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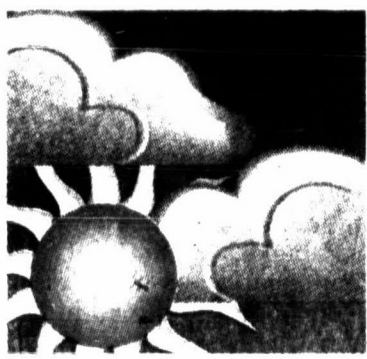
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High today mid-70s.
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PAMPA — Beginning April 1, the city's landfill hours will change to 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. marking a return to daylight savings time on Easter Sunday, April 4. The landfill is open Monday through Saturday and last loads are requested by 5:30 p.m. These hours will be in effect until Oct. 1. And don't forget to recycle when you can. The Recycling Center, behind Hobart Street Park, is open from noon to 6 p.m. on Thursdays and from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The number there is 669-5711.

PAMPA — Ginger Test, watercolor artist from Novice, Texas will be in Pampa Apr. 7-8 teaching a two-day watercolor workshop. To reserve your painting space call Dorsey at the Hobby Shop, 217 N. Hobart. He has a list of supplies needed in class. Classes are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 300 W. Foster. Cost is \$65 and for more information call Kayla Pursley, 665-8848.

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 11-17-21-25-31-32.

Estimated jackpot: \$10 million.

Number matching six of six: 1

Winning ticket sold in: Kaufman, Texas.

Matching five of six: 124. Prize: \$1,275.

Matching four of six: 6,287. Prize: \$91.

Matching three of six: 113,438. Prize: \$3.

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Estimated jackpot: \$4 million.

- Verda Louise Burnett, 78, Miami Red Deer Park operator.
- Susie Marie Chase, 96, ordained minister of the Holiness Church.
- Letha Corcoran, 90, Mobeetie seamstress.
- Fawnie Marie Nash Kirkland, 71, Fritch resident.
- Jim S. Lopez, 56, White Deer native.
- Willis Clay Pruitt, 57, Canadian manager.
- Bennie May Whitener, 88, Wheeler teacher.

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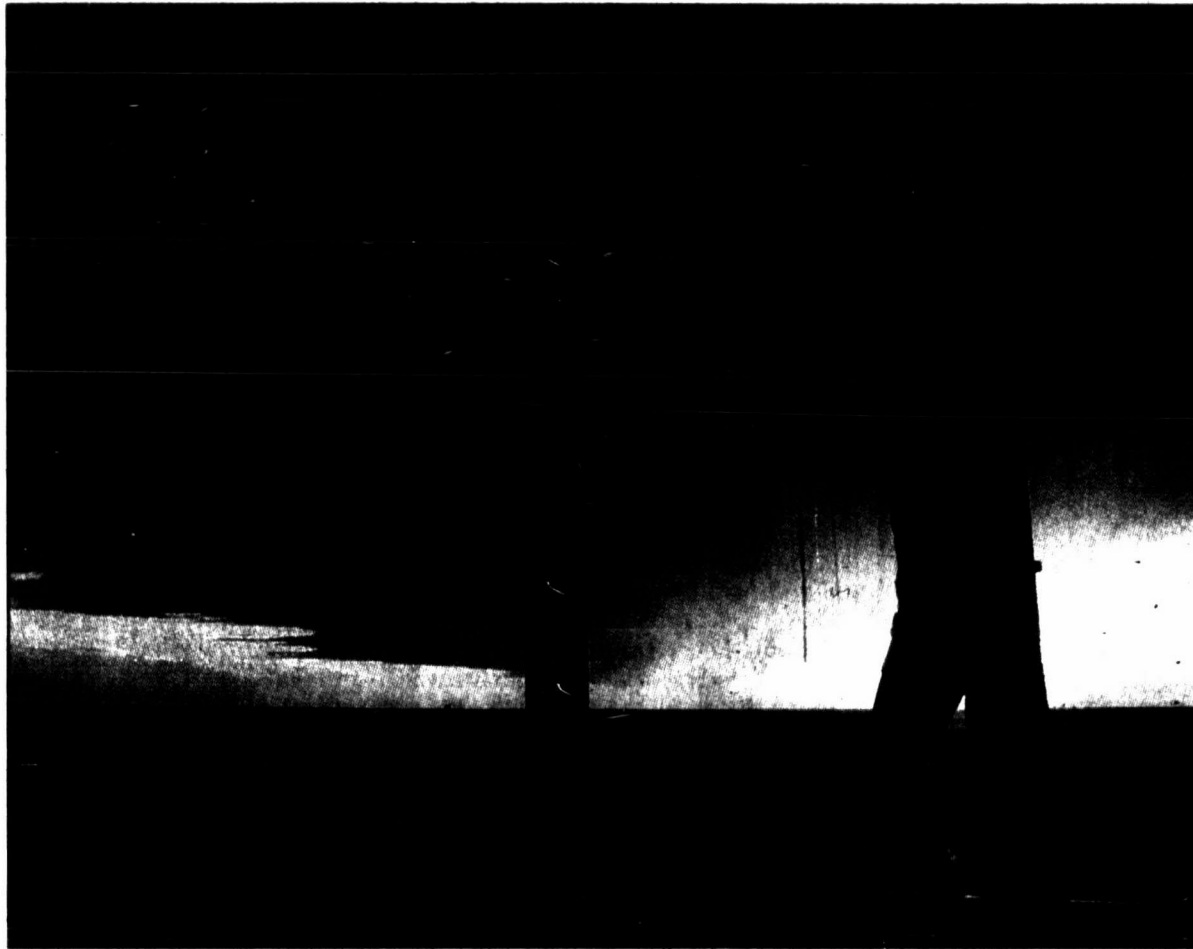
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More than 100 people braved 50 degree weather to attend the services in the shadow of the 190 foot high cross.

early Easter one Morning

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

GROOM — Vonnie and James Bible were at the Cross of the Plains here well before dawn, setting up the sound system and preparing for the sunrise Easter service.

It was still pitch black. Light traffic rolled down Interstate 40 to the north. Half a dozen pickups and cars rimmed the parking lot beneath the tungsten lit cross. Four semi truck and trailer units were parked in the center of the parking lot.

Richard Smith of Bowling Green, Ken., the driver of one of the rigs talked quietly with Vonnie Bible of McLean as her husband pulled their van up near the foot of the amphitheater west of the towering cross.

"One day, we were driving by," Smith said. "We decided

to pull in. That's been over a year ago now."

He and his wife, Linda, long distance trucker drivers for Covenant Transport Inc., headquartered in Chattanooga, Tenn., have stopped at the Cross of the Plains regularly since then, making donations when they could.

"We've done what we can to help," Smith said.

"That's how we hire our volunteers," said Vonnie Bible, herself a volunteer in the Cross of the Plains Ministries.

As the eastern sky began to lighten, Smith went to wake his wife, sleeping in the bunk of their truck after driving until 3 a.m. Easter morning to reach Groom.

By the time the sun split the horizon, a 100 hardy souls, bundled in coats and cowboy

hats, quilts and blankets against the 50 degree temperature, had gathered to watch the splendor of a new day. Some were from Groom, some from McLean, some from Amarillo. License plates in the now crowded ranged from Tennessee to California.

At 7 a.m. today, James and Linda Smith arrived at their destination in Anaheim, Calif., with the cargo of carpet from Dalton, Ga. Others who gathered at the Cross of the Plains Easter morning will have gone on to continue with their day-to-day lives.

Friends and neighbors, strangers and travelers, for a few brief moments this small crowd of people came together on the plains of West Texas. For one brief moment they were one, united with long ago and far away.

Prairie chickens topic of Canadian meeting Wednesday

CANADIAN — Prairie chickens will be on the menu April 7 in Canadian. Not for eating, but for discussing.

The day long meeting of the Lesser Prairie Chicken Landowner Discussion Group is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday, April 7, at the Hemphill County Exhibition Center.

The lesser prairie chicken is being considered for listing as an endangered species which could impact local landowners, according to John Crowell of the North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council.

If the lesser prairie chicken is placed on the endangered species list and a landowner has lesser prairie chicken habitat, it will affect what the landowner can and can't do with his land, Crowell said.

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Pampa woman moving on ...



Nadine Arney, a Genesis House Board of Directors member of 24 years, stands with the plaque she received last week at a surprise luncheon in her honor. Arney is moving to Conway, Arkansas, tomorrow.

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Managing Editor

The boxes are packed and the yellow daffodils are waving in the wind of the front yard of 1620 Grape Street where Nadine Arney reluctantly prepares to say her final good-byes to Pampa this week after 70 years of residency.

Born in Missouri, Arney, 81, moved to Pampa in 1929 with her parents. Her father, a builder, brought the young Nadine Randolph to Pampa because of his job.

She started school in Pampa at the age of 12 and says she still visits weekly, sometimes daily, with the very first Pampa girlfriend she met on the playground that first day of school.

Reflecting on what she will miss most about life in Pampa Nadine says, "The people ... the wonderful caring people ... the amazing thing is I still enjoy relationships with my high school graduate, class — there are quite a few of us here."

A member of the class of 1935, Nadine met her husband, Bert, in high school. Bert Arney, who is now deceased, worked for Cabot. The couple went on to rear two children, and it is her daughter,

Carol Simmons, who urged Nadine to move closer to her family in Conway, Arkansas.

"I am 81," admits Nadine. Preparing to move into a new two-bedroom duplex in the Arkansas town of 44,000, the vibrant and active Arney has stayed busy saying good-bye to the people and the organizations she has devoted herself to for many years of her life.

An artist, Arney taught painting with friend Sophia Vance for 12 years at the Senior Citizens Center. She said she spent many years as a member of the board of volunteers at what used to be Highland Hospital.

"But the most satisfying thing I've done is my work with Genesis House," said Arney.

Arney served on the Genesis House Board of Directors for 24 years, but has participated in the organization in some way or another since 1971, she said.

As she gets on I-40 and heads more than 500 miles away from her "friends of a lifetime," says Arney, she looks forward to spending time with her children, her great-grandson and to her painting. "But I'm leaving Pampa reluctantly," said Arney.

Truck seized by attorney for arson case

Local law enforcement officers have moved to seize a pickup that was suspected of being used in an arson case.

District Attorney John Mann's office filed to seize a red 1999 Dodge Dakota pickup belonging to Gene Wesley Rogers, 37, of Skellytown.

Rogers was free on \$5,000 bond today after being charged with

arson in connection with a fire at his ex-wife's boyfriend's house several weeks ago.

Gray County law enforcement officers said a 911 call reported a house fire about 9 p.m. Friday, March 19, west of Pampa near Texas Highway 152.

Witnesses said they saw a red 1999 Dodge Dakota pickup leave the scene.

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Officers await autopsy results

PANHANDLE — Law enforcement officers were awaiting the results of an autopsy expected to be performed today in the death of a Panhandle woman killed Saturday night in a one truck roll over.

Silvana Ann Stevenson, 32, was killed about 6:15 p.m. Saturday when the 1991 Chevy pickup she was driving rolled on an unpaved county road about two miles south of Panhandle, officers said.

Department of Public Safety officers said the woman apparently lost control of the pickup. The vehicle rolled one time, officers said. Stevenson, who was not wearing a seat belt, was thrown from the cab of the pickup.

State observing 16th annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April

The Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) and the Office of the Attorney General are co-sponsoring the 16th annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April 1999.

The theme of this year's observance is "Justice Hope and Healing." The ideals in this year's theme personalities our intention for sexual assault survivors.

During this month, sexual assault programs across the state will intensify their efforts to promote public awareness of sexual assault issues, including the need for citizen involvement in reducing sexual assault (by confronting rape supportive attitudes rather than relying entirely on the criminal justice system) and the need to increase community support for agencies providing sexual assault crisis and educational services.

For more information or to schedule a speaker for your group, contact Tralee Crisis Center of Pampa. Tralee Crisis Center is proud to serve Gray County in addition to Roberts, Hemphill, Wheeler, Collingsworth, Donley, and Carson Counties.

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Services tomorrow

CORCORAN, Letha — 4 p.m., First Baptist Church, Mobeetie.
KIRKLAND, Fawnie Marie Nash — Memorial services, 10 a.m., Church of Christ, Borger.
LOPEZ, Jim S. — Mass, 10 a.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church, White Deer.
PRUITT, Willis Clay — Memorial services, 3 p.m., Cornerstone Church, Canadian.
TYE, Beverly Sue Baker — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Arlington.
WHITENER, Bennie May — Graveside services, 11:30 a.m., Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler. Memorial services, 1:30 p.m., the Country Chapel Church, Wheeler.
WOODS, Juanita Lou — Burial, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

VERDA LOUISE BURNETT
MIAMI — Verda Louise Burnett, 78, died Sunday, April 4, 1999, at Pampa. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mrs. Burnett was born April 15, 1920, at St. Francis, Kan. She moved to Pampa in 1926, attending Pampa schools and graduating from Pampa High School in 1937. She married Clarence Victor "Vic" Burnett on June 17, 1937, at Pampa; he died in 1979. She had been a Miami resident since 1949 where her husband was a building contractor. The couple opened Red Deer Park in 1970 and she had operated the park for the past 29 years.

She attended First Christian Church. She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Bretthauer, in 1952; her mother, Eva Alice Andrews Bretthauer, in 1995; a son, Clarence Victor "Pepper" Burnett, in 1962; and two sisters, Eileen Burnett and Lola Cooper. Survivors include three daughters and two sons-in-law, Penny Guerrero of Miami, Bette and Don Stobaugh of Jennings, Okla., and Deneice and Larry Gerald of Buna; a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis "Rick" and Ann Burnett of Williston, N.D.; two brothers, Charles Bretthauer of Amarillo and James Bretthauer of Saugus, Calif.; an aunt, Velma Andrews of Nampa, Idaho; 14 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to Miami Volunteer EMS, P.O. Box 7, Miami, TX 79059.

SUSIE MARIE CHASE
 Susie Marie Chase, 96, of Pampa, died Sunday, April 4, 1999. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Albert Maggard, pastor of Pentecostal Holiness Church, and the Rev. Scott Barton, pastor of Calvary Assembly of God Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Chase was born Feb. 5, 1903, at Paris, Texas. She married Robert Lee Chase Sr. on Aug. 11, 1919, at Paris; he died in 1960. She had been a Pampa area resident since 1940. She was a homemaker and an ordained minister of the Holiness Church. She pastored in the Lefors area and served as interim pastor for many local churches. She was preceded in death by six children, Barbara Ann Chase, in 1943, Robert Lee Chase Jr., in 1973, Charles Wiley Chase, in 1981, James L. "Buddy" Chase, in 1982, Monti Louise Sharp, in 1996, and Lajuanda Sue Smith, in 1999.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Ellen Preston of Pampa and Diane Chase of Denver, Colo.; three sons, Erving Chase of Pampa, Gerald Joe Chase of Bakersfield, Calif., and Frank D. Chase of Comanche; 34 grandchildren; 63 great-grandchildren; and 34 great-great-grandchildren.

LETHA CORCORAN
MOBEETIE — Letha Corcoran, 90, died Sunday, April 4, 1999, at Sunrise Care Center at Wheeler. Services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Lewis Ellis of Lefors officiating. Burial will be in Mobeetie Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Corcoran was born Sept. 18, 1908, at Perryville, Ark., to George and Mattie Price. She married Charlie "Bill" Corcoran on Aug. 7, 1930, at Sayre, Okla.; he died Nov. 6, 1990. She was a homemaker and a seamstress for 30 years.

She belonged to First Baptist Church of Mobeetie. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Hattie Price and Emily Price; and a brother, Earl Price.

Survivors include a son, Tommy Corcoran of Pampa; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Mobeetie First Baptist Church.

FAWNIE MARIE NASH KIRKLAND
FRITCH — Fawnie Marie Nash Kirkland, 71, died Saturday, April 3, 1999. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Church of Christ in Borger. Burial will be in Panhandle.

Mrs. Kirkland was born Feb. 14, 1928, near Elbing, Kan. She graduated from Phillips High School in the spring of 1946. She married W.J. "Kirk" Kirkland on Oct. 4, 1946, at Phillips. She had worked at Holt Food Store, F.W. Woolworth, Whites Auto and C.E. House Insurance.

She belonged to the Church of Christ in Borger. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B.E. Nash; two sisters, Charlene Milam and Alice Mae Milam; and two brothers, Tim Nash of Jacinto City and Rex Nash of Shawnee, Okla.

Survivors include her husband of 52 years, W.J. Kirkland; three sons, James Kirkland of Mount Pleasant, Richard Kirkland of Amarillo and David Kirkland of Belton, Mo.; her mother, Doris Nash of Panhandle; a sister, Wanda Goode of Borger; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice of the Panhandle or to Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo.

JIM S. LOPEZ
WHITE DEER — Jim S. Lopez, 56, died Saturday, April 3, 1999, at Amarillo. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. today in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Monsignor Kevin Hand, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of White Deer, officiating. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Msgr. Hand, Joe Raymond Lopez of Austin and Sister Dolorine Lopez of Chicago, Ill., officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery at White Deer under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Lopez was born March 8, 1943, at White Deer. He grew up at White Deer, graduating from White Deer High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in business from Texas Tech University in 1967. He married Miro Fernandez in November of 1984 at Puerto LaCruz, Venezuela. He was a project administrator for many years on various international projects for Brown & Root Inc., and had been a chemical consultant in the food processing industry for Birco Corporation for the past several years. He had been an Amarillo resident for the last few years.

He belonged to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Amarillo.

Survivors include his wife, Miro, of the home; two daughters, Gina Lopez of Phoenix, Ariz., and Julia Lopez, of the home; two sons, Marc Lopez of Bryan and James Michael Lopez, of the home; three sisters, Sister Dolorine Lopez of Chicago, Isabel Isch of Amarillo and Cecilia Bohannon of White Deer; and five brothers, Joe J. Lopez of Los Alamos, N.M., Efen Lopez of El Paso, Fidel Lopez of Dumas, Joe Raymond Lopez of Austin and Johnny Lopez of Irving.

WILLIS CLAY PRUITT
CANADIAN — Willis Clay Pruitt, 57, died Thursday, April 1, 1999. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Cornerstone Church with the Rev. Orville Rogers, pastor of First Baptist Church of Stinnett, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Pruitt was born at Wheeler. He married Vickie Nutter in 1987. He had lived in Borger for many years prior to moving to Canadian four years ago. He was manager of G.P. Guinn Company's Canadian office.

Survivors include his wife, Vickie; three daughters, Christine Penaranda of Pampa, Patty Suit of Duncan, Okla., and Angela Hope of Lakewood, Calif.; three sons, Robert Pruitt and Donny Suit, both of Canadian, and Charles Johnston of Skellytown; two sisters, Wilma Asa of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Joan Ward of Amarillo; four brothers, Sam Pruitt of Hereford, Jerry Pruitt of Plainview, Joe Pruitt of San Gabriel, Calif., and Jimmy Pruitt of Amarillo; and 10 grandchildren.

The family will be at the McLaughlin residence, 113 Brooks Drive, Fritch.

BENNIE MAY WHITENER
WHEELER — Bennie May Whitener, 88, died Saturday, April 3, 1999, at Parkview Hospital in Wheeler. Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in Wheeler Cemetery. A memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. at the Country Chapel Church with the Rev. Delmas Jones of Hope, Ark., officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Whitener was born July 21, 1910, at Wheeler, to Luther and Ruby Baker Williams. She had been a longtime Wheeler resident, graduating from Wheeler High School in 1926. She graduated from West Texas State University in 1930. She married Gordon Wayne Whitener on June 10, 1934, at Wheeler. The couple moved from Wheeler to Lubbock in 1980 and returned to Wheeler in 1994. She was a teacher with the Wheeler School System at various levels and enjoyed teaching homemaking. She was also a Sunday school teacher, teaching young married couples and a ladies class at First Baptist Church for several years.

She belonged to the Country Chapel Church. She was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Austin Wayne Whitener.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Gordon, of Wheeler; a daughter, Nancy Miller of Wheeler; a son, William Whitener of Valdosta, Ga.; a sister, Ruby Lee Sandifer of Abilene; a brother, Glenn Williams of Wheeler; five grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and 12 stepgreat-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Child Evangelism Fellowship of Amarillo, 2410 W. 7th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79106.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, April 3
 11:21 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2100 block of Sumner on a medical assist.

3:08 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 1100 block of Ripley on a downed power line.

6:42 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2300 block of Alcock on a downed gas meter.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa			
Wheat	2.49		
Milo	3.21		
Com	3.59		
Soybeans	4.01		
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of completion			
Occidental	18 1/8	up 1/8	
Magellan	130.30		
Puritan	20.17		
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa			
Amoco	NA		
Arco	72 7/16	dn 11/16	
Cabot	21 3/4	up 1/2	
Cabot O&G	14 3/8	dn 1/16	
Chevron	36 13/16	dn 1/16	
Coca-Cola	60 15/16	dn 7/16	
Columbia/HCA	19	up 1/16	
Enron	64 7/16	up 3/16	
Halliburton	36 5/8	dn 1/8	
IRI	4	dn 1/16	
KNE	20 1/8	up 3/16	
Kerr-McGee	33 3/16	up 3/8	
Limited	38 3/4	dn 7/8	
McDonald's	45 5/8	up 5/16	
Mobil	87 3/8	dn 5/8	
New Atmos	24 1/4	up 3/16	
NCE	34 3/4	up 11/16	
Pennex	40 7/16	up 1/16	
Phillips	47 1/4	NC	
Pioneer Nat. Res.	7 1/2	dn 1/4	
SLB	58	dn 2 3/16	
Tenneco	28 15/16	up 1	
Texasco	55 11/16	dn 1 1/16	
Ultramar	21 1/2	dn 1/8	
Wal-Mart	93 1/4	up 1 1/16	
Williams	39 1/2	NC	
New York Gold	277.80		
Silver	4.86		
West Texas Crude	64		

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TRUCK

ing the residence about the time the fire was reported. Based on information by witnesses and investigation by Gray County deputies, Justice of the Peace Bob Muns issued an arrest war-

rant for Rogers. Deputies arrested Rogers shortly before 5 p.m. Monday, March 22, as he turned off Alcock north onto Hobart. Rogers was driving a red 1999 Dodge Dakota pickup at the time of his arrest. Mann said the law allows

property, including vehicles, that are used or intended to be used in committing a felony to be seized. "It's not just limited to drug deals," Mann said. "My office will use every means available to protect our citizens."

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CHICKENS

"Our goal at this meeting is to get input about the importance of the lesser prairie chicken and discuss what we can do to increase the number of chickens in our area," Crowell said. "By doing these things now, we might be able to avoid having the lesser prairie chicken listed as endangered."

A free lunch, paid for by the Western Governor's Association, will be served, but reservations need to be made by 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 2. Crowell said reservations can be

made by calling 806-669-0312. A second meeting will be held in Morton on the South Plains the day following the Canadian meeting, April 8.

Texas Parks and Wildlife officials said there are two populations of the lesser prairie chicken left. One is along the Oklahoma state line in the eastern Texas Panhandle. The other is along the New Mexico state line near Morton.

"These informal meetings will be held as part of a five state effort known as the Lesser Prairie Chicken Interstate Working Group," said Gene

Miller, technical guidance biologist for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Canyon. The group includes state and wildlife agencies in New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

"Input from farmers and ranchers is critical to the process because habitat for these birds occurs mostly on private land," Miller said.

The meetings will feature presentations about the working group, biology of the bird and current status of the lesser prairie chicken in Texas, Miller said.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, April 4
 Joseph Lee Remington, 23, 709 E. Browning, was arrested on charges of no insurance and warrants.

Ambulance

The Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, April 3
 8:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of N. Sumner and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East Frederic and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Garland and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

6:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of N. Christy. No one was transported.

6:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of N. Jupiter. No one was transported.

10:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of E. Frederic and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Sunday, April 4
 11:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Wells and Alcock. No one was transported.

11:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of N. Sumner and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

4:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Monday, April 5
 1:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of West 25th and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Partly cloudy and windy today with a high in the mid-70s and a south to southwest wind between 20 to 30 mph.

Tonight's low in the 40s. Yesterday's high was 67 and the low was 43.

REGIONAL FORECAST
WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Wind advisory for today. Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the mid 30s. Southwest wind 10-15 mph Tuesday, partly cloudy. High 70 to 75. South to southeast wind 10-20 mph and gusty. Extreme Southern Panhandle/Low Rolling Plains — Wind advisory today. Tonight, clear. Lows mid 30s to mid 40s. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs mid 70s to around 80.

Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Monday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs around 80. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, clear and cooler with diminishing winds. Low in the mid 40s. Tuesday, sunny with

the high in the lower 80s. Extended forecast, Far West Texas — Tonight, clear. Lows 30-35. Tuesday, mostly sunny, windy and much warmer.

Highs in the upper 70s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Monday night, mostly clear. Low 30s and 40s. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High in the mid 70s mountains to upper 80s rio grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Flash flood watch central and east today. Wind advisory west and central today. Tonight, widely scattered evening thunderstorms far east, then decreasing cloudiness. Clear west and central. Lows in the mid 40s west to lower 50s southeast. Tuesday, sunny. Highs in the mid 70s north to lower 80s southeast.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, fair skies with fog forming southeast sections. Lows in the 40s Hill Country to 50s south central. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, clearing and cooler. Lows in the mid 50s inland, lower 60s at the coast. Tuesday,

mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s inland, mid 70s at the coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, mostly clear and cooler. Lows in the 50s. Tuesday, sunny and warm.

Highs in the mid 80s crossroads to near 90 Rio Grande plains. Deep South Texas — Tonight, mostly clear and cooler. Lows from the mid 50s inland west to the mid 60s coast. Tuesday, sunny. Highs near 80 coast to the mid 80s inland west.

BORDER STATES
NEW MEXICO — Tonight, fair to partly cloudy skies. Lows mid teens to lower 30s mountains and north, upper 20s to near 40 east central plains and southern lowlands. Tuesday, increasing clouds northwest. Skies fair to partly cloudy east and south. Breezy in the afternoon. Warmer with highs upper 40s to middle 60s mountains and north, upper 60s to middle 80s east central plains and southern lowlands.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, clear. Some fog late. Low 35 to 45. Tuesday, sunny and warm. High in the 70s.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, April 3
 Roy Robert Huff, 34, no address given, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated, theft by check, issuance of a worthless check, failure to i.d. and motion to revoke probation.

Sunday, April 4
 Waymon Danielle Wedgeworth, 20, 312 W. Thut, was arrested on charges of no seat belt, no proof of insurance, no drivers license, and expired registration.

Wayneta Lynne Britton, 40, 2600 Hobart #E8, was arrested on charges of issuance of bad checks and a bond surrender.

Josefina Gonzales, 36, 1402 E. Francis, was arrested on a warrant for speeding.

Brian N. Scarborough, 25, Lorenzo Texas, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Clayton James Pletcher, 25, 810 Gordon, was arrested on warrants. Jackie S. Pletcher, 810 Gordon, was arrested on charges of failure to i.d. and warrants.

Joy Bybee, 37, 617 N. Christy, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated X3 enhanced.

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Hospice stamp



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Recently The Crown of Texas Hospice presented the Post Office with a Hospice Stamp Plaque. (From left) Sacora Belknap, Hospice Volunteer; James Pridmore, postmaster; Jo Logue, LVN, Crown of Texas Hospice; Jana Schick, LSW, Crown of Texas Hospice.

Couple establish scholarship fund for Canadian graduates

Former Pampans, Bob and their names to benefit graduates Bettye Ward, recently of Canadian High School.

Longtime Canadian residents, Bob Ward said of the gift, "We really wanted to give something back. This little town has been good to us."

announced the establishment of Longtime Canadian residents, a \$100,000 scholarship fund in Bob Ward said of the gift, "We

Community Services director seeking housing grant

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Managing Editor

Try, try and try again is Bill Hildebrandt's approach to the application process for a state grant that could bring Pampa up to a quarter of a million dollars for a community housing rehabilitation project.

"To not apply at all is to give up that opportunity — be it slim — to get some monies," said the city's Director of Community Services Tuesday morning.

Hildebrandt has applied for the Texas Community Development Program grant on behalf of Pampa for the last 13 years only seeing success once when the city received some emergency funding for tornado damage a few years ago.

"But if you don't apply, it's admitting defeat," he said.

TCDP grant applications are received by the state every two years. Funding is distributed on a need-basis to "non-entitlement" cities with populations under 50,000.

Hildebrandt held a public hearing recently at the Southside Senior Citizens Center, as is required by the grant application, to ascertain what community improvements residents would like to focus on for this year's grant application.

"Housing rehabilitation" was the consensus opinion expressed on where the monies would be most useful if received, said Hildebrandt.

"We'd like to shoot for a better quality of life for the City of Pampa," he said.

He says rehabilitating dilapidated homes in the area would be a good way of doing this. In the next few weeks, said Hildebrandt, "I'll be working on setting limits to how much would be done to each house."

Although only five people participated in the community forum recently, Hildebrandt said he is more hopeful than usual that Pampa could receive funding because of a change in this year's application process.

A "financial statement" due in years past is being left out of the grant writing process this year, he said.

Because Pampa is "much larger" than many of the other towns in the panhandle under 50,000, "there's an appearance that we have all the money we need on paper," said Hildebrandt.

"Whereas the towns that look really bleak on paper get a better chance," he added. "Just from that aspect we may score higher ... I'm thinking that may be a benefit to us."

The application is due to Austin by 5 p.m. on Tues., April 20.

"I would like to think that this would have an impact, but if the money goes to those people that don't have the basics like potable water ... that makes a certain kind of sense."



(Special photo)

Bob and Bettye Ward establish scholarship fund. really wanted to give something good to us." Ward said he and his wife have back. This little town has been

wanted to "do something" for some time. He expressed gratitude for the positive opportunities extended to him during his life, and said he realizes that many are not so fortunate.

He tells the story of a classmate with whom he attended school in Pampa from the first grade through graduation. "She made 100 every day — on everything," he said with admiration.

Ward recalls with regret that his classmate — who graduated at the top of the class — went to work as a clerk, a job the friend held all her working life.

Under terms of the scholarship, the \$100,000 will be held intact and income generated by it will be given yearly to a Canadian High School graduate, beginning with this year. Once enrolled in college, the selected student will receive about \$1,000 per year for four years.

Ward grew up in Pampa and was a one-time newspaper carrier for *The Pampa News*. When he returned from the U.S. Army during the World War II era, Ward found his parents had moved to Canadian — so I moved, too."

His parents had sold the family grocery store and established a Ford tractor dealership in Canadian.

Bob and Bettye (McAfee) grew up together in Pampa, attending the same schools. Bob was like his father, Bettye remembers — "always busy, always working. He stayed in the grocery store Saturdays working while the rest of us would be riding around."

During the war, Ward was able to save \$1,200, to which he added his \$200 mustering out pay. He joined his parents in Canadian in December of 1945, three days after his 23rd birthday.

Bob and Bettye were married two years later in October of 1947. They began their life together in a tiny two-room apartment, complete with fold-up Murphy bed. Bettye worked at First National Bank until son Kelley was born and Bob worked at the implement company in addition to his many other enterprises which included selling refrigerators, used cars, and for a time, Hoover sweepers.

They also have a daughter, Kay.

Ward purchased the company that would become Ward Oil Company in 1957 from John Caylor, and ran a successful business until its sale in 1993.

Name change



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

The signs they are a changin' ... again. Ed Gurley in the white shirt and Alex Porter in the black shirt helps change the NationsBank sign to reflect the ownership by Bank of America.



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Good nutrition best bet against disease

AUSTIN — Every day, many of us are bombarded with articles and advertisements touting vitamin and mineral supplements as miracle pills that could help prevent diseases such as cancer. It's an attractive notion, but is it true? Can dietary supplements offer disease prevention like some nutrients in foods possibly do?

Research has shown that consuming certain nutrients available in food can help protect us from some diseases such as cancer and heart disease. But the research concerning many supplements is not as clear. The physicians of Texas Medical Association urge you to arm yourself against disease by adopting healthy dietary habits and view with caution claims that vitamins also can offer disease protection. Though vitamins may help, a balanced diet still is the best insurance against illness.

"Certainly, it's better to eat more nutritious foods than simply take supplements," said Austin internist Dr. Cecilia Cervantes. "Vitamin supplements, after all, won't make up for a poor diet."

Taking vitamins won't reduce the fat, sugar or salt in your diet that could contribute to disease. And supplements won't provide the disease-fighting phytochemicals found in fruits, vegetables and other foods.

Though supplement manufacturers and consumer magazines may claim that supplements fight disease, the evidence for many of these claims isn't sufficient. For example, a 1996 clinical trial found that the mineral selenium could reduce colon, prostate and lung cancer risk by half. A stunning finding, but it's only from one trial — few studies since have backed up this conclusion. And it's possible selenium supplements only would help prevent cancer in individuals who don't get the mineral from food. More research needs to be done on many supplements.

A few vitamin and mineral supplements, through studies, have shown promise in making a significant disease-prevention impact for certain groups of people. They include:

—Folic acid. Research has shown that folic acid can prevent neural tube birth defects in newborns. The U.S. Public Health Service has recommended that all women capable of becoming pregnant consume 400 micrograms of folic acid per day. Many foods such as breakfast cereals and pasta are fortified with folic acid, but you'd have to eat a large amount of some of these foods to consume the recommended value. Therefore, taking a folic acid supplement may be a good idea. Also, researchers have found that eating diets high in folate can help prevent heart disease, so taking

a supplement for that purpose also would benefit many people. —Calcium. You've probably heard already that women should consume sufficient calcium to prevent osteoporosis. And studies have backed up the connection between bone fracture incidence and calcium intake. It's not easy to hit the recommended value of 1,000

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milligrams (for ages 19-50) or 1,200 milligrams (ages 51 and up) through food alone, so if you're not eating three servings of low-fat milk products a day, you might want to consider taking a supplement.

—Vitamin D. Many adults over 50 have varying degrees of vitamin D deficiency, and this deficiency can accelerate bone loss. Many older people can't make as much vitamin D from sunlight as younger people can. The National Academy of Sciences has recommended that people ages 51 to 70 consume 400 international units of vitamin D a day, and that those over 70 need 600 IU per day.

Some physicians recommend that certain people, particularly older people, take a daily multivitamin. Some physicians also recommend taking vitamin C and E supplements, especially because vitamin E generally is only found in high-fat foods. Choosing to take these supplements should be up to you and your doctor.

Remember that when it comes to supplements, more isn't better. Taking too much of a supplement can be dangerous. Too much vitamin E, for example, could increase the chance of stroke if you have high blood pressure. Always ask your doctor if taking a certain vitamin is safe for you, and don't take more than the recommended daily value for a vitamin unless a physician recommends you do so. You can find the daily value for a vitamin on the supplement's label.

Ideally, the best way to get your daily value of nutrients and thus help prevent disease is through a balanced, low-fat diet rich in whole grains, vegetables and fruits. Dr. Cervantes particularly recommends eating dark, leafy vegetables, such as kale, spinach or broccoli, which

are nutrient-dense foods. Be sure to cook food properly to keep intact disease-fighting nutrients. Don't overcook, and buy your fruits and vegetables fresh. "Cook your foods in a healthful fashion, such as broiling, boiling or lightly steaming, rather than frying," Dr. Cervantes added. Cooking in this way will keep your meals low in fat and cholesterol.

Here are more tips for eating healthy and keeping yourself disease-free:

—Eat at least five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables every day. This simple step can help prevent many kinds of cancer and heart disease.

—Limit your total fat intake to no more than 30 percent of total calories. Cut back on saturated fats and red meats. This also reduces cancer and heart disease risk.

—Use whole grains whenever possible. Doing so could cut your risk of colon cancer.

—Limit cured or smoked foods like bacon, ham and hot dogs. This may decrease stomach cancer risk.

—Limit sodium intake to 2,400 milligrams a day or less. This could reduce your risk of heart disease or stomach cancer.

—Avoid obesity; consume the amount of calories appropriate to maintain a healthy weight.

—Ask your doctor to help you calculate your needed amount of calories. Staying at a healthy weight can help prevent many illnesses.

—Limit alcoholic beverages to less than one drink a day for women or two a day for men, if you drink at all. Reducing alcohol intake may cut your risk for many forms of cancer.

—Don't smoke or use smokeless tobacco. Tobacco use is a culprit for many forms of cancer and for greater heart disease risk.

—Limit cholesterol intake to less than 300 milligrams a day. Lessening intake will reduce your risk for heart disease.

—Nothing beats a healthy diet in keeping you healthy. Supplements may help, but before reaching for the supplements, reach for healthy foods. Your body will be the stronger for it.

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 component county medical societies around the state. The association represents 85 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

Laser helps victims of severe chest pain

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A laser mounted on a tube the width of a cocktail straw can blast tiny holes in the walls of the heart, triggering the growth of blood vessels that substantially relieve crippling chest pain.

Lasers are already used as a last-ditch treatment of bad chest pain in some people, but an experimental new approach described recently appears much safer and can be used without open-heart surgery.

Experts say the promising results should help relieve many doctors' skepticism about laser therapy of the heart.

Heart lasers were approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for routine use last year. However, the treatment requires opening the chest and carries a 6 percent to 10 percent risk of death.

The new approach involves threading the laser into the heart on a catheter, something that doctors do routinely for a variety of procedures, such as angioplasty.

If it works as well as data so far suggest, it could offer relief to many thousands of Americans whose heart pain cannot be treated with angioplasty or bypass surgery.

"This is for people with no options who are miserable with their angina," said Dr. Stephen N. Oesterle of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Oesterle presented the results of the largest study yet with this approach at a meeting of the American College of Cardiology.

In his study, doctors at 12 hospitals in the United States and England randomly assigned 221 patients to have either the laser therapy or routine medical care. All had severe angina, resulting from poor circulation to their heart muscle.

Angina is rated on a scale of 1 to 4. Before treatment, all were in stage 3 or 4, meaning they had chest pain will eating, brushing their teeth or even sitting perfectly still.

After laser treatment, two-thirds had improved at least two grades to stage 1 or 2. This meant they could walk about their homes comfortably, even though climbing stairs might still trigger pain.

"You can lead a normal life with class 2 angina," said Oesterle. "You cannot with class 4 angina."

The laser is threaded into the left ventricle, where doctors burn 10 to 15 tiny holes into the heart walls. None died during the procedure. Patients can be sent home the same day they are treated.

When the approach was first proposed in the 1980s, doctors theorized that the holes acted as substitute blood vessels, carrying

blood to oxygen-starved muscle. However, experts now know that the holes themselves quickly plug up, serving no purpose.

Instead, it now appears that the laser damage somehow triggers the heart to grow tiny new arteries, a process called angiogenesis. These arteries feed the muscle that cannot be adequately nourished by the heart's clogged coronary arteries.

Dr. Ben McCallister of Mid America Heart Institute in Kansas City said Oesterle's results will probably make physicians more open to the idea of using lasers to improve heart circulation.

"There has been a lot of skepticism about this," said McCallister. "I think this very careful study will change the tide about how people think about this."

Oesterle tested a laser system developed by CardioGenesis Corp., where he has been a consultant. Similar approaches are also being tested with lasers developed by Eclipse Surgical Technologies and Biosense, Inc.

Dr. Patrick L. Whitlow of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation presented preliminary data at the meeting on patients treated with the Eclipse laser. Eighty percent of the patients improved at least two stages in their degree of angina.

Study: H. Pylori infection more common among African-American children

HOUSTON — African-American children are more likely than white children to get a bacteria that can cause stomach ulcers, a new study shows.

In a 12-year study of 212 children, researchers at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston found race to be a determining factor in H. pylori infection, even when socioeconomic status was consistent. Results were published in a recent issue of the journal *Clinical Infectious Diseases*.

"We found that African-American children have a much higher rate of infection and that white children lose that infection more consistently over the years," said Dr. Hoda Malaty, a Baylor associate professor of medicine and the study's lead investigator. "This could be attributed to differences in cultural background, diets or genetic susceptibility."

Helicobacter pylori is a bacteria that can cause gastritis, gastric and duodenal ulcers or gastric cancer.

Previous studies have shown H. pylori infection to relate to socioeconomic status during childhood. This study, however, examined children in a biracial community with a homogeneous lower-middle socioeconomic class.

The study found by age seven, 40 percent of the African-American children but only 11 percent of the white children were infected with H. pylori. The risk of carrying the infection to early adulthood was 78 percent, a figure ranging from 50 percent in whites to 96 percent in African-Americans.

Of the 41 children who tested positive for the bacteria during their initial visit, nine had lost the infection by the end of the study. Self-eradication was significantly higher among whites, with 50 percent losing the infection, compared to only four percent of African-Americans.

According to Malaty, understanding both the rates of acquisition and loss of infection could identify the best time to institute behavioral changes to break the pattern of transmission.

"Although many features of this bacteria have been identified, the mode of transmission is still unknown," Malaty said. "We are 99 percent sure that any adult infected with H. pylori acquired the bacteria when they were young."

While H. pylori infection is treatable with antibiotics, researchers must now determine an appropriate age at which treatment of infected children should begin.

Weight-conscious should check calories on nutrition labels

HOUSTON — Weight-conscious consumers might find nutrition labels easier to understand if they check just three numbers.

"Serving size, calories per serving and total fat per serving are the items most people should look at if they're concerned about gain-

ing weight," said Lynne Scott, a registered dietitian at the DeBakey Heart Center at Baylor College of Medicine and the Methodist Hospital in Houston. "Nutrition labels can be very helpful, but the variety of information can be over-

whelming to dieters," she said. USDA dietary guidelines recommend limiting fat consumption to 30 percent of calories. Scott, a Baylor assistant professor of medicine, advises patients to select foods that have no more than three grams of fat per serving.

Foods that are fat-free are not necessarily calorie-free, so dieters need to keep tabs on calories as well.

"Some patients think of a particular snack," Scott said. "They can't figure out why they're still gaining weight if they're eating fat-free cookies. I have to remind them that the whole box is not a serving, and that just one fat-free cookie might have 60 or more calories. In fact, a number of fat-free foods have more than the regular versions."

People who want to lose weight can use nutrition labels to figure

out how many calories they're averaging per day. They should reduce that amount by 500 calories each day to lose one pound per week, Scott said. "It takes a deficit of 3,500 calories to lose one pound."

While cutting back on calories can help you lose weight, cutting back on saturated fats can help lower blood cholesterol.

A number of franchised restaurants have nutritional information available upon request, so it's possible to keep track of your calories and fat grams even when eating out.

"Nutritional labels conveniently provide the numbers you need to monitor your eating habits if you know what to look for," Scott said.

In addition to reducing calories and fat, a weight-loss program should include regular exercise and sensible eating.

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Husband's Hairline Hang-Up Has Wife Searching for Cover

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Jack," is a wonderful companion and a caring father, but he has one hang-up that's driving me up the wall and embarrassing me in front of our friends. I've talked with him about it until I'm blue in the face, but he refuses to accept it. He has been losing his hair steadily for the last 10 years, and although nearly half of our female friends have bald husbands, Jack refuses to acknowledge the fact that he no longer has the hairline he once had. Abby, he now parts his hair behind his ear and "sweeps" it over the bald spot.

To make matters worse, his favorite sport is boating. No matter how much "goo" he uses to keep his swatch of hair anchored down, once we're out on the water, he has a foot-long "flag" of hair streaming in the breeze. When we have friends with us, they often stare at the back of his head in horrified fascination, and I'm so embarrassed that I don't know where to look. What can I do to get Jack to wake up and realize the only person he's fooling is himself?

FRANTIC
IN FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

DEAR FRANTIC: Balding is an issue for many people — both male and female. Some people are more sensitive about it than others, and go to great lengths to "cover up" the problem. However, your husband's sensitivity to losing his hair has gotten to the point where it has



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

become a case of "the emperor's new clothes."

If you can't convince your husband that bald is beautiful, you might be able to convince him that his disguise is fooling no one by taking a video camera along on your next boat trip. One look at the replay should help him see the wisdom of consulting a hairstylist who can assist him in maximizing the hair he has left — or visiting a specialist to explore the option of a transplant or hairpiece. I wish you the best of luck. There are none so blind as they who will not see.

DEAR ABBY: My husband (I'll call him Nick) fathered a daughter out of wedlock 28 years ago. Nick and the mother were both very young and marriage was not an option. The child, "Sherry," was placed for adoption.

Sherry located her birth parents about six months ago. Only a few people (mostly relatives) know about this young woman. Nick and

I have been married 18 years and have two children, 16 and 12. He and Sherry have a close relationship, and she has met our children.

Abby, we're unsure how we should explain this to people. Nick would like to have a large party and introduce her to our friends and family. I'm not certain that a large "coming out" party is the best way to go.

We have read your column for years and would appreciate your opinion. What would you do in our situation?

NICK'S WIFE

DEAR WIFE: I commend you for your mature, healthy attitude. Since Sherry and her father now have a close relationship, your friends and relatives are sure to find out about her one way or another. Rather than giving Sherry a "coming out" party, a diplomatic way to introduce her might be to host a party during one of the holidays, when friends and family usually gather anyway. As the invitations are extended and accepted, all prospective guests should be told exactly who Sherry is to avoid any surprised reactions that could make her feel uncomfortable or unwelcome.

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common ground. Tomorrow will be better! Tonight: Soak stress away in a hot bath. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Your imagination flounders in the face of another's logic and work. Confusion marks interactions with partners. Another clearly disagrees with you financially. Think about what is being said. Make no decisions presently, just evaluate. In the long run, this works. Tonight: Center stage. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Pressure stems from a lack of information. You aren't getting the whole story. Think about what you've been expecting from a co-worker; has he disappointed you? Recognize that you might not be realistic. Build security through hard work and clear thinking. Tonight: Directly home. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Talks could be frustrating. You are just too exhausted to comprehend much, today. You might question another's ideas or just not communicate effectively with him. Postpone work and decisions. You might find that you have to do everything all over again. Tonight: Visit with a favorite friend. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Be careful about spending. You could go overboard. You might have a tendency to be confused about some basics. Think about decisions, especially involving a child or loved one. Be realistic about your limits. You cannot make everyone happy all the time. Tonight: Make it inexpensive. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ All your personality can't melt the natural barriers of the day. Pressure and demands from work and daily life could overwhelm you. Communication goes awry when you least expect it. Stay centered and

direct, if possible. Domestic issues only add to the chaos. Tonight: Talking up a storm. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★ Doing nothing might be best, under the circumstances. A risk or any financial action could backfire. It is quite clear that a loved one or child wants it his way. Confusion surrounds financial matters; disagreement marks communication. Pull back. Tonight: How 'bout heading on home? AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Your best intentions get twisted like a pretzel. Others aren't getting your message clearly. You might be down and/or unusually tired. Pull back and make a decision later. Don't allow another to pressure you. Keep goals in mind; don't let events trigger you. Tonight: Where the gang is. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ No matter how hard you try, clarity eludes you. Caring abounds, allowing you to see others in a different light. Intuition, generally accurate for you, only adds to your difficulties. Take a walk at lunch, clear your head and simply do your job. The less said, the better. Tonight: In the limelight.

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Horoscope

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 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)

★★★★ Listen carefully. Don't take another's ideas personally. You are challenged and you may not completely grasp what is going on. Be sensitive to alternatives and different ideas. Reflect on what could be happening. Confusion marks travel and calls. Tonight: Enjoy a movie.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Listen to what others say, especially regarding a work-related matter. You might not understand a boss' intentions. Don't assume that you are hearing correctly or are integrating the message as it was meant to be understood. Attaining clarity could be hard right now. Tonight: Off with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ What started as a good intention easily becomes convoluted. Another clearly does not get your message, or it could be that you are receiving his negatively. Take an overview. Don't let confusion at work mar your productivity. Do what is mandatory. Tonight: Let another decide.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Dig into work; allow friends and co-workers the luxury of uproar. You can't make a sound decision about what to do. Listen carefully to another's suggestion; you might not totally agree, but there is

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Run out, as membership
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- 11 Make suitable
- 12 "Star Trek" role
- 13 Depressing words?
- 14 Slugger Roger
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- 22 Actor Sharif
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- 32 Expense
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- 38 Business bigwig
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- 45 Banish
- 46 Spot in the sea
- 47 Chopped into cubes
- 48 The tube, to Brits

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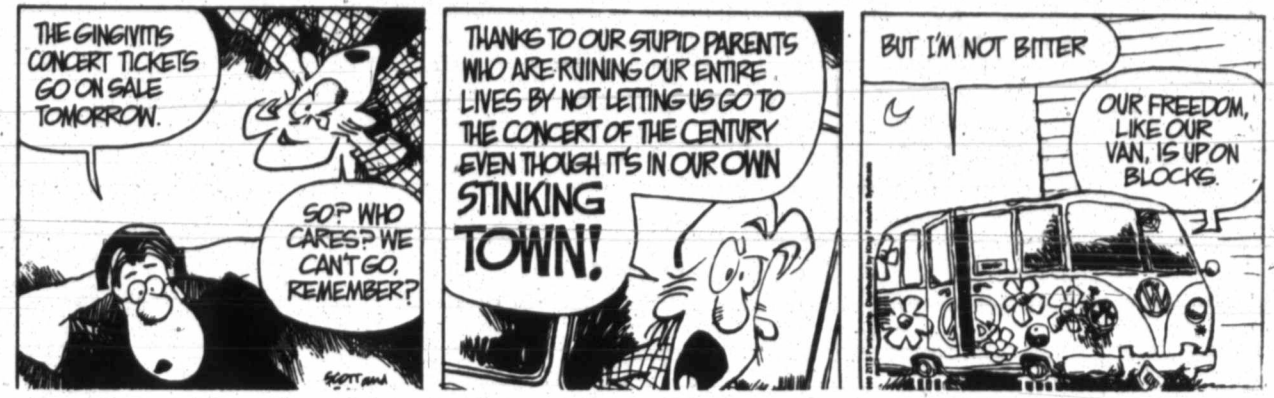


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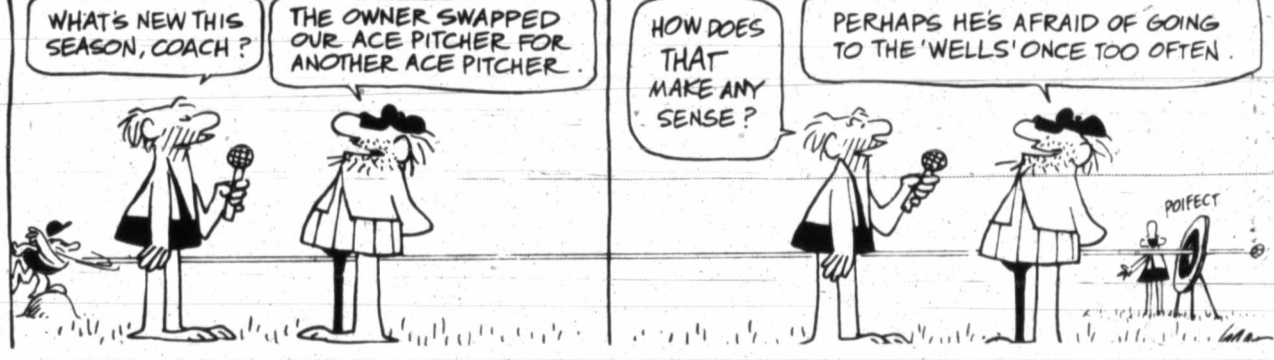
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BASEBALL

PAMPA — Final organizational meetings for all Optimist baseball and softball leagues for boys and girls from 5 to 15 will be held at 6:30 tonight at the regular club meeting, announced Richard Stowers, Commissioner of the Beginner and Rookie Leagues.

"We will probably need a few more coaches because we are expecting a large turnout," Stowers said. "We want to make final preparations for the sign-ups, which will be held at the Optimist Club on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week from 5:30 to 7 p.m."

"I am expecting at least one more team in our league than last year," said David Hutto, Commissioner of the Major Bambino 11-12 Baseball League.

"We may have as many as two more teams in the Major Bambino 9-10 Baseball League," Mando Ramirez, Commissioner of the League, predicted.

Boys and girls trying out are encouraged to bring their ball gloves and come dressed in tennis shoes, a long-sleeved shirt and a light jacket. New players and players moving up to a new league are required to attend two try-out sessions.

Returning players and players in the Beginner and Rookie Leagues do not need to attend the try-outs.

SOFTBALL

DUNCAN, Okla. — Entries are being taken for an A.S.A. Girls' Fast Pitch 18 & Under Tournament April 23-25 at Hines Park in Duncan, Okla.

Entry fee for the 7-game guarantee is \$185 and is limited to 16 teams. All teams must have proof of A.S.A. sanction.

For more information, call 580-255-4800 during the day or 580-255-1967 at night.

BASKETBALL

SEATTLE (AP) — Gary Payton scored 30 points and his backup, John Crotty, had 14 in the fourth quarter as the Seattle SuperSonics blew a 17-point lead but rebounded to defeat the Houston Rockets 101-84 Sunday.

The Sonics shot 10-for-19 from 3-point range, ended a three-game losing streak and handed the Rockets their second consecutive road loss.

Crotty matched his career-high with 19 points on 8-of-10 shooting. Detlef Schrempf had 16 points, 10 rebounds and six assists.

Hakeem Olajuwon led the Rockets with 18 points, Cuttino Mobley had 13 points and Charles Barkley had nine points and 19 rebounds.

Pampa 2-0 in district

DUMAS — Pampa continued its hitting rampage in District 3-4A Saturday as the Harvesters outslugged Dumas 15-10.

With the win, the Harvesters improved to 2-0 in district play and 11-9 for the season. Dumas falls to 1-1 in district and 8-9-1 for the season.

Pampa was trailing 6-5 when an 8-run fifth inning was sparked by triples from Justin Roark, Amos Valmore and Casey Owens. The Harvesters never trailed again.

Junior lefthander Brent Coffee started and went six innings to pick up his fifth mound win compared to two losses. Owens pitched the final inning and gave up one run while striking out two.

Owens, Jonathan Waggoner and Kaleb Snelgroes led Pampa's hitting attack with three hits each. Roark and Valmore had two hits each. Jesse Francis and Brent Phelps added one hit each.

Snelgroes made some outstanding plays at second base to stifle the Dumas offense. Francis at shortstop and third baseman Greg Lindsey played solid defense for the Harvesters.

Pampa is deadlocked with Borger for the district lead at 2-0. Borger beat Caprock 16-11 Saturday.

The Harvesters host Hereford at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Harvester Field. Pampa opened district play last Tuesday with a 14-4 win over Amarillo Caprock.

Texas has injury woes

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers' biggest roster decisions going into spring training weren't the kind to lose sleep over — all they needed were a backup catcher and a utility infielder. But with the season beginning today, there are a few reasons for concern.

Slugging first baseman Rafael Palmeiro and closer John Wetteland hardly played in Florida because they spent most of their time rehabilitating serious injuries. Then, just when the news was improving on those two, fragile second baseman Mark McLemore felt a twinge in his off-injured legs.

All three were expected to be available for this afternoon's season opener against Detroit. But starting a 162-game season with nagging injuries sure makes the road to the playoffs a lot tougher.

Palmeiro had his right knee operated on twice in 26 days for two different problems. Both have been corrected, but he's still rebuilding his strength and trying to make up for lost time at the plate. He had some big hits in the last few exhibition games and likely will start the year at designated hitter, keeping his \$45 million bat in the lineup and preserving his status as the most durable player this decade after Cal Ripken Jr.

Pampa track team



The Pampa boys' track team will compete in the Dumas meet on Saturday. Team members are (front row, from left) David Robinson, Tristen Perry, Bobby Holmes, Steven Johnson, Curtis Johnson, Ty Elledge and Breck Hoggatt; (second row, from left) Ben Williams, Calvin Tucker, Josh Taylor, Justin Lemons, Johnny Carter, Aaron Willis and Tanner Dyer; (back row, from left) Terance Lemons, Jeff Warren, Joel Barker and C.B. Bryan.

Warriors, Tigerettes win Groom Relays

GROOM — Miami boys and Groom girls were the winners at the Groom Tiger Relays last weekend.

Results are as follows:

Boys

Team Totals: 1. Miami 156; 2. Groom 106; 3. Hartley 62; 4. Hedley 57; 5. Channing 49; 6. Lefors 42; 7. Silverton 39; 8. Follett 19; 9. Fort Elliott 8; 10. Higgins 4; 11. Samnorwood 2; 12. Allison 1; 13. McLean 0.

Pole vault: 1. Holt, Silverton 6-2; 2. Bryant, Fort Elliott, 10-0.

High jump: 1. Boatman, Hartley, 5-8; 2. Hardin, Miami, 5-6; 3. Jameson, Channing, 5-6.

Triple jump: 1. Monroe, Hedley, 39-2; 2. Wade, Hedley, 38-5; 3. Lackey, Miami, 38-1.

Shot put: 1. May, Miami, 43-7; 2.

Crump, Groom, 41-2; 3. Holt, Silverton, 39-9.

800: 1. Hardin, Miami, 2:08.68; 2. Frances, Silverton, 2:10.75; 3. Scott, Groom, 2:13.81.

110 hurdles: Hutchinson, Miami, 16.75; 2. Ritter, Groom, 17.19; 3. Lewis, Follett, 18.50.

400: 1. Lackey, Miami, 54.75; 2. Haggerman, Miami, 56.68; 3. Mayberry, Channing, 57.31.

300 hurdles: 1. Ritter, Groom, 43.12; 2. Hutchinson, Miami, 43.37; 3. Steel, Lefors, 47.82.

200: 1. Lackey, Miami, 24.00; 2. Monroe, Hedley, 24.56; 3. Vega, Groom, 25.38.

1600: 1. Scott, Groom, 5:02.40; 2. Frances, Silverton, 5:14.93; 3. Franks, Lefors, 5:31.19.

1600 relay: 1. Miami, 3:47.31; 2. Lefors, 3:54.88; 3. Groom, 3:58.56.

Girls

Team Totals: 1. Groom 164; 2. Silverton 105; 3. Channing, 91; 4. Miami 48; 5. Fort Elliott 26; 6. Lefors 20; 7. McLean 19; 8. Samnorwood 17; 9. Hedley 16 and Fort Elliott JV, 16; 11. Allison 14; 12. Hartley 7.

High jump: 1. C. Davis, Groom, 5-2; 2. Gates, Channing, 4-8; 3. Bohr, Groom, 4-6.

Shot put: 1. Matthews, Samnorwood, 33-6; 2. Black, Miami, 28-2; 3. Longan, Hedley, 27-9.

Long jump: 1. Kirchoffner, Silverton, 16-0; 2. K. Davis, Groom, 15-8; 3. Conrad, Groom, 14-10.

Discus: 1. Black, Miami, 98-0; 2. Rice, Miami, 85-8; 3. Matthews, Samnorwood, 83-3.

Triple jump: 1. C. Davis, Groom, 33-2; 2. Conrad, 30-10; 3. K. Davis, Groom, 30-9.

400 relay: 1. Groom, 53.39; 2. Silverton, 54.69; 3. Channing, 56.38.

3200: 1. Herren, Allison, 12:58.21; 2. Howard, Lefors, 14:42.69; 3. Maciel, Silverton, 15:17.62.

800: 1. Barton, Miami, 2:35.28; 2. Gates, Channing, 2:43.56; 3. Kepley, Groom, 2:44.94.

100 hurdles: 1. C. Davis, Groom, 17.03; 2. Kirchoffner, Silverton, 17.82; 3. Trimble, Fort Elliott JV, 17.94.

100: 1. Estes, Silverton, 14.21; 2. Weaver, McLean, 14.94; 3. Babcock, Groom, 15.11.

400: 1. Trimble, Fort Elliott JV, 66.21; 2. Solis, Hedley, 69.94; 3. Summers, Lefors, 73.25.

300 hurdles: 1. C. Davis, Groom, 48.40; 2. Barton, Miami, 48.88; 3. K. Davis, Groom, 54.31.

1600: 1. Kinnaman, Fort Elliott, 6:57.87; 2. Whitley, Channing, 7:20.19; 3. Mick, Fort Elliott, 7:27.19.

1600 relay: 1. Channing, 4:43.43; 2. Groom, 4:45.07; 3. Silverton, 5:26.38.

Rockies win opener

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — As America's pastime opened for the first time in Mexico, it was a festive evening for everyone except the defending NL champion San Diego Padres.

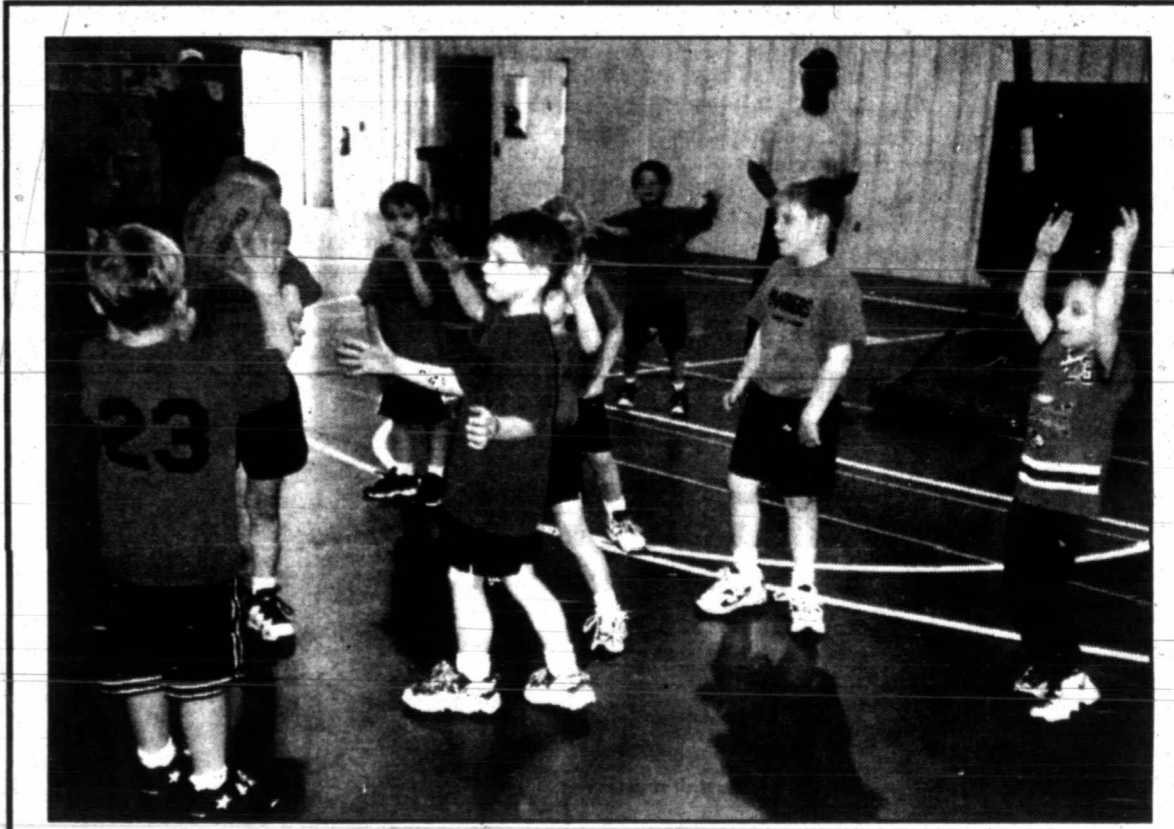
Five brothers with their hair colored purple saluted Mexican hero Vinny Castilla, peppy music blasted from the speakers and Dante Bichette went 4-for-5 with a homer and four RBIs in the Colorado Rockies' 8-2 win Sunday night in baseball's first season opener away from the United States and Canada.

Castilla also went 4-for-5, helping Jim Leyland win his debut as Rockies manager.

Darryl Kile, who led the majors with 17 losses in his first season with Colorado, limited San Diego to two runs and in 6 1-3 innings. He also had two of Colorado's 18 hits.

San Diego's highlight was Tony Gwynn's RBI single in the first inning, leaving him 71 hits short of 3,000.

Otherwise, it was pretty dismal for San Diego as ace Andy Ashby was chased after allowing six runs on eight hits in one-plus innings, matching his shortest start ever. It was reminiscent of the pounding he took in Game 2 of the World Series at Yankee Stadium, when he allowed seven runs on 10 hits in 2 2-3 innings.



The Bulldogs and the Panthers compete in a recently Kids-Youth Club basketball game at the MPAC building. Ryan Pearson (23) of the Bulldogs looks to pass in a K-1st grade contest. Kids Club is now preparing for the baseball and softball seasons. For more information on the sports programs, contact Sonny or Tinde Haskins at 669-7762 or 669-6732.

Canadian sweeps Sunray meet

SUNRAY — Canadian swept the Sunray Bobcat Relays last weekend.

Sunray Bobcat Relays

Boys

Team totals: 1. Canadian 121; 2. Gruver 110; 3. Spearman 83 and Stratford 83; 5. West Texas 55; 6. Sunray 53; 7. White Deer 37.

Long jump: 1. Dickinson, Canadian, 20-9; 2. Ellison, Canadian, 20-8.

Pole vault: 3. Hodges, White Deer, 11-0.

3200: 1. 2. Barbee, Canadian, 11:57.90.

110 hurdles: 1. Billenwilliams, Canadian, 15.03; 2. Ellison, Canadian, 15.05.

400: 3. Brunson, Canadian, 53.47.

100: 1. Urbanczyk, White Deer, 11.25; 3. Carr, Canadian, 11.44.

200: 2. Urbanczyk, White Deer,

22.93.

1600 relay: 1. Canadian, 3:34.87.

Girls

Team totals: 1. Canadian 135; 2. Sunray 134; 3. Spearman 110; 4. West Texas 83; 5. Stratford 73; 6. Gruver 42; 7. White Deer 8.

Long jump: 1. Bivins, Canadian, 15-0.

Shot put: McClendon, White Deer, 32-8.

Triple jump: 2. Hardin, Canadian, 33.2.

400 relay: 1. Canadian, 52.15.

800: 2. Tubb, Canadian, 2:40.49.

100: 2. Farrar, Canadian, 13.18.

300 hurdles: 1. Lee, Canadian, 47.22.

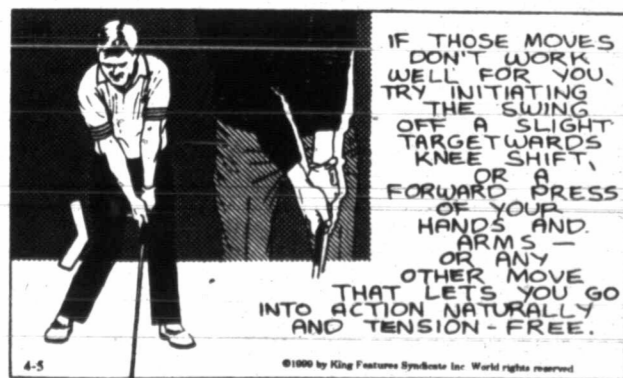
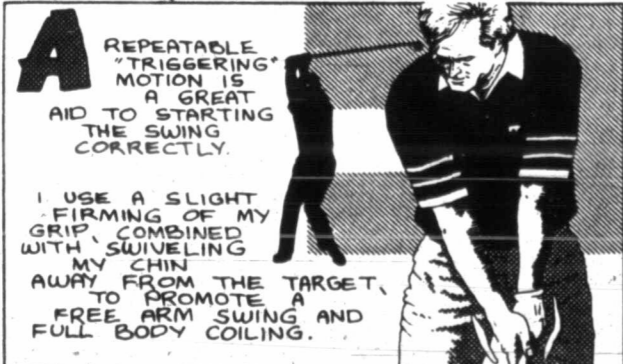
200: 1. Farrar, Canadian, 27.16; 3. Hardin, Canadian, 27.38.

1600: 2. Risley, Canadian, 6:35.96.

1600 relay: 1. Canadian, 4:19.28.

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Please bring your glove, a cap and a light jacket if you are trying out. The tryouts will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 7 p.m. each day.

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Controversy brews over expanded power of Border Patrol

HOUSTON (AP) — A debate is growing along the Texas-Mexico border about a proposal to let U.S. Border Patrol agents make arrests when state laws are broken.

Human-rights activists say they fear it could turn the border into a police state.

Supporters say it would make good sense to give the Border Patrol similar powers to those already granted to the FBI and 10 other federal agencies.

In many South Texas cities, Border Patrol agents outnumber local police officers. In some rural areas, they often are the only law enforcement officers around.

"We don't want to write (tickets). We don't want to conduct sobriety tests. What we want is statutory authority to make an arrest when we encounter a state violation," Harry Beall, assistant chief of the McAllen sector of the Border Patrol, told the Houston Chronicle.

The Legislature is considering two bills that

would give the Border Patrol expanded powers. One would allow Border agents to detain suspected drunken drivers at highway checkpoints until state officers arrive. The second would add the Border Patrol to other federal agencies with authority to make arrests, searches and seizures when they witness state felonies.

Some officials think Border Patrol agents are already too heavy-handed.

"They are pulling people over right and left," complained Cameron County Judge Gilberto Hinojosa, whose receptionist was stopped twice in a week by Border Patrol agents.

"I think it's demeaning. This is the United States of America, and most of us (border residents) were born here, and for this whole thing to be happening almost seems like we are in occupied territory."

Critics of the Border Patrol say agents abuse their power to stop people and question them about their immigration status.

Nathan Selzer, a Rio Grande Valley representative for the Immigration Law Enforcement Monitoring Project, said giving the Border Patrol power to enforce state laws would make the situation worse.

"The Border Patrol is transforming South Texas into a police state. If we have a checkpoint every little while along the way for DWI, that creates a climate of pressure where people will feel they're under attack," Selzer said.

But among residents who live close to the border, there is support for expanding the agents' arrest powers.

Rusty Monsees, who operates a 25-acre family farm and nursery on the banks of the Rio Grande down the river from Brownsville, said burglars who he suspects crossed from Mexico have stolen livestock, firearms and electronic equipment during three break-ins.

Giving the agents more power "is an excellent

idea. ... The people would be damn fools not to accept their help," he told the newspaper.

Local law enforcement agencies often ask the better-equipped Border Patrol to help them look for fugitives and perform other duties.

"They've had a tremendous positive impact in our community, certainly on the crime rate," Brownsville Police Chief Ben Reyna said.

Border Patrol officials say their lack of authority to enforce state laws could have been a factor in the shooting deaths of two agents last July.

The two agents were shot and killed by the son of a Harlingen police detective after the detective refused to allow the agents to enter his home during a search for his son.

The suspect, who had killed two women and critically injured a romantic rival in a jealous rage, was hiding in a cornfield next to the house and ambushed the two agents as they left.



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Mockingbird Lane Suite 200E Dallas, Tx. 75247 (214) 630-6111</p> <p>Dodge Reports 4601 50th Street Suite 216 Lubbock, Tx. 79414 (806) 793-4591</p> <p>Each Bid must be submitted on the prescribed Bid Form and accompanied by Bid security as prescribed in the Instructions to Bidders, payable to the OWNER in an amount not less than 5 percent of the amount Bid.</p> <p>The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish the additional Bonds (as prescribed in the Bidding Documents).</p> <p>For information concerning the proposed Work, contact Brian Fuerst, telephone: (972) 980-2170. For an appointment to visit the site, contact Gary Turley, Telephone: (806) 669-5830.</p> <p>OWNER reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids submitted and to waive any informalities or technicalities. Call Dated this 29th day of March 1999.</p> <p>CITY OF PAMPA By Phyllis Jeffers City Secretary END OF SECTION Mar. 29, 1999 Apr. 5, 1999 C-77</p> <p>NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION</p> <p>To the Registered Voters of MIAMI ISD, TEXAS:</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 1, 1999, for</p>	<p>1 Public Notice</p> <p>voting in a General election, to elect 2 full term trustees.</p> <p>LOCATION (S) OF POLLING PLACES</p> <p>Main Street Sheriff's Office Back Room of Miami, Texas</p> <p>Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City of Miami Office, Roberts County Court House between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. beginning on April 14, 1999 and ending on April 27, 1999. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Kathy Thompson Early Voting Clerk City of Miami Miami, Texas 79059</p> <p>Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 23, 1999. Issued this 30th day of March, 1999</p> <p>Danny R. Cochran Presiding Officer C-82 Apr. 5, 1999</p> <p>3 Personal</p> <p>MARY Kay Cosmetics and Skin-care. Facials; supplies; call Deb Stapleton, 665-2095.</p> <p>BEAUTICONTROL Cosmetics sales, service, makeovers. Lynn Allison 1304 Christine, 669-3848</p> <p>5 Special Notices</p> <p>ADVERTISING Material to be placed in the Pampa News, MUST be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.</p> <p>14d Carpentry</p> <p>CUSTOM homes, additions, remodeling, residential / commercial Deaver Construction, 665-0447.</p> <p>PAINTING, remodeling, add on, roofing, siding, carpentry & small welding. Call Ken 665-1256.</p> <p>OVERHEAD DOOR REPAIR Kidwell Construction. 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(Back row from left) Kaylee Greenhouse, Monica Eakin, Musetta Carver, Staci Clay, Kaylie Brewer, Carrie Clay, Nichole Dyer. (Second row from left) Breanna Bump, Jacklyn Woods, Shannon Clay, Shelby Clay, Jenna Munsell. (First row from left) Madison Cochran, Chaslyn Tull, Caylee Steward, Danielle Zuniga.

M.G. Flyers compete in last regular meet of the season

SHAMROCK — The M.G. Flyers Tumbling and Trampoline Team traveled to Shamrock recently to compete in their last regular meet of the season. The team is coached by Madeline Graves and Shauna Graves-Munsell. They will travel to Canyon on Apr. 17 for district competition.

In the 5 to 6 year old age division taking first on trampoline was Jenna Munsell, winning second place was Madison Cochran. Taking third place honors in this age division was Caylee Steward. In the 7-8 year old age division winning second on trampoline was Chaslyn Tull, and Shannon Clay. Taking third place honors was Shelby Clay. Winning fourth on trampoline was Breanna Bump and winning fifth was Danielle Zuniga.

In the 9-10 year old age division winning first on trampoline was Jacklyn Woods. In the 11-12 year old age division taking first place honors was Kaylee Greenhouse. Winning second place was Carrie Clay. Taking third place honors was Nichole Dyer. Winning sixth place on trampoline was Monica Eakin.

In the 13 and over age division taking third on trampoline were Staci Clay, Kaylie Brewer, and Musetta Carver. And, winning fourth place was Ashlie Stout.

In the 5-6 year old age division taking first in tumbling was Jenna Munsell. Winning second place was Caylee Steward and seventh place was Madison Cochran. In the 7-8 year old age division winning first in tumbling was Shelby Clay. Taking second place were Shannon Clay and Chaslyn Tull. Winning fourth place in tumbling was Danielle Zuniga and fifth place winner was Breanna Bump.

In the 9-10 year old age division winning second in tumbling was Jacklyn Woods. In the 11-12 year old age division winning first place were Kaylee Greenhouse and Carrie Clay. Taking second place honors in tumbling was Nichole Dyer and sinning third place was Monica Eakin.

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Optimist Club celebrating 45th anniversary

By JOHN W. WARNER
For The News

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is celebrating 45 years of providing baseball to young people in Pampa.

"The Optimist Club was formed in March, 1954," explained Gip Gipson, one of four charter members who is presently a member of the club. "We had eight baseball teams. There were four Little League teams in the East League and four in the West League."

"At the end of the season the winner of the East league played the winner in the West League," said Newt Secrest, another charter member. "This game was the forerunner of the City Championship format many of our leagues use now."

"Some of the games in the early years were played by elevators on Brown Street," said Warren Hasse. "I was not involved then. I was still broadcasting games for the Pampa Oilers in the West Texas-New Mexico League. I could look across the street and see the stands for Little League from the press box in Oiler Park," Hasse continued. "They had more people watching Little League games than the Oilers."

Early coaches included Secrest, Gipson, Roy "Deck" Woltdt, who is also a charter member and Bill Ridgway.

"We started with eight teams and doubled it the next year," Secrest recalled. "It just kept growing on us. At one time we had over 1,000 kids playing baseball."

Hasse explained that he became involved with the Optimist baseball program when the club initiated the Babe Ruth League for boys 13 to 15.

"We competed for the Texas District I All Star Championship in 1963," Hasse said. "We hosted the district tournament the following year. The Pampa American League won the Babe Ruth All Star District I Tournament for the first time in 1965."

Hasse broadcasted the games over Radio Station KPDN and still has the score books from the early years of Babe Ruth baseball in Pampa. He consulted the score books and advised that a Pampa team also won Babe Ruth All Star District I titles in 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1981, 1982 and 1989.

"In 1967 and in 1977 Pampa hosted the State Babe Ruth All Star Tournament," Hasse continued. "Del Rio won the tournament in 1977. I interviewed the manager and his team several times. I still get a Christmas card from him every year."

Hasse reported that Pampa won the District I Tournament in 1969 and went on to win the state title in Graham that year. "In 1970 Pampa hosted the Southwest Babe Ruth Regional Tournament," Hasse said. "Pine Bluff, Arkansas, edged New Orleans, Louisiana, 1-0 to advance to the Babe Ruth World Series."

Hasse recalled that Wayne Jones of Pampa became the West Texas State President of the Babe Ruth League in the 1960s. "Wayne started a separate program for 13 year olds in Pampa," Hasse said. "Pampa hosted a District I Tournament for 13-year-old all stars in 1969. Pampa won the tournament in 1969, 1970, 1972, 1975, 1982 and 1985."

"The 13-year-old program caught on," Hasse continued. "It grew to a State Tournament in 1977. The following year it became a regional affair with state champions from the southwest competing in Arkansas. The World Series for 13 year

olds began in 1980," Hasse said. "It all started with Wayne Jones right here in Pampa."

"One of my greatest memories growing up in Pampa came from participating in the Optimist baseball program from the time I was nine until I was 15," said local attorney Mike Warner.

"In 1975 when I was 12 years old, our team was one of only eight out of 500 all star teams who made it to the Little League State Tournament in Waco. There were 15 of us West Texas boys on the team," Warner recalled. "We had a chance to travel and play some of the best teams in the state. We learned about sportsmanship, leadership and fellowship which continued into other aspects of our lives. I still remember being taught, 'There is no "I" in team.'"

"In 1990 our Bambino All Star team won the West Texas Tournament," Todd Finney said. "We went to Ft. Smith, Arkansas, to play in the Southwest Regional Tournament for state champions from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas. Rayford Young and I pitched the first game against Ft. Smith. We lost in extra innings, but it was a tremendous experience for my teammates and me to be able to play baseball in another state. I think it helped prepare me for high school and college baseball."

PHS sophomore, Travis Lancaster, played on a 1994 Bambino All Star team which won the West Texas State Tournament in Plainview and finished second in the Southwest-Regional Bambino Tournament in Springdale, Arkansas.

"It was quite a thrill to be just one team away from competing in the Bambino World Series," Lancaster said. "Being a part of that team was one of the highlights of my youth," Lancaster continued. "We stayed with families in Springdale and were away from our parents. We learned to behave while we were on our own because we were representing Pampa."

"We were able to get additional practice by working out every day for an additional month after the season was over," Lancaster said. "It helped all of us improve. Most of the players on that team are on the varsity now."

When asked to compare the Pampa Optimist program to other baseball programs in the state, Hasse commented, "Putt Powell was a sports writer for the Amarillo Globe News for several decades. He seldom said very much good about Pampa because he was so intensely loyal to Amarillo's sports teams. However, he constantly praised the Pampa Optimist baseball program as being one of the finest in the state. I have been all over Texas and have seen programs in many other states. I think the Pampa Optimist baseball and softball programs continue to be some of the finest programs around."

Secrest estimated that more than 30,000 boys and girls have played in the Optimist baseball and softball programs which will hold sign-ups and tryouts Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

"We have served three generations during the last 45 years and look forward to continuing to provide our young people with a quality program associated with the Babe Ruth and Little League organizations," Secrest said.

Happy 45th birthday, Pampa Optimist Youth Club baseball and softball.

Board: 1997-98 active years for library

Renovations made to Lovett Memorial Library highlight the annual library board report given recently to the Pampa City Commission.

The past two years, 1997 and 1998, have been two of the most active years in the history of the library and its advisory board.

After five years of study, the library hired Brad Waters to design extensive renovations to the building which would include the satisfaction of ADA requirements, painting and remodeling, effecting more efficient work space, and devoting the mezzanine and former storage spaces to children's books and programs.

Complicating all of this was the retirement of the library director who completed 20

years of service and changed occupations in the midst of the planning process, the report said.

As a result, advisory board members assumed more of the responsibility in the decision making processes of the design, contracting and implementation of the renovation project.

Additionally, the board was supportive of the city's search process, helping in the recruiting and interviewing of library director prospects as well as asking the Foundation to help pay the cost of the recruiter who advertised, interviewed and presented these prospects to the city for its approval.

Additionally, the board assumed much of

the responsibility of securing volunteers and helping the staff in moving books, furniture and equipment to Baker School in order to vacate the library building for renovation.

The oversight committee of the Foundation has been instrumental in the renovation process in supervision, overseeing the progress and recruiting volunteers to accomplish a myriad of projects that saved the city and the Foundation significant costs during the renovation process.

Currently, the report said, the board is recruiting and supervising volunteers in the move back to a newly-remodeled building and is planning and implementing the activities that will be associated with the re-dedication of the building.

Rural Health Summit establishes rural health agenda

AUSTIN — Key state leaders, state health regulators, policy experts and rural health professionals came together in early March to initiate the development of a rural health care agenda for Texas. The Inaugural Texas Rural Health Summit provided a forum for health leaders to begin the process of identifying issues and needs to be addressed in the agenda.

The 85 participants collaborated in the establishment of the

top five rural health care issues needing immediate attention. The top issues, listed in the order of priority, were: access to primary care, public health infrastructure, legislation affecting rural areas, Rural Community Health System, and definitions of Health Professional Shortage Areas and Medically Underserved Areas.

"It was a phenomenal event," said Sam Tessen, executive director of the Center for Rural Health Initiatives, sponsor of the summit. "Not only did we have legislators express their concerns, but we had folks from the Texas Department of Health, representatives from various health care associations, and physicians and hospital administrators from rural areas all sharing their perspectives with each other. Everyone worked together for the benefit of rural health care in Texas."

CRHI plans to release a full report on the summit for public distribution in late April. The report will include additional

issues raised by participants, as well as a review of legislator, panelist and group discussions, questions and comments.

The Center for Rural Health Initiatives is the State Office of Rural Health. Established in 1989, it provides leadership in encouraging innovative responses to rural health care needs. The center advocates a number of programs and services designed to help rural health providers and communities proactively address the health care needs of rural Texans.

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The dream starts at the Optimist Club with sign-ups and tryouts for baseball and softball on April 6, 7 and 8. All players will need to sign up to play. Players moving to a new league and players who did not play last year will need to try out in most leagues.

Please bring your glove, a cap and a light jacket if you are trying out. The tryouts will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 7 p.m. each day.

A playing donation of \$35.00 will be requested. Scholarships are available.

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