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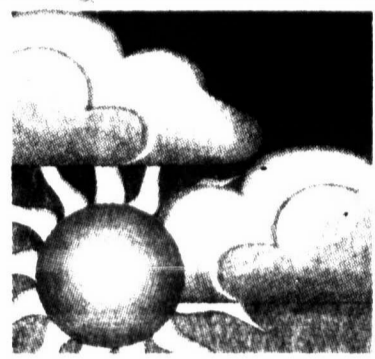
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**JASPER, (AP)** — The Jasper school board has backed a middle school principal's decision to suspend a 14-year-old for wearing a Confederate belt buckle.

The school board voted late Monday to sustain the action taken against Josh Letney, who was suspended from Jasper Middle School's alternative education center for insisting on wearing the buckle after being told it violates dress code regulations.

"We're going to get a lawyer," said the boy's mother, Carolyn Letney, after the school board's decision Monday night.

"Josh has been out of school since late January, and they will not let him make up his classes," she said.

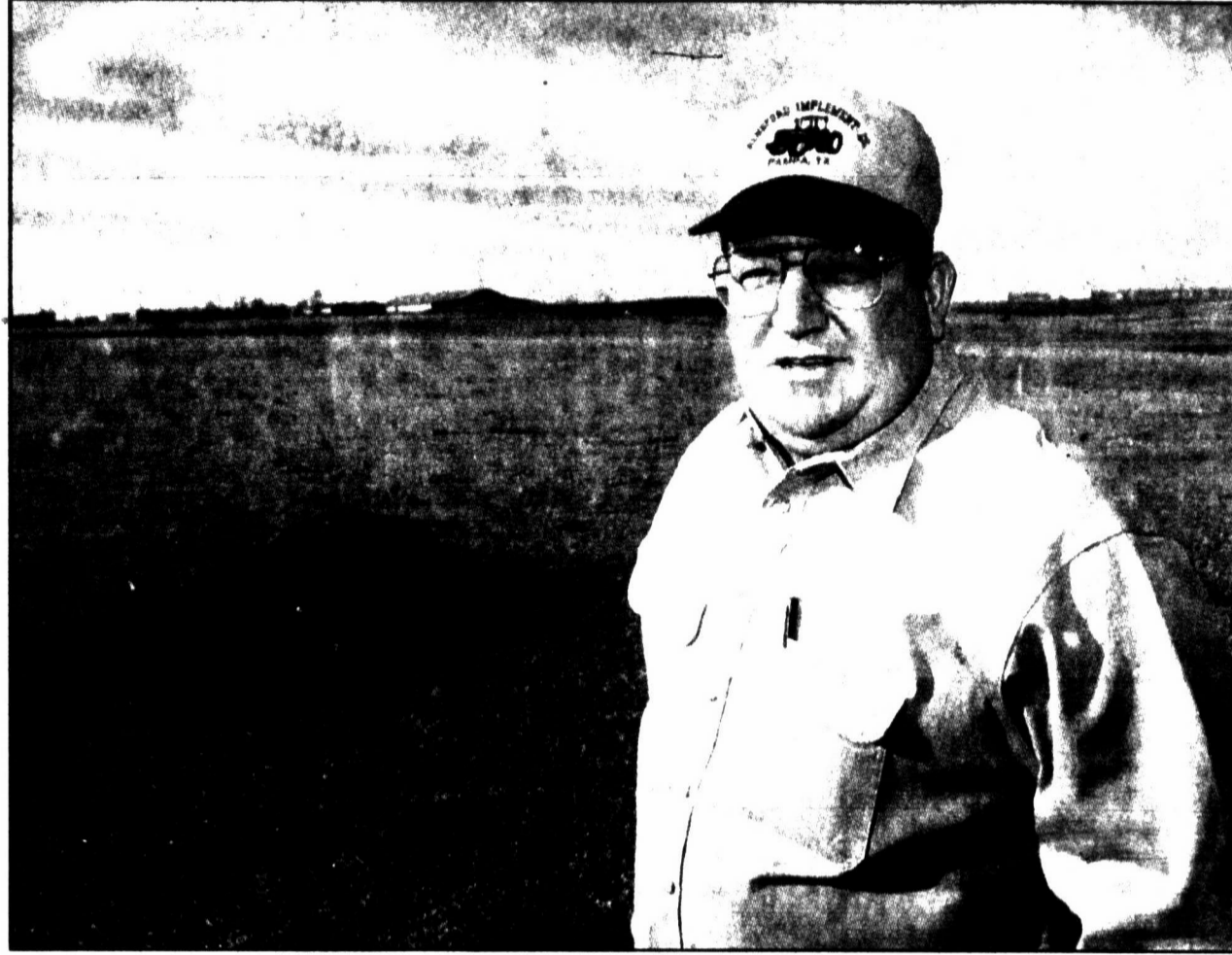
School district superintendent Doug Koebernick has said the buckle violates the dress code because it could be disruptive.

Principal Gwen Gilford asked Letney not to wear the belt buckle to school in deference to the dragging death of James Byrd Jr. last June.

Although the Jasper school district considers the belt buckle a dress code violation, Letney said he believes the buckle is a symbol of his heritage and Southern roots. The buckle was a gift from his uncle, he said.

- John Alan Hair, Jr., 47, substitute teacher.
- Jean R. Heare, 88, homemaker.
- Albert Moore, 89, retired farmer.
- Robert A. 'Bob' Story, 78, retired employee of Titan Industries.
- Charline Wesson Yeager, 95, Sunday School teacher for 30 years.

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

**Pampa businessman Billy Scribner surveys a pasture east of Pampa where someone shot and killed one of his cows. County and state law enforcement officers are pursuing the case with hopes that a ballistics report on the bullet that killed the animal will lead them to a suspect.**

## Police seek clues to killer of mother cow

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Investigators were awaiting ballistics reports today in the shooting death of a cow east of Pampa.

"People need to realize that private property is PRIVATE property," said Kelly Rushing, a field inspector with the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association.

Trespassing on posted property is illegal as is killing livestock. Rushing and Gray County sheriff's deputies are investigating the death late last month of a cow shot in the chest, apparently with a high powered rifle. The 4-year-old cow, belonging to Pampa businessman Billy Scribner, was shot during the night of Feb. 26, north of Recreation Park, east of Pampa.

"A neighbor heard the cow bawling," Rushing said. "It apparently suffered through the night."

One of Scribner's men found the dead cow Saturday morning, Feb. 27.

"I found the calf the next day running around hungry," Scribner

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## School calendar to add two days

Year to run from Aug. 12 through May 26 under plan

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY  
Managing Editor

Under a new 1999-2000 school calendar proposal by the Pampa ISD school district, students will begin classes next year on Thursday, Aug. 12 and will be out of school by May 26, 2000.

The proposed calendar was determined according to a decision made in the last legislative session which stipulates that two additional days be added in the 1999-2000 school year — bringing the total to 189 contract days.

Previous surveys by parents, students and staff at the secondary level indicate that the first semester should continue to end before the Christmas holidays, according to school officials.

In addition, the calendar represents a new staff development concept in which Pampa ISD teachers will be required to attend five days of paid training during the summer.

"These days would correspond to topics designated by district or campus plans and would be provided primarily in Pampa and Amarillo," according to information provided by the district on the issue. "Any teacher who did not acquire summer training would be advised by the elementary/secondary coordinator on evenings and Saturday workshops that would be appropriate."

- Other action items for consideration this month include:
- Bids for high school elevator
  - 1998-99 budget amendment
  - Approval of textbook selection committee recommendations
  - Contract with City of Pampa regarding trustee role in purchase

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## Lefors street repairs lacking due to funding

By JEFF WEST  
Staff Writer

How to take care of the streets while tending to other problems was the subject of a lot of discussion at the regular meeting of Lefors city council yesterday.

Several items were on the agenda that addressed the street repair problem including buying a box blade for the tractor the city owns. The blade would allow repair not only to the streets but also to the alleys which Mayor J.W. Franks said were in bad shape.

He said some of the alleys are too small to allow a full-size grader access. There was some discussion of just buying the blade and having City Superintendent Bruce Withers build a box for it. In the end, no action was taken while Withers and Franks check on the availability of a used blade.

Action on selling some old vehicles that the city

owns was also delayed because City Marshall John Worthington is beginning the plans for a citywide auction of some surplus items. While selling the city's current inoperable motor grader was discussed action was delayed while the prices for

(See LEFORS, Page 2)

## Bill would allow pay for dual posts

AUSTIN (AP) — Public school teachers and other state employees could receive pay while serving on city councils, school boards and other municipal posts under proposed legislation that would amend the Texas Constitution.

The bill came about a month after Round Rock City Council member Martha Chavez realized she was violating the constitution by accepting pay for her elected position while also teaching at Round Rock High School.

The bill, proposed by Republican Sens. Jeff

Wentworth of San Antonio and Bill Ratliff of Mount Pleasant, would remedy the provision of the constitution they see as antiquated and irrational.

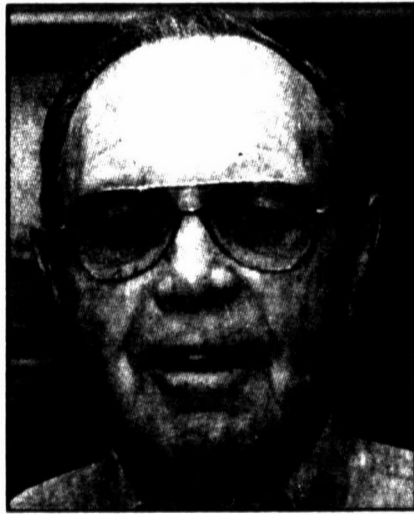
"Just because she's a schoolteacher doesn't mean she should be prohibited from serving or being paid for it," Wentworth said.

Ms. Chavez said she learned she shouldn't be accepting the monthly \$500 stipend for Round Rock City Council members during a Texas Municipal League seminar last month.

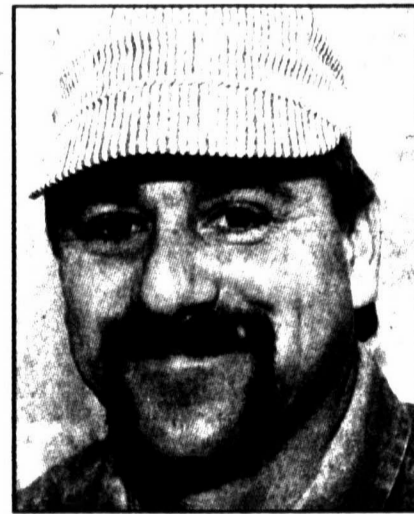
## Quite frankly... What's the best thing about Pampa?



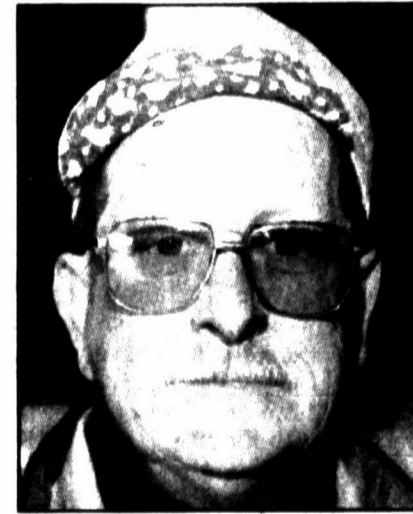
"The Top of Texas Rodeo."  
-- Trudy Manhart



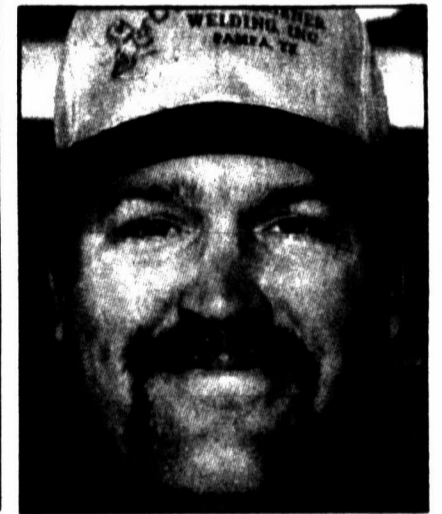
"I've lived here since I started school. It's the people."  
-- Ferrell Yearwood



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## Hospice Foundation to hold sixth annual teleconference

On Wednesday, April 14, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT, Cokie Roberts of ABC News will once again moderate the Hospice Foundation of America's sixth annual National Bereavement Teleconference, "Living with Grief: At Work, At School, At Worship." This live-via-satellite video teleconference will examine the ways that grief can affect us in various settings, such as the workplace, schools, or places of worship. This public service program will offer humane and practical suggestions for those assisting grievers and for organizations who may have those struggling with illness and loss in their midst.

With advances in medical technology, more options are available to those facing chronic or life-threatening illnesses; for many people, that includes maintaining a connection to their work environment. And as a generation of baby boomers faces caring for their aging parents, the ways in which workplaces respond to illness and death has become an increasingly important issue. Recently featured on National Public Radio's program, "All Things Considered," HFA Senior Consultant and teleconference panel member, Kenneth Doka, Ph.D., noted, "When an employee or employee's spouse dies, how do we inform the people in the workplace environment? Somebody's child has just died. What do you say to them? How do you get through those awkward moments?"

This award-winning broadcast, featuring a distinguished panel of experts, annually reaches an audience of 150,000 in more than 2,000 communities across the country. Teleconference sites will include hospices, hospitals, state offices on aging, universities, police departments and school districts. Special outreach efforts will be made to Employee Assistance Programs and Human Resources Departments of local business organizations; participating organizations include such diverse groups as Saturn Automotive Company and Air Express International.

"Hosting or cosponsoring the teleconference allows local organizations the opportunity to offer a valuable service to business and schools and to network with other resources in their area," according to Jack D. Gordon, president of Hospice Foundation of America.

Gordon offers further insight as the founder and former president of Washington Savings Bank and former Florida State senator. "While striving in the '60s to be the first saving bank to reach the billion dollar level, I found that personal traumas in an employee's life often resulted in lost productivity, which was a distracting and expensive barrier in reaching our goals. As President of Hospice Foundation of America I find I now have to opportunity of assisting businesses in coping with a major workplace problem from which no organization is immune."

The panel will include Doka, a Lutheran minister and professor of gerontology at the College of New Rochelle; Michael Kirby, M.S.W., director of the New York State Police Employee Assistance Department; and Marcia Lattanzi-Licht, R.N., M.A., L.P.C., co-founder of Hospice of Boulder County and internationally known educator, author, and consultant.

One participant who hosts the program every year noted, "the teleconference was excellent; panelists were knowledgeable, topics relevant ... it was a great opportunity for people from our community — hospice staff, volunteers, clergy, funeral directors, and families — to hear valuable information from the nation's top experts in the field." (Barbara Bell, director, Hospice Volunteers of Kennebec, Gardiner, ME.)

### Cancer support group to meet

AMARILLO — The Women's Center at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will present "Women in Touch" from 5:30-7 p.m. March 15 at the center's amphitheatre, 1500 Wallace Blvd.

"Women in Touch" is a monthly support group for women living with breast cancer. This month's program will feature Scott Terhune, PT, physical therapist NovaCare, and Cherly Terhune, LMT, exercise physiologist. The presentation is entitled, "Moving On: Activity and Fitness after Breast Cancer."

For more information, call Kathryn Hughes at the center, (806) 359-4673 ext. 283 or 1-800-274-4673.

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Pampa High School Choir.

## Choir students participate in UIL contest

CANYON — At UIL Vocal and Ensemble Contest at West Texas A&M University recently, 44 Pampa High School Choir students performed solos for adjudication. Thirty soloists received first division ratings. Students performing Class III solos and receiving first divisions were Jessica Burns, Jessica Baggett, Amy Robbins, Ashley Kiper, Sammie Parsley, Samantha Jasso, Charity Godwin, Shelby McGahan, Adam Parks, Cory Bigham, Karen Kirkwood, and Ashlee Hunt. Students performing Class II solos and receiving first divisions were Chesney Driggers, Greg Hartman, Aaron Fernuik, Ashley Knipp, Mandi West, and Jacob Lewis. Students performing Class I solos and receiving first divisions were Melea Jouett, Rebekah Orr, Jennifer Mackie, Hayle Garrison, Tiffany Bruce, Patrick Parsons, Holly Brooks, Andy Fernuik, and Than Scoggin.

Sixty-four students participated in seven ensembles. The treble medium ensemble performing "Sing to the Lord Ye Righteous" consisted of Leslee Ammons, April Angel, Crystal Angel, Nichole Bruton, Jessica Burns, Raynee Canaday, Stacie Carter, Angie Cloud, Tiffany Dennis, Meagan Dyer, Karlie Green, Ashley Kiper, Melissa Lawrence, Collin Lewis, Danielle Martinez, Angela Murray, Abbey Parker, Sammie Parsley, Janelle Powers, Amy Robbins, Sara Scott, Shellie Snapp, Leslie Ward, and Morgan White. The mixed medium ensemble performing "Springtime" consisted of Tiffany Bruce, Ashley Knipp, Mandi West, Cory Bigham, Richard Conner, Chesney Driggers, Sarah Fraser, Charity Godwin, Nathaniel Hill, Ashlee Hunt, Brittany Kindle, Karen Kirkwood, Chris Lewis, and Shelby McGahan. A sextet consisting of Allison Earl,

Samantha Jasso, Jessica Morrison, Catherine Morse, Misti Northcutt, and Mandi West performed "Now is the Month of Maying." An additional sextet consisting of Chesney Driggers, Sarah Fraser, Charity Godwin, Ashlee Hunt, and Karen Kirkwood sang "Though Philomena Lost Her Love." A treble quartet performing "Il est bel et bon" consisted of Tiffany Bruce, Hayle Garrison, Melea Jouett and Erin Mullanax. Josh Gibson, Meredith Hendricks, Dillon Hill, Jennifer Mackie, Patrick Parsons, Celeste Stowers, and Joanna Wheeley were in madrigal group which performed "Let Go, Why Do You Stay Me?" Holly Brooks, Andy Fernuik, Rose Fruge, Thann Scoggin and Traci Shelton were in a madrigal group which sang "Flora Gave Me Fairest Flowers." Every ensemble received a first division rating.

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Clara Graham



# Texas roundup ...

## Senate panel passes deregulation

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill to break up the state's electric monopolies is headed to the Senate after a key panel approved the complex plan. The bill, sponsored by Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, would freeze, then lower, electric rates before allowing competitors into the electric market in 2002.

Sibley said he expects the full Senate to take up the bill March 17. "This is the most difficult area I've had to master since I've been in the Senate," said Sibley.

While the bill was unanimously approved Monday by the Senate Electric Utility Restructuring Committee, Sibley said he wasn't sure how it would be received by his colleagues.

## East Texas student remains suspended for wearing Confederate belt buckle

JASPER, Texas (AP) — A 14-year-old student will remain suspended for wearing a Confederate flag belt buckle, a school board has ruled in the East Texas town where a black man was dragged to death.

Josh Letney, a Jasper Middle School student, was first expelled for wearing the belt buckle Jan. 29. The principal asked him not to wear it in light of the dragging death in Jasper of a black man, allegedly at the hands of three white supremacists.

"We're going to get a lawyer," said the boy's mother, Carolyn Letney, after the school board's decision Monday night.

"Josh has been out of school since late January, and they will not let him make up his classes," she said.

Principal Gwen Gilford asked Letney not to wear the belt buckle to school in deference to the dragging death of James Byrd Jr. last June. One of the three defendants, John William King, was convicted and sentenced to death for the crime. Two others await trial.

## Bill would make Austin a capital district

AUSTIN (AP) — A Houston lawmaker thinks the state should run the capital city.

Rep. Ron Wilson has filed a bill to create a "District of Travis" akin

## Single mom wins custody battle with powerful couple

CHICAGO (AP) — It was a battle that turned on drugs, race and politics. At stake was the fate of a 3-year-old boy.

Recovering cocaine addict Tina Olson on Monday won custody of her son, known as Baby T, after a court fight in which she faced one of Chicago's most powerful political couples.

"I just thank God for the chance to have a relationship with my child," Olson said. "... This means more to me than anything."

Judge Judith Brawka decided that foster parents Edward and Anne Burke, who are white, should transfer custody of the boy to Olson, who is black, over a 12-month transition period.

The Burkes became the boy's foster parents almost at birth three years ago when the 37-year-old Olson, a single mother, was fighting cocaine addiction. Baby T was born with cocaine in his system.

Burke is one of the most powerful aldermen on the Chicago City Council, serving as chairman of the Finance Committee. Mrs. Burke is an appellate judge. His office did not return a call seeking comment.

Brawka held that the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services erred in putting no emphasis on the importance of black culture in the boy's upbringing.

"Unless the position of the department is that there is no such thing as African-American culture, this issue deserves more attention than to check a box that says not applicable," Brawka held.

She also said that the youngster needs to be with his 8-year-old brother, who also is being returned to Olson under the court order.

"His relationship with his brother... is a sweet note in an otherwise discordant symphony," the judge said.

Brawka is a white suburban Kane County judge who was brought in as an outsider to decide a case with powerful political overtones in Chicago.

Olson says that she is now off drugs and has found religion. "When God is for you, he's greater than the weight of the world against you," she told reporters.

The Burkes had sought to adopt the boy and have Olson declared unfit. But last November, Brawka found that she was now fit to be his mother.

She warned Olson on Monday, however, that the custody transfer could be called off if the transition period doesn't seem to be working out.

"Just as your addiction lasted for years, I must tell you this case may not close for a significant period of time," the judge said.

She also cautioned Olson not to celebrate a victory.

"He is not a prize that you have won," Brawka said. "He is not the spoils of war after a battle. He is a human being."

"You are neither a devil nor a saint, a villain nor a hero," she said. "And neither are the Burkes."

## Trustees to keep school uniform policy

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio School District trustees have decided to keep a mandatory student uniform policy for now, following a school board meeting flooded with parents who support the dress code.

Parents told board members Monday night of a decline in gang colors, less peer pressure and better attendance since uniforms became required throughout the district this school year.

"Pride, duty, confidence, less distractions, less discipline problems, willingness to learn," said parent Edward Zuniga. "Why would anyone want to get rid of a program that instills these values?"

Only four parents spoke against uniforms.

The San Antonio district with its vote last year adopting mandatory uniforms for its 59,000 students became the largest district in Texas to require uniforms.

Interim Superintendent David Splitek said he wanted to keep the khaki-and-white uniforms, but the district couldn't shoulder the state-mandated cost of providing uniforms to students unable to afford them.

The district spent \$469,000 this school year on uniforms and is facing a serious budget shortfall next year.

The crowd Monday night broke into applause when Robert Hernandez, the first parent to address the board, pledged \$175,000 for uniforms for low-income parents.

Late in the meeting, trustees decided not to take action on the uniform policy, effectively keeping the mandatory practice in place. But the issue is expected to come up again.

to the District of Columbia.

The idea, first proposed in 1884, has been the subject of unsuccessful legislation over the years. But Wilson, D-Houston, says the district is needed in order to make the capital city more friendly to state government.

"There's an attitude in much of local government here that they aren't responsive nor responsible to anybody else outside of Austin, that basically they're doing us a favor by having the Capitol here," Wilson told the Austin American-Statesman.

The proposal, which would require approval by a two-thirds majority of both chambers in the Legislature and then would have to be put before voters, is downplayed by Mayor Kirk Watson.

## Murder-for-insurance-money trial to start

HOUSTON (AP) — The capital murder trial of a woman whose husband was stabbed more than 90 times has been cleared to begin by a judge's ruling that the defendant's statements to police can be used in court.

Jury selection was scheduled to start today in Galveston for Barbara Holder, who law officers contend had plotted with her boyfriend to kill her husband Curtis in 1997 and collect on his life insurance and other death benefits.

The 40-year-old League City woman's trial has all of the signs of a solicitation case, Galveston County District Attorney Mike Guarino said, because she and two other defendants conspired to kill Curtis Holder so they could collect his benefits.

A high school dropout who has admitted his role in a murder plot is expected to testify against the homemaker.

Also charged is Ms. Holder's ex-convict boyfriend, Mark Thomas Dixon, who is still awaiting trial.

## Elsewhere

**BUSH HINT:** In another sign that Gov. George W. Bush will run for president, his chief political strategist is selling his private consulting business. Karl Rove told said Bush wants him to focus only on the governor's presidential bid, which is now in the exploratory phase. ...

**SOUTHERN TROUBLES:** Lt. Gov. Rick Perry expressed confidence Monday that troubled Texas Southern University can put its financial house in order and remain an independent school. A state audit criticized the school, which got \$8 million in emergency funds from the state, for poor accounting procedures and incomplete records on investments and earnings. ...

**OCTUPLET IMPROVES:** One of the weakest Houston octuplets has been moved out of intensive care, leaving just one of the seven surviving babies behind. Ikem, one of two boys, is still in intensive care after abdominal surgery last week. ...

**BURLINGTON UPGRADES:** Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co. has announced Monday it will spend \$2.5 billion this year on capital improvements to its railroad network. The railroad plans to add \$400 million in new locomotives and \$812 million on better track, signals, bridges and tunnels.

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Friend Can't Support Wife Who Keeps Returning to Heartache

DEAR ABBY: My close friend has had a turbulent 12-year marriage to a man who has had several long-term affairs. She has left him on several occasions, but always ends up returning.

Currently, she is separated. She told me that this time she is determined to go on without him and regain her self-esteem. I have just heard that she is in the planning stages of returning to him.

Abby, for 12 years I have listened to her cry, watched him break her heart over and over, and I can't take it anymore. She is asking me for words of encouragement and I can no longer offer them. I can't be supportive when I know she is going to be hurt again. I want to scream at her, "Wake up! You have rocks for brains and he's never going to change." How can I get through to her?

TIRE OF WATCHING

DEAR TIRED: Have you told her what you've just told me? It wouldn't hurt to try. However, if you do try and your efforts fail, accept the fact that your friend must live her own life. For your own sanity, perhaps you should distance yourself from her. Losing your support might be the wake-up call she needs.

DEAR ABBY: I'm engaged to a woman I'll call Mary. She has a 4-year-old granddaughter I'll call Ashley.



Abigail Van Buren

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In Mary's eyes, Ashley can do no wrong. I have actually heard Ashley say, "Shut up, Grandma," or "Come here right now!" — and Grandma does.

Mary admits that Ashley's behavior isn't good, but she allows her to get away with it. Mary lives with her son (Ashley's father) and his wife, and if Daddy says no to Ashley, Mary quietly tells her to "wait until Daddy goes to work."

Abby, this child is so spoiled she's a brat. If I had behaved that way when I was growing up, I would have been paddled. I have tried talking to Mary about her granddaughter, but I get nowhere. What should I do?

RECONSIDERING MARRIAGE

DEAR RECONSIDERING: Mary is living with Ashley's parents, and it's almost impossible for a grandmother not to spoil a cute little granddaughter while in such close proximity. However, if you and Mary get married, she'll be living with you, and you won't have to witness the spoiled child

daily treating her grandmother disrespectfully.

Ashley is going through a phase that she will probably outgrow, but if she doesn't, keep in mind that your contact with her will be limited. Because you love Mary, you should be able to tolerate Ashley in small doses. Reconsider with this in mind, and let me know what you decide.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife's 46-year old son will soon be marrying for the third time. She is a nice, pretty lady who is his age. This will be her first marriage. She is from a large and wealthy family.

My wife informed me I will be buying dinner for all those attending the wedding rehearsal. Is this my responsibility? Do I pay for the drinks, too? Shouldn't he, at his ripe old age, pay for this event himself? What about asking his five-times-married biological father to help share expenses? The father has provided very little to this "boy" who moved in with his mother and me when his first two marriages failed.

FEELING BADLY USED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR FEELING BADLY USED: I see no compelling reason to open your checkbook. After the first marriage, your stepson should be footing the bill himself.

Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1999 BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic, 4-Positive, 3-Average, 2-So-so, 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You could be jolted; suddenly, another simply doesn't get it. Find another way to approach this person and share your wisdom. Don't dismiss setting an example. Caring abounds. You will break through barriers. Tonight: Off to the movies.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your sense of direction helps a partner. You could be overly concerned about a personal matter. Avoid reliving problems in your mind; let go of them. A loving gesture is well received. You don't need to worry! Emphasis is on finances and security. Tonight: With a favorite person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You could be out of kilter, and the reason simply might not be clear. Mercury, your planetary ruler, goes retrograde, tossing you into a sundry mood. Confirm plans, especially revolving around friends and meetings. Misunderstandings happen out of the blue. Tonight: Lose yourself in a crowd.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Lighten up about work and what you must get done. Confirm plans and meetings over the next few weeks. Refuse to stand on ceremony or worry. Talk about what is on your mind. The boss is definitely

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# DiMaggio legacy survives

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — At Yankee Stadium and the White House, from Dodgertown to Cooperstown, Joe DiMaggio's friends and fans paid tribute to a man acclaimed as baseball's greatest living player.

The reign ended Monday, when DiMaggio died at home following a five-month battle with lung cancer. His legacy, however, survives.

"He became the very symbol of American grace, power and skill," President Clinton said. "I have no doubt that when future generations look back at the best of America in the 20th century, they will think of the Yankee Clipper and all that he achieved."

A funeral will be held Thursday in DiMaggio's native Northern California, with burial to follow in the San Francisco area. Meanwhile, eulogies poured in from ballfields and beyond with remembrances of The Streak and DiMaggio's many other achievements.

"He was to people all over the world what a baseball player was supposed to be like," said former Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda.

"If you said to God, 'Create someone who was what a baseball player should be,' God would have created Joe DiMaggio. And he did."

To many, Joltin' Joe's death at age 84 marked the end of an era. The Yankees center fielder captivated and inspired a nation coping with the Depression and World War II, and his fame endured and even grew after retirement in 1951.

He was remembered for his elegance playing the most glamorous position in baseball on the most glamorous team in sports.

American flags at Yankee Stadium, including one in left field's hallowed Monument Park, were lowered to half staff. So was the Hall of Fame flag in Cooperstown, N.Y., where a wreath was placed around DiMaggio's plaque.

"The reverence for him was unsurpassed," said Hall of Fame spokesman Jeff Idelson.

DiMaggio spent his final years in a waterfront residence, living alone until he became sick. He spent 99 days in a hospital before going home Jan. 19, and died barely one month shy of the Yankees' home opener, where he hoped to throw out the first ball.

At DiMaggio's bedside when he died were brother Dominick, a former major league outfielder; two grandchildren; and two friends.

His estranged relationship with his only child was reflected in his last will and testament.

A trust fund will pay \$20,000 a year to Joseph Paul DiMaggio Jr., who works in a Northern California junkyard and lives in a trailer. The bequest appeared to be the smallest gift in the document, which by comparison established trust funds of \$500,000 apiece for two great-granddaughters.

# Jones was exuberant about new album before accident

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — George Jones was singing better than ever at 67 before being critically injured in a automobile wreck, said friends who've heard previews of his next album.

"I've never heard George sound any better," said singer Sammy Kershaw on Monday. "And I've been a fan ever since I was 5- or 6-years-old. He's the best in the business."

Jones was driving Saturday and listening to some of the 14 songs he had recorded when he called his stepdaughter on a cellular phone to tell her he would be home shortly. He lost control of his sport-utility vehicle and crashed into a bridge.

Jones, who wasn't wearing a seat belt, suffered a punctured lung and lacerated liver, but no head injuries. He remained in critical condition early today, hospital

spokesman Wayne Wood said. A ventilator is helping him breathe, but doctors are hoping to take him off it soon.

A news conference was planned for this afternoon to update his progress.

The East Texas native was exuberant in recent weeks as he worked on the album for his new record label, Asylum, friends said.

"It's just unbelievable luck," said Evelyn Shriver, president of Asylum's Nashville office. "He's been in such great spirits, and we're so excited about the progress of the record."

Jones was happy because he wasn't feeling any pressure to tailor his new music to current radio formats that favor younger artists, said his producer Keith Stegall, who also works with Alan Jackson.

Jones' goal was a record like his classics from the 1970s, which were produced by Billy Sherrill.

"He was just on top of the world," Stegall said. "I think it's because this album is not about trying to make George Jones seem hip. It's just about making a classic George Jones album."

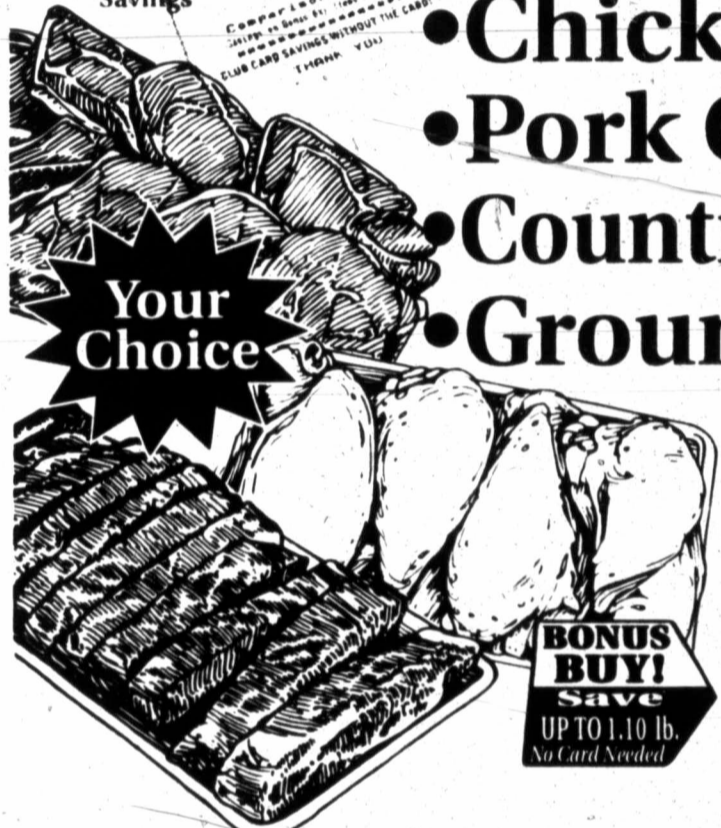
Jones had 14 songs near completion, including two faster songs in the vein of his earlier hits "White Lightning" and "Why Baby Why," and recently found two more he wanted to do, Stegall said. Among the titled songs were "The Cold Hard Truth," "Sinners and Saints" and "The Real Deal."

Jones' wife Nancy said the material was "good, hard-core country ballads from the heart."

"He is very excited about this new album," Mrs. Jones said.

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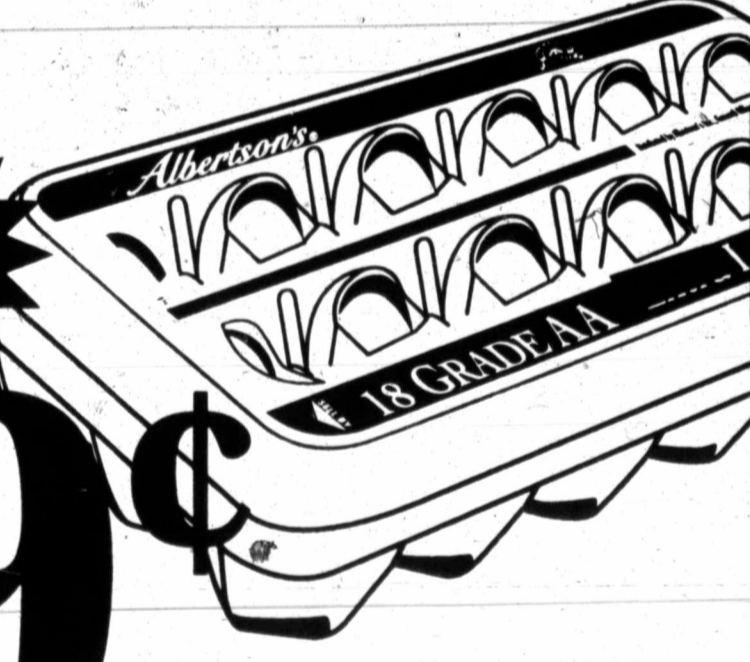
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In addition to vocal solos and ensembles, piano solos were also performed for adjudication. Chris Lewis and Sarita Mohan received first divisions. They are the students of Wanetta Hill and Phoebe Reynolds.

Vocal performers are the students of choir directors Fred Mays and Jennifer Scoggin and private instructors Wanetta Hill, Suzanne Wood, Rosemarie Scott of Borger, and Jerry Perales of Amarillo.

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