational quacks. They ought to demand, not next year but this year, that schools cease their practice of educational fraud. If not, demand wholesale firing of administrations. And if the mayor won't fire them, fire the mayor.



Congress is to blame not the IRS

Here's your annual tax-time trio of reminders.

1. Congress, not the Internal Revenue Service, writes the tax laws. If you have a complaint, go see your congressmen and senators. The IRS is just doing the job it's paid to do.

2. Stay away from that gaggle of tax protesters peddling their phony-baloney claims that you don't have to pay federal income taxes. You do, and if you don't, sooner or later you will go to prison. Moreover, as a citizen and beneficiary of government, you have a moral obligation and a civic duty to pay your taxes.

3. The only way to lower taxes is to lower government spending.

I despise the tax protest movement for two reasons. One, it aims at the wrong target, the IRS, instead of the right one, Congress. Two, it causes otherwise law-abiding people to get into big trouble by peddling its crackpot schemes.

One such claim is that the 16th Amendment, which authorizes an income tax, was improperly ratified. Listen, if the government says an amendment is ratified, it is ratified. You have to understand the difference between a historical argument and a legal argument.

You can make an even better case that the so-called Reconstruction amendments were not properly ratified. It's an interesting discussion for historians. Otherwise, it's irrelevant. The federal gov-

Charley Reese

ernment says they are ratified. They are ratified.

Another scheme peddled is the claim that unless you were born in the District of Columbia or a U.S. territory you are not a citizen of the United States. Again, hogwash.

It's true that when the Constitution was ratified, people generally considered it a confederation of sovereign states so that people were citizens of the state in which they were born. But even under that system, you were required to obey federal laws. And, of course, there was the late unpleasantness of 1861-65 and its aftermath. So trust me, if you are born within the legal boundaries of the United States of America, you are indeed a U.S. citizen subject to all its laws.

There is an old joke about people who won't give money to panhandlers. It goes, "When people say it's the principle, not the money, it's the money."

I feel the same way about tax protesters. It's not about history or principle or the Constitution. It's about the money. They don't want to pay taxes. They prefer to be civic deadbeats.

No one should forget, as we indulge in our tra-

ditional American hobby of criticizing the government, that in addition to whatever faults it has at any given point in time, it also provides a great many blessings and benefits.

We drive on government roads, we enjoy the protection of government armed forces and police, we utilize a government court system, many of us received our educations at government institutions and we rely on government, however imperfectly it operates, to protect our rights and liberty. Consequently, we have a legal, moral and civic duty to pay our fair share of the expenses of government.

It's one thing to criticize in the hope of making an improvement. It's another to give up on your own country and your own government. There are only two alternatives: Work within the system to correct what you believe is wrong, or go outlaw.

Now, I despise a play-pretend revolutionary. If you're inclined toward revolt, I would suggest that you check with someone who has gone up against the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, FBI, ATF, Secret Service and 600,000 local law-enforcement officers before you start bragging.

Listen, folks, let's stay in touch with reality. We don't need a revolution. Just a little more citizen responsibility would do the trick.

A spaceship should take Clinton aloft

R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.

doubt that the assailants in such brutality are evil and deserving of the full punishment available.

For whatever reason, tragedy in America today attracts mountebanks. The zanier their show the more likely they are to be accorded respectful media attention. Survivors of Professor Applewhite's UFO cult have been solemnly interviewed by network television. No commentator laughs at or scorns their authoritative gibbering. As one cult member assured a solicitous interviewer, the 39 deceased had actually made a very snappy getaway. He was convinced that all 39 made it to the spaceship, though whether it was hidden just behind the Hale-Bopp comet as Applewhite predicted is uncertain. "I believe they are on a craft somewhere — whether it's behind the comet or not, I really don't know," former cult member Nick Cooke notified San Francisco's KQED-FM.

I like that blasé insouciance — "I really don't know." As I say, the media attracts frauds, and the frauds know how to act. It is only a matter of time before Pierre Salinger pops up with documents — possibly from French intelligence — to explain that all 39 made it to the spaceship right on time. Maybe a contingent of experts on mass transit will note the punctuality of the spacecraft and demand more government funding for their fantasy of nationwide subways or Hovercrafts, or whatever miraculous vehicle they have dreamt up to replace the lowly automobile.

The statement of one former cult member on 60

Minutes suggests that these fellows are very much a part of our time. Bizarre they are indeed, but they have a feel for the rhetoric of Bill Clinton's America. Notwithstanding the vast quantities of Phenobarbital and vodka that the cult members ingested to shove them along on their extraterrestrial journey, one "Sawyer" denied on 60 Minutes that they were suicides. "Suicide is not the proper term," Sawyer asserted. "They left their bodies. This is something they were preparing for a long time." So, with long and careful preparation, suicide is not suicide.

Sawyer's impudent assertion of a manifest falsehood echoes the impudence that issues from the White House every day. Fundraising from Buddhist temples is not fundraising but "outreach." Coffees and sleep-overs in the White House are not fundraisers but, as Boy Clinton put it, instruments to assuage his loneliness — "I look for ways to have genuine conversation with people." Most remarkable of all, Boy Scout Gore's solicitations of funds from his office and official residence are not illegal because, as he explained to the press, the people whom he called were not "in the White House or on federal property." At that press conference, the stone-faced vice president intoned seven times in 24 minutes this curious line: "Let me repeat that there is 'no controlling legal authority' that says that any of these activities violated any law."

Sawyer's statements are weird. The White House's statements are weird. Is it possible the vice president has fallen under the spell of a cult? Is it possible that the president is his Applewhite? Where does Hillary fit in? And is she still channeling with Eleanor Roosevelt? Will Congress ever provide these zanies with a proper spacecraft?

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Letters to the editor

How to avoid cults

To the editor,
 Good Morning: 39 poor souls were blindly led down the wrong path. All ended up as suicides.

So - what can we do to make sure that WE will never be so deceived?
 I don't know all the answers but here are some suggestions: We must fight to maintain our INDIVIDUALITY. We must think for ourselves and never let someone else tell us what we are to believe.

We must warn our children and others to beware of the left-handed regimentation that is being carried on by some churches, cults, religions and political groups. Don't become an image of THEIR COOKIE CUTTER.

Adolph Hitler, anointed with demonic charisma, convinced his followers that genocide was the will of God. We all know the tragic results.

Jim Jones, a deluded, backslidden preacher, demanded total submission and obedience from his lemming-like followers. They all died with him in Guyana - suicides.

Beware of a cult that has an entrance but no exit. (They kill quitters). True Christians are FREE to walk away from their beliefs any time they wish.

beware of a group that teaches and practices their "thing" in secret. Everything Jesus and his followers do and teach is open to the public. (Acts 26:26). But secret groups and cults must hide their erroneous teachings and dirty secrets. If what we believe and do is according to truth, we've nothing for which to be ashamed.

In the past, I've told people that if they'll read the Bible they can't go wrong. But I've come to realize that it is not entirely true. It is dangerous to give a Bible to SOME PEOPLE. Some years ago a man read in the Bible where God told Abraham to kill his own son Isaac. That man, ignorant of the true meaning of the incident, proceeded to kill HIS son.

The Bible alone is not enough. People need Godly men and women to EXPLAIN the scriptures to them. God calls such people THE CHURCH. Apart from Christ's Church, the Bible alone can mislead SOME people.

One day a man was reading the scriptures as he rode along in his chariot. Evangelist Philip asked him, "Do you understand what you're reading?" The man replied, "How can I unless someone EXPLAINS it to me." Philip explained the passage and led the Ethiopian to Salvation in Christ. (Acts 8:26-38)

When people leave Christ's Church and try to serve God alone, they are leaving themselves wide open to the deception of cults. None of us alone has the wisdom to know the difference between the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, and the evil shepherd, Satan. Jesus said, "My sheep know my voice and will not follow a stranger." (John 10:5)

How does Jesus call His sheep? Christ speaks through Holy Spirit-anointed evangelists such as Billy Graham and others. He speaks through your pastor, teacher or prophet. He speaks through the scriptures as the Holy Spirit shines His light upon them. His sheep listen and follow him.

But why do some people follow a deceiver? It's because, when they know the truth, they reject it: "The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in

every sort of evil that deceives those that are perishing. They perish BECAUSE THEY REFUSED TO LOVE THE TRUTH and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a POWERFUL DELUSION so that they will believe the LIE and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness." (II Thessalonians 2:9-11 NIV)

AND
 "They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the creator..." (That sounds like Humanism or New Age deception). (Romans 1:25 NIV)

It is dangerous, having known the truth to turn back and go the other way. One could end up in a suicide cult! - OR WORSE.

Sam Godwin
 Pampa

Estate tax thoughts

To the editor:
 The editorial "Estate tax measure deserves support" presents incorrect facts. The estate tax rate starts at 18 percent, not 37 percent and rises to 60 percent, not 55 percent as stated in your editorial. The increasing rates are designed to create more tax as estates increase in value. A recent study showed that total estate tax paid actually decreases as the estate size increases. The study concludes that estate taxes are voluntary and can be minimized or avoided with planning.

I know what you are thinking - those bloody lawyers and accountants are at it again. The rich get richer because they have loopholes not available to middle income families, especially minorities. Consider situations like the Harrington family in Amarillo. The "loophole" used to avoid paying estate taxes is the charitable foundation that has created such a positive impact on the people of this region, particularly middle income families.

You state that the country would benefit by repealing estate and gift taxes. I agree that repeal of the estate tax would benefit many wealthy people. However, if the taxes are repealed, what funding source do you propose for future generations to fund the activities now paid for by the foundations like Harrington, Brown and McCauley?

Remember the unforeseen side effect of the tax increase on luxury boats? Rich folks just stopped buying luxury boats made in the USA and the middle income families that earned their living building luxury boats were out of a job. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 devastated real estate with the passive activity loss rules, an unintended result of the law.

Let's be careful about promoting simple solutions to complex problems. The effect of an outright repeal of the estate tax is unknown except that the rich will get richer. A more reasonable approach is a gradual elimination of the tax so the effects on our economy can be studied.

Mike Ruff, CPA, CFP
 Pampa

Treaty not needed

To the editor:
 Some days I am overwhelmed by the information media protects us from knowing. A good example is the Chemical Weapons Convention currently being considered by the U.S. Senate. Apparently,

the usual tub thumpers for the New World Order are assuring anyone who will listen that this is a good thing. One wanders if any of the prominent spokesmen for the treaty have ever read its terms. It appears to be dangerous to support something they have not read. If they read it, they must know it is not a practical treaty.

This convention is a treaty under the United Nations. This means that International Socialists will determine implementation of the terms of the treaty which will affect Constitutional rights of American citizens. There is concern that "rogue nations" who are not signatories will continue to develop chemical weapons. The United States is already destroying chemical weapons. Why is a complicated treaty necessary?

Chemical weapons have been used in World War I and the Iran-Iraq war and to control domestic disturbances. They put out noxious fumes or harmful skin liquids which can debilitate or even kill. They are fearsome weapons. Can their manufacture and use be controlled?

There are other serious concerns involving cost to taxpayers, other nations inspecting U.S. business and homes at will, U.S. security harmed by "sharing" secrets with other nations, and the treaty is not verifiable. The United States already has an agreement with Russia to destroy chemical weapons. The Russians have ignored it, apparently waiting for the U.S. to donate billions to destroy the communist arsenal. Who can know if it is destroyed or transferred to other "rogue countries"?

Opposition to this bad treaty should be made soon. April 29, 1997 is the date the treaty goes into effect. If the Senate has not ratified it by that time, the United States is not bound by it. Your senators and Senator Jesse Helms, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, need to know your thoughts.

MacDonald Hays
 Amarillo

Having a good day

To the editor:
 All days are good ones for me, for I am a living testimony and I thank God I'm alive. I especially had an extra good day this Palm Sunday 1997.

My day started off with me going to the First United Methodist Church for Mary Alice Warner's confirmation. How sweet it was to see her at this

early age knowing who the "master" is. Luke 18, verse 16, reads, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not for such is the Kingdom of Heaven. The songwriter said, For the feast of the wild shall be led by a child. Keep going, Mary Alice. I love you!

This is another part of the same day. I'm on my way to the Macedonia Baptist Church with the "Fire House" the Rev. I.L. Patrick, host pastor, for their 3 p.m. usher board program. The spirit of the Lord was there. Sister Nettie Tucker gave us a hearty welcome. The guest speaker of the hour made the response; all enjoyed each speech. Things are beginning to warm up. The choirs did sing from their hearts. This is all and well, but we need some Manna from Heaven. The pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Borger brought the message. The sermon scripture was II Thess. 2:13-17, the sermon title being that God has elected you to stand firm. I'm always wanting someone who needs the Lord to make these good services.

My day has not ended. I drove down Russell Street and there that beautiful egg tree was decorated. I hope most of Pampa saw it. It's really a "good sight" to see. Thanks to the family for such a good idea.

It was a good day!

Pray for me.
 Doris Jones
 Pampa

Child facility needed

To the editor:
 The Pampa Youth and Community Center does not provide a facility for young children. Young families are not able to use the center. I have spoken to the manager and two board members about this situation. I was told it was not cost effective and would not be possible.

If anyone has looked at the cost of membership, I believe you would agree this is an erroneous statement! If the manager or board members had young children, this would not be an issue!

I will be putting up a petition concerning this matter around Pampa. I believe there are many people who agree that the Community Center should be available for the "entire" community!

Please let the Community Center know!
 Tinde V. Haskins
 Pampa

Air Force: Pilot in control when plane vanished

WASHINGTON (AP) - Radar reports and hundreds of eyewitness sightings suggest a highly regarded pilot was in control of his bomb-laden A-10 warplane when it vanished deep in the Colorado Rockies, the Air Force says.

Despite an intensive, nine-day search for Capt. Craig Button and his Thunderbolt aircraft, Air Force officials say they don't know where the pilot and airplane are. They're also at a loss to explain his actions.

But reports of "explosion, noise and smoke" on a snowy mountain in central Colorado have searchers still looking, Air Force Maj. Gen. Donald Peterson, said at Pentagon briefing Friday.

After piecing together radar reports covering four states and hundreds of eyewitness sightings, Peterson said the jet broke away from a three-plane formation during a flight exercise on April 2 over Arizona. It flew almost 800 miles deep into the Rockies until it would have nearly run out of fuel.

"I cannot say why he may have taken this action," said Peterson, the Air Force assistant deputy chief of staff for air and space.

Some 185 flights by dozens of aircraft ranging from U-2 spy planes to Army helicopters have searched for the 32-year-old pilot and his plane. Even satellites have been used, but nothing has turned up, Peterson said.

Cross-country skiers in the area have reported hearing an explosion, but ground searchers have been unable to get into the area, even using snowmobiles, because of the danger of avalanches in the resort area.

A military official said Friday night that Air Force infrared surveillance technology offered an

indication that the plane could have gone down in the area where the explosion was heard.

"It did, in fact, pick up something," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. But he cautioned that the surveillance system is new and has not been fully tested. Nonetheless, the information was good enough to bolster the search effort in the area, a second official said.

Peterson said the Air Force was operating under the assumption that Button could still be alive. He said witnesses reported seeing the A-10 "tank killer," easily recognized by its rear-mounted engines and twin tails, dropping through a break in the clouds.

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Good decision making

It does not take much strength to do things, but it requires great strength to decide on what to do. — Elbert Hubbard

If you desire to grow your career or build your business, improving your decision making abilities will help. As you rise in any organization, you will find yourself spending less time doing and more time deciding. This is also true for small business owners as their businesses grow.

There are several steps you can take to improve your skills in this area. However, before we begin that journey we should try to understand the common causes of poor decision making.

Obstacles to good decisions

The most common obstacle is the lack of experience. We often face decisions we've never made before. The real difficulty with the school of experience is that you get the test first, and the lesson later.

Another barrier to good decision making is a lack of knowledge. If you don't know what to do and you've never done it before, you must expect errors.

Another obstacle is making decisions based on feelings instead of facts. We are emotional beings, but we must be careful not to make our decisions on the basis of personal preferences or prejudices.

Still another barrier to overcome is that of poor priorities. We often postpone important decisions because they are difficult. We then find ourselves immersed in urgent, but unimportant matters. Poor organization can compound decision making problems because it denies us the time required to gather information and weigh the results. By prioritizing our activities we put the most important tasks first and have more time to analyze potential outcomes.

How to make better decisions

- **Define the problem or situation clearly.** You'll need facts and details to make accurate, responsible decisions. Take time to probe for details. When you fully understand the facts surrounding each aspect of the decision you must make, you'll be well prepared to assess the options.

- **Evaluate your options.** Every problem has more than one solution. After you've listed the options, make a sheet for each. Then begin to list the advantages and disadvantages of each option. It is likely that the one option will become the obvious best choice.

- **Get help when you need it.** Sometimes we find ourselves too close to a problem to make sound decisions. This is the time to consult an expert. I have several folks from whom I seek advice. In my business, I talk to my accountant, my attorney and a number of mentors whose opinions I respect. In my personal life, I consult with doctors, clergy, spouse and friends. Who you select will depend on the nature of your situation.

- **Don't postpone tackling the problem or implementing the solution.** Once you know that you are responsible for a decision and you've gathered the facts and analyzed the options, take action. Set a deadline if you need to, but make something happen. Procrastination is a deadly paralysis which often causes you to deal with a much bigger problem later on.

- **Go with your instinct.** Unfortunately, you will encounter situations where the answer may not be clear. Even when you've gathered the facts, probed for information and analyzed the options, you may find no single best solution. Then you have to rely on your instinct. Go with your gut feelings when all else fails.

- **Don't second guess your decisions.** Don't spend time looking back trying to analyze your errors. You must learn from your failures, but don't second guess yourself. The best decision makers combine information, facts and instinct to get the job done. They don't let previous mistakes drag them down and neither should you.

SPS: Second quarter earnings increase

AMARILLO — Southwestern Public Service Company reported second-quarter earnings of \$7.7 million, or 10 cents per share, compared with earnings in the same period last year of \$16.8 million, or 41 cents per share.

The electric utility reported earnings of \$93.7 million, or \$2.29 per common share, for the 12 months ending Feb. 28, 1997. That compares with earnings in the same period last year of \$115.9 million, or \$2.83 per common share.

SPS Chairman of the Board Bill D. Helton said quarterly and 12-month earnings were negatively affected by the previously announced one-time write-off of approximately \$16 million, or 25 cents per share after tax, investment by SPS subsidiary Quixx Corporation in the BCH limited partnership and related receivable and expenses.

The BCH project is a waste-to-energy cogeneration project in North Carolina. The project experienced problems primarily related to deficiencies in the waste-fuel handling system. During the 12-month period, the BCH write-off was partially offset by the sale of a portion of underground water rights held by Quixx, representing 19 cents per share.

Twelve-month earnings also were impact-

ed by increased maintenance and interest expenses. Higher maintenance expense reflected the company's 18-month maintenance cycle and additional cooling-tower maintenance. Interest expense rose due to increased long-term and short-term debt.

The higher levels of debt were caused by retirement of preferred stock, acquisition of electric properties from Texas-New Mexico Power Company and increased construction expenditures.

Additionally, during the prior 12-month period earnings were affected favorably by two non-recurring items: an accounting adjustment to delivered-not-billed revenues (13 cents per share) and settlement with New Mexico customers of a 1985 wholesale rate case (11 cents per share). The wholesale settlement included \$3.0 million of interest that is reflected in other income.

SPS also notes that Quixx has an equity investment of \$13.2 million, representing approximately 21 cents per SPS common share, after tax, in the Carolina Energy Project, a waste-to-energy facility similar to BCH, but with design modifications. Construction at the Carolina Energy Project, originally scheduled to be completed later this year, has been halted pending an inde-

pendent analysis of the project's viability. Quixx's investment equals one-third ownership interest.

Total kilowatt-hour sales, excluding non-firm, increased 8.2 percent and 5.4 percent in the three- and 12-month periods, respectively. The increases for both periods were due to improved economic activity throughout the region.

Also contributing to the increases for the 12-month period was dry, warm weather during the spring and summer of 1996, which increased air conditioning and agriculture-related sales. Dry, colder weather contributed to retail and agricultural sales in the three-month period.

Southwestern Public Service Company is a regional electric utility that primarily provides electric service to a population of about one million people in a 52,000-square-mile area covering eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas. Corporate headquarters is in Amarillo, Texas.

SPS is in the process of a merger with Public Service Company of Colorado; the merger is targeted to be completed this spring.

Business briefs

Sears agrees to return money to bankrupt card holders

BOSTON (AP) — Sears Roebuck and Co. said it will repay bankrupt customers who were pressured to continue paying off their Sears credit cards even though their debts had been wiped out.

Stock in the nation's second largest retailer fell nearly 8 percent after Sears said the payments would impact 1997 annual earnings.

Under threat of court action and a class-action lawsuit, the company said Thursday that "it exercised flawed legal judgment" in its handling of the debt collections.

Chrysler halts production during strike

DETROIT (AP) — Chrysler Corp. halted production of the

highly profitable Jeep Grand Cherokee, Dodge Ram pickup and two other truck models Friday because of a strike at a Detroit engine plant.

About 1,800 members of the United Auto Workers went on strike Thursday at the Mound Road plant after negotiators failed to reach agreement on a new local contract. The walkout means 12,800 other workers will be affected because the strike means a production shutdown at other plants.

The strike occurred on the same day the nation's No. 3 automaker reported a record first-quarter profit of \$1.03 billion, a 2 percent gain over the first three months of 1996. Chrysler has been the most profitable of the Big Three automakers in large part because it produces far more trucks, which are more profitable, than cars.

Labor Department reports on unemployment rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of U.S. workers filing for unemployment benefits remained below 320,000 last week for a ninth straight week, the longest stretch in more than eight years.

New applications for unemployment insurance jumped by 6,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 318,000 from 312,000 a week earlier, the Labor Department reported Thursday. Many analysts had expected a slight decline.

It was the largest number of first-time filings since 324,000 during the week ended Feb. 1. But it still marked the longest string of claims numbering below 320,000 since the 23-week period between

September 1988 and February 1989.

Federal bureau seeks to stamp out bias

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bureau of Labor Statistics will begin publishing on April 22 an experimental price gauge aimed at correcting one of the bias problems highlighted in the Consumer Price Index.

In announcing the decision Thursday, the agency estimated that the experimental index could reduce the CPI by as much as 0.25 percentage point annually. BLS officials said any decision on replacing the current CPI with the new measurement would not be made until the end of this year and would not go into effect until January 1999.

Chamber Communique

Betty Johnston, manager of Images, 123 N. Cuyler, is sponsoring the April 15 Chamber Luncheon. Dos Caballeros will begin serving at 11:45 p.m. in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building.

Mayor Bob Neslage will be the guest speaker. The public is cordially invited. For reservations, call 669-3241 no later than 9:30 a.m. on April 15.

It is important to note that the inconvenience of construction on Ballard Street will soon give way to a smoother, improved thoroughfare.

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Comptroller promotes 'Fiscal Notes' for taxpayers

AUSTIN — Reminded that Texas' current business tax system caught many taxpayers off-guard when it was revised by lawmakers six years ago, State Comptroller John Sharp said the current issue of his award-winning publication, *Fiscal Notes*, takes a detailed look at state and federal taxes, and makes available for the first time to subscribers a worksheet that businesses can use to compare what they pay now with what they would pay should the governor's tax proposals become law.

"We've received inquiries from taxpayers across the state who want to know how they would be affected by the tax bills now being debated in the

Texas Legislature," Sharp said. "To help answer these questions, we prepared a simple worksheet available to allow businesses — and their accountants and financial advisors — to estimate how they would fare," he said.

Sharp and his staff developed the worksheet not only to keep taxpayers informed, but to avoid the confusion that made the current business tax system, adopted in 1991, unnecessarily difficult and costly to administer.

"I want to make sure that any future transitions in the state's business tax procedures go much more smoothly," Sharp said.

The Comptroller noted that

his worksheet reflects the governor's tax plan as it was originally filed in the Texas Legislature.

"The particulars of the proposal are likely to continue changing during the course of legislative debate," Sharp said. "Still, this form will help give businesses an idea of what to expect should some version of the Governor's plan be approved."

Sharp said taxpayers may obtain the worksheet by calling his staff toll-free at 1-800-531-5441, extension 3-4070.

On-line Texans can find the form on the Comptroller's Window on State Government electronic bulletin board by dialing 1-800-227-8392 toll-free.

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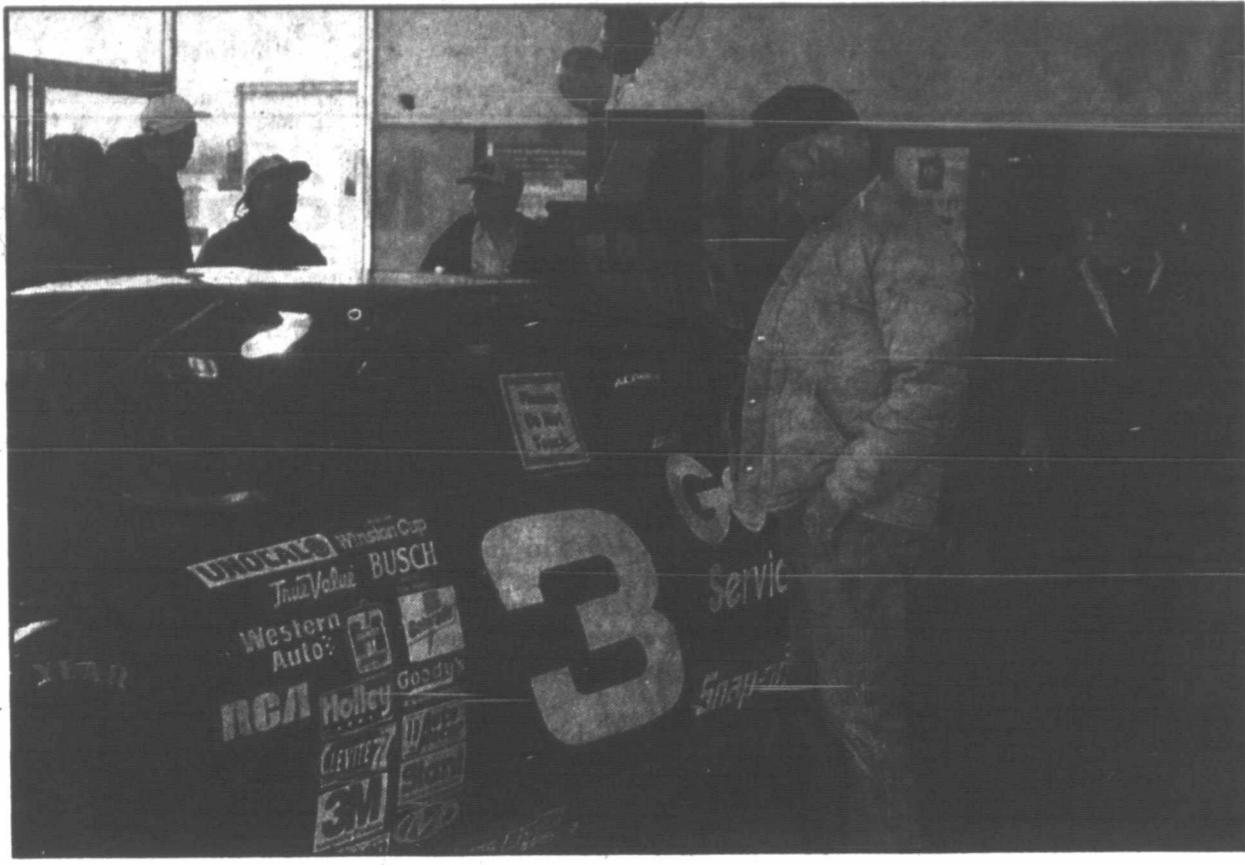
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Pampa Middle School Library

This reception is to give the citizens of Pampa an opportunity to meet the members and candidates of the School Board.

Refreshments will be served.

Checking out the race cars



(Pampa News photo by Laura Haley)

Residents Frank Slagle, front, and John S. Skelly Jr., back right, enjoy looking at race cars driven by Dale Earnhardt Friday afternoon. Three of Earnhardt's cars and a truck driven by Jay Sauter and Mike Skinner were on display at Culberson-Stowers Inc. car dealership on Hobart Friday and Saturday. The vehicles have been retired from the racing scene and are used for tours throughout the United States. The display was part of the activities held in conjunction with the celebration of Culberson-Stowers' 70th anniversary.

FirstBank Southwest directors announce election of two officer positions at bank

The Board of Directors of FirstBank Southwest announces the election of Jeri Joiner and Sharon Strickland to officer positions at the Pampa office. Joiner was elected banking officer and Strickland is loan administrative officer.

Joiner is a long-time employee of the bank and will pass the 17 year mark at the end of May, having been hired as a VOE student while attending Pampa High School.

She worked in the Account Services department for a period of time before moving to the Teller department. Except for a short time as a loan assistant, Joiner has focused her career in the Teller Services area, becoming manager of that department in 1994.

She has served for several years in the Commercial Division of the United Way Campaign and with projects of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

A lifetime resident of Pampa, she graduated from Pampa High School in 1981. She and

her husband, Warren Joiner, employed at U.S. Bus Company, have three children, Beth 9, Joshua 7, and Susie 19 months. They attend Central Baptist Church in Pampa.

Strickland came to FirstBank Southwest from another Pampa bank in 1990. She has served as a loan assistant and secretary to the president for the past several years. She is experienced in all aspects of bank services and has graduated from the Texas Tech School of Applied Banking.

Strickland has earned an associate of arts degree from Clarendon College and holds the designation of Certified Professional Secretary from West Texas A&M University. She serves as secretary for the Gray County Association of Retarded Citizens and has served as a volunteer for the Pampa United Way and Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

She is married to Kenneth Strickland, who works at the Rufe Jordan Unit, and has two children, Kendra 11, and Justin 8. The family attends First Baptist Church of Pampa.



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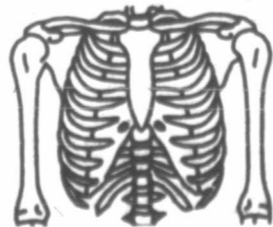
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WTAMU schedules Teacher Job Fair

CANYON — More than 100 school district representatives from several different states are expected to attend the 20th annual West Texas A&M University Teacher Job Fair sponsored by Career Services.

The fair will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, April 21, in the Virgil Henson Activities Center Ballroom.

Representatives from Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas and Nevada will be on campus

to talk with students about employment in their districts. Representatives include superintendents, principals and human resource personnel.

"At this fair, students have an opportunity to network with school districts regarding full-time employment opportunities," said Suzie Hall, administrative secretary in Career Services and Cooperative Education Program. "It gives prospective teachers a chance

to discuss what each particular school district is looking for and what the student has to offer."

Students attending the job fair should dress professionally and bring multiple copies of their resumes, Hall said. The fair is open to individuals who will be certified to teach in the fall of 1997.

There is no charge for attending the Teacher Job Fair, and pre-registration is not required.

Conoco, Pennzoil announce partnership

WESTLAKE, La. (AP) — Conoco and Pennzoil unveiled a \$500 million partnership Friday. Excel Paralubes will produce up to 18,000 barrels a day of lubricant base oils.

"This project represents Conoco's largest downstream investment in the United States," Conoco CEO and president Archie Dunham told an audience of about 150.

And, he said, it was finished

under budget and seven months ahead of schedule, putting 150 people to work at an annual \$9 million payroll.

Speaking in an outdoor tent that sheltered the audience from wind and light rain, Dunham said the plant is the preeminent facility for producing high-quality lubricant base oils.

And, he said, it makes Louisiana the "Hydrocracked Base Oil Capital of the World" —

the motto on a flag unfurled by Dunham, Pennzoil Chairman James Pate and state Secretary of Economic Development Kevin Reilly Sr.

Hydrocracking takes crude oil and changes the structure of its hydrogen and carbon molecules into paraffins. The paraffins resists oxidation, the chemical reaction in which oil breaks down when exposed to heat and air.

API to meet

The April regular meeting of the Panhandle Chapter of the API will be held at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes street in Pampa on Thursday, April 17.

The program will be presented by David Norby, DHI Tool Company. The topic will be "Gas Production and Simultaneous Injection."

A door prize will be donated by Pool Company (Texas), Inc. The barbecue dinner will cost \$12 per person. Attendees are encouraged to bring their significant others to this and all API meetings. API memberships are available to all interested parties at the door.

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Woods threatens all records at Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Change has always come slowly to Augusta National Golf Club and the Masters. Now Tiger Woods is shaking things up in a way no one could ever imagine.

Augusta, with the elegance of Magnolia Lane, the secrecy of its exclusive membership and a tournament that shuns corporate sponsors and has minimal TV coverage, offers a gentle glimpse at the past.

Woods has put on a show in the first three rounds of the Masters that forced everyone to take a hard stare at the future of golf.

His only competition seemed to be names like Nicklaus, Palmer, Player and Floyd, a quartet that won 14 Masters among them.

"The only thing I want is a green jacket in my closet," Woods

said when asked what he needed to shoot on Sunday to win. "Whatever I have to do to win is fine."

It's always been said that the Masters starts on the back nine on Sunday. This year, it may have ended on the front nine on Saturday.

Beginning the third round with a three-stroke lead over Colin Montgomerie, Woods went head-to-head with him and dusted not only the Scotsman but blew away the entire field.

"I told my pop before I left someone was going to make a run, shooting at least a 66," he said. "I'm a little surprised no one made a run. But the tournament is not over yet."

A 32 on the front nine and a 65 for the round put Woods at 15-

under-par 201 after 54 holes, nine strokes ahead of Costantino Rocca, 10 better than Paul Stankowski and 11 in front of Tom Kite and Tom Watson.

Asked if he had a chance to win, Rocca said: "Maybe if I play nine holes — and under par, too."

Woods placed the perfect stamp on the round on the final hole when he spun a sand wedge back from the fringe behind the green to within a foot of the hole for a tap-in birdie.

"Tomorrow there is no chance unless I shoot 57," Stankowski said.

Woods' nine-stroke lead after 54 holes surpassed by one the Masters record set by Raymond Floyd in 1976. He now can take aim at the record nine-stroke victory margin of Jack Nicklaus in

1965 over Arnold Palmer and Gary Player.

"He's a boy among men, and he's showing the men how to play golf at Augusta National this week in the Masters," Watson said.

Woods can break the lowest score ever in the Masters, the 17-under-par 271 by Floyd in '76 and Nicklaus in '65. He can also be the youngest Masters winner. Nicklaus and Seve Ballesteros were both 23 when they won at Augusta.

And just a half-dozen years after Augusta National accepted its first black member, it may watch on Sunday as the green jacket is put on its first black champion — the first black to win any of the four major professional championships.

Woods' awesome length off the tee — he averaged 311.5 yards on Saturday — rock-solid concentration and unshakable belief that he should win make him an unlikely candidate to fold in the final round, like Greg Norman did last year when he blew a six-stroke lead.

"His mind is like the mind I had when I was in my prime," Nicklaus said after finishing his round on Saturday. "He's very smart, very intelligent. That's why I don't think anything is going to happen to him tomorrow."

At times in Woods' whirlwind eight-month professional career, it seemed as if the hype was hurrying history in a way that was unfair to him, his contemporaries and those great golfers who came before.

Notebook

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BORGER — The third annual Frank Phillips College employee-sponsored Endowment Golf Scramble is Saturday, April 26, at the Huber Golf Course.

Registration and breakfast begin at 8 a.m. and the tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

The Frank Phillips College employees sponsor the tournament and all proceeds benefit the "FPC Employees' Scholarship Endowment."

Entries must be received by Wednesday, April 23.

For more information, call Duane Jacobs (ext. 752) or Clay Cook (717) at 806-274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056.

RODEO

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Tee Woolman, a 15-time National Finals Rodeo qualifier, sheared off the rest of the competition in Huntsville, Texas, en route to the Walker County ProRodeo's all-around cowboy title last week.

Woolman, 40, of Llano, Texas, competed in steer roping and team roping at the \$60,729 rodeo held April 4-5. He earned \$1,746 in team roping with the help of his heeler, four-time NFR qualifier Rich Skelton, also of Llano.

The team roped two steers in 12.2 seconds to finish second in the average race.

In steer roping, Woolman roped his second-round steer in 9.8 seconds to win the round and \$1,228.

"I didn't do any good on my first steer," Woolman said. "I came back with a steer Todd Casebolt won the first go-round on, which was a really good steer. I think I had that steer in Belton, so I knew what he was like."

Woolman and Skelton said they plan to qualify again for the NFR this December, but they need to do a bit of adjusting.

"Right now we are doing a few (roping) schools and getting all our ducks lined up," Woolman said. "We're ready to get after it in another month or so."

Other winners in Huntsville were Lee Akin (Weatherford, Okla.), bull riding, 84 points on Bad Company Rodeo's Copenhagen Wild Thing, \$1,620; Kirk Richard (Sulphur, La.), bareback riding, 80 points on Bad Company Rodeo's After Midnight, \$1,187; Tom Reeves (Stephenville, Texas), saddle bronc riding, 78 points on Bad Company Rodeo's China Grove, \$1,156; Rusty Sewalt (Del Rio, Texas), calf roping, 19.9 seconds in two rounds, \$1,436; Steve Duhon (Senora, Texas), steer wrestling, 7.7 seconds in two rounds, \$2,199; Jason Evans (Huntsville, Texas), steer roping, 21.6 seconds in two rounds, \$3,261; Charles Pogue (Ringling, Okla.) and Britt Beckius (Claremore, Okla.), team roping, 11.5 seconds in two rounds, \$2,794 each; and Peyton Caudell (Boyd, Texas), barrel racing, \$733.

BASEBALL

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Cubs' season-opening losing streak reached nine games Saturday, as Jeff Blauser's two-out, ninth-inning single off Mel Rojas lifted the Atlanta Braves to a 2-1 victory.

The Cubs face Atlanta again Sunday with a chance to tie the 1988 Braves' record for worst start in modern NL history. The all-time league mark is 0-11, set in 1884 by Detroit's old NL entry. The major league record is 0-21 by Baltimore in 1988.

Andruw Jones opened the ninth with a single off Bob Patterson (0-1) but was forced at second when Ryan Klesko put down a poor bunt. Klesko then stole second. Rojas struck out Javy Lopez but Blauser singled to center on the next pitch.

Mike Bielecki (1-0) won with one scoreless inning in relief of Greg Maddux, who allowed four hits and struck out eight in seven innings.

Soccer MVP



(Pampa News photo by Matt Hutchison)

Blane Northcutt was voted the most valuable player on the Pampa High School boys soccer team this year. Northcutt is presented with an award by PHS head coach Warren Cottle during the recent soccer banquet.

Oklahoma angler snares 23-pound, 4-ounce bass

OKLAHOMA CITY — Paul Hollister, a Hobart, Okla. taxidermist, provided himself some business for this spring by catching a new Oklahoma state record 23-pound, 4-ounce hybrid striped bass earlier this month at Altus-Lugert Lake. Hollister's catch surpasses the previous state record by more than a pound and may be a 10-pound line class world record.

"The record is pending genetic testing, but we've never stocked any striped bass in Altus-Lugert so Hollister's fish is undoubtedly a hybrid," said Larry Cofer, southwest region fisheries supervisor for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. "Altus-Lugert is turning into one of the premiere fisheries in the southern Midwest. The lake has produced two incredible records, the hybrid and a 12 pound, 10 ounce walleye, in the last year."

Despite Hollister's excitement in

catching the huge hybrid, he had a hard time convincing his wife that the fish was legitimate.

"My wife thought I was pulling an April Fool's joke when I phoned her," Hollister said. "She even talked to the lady at the tackle store, but she still didn't buy it. I don't think she believed me until I brought it home."

Greer County Game Warden Dane Polk was skeptical at first, too. When he met Hollister and saw the fish, he knew it was no joke.

Hollister caught the giant at about 8 p.m., while fishing off the riprap on the east shore of the lake. He was using a 1/16 ounce chartreuse Road Runner and was fishing with 10-pound test Berkley Trilene XL, a line weight considered light for big hybrids. A Daiwa Samari rod and Shimano Bantam baitcasting reel completed his tackle set-up.

Pampa girls win district crown

GOLF NOTES

McCullough said.

In the girls division, Pampa's Christina Gage finished second to Randall's Kacey Henderson in the medalist standings.

The regional tournament will be held April 21-22 in San Angelo.

District 1-4A Tournament Final Standings

Girls
Team totals: 1. Pampa 345-1,427; 2. Hereford 372-1,515; 3. Randall 373-1,542; 4. Borger 388-1,598; 5. Pampa JV 410-1,653; 6. Dumas 414-1,734; 7. Canyon 442-1,792; 8. Hereford JV 443-1,797; 9. Caprock 443-1,879; 10. Randall JV 494-2,007.
Medalist: Kacey Henderson, Randall, 90-88-81-81-340; Christina Gage, Pampa, 94-87-87-86-354.
Pampa varsity: Melissa Gindorf 85, Alison Fiersall 86, Christina Gage 86, Shelby Allison 88, Patti Montoya 88.
Pampa junior varsity: Lori Walling 93, Stacey Sehorn 98, Molly Seabourn 101, Lindsay Tidwell 118, Lynssee Hancock 121.

Boys
Team totals: 1. Borger 324-1,308; 2. Pampa 319-1,323; 3. Randall 325-1,329; 4. Canyon JV 328-1,334; 5. Hereford 335-1,341; 6. Caprock 338-1,387; 7. Pampa JV 342-1,392; 8. Borger JV 343-1,400; 9. Hereford 363-1,421; 10. Randall JV 351-1,423; 11. Canyon 379-1,496; 12. Dumas 384-1,562; 13. Caprock JV 405-1,642; 14. Dumas JV 441-1,883.
Medalist: Jeremy Dockery, Caprock, 80-79-83-77-319; 2. (tie) Evan Hays, Borger, 86-81-79-76-322; Mike Smith, Pampa, 89-81-76-76-322.
Pampa varsity: Mike Smith 76, Barry Brauchi 80, Brian Brauchi 81, Nathan Banner 82, Jordan Fruge 88.
Pampa junior varsity: Grady Locknane 83, Wade Bruce 85, Greg Costilow 85, Jody Richardson 89, T.J. Davis 89.

Lady Harvesters claim track title

DUMAS — The Pampa Lady Harvesters won their third consecutive District 1-4A track championship Saturday, qualifying 10 athletes for the regional meet.

"The girls ran real well considering the weather," said PHS head coach Mike Lopez. "We're just about to get everyone healthy and we're looking ahead to regionals."

The weather was frigid all across the panhandle Saturday, forcing the postponement of several athletic events.

At Dumas, the Lady Harvesters won both the 400 and 800 relays and came in sec-

ond in the mile relay.

The Lady Harvesters had four gold medal winners. Barbara Wine set a new district record in winning the shot and Katy Cavalier won both the long jump and triple jump. Jenny Fatheree won the 800 and Lacrease Ford the 100.

Pampa scored 167 points while second-place Hereford was far behind with 83 points. Caprock was third with 81 points, followed by Borger and Canyon with 69; Dumas 67 1/2 and Randall 52.

The Lady Harvesters have won six meet titles this spring.

WTAMU signs Valdez to basketball letter

CANYON — West Texas A&M University Head Women's Basketball Coach Bob Schneider announced today the signing of Canyon High School standout Valerie Valdez to a national letter of intent on the initial date of the regular signing period.

Valdez, a 5-9 all-state forward, averaged 12.5 points and five rebounds per game for the Lady

Eagles as a senior. She helped Canyon to an undefeated class 4A Texas state championship as a junior. The Lady Eagles lost only one game in the last two seasons with Valdez in the starting lineup.

"Valeree comes from a quality high school program and is well-versed in the fundamentals," Schneider said. "She is the type of player who knows the game of basketball."

The only meet the PHS girls didn't win was the Amarillo Relays last weekend when they finished a close second to Amarillo High.

"We've got that good tradition going for us and the girls are really wanting to do well. They're looking forward to going to the next level," Lopez said.

The Class 4A regional meet is set for April 25-26 at San Angelo.

More results will be published in the Monday edition of *The Pampa News*.

Valdez, a two-time all-state selection, was a three-year starter for the Lady Eagles and garnered first-team all-district and all-region as a sophomore, junior, and senior. She was named all-tournament of the Canyon Classic all three years.

"Valeree can play inside or outside, but we will probably use her at the '2' or '3' slot," Schneider said.

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BOWLING

Texas Men's State Tournament
 First-week results at Amarillo Bowl and Western Bowls

Pampa placings
 Team event
 Warner-Horton, Carrie Duroy, Chris Duroy, Darrell Raper, Donny Nail and Benny Horton, first place, 3,148.

Doubles
 Division 2 — Russell Eakin-Jim Eakin, second place, 1,305.
 Division 3 — Jesse Cannon-Steve Nolte, third place, 1,143.

Singles
 Division 1 — Russell Eakin, first place, 751.
 Division 2 — Donny Nail, second place, 648.

All-Events
 Division 1 — Russell Eakin, second place, 2,044.
 Division 2 — Donny Nail, second place, 1,815.
 Division 4 — Jim Eakin, third place, 1,650.

Coach of the Year: Pennee Hall, Barbers Hill.

CLASS 2A
First team
 Jackie Jansky, Poth, 5-10, Sr.; Cassie Darwin, Pilot Point, Jr.; Brooke Bauer, Winnie East Chambers, 6-0, Sr.; Katie Holley, Van Alstyne, 5-8, Jr.; Jill Sutton, Gunter, 5-8, Sr.; Amy Sutton, Gunter, 5-8, Sr. Second team
 Precious Bodeaux, Van Vleet, 5-10, Sr.; Amber Tarr, Ozona, 6-0, Jr.; Lee Ann Howell, Edgewood, 5-11, Sr.; Jessica Douglas, Lone Oak, 5-5, Sr.; Yolanda Grant, Flatonia, 6-0, Jr.; Jimmi Jo Carrn, Poth, 5-8, Sr. Third team
 Cassandra Carrington, New Waverly, 5-9, Soph.; Kristen Hathaway, Wolfe City, Jr.; Nicole Young, Franklin, 5-8, Sr.; Choyia Isom, Somerville, 5-8, Sr.; Mary Sorrier, Winnie East Chambers, 5-8, Jr.; Shylla Williams, Woodsboro, 5-9, Jr.

Player of the Year: Jackie Jansky, Poth.
Coach of the Year: Peggy Hoesk, Poth.

CLASS A
First team
 Elaine Jones, Walnut Springs, 6-0, Sr.; Janan Bankhead, Whiteface, 5-9, Sr.; LaQuita Morrow, Calvert, 5-10, Jr.; Sarah Dodds, Brookemith, 6-0, Soph.; Kamilla Moss, Campbell, 5-4, Sr.; Tessa Davis, Celeste, 5-6, Sr. Second team
 Kim Moore, Zephyr, 5-11, Soph.; Christy Grady, Celeste, 6-2, Sr.; April Wilson, Henrietta Midway, 5-9, Soph.; Tracy Finstad, Cranfills Gap, 5-9, Jr.; Heidi Finke, Round Top-Carmine, 5-8, Sr.; Amy Foote, Whiteface, 5-9, Jr. Third team
 Tiffany Morton, Wortham, 5-9, Fr.; Leigh Anne Collins, Chilton, Fr.; Tamika Francis, Spur, 5-8, Sr.; Marcey Lewis, Celeste, 5-8, Sr.; Kami Williams, Menard, 5-7, Jr.; April Jordan, Meadow, 5-9, Sr.

Player of the Year: Kamilla Moss, Campbell.
Coach of the Year: Craig Summers, Whiteface.

Cleveland	5	4	556	—
Minnesota	5	4	556	—
Milwaukee	3	3	500	1/2
Kansas City	3	4	429	1
Chicago	2	6	250	2 1/2

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Oakland	6	3	.667	—
Seattle	6	4	.600	1/2
Texas	3	4	.429	2
Anaheim	3	6	.333	3

Friday's Games
 Oakland 3, New York 1, 12 innings
 Seattle 5, Boston 3
 Cleveland 15, Anaheim 3
 Detroit 5, Chicago 4
 Baltimore 9, Texas 3
 Toronto at Milwaukee, p.p.d., rain
 Minnesota at Kansas City, p.p.d., rain

Saturday's Games
 Late Game Not Included
 Seattle 5, Boston 1, 10 innings
 Anaheim at Cleveland, p.p.d., rain
 Chicago at Detroit, p.p.d., rain
 Texas at Baltimore, p.p.d., rain
 Oakland at New York, p.p.d., rain
 Minnesota 11, Kansas City 6
 Toronto at Milwaukee, p.p.d., snow
Sunday's Games
 Seattle 8, San Diego 2 at Boston (Gordon 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
 Anaheim (Langston 0-1) at Cleveland (McDowell 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
 Chicago (Navarro 1-0 and D.Darwin 0-0) at Detroit (Brocal 0-1 and Thompson 1-0), 2:10 p.m.
 Texas (Pavlik 1-0) at Baltimore (Key 1-0), 1:35 p.m.
 Oakland (Teigheder 0-0 and Prieto 0-0) at New York (Pettite 2-0 and Mendoza 0-0), 2:10 p.m.
 Minnesota (Rodriguez 0-1) at Kansas City (Appier 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
 Toronto (Hentgen 0-1) at Milwaukee (McDonald 1-1), 2:05 p.m.

PRO BASKETBALL
 National Basketball Association
At A Glance
 By The Associated Press
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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
y-Miami	59	18	.766	—
x-New York	53	24	.688	6
Orlando	43	34	.558	16
Washington	40	37	.519	19
New Jersey	24	58	.293	35
Philadelphia	21	56	.273	38
Boston	14	64	.179	45 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Chicago	68	10	.872	—
x-Atlanta	53	24	.688	14 1/2
x-Detroit	51	26	.662	18 1/2
x-Charlotte	51	26	.662	18 1/2
Cleveland	39	38	.506	28 1/2
Indiana	37	40	.481	30 1/2
Milwaukee	30	47	.390	37 1/2
Toronto	28	49	.364	39 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Lakers	53	25	.679	1/2
x-Portland	46	33	.582	8
x-Phoenix	38	40	.487	15 1/2
L.A. Clippers	34	43	.442	19
Sacramento	32	46	.410	21 1/2
Golden State	29	49	.372	24 1/2

z-clinched conference title
y-clinched division title
x-clinched playoff berth
Friday's Games
 Boston 103, Cleveland 101, OT
 Washington 109, New Jersey 97
 Atlanta 104, Indiana 92
 Charlotte 93, Detroit 85
 Milwaukee 128, Philadelphia 118
 Utah 104, Houston 83
 Sacramento 97, Golden State 87
 L.A. Lakers 114, Phoenix 98
Saturday's Games
 Charlotte at Miami, 3:30 p.m.
 Seattle at San Antonio, 3:30 p.m.
 Indiana at Toronto, 6 p.m.
 Washington at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
 Boston at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
 Atlanta at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Sunday's Games
 Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.
 New Jersey at Milwaukee, 2:30 p.m.
 Seattle at Houston, 3:30 p.m.
 Utah at L.A. Lakers, 3:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Monday's Games
 Washington at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
 Detroit at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Cleveland at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
 New York at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.
 San Antonio at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Optimist cagers win at Spearman

The Pampa 3rd and 4th grade basketball A Team (pictured) recently played in two basketball tournaments in the Panhandle area.



Not pictured are players Kyle Cambern, Mitchell Crow and coach Kent Crow.

Out of a field of eight teams, Pampa finished first in the Spearman Youth Tournament. In the second area tournament held in Borger, Pampa finished second, losing only to Elk City, Okla.

Pampa A team members are (front row, l-r) Trent Young, Dusty Lenderman and Sherrod Young; (second row, l-r) Mitchell Carroll, Matt Woodruff, Cam Segar and Marlon Echoles. In the back row are coaches Ed Echoles (left) and Larry Lenderman.

Bufs prove to be solid contenders for playoffs

CANYON — West Texas A&M University baseball may be the best kept secret in collegiate baseball outside of the immediate Canyon-Amarillo area, but no means is it intentional. The NCAA does not even know it because of a snafu in the Lone Star Conference office.

schools in batting average with a .390 mark. WTAMU ranks second nationally in runs scored per game with a 11.2 average.

Individually, senior Tim Dubrulle (3B, El Paso) is among the leaders in three categories. He is ninth in batting average at .497, 10th in triples per game at 0.20 and 28th in runs batted in per game at 1.37.

Senior Richie Breaud (OF, Arlington) ranks 21st in rbi's per game with 1.43 when the Lsc stats are included, while senior Patrick Bilgere (1B, Richardson) is 17th in doubles per game with 0.50.

The LSC, which WTAMU is a member institution, failed to report the conference statistics to the NCAA Statistics Service earlier this week, the Bufs and all five of the other baseball-playing LSC schools do not appear in the first national ranking for the season.

It is a shame that this incident happened with the conference," WTAMU Head Coach Todd Howey said. "It comes at a time when we are struggling for recognition, and this would have placed our name in front of the faces of everybody. But still, we have to go to Oklahoma and play a quality Central Oklahoma team that is leading the conference after the first weekend. In this respect, the stats don't mean a thing."

Based on the NCAA compiled national statistic leaders and the LSC Report for April 7, WTAMU possesses one of the most explosive offenses in the country. The Bufs lead all NCAA Division II

Too bad, the rest of Division II might have learned the secret that the Bufs are a solid team and a playoff contender. WTAMU, 24-11 overall and 3-1 in league, travels to the University of Central Oklahoma (24-11 overall, 4-0 in the LSC) this weekend for doubleheaders April 12-13.

Yet, WTAMU baseball is still one of the best kept secrets coast to coast.

Astros turn back Cardinals

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Pinch-hitter Bob Abreu hit a bases-loaded triple and fill-in starter Ramon Garcia worked five solid innings as the Houston Astros beat the St. Louis Cardinals 7-5 Saturday.

0-6 start, worst in franchise history.

Jeff Bagwell added his second home run and ninth RBI — six against St. Louis. Playing in 43-degree weather, the Astros ended an eight-game losing streak at Busch Stadium that dated to 1995.

The Astros broke open a close game with a four-run sixth against Todd Stottlemyre (0-1). He walked two and allowed an infield hit to Thomas Howard before Abreu, a rookie, cleared the bases with one out in his first pinch-hitting appearance.

Last year the Cardinals were 11-2 against Houston and this year they're 1-4.

Abreu scored on Pat Listach's sacrifice fly to make it 7-2. Royce Clayton's three-run double in the sixth off Jose Lima cut the gap to 7-5. Clayton leads the Cardinals, who entered the game batting .195, with five RBIs.

St. Louis also lost for the first time in three games following an

Harvester Lanex — Pampa Ladies Trio League

Team	Won	Lost
Chaney's Cafe	67	41
Schliffman Machine	62	46
Engine Parts	58	49
Coble Motors	58	52
Hall's Construction	40	67
Hiway Package	40	68

Week's High Scores
 High game: O'Nita Robinson 218; High series: O'Nita Robinson 570; High handicap game: O'Nita Robinson 261; High handicap series: O'Nita Robinson 69.

Harvester Women's League

Team	Won	Lost
DBR H20 Vending	71	37
Graham Furniture	60 1/2	47 1/2
H & H Sporting	58	52
Schliffman Machine	55	53
O'Brien Enterprises	46	62
Keyes Pharmacy	38 1/2	69 1/2

Week's High Scores
 High game: Neil Henderson 203; High series: Neil Henderson 552; High handicap game: Neil Henderson 240; High handicap series: Neil Henderson 663.

BASEBALL NL League

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East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Florida	8	2	.800	—
Atlanta	6	3	.667	1 1/2
Montreal	4	5	.444	3 1/2
New York	3	6	.333	4 1/2
Philadelphia	3	7	.300	5

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Houston	6	4	.600	—
Pittsburgh	4	5	.444	1 1/2
Cincinnati	4	6	.400	2
St. Louis	2	6	.250	3
Chicago	0	8	.000	5

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Colorado	6	2	.750	—
Los Angeles	7	3	.700	—
San Francisco	5	3	.625	1
San Diego	6	4	.600	1

Friday's Games
 San Diego 8, Philadelphia 3
 Los Angeles 7, Pittsburgh 1
 Florida 10, Cincinnati 0
 St. Louis 4, Houston 2
 Atlanta at Chicago, p.p.d., snow
 Montreal at Colorado, p.p.d., snow
 Only games scheduled

Saturday's Games
 Late Games Not Included
 Cincinnati 2, Florida 1, 10 innings
 Los Angeles at Pittsburgh, p.p.d., rain
 San Francisco at New York, p.p.d., rain
 Houston 7, St. Louis 5
 Atlanta 2, Chicago 1
 Montreal at Colorado
 San Diego at Philadelphia, p.p.d., rain
Sunday's Games
 San Francisco (Gardner 0-1 and Estes 1-0) at New York (M.Clark 0-0 and B.Jones 2-0), 2:12:10 p.m.
 Los Angeles (Nomo 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 0-0), 1:35 p.m.
 San Diego (Ashby 0-0) at Philadelphia (M.Leiter 1-1), 1:35 p.m.
 Florida (A.Leiter 2-0) at Cincinnati (Schourek 0-1), 2:15 p.m.
 Atlanta (Glavine 2-0) at Chicago (Trachsel 0-1), 2:20 p.m.
 Montreal (C.Perez 1-0) at Colorado (Ritz 1-1), 3:05 p.m.
 Houston (Hampton 1-1) at St. Louis (Al.Benes 0-1), 8:05 p.m.

Friday's Major League Linescores
 By The Associated Press
American League
 Chicago 100 110 — 4 7 0
 Detroit 011 201 00x — 5 7 1

Drabek, C.Castillo (4), T.Castillo (7), Levine (8) and Karkovic; Olivares, Sager (7), M.Myers (8), To.Jones (8) and Walbeck. W—Olivares, 1-0. L—Drabek, 0-1. Sv—To.Jones (2).

Anaheim 020 100 000 — 3 7 0
 Cleveland 060 060 21x — 15 20 1

Gubicza, Hasagawa (2), May (5), Harris (7) and Fabregas; Ogas, M.Jackson (8) and Alomar. W—Ogas, 2-0. L—Gubicza, 0-1. HRs—Cleveland, Mitchell (4), Ramirez (2).

Seattle 021 000 110 — 5 12 0
 Boston 000 101 010 — 3 6 1

Johnson, Ayala (7), Charlton (9) and Wilson; Avery, Corsi (7), Henry (7), Mahomes (8), Slocumb (9) and Haselman. W—Johnson, 1-0. L—Avery, 0-1. Sv—Charlton (2). HRs—Seattle, A.Rodriguez (2). Boston, Valentin 2 (2).

Oakland 00000001002 — 3 7 0
 New York000000100000 — 1 7 0 (12 innings)
 Mohler, Lewis (7), Taylor (9), Small (10) and Williams; Cone, Stanton (8), Boehringer (8), M.Rivera (9), Nelson (10) and Girard. W—Small, 2-0. L—Nelson, 0-3. HRs—Oakland, Mark McGwire (3).

Texas 000 100 002 — 3 4 1
 Baltimore 120 100 14x — 9 16 0

Burkett, Gunderson (6), Patterson (7), Vosberg (8) and I.Rodriguez; Mussina, A.Benitez (8), Te.Mathews (9) and Hoiles. W—Mussina, 1-1. L—Burkett, 0-1. HR—Baltimore, R.Palmer 2 (4).

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Eastern Conference

W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	6	6
D.C.	2	0	1	4	2
New England	1	1	0	3	1
Columbus	1	1	1	1	4
NY-NJ	0	3	0	0	2

Western Conference

W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
Kansas City	2	0	1	4	5
Colorado	1	1	0	3	3
Dallas	1	1	0	3	2
San Jose	1	2	1	1	3
Los Angeles	0	2	0	0	2

Florida 300 007 000 — 10 9 0
Cincinnati 000000 000 — 0 5 1

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for shootout win and zero points for loss.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

BRYAN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Sports Writers Association's all-state girls basketball teams. **CLASS 5A**

First team
 Chaquita Dilworth, Temple, 6-1, Sr.; Ayana Anderson, Houston Westbury, 6-2, Jr.; Carl Lynn Stridde, Georgetown, 6-1, Sr.; Tamika Catchings, Duncanville, 6-1, Sr.; Lashinda Winters, Alist Elsie, 5-3, Jr.; Tiffany Collins, Willowridge, 5-4, Sr. Second team
 Zuri Robnett, Houston Washington, 5-9, Jr.; Kylie Shereka, San Antonio East Central, 5-9, Sr.; Shereka Wright, Copperas Cove, 6-2, Fr.; Meagan Leggett, Longview, 5-8, Jr.; Sabrina Spicer, Houston Reagan, 5-8, Sr.; Patricia Brown, Aldine, 5-9, Sr. Third team
 Meredith Walker, Longview, 6-0, Jr.; Chancy Pouncey, Beaumont Central, 5-11, Sr.; LaKeisha Taylor, Houston Madison, 6-4, Sr.; Jenny Blades, Amarillo, 5-8, Sr.; Patricia Lewandowski, Corpus Christi Ray, 5-10, Sr.; Stacy Gaudreau, Aldine Nimitz, 5-8, Sr.

Player of the Year: Tamika Catchings, Duncanville.
Coach of the Year: Sarah Hackerott, Duncanville.

CLASS 4A

First team
 Anita Bundage, Oak Ridge, 6-0, Sr.; Amanda Foy, Brownsboro, 6-2, Sr.; Rashunda Johnson, Waco Midway, 6-3, Sr.; Asha Hill, Del Valle, 5-9, Jr.; Brandi McCain, Salsabe, 5-4, Jr.; Ashley White, Nederland, 5-8, Jr. Second team
 Brandi Bayer, Levelland, 6-1, Jr.; Tameria Jimmerson, Sulphur Springs, 6-1, Sr.; Courtney Sims, Canyon, 5-8, Sr.; JoRuth Woods, Cedar Hill, 5-9, Sr.; Katrina O'Neal, Plainview, 5-7, Sr.; Julie Rampley, Hereford, 5-9, Jr. Third team
 Lily Glick, Cleburne, 6-0, Sr.; Brandi Davis, Lumberton, 5-11, Jr.; Chandi Jones, Bay City, 5-8, Fr.; Robin Cisneros, Tuloosa-Midway, 5-9, Sr.; Brandi Bates, Plainview, 5-8, Sr.; Rebecca Sharkey, Lampasas.

Player of the Year: Asha Hill, Del Valle.
Coach of the Year: Dean Weese, Levelland.

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Columbus	1	1	1	1	4

Man given immunity in murder now faces new charge

DALLAS (AP) - A man now charged with the murder of a truck driver had murder charges dropped against him once before at the request of the victim's family.

Adonis Baxter exchanged his testimony in a 1994 murder case for immunity. He agreed to testify in a civil lawsuit the victim's family filed against the apartment complex where the murder occurred; the family ended up getting \$250,000.

Now Baxter is again charged with murder, this time in the January slaying of Stephenville truck driver Noble Butler.

Butler, 58, was killed outside a Borden milk plant in south Dallas during an attempted robbery, police said. Investigators said four men jumped on Butler's truck and one shot him in the back.

Baxter was arrested in Aurora, Colo. Another suspect was arrested earlier this week in Dallas.

Baxter's first murder charge involved the death of Aaron Haughwout.

Police say Haughwout's attackers mistook him for a member of a rival gang as he sat in his pickup at the Holly Tree Apartments in north Dallas in November 1994.

According to court documents, the assailants beat and kicked him. When he slumped to the ground, one of them shot him twice.

Baxter and four others were indicted on murder charges.

One man was convicted of murder and two others pleaded guilty to involvement in the slaying. The family filed a lawsuit in apparent frustration after the three received only five-year sentences.

"These guys are all getting five years," the victim's mother said. "And that sends the wrong message, loud and clear, to all those other gang members out there."

Baxter was supposed to go to trial in August 1996, but two months earlier, the Haughwouts asked Dallas County prosecutors to drop their cases against him and another suspect, Santis Jackson. The cases were dismissed a month later.

According to the affidavits, the Haughwouts made the arrangement in exchange for the suspects' testimony in the civil suit.

"We thought it was a weak case, and we respected the wishes of the family," said prosecutor Martin Miller.

The only evidence against Baxter in the case was testimony

from the other gang members charged, Miller said, and his testimony was inconsistent.

Testimony also indicated that Baxter was on the other side of the apartment building when Haughwout was attacked, Miller said. In his deposition for the civil case, Baxter said he went to the apartment complex with the men, but wasn't in the area when Haughwout was killed.

Miller said even if Baxter was given the option of pleading to a lesser charge, he would have gotten probation and would have been free when Butler was killed.

A trial is scheduled to begin Monday in Dallas for a second lawsuit filed by the Haughwouts, this one against security companies employed by the housing complex.

Former policeman, accused of shooting police chief, found dead

DALLAS (AP) - James "Cowboy" Theis, a former Farmersville police officer accused of trying to murder his police chief, has been found dead of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, investigators say.

A neighbor found the body of Theis, 56, about 7 a.m. Friday, seated in a two-seat swing in the back yard of his son's home in the rural Collin County town of Blue Ridge, about 45 miles northeast of Dallas. Theis had been living there since his December release from a state hospital.

He was fully clothed and holding a snub-nosed, .38-caliber revolver in his right hand, said Lt. Larry Smart of the criminal investi-

gations division of the Collin County Sheriff's Department.

A brief note was found inside the house expressed Theis' love for his family and friends, Smart said. Investigators did not release the text of the note.

Theis' body was discovered six days before he was scheduled for a competency hearing to determine whether he could stand trial on attempted capital murder charges in the April 3, 1995, shooting of former Farmersville Police Chief Greg Gorden.

Gorden was wounded in the hands by shotgun blasts after suspending Theis.

At the time of a June 1996 psychiatric eval-

uation, Theis was said to be unable to walk or talk after suffering two strokes.

"His son told me he had been doing better, and was thinking he might have to go to jail or be taken away from the family," neighbor Ken Cantrell, who discovered the body, told *The Dallas Morning News*.

In December, psychiatrists testified that Theis was mentally unfit to stand trial because of the strokes, which had left him paralyzed on the left side, using a wheelchair and unable to speak.

"I would just say it's a tragedy; a sad ending to a sad story," said Farmersville city councilman Ed Stuart.

Crime Victims' Rights Week being observed

This week is proclaimed by the president and governors across the country as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in America.

The theme for this special commemoration is "Let Victims' Rights Ring Across America."

Crime victims will be honored throughout the nation beginning Sunday, April 13, and concluding Saturday, April 19. It is a special week dedicated to those that have been injured or killed by criminal victimization.

During this time, Tralee Crisis Center asks that the community as a whole join together in a moment of silent prayer to remember those who have been victimized by crime.

Today, at 7 p.m., several local churches will play chimes and/or ring their church bells for one minute to honor the memory of victims of crime and to join the rest of the nation as we "Let



Victims' Rights Ring Across America."

The week is also a time to recognize and reflect upon the many accomplishments on the local, state and federal levels that have improved rights and services extended to crime victims in our nation.

Across America, over 10,000 programs now exist to provide support to individuals and their families who have suffered physical or mental harm or death as a result of criminally injurious conduct.

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Meagan Barnet learns early the relaxation techniques of reading in the tub — minus the water, that is — during the all day reading session at Mann School.



Reading Readiness

Startling statistics released by the Texas Education Agency have revealed that approximately one-fourth — 350,000 — of Texas school children did not master the reading portions of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Test (TAAS) in 1995. TEA statistics show these numbers would be even higher if all Texas students had taken the tests.

The educators, staff and school board of the Pampa school district strive to beat these statistics with a number of reading programs geared toward students from pre-kindergarten through high school.

Educators in Pampa schools begin preparing students to read with the Reading Readiness and Head Start programs.

To many students, these programs are their first introduction to the world of reading. Students have the opportunity to learn the alphabet, the sounds each letter makes and how they go together to form words.

According to Bette Beyer, the elementary curriculum coordinator for Pampa schools, "Reading is the primary focus of these programs. Our staff works diligently with young students to be sure they are ready to take the initial step into actual reading."

For students in grades 1-3 who have for some reason fallen behind in their reading, the Reading Recovery program is offered to the lowest performing students at Baker, Mann, Wilson and Lamar elementary schools.

Reading Recovery is a three-part reading program which uses a diagnostic survey, one-on-one tutoring sessions and special teacher training to move children into mainstream reading.

Reading Recovery focuses on a student's strengths and help students learn strategies that help them become independent readers, as well as learning how to understand what they have read.

Detailed analysis of student behavior, knowledge and ability helps teachers format an instructional base for the individual student in the program.

Baker Elementary has received a distinguished rank from the Texas Education Agency, with more than 90 percent of their students passing the reading portion to the TAAS Test.

Individual teachers also have a variety of tools and programs aimed at making all students successful readers. Experts stress that not all children learn to read the same way; therefore, a variety of methods should be used to teach children how to read.

The teachers have the option of using phonetics programs, sight reading skills or any combination that helps students read effectively.

The Accelerated Reader Program provides students with an initiative to read by allowing readers to earn points which can be used purchase prizes such as T-shirts, radios and games.

Accelerated Reading isn't just reading. It also involves test taking skills and comprehension of what the student reads. As a self-paced pro-challenges students to compete with themselves and get as much pleasure and knowledge as possible from the books they read.

Schools encourage the community to get involved with the reading programs by sponsoring such events as D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) day. A day where people join the students and use the entire day for reading.

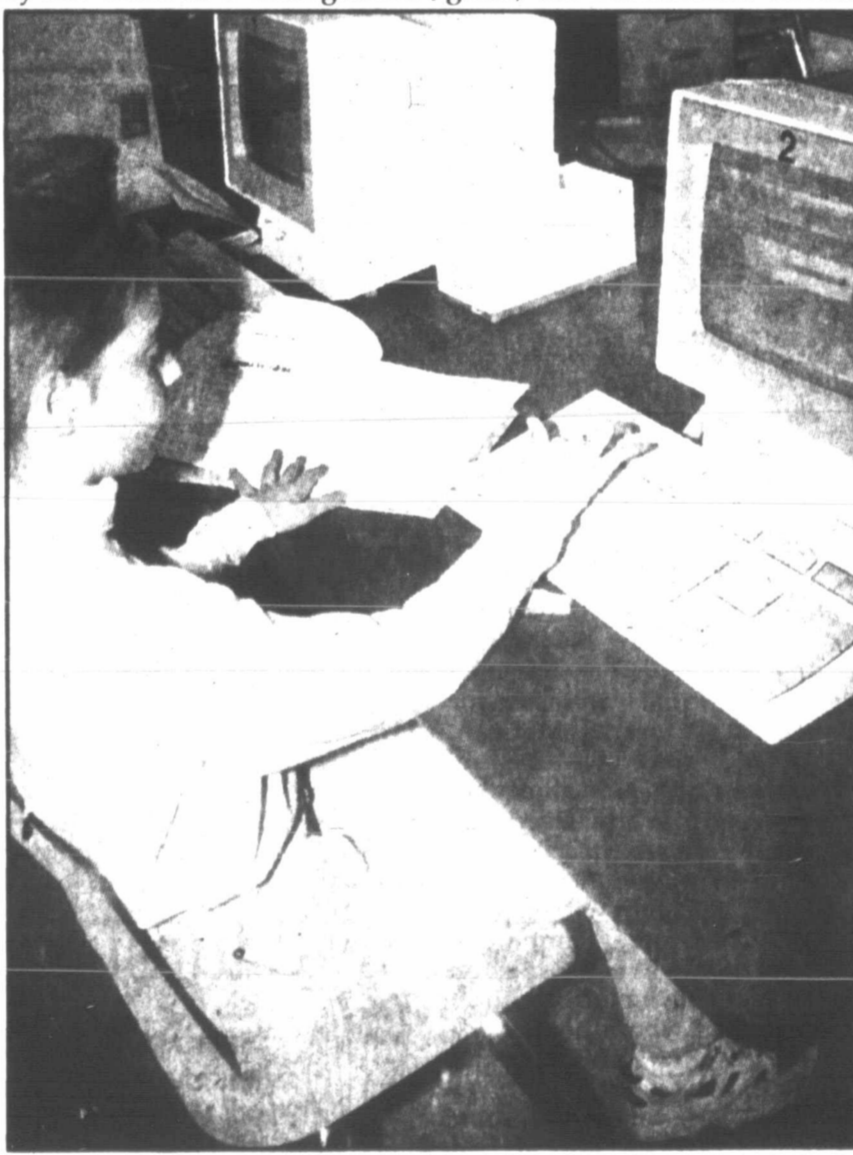
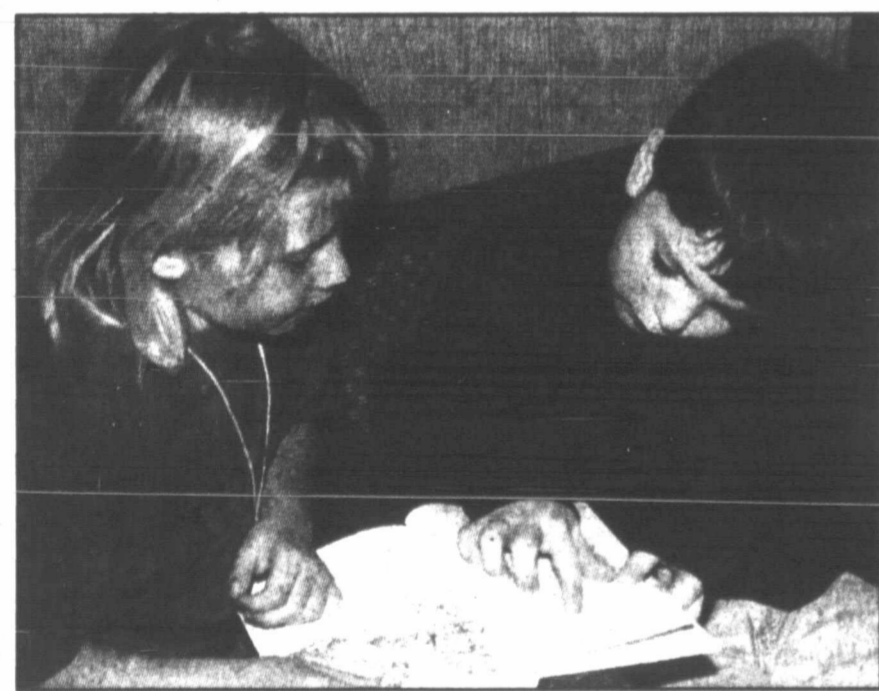
Elementary students and Pampa Middle School students get help with reading from the Cross-Age tutoring programs. In cross-age tutoring, older students help younger ones identify words, letters and sounds, in effect also helping themselves become better readers.

Teachers at all levels encourage students to read and they focus many assignments on improving the reading skills of all students.

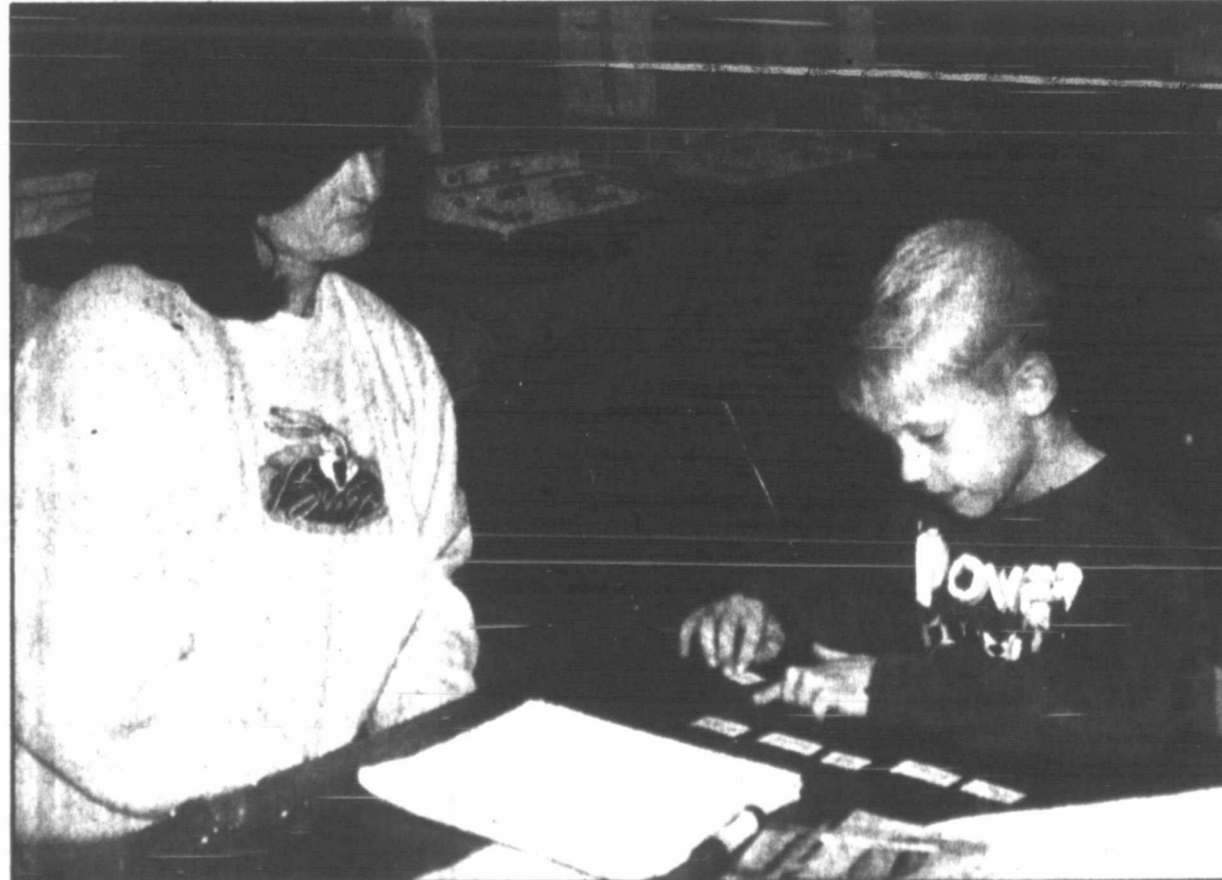
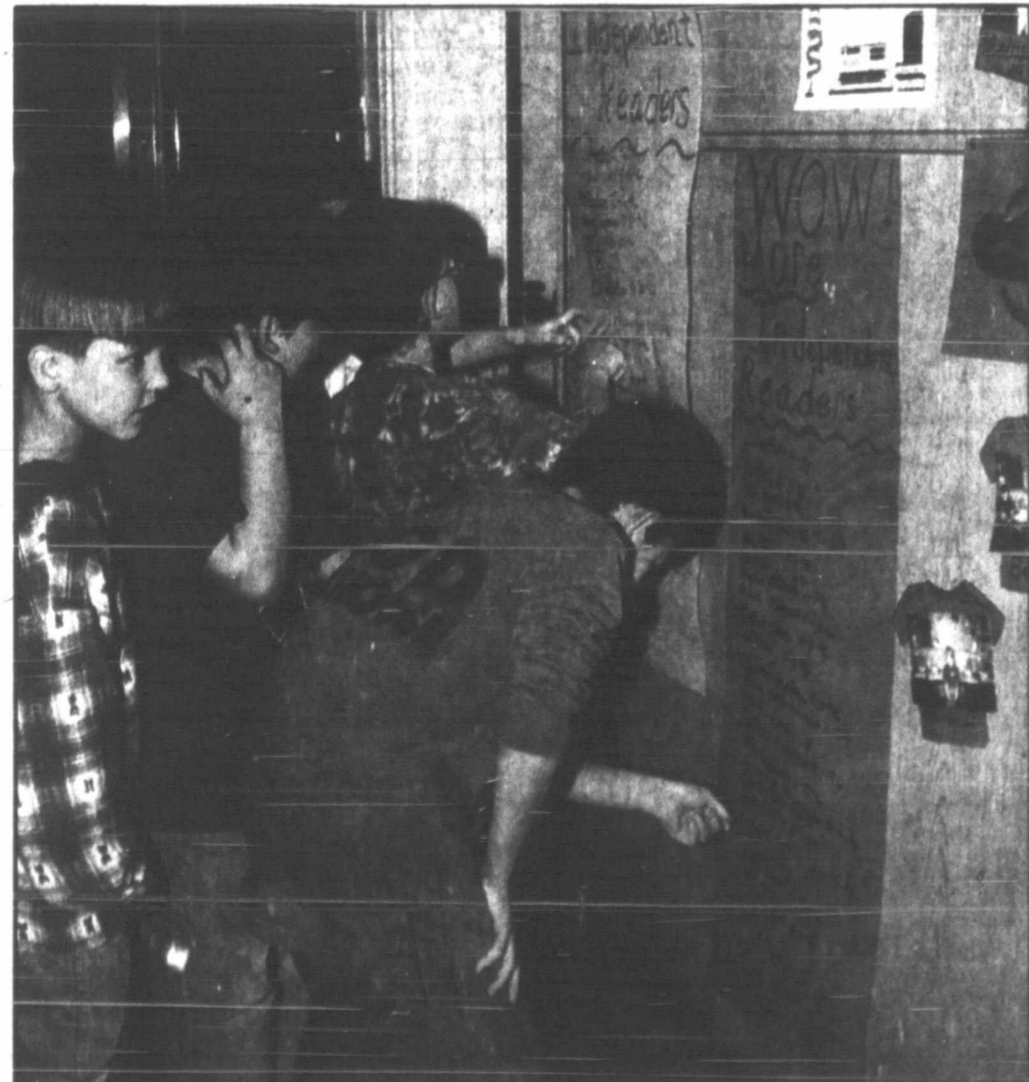
Superintendent Dawson Orr said, "We can't stress the importance of reading enough. Our teachers and staff make every attempt to get students reading, and keep them reading from pre-K through graduation. We know that students who have difficulty reading will have a hard time with the rest of their classes. If they can read, they can do the other work."

Teachers are offered new classes, programs and help every year, but all the teachers agree the best way to guarantee that kids will read as they get older is to read to them while they are young.

Below: Third graders Julio Jeters and Jessie Marcum, at Wilson Elementary School, help each other with the difficult words during a reading session.



Left: Ashley Lucas, a student at Mann Elementary School, earns more points when she completes the computerized tests for the Accelerated Reader Program. Below: Ashley Roe and Jenette Venegas have the opportunity to visit the Wilson School library and choose the book for their next book review.



Above: Mann School teacher aide Linda Bruton and student Brian Ben practice writing to read, by using individual words and phrases to create sentences. Left: Students at Wilson School take time out to see who has been added to the high points list for the accelerated readers club.

Story and photos by Dianna F. Dandridge



Kaylia Wilmeth and Jimmy Thomas

Wilmeth-Thomas

Kaylia Wilmeth of Pampa and Jimmy Thomas of Kress plan to wed May 31, 1997, in Calvary Baptist Church of Borger.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Pat and Anita Wilmeth of Clovis, N.M. She is a 1994 graduate of Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, N.M., and is currently a teacher at Pampa High School.

The prospective groom is the son of Paul and Sondra Thomas of Fritch. He is a 1996 graduate of West Texas A&M University in Canyon. He is currently employed as a teacher and coach at Kress Independent School District.



Melanie Marie Parks and Victor Don Carter

Parks-Carter

Melanie Marie Parks of Garden City, Kan., and Victor Don Carter of Pampa plan to wed June 21, 1997, in Calvary Baptist Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Tim and Cora Howard of Garden City. She is a Garden City High School graduate and attended Garden City Community College. She is currently employed as a certified ophthalmic and surgical assistant in ophthalmology at Fry Eye Associates in Garden City and teaches Okinawan martial arts at Garden City Community College.

The prospective groom is the son of Virgil and Doris Eckroat of Pampa. He is currently employed as a leadman and C.N.C. programmer at Nickles Industrial and operates Ryu-Te Kan Okinawan Karate School in Pampa.



Traci Michelle McKinney and Brannon Clay Stephens

McKinney-Stephens

Traci Michelle McKinney of Clarendon and Brannon Clay Stephens of Perryton plan to wed May 10, 1997, in First Baptist Church of Clarendon.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Edward and Connie McKinney of Clarendon and is the granddaughter of Chester and Jean Bohlar of McLean and James and Raya McKinney of Clarendon. She is the great-granddaughter of Velma Dennis of Pampa.

The prospective groom is the son of Henry and Nancy Stephens of Hedley. He is presently employed by GTE in Perryton.

The couple plan to make their home in Perryton.



Cassie Walker and Brad Haiduk

Walker-Haiduk

Cassie Walker of Amarillo and Brad Haiduk of White Deer were wed April 12, 1997, in the Wedding Chapel of Amarillo with the Rev. Rick Mathis officiating.

The maid of honor was Shannon Adcock of Amarillo. The bridesmaids were Kenda Fithen of Lubbock and Jennifer Carnahan of Amarillo.

Standing in as best man was Jeff Haiduk of White Deer. The groomsmen were Alan Warminski of White Deer and Raymond Ascencio of Pampa.

The ushers were Doug Walker, brother of the bride, and Brian Bell, both of Amarillo.

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

The bride is the daughter of Charles and DeRema Walker and Donna and Ray Pergem, all of Amarillo. She is currently employed at National Bank of Commerce in Pampa.

The groom is the son of Kathy and Jim Dowd and Leroy and Anita Haiduk, all of White Deer. He is currently employed at K&K Inc. in White Deer.

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

Art auction benefits university

CANYON — Going once, going twice ... Art collectors will get their chance to bid on paintings that formerly decorated Norwest Bank of Canyon in an effort to benefit two West Texas A&M University scholarships.

A pre-auction will be held from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 20, at the bank's new location, 2111 4th Ave. Eight paintings will be displayed and sealed bids will be taken by Tony Altermann of Altermann and Morris Galleries in Dallas. Altermann will then take the bids and paintings with him to Dallas for his annual auction sale May 10.

Proceeds from the eight paintings will support the Levi Cole Scholarship and the Norwest Bank Scholarship at WTAMU, according to Charles Baughman, president of Canyon Community Banking at Norwest Bank.

"The proceeds drawn from the paintings in the auction will be divided equally and placed into each scholarship," Baughman said.

Cole was past president of First National Bank in Canyon, now Norwest Bank of Canyon. He collected the eight paintings during the 1960s and 1970s, and the paintings hung in the bank for many years, according to Baughman.

Altermann said the subject matter of the eight paintings includes western landscapes and wildlife.

"Seven of the paintings are by Robert Wood and Porfirio Salinas, two of Texas' most well-known landscape artists," Altermann said. "Salinas was a favorite of President Lyndon Baines Johnson and Governor John Connally."

"Also included in the Norwest auction is an extremely fine painting by Reveau Mott Bassett, who for a half-century held a dominant position among Texas waterfowl artists."

The pre-auction reception is open to the public.

For more information, contact Altermann and Morris Galleries at (214) 871-3035 or Baughman at (806) 655-1111.

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Mr. and Mrs. Troy Brewer

Brewer anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Brewer celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary April 11, 1997. Children of the couple, all of Pampa, hosted the reception.

Troy Brewer and Dorothy Music were married April 11, 1972, at Pampa. They are Pampa residents and own-operate Gray County Trading Post.

Girl Scout Mobile Shop comes to town

The Texas Plains Girl Scout Council will bring its Mobile Shop to Pampa on Tuesday, April 22, to make it easier for Pampa, Lefors, McLean, Alanreed, Miami, Mobeetie, Shamrock, Skellytown, Wheeler and White Deer Girl Scouts to obtain official Girl Scout items.

The Mobile Shop will be open from 5-7 p.m. at the Pampa Girl Scout Office, 736 W. Foster. Items available include uniform components, handbooks, T-shirts, camping equipment and accessories.

Girl Scouts may use their "Cookie Currency" they earned from selling cookies earlier this year to purchase items. Cookie Currency, which is spent just like regular money, must be used by Nov. 26, 1997.

The council's Mobile shop is a service providing Girl Scouts from Pampa and the surround-

ing area an opportunity to buy Girl Scout items without having to go to Amarillo.

For more information call Linda Cotter, council shop manager, at 1-800-687-4475.

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Locke-Cole

Larry Martin Locke and Linda Anne Cole were wed Feb. 15, 1997, at Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of Louise Cole. She is from Weston-Supermare, England, and is currently employed by American Express Travel in Dallas.

The groom is the son of Dare and Betty Locke of Pampa and Vera Hopper of Oklahoma City, Okla. He is currently self-employed.

The couple live in Dallas.

Lifestyles policies

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing weddings, engagements, or anniversaries. We reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.
2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday, prior to Sunday insertion.
3. Engagement, wedding, and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.
4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.
5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.
6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more, and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.
7. Information that appears on engagement, wedding and anniversary forms will be used at the discretion of the editor. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, Texas 79066-2198.

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Getting the facts about child abuse ...

Because there is a great deal of concern for abused children and their families, the entire month of April is being celebrated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This observance, which was begun in 1983, has become an annual event throughout the country.

The Texas Committee to Prevent Child Abuse has identified ten important reasons to prevent child abuse:

1. Child abuse terrorizes, injures and kills.
2. Child abuse interferes with a child's normal growth and development, physically, mentally and emotionally.
3. Child abuse is costly for society. Victims of abuse are more likely to require tax-supported medical, legal, penal and social services.
4. Child abuse victims are six times more likely to become abusive parents than non-abused children. The behavior is learned and the cycle is vicious.
5. Intervention and treatment are costly and less effective than prevention.
6. Prevention programs for parents reduce the likelihood of maltreatment.
7. Prevention programs for children effectively increase their safety and self-esteem.

Homemakers' News Donna Brauchi



8. Because of the interdependence of child abuse, education, health and crime issues, prevention efforts positively impact many problems of concern to the public.
 9. Child abuse prevention sends a message to all people that our society values children and their place in our future.
 10. If intervention spares just one child the terror and powerlessness of being victimized, it's the right thing to do.
- Do you ever feel frustrated and helpless, yet wonder if one person can really change things? Here are some simple things you can do to help make our world a better place for kids.
- Let every kid you see today know you think they are special.
 - Get on a mailing list of an organization dedicated to improving kids issues. Contribute, get

involved, educate yourself about the issues.

- Say hello to kids in your neighborhood. Let them know you are interested in how they are doing.
- Go to the library and pick up a book on the issues facing kids today and how to be a better parent. Some classics include: *Within Our Reach* by Lisbeth Schorr, *As the Bough Breaks* by Sylvia Hewlett, and *Wasting America's Future and The Measure of Our Success* by Marian Wright Edelman.
- Spend time with your kids or other kids in your life. When you're with them, practice really listening.
- Acknowledge someone who works with kids on a regular basis. Thank them for doing what is sometimes a "thankless" job.
- Remember teens are children, too. Don't expect them to act like adults just because they are begin-

ning to look like them. Be gentle with them, and you'll get a more positive response.

—Arrange one-to-one time with a favorite child. It doesn't have to be your own! Research says kids need several adults who are crazy about them. Being with young people keeps you young.

—Greet teens you pass on the sidewalk. Let them know you are proud, not afraid to be an "elder" in this society.

—Coach a local sports team, be a leader for a youth group or help with youth activities at your church.

—Be a mentor either informally to a child in your neighborhood or church, or through a connecting agency such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

—Volunteer as a tutor or helper at a school—share your talents and see how new ones develop in youth who will get immeasurable self-esteem for being recognized as "good at something."

—Register to vote and use your vote to reflect your concern about children.

For more information on how you can be involved in helping prevent child abuse, contact your Gray county office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

4-H Futures & Features

Dates

- 13 - 5-H 4-H Club meeting, 2 p.m., Lefors School Cafeteria
- 14 - Shooting Sports; Grandview 4-H Club meeting, 7:30 p.m., Grandview School; Gray County 4-H Youth Rodeo planning meeting, 7 p.m., Annex
- 15 - Shooting Sports; Dog Project, 7 p.m., Bull Barn
- 16 - 4-H Special Interest Small Pets Project, 7:30 p.m., Annex
- 17 - 4-H Clover Kids, 6:30 p.m., Annex; Dog Project, 7 p.m., Bull Barn
- 19 - District 4-H Livestock and Horse Judging Contests

4-H Geranium Sale

Plan now to buy your geraniums from Gray County 4-H at their annual spring sale on Saturday, May 3. Geraniums will be available at two locations in Pampa. All proceeds will

go the 4-H youth development program opportunities and activities. Be watching for details!

4-H Meat Team

Meat judges from Gray County 4-H placed first at the District I Meats Judging Contest and will move on to State Roundup in June. Team members included Bryant Smith, second high individual overall and first in reasons; Cassie Hamilton, third high individual; Alan Parker, fourth high individual; and Sean O'Neal.

Congratulations to these 4-Hers and good luck at State

Livestock Judging Contest

Eleven Gray County 4-Hers participated in the livestock contest at Clarendon this past weekend and brought back individual and team honors.

The junior team consisting of Megan Coutts,

Shaun Smith, Royce O'Neal and Emily Nusser placed first in swine and second in beef and fifth overall. Coutts was high individual in swine, 16th overall; Smith was second high in swine, fourth high in beef and twelfth overall; and O'Neal was tenth high individual overall.

Courtney Crawford and Lindsey Price also had excellent showings in the junior contest. Courtney was eleventh high individual in cattle.

The senior division consisted of Nonnie James, Bryant Smith, Alan Parker, Cassie Hamilton and Sean O'Neal. The team placed sixth in swine, fifth in beef, third in sheep and fourth overall.

As individuals, James was fifth in swine, twelfth in cattle and sixth high individual overall; Hamilton was sixth in beef and 14th individual overall; and Parker was eighth in swine and 17th high individual overall.

Club news

Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met April 1, in the home of Madeline Gawthrop in Bowers City. Gawthrop served as hostess.

Nominations for new officers for the coming year were presented and accepted.

Members worked on projects for an upcoming tea.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. April 15, in the home of Alice Raymond north of the city.

Top O' Texas Cattlewomen

Top O' Texas Cattlewomen met April 1, with President Darendra Begert presiding. Gayle Hagood and several Canadian women served as hostesses.

Amelia Sims gave the invocation and read minutes from the previous meeting which were approved as corrected. Twenty-two members and some guests were present.

Louise Coulter gave the treasurer's report.

Results of the St. Patrick's Day booth were discussed—cookbooks were sold, a drawing for a Beef Gift Certificate was held and the Cattlewomen's beef chuck wagon placed third. Members tending the booth were Dianne Buckingham, Mary Mitchell, Sandra Christner, Berklee Clements and Begert.

The following attended the Spring State Convention: Anita Brown, past state president; Christner, Lilith Brainard, Amy Brainard, Sena Brainard, Sally Youngblood and Begert. Susan Combs was speaker at the convention. She plans to run for agricultural commissioner in the future.

Members viewed an article from a Smithsonian Institute children's publication featuring

a calf saying "Please Don't Eat Me." Nadyne Williams moved the Cattlewomen thank Rep. Thornberry for his work in getting a retraction from the Institute. The movement was seconded and carried.

Carolyn Buckingham moved \$100 be sent to the state president for travel expenses. The motion carried. She also noted that applications for scholarships were available through the counselors office in high schools across the district.

Hagood gave a brief presentation concerning her business of sewing and selling clothes.

Ruth Morey also sells clothes; however, she does not make the garments herself, rather orders them according to demand. The next meeting will be May 6, at Coronado Inn in Pampa.

Heritage Art Club

Heritage Art Club met April 7, at Lovett Memorial Library with JoAnne Welch presiding. Mary Cook, Louise Ward and Betty McCracken served as hostesses. Seventeen members were present.

Officers for the coming year were nominated as follows: Marge Holland, president; Janie Phillips, first vice president; McCracken, second vice president; Diana Sanders, secretary; Theresa Maness, treasurer; Johnnie Price, parliamentarian; Frances Hall, chaplain; Sharon Price, publicity; Polly Benton, scrapbook; Faye Nichols and Cook, hospitality; Ruth Barrett, yearbook; Marie Smith and Barrett, telephone.

Hall was chosen "Artist of the Year," and will be honored later in May.

Maness presented a program on painting door knob hangers. Holland won the door prize.

Las Pampas Chapter of DAR

Las Pampas Chapter of the American Revolution met recently with Lillian Skelly serving as hostess. Betty White reported on the State DAR Convention. The convention awarded Las Pampas twelve certificates of achievement. In addition, the local chapter participated in the veteran project which won first place state and regional awards for the Panhandle DAR chapters.

Donna Clyde Arms presented a program on the Liberty Bell. The bell, first named the state house bell for the building in which it hung, was renamed the Independence Bell after it was rung July 8, 1776, to announce the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. In the mid 1800s, it became the "Liberty Bell" during an outcry against slavery.

The large, cracked bell is a

symbol from the early days of American independence and is displayed on the first floor of Independence Hall in Philadelphia. The original bell cracked soon after arrival from England and was then cast in the U.S. in 1753.

Through the years, the bell was used to call people to meetings, to make special announcements and to honor a deceased dignitary. It was hidden during the Revolutionary War for fear the British would melt it down for use as ammunition. The bell cracked again in 1835, and while it is no longer rung, it has been struck on special occasions, as when the allied forces landed in France in 1944.

A smaller replica of the bell, cast at the same foundry in England, was displayed during the meeting by Skelly who acquired it during the bicentennial celebration of 1976.

Menus

April 14-12

Pampa Schools

MONDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, fruit or juice, choice of milk.

Lunch: Pizza, green beans, pineapple, choice of milk.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, fruit or juice, choice of milk.

Lunch: Nachos, pinto beans, rice, applesauce, cornbread, choice of milk.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit or juice, choice of milk.

Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwiches, lettuce and tomatoes, sliced pickles, peaches, potato chips, choice of milk.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Toast, jelly, fruit or juice, choice of milk.

Lunch: Tamales, chili and cheese, corn, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk.

Lunch: Corndog, French fries, tossed salad, cherry crisp, choice of milk.

Meals on Wheels

MONDAY
Stew, cornbread, peaches.

TUESDAY
Tator tot casserole, cabbage, blackeyed peas, fruit cocktail.

WEDNESDAY
Hamloaf, cream style corn, baked apples, jello.

THURSDAY
Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, pudding.

FRIDAY
Oven-fry chicken, macaroni

and cheese, zucchini and tomatoes, pears.

Southside Senior Citizens

SATURDAY
Tuna casserole, spinach with stewed tomatoes, rolls, banana pudding.

Senior Citizens

MONDAY
Chicken fried steak or oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes, broccoli, beets, pinto beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, chocolate cake or Ritz pie, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY
Turkey and dressing, yams, green beans, cauliflower, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, pineapple surprise or chocolate pie, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, carrots, butter beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, cherry cobbler or tapioca, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY
Stuffed green peppers or ham with fruit sauce, scalloped potatoes, spinach, turnips, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, sour cream squares or coconut cream pie, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY
Baked fish or Salisbury steak, macaroni and tomatoes, squash, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, chocolate fluff roll or lemon pie, hot rolls, cornbread or garlic bread sticks.

Program gives tips on how to finance home repairs

"Financing Home Repairs" will be the focus of a special program beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 17 in the meeting room of Lovett Library. The program is provided free of charge as an educational effort of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The program will feature representatives from local financial institutions and agencies in a panel discussion focusing on qualifications for various financing options, considerations for

financing, planning for home repairs, necessary information when visiting with a lender and resources available. A question and answer period will follow.

Panel members will include: Margo Stanley, Panhandle Community Services; Kim Hill, First Bank Southwest; Joe Martinez, Boatman's First Banking Center; Jerry Foote, National Bank of Commerce; Dennis Godwin, First American Bank; and Dauna Wilkinson, Area Agency on Aging.

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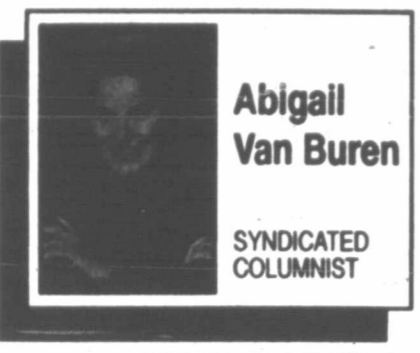
DEAR ABBY: I am sitting here half-bald after a horrendous trip to two harddressers. The first did such a terrible job that I was forced to go elsewhere to get my hairdo repaired.

I went to the first salon for a simple trim. Although I explained what I wanted and even showed a picture to the harddresser, I had the uneasy feeling she didn't understand. At that point, however, my hair had already been washed and I felt as though I had no choice but to go through with the haircut.

When she was finished, I was left with a disaster on my head. My hair was much shorter than I'd requested, with two thin layers that didn't blend together. I looked ridiculous and the harddresser knew it. She asked me if I wanted her to take a little more off the top to help blend the layers, but I quickly said no. She charged me \$24, which I reluctantly paid. I then had to pay more money to correct the disaster on my head.

After hours of combing, curling and crying, I am turning to you for advice. Can you help me and others like me by answering: After getting a "bad vibe" from a stylist, is it socially acceptable to refuse service (even after she has washed your hair)? What is the best way to find out what a stylist's concept of an "inch" is? If you are dissatisfied with your haircut, can you refuse to pay for it?

ALL CHOPPED UP



Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ALL CHOPPED UP: You have my sympathy. If it's any comfort, your experience is not that uncommon.

Clear communication is the key. You should discuss your expectations in advance, and make sure they are clearly understood before any work is done on your hair. If you are uneasy, you can leave at any time, even if your hair has already been shampooed. You should not have to pay for anything that is not satisfactory. Reputable salons will not insist that you do.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 50-year-old housewife. After 31 years of marriage, my husband suddenly asked me for a divorce.

Over the years he has given me some very nice pieces of jewelry. I don't want to sell any of it unless I

really need the money. It has a lot of sentimental value. Besides, I have seven daughters, two daughters-in-law and several granddaughters whom I would like eventually to inherit my jewelry.

My quandary is this: I would like to continue wearing these pieces occasionally. I also want to continue to wear my wedding rings since, to my way of thinking, I am still bound by the marriage vows we took (twice).

Is there any etiquette governing my situation?

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DEAR WONDERING: You may continue to wear all of your jewelry in any manner you wish. However, you are still a relatively young woman, and divorced women who entertain the idea of someday marrying again often have the stones from their wedding and engagement rings reset into another kind of ring, which they wear on their right hand.

You would be wise to specify which pieces of jewelry you would like each family member to have. I urge you to consult a lawyer and put it in writing.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Monday, April 14, 1997

In the year ahead you might get involved in some endeavors that are a departure from your usual interests. They will involve new people and a new reward system.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you might feel strongly motivated to champion an unpopular cause. This might not work out well if you're unable to explain your reasons to potential supporters. Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$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.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be methodical and purposeful today in matters of the heart, or you might make things more difficult for yourself. Look before you leap.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Persons you select as companions today could have a strong effect on your spending habits. Be sure the good times everyone is seeking are worth the expense.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not take on more tasks today than you can handle. If you spread yourself too thin, you won't make much of a dent in your workload.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do not let pride establish your mode of behavior today. If you tout your own horn too loudly, embarrassment will surely follow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you get involved in situations that don't directly concern you today, be prepared to pay the consequences. You might not like the penalties.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) For best success today, try to operate as independently as possible. This is one of those

times when too many cooks spoil the broth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not waste a lot of time today talking to others about your intentions. If you want results, you must first set an industrious example.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not be afraid to step out of character today and demand the attention of others. You deserve full recognition for all your hard work!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Forge making important domestic decisions today if your mate isn't present or hasn't been consulted. Your collective vision is far superior.

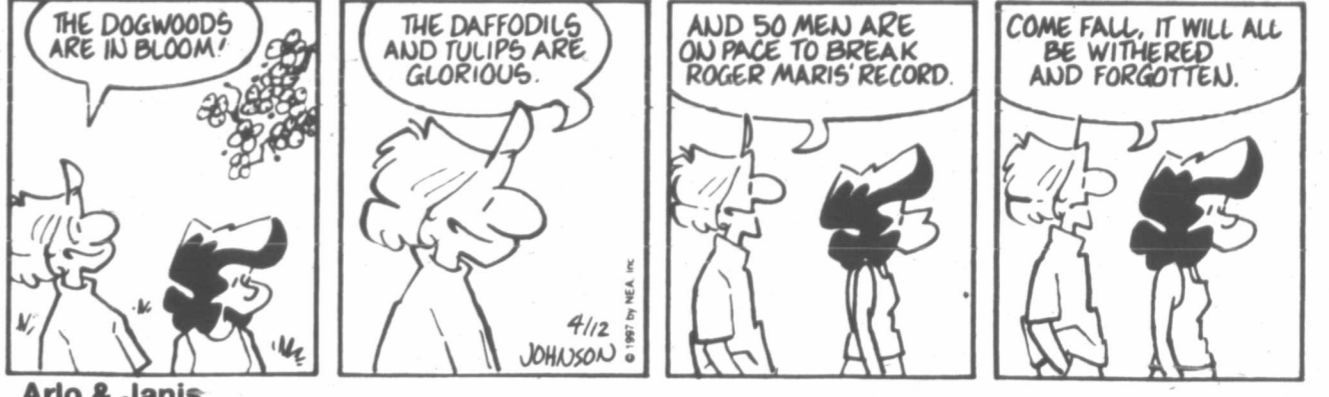
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you must be sure your attention is totally focused on the tasks you're performing. If your mind begins to wander, mistakes are likely.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It is imperative today that you manage your resources wisely. Think twice before purchasing something on a long-term payment plan.

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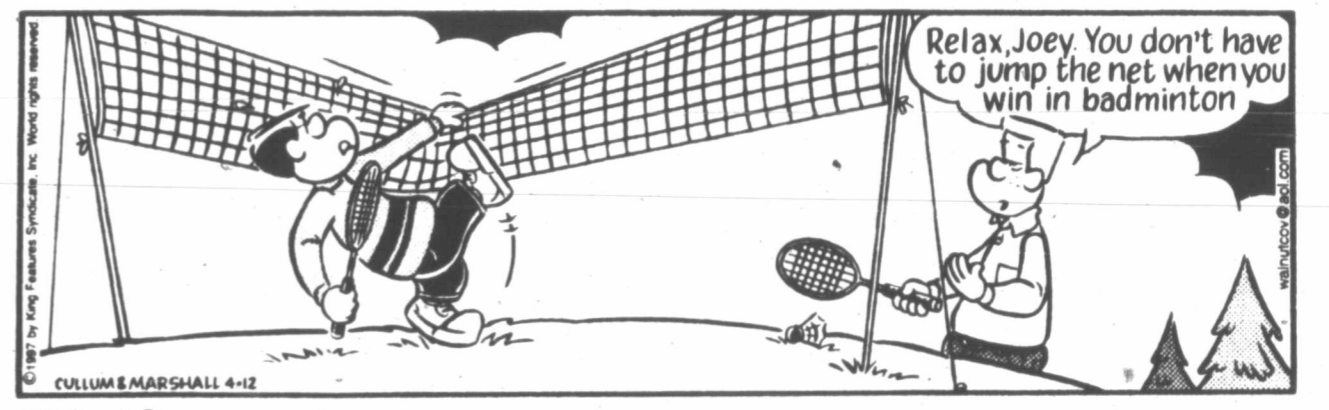
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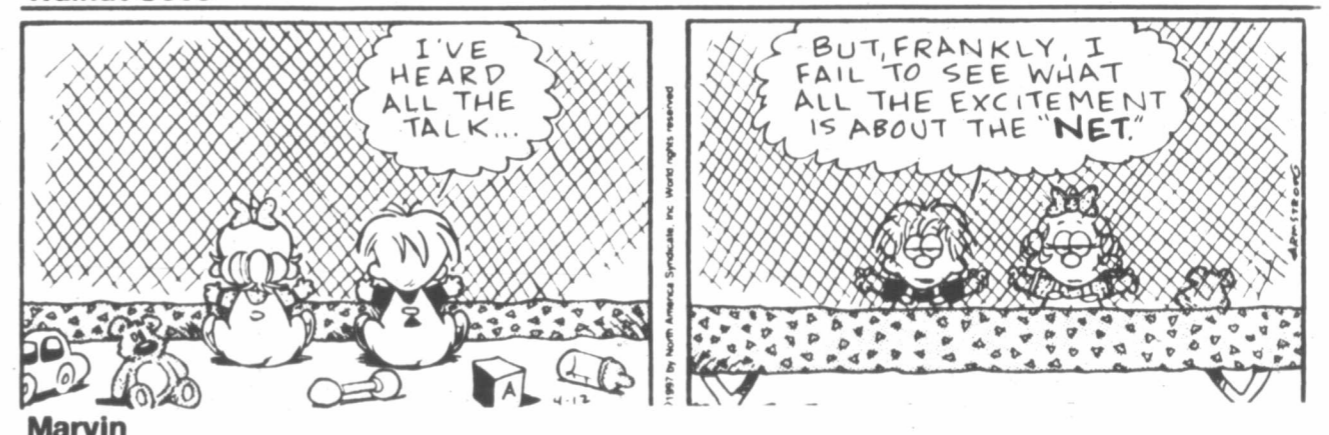
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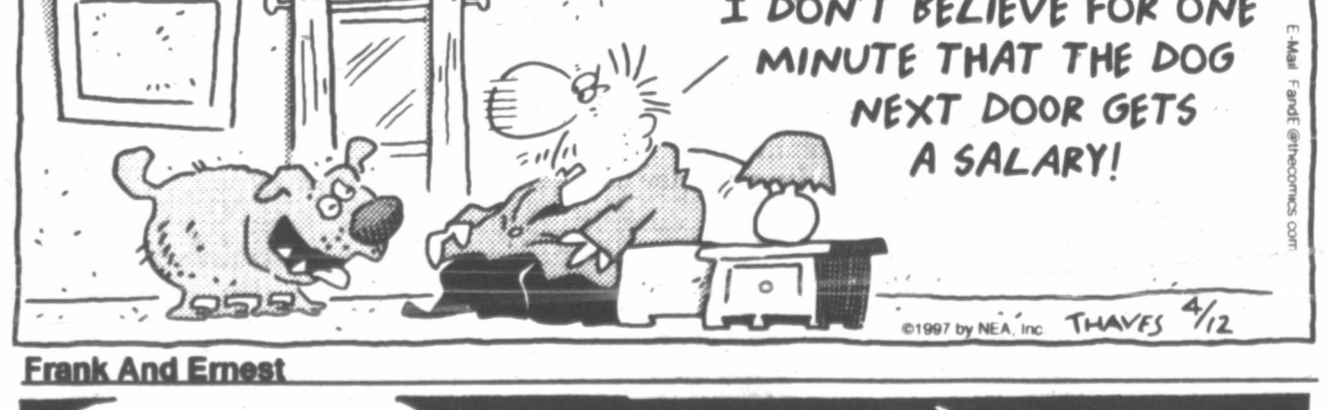
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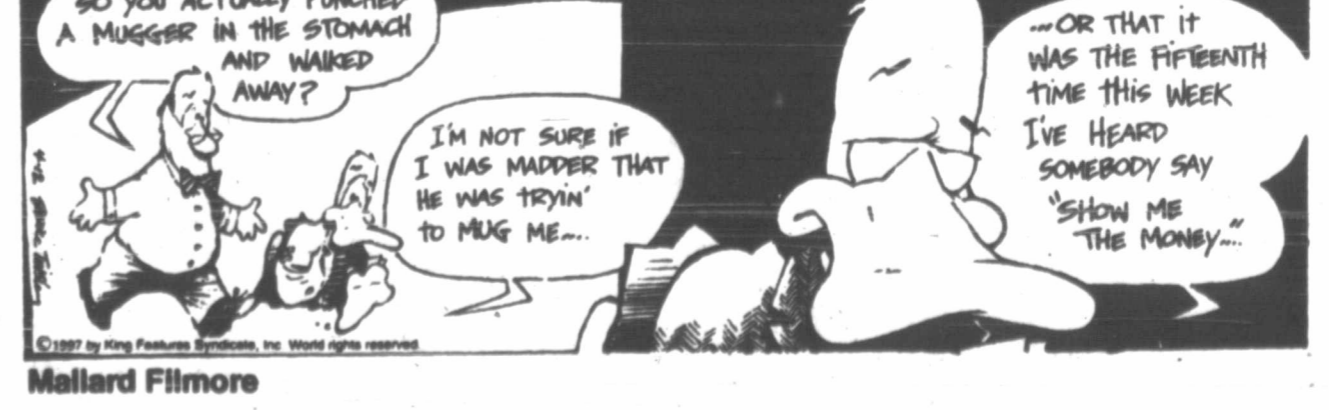
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ENTERTAINMENT

Marcus Cable adds networks to Family Showcase offerings

Marcus Cable of Pampa has added Turner Broadcasting System Inc.'s newest networks — Cartoon Network, Turner Classic Movies (TCM) and CNN/SI — to its Family Showcase line-up on April 1.

Cartoon Network can be seen locally on channel 74, TCM on 75 and CNN/SI on 66.

CNN/SI provides viewers with 24 hours of fan-friendly programming and international sports highlights, while TCM and Cartoon Network offer the finest in classic movie titles and cartoon favorites, respectively.

"We're excited to offer our customers quality entertainment for the whole family," said Barbara Preas, office manager for Marcus Cable.

Cartoon Network has several specials lined up in the coming weeks.

On Earth Day, Tuesday, April 22, the network celebrates with a *Captain Planet and the Planet Patrol* marathon from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CDT. Twenty-four episodes will feature six different villains: Hoggish Greedy (Ed Asner), Dr. Blight (Meg Ryan), Looten Plunder (James Coburn), Vermicious Skum (Jeff Goldblum), Sly Sludge (Martin Sheen) and Duke Nukem (Dean Cain).

On Mother's Day, May 11, Cartoon Network says, "I love you, Mom!" with *Bugs Bunny's Mother's Day Special* at 10 a.m. CDT, followed at 10:30 a.m. by a special presentation of the *Bugs & Daffy Show*, featuring Mother's Day-themed Warner Bros. cartoons.

TCM cable network plans a month of premieres, salutes and tributes. Monday, April 14, marks TCM's third anniversary, and the

network will celebrate with the world television premiere of the recently-discovered director's cut of Howard Hawks' *The Big Sleep* (1945) at 8:30 p.m.

The network also will feature the network premiere of *Brownlow Gill: Comedy Masters* series with three documentaries profiling legendary film comedians Charlie Chaplin (April 16, 7 p.m.), Buster Keaton (April 17, 7 p.m.) and Harold Lloyd (April 18, 7 p.m.).

Actor Roddy McDowall will be hosting TCM's *Preservation Series* beginning this month, the only weekly outlet for preserved and restored movies on television.

Cartoon Network, currently seen in more than 40 million homes, offers the best in animated entertainment, drawing from the world's largest cartoon library. It also showcases unique original ventures such as *Space Ghost Coast to Coast*, *Dexter's Laboratory*, *World Premiere Toons* and *Big Bag*.

TCM, currently seen in more than 15 million homes, presents motion pictures from the 1920s through the 1980s, commercial-free and without interruption.

CNN/SI is a 24-hour sports news network combining CNN's news gathering resources with the journalistic excellence of *Sports Illustrated* to provide an in-depth look at the sports issues of the day with live updates throughout the day, an enhanced scores and news ticker, seasoned sports anchors and reporters, and analysis and commentary.

For information on adding the Family Showcase to your cable TV line-up, contact Marcus Cable at 665-2381. Marcus Cable provides entertainment and information services to more than 8,000 customers in the Pampa area.

Community Concert program



(Special photo)

Rhythm in Shoes, a group of seven dancers and five musicians, will bring a toe-tapping program to the Pampa and Borger Community Concert Associations at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 14, at the Borger High School auditorium. Plainview and Hereford concert members may attend by reciprocal agreement. Dances in the traditions of American, English and Irish step styles and tap dancing are all in the program. There are a variety of music like blues, old-time and ragtime, along with movements like modern, creative and traditional. All are reinforced by spiritual, political and social themes.

High fives

By The Associated Press

FILMS

1. *Liar Liar*, Universal
2. *The Saint*, Paramount
3. *The Devil's Own*, Sony
4. *That Old Feeling*, Universal
5. *Double Team*, Columbia (From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

TV

1. CBS NCAA Basketball Championship: *Arizona vs Kentucky*, CBS
2. *Seinfeld*, NBC
3. *Naked Truth*, NBC
4. (tie) *ER*, NBC
4. (tie) *Friends*, NBC (From Nielsen Media Research)

SINGLES

1. "Can't Nobody Hold Me Down," Puff Daddy featuring Mase (Bad Boy) (Platinum)
2. "You Were Meant For Me," Jewel (Atlantic) (Gold)
3. "Wannabe," Spice Girls (Virgin)
4. "For You I Will," Monica (Rowdy-Warner Sunset)
5. "All By Myself," Celine Dion (Sony 550) (From Billboard magazine)

ALBUMS

1. *Life After Death*, The Notorious B.I.G. (Bad Boy-Arista)
2. *Spice*, Spice Girls (Virgin)
3. *Space Jam* Soundtrack, various artists (Warner Sunset) (Platinum)
4. *Falling Into You*, Celine Dion (550 Music) (Platinum)
5. *Bringing Down the Horse*, The Wallflowers (Interscope) (Platinum) (From Billboard magazine)

John Lee Hooker still going strong at age 80

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Nobody tells John Lee Hooker what to do.

Three wives tried to make him quit the music business because it took him away from home.

That's why he's single again.

Early record producers wanted to tie him to exclusive deals for their own financial benefit. He just went to rival producers and recorded under different names.

And at the age of 80, when the average musician would kill for center stage, Hooker turns down one gig after another.

"I got to do it my way — the way I feel it," Hooker says, speaking in the gravelly mumble that has become as much a signature of his music as his stomping right foot. "I just do what I want."

After six decades of playing the foot-stompin' boogie that made him famous, Hooker has become a legend in his own time.

He inspired some of rock 'n' roll's biggest names. He has two Grammys, is in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Blues Foundation. He is pictured on a stamp in Tanzania, and his music and distinctive face appear in advertisements across the world.

He continues on strong. Hooker sat in with Tom Petty at San Francisco's historic Fillmore Auditorium earlier this year and kept the audience boogieing for three numbers. Just weeks later, the elder statesman of the blues headlined at the same place.

And on March 10, he came out with a new album.

Don't Look Back, on Point-blank/Virgin records, includes a

remake of Hooker's classic, "Dimples," and guest recordings by longtime friends Los Lobos and Charles Brown, as well as musicians from the Robert Cray band and the Dirty Dozen.

Another admirer, Van Morrison, produced most of the tracks.

While putting together a CD is a major effort for any musician, Hooker seems relatively unimpressed by the accomplishment.

Small wonder. He's recorded more than 100 albums since he ran away from home at the age of 14 to play the music his Baptist minister father discouraged.

Don't Look Back is his fifth since *The Healer* won him his first Grammy, for a duet with Bonnie Raitt, in 1992.

One reason Hooker is so prolific is that he rarely spends more than two days in the studio for any given album. He likes using his first take because he prefers the raw sound, strength and spontaneity that comes out.

After it's done, he listens and hears things he wishes he'd done differently. He usually leaves it alone. He doesn't sweat the details.

"You wear out your voice," he says. "You get weaker. You're stronger the first time."

Maintaining his strength is a concern these days. While still spry for his age, Hooker is showing his years.

He spends most of his days in the living room of his suburban tract home on a quiet cul-de-sac in the south San Francisco Bay area town of Redwood City. He watches television, takes naps and meets with a Bible study group. A steady stream of women drop by to visit or cook for him.

WTAMU radio to sponsor Ribbonfest music festival

CANYON — KWTS 91.1, the West Texas A&M University's campus radio station, the Office of Student Activities and Panhandle AIDS Support Organization (PASO) will sponsor Ribbonfest, a music festival designed to promote AIDS awareness, from 1-8 p.m. Saturday, April 19, on Terrill Lawn on the WTAMU campus.

Proceeds from the annual festival have resulted in more than \$15,000 for PASO since the festival's debut in 1993.

Amarillo musical group The Blue Johnnies will headline the event. Other area groups performing include the Swingtones, Fence, Mrs. Watson's Jim, The Groobees and Kalliope's Breath. Yvonne Perea will also perform.

"I like the fact that it is all local talent," said Natalie Essary, chair of the Ribbonfest committee and a senior mass communications major from Amarillo. "Most of these groups draw a big crowd anytime

they perform. But when can you see all of these at one-time?"

Between performances, speakers will share testimonies about the impact of AIDS and HIV on their own lives.

"We want people to understand that AIDS does not discriminate," said Patti Chesser, PASO representative for Ribbonfest.

To encourage education and testing, PASO will set up a tent for HIV counseling and testing.

"The background of Ribbonfest is AIDS awareness," Chesser said. "We want to make the whole process as easy as possible. They won't have to come to Amarillo for testing or results. I will be in Canyon May 6 and May 8 with the individual test results."

AIDS is the No. 3 killer of men ages 25 to 44 and the No. 3 killer of women in the United States, according to 1995 Center for Disease Control statistics.

Two panels of the national Aids

quilt, which consist of hand-made sections dedicated to people who have died from the disease, will be on display from 1-5 p.m. in the Cornette Library on the WTAMU campus.

Mary Lyn Halley, KGNC radio personality, will serve as the master of ceremonies for the event. WTAMU student organizations and Younglife, a Christian youth organization, will have booths set up on the lawn. KWTS and other groups will sell food and drinks.

Admission to the all-day event is the purchase of a \$1 PASO raffle ticket or the donation of one can of food for PASO. More than 50 prizes will be raffled throughout the day.

Raffle prizes include gifts from Albertson's, Antonio's, Buck's


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All proceeds from the event will benefit PASO. For more information or to purchase a ticket, contact the KWTS staff office at (806) 656-2797 or PASO at (806) 372-1050.

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AGRICULTURE

The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

WHEAT - (BULL-BEAR)

Outlook: As we mentioned last week, the coming six weeks are critical to development of the new crop. Timely rains are needed. At press time new moisture has recently been received and everything looks good. One good rain does not make a crop, but it moves things and is a bearish influence.

Furthermore, the market continues to struggle with less than stellar exports and tough competition in world market from our competitors. Yet, there remains uncertainty concerning timely planting in the spring wheat belt, and their acres will be down 11 percent versus a year ago. Sunflower plantings are up 20 percent in the Dakotas, coming directly from the wheat land.

Bottom line, I still look for a two-sided affair, but with a bearish near term bias as long as the winter wheat crop is developing normally.

Strategy: Hedgers: Winter wheat farmers have been advised to hedge up to 50 percent in the July KC at an average price of about 380. Use put options if you are not comfortable with futures. Look to add 25 percent on the next close under 386 since this would confirm a change in trend.

Traders: Sell July KC on the first

close under 386. Risk 15 cents for an objective below 366. We are also long September Minneapolis futures (new crop spring wheat) at \$3.50 or lower with a "legged on spread," short July Chicago at about 370. Hold.

CORN - (BEAR)

Outlook: The prospective acreage is projected to be a large 82 million acres. With normal growing conditions, and steady usage, the carryover supplies will go up this year.

Higher supplies are generally consistent with lower prices. I do look for lower corn prices, but recognize a strong soybean market will continue to support corn prices in the near term.

The market will most likely need to see timely plantings and know more about this year's growing conditions before a major break occurs. Therefore, look for a two-sided trade, supported on good breaks, however weak relative to other grains and oilseeds.

Strategy: Hedgers: New crop hedgers are up to 40 percent sold in December futures at an approximate average of \$2.75 (or by using at the money December puts for less than 20 cents). Hold off on additional hedges until we can confirm a technical top.

Traders: Look to sell July corn

short on a two consecutive day close under \$303 1/2. Risk to a two day close above \$3.06 for an objective below \$2.70.

CATTLE - (BEAR)

Outlook: The recent hog price move, brought about by the Taiwan situation, supported cattle prices temporarily. I now believe we will start to see the negative supply fundamentals come into play.

Readers know that I am bullish cattle prices longer term, but am first looking for a sharp break into spring. This analysis is based on the huge numbers of cattle in the feedlots, placed late last year which should be coming to market soon. Look for a bearish tone for the June contract.

Once we are beyond these big numbers, the outlook brightens. Smaller calf numbers and death loss this past winter of younger animals should lead to higher prices later in the year and well into next.

Strategy: Feeders: We recently purchased 64 and 65 June puts for downside protection. They should have cost less than \$1.50. The objective is leave our upside as open as possible while maintaining a worst case floor under our downside.

Cow/calf operators: The feeder futures market still appears oversold due to the corn rally, and actually has now started to rally on up corn days. This is a bullish sign as such no new hedges are recommended at this time.

Traders: We remain long October feeder cattle at 74 or less. Risk to a close under 7150. This will be a longer term trade. Leave the upside objective open at this time. Gamblers look to go short June with a stop at 6537 and an objective under 6200.

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Study shows beef prices low compared to pork

DENVER - Analysis of the NCBA/Cattle-Fax Beef Featuring Analysis Program (BFAP) shows that beef prices are low, not only when compared to five-year historical levels, but also when compared to pork prices.

Featured retail beef prices are well below the previous five-year average. In contrast, featured pork prices are higher.

One way that Cattle-Fax monitors beef's relative price position is by measuring the difference between the price of beef and the price of pork, officials said. This is referred to as a price spread.

Currently, the beef-to-pork price spread is historically narrow, which indicates that beef has a relative price advantage compared to pork. Although beef prices are still higher than pork prices, the difference is narrow enough that more consumers will choose beef over pork.

This situation is positive for beef demands and supportive to beef and cattle prices. The beef-to-pork price spread narrows seasonally from February to mid-summer, so beef's relative price advantage should continue for the next several months.

During February, beef ads accounted for over 47 percent of total meat ad space, as measured by the BFAP program. That is more than five percentage points larger than the previous five-year average for February (41.9 percent).

Combined fresh pork and ham ad share (17.7 percent and 7.6 percent, respectively) was down nearly three percentage points from previous-year levels. Chicken's share of total meat ad space (21.4 percent) was about the same as in 1996, while turkey ad share, at 9.0 percent, ended the month down 1.9 points.

Fungus raises concerns for sorghum

COLLEGE STATION - A new and potentially devastating grain sorghum disease in the United States has both long- and short-term ramifications equally critical to the industry.

At issue is how to protect this year's crop from the spread of sorghum ergot (ERR-got), which swept across the entire South American continent in less than two years, while finding ways to prevent future outbreaks.

The discovery of ergot in a Texas field where sorghum had sprouted from last year's crop in the Lower Rio Grande Valley was announced earlier this month. Ergot causes the flowers of sorghum heads to secrete a sweet, sticky fluid rather than grain, causing significant losses in yield and quality.

"Ultimately, we probably will have ergot throughout the entire sorghum growing area of the United States," said Dr. Richard Frederiksen, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station plant pathologist. "We had long argued that the one thing we (sorghum industry) did not want in the Western Hemisphere is ergot. So now it shows up. We have it."

Texas producers have begun planting sorghum at the southern-most reaches of the state, and planting will proceed northward on up to 3 million acres through early summer.

To confront the problem, at least three efforts are racing through the decision-making process:

• Dr. Gary Odvody, Experiment Station plant pathologist at Corpus Christi, is assisting with paperwork that will ask the Texas Department of Agriculture to allow for an emergency authoriza-

tion to use the fungicide propiconazole. It is available in the United States but not currently labeled for use on grain sorghum for control of ergot.

• Experiment Station scientists are joining with researchers in New Mexico, Kansas and Nebraska to propose collaborative research funding efforts to state and federal agencies.

• Farmers, through the Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Association headquartered in Abilene, are fronting some \$20,000 to initiate an education program to provide information on how to deal with the problem this year, according to Travis Taylor, TGSPA executive director.

"The allocation of \$20,000 is the first step in the stairs to controlling this disease until we find out more about it," Taylor said.

Indeed, little is known. Ergot was an Eastern Hemisphere disease until 1995 when it was discovered in Brazil, having found its way there possibly on the shoes of travelers or shipments of planting seed. From Brazil, the disease spread quickly throughout South America, up through Central America and into Texas - all within two years.

One drop of the honeydew contains several million spores which can go with a whiff of the wind, or land on clothing or animals to contaminate crops when conditions are right.

The fungus only affects unfertilized female flowers. Typically, several hundred such flowers will develop on a sorghum head over a period of up to seven days, meaning that over a large field, the crop can play host to the spread of ergot for extended peri-

ods. Ergot likes to spread in cold temperatures which also happens to be the time that female flowers are less likely to be fertilized.

What is not understood, Frederiksen said, is the structural survival of the fungus. How does it know, for example, only to fire its pathogen at female sorghum flowers at the precise time they are susceptible to infection - prior to fertilization?

Frederiksen said researchers will attempt to find ways to interrupt the ergot life cycle using cultural and chemical methods and, more pressing to the current crop, will look at the most efficient rates and application methods to apply chemicals to kill the fungus in fields.

The Experiment Station researches will conduct field trials in Mexico, where the disease is more prevalent, and in Texas laboratories where the fungus will be grown in conditions replicating those of Texas producing areas. Scientists also will try to determine other plants that may be hosting the fungus prior to its attach on sorghum.

"The economic threshold for a plant disease is different than that for insects," Frederiksen said. "With insects you can do counts and make predictions about population buildup. With diseases, if you see it, it's already too late."

Frederiksen said farmers who typically grow sorghum as a grain crop are least likely to be affected, but those who produce the crop for planting seed should be most concerned. The High Plains area around Lubbock produces about 90 percent of the sorghum seed-planted in the United States and much of the world, he said.

Survey: 1 in 3 households want a horse

One in three U.S. households wants to own or ride a horse, according to a recent industry survey.

Phase I of the Horse Industry Alliance market research study targeted three different audiences, current horse owners and riders, former owners and riders, and individuals who wish to own or ride a horse in the future.

Highlights of the study include 2.2 percent of American households own horses, 7.9 percent are riders, 3.2 percent used to own a horse (of those, 2.6 percent want to own again), 12 percent used to ride a horse (of those, 2.9 percent want to ride again), 4.9 percent are interested in owning a horse and 13.3 percent are interested in riding a horse.

"For years, the horse industry

has needed this type of information. We now know that there is the potential to make horseback riding as popular as many other recreational sports," said Carol Aim, HIA chair and executive vice president of the International Arabian Horse Association.

"We have a tiger by the tail," said Don Treadway, HIA vice chair and senior director of marketing services of the American Quarter Horse Association. "If we take advantage of the tremendous opportunity, it isn't out of the question to double the size of our \$25.3 billion industry."

The HIA selected National Family Opinion (NFO) Research to survey 60,000 U.S. households, yielding a 70 percent response rate.

The announcement of the study's preliminary results took place as part of the HIA's Board of Directors' meeting in San Diego, Calif., held in conjunction with the American Horse Shows Association annual convention.

Phase II of the HIA's market research focuses on the attitudes people have regarding horses and horseback riding, as well as explores why people get involved with horses and what prevents them from becoming involved.

The next meeting of the HIA Board of Directors is scheduled for June 14 in Denver, Colo., in conjunction with the American Horse Council's annual meeting.

The Horse Industry Alliance is an industry marketing group dealing with participation with horses and horse sports.

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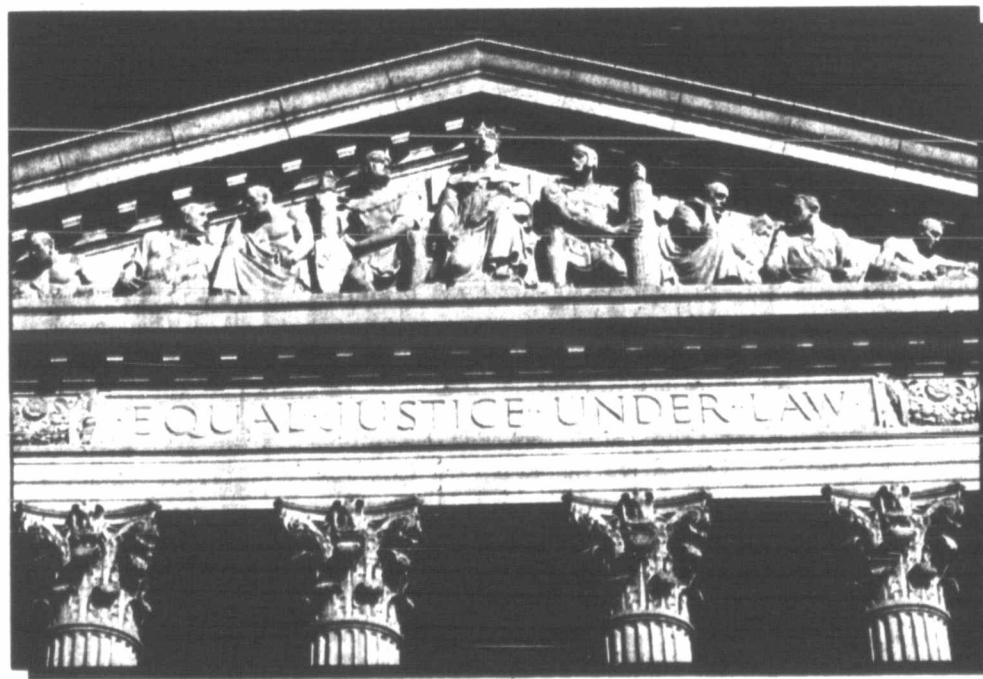
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Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill
CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Pantera Energy Co., #1R Bednorz Estate, 1980' from South & 1782' from West line, Sec. 203,3,I&GN, PD 2700'.
CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Pantera Energy Co., #1R Mongole, 330' from North & 1967' from East line, Sec. 240,B-2,H&GN, PD 2700'.
GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., Inc., #2 Magee, 2200' from South & 1200' from East line, Sec. 71,E,D&P, PD 2750'.
GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., Inc., #2 Reeves, 1320' from North & East line, Sec. 48,E,D&P, PD 2750'.
GRAY (WEST PANHANDLE) Pantera Energy Co., #1 Purvis, 990' from South & 330' from East line, Sec. 152,B-2,H&GN, PD 2700'.
HEMPHILL (ALPAR Tonkawa) Alpar Resources, Inc., #2 Yarnold '113', 660' from North & West line, Sec. 113,42,H&TC, PD 8200'.
LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & BRADFORD Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #4 Fair, 710' from South & 660' from East line, Sec. 724,43,H&TC, PD 7750'.

Applications to Re-Enter
HANSFORD (WILDCAT) above 4000' Prima Oil & Gas Co., #174 Henson, 660' from South & East line, Sec. 174,2,GH&H, PD 4000'.
HANSFORD (WILDCAT) above 4000' Prima Oil & Gas Co., #173 Nelson, 1320' from South & East line, Sec. 173,2,GH&H, PD 4000'.
Delayed Intention to Drill
CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Conco, Inc., #12 G.W. Deahl (640 ac) 1406' from North & 1568' from East line, Sec. 4,5,B&B, 19 mi NW from Panhandle, PD 4000'. [This well is already completed (shown on Report last week). The W-1 was not filed in our District Office until now, so it is now being included.]
Oil Well Completions
GRAY (PANHANDLE) Seagull Midcon, Inc., #112 Worley Polymer, Sec. 61,3,I&GN, elev. 3081 gr, spud 6-1-96, drlg. compl 6-9-96, tested 8-26-96, pumped 21 bbl. of 42.3 grav. oil + no water, GOR 2476, TD 3241'.
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber corp., #28 Herring 'C', Sec. 52,M-23,N.A. Williams Survey, elev. 3038 kb, spud 1-17-97, drlg. compl 1-31-97, tested 3-24-97, pumped 14.7

bbl. of 38 grav. oil + 31 bbls. water, GOR 7007, TD 3138', PBT 3091'.
HUTCHINSON (NORTH HUTCHINSON Mississippian) Phillips Petroleum Co., #2 Holt-Eisenhauer, Sec. 52,5-T,T&NO, elev. 3220 rkb, spud 11-4-96, drlg. compl 11-22-96, tested 3-5-97, pumped 27 bbl. of 39.2 grav. oil + 83 bbls. water, GOR 1074, TD 7800', PBT 7080'.
MOORE (PANHANDLE Red Cave) Beren Corp., #61 Masterson Estate, Sec. 62,0-18,D&P, elev. 3547 kb, spud 2-16-97, drlg. compl 2-22-97, tested 3-23-97, pumped 14 bbl. of 35 grav. oil + 24 bbls. water, GOR 214, TD 3460', PBT 2380'.
Gas Well Completions
CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Luxor Oil & Gas, Inc., #2 C.E. Deahl, Sec. 21,Y-2,AB&M, elev. 3297 gr, spud 8-8-96, drlg. compl 8-12-96, tested 2-3-97, potential 1390 MCF, TD 2906'.
CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Luxor Oil & Gas, Inc., #21 C.E. Deahl, Sec. 21,Y-2,AB&M, elev. 3294 gr, spud 8-14-96, drlg. compl 8-19-96, tested 2-3-97, potential 251 MCF, TD 2863'.
CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Luxor Oil & Gas, Inc., #3 G.W. Deahl, Sec. 3,5,B&B, elev.

3218 gr, spud 8-21-96, drlg. compl 8-25-96, tested 2-5-97, potential 1100 MCF, TD 2760'.
CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Luxor Oil & Gas, Inc., #4 G.W. Deahl, Sec. 4,2,H&GN, elev. 3217 gr, spud 8-2-96, drlg. compl 8-6-96, tested 2-4-97, potential 1299 MCF, TD 2829'.
HANSFORD (NORTH HANSFORD Cherokee) Sonat Exploration Co., #2-12 McClellan, Sec. 12,P,H&GN, elev. 3219 df, spud 2-4-97, drlg. compl 2-5-97, tested 2-11-97, potential 390 MCF, TD 7247', PBT 6950' - Plug Back
HUTCHINSON (ARRINGTON Cherokee) Enron Oil & Gas Co., #4 Nannie Kirk '116', Sec. 116,5-T,T&NO, elev. 3211 gr, spud 1-20-97, drlg. compl 2-1-97, tested 2-21-97, potential 840 MCF, TD 6185', PBT 6164'.
LIPSCOMB (N.W. HIGGINS Morrow) Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp., #1 Foster, Sec. 248,43,H&TC, elev. 2654 gl, spud 9-25-96, drlg. compl 10-15-96, tested 12-28-96, potential 18585 MCF, TD 10550', PBT 10482'.
Plugged Wells
OCHILTREE (CREST Des Moines) E.W. Larkey & Sons, Inc., #1 Brickley-Jones, Sec. 1098,43,H&TC, spud unknown, plugged 3-31-97, TD 3710' (oil)—

Knife & Fork Club to hear keyboard artist on April 21

Keyboard artist and entertainer Renee Hamaty, long noted for her popular following on the West Coast, will be the featured artist for the Top O' Texas Knife and Fork Club at 7 p.m. Monday, April 21.
 "The Keyboard Artistry of Renee Hamaty" will be presented at the Pampa Country Club, according to Julia Dawkins, president.
 Miss Hamaty has been entertaining audiences since the age of five on radio, television and the concert stage. Through her formal education and her worldwide appearances as a piano soloist and entertainer, she has developed an enormous repertoire which includes classical and popular selections of every era.
 Audiences delight in requesting their personal favorites and having Hamaty perform them with her arrangements and sparkling personality at the piano.
 Her informality, audience rapport and craftsmanship combine to make this one of the most unique programs ever offered at the dinner club, Hawkins said.
 The April 21 meeting is guest night, so members are encouraged to bring a friend.
 Tickets may be purchased at



Renee Hamaty
 Dunlaps in Coronado Center. Cost is \$9.50 each. Deadline for purchasing tickets to make a reservation for the program is Saturday, April 19.
 Membership renewals for the 1997-1998 are also under way at \$25 for single and \$40 for couples, as well as the Benefactor Program: Sterling Membership, \$120; Patron Membership, \$80; and Sustaining Membership, \$60. For more information, contact Helen Keeton-Danner, club secretary.

Cattle briefs

NCBA to expand suit
 During the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Spring Conference in Washington D.C., the NCBA Board unanimously voted to expand litigation aimed at gaining a court decision that would end several poultry inspection inequities.
 The NCBA Board committed \$50,000, challenged state associations to match the amount and authorized a solicitation of cattlemen to raise additional funds. The action will fund expanding Kenney v. Glickman, a suit underway in U.S. District Court for Southern Iowa.
 The suit seeks to strike down rules that permit poultry to add up to eight percent extra water.
 "We have worked through the regulatory process to end these inequities and have made some important progress," said Max Deets, NCBA president.

IBP to acquire Foodbrands
 IBP announced that it has reached an agreement to acquire Foodbrands America, Inc. in a transaction valued at \$640 million.
 IBP said the acquisition, which increases its presence in the food-service industry, represents a significant advancement in its strategy to diversify beyond the core fresh meat processing business and extend its product base with value-added, branded products.
 Foodbrands is a leading U.S. producer, marketer and distributor of frozen and refrigerated products to the foodservice industry.
 The company produces more than 1,600 branded and custom products, including pizza toppings and crusts, burritos, frozen stuffed pastas, breaded appetizers, soups, sauces and side dishes as well as deli meats and processed beef, poultry and pork.

USMEF receives funding
 USDA announced recently that the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) will receive an \$8.5 million allocation under the 1997 Market Access Program. The allocation is a 24 percent increase over last year's amount. Because of carryover funds, USMEF's total funding from the program will be \$10.5 million.

Celebration of Lights

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce Top O' Texans (Gold Coats) recently welcomed Celebration of Lights organization as a member of the chamber. Checking some of the materials being prepared for the Christmas season community lighting program are Gold Coats Richard Stowers and Dennis Godwin, with Celebration of Lights members Mary Lou Lane, Virginia Dewey, President Susan Winborne and Kathleen Chaney. Project workers meet Monday and Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. at State Rep. Warren Chisum's warehouse, 100 S. Price Road, preparing items for the coming Christmas lighting events, with volunteers invited to drop by and help.

Lake Meredith marina to have boat rentals

FRITCH - Marina at Lake Meredith will celebrate the grand opening of its houseboat and personal watercraft rentals on Friday, April 18.
 Located 45 minutes from Pampa, Forever Resorts' Marina at Lake Meredith will have Forever 10 houseboats and Polaris Personal Watercraft available for rental starting in April.
 "The rental houseboats are perfect for those people who do not own a houseboat, but want to experience houseboating and spend a few days on the water," said George Surles, general manager of the marina. "We provide everything you need aboard. Even the sheets and dishes are supplied."
 A houseboat rental is a great escape from the hassles of the city, Surles said.

"Where else can you climb out of bed and step off the back deck of your boat for early morning fishing?" he asked. "Another benefit is that since the boat sleeps 10 people in five queen size beds, the cost of the rental can be split several ways. It really is an affordable family getaway."
 Rental rates for the houseboats start at \$795 for three or four nights in the off season.
 "Each houseboat will have the appliances people have in their own homes," Surles said, "right down to the full size range, microwave gas grill and central heat and air conditioning. They even have a color TV, VCR and a waterslide off the 500 square foot upper sundeck."
 The Polaris Personal Watercraft is a great new addition to the

marina, Surles said.
 "They will compliment our ski boat and deck cruiser rentals for folks who just want to enjoy the lake for a day of fishing or water skiing," he said. "These additions to our fleet make this property a well-rounded recreational destination. It's definitely a family-oriented marina."
 Forever 10 houseboats are manufactured by Fun Country Marine Industries, a division of Forever Resorts, in Muncie, Indiana.
 Forever Resorts, established in 1981, has houseboat rental locations on Lake Mead and Lake Mohave in Nevada, Lake of the Ozarks and Table Rock Lake in Missouri, Lake Amistad in Texas, Lake Lanier in Georgia, California Delta and Lake Don Pedro in California and Lake Cumberland in Kentucky.

Boy Scouts back plan for community service

AMARILLO - With a plan to ask each youth member to provide 12 hours of community service over the next four years - for a total of 200 million hours of service - the Boy Scouts of America officially commits its support of the Presidents' Summit for America's Future.
 "The Golden Spread Council is pleased that the Boy Scouts of America has made such an aggressive commitment for our young people to help give back to their local communities through a community service emphasis," stated Ron Boyd, president of the Golden Spread Council.
 "Scouting has trained over 95 million alumni to 'do a good turn daily' for 87 years," continued Boyd. "Community service is what we are all about."
 In fact, the Boy Scouts of America has participated in nationally-coordinated service projects since promoting a "safe and sane fourth of July" in 1912. The 280 local Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Explorer Posts and Learning for Life Groups in the Golden Spread Council currently participate in numerous community service projects throughout the year.
 The Golden Spread Council coordinates some major community service projects such as Scouting for Food and the Lake Meredith Cleanup which involves hundreds of youth at one time.
 "We have no plans to stop what we are currently doing," stated Boyd. "We will bring our current projects under the Summit's umbrella and do whatever additional projects are necessary to help ensure reaching the lofty 200

million hour goal."
 The next steps for the Golden Spread Council are to determine its share of the total goal, establish a plan of action and begin launching local projects.
 The Golden Spread Council has also made it clear that the newly made commitment will not include counting the volunteer service hours their current adult leaders already contribute every week.
 "Our commitment is to have our scouts provide service back to the community. These are hours we will log and report toward our goal," stated Boyd. "We anticipate this service to the communities of our area will exceed 300,000 hours."
 When the minimum wage is applied to the 200 million hour commitment, the potential impact to the nation's economy approaches a billion dollars of donated service.
 The Presidents' Summit for America's Future is a program aimed toward bringing a new level of commitment to volunteer service, especially targeting the nation's young people. Organizations from America's profit and non-profit sectors are being asked to make a commitment to support the summit.
 The Summit is chaired by Gen. Colin Powell, with President Clinton and former President Bush serving as honorary co-chairs.
 "The Boy Scouts of America is pleased that the Presidents' Summit for America's Future shares our enthusiasm for serving the youth of this nation," concluded Boyd.
 The Golden Spread Council serves over 6,500 families in the 26 counties of the Texas/Oklahoma Panhandles.

CPAs explain reasons for filing for tax return extension

AUSTIN - If you are scrambling to file your tax return now, the Texas Society of CPAs recommends that you consider filing for an extension.
 CPAs point out that in most cases, taxpayers will benefit more from applying for an automatic extension than by submitting a hastily prepared return that may contain errors.
 There is no stigma attached to requesting an extension of time to file your tax return. In fact, about five million taxpayers file for an extension every April. Filing an extension is also unlikely to increase your chances of an IRS audit. The IRS is primarily concerned that you are paying your fair share of taxes, regardless of whether you file an extension.
 Requesting an automatic extension is relatively simple. You must complete Form 4868 and file it by April 15, 1997, along with payment of any tax estimated to be due for the year. You are not required to provide the IRS with any reasons for requesting the extension. This will automatically extend your tax-filing deadline for four months, until Aug. 15. The form must be sent to the IRS Center designated for Texas.
 If, for some reason, you cannot meet the extended deadline of Aug. 15 for filing your return, you can request an additional extension. Unlike your request for the initial exten-

sion, this request must include a good reason, such as an illness, for doing so.
 The reason must be stated in a letter to the IRS or in Form 2688, Application for Additional Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return. CPAs point out that you must file Form 4868 before you file Form 2688 or write a letter asking for more time, except in cases of undue hardship.
 An important fact to remember when filing for an extension is that you are still required to pay any taxes due by the original April 15 deadline. If you do not pay the amount due by this deadline, you will owe interest on your unpaid tax and may be charged penalties. The IRS charges a late-payment penalty of 1/2 of 1 percent of any tax not paid by the regular due date.
 If you cannot afford to pay your taxes by April 15, you can request a reasonable extension of time to pay the tax by submitting Form 1127 to the IRS along with documentation that demonstrates why you cannot meet your tax liability. You must show that you do not have the cash, assets or the financial ability to get a loan to pay your taxes. If one of your assets is your home, you must show that the sale of the house would be at a sacrifice price and cause you a financial hardship.
 Even if you cannot pay your taxes, do not

delay filing your tax return. A late-filing penalty is usually charge if you return is filed after the due date. It is usually 5 percent of the tax not paid by the regular due date for each month or part of a month that your return is late.
 CPAs recommend taking into consideration how filing for an extension will impact your finances. Filing for an extension may not be the wisest choice financially. If you are due a refund from the IRS, by filing for an extension you may lose from four to six months of interest on that money. If it will cost you money to extend your filing date, make every effort to get your tax return filed in a timely manner. You may want to consider consulting a CPA to avoid making last-minute errors.
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The Chief Appraiser will open the proposals at 3:30 PM on Friday, April 18, 1997. The proposals will be reviewed for presentation to the Board of Directors, at their regular meeting on April 22, 1997.
The Board of Directors will consider proposals for award at their next regular meeting April 22, 1997 at 7:30 AM at the Appraisal District offices at 815 North Sumner, Pampa, Texas.
Information for the preparation of this proposal and specifications for the group health, dental and life insurance may be obtained from Jennifer Read or Pat Bagley at the Appraisal District offices at 815 North Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79066.
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 - 16 Postpone indefinitely
 - 18 Playing card
 - 19 Legendary bird
 - 20 Pas' mates
 - 22 Old card game
 - 24 True
 - 26 Miana
 - 29 Chicken (spicy dish)
 - 31 Thinning agent
 - 33 Oil source
 - 35 Wonder-land girl
 - 36 Gls' club
 - 37 Walter's burden
 - 39 Mao
 - 40 Own (Scott)
 - 41 Exist
 - 43 Shake-

Answer to Previous Puzzle

46 Unconcerned, ethically
49 Garishly
52 Not bold
54 Get on the
55 Habitats
56 Be
57 Defeat soundly
DOWN
1 Emulate
2 Yours and mine
3 Ark builder
4 Powerful rulers
5 Valley, Idaho
6 Roman three
7 Some jobs
8 Believe — not
9 Wax
10 Great multitude
12 European capital
13 Can. prov.
17 TV accessory
20 Fifth
21 — breve
22 Film director
23 Yes — ?
25 Icelandic
26 Hilo
27 A single time only
28 Consumed food
29 Actor
30 Abominable
31 Snowman
32 Type of motive
34 Coastal bird
38 Sweet potato
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No kidding: Office buildings really can make some workers sick

DALLAS (AP) — For about three years, English teacher Peter Gelinas has suffered from nausea, headaches, lightheadedness and sinus pressure so intense that his teeth hurt. Some days, he had to leave school and go home.

He believes he was being sickened by working in a moldy, damp wing of Hastings Middle School in Fairhaven, Mass. Since Gelinas complained, the administration put in a fan and renovated the ventilation system.

But the new system circulates outside air, which brings in the "rotten egg" sulphur smell of a nearby landfill. So Gelinas' ailments persist.

"The kids experience it, too," Gelinas said. "It's not a great environment to learn."

Like Gelinas, many people are discovering that their workplaces are making them sick.

After the energy crisis of the 1970s, architects and engineers began designing more efficient buildings without windows that open. The result is sometimes inadequate ventilation that causes the recirculation of air filled with pollutants.

"Our windows don't go up anymore," said Carolyn Gorman, patient education director of the Environmental Health Center of Dallas. "We're all kind of in a cage or a sealed chamber."

"It's a building in which there's not enough air exchange, there's too many contaminants in the building, whether it's mold, carbon dioxide or chemicals," Mrs. Gorman said. "In the last several decades the incidence of sick buildings have certainly gone up. People spend like 90 percent of their time indoors."

Since the early 1990s, building codes have required a certain amount of fresh air to be brought into a building's cooling and heating system, said Paul Sprehe, an engineer with Sprehe Engineering Service in Oklahoma City. But he acknowledges there's been resistance because it's more expensive to design a system that includes fresh air.

"If they're rebuilding or renovating, they're bringing them up to code. If they don't, they'll be so smelly, no one will want to rent space there," Sprehe said.

Dean Wingo, area director for the Fort Worth office of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, said OSHA responds to more than a dozen indoor environmental health complaints a year in North Texas.

Neither OSHA nor the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health had statistics specifically about sick building syndrome. However, anecdotal evidence supports the concept:

— In January, current and former workers of the Krannert Institute of Cardiology in Indianapolis sued the company, saying the ventilation system made them sick by letting contaminants accumulate inside the building.

— Earlier this month, hundreds of employees at Overton Centre Tower in Fort Worth were evacuated two days in a row after smelling fumes. Many were nauseated, dizzy or felt weak in the knees. The building was reopened Tuesday, but the source of the fumes remains a mystery.

— On Monday, fumes forced the evacuation of 600 workers from an Arlington office building.

— Last year, responding to

workers' complaints of headaches and sore throats, Transportation Department officials declared their Washington headquarters a "sick building" and recommended relocating workers temporarily as the ventilation system was overhauled. A consultant team found high levels of hydrocarbons and slightly elevated levels of carbon dioxide in the building, suggesting that the system wasn't working properly.

"We weren't getting enough air in from the outside so it made it difficult to breathe," said Patricia Spierer, a policy

analyst with the department. "The air seemed very heavy."

A sick building cleaning team has been working its way through the building since the complaints surfaced. Since the ventilation system has been renovated, Ms. Spierer said the office environment is "substantially different and better."

"I like being able to breathe," she said.

At the Environmental Health Center, Mrs. Gorman sees people who have become sick from everyday materials in their offices, including paint, dust, carpets, disinfectants and pesti-

cides. Even ozone emitted from laser printers or fumes and vapors discharged from copy machines can make workers sick.

"A lot of sick building problems could be eliminated with proper filtration, proper ventilation and times — the proper choice of times to do a renovation or construction," she said.

Sometimes, however, the reaction to a perceived health threat can far exceed the actual damage, experts said.

Industrial hygienist Bill Vining offered an example: "Someone spills a can of paint.

It may be nowhere near a toxic level, but they will have a response that is more of a panic response."

Some have suggested that the "panic response" is at the root of the Fort Worth episode, when some 200 people began vomiting and passing out in the parking lot of Overton Centre Tower.

Andrew Armstrong, whose Arlington forensic lab was evaluating air samples from Overton Centre, said investigators haven't discounted hypochondria.

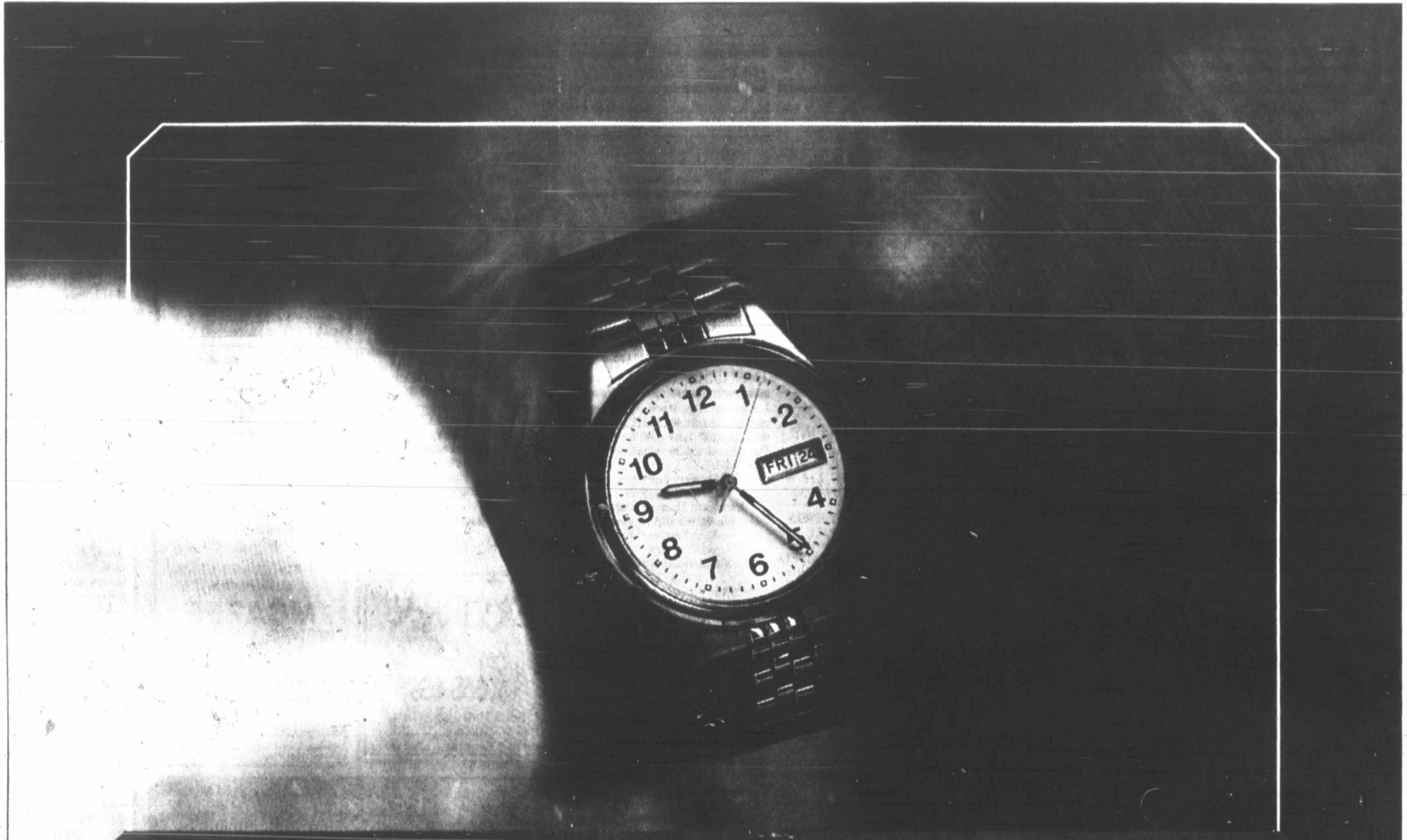
"One fellow smells something and gets sick, and the next fel-

low thinks he smells something and gets sick ... there's a tremendous amount of that," he said.

Mrs. Gorman objects to using that conclusion as a way to avoid finding the real source of what's making workers sick.

"You need to know the building's history," she said. "Sometimes it's hard to find the chemicals if you have no idea what's going on. You don't just say, 'Oh, well, it's mass hysteria.'"

Says Gelinas: "A healthy workplace is a right, not a privilege."



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