

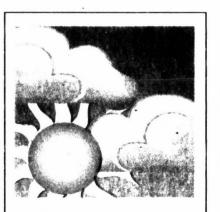
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AUSTIN (AP) — High school students seeking permission to pray or hold "solemnizing" ceremonies before football games have won the support of Gov. George W. Bush.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld a lower court's decision allowing limited prayer at graduation ceremonies, but ruled out the prayers or other solemnizing ceremonies before football games.

Bush, who recently formed a presidential exploratory committee, filed Friday with the state attorney a brief supporting a Houston-area school district that was sued in 1995 by parents who claimed football game prayers violated the constitutional separation of church and state.

The Santa Fe school district's policy allows graduating students to choose by secret ballot whether to

# Library on track for April 12 reopening

# Books being moved; computers to hook up

**By JEFF WEST Staff Writer** 

While delays have plagued the renovation of the Lovett Library since last year it looks like the final stage is progressing on time. Head Librarian Anne Stobbe said everything is on schedule to open the renovated library on April 12 as promised. She said moving the books is being made a little easier by loading them on large rolling book cases at the old Baker School, rolling them onto a truck and then rolling them into the Lovett building.

She said the staff had a lot of help the first few days which she appreciated. Now, it's a matter of getting some final shelving put together, getting the books organized and other tasks.

One major item left to do is to install the computers. There will be more access to computers at the updated Lovett. Stobbe said there will be three internet computers on line, two on the first floor and one in the new children's section upstairs. There will also be two computers dedicated to other tasks such as word processing that will be available for use by library patrons. She said she hoped having computers for the separate tasks will allow more patrons to use the computers. There will also be two computers that will access the on-line card catalog.

Among the first things visitors will notice when the library opens is the second floor balcony that will house the children's section. The old card catalog cases have also been removed leaving a large area for other uses.

The library is also much brighter with new paint and new lighting that should make reading or just perusing much more convenient.



Tabitha Jones takes another load of books from the mobile book cases to bring to the second floor children's section.

# Fatality victim was on way to celebrate 85th birthday

An Arkansas man who was killed in an automobile accident Friday morning was on his way

Police seek more drowning witnesses in death of toddler

The Pampa Police Police ask that anyone who

have an invocation and benediction as part of their graduation ceremony, Attorney General John Cornyn said. A similar policy was used for football games.

• Warren L. Bishop, 50, former employee of HSA Mortgage

• Fauneil "Scottie" Brown, 68, Pink Lady, Senior Citizens volunteer

• Thelma Mae Flinchum, 90, homemaker.

• Melinda Hale, 29, doctor's office receptionist

• Edith A. Smith, 83, retired coordinator of English for Amarillo School District.

to his birthday party in Pueblo, Colo., after having lost his wite several days ago.

James Jared O'Shannon, 84; Hot Springs, Ark., was traveling west on Highway 152 in his 1990 Chevrolet Celebrity, about, 14 miles east of Pampa.

For unknown reasons, he drifted into the east bound lane and struck a 1991 Freight Liner Truck driven by Heriberto Surez, 40, Garden State, Kan., who was hauling manure, said DPS Trooper John Nelson

The two vehicles collided "headlight to headlight," Nelson said. The impact spun the Chevrolet around and it came to rest north of the highway.

The truck and trailer continued for a short distance before catching fire and sparking a small grass fire. Although the trailer turned partially on its side, Surez managed to escape the vehicle unhurt

# O'Shannon's daughter said her father had been in Oklahoma City two days ago where he attended to having his late wife's body cremated. She died a few days ago.

Nelson said he had talked with a daughter of O'Shannon who said he had been in Oklahoma, City two days ago where he attended to having his late wife's body cremated. She said he was on his way to Pueblo to celebrate his 85th birthday which would have been on April 3.

O'Shannon's body was taken to Lubbock for an autopsy to determine whether he had suffered a medical problem such as a heart attack that may have caused him to swerve into oncoming traffic.

Department is requesting help from the public concerning the drowning death of 18-monthold Ethan Anderson near the Super Playground on March 14.

The Police Department said it has been conducting an investigation of the circumstances surrounding the drowning.

While they have interviewed several people who were at the playground that day, officers say others may have been there who may have information about the death

"There have been a lot of rumors and we want to make that the city should have had sure we have all the facts," said Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris.

was at the playground on that afternoon contact Detective Connie Lockridge at 669-5700. Ethan was the son of James Alexander and Angela Anderson of Pampa.

The little boy died about 18 hours after he was pulled from water in a nearby creekbed that had filled with runoff water.

His aunt, Melodie Lane, told The Pampa News that his great aunt, Debbie Mojica, had turned to check on another child when Ethan apparently walked off.

The family has complained the creek area fenced off to prevent children from having access.

# Gazebo plans for downtown park still up in air

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Birth date and place: 4-4-89

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doctor or a teacher.

Never do drugs.

Fun to play with.

describe me: Silly.

being: A clown.

My personal hero: My Dad.

The best advice I ever got was:

My classmates think of me as:

The best word or words to

People will remember me as

The four guests at my fantasy

dinner party would be: Celine

#### By MIRANDA G. BAILEY **Managing Editor**

After discussing the pros and cons of a wooden gazebo versus a wrought ironstyled gazebo for months, the Pampa Parks and Recreation Advisory Board finally decided to go with a modular wooden gazebo in February for financial reasons.

A final decision on the actual design of the wooden structure was scheduled to made at the Thursday night March meeting.

Neet changed everything.

Neef told the board Thursday he had drawn up a wrought-iron gazebo design; he said he talked with an engineer and a contractor about the design; and based on all the "leg work" he did, Neef concluded that an iron-style gazebo could be built at von Brunow park for the budgeted \$6,000.

"I thought last month we came to the conclusion we had to do wood because we couldn't afford steel?" said board member Judy Elliott.

"The fact that it can be done for the

But a comment by board member Rusty money makes it worth looking at," said Veet

"We need to take a vote ... do we want wooden or iron?" asked member Eileen Kludt.

Kludt made a motion to take a vote on the issue, but comments continued to fly.

"Some of this sounds donated ... I don't know how fair that is in the bidding process ... I think you have a conflict of interests," Elliott said to Neef.

"Metal is without doubt better to go with," Neef said.

(See GAZEBO, Page 2)

# Sunday Snapshot

My hobbies are: Playing out-

Family: Angie, Anselmot & side My favorite sports team is: When I grow up I want to be: Chicago Bulls.

My favorite author is: Dave and Pat Sargent.

The last book I read was: "Fourth Grade Rats."

My favorite possession is: My bike.

My favorite performer is: Selena.

I wish I knew how to: Drive. My trademark cliche or

expression is: "I didn't do that." My worst habit is: Biting my

I would never: Do drugs. The last good movie I saw

- school. was: Selena. I stay home to watch: Rugrats. Nobody knows: And never
- will. Someday I want to drive a: Mustang.
- My favorite junk food is:
- Candy and Coke My favorite beverage:
- Chocolate milk. My favorite restaurant is: Taco
- Bell. My favorite pet: Is a cat.
- My favorite meal is: Pizza. I wish I could sing like: Selena.
- I'm happiest when I'm: In a
- good mood

I regret: lying

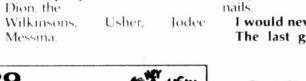
My biggest fear is: Tigers.

- The electrical device I couldn't live without is: TV.
- My most embarrassing moment: Is when I ran into a mirrored wall.
- The biggest waste of time is: Watching TV.
- If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: I would buy my mom a Cherokee.

If I had three wishes they would be: To become a doctor, a teacher, or be a singer.

If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: To I'm tired of: Getting up for have a drug free town.





# **Daily Record**

# Services

#### Services today

BISHOP, Warren L. - 1:30 p.m., Saint Andrews Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Odessa

#### Services tomorrow

FLINCHUM, Thelma Mae — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa

HALE, Melinda — 10 a.m., Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel, Amarillo. MOORE, Bertha Dyer — Memorial services, 7

p.m. (MST), Aztec Baptist Church, Gallup, N.M. SMITH, Edith A. – Graveside services, 11 a.m., Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler.

# Obituaries

#### WARREN L. BISHOP

ODESSA - Warren L. Bishop, 50, died Thursday, March 25, 1999, of Huntington's Disease. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. today in Saint Andrews Cumberland Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Dr. Craig Martindale and the Rev. Dr. Jimmy Braswell officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors of Odessa.

Mr. Bishop was born Nov. 4, 1948, at Oklahoma City, Okla. He was raised at Borger, graduating from Borger High School. He married Joan Friend Bishop on July 1, 1969. He earned his bachelor of business administration degree from West Texas State University in 1972. He worked for A-1 Homes and HSA Mortgage until 1991.

He belonged to Saint Andrews Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Promise Keepers.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Helen McDonald.

Survivors include his wife, Joan, of Odessa; a daughter, Kimberly Bishop of Odessa; a son, Brent Bishop of Seattle, Wash.; his father, A.L. Bishop of Royce City; his stepfather, Lloyd McDonald of Chattanooga, Tenn.; his stepmother, Wilma Green of Oklahoma City; two sisters, Wilma Parker of Houston and Lorraine McDonald of Amarillo; and a brother, Paul McDonald of Springfield, Mo.

The family requests memorials be to Huntington's Disease Society of America, 158 W. 29th St., 7th floor, New York, NY 10001-5300 or to Permian Basin Rehabilitation Center, 620 N. Alleghaney Ave., Odessa, TX 79761

#### FÁUNEIL 'SCOTTIE' BROWN

Fauneil "Scottie" Brown, 68, of Pampa, died Thursday, March 25, 1999.

The body was cremated. A private memorial service is planned at a later time.

Mrs. Brown was born Aug. 9, 1930, at Direct, Texas. She was a beloved mother, grandmother and sister and was a delight to all who knew her. She married Barney Lee Brown in 1958 at

## **EDITH A. SMITH**

AMARILLO - Edith A. Smith, 83, a former Wheeler resident, died Friday, March 26, 1999 Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Wheeler Cemetery in Wheeler with Dr. Howard Batson, senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Smith was born and raised at Wheeler, graduating salutatorian from Wheeler High chool. She held both a bachelor's and a master's degree from West Texas State Teachers College She had been an Amarillo resident for the past 51 years.

She taught school at Darrouzett, Lovington Horace Mann, Palo Duro and Tascosa High School. She was the first English coordinator at Region 16 PESO and retired as coordinator of English for Amarillo School District in 1978.

She served on the state textbook committee and belonged to First Baptist Church. She was reac tional director for the USO-Red Cross during World War II.

Survivors include a daughter, Nell Prowell of Amarillo; four sisters, Vergie Nell Guynes of Borger, Gertrude Lilly Green of Wichita Falls, Robbie Joan Thornberry of Claude and Barbara Jean Bates of Amarillo; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 2305 Julian and requests memorials be to First Baptist Church or to a favorite charity.

# Correction

Rev. Jo Carr, former district superintendent of the Pampa District of the United Methodist Church was incorrectly identified Friday. She will speak Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church at 201 E. Foster.

# **Police report**

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls and arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

#### Friday, March 26

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of East Kingsmill where eight windows were broken.

Theft of an 18-speed bike was reported in the 300 block of East Brown.

#### Saturday, March 27

Christy Clancy, 19, Ranch House No. 4, was arrested on warrants and for driving while intox-

Christopher Turlington, 26, Amarillo, was charged with public intoxication.

The Pampa Fire Department made the follow-

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Board member Rev. Leif Hasskarl asked if he could interject.

"I've had the chance to live in Europe and I've seen great structures. The reason they still stand is because they took their time ... the problem with Americans is we want it done yesterday ... let's take our time and do this right."

Parks Superintendent Reed Kirkpatrick said that Kludt withdrew her motion. if iron could be used for the budgeted money, it

Elliott made a new motion to "postpone a decision until we see Rusty Neef's design - a design "Even if we made a decision for wood tonight, it he believes can be fabricated to meet the needs of doesn't mean we can do it in a month," said Elliott. von Brunow park.' "We've already been dealing with this for several

A unanimous vote in favor of the motion was made.

# Bush meets more backers

#### **By MICHAEL HOLMES Associated Press Writer**

months," said Strickland.

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Elliott.

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican Gov. George W. Bush met with more supporters from around the country Thursday, and he left an Ohio county GOP leader saying Bush makes a better presidential candidate that his own state's favorite son, U.S. Rep. John Kasich.

"A motion's been made, do I have a second?"

"I'd like to hear Reed's thoughts on this," said

said the board's chairman, Kenneth Strickland.

would be easier to maintain in the future.

'There's a favorite son candidate in Ohio ... but there are many party leaders as well as the rankand-file party members who are eagerly awaiting the Bush campaign taking off in Ohio," said Alex R. Arshinkoff, GOP chairman in Summit County.

"John's a great guy, but there hasn't been a congressman elected to statewide office since 1936 in Ohio, so it's going to be pretty difficult to go from Congress directly to the presidency," Arshinkoff said.

The county chairman said he thinks Bush can win the White House back after President Clinton's two terms.

"I happen to think George Bush can win," he said. "I'm a county chairman. I don't like being out. Being in is good. We need a president that can win.

sure if we looked across Texas, we'd find people who support John."

cism that Bush's "compassionate conservatism"

# Weather focus LOCAL FORECAST

showers or thunderstorms. Partly sunny today with a Lows in the 40s. Monday, high of 60. Tonight, more clouds and a low of 40. Monday it will chance of showers. Lows in the 40s. Highs 70-75 Far West Texas be mostly clear with a high of 70. Friday's high was 58; the - Today, Mostly sunny and Saturday morning low 46. A warmer. Highs in the mid 70s. Sunday night, Fair. Lows 40-45. trace of moisture had fallen by early Saturday morning. REGIONAL FORECAST Monday, Mostly sunny days

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle lower to mid 40s. Highs in the Today, becoming partly sunny. mid to upper 70s. High around 60. Northwest **NORTH TEXAS** — Today, wind 10-20 mph. Sunday night, Cloudy with a chance of rain, storms. Highs in the 70s. partly cloudy with a low 35 to More numerous southcentral 40. Monday, mostly clear. High and southeast. Lows 49 northaround 70. Extreme Southern east to 54 south. Highs 60 to 65. mostly sunny north and west. Panhandle/Low Rolling Plains Sunday night, Cloudy with a Mostly cloudy southeast with a. Today, Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and thunderslight chance of rain. Highs in storms. Lows in the middle 40s the upper 50s to mid 60s. to lower 50s. Monday, Cloudy to lower 60s mountains and Sunday night, Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs in with a slight chance of rain. the 60s. Lows in the 40s. Monday, Mostly cloudy. Highs in the 60s. Tuesday, Decreasing clouds. Lows upper 30s to mid 40s. Highs upper 60s to mid 70s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans and some with locally heavy Pecos — Tonight, Cloudy with a rainfall. Highs in the 60s to near where. chance of showers, Possibly a thunderstorm. Lows in the mid with a good chance of showers 40s. Sunday, Mostly cloudy. A slight chance of rain. Highs mid numerous east. Lows in the 50s, 60s. Sunday night, Mostly 40s parts of the hill country. cloudy with a slight chance of Monday, Mostly cloudy with a showers. Lows in the 40s. chance of showers or thunder- north. Low from the upper 30s Monday, Mostly cloudy with a storms. Lows in the 50s. Highs slight chance of rain. Highs mid in the 70s. Southeast Texas and 60s to lower 70s. Concho Upper Texas Coast - Today, partly to mostly cloudy. A Valley/Edwards Plateau ---Today, Mostly cloudy with scat- likely west, Scattered east. Some storms south and east. High in tered showers. Highs in the mid with locally heavy rainfall west. the 60s.

Bush presidential exploratory committee spokeswoman Mindy Tucker said the governor had lunch with about 30 elected and party officials from Massachusetts, Maryland, Ohio and California. Bush didn't speak with reporters after the session.

might not be enough for some Republicans.

'Let's face facts ... Moderates in Texas are more conservative than most people across the country," he said. "He's a conservative, Republican governor of Texas. That's real good conservative credentials for me and for most conservatives in the country."

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Also at the luncheon was California Assemblyman Bruce Thompson, who likened Bush's appeal to that of former president Ronald Reagan.

This man is so down to earth, but yet polished Kasich spokesman Todd Harris countered, "I'm and charismatic ... He just has the ability to communicate with people. Ronald Reagan had that same ability. I've not seen that until I saw it today Arshinkoff also said he wasn't worried by criti- in what the governor has to say," Thompson said. "He has it. He has what it takes."

> 60s. Sunday night, 'Mostly Cloudy with highs in the mid to cloudy with a slight chance of upper 60s. Sunday night, Showers or thunderstorms likely. Low in the mid to upper 50s Mostly cloudy with a slight inland, Lower possible. Lows in the lower to mid 60s. Sunday, Showers and thunderstorms likely. Locally heavy rainfall is possible. Highs 68 to 75. Sunday night, Mostly cloudy with showers or thunderstorms likeand fair nights. Lows in the ly most sections. Lows from the upper 50s to the mid 60s. Monday, Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunder-

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Titusville, Fla.; he died in 1997. The couple moved to Pampa in 1987 from St. Louis, Mo. She was a homemaker, an avid reader, a Pink Ladies volunteer and a Pampa Senior Citizens

volunteer. She loved her family dearly.

She was preceded in death by a son, Mark Brown, in 1984; and by two brothers, Connor Scott, in 1976, and, Leo Scott, in 1986.

Survivors include a daughter, Toni Brown of Pampa; two sisters, Sammie Hill of Jeffersonville, Ind., and Gayle O'Neal of Fort Worth; three grandsons, Breland Scott, Bradley Scott and Tucker Brown, all of Pampa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice of the Panhandle, Box 2795, Pampa, TX 79066-2795.

#### **THELMA MAE FLINCHUM**

Thelma Mae Flinchum, 90, of Pampa, died Friday, March 26, 1999. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Fairview Cemetery. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa

Mrs. Flinchum was born April 24, 1908, in Creek County, Okla. She married Teddy Floyd Flinchum in 1929 at Sand Springs, Okla.; he died in 1981. The couple moved to Pampa in 1929. She was a homemaker and belonged to Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ of Pampa. She was preceded in death by a son, Eugene Flinchum, in 1987.

Survivors include a son. Alton Flinchum of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a sister, Marie Wilson Applegate of Sand Springs a brother, Marvin Wilson of Sapulpa, Okla.; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to the American Heart Association or to a favorite chärity.

#### **MELINDA HALE**

AMARILLO - Melinda Hale, 29, a former Pampa resident, died Fridav, March 26, 1999. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel with Jay Roberson, pastor, of Liberty Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Hale was born at Fort Worth. She moved to Pampa at age 3 and graduated from Pampa High School in 1988. She had been an Amarillo resident for the past 11 years. She was employed as a receptionist with Amarillo Ear, Nose, and Throat Associates. She was a member of P.P.H. Support Group.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Linda and Hoss Gilmer, of the home; her father and stepmother, Allen and Barbara Richter of Amarillo; a brother, Jeffrey Richter of Amarillo; and her grandparents, David and Billie Killough of Howardwick and Erwin Richter of Pampa.

The family will be at 1905 Cherry in Amarillo.

ing calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

## Friday, March 26

8:48 a.m. - Two units and five personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident 14 miles east of Pampa on Highway 152 East.

1:37 p.m. \*\* Two units and three personnel responded to 1432 S. Barnes on a smoke investigation.

6:10 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to a medical assist at 1912 N. Nelson. 5:46 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 1722 Beech on a medical assist.

# Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday. Friday, March 26

8:58 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded 14 miles east on Highway 152 for a motor vehicle accident; no patient transported.

1:46 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Wells and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

2:17 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to the 2500 block of Mary Ellen.

6:16 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of North Nelson and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

7:54 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Beech. No one was transported. Saturday, March 27

1:42 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

3:45 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Terry Road and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

# **Emergency numbers**

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Water	

# **Court report**

Marriage licenses

Daniel Wayns Simpson, Jr. and Emmy Jean Edwards

Oscar Ruiz and Lidia Gallardo

Robert Lynn Allen and Stormie Marie Belknap Kelly Ray Hickman and Shawna Renee Austin

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SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Today, Mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms. Most numerous east 70. Sunday night, Mostly cloudy

and thunderstorms. Most

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your Easter baskets, candies,

toys & plush animals. We can

also do stuffed balloons for your

little one for Easter. Come on in

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slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the 50s north with 60s to mid 70s elsewhere. Sunday night, fair to partly cloudy. Lows in the upper teens to low 30s mountains with 30s to low 40s lowlands. Monday, mostly sunny and warmer. Highs in the 50s mountains, 60s and 70s else-OKLAHOMA — Today, a

chance of showers and thunderstorms. High in the 60s. Sunday night, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms south, partly cloudy northwest Oklahoma to near 50 southeast Oklahoma. Monday, Showers and thunderstorms chance of showers and thunder-

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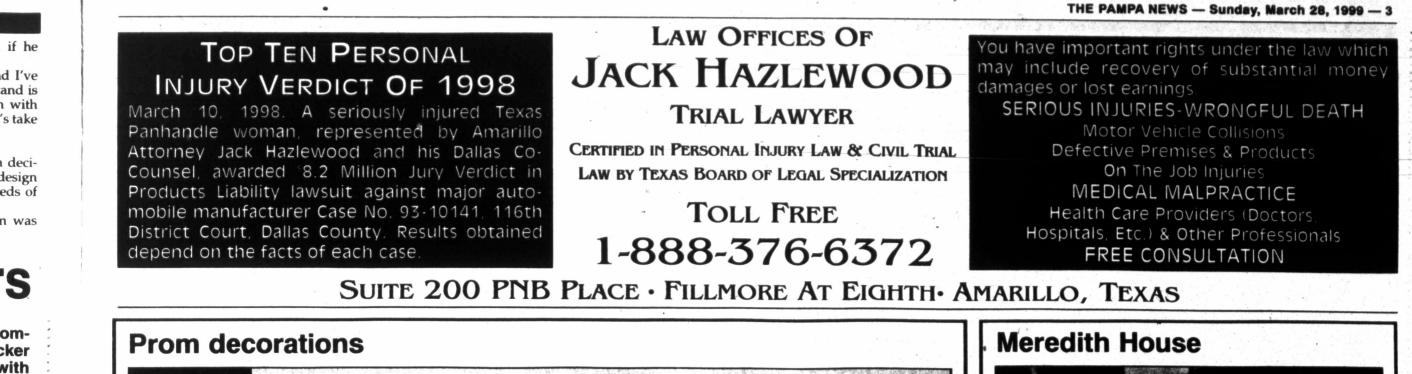
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(Community Camera photo by Lee Cornelison) Mothers of senior girls have begun working on 1999 prom decorations. Those who would like to help decorate the girls bathroom call 665-6215. Pictured (from left) are Kay Lee, Janet Abbe, Carol Fruge and Diane Waters.

# **Briarwood Full Gospel**



(From left) Jana Gregory is pictured with Meredith House tenant Naomah Story, the big winner of the Annual Hunt for Gold contest. Story was the winner of a mug with candy — it is the million dollar mug.



# to host special praise service

A "powerful evening of worship and Purdue University from 1980-83. praise" led by Christian musician John Elliott It was during this period that the Lord artists including: Ricky Skaggs, Steve Green, Briarwood Full Gospel Church in Pampa.

McGee. That same year, he was hired as an self and his own dreams. organist at the Northside Christian Church. scriptures as the word of God.

performed yearly in solo piano recitals. At competitions including one in Moscow. After play piano. a brief period of study, an overextension

is scheduled at 7 p.m. Friday, April 2 at began to reveal that it was necessary for Elliott to undergo a "crucifixion" to his own Born in 1954 in Springfield, Ohio, John G. ambitions and motives. The Lord would then Elliott was confirmed in the Lutheran Church begin a work to resurrect Elliott to His music, at age 12. At 13, he came to know the Lord His message and His way of ministry. The through the television ministry of Billy song "Embrace The Cross" was born out of Graham and the radio ministry of Jay Vernon this time when Elliott learned to die to him-

Beginning to write songs and produce In the Lord's providence, He used music to recordings in 1982 led him to Nashville, get John involved in a church that taught the Tenn., in 1983. Upon arrival, the Lord quickly confirmed His call upon Elliott, as two of his Elliott began his training as a classical songs were recorded by Pat Boone. John was musician at age eight. Beginning at age 12, he then hired as an assistant producer and worked with various artists in the Christian 18, he won an all-state competition and at music industry. He also served several years age 20 was a finalist in international compe- as worship leader for Belmont Church in tition at Carnegie Hall. He then moved to Nashville under the direction of Don Finto. It Los Angeles to study privately with Aube was at this time that the Lord healed Elliott's Tzerko and continue preparation for further hand and completely restored the ability to

Recordings produced and arranged by resulted in Elliott losing use of two fingers John G. Elliott include: Billy and Sarah on his right hand. Forced to give up as a Gaines; James Ward; Honeytree; Voices of pianist, he enrolled in seminary and earned a Praise series on Reunion Records; Two chilmaster of arts degree in New Testament dren's recordings for the Benson Company.

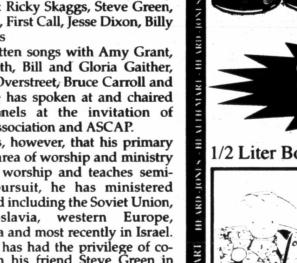
write songs that have been recorded by many Pat Boone, Truth, First Call, Jesse Dixon, Billy and Sarah Gaines

He has co-written songs with Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith, Bill and Gloria Gaither, Kim Hall, Paul Overstreet, Bruce Carroll and Steve Camp. He has spoken at and chaired songwriting panels at the invitation of Gospel Music Association and ASCAP.

Elliott believes, however, that his primary calling is in the area of worship and ministry where he leads worship and teaches seminars. In this pursuit, he has ministered around the world including the Soviet Union, Albania, Yugoslavia, western Europe, Singapore, Africa and most recently in Israel. On occasion, he has had the privilege of coministering with his friend Steve Green in Latin America and Spain.

Elliott wants to be obedient to the call God has given to minister to people for Christ. He believes that, if he remains faithful to lift up the Lord through his music, in his message and in his life, he will have fulfilled that call. John, his wife Carol, and their five children

now live in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. This Good Friday Praise Service is being





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# VIEWPOINTS

# **a** The domesticating couple

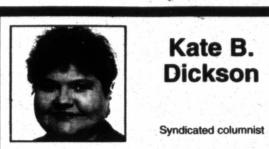
Lot's of people listen to police scanners as a form of entertainment. I don't. It's my job.

And because it is, listening at home makes me jumpy all the time. And that was especially so when I lived in areas that had higher crime and more "spot" news like fires, wrecks, etc.

Fortunately, Pampa is a relatively calm place. And here, staff writer Jel. West leaves his scanner on at home so he generally is on the scene when the newspaper needs to be there.

I once knew a night photographer who used city desk (actually, several desks shoved together) and use them for a pillow while he slept ... I mean, while he worked.

But it didn't matter if Jim dozed off because his ears were so tuned to the scanner that if anything newsworthy happened he'd wake up. Sounds of mundane police traffic didn't budge him, however.



to pile up telephone directories on top of the ner listeners I have talked with are the same way.

One morning this week, an address coming over the scanner caught my attention. It was one we've had recently in the police news, the fire news, the ambulance report, you name it. Apparently the man and woman who live there, stay there, visit there - or whatever their deal is - have lots of trouble getting Maybe it's the change in voice inflection the 'along. So much so, that if they are married, dispatcher makes when something serious is they need a divorce that requires them to going down or perhaps a key word grabs my keep 500 miles away from each other. And if attention. Maybe both. And most other scan- they aren't married they apparently are the

types who love discord in their lives.

Anyway, as I had my ear tuned to the broadcast, a dispatcher sends a squad car to the address and tells the officer that neighbors had called for police to restrain the couple.

Any of you who listen to police scanners or have read police reports are familiar with what I call "cop tatk." You know, it's a "vehi-cle" or someone is being "transported," — that sort of thing. Also, many officers start to refer to themselves as "the po-leece."

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Because I have spent more years than I want to admit covering police news, I know the entire language of "cop talk." You could enter me in a contest.

Or at least that's what I thought until the other day when that dispatcher taught me a new one.

When telling the officers to respond to the above-mentioned address, she told them neighbors had called to complain the couple was in the front yard where they were "domesticating."

And that can't have been a pretty sight.

# **Today in history**

**By The Associated Press** Today is Sunday, March 28, the 87th day of 1999. There are 278 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Twenty years ago, on March 28, 1979, America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred inside at the Three Mile Island plant in Pennsylvania. On this date:

In 1797, Nathaniel Briggs of New Hampshire patented a washing machine.

In 1834, the U.S. Senate voted to censure President Jackson for the removal of federal deposits from the Bank of the United States.

In 1854, during the Crimean War, Britain and France declared war on Russia.

In 1898, the Supreme Court ruled that a child born in the United States to Chinese immigrants was a U.S. citizen.

In 1930, the names of the Turkish cities of Constantinople and Angora were changed to Istanbul and Ankara.

**Beltway** with **Rep. Mac Thornberry** 

# **USDA** is falling down on the job

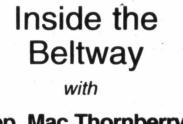
Making government work for people - rather than against them — seems impossible sometimes.

Take the disaster aid package which Congress approved for farmers and ranchers last fall. The package was intended to provide some relief to producers suffering through near-record low commodity prices and the ongoing effects of the drought.

The relief totaled nearly six billion dollars, and was structured in such a way as to give the Secretary of Agriculture the flexibility he needed to get the money out as quickly as possible. The thinking was, the USDA works with farmers and ranchers on a daily basis, and they knew best how to get the help out in the fastest and most effective way



# **Congress can't be trusted**



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Well, it's been five months now, and a good bit of this money is still sitting on some bureaucrat's desk in Washington. Just recently, Secretary Glickman announced that two billion dollars in farm disaster relief payments which producers have been waiting for will not be available until June. With planting season just around the corner, this is simply inexcusable.

But just as bad is the way the president has been playing ping-pong with the Farm Service Agency. Last spring, he wanted to cut the agency's budget. Then in the fall, he wanted to put more money back in. And now, he wants to cut it again. This is not only bad policy; it also doesn't make any sense.

Making government work begins with making government responsive to the people and accountable for the job it was given to do.

Right now, the Department of Agriculture is flunking on both of these counts.

# From our files ...

#### 40 years ago

Thursday, March 26, 1959

Jim Scott, popular Pampa High junior, was elected president of PHS Student Body Wednesday. He received a majority of votes cast by the juniors. Dewayne "Butch" Dunham was elected vice-president on the preferential ballot.

Friday, March 27, 1959

A large turn-out is expeced Sunday for an Annual Easter egg hunt, sponsored by the Pampa American Legion. The search for 10,000 candy eggs, including 50 prize eggs will be at 3 p.m.

Sunday, March 26, 1959

The hottest talent in town has been assembled for the 22nd annual Lions Club Minstrel, opening a two night run Thursday in the Pampa Junior High School auditorium. The 1959 production runs under the title, "Lovin Sam and His Sheiks from Alabam."

#### 25 years ago

Wednesday, March 27, 1974

Another \$125,251 was cropped into the City of Pampa kitty yesterday afternoon with a receipt of a quarterly sales tax check from the State Comptrollers Office in Austin.

Friday, March 29, 1974

A member of Texas Industrial Commission will be in Pampa Wednesday, Apr. 10 to meet with members of the Pampa industrial Foundation and other community leaders to "find out what rural area Texans need and want."

Friday, March 29, 1974

Official approval of Pampa's application for \$751,000 in ederal aid and assistance from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission to update the city's sewage treatment plant was received today from the PRPC in Amarillo.

#### 10 years ago

Sunday, March 26, 1989

The Central Fire Station of the Pampa Fire Department is being used as a collection point for a brand of fire extinguishers made in Canyon that have been ruled as potentially dead-

Monday, March28, 1989

A garage fire, at 2239 Christine, Monday afternoon was pparently caused by juveniles playing with homemade firevork. The blaze caused an estimated \$2,000 damage. Wednesday, March 29, 1989

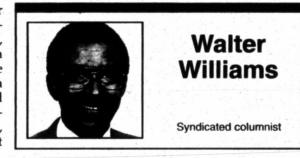
Pampa City Commissioners heard a report Tuesday after-100n on the latest legislative efforts to desalinate the lanadian River and Lake Meredith. The presentation was part of a work session prior to the regular City Commission Aeeting at City Hall.

There are issues about Social Security, our national Ponzi scheme, in addition to its pending bankruptcy. Read the Social Security Act, Section 208 (42 U.S.C. 408), paragraph 8, which says, "Whoever discloses, uses, or compels the disclosure of the Social Security number of a person in violation of the laws of the United States shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both.

During the 1930s, many Americans were concerned that Social Security numbers would become national identity numbers. Congress put in paragraph 8 to allay their fears. My Social Security card issued in 1949 says "Not For Identification Purposes.

Today, there's little one can do without giving one's Social Security number, whether it's getting a driver's license, filing tax returns, opening a bank or stock account, getting a job, or even bringing a baby home from the hospital. That's a standard practice of Congress. They say one thing just to get a law passed. Then they change it to something we would have never accepted when the law was first written.

to the "contributions" they made into Social be paid into the Treasury like any other inter- name of Social Security, so they can spend it on Security. They don't. In Flemming vs. Nestor nal revenue generally, and are not earmarked bread and circuses as they've done in the past (1960), Ephram Nestor sued the federal gov- in any way." That means Social Security is a tax — and Americans are buying into their ruse.



ernment, claiming he had a right to collect Social Security benefits since he had paid his Social Security taxes. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that workers have no legal right to Social Security, saying, "To engraft upon the Social Security system a concept of accrued property rights would deprive it of the flexibility and boldness in adjustment to ever changing conditions which it demands."

That means Congress can cut or eliminate Social Security benefits anytime it pleases regardless of worker contributions. That decision was consistent with the court's earlier opinion in Helverigh vs. Davis (1937), where the court pointed out that Social Security was to think. What Congress really wants, in their not an insurance program: "The proceeds of Most Americans think they have a legal right both the employee and employer taxes are to keep money coming to Washington, in the

like any other tax. Congress can spend as it pleases regardless of what promises were made back in 1935 when Social Security began.

To add insult to injury, politicians feed us lie after lie about the Social Security trust fund, but they are increasingly being cornered into admitting the fraud. The Office of Management and Budget in its "Budget of United States, Fiscal Year 2000," says: "These (Trust Fund) balances are available to finance future benefit payments ... but only in a bookkeeping sense. ... They do not consist of real economic assets that can be drawn down in the future to fund benefits. Instead, they are claims on the Treasury that, when redeemed, will have to be financed by raising taxes, borrowing from the public, or reducing benefits or other expenditures." That, ladies and gentlemen, translates into saying there is no trust fund.

The White House and many congressmen say they want to use what they're calling a budget surplus to save Social Security rather than give across-the-board tax cuts. They're lying, and they're going to get away with it because most Americans can't or don't bother so-called saving Social Security scheme, is to

# Marx's planks adopted in U.S.

If old Karl Marx, the embittered inventor of communism, could return from the grave, he'd no doubt be surprised to find that most of the 10 planks of his "Communist Manifesto," issued in 1848 in collaboration with Frederick Engels, have been happily adopted or are at least supported by Americans.

Let's look at the 10 planks:

1. "Abolition of property in land and application of all rents of land to public purposes. Well, we're working on this one. The federal government owns huge amounts of land and is acquiring more. Private property rights are being eroded deliberately in the name of protecting the environment.

2. "A heavy progressive or graduated income tax." Need I say more? Before Ronald Reagan's tax law changes, we had exactly that, and many Americans support the idea of taxing the rich more than the less-rich.

3. "Abolition of all rights of inheritance." We haven't gone all the way on that one, but heavy estate taxes are a step in that direction. Estate taxes are purely punitive since they are taxes levied on assets on which multiple taxes have already been paid many times.

4. "Confiscation of the property of emigrants and rebels." Well, our forefathers confiscated the property of those who supported the British during the Revolution, and under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act and other civil statutes, (right to own firearms) and mechanization.



property is being confiscated right and left in the name of the war on drugs

5. "Centralization of credit in the hands of the state." Pretty much done. See the Federal **Reserve** Act.

6. "Centralization of the means of communications and transport in the hands of the state." See a private road or bridge lately? Who licenses all radio and TV? Only the First Amendment saves the print press from federal licensing, but hate crime laws, which will surely be followed by hate speech laws, will erode that freedom.

7. "Extension of factories and instruments of production owned by the state." Well, the government runs many businesses and regulates all

8. "Equal obligation to work. Establishment" of industrial armies, especially for agriculture." We've escaped this one, mainly in my opinion because the Second Amendment

9. "Combination of agriculture with manufacturing industries; gradual abolition of distinction between town and country." Pretty much done, since big corporations dominate what's left of agriculture, and mass communications have more or less erased cultural differences.

10. "Free education of all children in public schools. Abolition of child factory labor in its present form. Combination of education with industrial production." Done.

Now, you must understand that what communism was driving toward was not economic nirvana for the people (that was the advertising) but total power in the hands of the state. Note, for example, the Manifesto does not advocate education for children per se but education in public schools where, of course, they can be under the control of and indoctrinated by the state.

The hatred for property and for farmers was based on the knowledge that people who are economically independent of the state can assert their political freedom from state control. Communism is just another form of slavery where the slave is provided work, housing, food, education, medical care and retirement - but at the price of freedom.

You can see Americans advocating the very same system today and most of them, because of their poor education in government schools, don't have the foggiest notion that they are advocating Marxist ideas.

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The Pampa band "Suspence" has produced a CD and celebrated its release at a party Friday night at The Corner Pocket in Pampa. The CD was cut live at the Route 66 Road House, an Amarillo night spot, said Brian McAdoo, the group's manager. All members of the band are from Pampa and they write their own music. The CD is titled "Live at the Road House."

# FBI says body found near Yosemite is missing teenage sightseer

SONORA, Calif. (AP) — They thought they were crime and bringing those responsible to justice." prepared for the worst.

Yet when the families of three missing tourists learned that one of the women's bodies was discovered near Yosemite National Park, news was no less painful to bear.

Authorities on Friday said the body found near a reservoir west of Yosemite was that of 15-year-old Julie Sund, and that the second body found last I'm going to miss her so much," said Carole week in the trunk of their torched rental car likely was her friend, Silvina Pelosso.

"We were prepared to hear this news, but we were not ready when we heard it. My feelings at this time are as any mother's," said Raquel Pelosso, Silvania's mother, on Friday night.

Julie, her mother Carole Sund, 42, and Silvina, a 16-year-old exchange student from Cordoba, Argentina, all disappeared six weeks ago while on a from where their torched car was found. It also is on sightseeing trip. Mrs. Sund's body was identified one of the most direct routes to Modesto, where Mrs. Monday as one of two corpses were found in the Sund's billfold was found. trunk of their torched rental car in remote Sierra Village.

"We will bring all available resources to bear to were last seen at the Cedar Lodge restaurant. solve this horrible crime," said FBI agent James Dental records were used to identify Mrs. Sund Maddock. "We are all committed to solving this and her daughter.

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He would not comment on how Julie or the other sightseers died or what led investigators to her body. After Julie's body was identified, family members recounted jovial stories about the young woman, a violinist and cheerleading squad member who was preparing to go to college.

'She's just a really sweet girl and typical teen-ager. Carrington, Julie's grandmother, choking back tears at a press conference at her Modesto hotel. Flags there were flying at half mast.

Mrs. Sund, Julie and Silvina were last seen alive Feb. 15 just outside Yosemite, eating hamburgers at the Cedar Lodge restaurant in El Portal.

Julie's body was found on a steep, grassy hill that drops into Don Pedro Lake reservoir, about an hour

Maddock said investigators still have not been able to move the timeline past when the women

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# Ford recalls 945,000 trucks, Mustangs; cruise control problem

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) - Nearly 1 million Ford Motor Co. cars and trucks are being recalled to replace potentially defective cruise-control cables that could cause the accelerator to stick.

The recall, announced Friday, involves 1998 and 1999 models equipped with cruise control. The 945,000 vehicles include the 1998 and 1999 Ford Explorer and Mercury Mountaineer sport utility vehicles, Ford Ranger pickup, Mustang sport coupe, and 1999 Super Duty F-series pickup and chassis-cab.

Ford does not expect to have all the cruise-control cables it needs to replace the defective ones before mid-May. Until then, Ford is warning owners not to use their cruise-control system; dealers will disable the system at no charge.

Ford said that in some of the vehicles the cruisecontrol cable could interfere with a pulley and prevent the accelerator from returning to idle when the cruise control is disengaged. As a result, the car could continue to move at the set speed.

Ford said there have been no reports of that hap- recall to cost.

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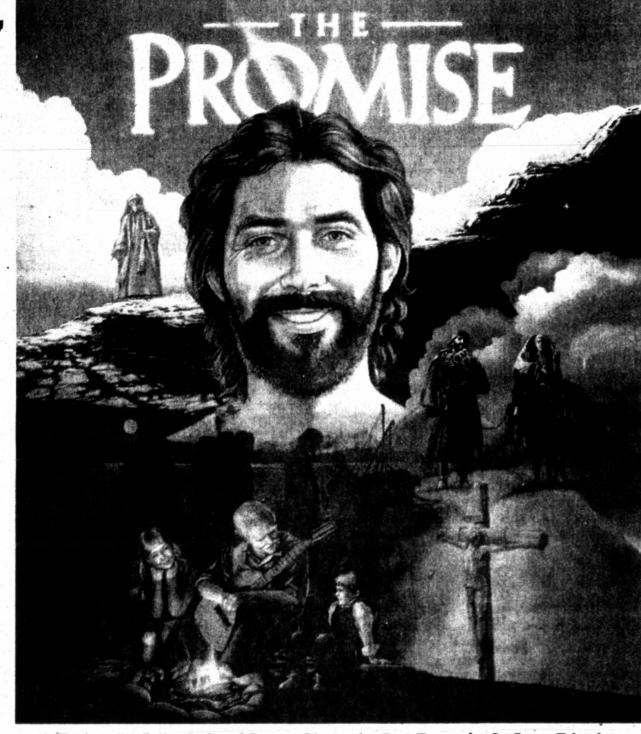
pening. The problem was discovered by Ford engineers during a regular review, spokeswoman Karen Shaughnessy said.

Owners of the affected vehicles will be notified by mail starting Monday. Customers also can call Ford at 800-392-3673 to find out whether their vehicle is subject to the recall; callers will be asked for the vehicle identification number, which can typically be found on the registration, insurance certificate or the door pillar.

The same information also can be obtained at a new Ford Web site: www.recall.ford.com.

Ford did not reveal how much it expects the





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# AGRICULTURE

# The Market Forecaster By George Kleinman

#### Wheat (Bull)

has climbed a "wall of worry" I would consider strong bullish over the past month. Since the fundamentals to support this beginning of this month, it has move at this time. It is not prurallied 30¢ per bushel from the dent to fight the trend, however, lows, despite a lot of negative since there always remains the talk. The negative talk centers on possibility of "hidden" reasons big supplies, a slack export mar- for the recent price strength. The ket, and intense world competi- futures (and cash) continue to tion in the grain trade. Why the benefit from massive fund buyrally? Well, for one thing a num- ing, upwards of 200 million

of the corn market appears to be While the market will no doubt

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underway. For another, the positions. While short covering is to improve, or some unexpected strong month for wheat, I will hedge. Stand aside. leave the bull in the box for now. We should remain alert, howev- lines for another week. er, for a sign this bull is getting Soybeans (Bull/Bear) old.

ber of wheat donation programs bushels of corn futures in March (Russia and Indonesia are two alone. This represents what I calprime examples) are finally culate to be the bulk of their short export lineup has strengthened the weakest kind of buying, if lately, at least somewhat. The they do decide to go long prior to U.S. is garnering a greater share the planting season, this action of this improving world wheat could potentially be good for trade as well. Finally, there has another shot higher. The fundabeen a huge amount of fund- mentals of large ending stocks of related short covering (repur- over 1.7 billion bushels remains chasing of previously placed burdensome; however, the trend short positions) in the futures. here is going the right way as This is considered the weakest well. Fundamentally, and historitorm of buying, and it may be cally, corn remains overpriced in futures is actually a positive for just about played out. What relation to soybeans (and it is the market. It will keep feeders now? Well, for this rally to con- finally starting to lose on a on their toes, and not encourage tinue the bull needs to be contin- spread basis). Next the market overfeeding, which was a big ually fed. Exports must continue will turn its attention to weather. Strategy:Hedgers: At this early

Traders: Remain on the side- to stabilize fairly soon.

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Outlook: Last week, I suggest- money put options through Strategy: Hedgers: Hedgers can ed the large South American crop begin to price new crop (suggest- is well discounted in low prices tive to shorting futures in a bull nations for deliveries in October, agement practions, with only begin to price new crop (suggest-ed 25 percent of anticipated pro-at this point. Market action sup-market and when the trend is according to Dr. John McNeill, slight differences in feeding **NGSG** duction) using put options when ports this premise. Despite an up. Recall puts protect your associate head for Extension at management protocols. the market approaches 43 in the active South American harvest, downside but never limit your Texas A&M University's Animal In 1996; Ranch to Rail-South July Chicago futures. For those soybean prices have climbed a upside potential. who have maintained ownership wall of worry. True, the bulk of *Cow/calf operators:* Cattle feedof previously sold cash wheat the harvest and cash movement ers remain buy-hedged at an and are in the July Chicago calls, of S.A. soybeans remains ahead average price in the 68-69 range of this market, but remember the basis the April and forward Traders: We just missed our rec- futures generally anticipate bear- futures. Hold until you buy your ommended buy of July under ish events. The seasonal tendency replacement feeders. 277 last week. No new recom- for soybean prices is to move Traders: We will remain on the higher in April. Cash movement sidelines again this week lookof beans dries up as farmers start ing for a sign of a technical bot-Outlook: The technical trend preparation for spring planting. tom to be a buyer.

Outlook: The wheat market turning up. This is without what continue to "range trade" in the coming weeks, as we enter the weather-scare period, I personally would rather buy the inevitable breaks than sell the inevitable rallies.

Strategy: Hedgers: Selective hedgers were stopped into long July futures at 492 last week when our trend indicators turned back up. Look for a 40¢ to 50¢ profit objective, but risk no more than 25¢. True hedgers are out.

Traders: If you took last weeks recommendation, you are long November beans from under 295. would risk to 480 and leave the upside profit objective open at this time.

## Cattle (Bull)

Outlook: Despite lower futures prices last week, I remain cautiously optimistic cattle for the month of April. While at press time, we do not have the Cattle on Feed numbers for the March report, it feels like the trade is anticipating numbers which are overly bearish. The February placements were very high and for this reason most analysts feel the March figures will be equally bad. Actually, based on history, last year the placement numbers were very low. So an increase this year is to be expected. Overall, the cattle numbers are sharply lower and will continue this way throughout the year. The discounts in the out-months in the problem for last year's market. The longer-term bull trend analysis, the market should start

been advised to own at the August. This is a better alterna-

# Extension In Progress

#### **Open Forum**

vears.

A special thanks to all citizens who participated in the issue forum sponsored by the Gray County Service. There were some great ideas and suggestions for future programs. The next step in the process is to focus on how to address these issues. Again, thanks for your help, and we look forwards to working with all of you in the next five

**Congratulations 4-Hers** 

4-H members recently completed their livestock projects and had excellent success. 4-Hers placing with steers at Ft. worth was Emily Nusser with her 15th place Shofthorn steer. Also attending Ft. Worth were and Meagan Courtney Crawford, Michael and Jamie were: Collin Bowers, second Pergeson, and Megan Couts.

At San Antonio, 4-Hers placing with barrows were: Justin Thomas, 10th place Spot barrow; Jimmy Craig, ninth place Crossbreed barrow; and Emily Nusser, 12th place Crossbreed barrow. Also attending San Antonio with steers, barrows, and lambs were Travis and Jessi Fish, Sean and Royce O'Neal, Megan and Meredith Couts, Blake Nusser, Meagan Craig, Elizabeth Thomas, Shaun Smith, and Lindsey and Ashley Price.

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The president of Texas' largest farm organization is appealing to Texas Legislature for assistance as Texas farm families face the prospect of another bleak year.

Bob Stallman, president of the Texas Farm Bureau, wrote a letter to all Texas Senators this week, urging support for the Ogden Bill, a package of assistance for Texas agriculture, which is reeling from the affects of drought in ·two of the last three years, and continued low commodity prices.

The bill, introduced by Steve Ogden (R-College Station) provides for a rebate of up to 30 per cent of feed, seed and fertilizer crop inputs by individual agricultural producers. Assistance would be limited to the lesser of \$15,000 or twice the property taxes paid on agricultural valued land.

"The funding of this program // could be particularly important to producers in 1999," Stallman wrote. "Federal assistance, to this point, has been short in dollars and slow to reach the producer."

In the letter, Stallman also expressed his appreciation to Governor George W. Bush, who designated 167 drought stricken counties as eligible for federal disaster assistance.

"Many parts of Texas have not recovered from last year's drought," Stallman said, adding that, in many areas planting a crop would be futile, with not enough moisture for the seeds to sprout.

Stallman said it is still too early to write off the 1999 crop, but lingering affects of the 1998 drought and low commodity prices have left agriculture in Texas "in a very desperate condition."

# In 1996, Ranch to Rail-South was moved to Hondo Creek picks new

ABC; Megan Couts, 17th place Chianina; and Blake Nusser, 17th place Limousin. Also attending Houston were Austin Pritchett, Rebecca Moore, Karli Douglas, Cassie Hamilton, Scotty Willett, Meagan Crawford, and Travis and Jessi Fish. At San Angelo, 4-Hers placing Elizabeth Duroc; Campbell, 11th place Duroc, and

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Blake and Emily Nusser, first place ABC and sixth place Exotic. Also attending this show were Chance Bowers, Ben Campbell, Travis Fish, and Jessi Fish.

place

Couts, second place Shorthorn;

Courtney Crawford, 18th place

Great job to all 4-Hers who participated in these projects and a special thanks to all parents who helped along the way.

Livestock judging to begin on Wednesday, Mar. 31

All 4-Hers interested in participating in judging should meet At Houston, 4-Hers placing next Wednesday at 6 p.m. At the can not make this meeting, call

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McNeill said incoming steers The program started in 1991 should weigh between 500 and with 666 head at Randall County 800 pounds at arrival. Weaning Feedyard near Amarillo and and preconditioning of at least 45 days prior to shipment, following the Vac 45 program, is recommended.

Arriving steers are sorted into gram. Today, these two locations feeding groups based on live weight, flesh condition and frame size. The cattle are processed and vaccinated for shipping fever or bovine respiratory disease complex (BRD). Cattle are implanted with a growth hormone, dewormed and tagged with an individual identification and lot number, McNeill said.

Finished steers are sorted and sold as individuals, not by lots, after reaching their optimal condition and weight, according to Dr. Ted McCollum of Amarillo, who heads the Ranch to Rail-North program. The beef are processed by IBP in Amarillo and Sam Kane's Beef Processors in Corpus Christi. Carcasses are tagged individually. Complete carcass data is collected to assist consignors in understanding the effect composition has on consumer acceptance of the end product.

Carcasses are sold "in the beef"on the rail based on USDA quality and yield grade using a grid system, McNeill said. Premiums are given for more desirable carcasses.

Feeding costs are financed by the feedyards for the duration of the program. Expenses are deducted from carcass' value.

For more information, contact a local county Extension agent or call Dr. John McNeill at 409-845-3579

head of steers from 1,600 ranches Corpus Christi. Cattle are placed Officer slate

ABERNATHY - New officers were elected recently during the National Grain Sorghum Producers winter board of directors meeting held in Tucson just prior to the 1999 Sorghum Conference.

Re-elected to additional terms were NGSP President Kenneth Tevis of Hughesville, Mo.; Leo Bindel of Sabetha, Kan., vice president for legislation; Ken Rose of Keyes, Okla., VP of research and education; and Dale Artho of Wildorado, VP for domestic market development. Bill Kubecka of Palacios also will continue to serve on the officer team as NGSP past president.

In addition, two new officers were elected to the leadership team. Elected to the position of secretary-treasurer is James Vorderstrasse of Hebron, Neb. Vorderstrasse replaces Pat George of Tulia and will also chair NGSP's membership and communications committee. NGSP's newly-elected VP for foreign market development is Dale Spurgin of Allen. Spurgin replaces John Ratzlaff of Moundridge, Kan.

NGSP's 28-member board is made up of sorghum producers from six states. These representatives are elected by their state associations with board representation based on the number of members from each state. States with sorghum checkoff programs that provide financial support to NGSP also have representation on the board although checkoff representatives do not vote on legislative issues.

NGSP is the national organization for U.S. sorghum producers. The organization works to improve the profitability of grain sorghum production through legislative and regulatory representation, research, education and the promotion of U.S. grain sorghum.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

# Yeshiva rebel turns chronicler of Jewish life

#### **By LAURA KING Associated Press Writer**

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Nathan Englander was drawing a disobedient child. A brat. stares with his flowing, corkscrew curls and silver earring. A passing and how right — he was. Orthodox Jewish man took one

was moved to swift insult.

"Shaygetz!" the man muttered, JERUSALEM (AP) - On the using a pejorative Yiddish word Jewish world in which the 29streets of one of Jerusalem's most for a non-Jew, or an insufficiently sternly religious neighborhoods, observant one, or, in at its mildest, He had no idea how wrong

look at the young American and collection of short stories reflects sensation, garnering not only both the stifling strictures and the what was reported to be a head-dazzling riches of the Orthodox turning \$350,000 advance, but year-old writer spent his child- American writers. One of the stohood and adolescence — and ries has already appeared in the against which he ultimately New Yorker magazine. rebelled.

"For the Relief of Unbearable voice that entirely revitalizes the Englander's remarkable debut Urges" is shaping up as a literary short story," Ann Beattie, whose

also glowing praise from leading

"Every so often there's a new

own stories were hailed a genera- without being religious," tion ago as doing just that, wrote Englander has been in Jerusalem in a publishing blurb for for 2 1/2 years, working on a Englander's book. Calling his novel. work "precise, funny, heartbreaking, well-controlled but never contrived," Beattie concluded: I've read in ages."

Tributes like that — and critical comparisons to such writers as Philip Roth and Bernard Malamud — make Englander blush. He calls the collection, crafted in part while he studied at the prestigious Iowa Writers Workshop, "writing school for me."

Still, the nine stories display a startling level of assurance and accomplishment, especially from one so young. His agent, Nicole Aragi, took him on as a client after seeing only a few stories, although she usually waits for a writer to complete a collection, or more typically, a first novel.

the title story - it more or less made my decision," Aragi said in ever came in braids. a telephone interview from New York. "It was so original, funny, sad, touching, slightly satirical,° never cruel — the most incredible mix of things, not something you'd see from someone from his age. I could see immediately that he had extraordinary talents."

Although Englander turned away from the cloistered yeshiva existence of his early years on New York's Long Island — he now describes himself as "utterly secular" - his depictions of Orthodox life are familiar and familial, often deeply affectionate. revealing secrets - or distorting With geographic and historic

settings ranging from Stalin's Russia to Holocaust-shadowed Europe to present-day New York prophet's name who can "only see into the immediate future."

Drawn to Israel by the chance wife. "to live a culturally Jewish life

Leaving behind the observantly religious life and deciding to become a writer were both diffi-"It's the best short story collection cult, he says, but the leap into the writing life was by far the more wrenching.

"Trying hard," he said, "is terrifying.

The work of writing, Englander says, is helped along by the ritualistic, rule-centered religious training he received as a boy. Methodical and disciplined, he sets a six-day writing week for himself. He speaks of fiction as having a mathematical logic; he obsessively checks historic and factual details even if he might choose to deliberately depart from them.

For one story, he tapped a network of Orthodox friends and relations to find out whether hair "The one that turned out to be purchased by makers of wigs worn by religious Jewish women

"If not, I would have pulled those braids out of the story," he said. "I don't want them to be information-loaded, but I do want them to be real."

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So vividly drawn are Englander's characters that a few friends and associates worry he may be in for the same sort of criticism that Roth encountered 30 years ago with "Portnoy's Complaint," an outrageous, hilarious coming-of-age novel that triggered an almost tribal anxiety in some Jewish circles over truths - before the outside world.

"I'm afraid it'll be seen as some kind of attack, or sensationalized City, the stories are peopled by a somehow — whoa, haredis and quirkily original cast of charac- prostitutes!" said Englander, ters: an Orthodox wigmaker referring to his collection's title unable to relinquish the beauty of story, which deals with a haredi, her youth, a perfidious match- an ultra-observant Jew, whose maker, a prostitute with a rabbi gives him a dispensation to visit a prostitute rather than force himself upon his unwilling

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# **Billboard music charts**

## **By The Associated Press**

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.):

## Hot Adult Contemporary

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

- 1. "Angel," Sarah McLachlan. Warner Sunset.
- 2. "Written In The Stars," Elton John & LeAnn Rimes. Curb.
- 3. "Faith Of The Heart," Rod Stewart. Universal.
- 4. "I'm Your Angel," R. Kelty & Celine Dion. Jive. 5. "(God Must Have Spent) A Little More Time on You," 'N Sync." RCA.
- "From This Moment On," Shania Twain. Mercury.
- "True Colors," Phil Collins. Face Value.
- 8. "Hands," Jewel. Atlantic. 9. "Believe," Cher. Warner Bros.
- 10. "Angel Of Mine," Monica. Arista.

#### Mainstream Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by **Broadcast Data Systems**)

- 1. "Heavy," Collective Soul. Atlantic,
- "One," Creed. Wind-up.
   "Mas Tequila," Sammy Hagar. MCA.
   "What It's Like," Everlast. Tommy Boy.
- "Whiskey In The Jar," Metallica. Élektra.
- 6. "Free Girl Now," Tom Petty And The Heartbreakers. Warner Bros
- "Only A Fool," The Black Crowes. American.
- 8. "Fly Away," Lenny Kravitz. Virgin.
- 9. "Whatever," Godsmack. Republic.
- 10. "Living Dead Girl," Rob Zombie. Geffen.

### Modern Rock Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
- 1. "Every Morning," Sugar Ray. Lava.

#### 2. "One," Creed. Wind-up. 3. "What It's Like," Everlast. Tommy Bov.

- "My Own Worst Enemy," Lit. RCA.
- "Praise You," Fatboy Slim. Skint.
- 6. "Heavy," Collective Soul. Atlantic.
- "Why Don't You Get A Job?," The Offspring. Columbia.

#### Hot Country Singles and Tracks

by Broadcast Data Systems)

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- "Busy Man," Billy Ray Cyrus. Mercury. "I Can't Get Over You," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville. "Ordinary Life," Chad Brock. Warner Bros.
- 8. "Powerful Thing," Trisha Yearwood. MCA Nashville.
- 9. "Wish You Were Here," Mark Wills. Mercury. 10. "I Don't Want To Miss A Thing," Mark Chesnutt. Decca.

## **Top Country Albums**

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

- 'Come On Over," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Platinum)
- "Wide Open Spaces," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
- 3. "Always Never The Same," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
- "Double Live," Garth Brooks. Capitol. (Platinum)
- "Faith," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)

6. "Everywhere We Go," Kenny Chesney. BNA.7. Soundtrack: "Touched By An Angel: The Album." 550 Music. (Platinum)

8. "Trio II," Emmylou Harris, Linda Ronstadt, Dolly Parton. Asylum.

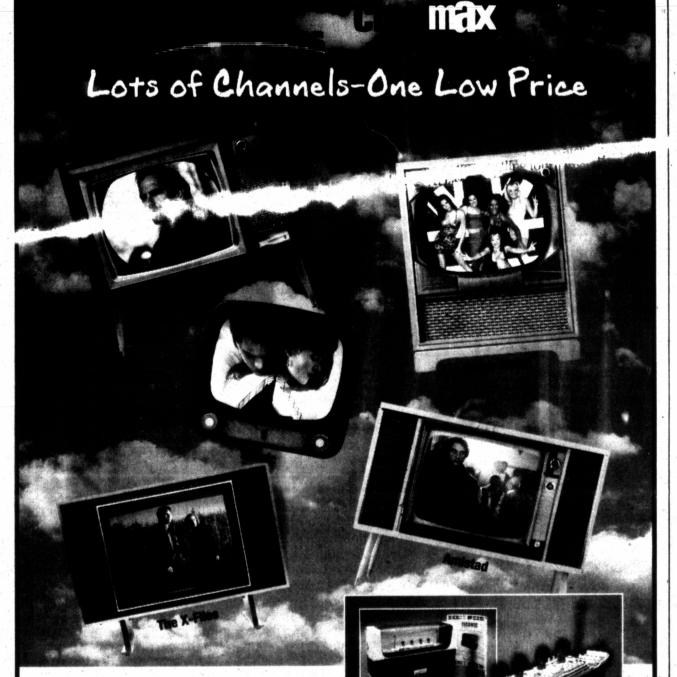
9. "I'm Alright," Jo Dee Messina. Curb. (Gold)

10. "Keepers-Greatest Hits," Tracy Byrd. MCA Nashville. Copyright 1999, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

- 9. "New," No Doubt. WORK.
- 8. "Blue Monday," Orgy. Elementree.
  - 10. "Head," Tin Star. V2.

(Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio

- "How Forever Feels," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
- You Were Mine," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
- 'I'll Think Of A Reason Later," Lee Ann Womack. Decca.
- 'Meanwhile," George Strait. MCA Nashville.



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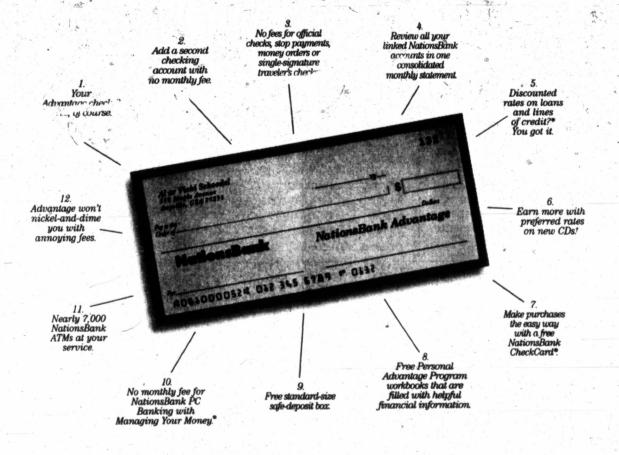
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# **S**ports

# Notebook

BASEBALL

CANYON — Canyon defeated Pampa 4-0 in high school baseball action Friday afternoon.

Canyon's Raymond Bergera pitched a four-hit shutout in going the distance for the victory

Three of the four Canyon runs came in the third inning. Justin Roark took the loss.

Pampa is now 9-8 for the season while Ganyon is 8-4. The Harvesters had won six of their last seven games going into the Canyon contest.

The Harvesters open District 3-4A play Tuesday on homefield against the Amarillo Caprock. Gametime is 4:30 p.m.

Caprock has a 4-6 record after coming off a doubleheader loss to Randall on Friday.

PAMPA — Longtime umpire Bill Kidwell will speak on baseball rules at the weekly meeting of the Pampa Optimist Club on Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Kidwell will review recent changes. He will point out examples of the application of different rules, such as exceptions to the Infield Fly Rule, when a runner is not out even though struck by a batted ball, impeding a runner and interference.

Managers, coaches and umpires are urged to attend.

## HOCKEY

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) -Since completing a club-record seven-game winning streak in early March, the Anaheim Mighty Ducks have gone the other way with just one win in six games.

Once two points out of fourth place in the Western Conference, the Mighty Ducks were passed Thursday by St. Louis for fifth and saw sixthplace San Jose move within three points.

So, when they took the ice gainst the league-leading Dallas Stars on Friday, the Mighty Ducks figured it was time to make something hap-"The conference race had gotten tight; too tight. It was time we did something,' defenseman Fredrik Olausson said after Anaheim's 5-1 victory, its first over Dallas since Ian. 11, 1998 and first in five meetings this season. "We couldn't afford to keep losing and let other teams get past us. The Mighty Ducks snapped out of their 1-3-2 slide by handing the Stars their biggest defeat since a 4-0 loss to San Jose last Nov. 4, and kept them from clinching the Western Conference championship their first season in the Pacific Division. Teemu Selanne took over the NHL goal-scoring lead with his 41st and 42nd, and also had two assists as Anaheim put the game away with a four-goal second period. That marked the most goals Dallas has given up in one period this season. "We saw how other teams around us were winning and had gotten pretty close," Selanne said. "But we tried not to think about that. We didn't talk about the standings in the dressing room. All we wanted to do was be prepared to play our game. "We only want to look ahead. We can keep doing that after tonight." The Stars are still only one win away from division and conference titles. Nevertheless, captain Mike Modano said Friday's loss was an indication of how Dallas has gotten away from its tight, disciplined style of play. He said it's also an indication of some things that have to be tightened up before the playoffs begin next month. "We have to reinforce what we have to do after the last few games," Modano said. "We've been light on the puck. We've made some mistakes. There's been a lot of second-guessing out there, and we're not getting ourselves in a position to score goals. Offensively, it's been a struggle and that's going to happen."

# SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — McCarty, led the way as Duke I'm not going to fuel the fire. They also set a national semifinal Louisiana Tech (30-3) pulled with-Purdue plays smart basketball, advanced with an 81-69 victory There's no fire there to fuel." record by making nine of 15 3- in three in the second half. and so does Duke. Purdue keeps over Georgia. its composure when things get

tight, ditto for Duke. Teamwork? There's plenty of that to go around, too. The final game in the women's

teams meeting in the NCAA Duke. We are not playing just championship game Sunday against those two player night. That should come as no sur- playing the whole team." prise because the players who make up the heart and soul of both

Stephane White-McCarty to a 77- al championship. 63 victory over Louisiana Tech in one semifinal Friday night.

Playoff site

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WICHITA FALLS -- Wichita

Falls will be the site of the Class

4A girls' regional championship

between Wichita Falls Rider and

That match is scheduled for 7

Rider has a 19-7-2 record

while Denton Ryan is 13-8-1.

Rider defeated Pampa 7-0 and

Denton Ryan won over Canyon

In the boys' division, Wichita

Falls Rider also advanced to the

regional championship and will

meet Granbury for the title. The

site for that match has not been

Rider defeated Canyon 1-0 and

Granbury defeated El Paso Ysleta

4-1 in the regional semifinals.

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2-0 in the regional semifinals.

p.m. Friday in Memorial

Denton Ryan.

Stadium.

decided yet.

Predictably, both sides were reluctant to wade into the issue of former teammates meeting in the biggest game of the season.

We are just going to approach it basketball season has come down like any other game," White-to a pair of remarkably similar McCarty said. "We are playing against those two players. We are

Erickson and VanGorp transferred to Duke following the disteams all started in the same place. missal of Lin Dunn as Purdue's Top-ranked Purdue rode the coach in 1996. Like their former spectacular play of Ukari Figgs teammates, they have a chance to and the steady contributions of take their school to its first nation-

"I don't have any hard feelings for Purdue," VanGorp said. Nicole Erickson and Michele "Everyone wants to beat this dead"

Both teams played with plenty point shots.

Former teammates to meet in women's Final 4

of fire Friday night. VanGorp 20 as Duke (29-6) followed its stunning upset of three-

effort against Georgia. But that didn't surprise the Blue Kelly and Coco Miller, with solid defense.

"I don't think we had an emotional letdown at all," Duke coach Gail Goestenkors said. "I think the players were ready to play. We worried.'

Duke built a 15-point lead early

Erickson scored 22 points and effect defensively," Georgia coach run at us, but we weren't really rat-Andy Landers said. "They shoot tled." the ball terrifically from the 3-point time defending national champion line and as we spread ourselves all Tennessee with an outstanding around the perimeter, we leave ourselves vulnerable inside."

Coco Miller led Georgia (27-7) Devils, who shot 51 percent and with 18 points, and Tawana defused Georgia's explosive twins, McDonald added 14. Kelly Miller, who scored 33 points in the regional final against Iowa State, scored iust 13.

Figgs scored 18 points in a sensational first half - 14 in the opening 111/2 minutes — and finished were very focused. I didn't feel with 24 as Purdue (33-1) won its 31st straight game.

The Boilermakers used runs of in the second half and used a late 13-2 and 12-2 in building a 15-VanGorp, who once played at horse. I feel happy for Stephanie, 1 16-3 run to rebuild its advantage point lead in the first half and Duke plays Michigan State Purdue with Figgs and White- feel happy for Ukari. It's exciting. after Georgia pulled within six. answered with a 12-0 burst after tonight in the men's semifinals.

We always keep our compo-"We didn't have a very good sure," Figgs said. "They made a

White-McCarty finished strong to get 17 points after a 1-for-7 opening half and Katie Douglas scored 15. The Boilermakers committed only 11 turnovers against a team that had been forcing an average of 25.

"I think we went on adrenaline in the second half," Douglas said. 'We really wanted this game."

Amanda Wilson's 18 points led Louisiana Tech, which had won 22 straight since a 71-65 loss to Purdue on Dec. 19.

By reaching the championship game, Duke threw out a challenge to its men's team to do the same.

# Seniors set golf record

PAMPA — Hidden Hills held a Seniors Four-Man Scramble on Thursday.

**Results are as follows:** 

First place: Bill King, Ray Covalt, Charles Terrell and Everett Butler, 58 (tied seniors record, 13 under par). Terrell shot a 37, his best ever on the front 9.

Second place: Bob Young, Roy Porter, Jim Maher and Bob Brandon, 61.

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Third place: John Darby, Jerry Davis, Calvin Lacy and Gene Winegeart, 62.

Fourth place: Carl Johnson, Oscar Sargent and Troy Bennett, 62.

Fifth place: Jerry Dorman, Harvey Malone and Jack Davis, 62.

Closest to the hole: Bill Abernathy, third shot, No. 18.

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CANADIAN - Wheeler's Nic Ware grabbed medalist honors, but Canadian claimed

tioning whether they should play during the NATO bombing of their homeland.

MADRID, Spain — Yugoslav

players, many of them stars for

Pedrag Mijatovis of Real Madrid said that if had a game in the next few days, "I wouldn't be able to play.

He stressed he and his compatriots are now calling for a strike or boycott, but want to draw attention to their country's plight.

He said each player must decide for himself how to act.

On Thursday, the Yugoslav soccer federation was reported to have backed a call by Mijatovic, Dragan Stojkovic of Japan's Grampus Eight and Dejan of Yugolslavia's Red Star, urging Yugoslav players in NATO member-nation clubs to strike.

top European clubs are ques-

Senior Jessie Maddox (right) talks to freshman teammate Jessica Baggett on the sideline prior to the Pampa-Wichita Falls Rider regional semifinal match at Harvester Stadium. Maddox, a four-year starter and two-time all-district player had to miss her final high school match because of a broken leg sustained during Pampa's 1-0 win over El Paso Ysleta in the regional quarterfinals.

# Irwin wins pole position on fast Texas track

FORT WORTH (AP) — Kenny Bruton Smith tracks.

Irwin, who won his first Series race here in 1997. Winston Cup pole in the 1998 season finale at Atlanta Motor his right shoulder blade when Winston Cup champion Terry champions Dale Earnhardt, Speedway in November, set a he crashed his Busch Series car Labonte, Bobby's older brother, who was 38th, and Darrell track record on Friday in cap- last week in Darlington, put a whose Chevy ran 189.122. turing the top quallifying spot Pontiac on the outside of the for the Primestar 500 at Texas front row with a lap of 189.853. Motor Speedway.

around the 1 1/2-mile oval on who got relief help from Matt his qualifying lap at 190.154 Kenseth after driving the first mph, the fastest of 37 drivers who beat the previous record of Sunday in Darlington. 185.906, set last April by Jeremy Mayfield.

\$3.4 million offseason reconfig- out of the car again. uration and repaving of the track to eliminate problem local favorite, spent most of this areas in turn four and in the week working with trainers for transitions from the corners to the NFL's Carolina Panthers the straightaways on the Dshaped oval.

Both of the ovals at which Irwin has won poles are owned by Speedway Motorsports Inc., the company headed by Smith that also owns and operates four other racetracks. And both are similar in look and feel.

"It's awesome," the 29-yearold Irwin said. "I don't care what anybody says about this racetrack, they've done a great job. It's real fast, but I really like

Irwin says he liked it before last year after a crash in

Bobby Labonte, who broke

Iotor Speedway. "I'm not as sore as I thought Last year's top rookie cruised I'd be today," said Labonte, 45 laps of the Winston Cup race

The plan for Sunday's 500mile race is for Kenseth, a regular in the Busch Series, to stand The speeds were boosted by a by in case Labonte needs to get

> Labonte, a Texas native and rehabilitating his injured shoulder.

"Tomorrow's going to play a big key in how we do it on Sunday," Labonte said. "It feels pretty good right now, but we'll see how it feels when I get out there with some other cars and run a few more laps at a time."

Steve Park, another rookie last year, was a bit of a surprise as he took third place on the grid with a lap of 189.341 in a Chevrolet.

For Park, who missed 15 races

Irwin must like these fast the changes, winning a Atlanta, it was easily his best to make the top 25 and will NASCAR Craftsman Truck qualifying effort. His best pre- have to either try again vious start was 12th.

He was followed by two-time day laps were former series Ward Burton was fifth in a who made qualifying attempts.

Pontiac at 188.990, followed by the Ford of Mark Martin at 188.957, the Chevys of Ken Schrader and Jeff Gordon at 188.778 and 188.699 and, round-NASCAR's elite came during ing out the top 10, the Ford of Bill Elliott at 188.587. smacked the wall hard.

Jeff Burton, Ward's younger brother and the current series points leader, was expected to contend for the pole on Friday, but wound up 20th at 187.311.

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the team championship at the Canadian Invitational held at the Canadian Golf Course.

Ware shot a 73, one stroke better than Canadian's Travis Lovins.

Canadian had a 318 in the team standings to win the title by 43 strokes over secondplace Wheeler.

MIDLAND — The Board of Directors of the West Texas has Association Golf announced their 71st Annual Championship will be contested June 16-20 at Green Tree Country Club in Midland.

(Pampa News photo)

Among the drivers who failed

Saturday or stand on their first-

Waltrip, 46th of the 48 drivers

On a track where crashes

were commonplace during the

first two Winston Cup week-

ends, the only incident among

qualifying when Ken Bouchard

The tournament, the second oldest amateur event west of the Mississippi, dates to 1925. Past winners include such famous names as Doug Jones, Don Cherry, Ernie Vossler, Charles Coody, Mike Stanley and Bob Estes.

The field is limited to the first 200 entries. The Championship flight will be contested over 72 holes, with the remaining flights covering 54. Host PGA Professional Chris Carpenter was quick to point out that the event is for golfers of all skill levels.

This is not just a tournament for Championship caliber players" said Carpenter. The tournament will award prizes i both the gross and net divisions

A flight for Seniors ages 50-59, and Super Seniors ages 60 and over is a popular segment of the event.

An entrant must be a member of an association of member club of the West Texas Golf Assn.

Jack Felts of Midland, current WTGA President, indicates that golf will be complimented by several social events, including a social hour Thursday evening. Along with breakfast and lunch for the players for the duration of the tournament.

Several clubs in your area now have registration blanks for the event.

For more information contact Roy Granbery at 1-806-765-0623 or Chris Carpenter at Green Tree, 1-915-694-7726.

lowing the final round of time was expected to be kept overnight for observation.

Bouchard, who suffered a concussion, was flown by helicopter to a Dallas hospital, where he underwent tests and The 25 fastest qualifiers evaluation. Track officials said 43-car field, with the rest of the the driver from Fitchburg, lineup to be set Saturday fol- Mass., was awake and alert, but

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American Hockey League FREDERICTON CANADIENS—Added D Samy Nasreddine to the roster. HAMILTON BULLDOGS—Added RW HERSHEY BEARS-Added D Sami Helenius to the roster. NEW HAVEN BEAST—Added C Patrick Mikesch and C Ian MacNeil to the roster PROVIDENCE BRUINS—Added RW High game: Craig Davis 243; High series: Craig Davis 611; High handicap game: Craig Davis 274; High handicap series: Craig Davis 704. Roger Maxwell to the roster. WORCESTER ICECATS-Recalled RW Quinn Hancock from Peoria of the ECHL. High game: Kim Davis 181; High series: Kim Davis 516; High handicap game: Amy Crafton 282; High handicap series: Amy Crafton 722.

# Saints desperately want to sign Williams

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Williams, who set a bevy of New Orleans Saints owner NCAA records including most Tom Benson says he's willing yards and touchdowns, could to sign off on a deal to give up be the catalyst to make the all the team's picks in this Saints winners. New Orleans year's draft for the chance to went 6-10 this past season, its select Heisman Trophy winner fifth straight losing record. **Ricky Williams.** 

Saints coach Mike Ditka said defensive side of the ball. And last week at the NFL owners' meeting that he would trade ing through quarterbacks tryall six 1999 draft picks and ing to find somebody. The one additional future picks to piece of the puzzle (missing) first round and get the run- said. ning back from Texas.

Kuharich (the Saints general manager) feel is the thing to do, they have my vote," Benson told the San Antonio Express-News in Friday's editions.

"We're satisfied on the we're not going to be swingmove up from No. 12 in the is a running back," Benson

Benson has heard rave Philadelphia,

who became friendly with the Bengals are considering tak-Saints' owner when Brown ing quarterbacks. coached at Tulane. Benson The Saints own the 12th also was impressed with an NFL interview of Williams.

"It was outstanding," said Benson, who saw the session on videotape. "He no doubt would bring a lot to the Saints. Nothing changes our mind about him from what we've seen on his record."

five pick, putting his fate in the hands of Cleveland, Cincinnati, reviews about Williams from Indianapolis and Washington. "If that's what Mike and Bill Texas coach Mack Brown, The Browns, Eagles and

pick of the first round and one pick each in rounds 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. They traded their No. 2 pick in mid-February to the St. Louis Rams for wide receiver Eddie Kennison.

A year ago, the Saints Williams is a projected top- unsuccessfully offered all their 1998 draft picks to Arizona with the intention of selecting either Peyton Manning or Ryan Leaf.

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# TRANSACTIONS

Friday's Sports Transactions By The Associated Press BASEBALL

## American League

American League BOSTON RED SOX—Assigned C Mandy Romero and C Joe Depastino to their minor-league camp. KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Sent LHP Alvin Morman outrighted to Omaha of the PCL. Released RHP Tim Scott. Assigned RHP Dan Reichert and C Henry Mercedes to their minor-league camp. Placed OF Jeremy Giambi on the 15-day disabled list

SEATTLE MARINERS—Released INF Randy Jorgensen, RHP Rafael Batista, LHP Albert Derenches, RHP Jose Gonzalez, RHP Orin Kawahara, LHP Dallas Mahan, LHP Matt Massimi, RHP Kristofer Totten, OF Anton French, INF Davide Dallospedale, INF Chris Dean, INF Cip Garcia, INF Domingo Pacheco and INF Felix Rosario. Announced the retire-ment of OF Steve Wright, C Karl Thompson and INF Hubert Parker. TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Reassigned OF Billy Ashley to their minor-league camp. Placed RHP Corey Lidle on the 60-day disbaled list.

TEXAS RANGERS—Placed OF Mike Simms on the 15-day disabled list.

**Stokes** 

East Coast Hockey League BIRMINGHAM BULLS—Waived G Grag Dreveny. Added F Yves Bertrand to the

D Joe Corvo to the roster. Placed RW Jeff Corbett on the 10-day injured reserve. ACKSONVILLE LIZÁRD KINGS-Added F Scott Page to the roster. LOUISIANA ICEGATORS—Added LW

Kyle Freadrich to the roster. MISSISSIPPI SEA WOLVES-Placed LW Vashi Nedomansky on the 10-day injured reserve. Activated C Cody Bowtell from jured reserve

the roster

from injured reserve. PENSACOLA ICE PILOTS-Added F Christian Sbrocca to the roster. PEORIA RIVERMEN—Added LW Michal Dvorak to the roster. Placed D Alex Couture on the 10-day injured reserve. Moved D Darcy Smith from the 10-day to the 14-day injured reserve. RICHMOND RENEGADES—Added F John Lovell, D Dan Vandermeer, and F Joel Irwin to the roster. SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS—

LACROSSE National Lacrosse League SYRACUSE SMASH—Signed F Ed Shenandoah, Released F Jamie Archer. SOCCER

F Phil Karn. COLLEGE **GEORGIA SOUTHERN—Named Jeff** 

GREENSBORO-Announced the resigna-tion of Steve Johnson, women's basket-

ball coach. HUNTER—Announced the resignation of Joseph Hughes, athletic facilities manager and assistant women's softball coach. MONTANA—Named Chad Germer offensive line coach.

MONTANA STATE-NORTHERN-Named Reece Gliko men's assistant basketbal

ROCHESTER-Announced the resignation of Eric Hoffberg, men's hockey coach.

HAMPTON ROADS ADMIRALS-Added MOBILE MYSTICKS—Suspended D Keith O'Connell. Added D Chad Wilchynski to PEE DEE PRIDE—Activated F Tom Field Signed RW Matt Garver. Waived RW Lb. lessy Grenier. A-League PITTSBURGH RIVERHOUNDS—Signed



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# Menus

Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.

Lunch: Chicken fried steak, whipped potatoes, gravy, spinach, applesauce, hot\* rolls.

#### TUESDAY

Breakfast: Toast, peanut butter. Lunch: Pigs in a blanket, blackeyed peas, broccoli/cheese, pears. WĖDNESDAY

Breakfast: Scrambled egg, toast, sausage patty.

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, corn, peach parfait, hot rolls. THURSDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast.

Lunch: Hamburgers, French fries, burger salad, pickles, mixed fruit. FRIDAY

No school. **Lefors Schools** MONDAY

# Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, juice,

milk. Lunch: Beef and cheese nachos, beans,

cornbread, salad, fruit, milk. TUESDAY

Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, toast, cereal, juice, milk.

corn, fruit, milk. WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Rolls, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Ham, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, cornbread. rolls, fruit, milk. THURSDAY

Breakfast: French toast sticks, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Steakfingers, whipped potatoes, peas, rolls, fruit, milk. FRIDAY

No school. **Meals on Wheels** MONDAY

Stew, cornbread, cake. TUESDAY

Sausage, rice, cauliflower, green beans, pineapple.

WEDNESDAY Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, jello.

THURSDAY Salisbury steak, gravy, blackeyed peas,

fried okra, graham crackers. FRIDAY Closed. **Senior Citizens** 

MONDAY Chicken fried steak or chili rellenos with toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

Lunch: Fish, coleslaw, cheese, tator tots, cheese sauce, mashed potatoes, Spanish rice, spinach, pinto beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, German upsidedown cake or lemon pie, hot rolls, cornbread or jalapeno

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TUESDAY

Turkey and dressing or smothered steak, sour cream potatoes, green beans, yams, northern beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hurricane cake or cherry icebox pie, hot rolls or cornbread. WEDNESDAY.

Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, baked cabbage, fried squash, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, white chocolate swirl cake or apple/raisin cobbler, hot rolls or cornbread.

#### THURSDAY

Chicken strips or barbecue sausages, mashed potatoes, California blend, baked beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, orange strussel cake or bread pudding, hot rolls or cornbread.

#### FRIDAY

Fried cod fish or chicken chow mein over cornbread, potato wedges, creamed corn, turnip greens, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, applesauce cake or tapioca, garlic

Tracy Alison Thompson and John Riley Kothmann

# Thompson-Kothmann

Tracy Alison Thompson of Fort Worth and John Riley Kothmann of W. Monroe, La., were wed Jan. 23 at Saint Patrick Cathedral with Father Bob Strittmatter officiating.

The maid of honor was Marisa Marchele Thompson, sister of the bride. The matron of honor was Stephenie Land of Arlington. The bridesmaids were Melissa Strong, Julie Poth, Samantha Panko, Kim Bullaich, Delia Kothmann, Irene Villåfranca and Christi McCrary.

The best man was Clinton Roy Wood of Fort Worth. The groomsmen were John Allender, Rick Roberts Jr., Gary Heyen, Jimmy Kothmann, Jason Miller, Scott Heubner and Jeff Robertson.

The ushers were Jeff Beasley, Josh Bishop, Brooks McCall and Travis Thompson.

A reception was held following the service at Delaney Vineyards. The bride is the daughter of Ray and Sandy Thompson of Fort Worth and is the granddaughter of Mrs. J.C. Thompson and Mrs. Dorothy Bramblett, both of Fort Worth. She received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Texas Christian University where she belonged to Delta Delta Delta sorority. She earned her master of education degree from Southwest Texas State University.

The groom is the son of Riley and Martha Kothmann of Pampa and is the grandson of Mrs. Riley Kothmann Sr. and Mrs. Jack Heyen, both of Uvalde. He received a bachelor of science degree in industrial distribution from Texas A&M University where he belonged to Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He is currently employed with U.S. Filter Corp.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to the island of Anguilla in the British West Indies and intend to make their home in Alexandria, La.

# Newsmakers

its Dean's List for the 1998 fall semester.

student must maintain a 3.5-3.9 grade point average while superior performance of duty. enrolled in 12 or more semester Displaying remarkable dedicahours. Students named to the tion and initiative, Stanley conlist include Bryan Marshall sistently Hall of Carrollton.

Hall also earned a bachelor of plary and highly professional business administration degree manner. in accounting from the university's College of Business Administration at the completion of the fall semester.

Jeannell Hall of Pampa.

LEMOORE, Calif. - Navy

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech and Margo Stanley of Pampa, University recently announced recently received a Letter of Commendation while assigned with Strike Fighter Squadron To be eligible for the honor, a 147, Naval Air Station Lemoore. Stanley was recognized for performed his demanding duties in an exem-

> Stanley joined the Navy in January 1988.

DENTON - The University hours. Students named to the Hall is the son of Hugh M. and of North Texas recently announced its Dean's List for the 1998 fall semester.

To be eligible for the honor, a Petty Officer 2nd Class William' student must maintain a 3.5 Stanley, 1987 Pampa High grade point average while School graduate and son of Jerry enrolled in 12 or more semester

Club news

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a first come first serve basis due to Highland Hobby Club met limited space. The deadline each recently at the home of Mairlyn week for Sunday's paper is Kirkwood with President Gloria Wednesday at 5 p.m. (Tuesday at 12 Norris presiding. Six members Ferline Calvert was welcomed back from her winter stay at Mission. She gave a reading on how to speak English and Chinese. The next meeting will be in in the Nona Payne Room of April with Norris serving as hostess.

## **Michelle Gandy**

list include Emil Rapstine. Rapstine, son of Doug and Jennifer Rapstine of White Deer, was also recently inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society. Membership is by invitation only to students ranking or other qualified sponsor. in the top 15 percent of their

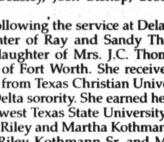
design major at UNT. The United Achievement Academy recently bestows the USAA award to fewer than 10 percent of all American high school seniors.

The USAA established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to students who excel in the academic disciplines. All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted.

USAA winners are selected based on academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher, director

Gandy, a student at Pampa junior or senior class. Rapstine High, was nominated for both is a junior communication honors by PHS counselor, Starla Kindle. She will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook States published nationally.

She is the daughter of Mike



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## Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met March 16 Pampa Community Building.

Plans were made for the tea Pampa Garden Club and art exhibit to be held from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, April March 8 at the home of Thelma 22 in the M.K. Brown Room of Bray with Bray presiding. Pampa Community Building. Thirteen members were present. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The next meeting will be a made: general workshop at 10:30 a.m. April 6 at the home of Erma Lee approved. Barber.

Pampa Garden Club met The following business was conducted and announcements

-Minutes were read and

(See, CLUB, Page 20)

#### and Mary Gandy of Pampa announced Michelle Gandy of Pampa was named both an All- is the granddaughter of George American Scholar and a United and the late Ann Gandy of States National Award Winner Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. H.L. in leadership. The academy Drew of Deltona, Fla.

# **Lifestyles Policies**

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Best Wishes To These

Brides & Grooms

Leslie Bridges and Ove Fladberg

Shawna Austin and Kelly Hickman

Jan Marak and Jeff Cowman

Julie Dupuy and Ryan Teague

Kari Marie Beicker and Kevin Wayne Savage

Amanda Sandlin and Jason Murphree

Erika Jenson and Emery Swenson

Selections at **Joy's Unlimited** 2218 N. Hobart - Pampa, Tx



Kelley Ann Roark and Todd Anthony Black

Roark-Black

Kelley Ann Roark and Todd Anthony Black, both of Lubbock, plan to wed May 22 at the Holiday Inn Plaza in Lubbock with Brother Dave Diggs of Westmoreland Baptist Church officiating.

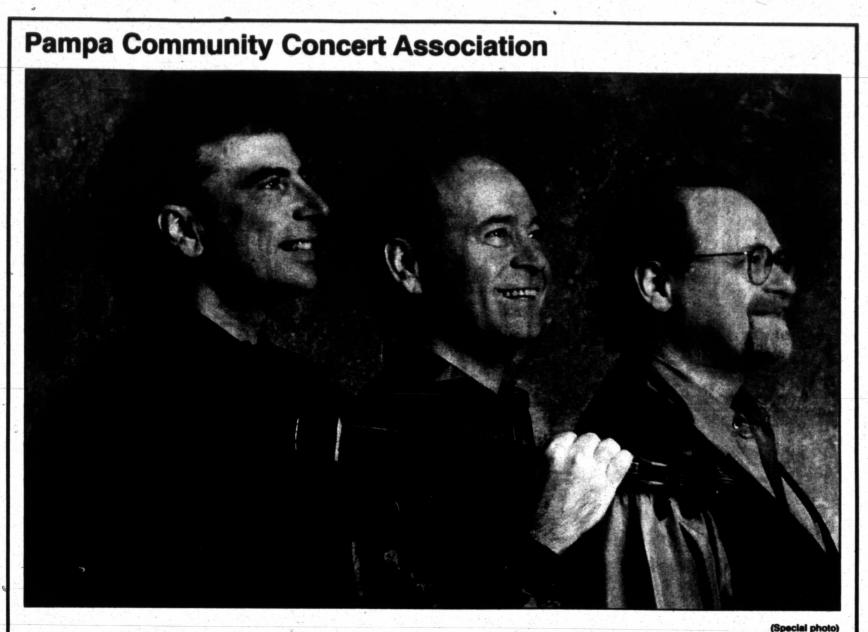
The bride-elect is the daughter of Ronnie and Connie Roark of Brownwood. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 1998, receiving a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in electrical engineering at Tech.

The prospective groom is the son of Dave and Teresa Wavra of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1993 and from Texas Tech University in 1998, receiving a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He is also currently pursuing a master's degree in electrical engineering at Tech.

The couple plan to move to Houston in June and begin internships with Texas Instruments.

# **Books: A rich diet** of food for thought





As part of the Pampa Community Concert Association's 1999-2000 season, Galaxy Trio will perform. Classical meets Jazz to make magic. Violinists Moshe Hammer, and Lenny Solomon with pianist Bernie Senensky - three internationally renowned musicians, have combined their specialties in their new concert performance. Now these three dynamic individuals present a concert which showcases their unique jazz and classical styles. The concept has already proven to be a winner. Their concerts leave the audience cheering for more. With great arrangements of familiar tunes, along with outstanding original music, these three great artists dazzle, charm, captivate and move their audiences. Attendance to concerts is by membership only. Membership dues are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. Call about family discounts 665-0343.

# **Community Calendar**

FREEDOM MUSEUM USA, 600 North Hobart, Open Tuesday-Saturday, Noon to 4 p.m. Revolutionary War to Bosnia. All branches MARCH Saturday, Noon to 4 p.m. Revolutionary War to Bosnia. All branches of service are represented.

AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-3988. CLEAN AIR AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-7501

CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, contact 669-7501.

VFW POST #1657, 105 S. Cuyler. Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Edgar D. Carson, 669-0853 or 669-1264.

24-28 - CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH will sponsor a "Power Team Crusade" from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at 900 East 23rd Street. A \$2 donation will be taken at the door. For more information call 665-0842. 27-28 - HERITAGE ART CLUB will have their annual showing at the Community Building, 200 North Ballard from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information call Ruth Barrett, 665-5050.

27-28 - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY will present "The Promise" at 7 p.m. both nights at 203 North West in the church auditorium. For ticket information call 669-1155.

28 - NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS will meet at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Columbia Medical Center Office Bldg. For

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# Letters to the editor

# **Misconceptions about hos**pice care

#### To the editor,

I was a caregiver for my terminally ill mother who was enrolled in Crown of Texas Hospice program. There are many misconceptions about hospice care programs. The first misconception about Hospice is that most people think or are led to believe that there is only one hospice program that serves Pampa and its surrounding towns That is false, there's Crown of Texas Hospice and BSA Hospice of the Panhandle.

The second misconception is that only cancer patients can enroll in hospice, but hospice care is for anyone that has a terminal illness. The last misconception is that people think hospice is only about death, but that is far from the truth, hospice is about a patient living life to it's fullest.

My family and I do not know what the past two and a half months would have been like if it had not been for the staff of "Angels" that cared for our loved one during her last days and our whole family as well. I want to urge people to take their time to talk to all hospice programs before choosing one to care for a loved one during their last days on this earth. Hospice programs and their care can vary between the different hospice organizations.

Sacora Belknap Pampa

# Have a healthy day, eat plenty of carrots

## To the editor.

I wanted you to know how I appreciate Jeff West's column on seat belts and how they are the answer to traffic fatalities. Being as you say a bloody idiot myself, I enjoy reading of how if we all wore our seat belts we would live long and healthy lives and die of natural causes at maybe 100 years of age.

I recently had a routine physical in Amarillo by a doctor that I think is very good. After my exam, he said, "Mr. Smith you know the drill, if we would all eat more fruit and vegetables we would all be better off for it." I don't know about you, but I had a steak and potato for dinner last night. You see he said, "If we all sit down and eat carrots all day we will all die anyway."

You see, I don't agree with government regulation on seat belts, helmets, etc., because to me that takes away my freedom to live my life how I see fit and if by doing so it costs me my life, I would have died anyway. It's easy to look at an accident and come to conclusions of how wearing a seat belt or other safety device might have saved a person's life, but where is the end of all this safety?

We buy vehicles with air bags that have switches to turn them off, does that make sense to you? The media is quick to mention a motorcycle accident with the person involved "not wearing a helmet" but how many reports have you heard that mentioned "and the passenger might have made it if the air bag hadn't been turned off." Yes, people dying in accidents affects other people, but people dying affects other people whether they died in an accident or not.

Maybe those people in the city of New Orleans train should of had seat belts, air bags, helmets and they should have run the train at 35 mph and checked everyone's cholesterol and blood pressure every hour, and maybe, just maybe, they would have had a safe trip. I wonder how many children have ridden in car safety seats and out-grown them and their parents have now discovered they were improperly installed all those years. Maybe we should just all sit down and eat carrots. Have a healthy day. Joe Smith

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE CHARITY BINGO every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 E. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-751616469-0.

THE ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP will have regularly scheduled meetings the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc. For more information contact Chrys Smith at 665-0356.

**OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES/WIC Program nutrition educa**tion classes. Open to the public. For more information call 665-1182. FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS meet the 4th Saturday of each month at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Pot luck supper. For more information contact Kevin Romines, 665-8547 or Jim Greene, 665-8067

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS will meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Family Life Center at First Christian Church at 18th and Nelson from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be a light meal and then play cards and get aquatinted. Under aged school children can be taken to the First Christian Church Mother's Day out by calling 665-8689. For more information please call 665-1188.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER in-house support group for victims of family violence. Meetings on Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. and one on Thursdays 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. For more information call 669-1131. All calls are kept confidential.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL will meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 North Russell. For

more information call 669-7546. APRIL

1 - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA Round Table meeting at the First Presbyterian Church 525 North Gray, 7:30 p.m. For more information

contact Doug Cooper, 669-2959. 1-4 - WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM will present an exhibit "Dust Bowl Days". Open to the public Tuesday - Sunday, 112-116 South Cuyler from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 669-8041.

4 - NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS will meet at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Columbia Medical Center Office Bldg. For more information call 669-7546

5 - PAMPA MEALS ON WHEELS "Garage Sale" closed for 1999. They want to thank everyone who participated. For more information call 669-1007.

8 - GRAY COUNTY TAFCE CLUB Patchworks meets at 9:30 a.m. For more information contact Mary Chesher, 665-3865.

8 - BOYS SCOUTS OF AMERICA District monthly meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, 525 North Gray at 7: 30 p.m. For more information contact Doug Cooper, 669-2959. 8 - GRAY COUNTY TACFE CLUB Progressive meets at 2 p.m. For

more information contact Christine Griffin, 665-8062.

8-11 - FRIENDS OF-THE LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE in Coronado Center, 8,9&10th open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. and 11th 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Bring book donations to the sale. For more information call Glenna Miller, 665-5148.

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"They're human and flawed, they're whole — and they're Jewish," he said of his characters. 'That's what I write about. I don't understand the idea of it being dirty laundry."

Though Englander's themes tend toward the weighty and spiritually complex — the transmigration of souls, the alienation of affections — he exudes, both in print and in person, a disarmingly loopy charm.

Whenever a break from writing allows, Englander reads omnivorously - Gogol, Dostoevsky, Malamud - making up, he says, for early schooling almost entirely confined to Judaic studies.

my education 'substandard," he said. "She says, 'Do you always have to say that?' But I'm reading everything now. It's thrilling."

Englander knows his life is about to change. With the buzz the collection has already attracted, and a high-profile U.S. book tour set this spring, his days of toiling away in contented obscurity could be drawing to a close.

Young acquaintances in his funky Jerusalem neighborhood of hole-in-the-wall synagogues and tiny cafes accepted him as a fellow slacker-scribbler, albeit one who worked hard at it.

'You mean he's a real writer?" one asked in disbelief upon hearing of Englander's imminent lit- after spending a first chill erary celebrity. Repeated back to Jerusalem winter in what he Urges." Alfred A. Knopf, \$22.

"My mother hates it when I call him, that comment made him laugh hard. "Good, good!" he said delightedly.

Those who know him well say he'll take it all in stride, especially with what he describes as warm support from his religiously observant family.

'Nathan has got his feet firmly planted on the ground," said his agent Aragi, a close friend. "He's a very solid, down-to-earth character.

Englander doesn't feel he's traveled so far from the days when he worked a string of odd jobs, including waiter and shoe salesman. He still speaks with innocent joy of living in an apartment with heating,

describes as a heatless hovel. He's reluctant to say too much about his novel-in-progress, other than that it involves the Jews of Argentina and will be of "epic

proportions, but not, I hope of epic length." Although Englander believes his work will always reflect the "connection through the ages" that he feels with things Jewish, Aragi thinks the stories' triumph lies in their universality.

"They all move me one way or the other," she said. "The more serious ones make me laugh, and the lighthearted ones move me. He's a real storyteller - a natural, natural storyteller."

"For the Relief of Unbearable



To the editor,

Wheeler

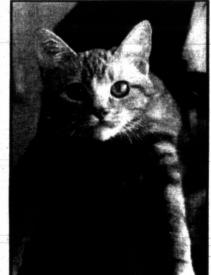
A recent column by Charley Reese and an Associated Press article highlighted the confusion among liberals regarding "culture" and what it means in America.

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The AP article was about a ruling by Judge Judith Brawka, a county judge in Illinois, that took a three-year-old black baby away from a his white foster parents. She ruled that the state was wrong not to emphasize "the importance of black culture in the boy's upbringing." In her ruling, Judge Brawka said, "Unless the position of the department is that there is no such thing as African-American culture, the issue deserves more attention than to check a box that says not applicable." Charley Reese's column concerned a flap within the National Park Service over the fact that very few black people visit our National Parks. Reese quotes the Park Service as saying, "Something must be done about it!" (See, LETTERS, Page 17)





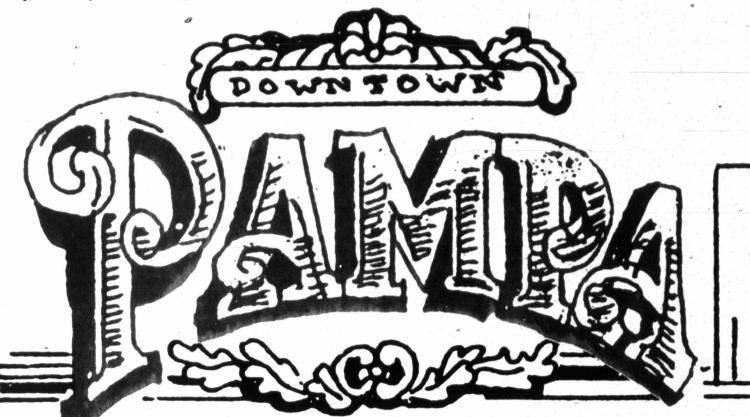


"Dreamsicle" Kitty ... This short hair orange and white tabby is six months old. She is sweeter than a dreamsicle. So, hurry in before she is gone.

For information about these pets or any other Contact the Animal Shelter at 669–5775 or come by their location at Hobart Street Park. Office hours are Monday-Friday 5 p.m.-6 p.m.; Sat., Sun. & Holidays 11 a.m.-12 noon and 4 p.m.-5 p.m.

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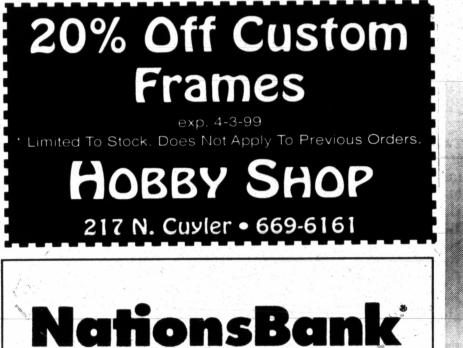
# Downtown Business Association

Downtown Pampa would like to welcome "The Coffee Shop" to Downtown. It is great to see new business open in our community. The Downtown Business Association wishes them the Best of Luck.

Downtown has a lot of things going on. We are having an Easter Egg Drawing Contest and will be giving \$\$\$\$ in Downtown Bucks. We welcome all the kindergarten thru 4<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in this contest.

We are planning a Summer Street Party, so watch for details. We will have all kinds of fun.

Ken Rheams President 1.7 .



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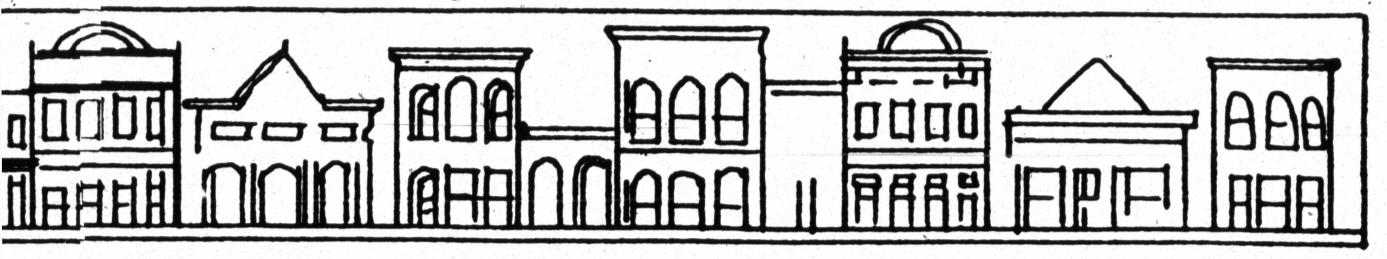
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should follow her heart.

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman

who would like to be more confident

and less fearful about asking a guy

out. Deep down I believe that the

guy should be the one to do the ask-

There are several guys I'm inter-

**DEAR WENDY: Although** 

your feelings are understand-

able, it is common and accept-

able these days for a woman to

ask a man out. In order to avoid

rejection, drop some "hints" to

see if there is any interest

before popping the question.

perfect. After doing it a few

times, you'll find it easier to

WENDY

ing. I also have a fear of rejection.

should I do?

# **Owner of Sports Restaurant Can Call Timeout on Kids**

DEAR ABBY: My brother-in-law is a restaurant owner. The atmosphere is casual and slightly sportsoriented, so many of his patrons take their young children to dine. The majority of the time, this is not take children who do not want to be there. They yell and a problem. However, some adults They yell and scream and run around the restaurant unattended. It's very disruptive for other patrons

The staff takes juice, crackers, crayons and coloring books to entertain the children while the adults converse, yet the children continue to be disruptive, and the adults at the table make no effort to address the situation.

On occasion, my brother-in-law something about the children's behavior and has been met with some very rude responses from the patrons. He needs some additional input about what to do. We'd appreciate any suggestions as to how adults should handle situations what loss of material things can do where children are misbehaving in a restaurant.

**DEAR ROCHELLE: The dis**ruptive behavior you describe is not the fault of the children: the parents are responsible for their children's behavior. If the youngsters create a nuisance for other diners, their parents should be asked to give them a "timeout" - in other words, remove them from the premises until they settle down.

# Abigail Van Buren SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: I must disagree with your readers who responded to the mother who wanted her daughter to marry a man of means. I also believe the mother knows her daughter better than they possibly has had to ask the adults to do could. For most, giving up one's standard of living would send the "thrill" of married life out the window very soon.

Love does not conquer all! No, I am not a snob; I am an 81-year-old "always been poor" lady. I have seen to anyone who is not accustomed to doing without. Remember, Abby, ROCHELLE IN PHOENIX men who lost their fortunes committed suicide by jumping out of

tall buildings in 1929-1930. People are like that.

Oh, no, a disillusioned wife won't jump out of a window, but she might seriously consider fleeing the coop. A 19-year-old girl has plenty of time to meet young people and evaluate acquaintances before deciding on a life partner. A CARING PERSON.

tion. Tonight: Out and about.

VIRGO (Aug: 23-Sept. 22)

Whatever suits your fancy

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

to unstoppable. Reach out for others and

push a project forward. Your insights and

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

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DANVILLE, ILL.

# Horoscope

# MONDAY, MARCH 29, 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 gain a clearer perspective about what is needed. Revolutionary thinking opens doors and allows you to assume a leadership position. A partner comes are clearly on your team. You gain prestige. Tonight Working late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)  $\star \star \star \star \star$  Creativity surges; you come up  $\star \star \star$  Right now, it serves you well to take friend. with unusual answers. A partnership a back seat and observe. How you view PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) hanges because of your insights. Pull back and do some intense thinking. Others ac- of information received. You could overtively work with you. A relationship heats up, which is as you like it. Express your feelings. Tonight: Keep the weekend spirit. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★ ★ ★ You are building stronger foundations and developing a better sense of what vou want. A home office isn't out of the Don't settle. Others come through for you, question, or you might opt to enhance an even if you are a bit pushy or difficult. A existing setup. You might be very sensitive partner thinks only the best of you and to others. Think before acting on emotions understands you better than you think. A Tonight: Lasso in what you want CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Communicate your needs. A friends are friendship grows because of your caring SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

to effectiveness and excellent communica- extra sparkle to projects. Follow what you feel is the right path. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

approach men.

empathize.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Follow a strong feeling that might ★★★★★ You can visualize a long-term be quite different for you. Be willing to explore new horizons; schedule that way- project that others can't. They count on out trip, or perhaps open the door to a new your creativity. Structure a project to suit type of hobby. You have a lot to offer. your vision. An out-of-town invitation Associates tap into that energy — a good could be quite rewarding and pleasurable. time to brainstorm. Tonight: Could be a late Give a child or loved one special time; perhaps take him out for lunch. Tonight: Catch up on e-mail.

\*\*\*\* You are full of energy and close AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* Listen to feedback and news from a friend. Your ability to get a lot done and caring permit others to open up, and you to to handle many different elements makes through meeting a financial request. Others help them understand. Return calls, clear you a sure winner. Evaluation brings new your desk, schedule meetings. Tonight: information about work. You could be juggling your personal and professional lives. Tonight: Spend time with a special

For Better or For Worse WELL, KEEP ME POSTED ON KNOW WHAT, EDGAR? IF YOU HAVE NO BILLS TO YOUR" EYE LIFT, "CONNIE! PAY, NO HOUSE I EVER GET A CHANCE TO BE REINCARNATED .. YES !- I'M GOING TO BE WORK TO DO, I'M COMING BACK NO KIDS TO AS A DOG. NAG ... **DEAR CARING PERSON:** Thank you for your letter of support. Although you and I Zits agree, the majority of those who wrote to me felt that the mother CHECK IT PO I KNOW MUSIC, OR GINGIVITIS LIVE was selling her daughter short, IN WALLA WALLA' WHAT? WOOLOO! the young man showed great JUST HIT #17! promise, and the daughter WHAT DID I TELL YOU? HUH? YOUTHE MAN, JEREMY ested in, but I can't muster the Garfield courage to ask them out. What IT'S COLP I'M WEARING TOPAL SOCKS And remember: Practice makes TOM DAVIOG Z **Beetle Bailey** NORT POST-IT NOTES ARE WALKER GREAT FOR LEAVING LITTLE REMINDERS AROUND Marvin AND I'VE GOT WHAT IF I'M IN A GREAT MOOD! THE NEW MY SHEDDING HAS STOPPED. HAIR GROWING STUFF COMES IN GRAY ?





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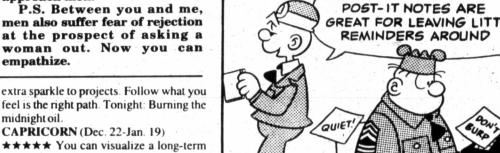
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another could change substantially because spend to make an impression. Communica- tion or news. Publishing, education and tion is active, leading you into a different long-distance activities are highlighted. You type of thinking. Tonight: Take some time for yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Aim for exactly what you want.

financial/professional opportunity needs careful evaluation. Tonight: Where your For a personal consultation with a psychic,

and your willingness to come through for  $\star \star \star \star \star$  Others want your attention and another Juggling work and personal life is are impressed by what you bring to profeschallenging, but it's nothing you can't sional situations. Accept that you are in the handle. Reorganize your work with an eye-limelight. Use your creativity to add that

Marmaduke

**The Family Circus** 

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 $\star \star \star \star \star \star$  Others seek you out, though you might need to confirm some informahave an unusually pleasant way of communicating. Follow through on a money idea. Tonight: At home in a crowd.

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Actor Christopher Lambert (1957), TV host John McLaughlin (1927), Olympic gymnast Kurt Thomas (1956)

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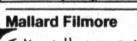
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# LETTERS

What we have here is a cultural conundrum on the one hand, a liberal judge believes that a person's skin color dictates the culture they must be brought up in — an incredibly racist notion, by the way and that keep-ing black culture pure and untainted by white morals, values, interests or tastes over-rides all other considerations

On the other hand, the Park Service seems determined to ignore the fact that other than fishing, black people are generally not interested in becoming involved, or even visiting, the great outdoors. This appears to be a cultural "black thing." The politically correct Park Service, however, seems quite content to manipulate black people into getting involved with something that they apparently have, by choice, no interest in.

So here we have it. Liberals rushing headlong in opposite directions, using diametrically opposed views of culture to justify totalitarian, racist policies. Whatever happened to integration, brotherhood and the rights of individuals to live their own lives without interference from our out-of-control bureaucracy? When I got involved with the civil rights movement back in 1955, it was to end the idea that a person's race should be used as the basis of any decisions regarding that person. As the two articles cited above so pathetically point out, for liberals today, race is a prime factor in government decisions regarding people.

Unfortunately, no matter how they spin it, the end result takes us further away from constitutional America.

**Michael Oberndorf** Denver, Colo.

# **President Clinton** and socialism ...

#### To the editor,

The impeachment trial of W.J. Clinton is over, so, what have we learned from this exercise about our two political parties? The Republicans tried to remove a setting president for perjury and obstruction of justice. They proved he was guilty of both charges as far as our constitutional laws are concerned with enough evidence to send the ordinary, emphasize ordinary, citizen to jail, a fine or both on each charge.

There was no mention of "sex" in either indictment, yet the Democrats cried about trying to impeach the president for private sexual conduct, supported by many in the press and TV media, also that the Republicans were partisan in their efforts.

During the debates on the charges, many Democrats in congressional hallways and media talk shows chastised Clinton and admitted that he was guilty on one or both of the charges, still screaming that the Republicans were partisan in their efforts to remove **Clinton** 

After the votes were counted all the Democrats voted not guilty, so who is partisan? The Republicans had defections on both charges as to guilt of Clinton, but without 15 Democrats voting guilty, there was no chance of impeachment on either charge. The Democrats lied in comments prior to the vote about partisan Republicans, non-partisan Democrats, and their feelings concerning Clinton's guilt.

Their vote was strictly partisan party-line politics

# **Block schedule inferior** scheduling method

To the editor,

Students in the Pampa High School accelerated block schedule take four classes per day lasting 90 minutes each. The year is divided into two terms, fall and spring (4 blocks in each equals 8 credits per year). One full year credit is earned in a half-year term. A full math course, for example, is presented in one term. This cuts in half the span of time students have for practice and understanding. Some courses are reduced to just 9 weeks (keyboarding (typing), health, speech, government, economics, etc.). What was taught in two 45 minute classes is now supposed to be presented in one 90 minute class. Student attention span may hinder presentation of material for what would have been two classes. Students may be getting credit for course work there is not time to cover in the half-year. This could also explain how students have time to complete homework in class.

There is concern over students' ability to absorb and retain concepts at an accelerated pace. Even when teachers are successfully presenting two concepts per day, students may not be able to comprehend both, making it difficult for them/to move on to the next concept (especially in math and science).

Due to this half-year schedule, students may not begin another class in a particular subject until a year and a half later. This requires them to build on concepts they may not have retained (i.e., English, foreign language, math, science).

The gap in academic subjects affects performance on important tests such as TAAS, SAT and ACT. If a student is not in math, for example, when tested, the student will not perform to full potential - no matter how proficient in that subject.

Only four classes per day do not teach study habits needed to be successful in taking the usual 15 to 18 semester hours college course load.

According to Jeanne Rollins at the TEA, state credit requirements are 22 for Minimal and 24 for Recommended and Distinguished Achievement programs. Under the accelerated block, students could earn 24 credits and graduate in three years  $(3 \times 8 = 24)$ . When they graduate early, the district loses funding for those students. The addition of two local credits prevents early graduation.

The accelerated block, along with the 26 local credits, limits student choices. Many opportunities are only available through the high school electives. Students must decide what their interests are before they have, had experience on which to base these choices.

Athletics uses two full credits per year (only one credit under a full-year schedule). According to Mark Cousins of UIL, Texas law states that only 60 minutes during the school day can be used for athletics. Students must dress-out, practice and be dressed for their next class within this 60 minute time period. Thirty minutes of this 90 minute class are unused.

According to the "Texas High School Schedules 1998-1999," of the 60 high schools reporting in Region 16, Pampa High School is the only one using this type of accelerated block. Of the 64 high schools reporting in Region 17, only three are using the accelerated block (Hale Center, Post and Levelland). The most commonly used high school schedule in Texas is the seven period full-year schedule.

A Tuesday evening, April 6, 1999, School Board Meeting has been called to discuss high school scheduling for 1999-2000. The meeting will be held in the High School Library at 7 p.m. Mark your calendar and make every effort to attend. **Dottie Fraser** Pampa

Wrestling News" and statewide in "Texas Mat Talk." ciation to the kind and generous people of Pampa. From August 1966 to August 1967, I was city editor of "The Pampa Daily News.

So where does all this tie in you ask? As a native of Oklahoma, I learned early on a great appreciation for the sport which was basically a "major sport" in most high schools in the state. When I relocated to Pampa, I missed it greatly and occasionally even wrote a collegiate wrestling update for the sports page there. I'm sure it didn't receive much attention.

Several years ago while living here in Austin, I was quite elated to learn that Pampa High School had final-ly adopted the sport as had Borger, Dumas, etc., and could now compete against some of the several Amarillo schools that had welcomed the sport years earlier. Imagine my disappointment at the state tournament last year to learn that it had been dropped at Pampa. I learned this year from a Borger coach that the wrestling coach at PHS had moved and another had simply never been hired.

Now, after many years of effort by the TTWA, wrestling has finally been adopted as an official prep sport and participation is encouraged for girls as well (wrestling only between girls' teams) to make it totally compliable with Title IX guidelines.

With your local school's previous investment in wrestling uniforms, mat and accessories (time clock, etc.) it seems like a proper time to encourage the athletic director to make an effort to return this great sport to the youth of Pampa High School. It is a sport in which any size, weight or height doesn't restrict participation. The current speaker of the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., Rep. Dennis Hastert (R-III.), was a wrestler in high school and college and later a wrestling coach! I assert that the Harvesters can benefit from this tremendous character-building sport. It was never a green and gold trait to duck competition. I, and many others, hope to see them back on the mat in healthy competition some day soon. **Mike Gerald** 

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# To judge others is not a virtue

To the editor, I would like to take a few minutes to share my apprewould also like to address the cruel, heartless and uncaring people in Pampa.

First, to all of those people who sent flowers, cards, letters, poems, money and food, to all of you, I thank you with my whole heart and on behalf of my sister and nephew. Those people who have supported us in my family's tragedy, God will bless you. Ethan was loved, is loved and will always be loved. That child is lucky to have been born in the presence of you that are compassionate and good. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

Now I'd like to address those of you who suffer from ignorance and cruel cold hearts. Especially to the ladies in the bank and at the shore store. You really should be careful of what you say, you never know who may hear you. Never mind that my family has suffered a huge loss and now we have to be submitted to the cruel words of ignorant people.

May God forgive anyone who spreads lies, halftruths and cruel opinions about the death of a small child. I pity you. If you were at the park that day, maybe you can talk out of line, but unless you are in our lives and can say you know what happened then you should really keep your opinion to yourself.

I didn't realize a small child's death was such a topic for cruelty. So to you that say, "Well, the parents should've been watching him better." I must say this, your parents should have taught you better like to know compassion, to know accidents can happen to anyone, and, most importantly, to teach you that you are no one to judge anyone else. I asked God to forgive you for your attitude and to forgive me for my anger.

just wanted to let these people know I work in public, so does most of my family and friends - you may want to take time to learn tact. Please, don't pity us. Mourn for us if you need to, pray for us, but don't ever disrespect us or Ethan's memory by judging us. Ethan Wayne Anderson is our angel and one day we will see him again.

God bless you who have been so good and may God forgive those who try to judge us. Any of you who are perfect and can judge us without knowing us, I'd ask everyone to pray for. Thank you for your time.

**Melodie Lane** Pampa

# **SUNDAY SNAPSHOT**

# Anyone Can Do It ... And It's This Simple

Just Fill Out The Following Questions (you do not have to answer all the questions to be a Sunday Snapshot) And Bring It To The Pampa News Office. We Can Take Your Picture In The Office Or You Can Bring A Favorite Photo With You.

and the trampling of the Constitution of the United States. They also were successful in the establishment of a two-tier justice system - one for the citizen of privilege, power, money, popularity and influential friends; the other for the ordinary citizen. This had already occurred on the West Coast a few years back. now it confirms that as far as the Democrats are concerned it is "the law of the land." I understand both privileged citizens involved are avid golfers. What a twosome!

Does the possibility exist that Democrats are this desperate for leadership? Democrats and some of the news media contend that the Republican Party could cease to exist after the next election. Are the American people really that stupid or has our country really moved that close to European-style socialism? That's what W.J.C. advocates for 115

**James Braxton** Pame

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# Not a Harvester trait to duck competition

To the editor, Last weekend I had the pleasure of the

**UIL** administer ..... tor Texas , yea. s tournament in Houston, I boys was surprisingly awarded the "Sports Writer of the Year" plaque by the Texas Interscholastic Wrestling Association for my coverage nationally in "Amateur

# Electric company to begin reducing bills

customers Pampa Southwestern Public Service and others in Texas will see an ongoing price reduction of about eight percent, beginning with April electric bills.

The Texas customers also will see a one-time credit to April bills, reducing the bill for an average home by about onethird.

The changes were approved last Friday by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

They reflect a \$44 million annual reduction in the fuel-cost portion of future bills from SPS.

SPS residential customers in Texas using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of service monthly will see a \$3.74, or six percent drop in their bill by \$19.32.

Commercial and industrial customers in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas already are enjoying similar reductions in their electric bills. Regulations in those states differ from regulations in Texas, but the price changes are equivalent."

SPS also is improving lower prices to its regional wholesale customers

The one-time credit and the ongoing reductions in customers' future bills reflect savings SPS has achieved in costs for fuels that fire the boilers at its power generating plants.

The reductions reflect, especially, lowered costs of transporting coal by rail from mines in Wyoming to the coal-fueled SPS plants near Amarillo and Muleshoe. SPS announced the a reductions in November, noting that a dispute with the rail carri-

been settled, allowing significant savings. Also, costs of natural gas and coal generally are down, allowing additional reductions. SPS's electric rates in 1999 will

be 25 percent lower than they were 16 years ago. By contrast, overall consumer prices have increased 67 percent during the past 16 years.

The inflation-adjusted price of electricity from SPS has declined 55 percent since 1983, which means the "real" cost of electricity from SPS today is less than



of er — ongoing since 1990 — had half of what it was in 1983.

Southwestern Public Service Company, a New Century Energies company, is a regional, investor-owned electric utility providing service to a population of about one million in a 52,000-square-mile area comprised of the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, eastern New Mexico, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas.

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# Principal won't be charged in paddling

pal who spanked and left bruises on a 13year-old boy.

A police spokesman said Principal James Puryear's actions did not break the law.

But the boy's mother said Puryear should lose his job.

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The Irving school district has imposed a ban on corporal punishment at Bowie Middle parents and school officials.

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Irving police School while it investigates the incident, said Thursday they will not charge a princi- which left injuries "consistent with physical abuse," according to an examining doctor at Children's Medical Center of Dallas.

The doctor said the boy sustained swollen, purple bruises over nearly his entire buttocks. Puryear hit Maldonado three times with a

wooden paddle on March 10 after the boy "He went overboard," said Ruth was caught fighting. He had been sent to the Maldonado. She said she is looking for a new principal's office more than 20 times and was school for her son, Pedro "Tony" Maldonado in trouble for skipping detention that week, his mother told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

# Moderate collision kills tot when air bag deploys

#### immediately available.

LEAGUE CITY, Texas (AP) — A 2-year-old girl riding unrestrained in the front seat of a names of the mother or her daughters. Reed minivan died from massive head injuries said the 2-year-old was dead at the scene. Friday after an air bag, deployed during rearend collision, police said.

The girl's 4-year-old sister, also riding unrestrained in the front seat, was flown to police said. Each vehicle suffered moderate Hermann Hospital in nearby Houston for damage, but the impact was solid enough to evaluation, said Sgt. Chris Reed of the League activate the air bags.

Police did not immediately release the

The wreck occurred when the 34-year-old mother of the two girls rear-ended a Honda Civic on a street in this Galveston County city,

"Apparently, everything was in line with the corporal-punishment guidelines," said police spokesman David Tull.

State law allows corporal punishment at schools, but many Tarrant County districts have banned it.

According to the National Coalition to Abolish Corporal Punishment in Schools, Texas accounted for one-third of the corporal punishment incidents reported to the U.S. Department of Education in 1993-94, Police said they interviewed the teen, his the last school year for which figures are available.

> the mother in for questioning after the 9:30 a.m. collision.

Air bags, which deploy at high speeds, have been blamed for killing dozens of children and infants in recent years. Most were not wearing seat belts or wore them improperly, according to child safety advocates.

The government and groups such as the Air Bag Safety Campaign have stressed that children under age 13 should ride in the back seat, City Police Department. Her condition wasn't No other injuries were reported. Police took regardless of whether the vehicle has air bags.

# Oil bust causes school to lay off teachers

among oil patch school districts, Brownfield school officials school districts. have cut 17 teaching jobs because they expect lower oil prices to cut into their tax revenue.

"We have no recourse but to cut," said Debbe Roesler, business manager for the Brownfield Consolidated Independent School District, located about 30 miles southwest of Lubbock. "There's no place for us to go."

state aid is tied to enrollment — forced the district into another round of budget cuts.

"We've already cut the fat," Ms. Roesler told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. "I really think now we're starting to cut into the meat.'

The district figures to save about \$500,000 by cutting 17 probationary teachers, each with less than three years' experience, at night.' and six aide positions. Officials said they might have to rehire up to seven teachers in order to stay within state-required teacher-student ratios.

Brownfield's problems are expected to spread to other West Texas districts.

all-time low this year. When rigs shut down, the property where and agriculture sees that."

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — In what could become a pattern they sit loses value, which translates into fewer tax dollars for

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has estimated that schools across the state will lose \$154 million because of oilrelated declines in property value.

Brownfield school board President Rusty Andrews said the cuts weren't easy to make.

For those teachers it was not a matter of the quality of teach-The district had already assumed a lean budget, Ms. Roesler ing because they were excellent teachers," he said. "It was strictly a matter of the budget."

> The effect of oil-related revenue cuts will also be felt by students, officials said.

> Extracurricular activities are likely to be restricted to within 60 miles of home, they said. Athletic or academic teams that qualify for area or state competitions might not be able to go.

> 'We're dropping all but what's mandated by law," said Ms. Roesler, who let her payroll clerk go. "I've been doing time cards

> Although oil prices are starting to recover, the rebound won't help anyone immediately, said Andrews, the school board president.

"It's a very serious problem that has to be addressed long As oil prices have foundered, the number of active rigs hit an term," he said. "I think every district in Texas that has minerals

# Pampa parks director gets appointment

#### **By MIRANDA G. BAILEY** Managing Editor

Pampa's Director of Parks Reed Kirkpatrick was one of 11 Texans to be appointed to the Texas Recreation & Park Society Board of Directors at the annual TRAPS meeting in

Waco this year. **Representatives** from Parks and Recreation Departments across the state met in Waco in early March to install new board members and participate in workshops.

An active TRAPS member since 1980, Kirkpatrick has worked as director of Pampa's parks since 1985.

Kirkpatrick is a previous member of the Board of Directors, having served a term as Regional Director in 1989-92. He says his goal for Region 1, which includes the panhandle



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**Reed Kirkpatrick takes** the oath of office as a new board member for the Texas Recreation & Park Society earlier this month in Waco.

area, will be to "help better facilitate the role of citizen board members with the Society.'

Kirkpatrick added that he is "thankful for a very supportive staff and a dedicated local parks board."

# Baby girl born to woman who used sperm retrieved from her dead husband

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A woman has given birth to a baby conceived using sperm retrieved from her husband hours after he died.

Gaby Vernoff delivered a girl March 17 at a Los Angeles hospital, said Dr. Cappy Rothman, a urologist and the director of the Center for Reproductive Medicine at Century City Hospital.

Rothman, who led a team of doctors that extracted the sperm, claimed it was the first time such a procedure had led to a birth.

"This opens up a new avenue of opportunities for families of a man who has died," he said Thursday.

Details of the birth were not provided. Rothman referred questions to a family spokeswoman who did not return a call seeking comment.

Mrs. Vernoff's husband, Bruce Vernoff, was in his early 30s when he died of an allergic reaction. Thirty hours after his death and at his wife's request, his sperm was retrieved and frozen.

About 15 months later, the sperm were used to fertilize eggs from Mrs. Vernoff. One of the eggs was implanted in her uterus and she became pregnant last July.









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# Tennis team HARVESTER TENNIS 1998 DISTRICT "TEAM" CHAMPS

(Community Camera photo by Lee Cornelison)

The Pampa Rotary Club had the Harvester Tennis Team as special guests during a noon luncheon recently at the Pampa Country Club. Rotary President Mark McVay and Coach Quarles display a banner honoring the tennis players for winning the second team district title back to back this last fall. Pictured (Front row form left) Coach Quarles, Emily Waters, Emily Curtis, Helen Orr, Mandy Wells, Russ DuBose, Blake Hurst. (back row from left) Matt Rains, Valerie Lee, Kellen Waters, Bryce Jordan, Michael Cornelison, Ryan Mills. The Harvesters advanced to the regionals where they finished third.

# **Panhandle-Plains Historical** Museum to hold workshop

CANYON - The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will host an Archival Preservation Training Workshop April 16. The workshop will include two sections: "Preservation of Historically Valuable Local Government Records" and "Appraisal of Local Government Records for Historical Value." The specific topics to be addressed are: elements of preservation planning, environmental factors and their effect on the longevity of a collection, data formats and fundamental appraisal skills.

The deadline for registration is April 2 and the cost of the workshop is \$40. For more information, visit the THRAB website at www.tsl.state.tx. us/lobby/thrab/ or call the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum at (806) 651-2244.

This workshop is co-sponsored by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and the AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, Inc. It is funded in part by a grant from the National Historic **Publications and Records Commission** 

# Task force announces new student directory

Resources Task Force - a project of the The Task Force is providing "College users with the following: Financial Resources: A Directory for Texas —A list of Student Financial statewide to provide educators with the state, information they need to help students realize their dreams for a quality education and and to assist them in finding educational opportunities throughout the state.

serves as an example of how alliances and state's top 10 percent admission rule, and workshops and information that can be used partnerships within the financial aid and information about the Texas Mentor website, higher education communities produce a resource for applying to Texas independent results. I know families and students in Texas will benefit from the information the Task Force is providing in this new directory," said Milt Wright, president and CEO of Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp. The Texas Awareness Initiative is a collaboration of representatives from Texas Administrators. agencies, institutions and associations who work together to expand educational awareness. Through its efforts, the Don Brown highlighted the valuable inforgroup works to increase the number of mation the directory can supply to users. Texas students who seek higher educa-

Texas Awareness Initiative — has devel- such as contacts, communities and groups, available in your area as well as other seroped a directory of resources that will serve served, awareness products and group pre-vices and materials that are available as a guide to pre-collegiate outreach and stu- sentations offered by individual organizadent financial aid information and services. In addition, the directory supplies

-A list of Student Financial Aid Offices at Educators" free of charge to high schools higher education institutions throughout the

-A list of Federal TRIO Program offices,

-Admission resources for both public and private four-year institutions including TG is pleased to help facilitate the efforts information about and a copy of the provides school educators with a statewide of the Texas Awareness Initiative. The group Common Application, details about the and regional view of available financial aid

AUSTIN — The College Financial tion as a means of achieving their goals. A Directory for Texas Educators' will help The directory includes vital information you easily identify some of the resources statewide. Your students are relying on you to help them prepare for and attend college, and for many, financial aid will be the key to their success."

In a similar endorsement, Texas Education Agency Commissioner Mike Moses said the directory can provide assistance to educators as they work to increase access to higher education. "The 'College Financial Resources: A Directory for Texas Educators'

to usher in a new era or educational oppor-

The Task Force will continue to expand

and update the information it provides in

The first edition is being mailed to high

schools throughout Texas this month. To find out how you can contribute to or benefit

from the efforts of the Texas Awareness

Initiative, contact Jacob Fraire, TG's

Alliances and Partnerships at 1-800-252-

9743, ext. 4964. or by e-mail at

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jacob.fraire@tgslc.org.

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If You Don't Like The Way He Drives Stay Off Of The Sidewalk. Happy 16 Casey! Love Dad, Mom & Josh

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given by Marylin Butler.

institutions.

The Appendices provide additional valuable information including maps, indexes and a comprehensive plan for conducting a financial aid night provided by the National Association of Student Financial Aid

In his written endorsement of the directory, Texas Higher Education Commissioner Assistant Vice President of Educational "We hope the 'College Financial Resources:

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—The following committee reports were given: Telephone Committee and Small Fry -The Treasurer's Report was Gardeners Club Committee. Dale Grayum and Chris Griffin

presented the Committee report and Clara Quary gave the Small Fry Gardeners Club report. Small Fry Gardeners will meet from 4:30-5:30 p.m. April 9 at the Gray Co. Phoebe Reynolds. Annex.

-Ruth Barrett presented a Altrusa program on Arbor Day which was founded in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton of the Morton

Gardener of the Year will be

trip to Shamrock on April 12. Members will meet at 10 a.m. at Bray's residence.

#### 20th Century Study Club

conducted and announcements made:

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cess in education, music and

Amarillo Heart Group

Telephone by Louise Bailey on Barbara Jordan, "The Great Lady of Texas.

> The next meeting will be April 13 in Amarillo at the home of

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met March 23 at Pampa Country Club with President Mayda King presiding. Twenty--Members were advised that nine members and two guests, Kena McQuary and Nora Fox, were present.

> The following business was conducted and announcements made:

> -Members were urged to volunteer for Drop Everything and Read Day held recently at Lamar **Elementary School.**

> -A Bi City Meeting is scheduled Monday, March 29 in Borger.

-A clubwide orientation will be held March 30 at the home of Mary McDaniel, 1816 Dogwood. -Dorla McAndrew presented

the accent on the Altrusa sister club in Wellington, New Zealand.

-The program was presented by AFS student Franceso Tronci -Members expressed pride in of Italy. Tronci gave a slide presentation on Italy's history, schools and customs.

The next meeting will be April -The program was presented 13 at Pampa Country Club.

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Agustin Cabrera-Santamaria, MD and Staff of the Amarillo Heart Group will be relocating to 916 N. Crest Rd. Suite 102 effective April 1\*, 1999 To make an appointment call 665-3595 or 1-800-355-5858

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selected during the next meeting. Bray served as hostess. The next meeting will be a field

**Twentieth Century Study Club** met recently at the home of Maxine Freeman with Vice President Grace McGrath presid-

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