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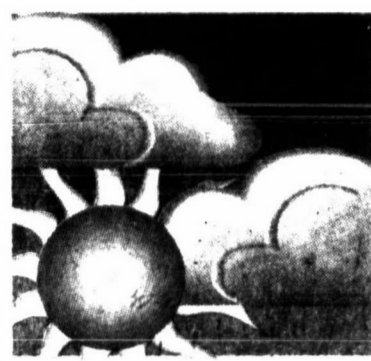
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PAMPA — The Pampa Arts Club will host its annual free Guest Day Tea and Art Exhibit next Thursday, April 22, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. in the M.K. Brown Room at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The public is invited.

PAMPA — The Pampa Red Cross is offering Standard First Aid this Saturday starting at 9 a.m. The cost is \$30 but does include both Adult CPR and Standard First Aid. Anyone interested in learning how to save a life can reserve a spot by calling 669-7121.

PAMPA — Pampa ISD school board officials unanimously agreed Thursday night to approve the continued use of the high school's block schedule with the stipulation that the high school administration and campus leadership team study and respond to some considerations identified by the public at an open forum earlier this month.

In addition, Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr was asked to look into finding an outside expert to evaluate the school's current schedule to allow for a non-biased opinion.

HOUSTON (AP) — The University of Houston System regents have approved a fall increase in tuition and fees that will likely raise revenues by \$15 million per year.

Resident undergraduates at the UH main campus will pay \$82 per scheduled class hour, an increase of \$10. Resident graduate students will have to pay \$116, up from \$100 this semester.

Nonresident students will pay \$298 per scheduled hour, an increase of \$13. Nonresident graduate students will jump \$33 to \$318 per hour.

• James M. 'Mack' Donnell, 93, retired B-52 aircraft mechanic.
• Alice 'Victoria' Warner Tappan, 96, home economist, world traveler.

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DA fears 'scam' may have taken woman's \$35,000

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

A 72-year-old Pampa woman is probably \$35,000 poorer today after a "dapper" investment salesman talked her into going to her bank with him and cashing in a \$63,000 certificate of deposit, said District Attorney John Mann.

"The man has allegedly invested it for her in a pay telephone company in Grants Pass, Ore., but he did not leave her a contract, a receipt or a copy of any document to tell her what she bought."

In addition, the man "talked her into cashing in \$249,000 worth of Phillips stock and having the check mailed to him," the district attorney said. "Fortunately, Phillips did not make the check out to him so that money isn't gone."

The woman most likely will have to take the capital gains "tax hit" for cashing in her stock and she was penalized for cashing in her CD before the maturity date, he said.

Mann said the incident happened about a month ago and was just brought to his attention by the woman's long-time Childress insurance agent. The insurance agent apparently became involved after friends of the woman interceded after learning about what happened.

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It all began when the man, whose card bears an American flag and the name of an estate service in Houston, "just showed up" on the woman's doorstep and knocked on her door, Mann said.

In order to learn about a her financial standing, the "investment salesman" talked to the woman about setting up a trust — something Mann speculates "is his entree into learning what someone has."

In the case of the Pampa woman, the man accompanied her to First American Bank in Pampa where she cashed in the \$63,000 CD.

Mann said the teller knew the woman and pulled her aside to question her about withdrawing the money telling her that doing so "is not like you."

The teller was quoted by Mann as saying the
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By 5-2, PISD board votes calendar change — again

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Managing Editor

School board officials voted 5-2 in favor of reversing an earlier decision over the school district's 1999-2000 calendar after a request made by teachers at both the elementary and secondary levels.

With petitions in hand Thursday night, Pampa teachers packed into the district headquarters to voice dissatisfaction over the calendar adopted in March as well as the manner in which it was adopted.

The majority of school board members opted to go with a calendar last month that allowed school to start five days later on Mon., Aug. 17.

To accommodate a later start date, the calendar the Board chose had students getting out the week of Christmas instead of finishing classes the week before on Fri., Dec. 17 — as was suggested in a proposed calendar designed by teacher and leadership council committees comprised of educators and parents.

After last night's vote, students will now begin school next year on Thurs., Aug. 12 and will be let

"We all remember the days when school started after Labor Day and was out by Memorial Day. We know it is impossible to please all people at all times but we're asking that you'd listen to the professionals."

— Jeanna Miller, Pampa Middle School

"Parents are professionals, too."

— Joe Martinez, Pampa School Board

out the Friday prior to Christmas week.

During their presentation to the school board, teachers maintained that starting school on a Thursday was more important to overall student success than the convenience of starting school five days later.

"First of all, we didn't approach this as adversarial, but we have concerns," began Susan Alexander, Wilson elementary teacher and president of the Pampa Classroom Teachers Association.

"I understand how someone looking in might
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Storyteller Eldrena Douma, a Pueblo Indian, will give free performances Saturday at 1:30 P.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. at Lovett Memorial Library to help mark the library's reopening after an extensive renovation. And on Sunday at 2 p.m., famed Texas author Larry McMurtry will be at the library to snip the ribbon at the grand reopening and he'll also autograph his books free if you have one you'd like for him to sign.

Apartment blaze



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

Battalion Chief Paul Jenkins oversees the work of Pampa Fire Department firefighters, including Jeff Tucker (in doorway), about 9:15 this morning when fire broke out in a unit at Heritage Apartments in the 1300 block of North Coffee. Capt. Gary Winton said two units received moderate damage and the most heavily damaged one was vacant. The fire appeared to have started near a wall heater in the vacant apartment and the investigation is continuing. Some other units received mild smoke damage, he said.

Time just flew by for 'Meals' director

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Managing Editor

"It's the most satisfying job I've ever had," Ann Loter said of her job with Meals on Wheels. Loter retired as director of the organization last month after almost 16 years in the position.

"The time flew," she said. "It was very rewarding and fun ... it must sound ridiculous to leave a job that's fun."

But since making the decision to turn the reins over to Cindy Gindorf because of health problems, Loter is reporting an improvement in her health.

Retirement is "perfect," says Loter.

"It's perfect, it's wonderful and I feel better," she added. "My husband is planning on
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Ann Loter

A public reception to honor Loter is at the First United Methodist Church's Cory Court from 2-4 p.m. Sunday.

'Lights' stipend offered

Two scholarship opportunities are being offered to area graduating seniors and college students who have been associated with or have family members who have been associated with Pampa's Celebration of Lights organization.

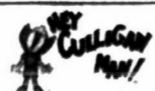
The scholarships, made possible from the annual donations received by the group from Christmas displays set up annually in Recreation Park, will be awarded to students who have contributed to the Celebration of Lights' success, according to organization officials.

"Volunteerism and community involvement is one of the main applications for applicants, either personally or by a member of the applicant's family," said Kathleen Chaney.

The source of the success of the Celebration of Lights park during the holidays is the volunteers who offer their time and efforts to construct new displays, set up the park, man the donation booth each night and welcome visitors to our city," she said.

Deadline to apply for the scholarships is Friday, April 30.

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UIL competition



(Pampa Community Camera photo)

Pampa High School students participated in UIL competition held recently at West Texas A&M University. (From left) Victor Brooks, Dillon Hill, Teresa Reed, Melissa Lawrence, Britta Christensen, Angela Klein, Kira Chumbley participated in the English Team-Ready Writing, Spelling Literary Criticism category.

Children of Alcoholics Foundation receives grant

NEW YORK — The Children of Alcoholics Foundation has received a grant of \$81,000 from the Scaife Family Foundation to create an innovative kinship care program that will help grandparents deal with the challenges of raising grandchildren who are children of substance abusers.

Called "The Ties That Bind: Parental Substance Abuse And Kinship Foster Care," the program will feature educational materials designed to help grandparents who have primary custody of grandchildren because of drug or alcohol abuse by the parents.

There are more than two million grandchildren living under the primary care of grandparents, and the numbers are growing, according to Naomi Weinstein, education director for COAF. This is a situation that cuts across all regions and classes in America. And parental substance abuse is the most common reason why grandparents become guardians of grandchildren, she says.

"Children living with their grandparents, because the parents are in drug treatment or incarcerated on drug charges, are often deeply troubled," Ms. Weinstein said. "These grandparents agree to take in their grandchildren out of love and concern, despite their lack of knowledge and skills needed to care for these vulnerable youngsters. The lives of these grandparents become extremely complicated and stressful when they agree to take on the responsibility of raising their grandchildren. With the generous support of the Scaife Family Foundation, our materials will help these caregivers cope with a difficult situation."

The funds will support the production of a handbook, a series of fact sheets and a website. Topics will include legal issues concerning the substance abusing parent, coping with visits from addicted parents,

and talking with children about parental substance abuse, according to Ms. Weinstein.

The written materials will be distributed through public and private agencies dealing with foster care and the elderly, and also through support groups. The project will include an advisory committee of experts in the field, focus groups and field testing the materials prior to publication.

"Our goal is to make the materials accessible to the kinship caregivers who can benefit from sound and practical advice on this difficult issue," Ms. Weinstein explained. "To enhance use of the information, we are including such innovations as large type and easy-to-follow navigational measures on the web component of the program."

Founded in 1982, the Children of Alcoholics Foundation provides free information and referral through its HELP-Link service at 1-800-359-COAF. It develops materials for the public, and curricula and trainings for professionals in education and other human service fields on issues affecting children of alcoholics and other substance abusers. To learn more, visit the website, <http://www.coaf.org>.

Since 1997, COAF has been an affiliate of Phoenix House, the nation's leading non-profit substance abuse service organization. Phoenix House provides treatment to more than 3,300 adolescents and adults through outpatient and residential programs in New York, California, Texas and Florida. Founded in 1967, Phoenix House has treated more than 75,000 people — saving lives and strengthening families and communities.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

THEE PLACE
Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520-W. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP
If interested in the ADHD/ADD Support Group call Connie at 669-9364.

ST. MARK CME CHURCH
St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS
The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavillion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

SHRINE CLUB
The Shrine Club will meet Apr. 16 at 6 p.m. The entertainment

Frank Phillips to hold spring concert

BORGER — Frank Phillips College will hold its Spring Concert at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at La Rita Theatre in Dalhart and at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27 in FPC Fine Arts Building Auditorium at the FPC campus in Borger.

The concert will showcase songs from Broadway musicals over the past 50 years. The choir will begin its performance with a medley from "Titanic," currently being

will be the Gospel singers Sons of Lights. It will be a covered dish dinner.

PAMPA AREA SINGLES
The Pampa Area Singles will have a dance on Apr. 24 at the M.K. Brown Auditorium from 7-11 p.m. A potluck will be at 7 p.m. and the dance will start at 8 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and there will be no smoking or alcohol. Indian Summer will play at the dance and for more information call 665-0219.

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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers:
 Austin American-Statesman on repealing veggie-libel law:
 A food safety investigation by Cox Newspapers turned up a variety of health-threatening problems lurking in the national food supply including E. coli bacteria in some school lunch-room meat....
 While the majority of the food sold in the United States is wholesome, the public needs to be fully aware when contaminated, adulterated or otherwise suspect food is sold or served.
 That's why the Texas Legislature should speedily repeal the state's "food-disparagement" law. Known as the "veggie libel law," the 1995 law was designed to quell public discourse on food safety by making it easy to sue those who speak out. In the first major test of the law, Texas cattlemen sued Oprah Winfrey. She won, but is facing continuing legal battles....
 A bill to repeal the 1995 legislative crimp on free speech is pending in the House Civil Practices Committee, which held a hearing on the topic last week. Rep. Hugh Jones McClendon, D-San Antonio, is the bill's lead sponsor. The 1995 law was a mistake. Correction is overdue.

The Facts (Brazoria County) on Kevorkian and assisted suicide debate:
 Jack Kevorkian, the so-called Dr. Death because he has assisted in 130 suicides this decade, served as a poor advocate for an individual's right to choose a graceful death. In the end, Kevorkian's crusade was egotistical, his methods sadistic and his compassion absent.
 Kevorkian had hoped his recent trial would intensify the debate over whether physicians should be allowed to end the lives of suffering people. It did not. Kevorkian, found guilty of second-degree murder for a videotaped incident broadcast on 60 Minutes, will likely be sent to prison.
 His prison sentence, however, should not end of the national discussion of euthanasia. The question remains: If a person suffering from a terminal illness prefers to end their life rather than continue until their body finally gives up, does the state have a right to deny them their wish?
 It's a question that crosses the boundaries of religion, medical ethics and an individual's rights. Granted, most Americans do not want to talk about death. But there is no denying that medical technology is artificially prolonging life, and in some circumstances, lives that are too often painful and humiliating....
 Assisted suicide is an issue Americans must come to grips with. Medical ethicists, religious leaders, health care providers must join the debate and keep it the forefront of American dialogue.

For a person dying an agonizing death or facing such a death, there should be a compassionate solution that provides a graceful death....
 The Dallas Morning News on hope for campaign finance reform:
 The struggle to improve the way presidential and congressional campaigns are financed has become a tedious saga. But House Speaker Dennis Hastert and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott could help Congress stop this never-ending tale this year.
 Speaker Hastert could play a crucial role by allowing House members to vote on a 1999 version of the Shays-Meehan campaign finance plan that representatives passed last year. So far, Mr. Hastert has not indicated he will allow such a vote.
 In fact, conservative "Blue Dog" Democrats soon will start pressing fellow legislators to sign a discharge petition that would force a campaign finance bill to go to the House floor. They should proceed with their efforts this week, although it would be best for Mr. Hastert to allow the Shays-Meehan measure to go to the floor.
 That move would signal the new speaker wants to improve campaigns. His predecessor, Newt Gingrich, talked about correcting problems but he often obstructed reforms.
 A key element of the bill offered by Reps. Chris Shays, R-Conn., and Martin Meehan, D-Mass., is its ban on soft money. Those are the unregulated, unlimited contributions that individuals, corporations and labor unions provide political parties, who then find ways to slip the large donations into presidential and congressional campaigns.
 Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russell Feingold, D-Wis., proposed a similar ban last year. But the pair ran up against the iron will of GOP Majority Leader Lott and his anti-reform pal, GOP Sen. Mitch McConnell.
 Matters could perhaps change in the Senate this year, however. Sen. McConnell is toying with a potential compromise.
 In return for giving reformers a ban on soft money, Mr. McConnell wants an increase in the amount individuals and political action committees can contribute to congressional and presidential campaigns.
 That's not a bad formula. These contributions have been capped since 1974. Some change after so many years sounds appropriate, especially when it means the Senate would vote on banning soft money, too.
 Sen. Lott should encourage Mr. McConnell to pursue this idea as the Senate returns to work today after its Easter recess. And Speaker Hastert should take the lead in allowing the House to vote on Shays-Meehan. This saga needs to end with some meaningful reforms this year.



GOP improving foster care

Someday, Republicans are going to learn how to talk to Americans. When that happens, they will sweep all before them. At the moment, it is more often Democrats who speak of concern for the problems of average people and seem to offer the soft balm of "caring."
 Republicans balk at this therapeutic approach to politics and lament the loss of frontier fortitude in the citizenry. Notice how many Republicans distanced themselves from Gov. George Bush's catch phrase "compassionate conservatism." Republicans do not enter politics to do good but rather to prevent the Democrats from doing more bad in the name of good.
 But even when Republicans do wind up doing good, they scarcely know how to talk about it effectively.
 Child welfare is an excellent place to start. Under the liberal Democrats, this country developed a child welfare system that was and in many places remains a scandal. Abused and neglected children were left floundering for years in a maze of foster homes, group homes and so-called kinship care. The agencies in charge of the children's lives were inefficient, slow and often quite stupid. Federal and state laws subsidized long stays in foster care (states were reimbursed by the federal government for the number of services they provided to children, not for getting them swiftly into an adoptive home).
 Record keeping and tracking of children's histories, medical and otherwise, were notoriously poor. And secrecy laws prevented interested parties from discovering how children

Mona Charen
 Syndicated columnist



were being handled. Until recently, the state of Texas kept all of the information about its roughly 8,000 foster-care children on 3-by-5 index cards.
 Republican reforms, at the state and federal levels, based upon Republican principles of incentives and privatization, have had dramatic effects on the lives of the country's most vulnerable children.
 A Reason Foundation study has found that in at least three states, privatizing some or all aspects of the child welfare system, along with altered incentives from the federal government, is protecting children far more effectively than the old system. Texas, for example, elected to contract out information processing. No more index cards. Now, with computerized record keeping, tabs can be kept on child welfare officers, foster parents (who, alas, are not always well-motivated) and the children in the system. No longer can children slip through the cracks until they "age out" at 18.
 In Michigan, beginning in 1992, the state clarified its definition of "abandonment" and made it easier to place children for adoption. In addition, the incentive structure was turned on its head. Rather than compensating

agencies for the number of services provided to children, they are now rewarded for faster placement of children in adoptive homes. The harder the child is to place (due to handicaps or time in foster care), the higher the compensation for achieving permanency.
 Data from 1991 vs. 1997 tell the story. In 1991, only 439 black children were placed for adoption. In 1997, 1,213 were. The number of disabled children adopted doubled, from 708 to 1,428. And the overall number of children placed for adoption went from 1,320 to 2,378.
 Kansas has gone even further. Like Texas, it first contracted out information gathering. Later, nearly all child welfare services were contracted out to private, non-profit firms. The Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services mandated specific outcome measures, including safety of the children, minimal number of placements, placements with siblings, and others. In every case, the private agencies exceeded the department's standards. Since the privatization of adoption services (the state contracted with a single agency, Lutheran Social Services), there has been a 44 percent increase in the number of foster children placed for adoption.
 Kansas has also saved money, though that isn't the point. As Gov. Bill Graves put it, "This isn't about saving money. In fact, it may very well cost us more money. And that is OK in the long run if the results are more positive for the children of our state."
 Right. Republicans need to sound like that from time to time. If they want to calculate, privately, that a dollar spent on streamlining adoption is a dollar saved in later prison costs, let them do so... silently.

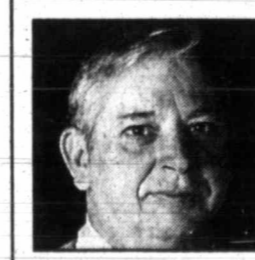
Today in history

- By The Associated Press
- In 1862, a bill ending slavery in the District of Columbia became law.
- In 1912, Harriet Quimby became the first woman to fly across the English Channel.
- In 1917, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin returned to Russia after years of exile.
- In 1945, in his first speech to Congress, President Truman pledged to carry out the war and peace policies of his late predecessor, President Roosevelt.
- In 1945, U.S. troops reached Nuremberg, Germany, during the World War II.
- In 1947, financier and presidential confidant Bernard M. Baruch said in a speech at the South Carolina statehouse: "Let us not be deceived. We are today in the midst of a cold war."
- In 1962, Walter Cronkite succeeded Douglas Edwards as anchorman of "The CBS Evening News."
- In 1972, Apollo 16 blasted off on a voyage to the moon.
- Ten years ago: Spain's ambassador to Lebanon (Pedro Manuel de Aristegui) was killed by shellfire that broke out between Christian militiamen and an alliance of Syrian and Muslim gunners.
- Five years ago: Bosnian-Serbs downed a British Sea Harrier jet near Gorazde; the pilot ejected and was rescued by Bosnian government troops. Ralph Ellison, author of "Invisible Man," died in New York at age 80.
- One year ago: Paula Jones announced she would ask an appeals court to reinstate her sexual harassment lawsuit against President Clinton after it was thrown out by a federal judge. Tornadoes claimed 11 lives in Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Harper book well worth its price

A good memoir by someone who has actually done something, has the intelligence to understand it, the talent to write about it and, most of all, the courage to tell the truth is rare.
 That's why I recommend "Unintended Consequences" by Edward Harper. The publisher is Rutledge Books.
 Harper was a newspaperman, an editor for Radio Free Europe in Munich and a foreign service officer. He's also been a boxer and writes novels. There are a lot of benefits in this book.
 For one, it helps to humanize foreign policy, because he helps you see the human side of all these faces that crop up on television and in the news. Furthermore, Harper isn't afraid to call a jerk a jerk, even if he's ABC anchor Peter Jennings or a Reagan administration superstar (Richard Burt), who Harper said had one indispensable trait for a success courtier: "He was capable of the most abject self-abnegation in the presence of his superiors."
 Another is the humor. Harper, you see, is a Southerner. He has the Celtic stoicism, humor, love of a good story, a crazy romantic side, a bad temper and courage. There are lots of Southern men who fit that description, but then graft on high intelligence and a super flair for languages, and you have one heck of an interesting guy.
 This is a personal memoir, too, not one of

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those pompous and self-serving tomes of ego. It is bawdy, raucous, funny, sad and filled with wisdom that only comes when intelligence and learning are shaped on the grindstone of experience. It is very human, and that, too, is uncommon these days.
 "The conclusions I reach in this final chapter are mostly harsh," Harper writes, "for I have led a harsh life and am not prone to paint in pastels. Most of the characters who appear compromise with principle and lie, cheat and steal in pursuit of personal self-interest. Nature's noblemen are few. It is not a pleasant book and happy endings are rare. It is, however, as true as I could make it."
 Americans are in great need of seeing things truly, for there are monstrous governments and equally monstrous private corporations intent on distortion, mythmaking and induced insan-

ity for commercial, political or ideological purposes.
 One of the gems of the book is Harper's observation on the intellectuals' belief that the end justifies the means.
 "Over the years I have come to believe that the intellectual either of the right, left or center, will never be able to accept that means are the only thing out there, and the goals are an ever receding chimera," Harper writes.
 As Brother Dave Gardner would say, that's a heavy thought. Think on it.
 Or take these observations:
 "Bureaucracy is the preferred weapon of those who distrust the voice of the people... public employment is a cancer gorging itself on the decreasing number of productive workers."
 "Technology, the benign goddess of conservatives and progressives alike, seems most concerned with pandering to our appetite for ever more frenzied entertainment. The whore with the credit card machine perhaps sums up manic consumerism most graphically."
 On American education, he says, "This expensive sclerotic monster is now in the hands of education theorists and teachers' union bureaucrats whose main interest is in protecting their iron grip on the cash cow the schools represent."
 Unlike most books, this one is worth its price.

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not see it, but by starting on a Thursday we gather baseline information ... we can see how much reteaching needs to be done," she said. Alexander said having two days to settle into the "routine" of school helps students at the elementary level. She said it is also beneficial for those students who must move around within the district for special programs.

Jeff Nicklas of Pampa Middle School agreed. He said having two days before a weekend is particularly useful to the adjustment of new sixth grade students. Nicklas added that test performance is affected when classes continue into the week of Christmas.

Pampa High School doesn't have the same concerns, said teacher Tonya Lewis, although having two days is useful in getting schedule changes worked out before getting down to business on Monday. "Our main problem is not only the change, but the situation in how it occurred," said Lewis.

The middle school's Jeanna Miller elaborated, "Our opinion is that professional opinion was disregarded when the calendar was changed at that meeting."

Assistant Superintendent Jane Steele started the process by looking at calendars around the state, said Miller, and then it went to campus leadership teams.

"We all remember the days when school started after Labor Day and was out by Memorial Day," said Miller. "We know it is impossible to please all people at all times but we're asking that you'd listen to the professionals."

"Parents are professionals, too," said the Board's Joe Martinez. Martinez along with Dr. Jay Johnson, who made the motion last month for the calendar changes, responded to the teachers with comments about the responsibility they feel to listen to parent concerns.

"I also have a situation where parents call me as an elected official ... they don't like the idea of starting on Aug. 12," said Johnson. "There are a lot of people who aren't here who feel school should start later."

"I agree," said Martinez. "Every year are we going to keep going back until school starts in July?"

"Do you hear what we're asking?" Jeanna Miller said. "We are asking to come back to work a week earlier ... because we believe that's better for kids."

"I think this is very valuable," said the Board's Pat Kennedy of the discussion. "Although I feel like some of the parents at the last block

meeting — the deck is stacked." Kennedy continued, "I certainly didn't mean for this to be a divisive issue ... it's difficult now because of the parent input ... I wished that you had come last month."

"I bet they'd have been here if they knew what was going to happen," said Board member Bill Jones.

"We were asked to say our piece — there was only a few of us," added Susan Alexander.

Alexander and another teacher gave input at the Board's request during the last meeting conveying the same concerns expressed by teachers Thursday night.

"I, too, did not intend to offend and it has been a very adversarial situation and I don't think it's a situation that should be adversarial ... we all have the children's interest at heart," said an emotional Sue Fatheree.

"I wish we could work it out to not have to start school earlier — but this has been a very adversarial place to be," Fatheree added.

"All these Board members care what's going on in the district very much," said Board President John Curry.

Curry reiterated the Board's interest in helping students and that everyone should "be directed toward the students' good."

"I don't want to set a precedence of putting things back on the agenda to get us to change our vote," said Kennedy.

"Y'all are going to have me another three years whether you want me or not ... I'm just asking you as a Board member if you have concerns, bring them before the board makes a decision," she added.

"Maybe we should have a PTA (Pampa Classroom Teachers Association) representative at the table so we can see their face and see if we're going the wrong way," Johnson suggested.

Bill Jones made a motion that the board reverse their decision and adopt the calendar first proposed.

"Can I make a statement before this vote?" said Lee Porter, the only Board member to remain silent during the hour and a half discussion. "Regardless of the outcome of this vote, whichever way this vote goes, I will support this Board and I hope the staff and administration will, too," said Porter.

The vote was taken. John Curry, Lee Porter, Bill Jones, Sue Fatheree and Pat Kennedy voted to go back to the originally proposed calendar. Dr. Jay Johnson and Joe Martinez voted against it.

Lawyer: Kevorkian not on hunger strike in prison

DETROIT (AP) — Jack Kevorkian told his lawyer he has abandoned plans to go on a hunger strike and is being treated well at his new home — a state prison.

"He's in good spirits," lawyer Mayer Morganroth said Thursday, two days after Kevorkian was sentenced to 10 to 25 years behind bars for second-degree murder in an injection death last fall.

Before he was sentenced, Kevorkian had told a newspaper he would begin a hunger strike immediately upon entering prison. But Morganroth said Kevorkian, 70, told him he was eating and would continue to do so.

"If he's going to starve, I don't have anyone for an appeal," Morganroth said in today's Oakland Press of Pontiac.

"I told him, Jack, if you're not here, how can we pursue the very cause we wanted to pursue through the Supreme Court? I have to have you. It's all meaningless without you."

The same day Kevorkian went to prison, state prison officials said they had reversed their policy on force-feeding. Under the policy, Kevorkian would have been allowed to starve himself.

Kevorkian injected Thomas Youk, 52, with a lethal cocktail of chemicals last Sept. 17 at Youk's request. The man suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease was confined to a wheelchair, had a feeding tube installed and was afraid of choking to death on his own saliva.

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Motive eludes police in fatal rampage at Mormon library

By GREG BEACHAM
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SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Sergei Babarin had run-ins with neighbors and packed a pistol during a fight at a department store four years ago. But police don't know why the 71-year-old Russian immigrant chose the Mormon Family History Library for a deadly rampage.

A church security officer and a library patron were killed before Babarin was shot by police Thursday, dying later in an ambulance. Four other people were wounded as Babarin calmly and methodically roamed through the building, even stopping once to reload.

"He didn't say anything. He just came in and started shooting people," said Margaret Kane, who huddled under a desk in the first-floor research area.

"He just looked intent on what he was doing. He came to do what he was doing," she said. "He didn't call out, no names or anything. He just kept his hand held out pointing at people."

Mayor Deedee Corradini said later that Babarin was schizophrenic.

Babarin's wife told investigators he had not been taking his medication for schizophrenia and each day would walk a dozen or so blocks from their home to the State Capitol and to Temple Square, police Chief Ruben Ortega said.

Ortega said Babarin was arrested after a 1995 fight at a department store in downtown Salt Lake City. He had been carrying a .22-caliber semiautomatic pistol and was charged with assault and carrying a concealed weapon.

Police Lt. Mark Zelig said Babarin had a reputation for harassing people in his apartment building or who passed his window. Last May, a bicyclist told police that Babarin stuck an umbrella in the bicycle spokes as he rode by and accused him of being a spy. No charges were brought.

The library, the largest center for genealogical research in the world, is across the street from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Salt Lake Temple and Tabernacle. It has more than 2 million rolls of microfilm copies of census and other records from more than 100 countries.

Beverly Rawley had just settled in at a computer terminal on the second floor when she heard the shots. She remembers others yelling, "Get down! He's got a gun!" as the man in a long coat and baggy pants and a cap pulled low over his eyes began firing at anyone he saw with a handgun.

"He came in the lobby and shot a lady in the head and two or three other men," said Lyman Platt, a genealogist.

Shots were fired as much as 45 minutes after officers arrived, at

first leading police to believe there might be a second gunman. The gunman barricaded himself in an office at one point and exchanged fire with police.

The slain were identified as security guard Donald Thomas, 62, and Patricia Frengs, 55, of Pleasant Hill, Calif. Of the wounded, a 71-year-old woman shot in the face was in serious condition.

An international genealogical convention had attracted heavy traffic to the library, which has two floors below ground level and three above. Some 250 people — patrons and employees — are in the building on a typical day.

The church has been involved in genealogy since its founding nearly 170 years ago. The church amasses the records for what it calls the baptism of the dead. Mormons believe that such baptisms give the dead the opportunity to join the Mormon church in the afterlife.

The church said the library would not reopen until Monday.

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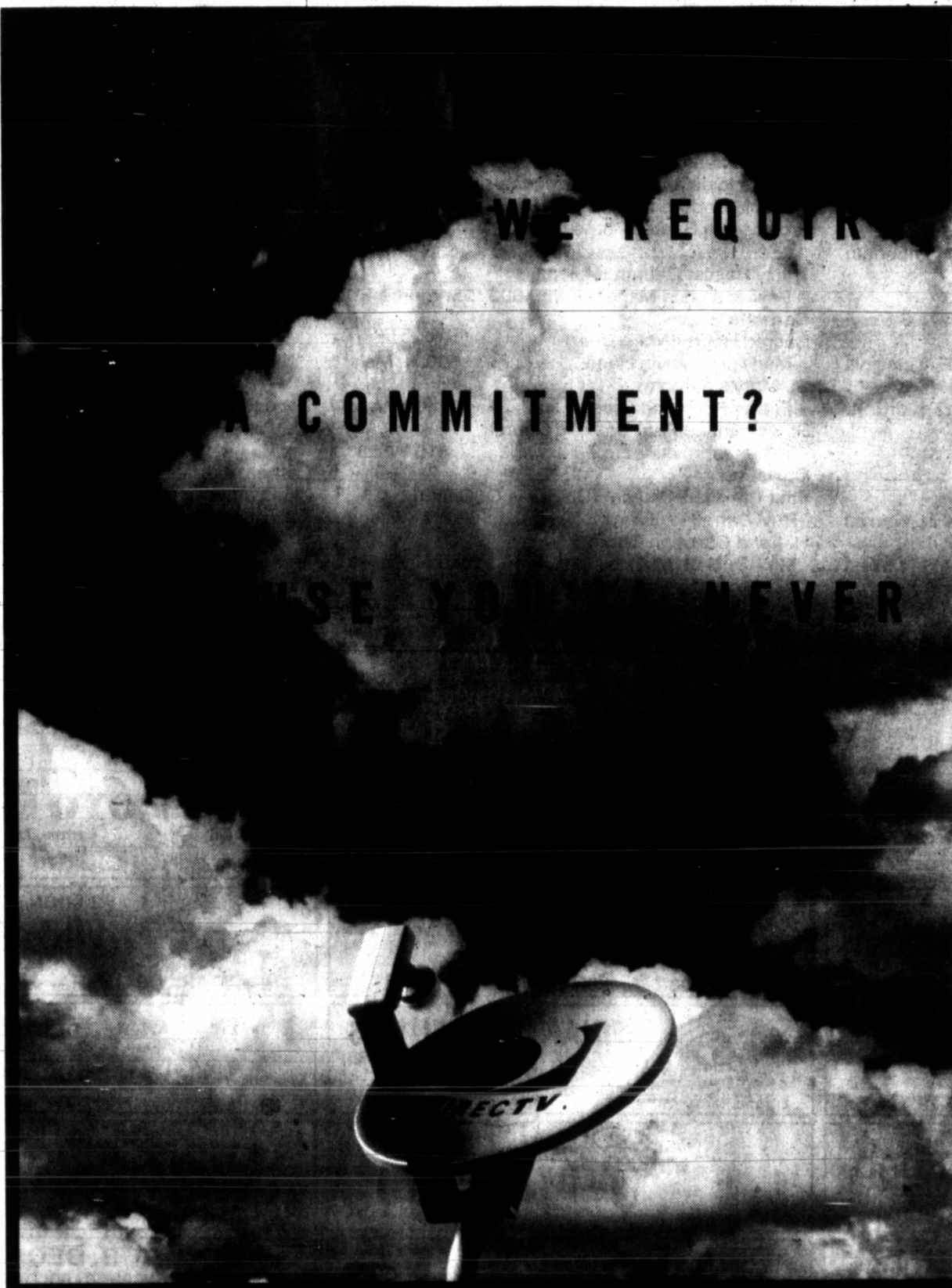
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I once believed that if I requested something from God, that I should give Him something in return. I would promise God that if things turned out my way, I would do something for Him. Perhaps, I could say some special prayers every day, or I would promise to be a better person by not sinning anymore. And although I never seemed to keep my promise to be a better person, God was always faithful and got me through the various ordeals I was faced with.

Our Lord doesn't want more from us than just for each of us to be the best that we can be and to love and trust Him. God knows that we are sinful and weak and although He hates sin, He loves the sinner, and knows all of our needs and desires. God wants only what is right and good for us. Our offering to our Lord should be a devoted loving heart and our unending loyalty. The Bible tells us to ask and you shall receive, seek and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.

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RELIGION

Minister's musings ...

Kathleen Wiley testified under oath that President Clinton groped her while on a visit to the White House. It is interesting to note a statement by Gloria Steinem who has stated that, "The truth is that even if the allegations are true, the President is not guilty of sexual harassment. He is guilty of having made a gross, dumb, and reckless pass at a supporter during a low point in her life. She pushed him away, she said, and it never happened again. In other words, President Clinton took 'no' for an answer."

One would think that if there was anyone who would rush to Wiley's defense it would be the feminist movement. All this is brushed aside because of the effects of what Nietzsche called the Will to Power, there are no absolutes, no appeal to higher moral law.

This is just one example of how our country is so confused. We are forgetting our principles, our moral courage, our faith. These are values that once made our families and our nation great. "Who cares anymore" you say? Every day I listen to stories of men

By Rev. David Schlewitz

Jordan Unit
Chaplain

here on the Jordan Unit who relate how their parents were non-existent, or did not have time for them, did not teach them morality, proper conduct. Who had problems with alcohol, drugs, sex, incest. Parents who were not involved with them in their life. Many of these parents were church attendees.

I hear of how revival has come the America. I find nothing so ridiculous as this claim! We have approximately 154,000 inmates incarcerated just in the State of Texas. I guess prison chaplains measure revival in different ways other than church

attendance. Surely the heart of God hurts when the Church claims revival has come and we vex our souls as Lot did sapping our spiritual power watching TV for relentless hours. We are more concerned about our economy than upholding a code of conduct and healthy morality. I feel more disenfranchised each year as a Christian American. Maybe this is just old age, or emotional maturity. I have never been one to be a holiness preacher or a legalistic Bible thumper. But in my heart of hearts it seems like America is heading down the highway to hell. We are past the need for revival. We need our gracious God to move and sweep this land by His Spirit. "Oh God, give us some leaders with integrity, whole families, promise keeper fathers, stable churches, unity in the body of Christ. Empty our prisons, heal our land. For this, Oh God, we ask. We repent of our sins. We are deeply humbled by the troubling sins sweeping our nation. Heal our land, come to us once again. For this we pray. Amen."

Finding a home for Evie ...

After Evie left my house, I missed her like crazy. The whole place sounded wrong because it felt so empty. It was as if there was too much air in every room because Evie wasn't there to breathe it with me. I could no longer hear her footsteps on the carpet or her occasional snuffle or the sound of a comb tressing the length of her hair. Her shoes no longer lay by the chair we called hers, and her multitudinous magazines were now stacked in a bundle so neat you'd have thought we were going to donate them to the nursing home.

I wandered through the rooms from the fruity kitchen to the ceremonial dining room to the living room overwhelmed with too many browns and into the foully painted bedroom I've been complaining about for months. I flopped on the crocheted bedspread I still haven't figured out how to clean and listen again to the silence of a house with too much air inside.

Evie left because she had a better offer. She'd met a man who changed her life and she was going to follow him. He promised her what I could not - hope, restoration, joy, peace and freedom. I could offer her three

From
the
Back
Pew...



By Cheryl Berzanskis

hots and a cot, as she would have joked, and I loved her dearly as she loved me, but I could not fill the hole in her soul which ached for the things only he provides. And to follow him, she had to leave me. Ah, aching heart.

The skinny girl, lanky, and holey-hearted came into my life in a bizarre way. I got her off a radio call-in show called Buy, Sell or Trade which featured reconditioned lawnmowers for \$45, no longer needed swamp coolers and single-use bridal gowns size 16.

Sure enough that's how it happened. Evie advertised herself on BST one Saturday

morning and I got myself a daughter.

"Good morning. It's BST. What do you have for us today?" asked the melliflously voiced Mike man, Ebert Eazen.

"Uh, this is Evie, out in Taylorsville and I was, uh, looking for a new home so I'm putting my self on Buy, Sell or Trade," said this tiny voice.

"Yourself? You want to buy, sell or trade yourself?" Ebert asked, a little shocked.

"No, no, I just want a new home. I wanna go live some place else," the little girl voice answered a might impatiently as if moving one's childish self were perfectly natural.

"Okay, folks, you heard it heard it here first. This little girl wants a new home. Puppies, we got lotsa puppies, but this is the first little girl I've had lookin' for a new home," Ebert went on.

"And I'm sure it's to a good home only," he cracked, not sure whether to call the child welfare workers or check to see if today were April 1.

The little breathy voice gave her number which for some, still mysterious to me reason, I jotted down. Who wanted a new daughter? I already had one.

(To be continued next Friday)

Religion briefs...

Coffee House has live music Saturday night

Apollo's Coffee House will feature Christian music by Brian Wall and Damascus Road on Saturday, Apr. 17, 7-10 p.m. at 500 N. Duncan. They serve cappuccino, Italian sodas, coffee, cocoa, cokes and candy. Admission is free and is sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church.

Barrett Baptist Church hosting revival

There will be a revival at Barrett Baptist Church, 903 E. Beryl on Sunday, Apr. 18 at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday Apr. 19 through Friday, Apr. 23 at noon and each evening at 7 p.m.

Join us in welcoming Bro. Robert Timmons, Evangelist from Paonia, Colorado and Bro. Ray Batson, Music Evangelist from Memphis, Texas.

Children will have a Hot Dog supper Tuesday evening beginning at 6 p.m. Youth will have a Pizza supper Wednesday evening beginning at 6 p.m.

Macedonia Baptist bake sale Saturday

The Macedonia Baptist Church will be having a bake sale, Saturday, Apr. 17 starting at 9 a.m. in front of the Like New Beauty Corner located at 121 South Cuyler. Pastor Rev. L.L. Patrick and church family invite our friends to come by and indulge on homemade cakes, pies, breads and cookies. Donations accepted.

Prison Ministries banquet Saturday, May 1

The Palo Duro Association's Mission Field in Our Own Back Yard will present an appreciation banquet honoring our area Prison Ministries on Saturday, May 1 at the Hobart Baptist Church. The dinner will be at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. there will be a program with guest speaker Greg Canada of Amarillo Child care is provided through sixth grade. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Apr. 28 if you plan to attend the dinner or need child care by calling 806-669-3212 or 806-857-3729.

St. Mark CME Men, Women's Day Sunday

St. Mark CME Church, 406 Elm will be having their Annual Men and Women's Day on Sunday Apr. 18 at 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Minister Clyde D. Durham of Pampa. Master of Ceremonies will be Rev. L.L. Patrick, Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church. A salad supper will be served immediately following the program. The public is invited to share in this blessing.

Community Camera is a great addition to your church event!

The Pampa News.

669-2525.

Church of Good Shepherd hosts daily prayer hour; pray-in on tap

Pastor Barr and the church family at the Church of Good Shepherd, 422 N. West St., welcomes you to attend daily prayer at the church every Tuesday through Friday from noon until 1 p.m.

We are specifically praying for certain things needed in our community. They are; healing for all marriages, healing for all broken families, healing to be free of separatism, prejudice in all forms, and insensitivity towards others.

In all of these things we would like to be in unity

for coming together in purity of heart, Psalms 66:18-19, believing in Christ's name, John 14:13, praying according to God's will, 1 John 5:14

We also will have an all-night pray on Thursday Apr. 29 from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m. This will take place at the Church of the Good Shepherd We will provide a meal and snacks for all who wish to attend. Dress restfully and bring a pillow and a blanket for your comfort. Please come by and join us in praying together for our families and our town.

Tabernacle program's focus

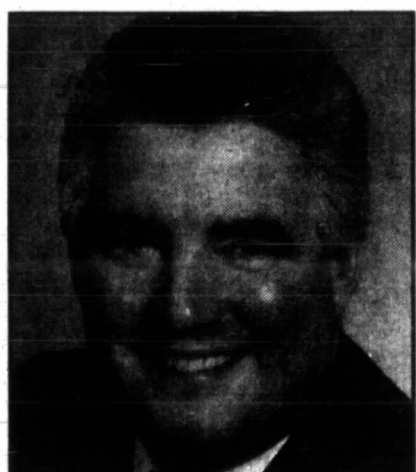
Beginning Apr. 25 during the Sunday School time, Bro. Frank Barnes, from Duncan, Okla. will be at Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks. He will be sharing each aspect concerning the tabernacle used in the wilderness and comparing it to Christ. He uses actual size replicas to help individuals better visualize what was in the tabernacle and how it relates to Christ.

Many questions arise concerning how the Old Testament applies to our lives today. Bro. Barnes will help clear up some of those questions as the

week unfolds. His desire to teach and share comes from many years of preaching, teaching, and directing the work of churches. He now visits churches across Texas and Oklahoma sharing this message.

Bro. Frank Barnes will be at Highland Baptist Church, on the corner of Banks and Kentucky (1301 N. Banks) from Apr. 25-28. Sunday morning to begin at 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship at 10:55 a.m., Sunday Evening at 6 p.m., then Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. Call 669-6509 for more information. Child care will be provided.

Special music at Central Baptist



Rev. Tom White

Central Baptist Church will present the music ministry of Tom White April 18-21 at the church, 513 E. Francis in Pampa.

He'll perform at the regular Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Born at Enid, Okla., White grew up in Oklahoma City. Graduating cum laude from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1972 with a degree in vocal performance, he was the recipient of the Faculty Voice Award as well as a semifinalist in Metropolitan Opera regional auditions and National Association of Teachers of Singing

regional auditions. In addition, he was the winner of Oklahoma Music Teachers Associations vocal competition.

From 1968 until the fall of 1998, White served continuously as a music minister in Southern Baptist churches across Oklahoma. He is currently minister of music at Spring Creek Baptist Church in Oklahoma City and is a member and soloist with the Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma.

White and wife, Janice, have three children, Jennifer, Erin and Jason.

The public is invited to attend.

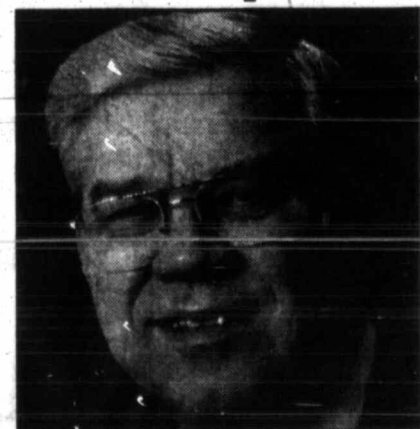
Bible teaching at Central Baptist

Central Baptist Church will present the ministry of Dr. D.L. Lowrie, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lubbock, April 18-21. The public is invited to this Bible teaching and preaching during regularly scheduled services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and at 11:45 a.m. and at 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday.

Lowrie, a pastor since 1954, brings an ability to teach the word of God to all people. His experiences in every level of church service has given him keen insight into the application

of truth to everyday needs.

The theme of the services is "Believe and Belong." In our day, it is essential to have a firm belief in something that stands no matter what. That something is someone, Jesus Christ. Having come to believe in Him, it is critical to be a part of His church. Join D.L. Lowrie and the family of Central Baptist April 18-21 in building a solid foundation of belief and belonging to something which will prevail throughout all etern-



Dr. D.L. Lowrie

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**Lovett Library
reopens
April 12th, 1999**

**Mayor Proclaims
Lovett Library Week**

**April 17, 1999
Story Teller
Eldrena Douma
1:30 pm • 2:30 pm • 3:30 pm**

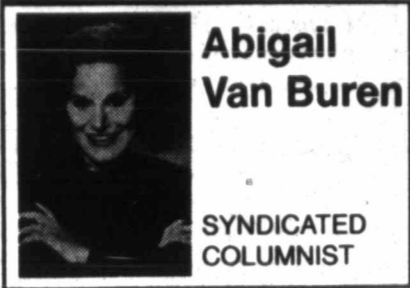
**Dedication
April 18th, 1999
2:00 pm**

**Texas Author
Larry McMurtry
Cuts Ribbon
and
Signs Books**

(Friends Sale)

Tall Travelers Find Reason To Rage Against Airlines

DEAR ABBY: When I saw the letter from "PDX Traveler, Tigard, Ore.," I had to write. The seating problem he described has been created by the airlines. They moved the seats closer together to increase revenue, and they profit at the expense of their customers. Passengers should be able to use the seats they have paid for, the way they were designed to be used, without having to ask permission from the person seated behind them. And if they cannot, they should be compensated!



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

You usually have to take regular seating.

DEAR TED: When I printed the letter from "PDX Traveler" I had no idea it would hit such a sore spot with frequent airline travelers. When I recommended asking for bulkhead seating, I was unaware that even though people may request it months ahead, there's no guarantee they will get it. From the tone of my mail — and I received a bushel — I'm surprised there aren't more incidents of "airplane rage" than we read about, because the situation is combustible:

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 6-foot-tall woman who has also experienced the smashed knee, pinned-in-place-for-the-duration-of-the-flight situation that your reader wrote about. As you suggested, I have tried to get bulkhead seating, but it goes fast.

On a trip to Chicago this past spring, I was pinned in place, unable to move the entire flight. We changed planes in Detroit, and I vowed to my companion that I wouldn't suffer any more. When we boarded the next flight for the hop over Lake Michigan, a man took the seat in front of me, and proceeded to recline it. I braced my knees and he couldn't move. He pushed and I pushed. He turned around and angrily said, "Is there a suitcase behind my seat?" I just as angrily replied, "No, it's my knees!" His jaw dropped.

I was feeling a little guilty. Thinking he was probably traveling all the way to L.A. on the continuation of the flight, I reasoned that he could recline after I disembarked from the 20-minute flight to Chicago. When we landed, I stood to leave, and Mr. Recliner stood to disembark as well. He gave me a nasty look, and I said, "You got a problem, Bud?" Since I was a head taller than he was, he said, "No."

I admit, I may have been rude, but how rude was he? I'm tired of being physically crushed by inconsiderate people. If that means I must be inconsiderate, too, so be it. Nonsmokers have rights. Handicapped people have rights. Obese people have rights. Even short people have rights. I say, it's time tall people had rights, too.

TALL IN FLORIDA

DEAR TALL: I realize that many travelers are fed up with being crammed into aircraft like sardines. The most effective way to resolve the problem would be to write the president of the airline, vent your feelings and request something be done about it at the corporate level. Since Americans are growing taller and bigger with each passing decade, something must be done to accommodate reality. Read on:

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 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) ★★★★★ Dreams knock on your door. News makes you feel ecstatic. Reach out for others. Make plans to get together with a loved one. Push comes to shove with someone at a distance. Why be sour? Look at the postives. A friend has only good tidings. Tonight: At a favorite spot.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Deal with financial matters, but plan on taking responsibility. Your sense of well-being comes out with others. Examine long-term goals. Think about what you want, but do not count on a partner. A gift or purchase will help your work and is really a plus. Tonight: Indulge.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Your smile wins you friends and support. Understand more of what you want. A long-distance call makes all the difference to a relative. Make that extra effort. Know that you will be appreciated. A partner is testy, but he means well. Tonight: Let it all happen.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You have pushed to your limit. Don't take on any new projects. Stay in tune with what you want. Take some time to yourself and perhaps for a special loved one. Togetherness breeds closeness and caring. Make calls. Touch base with an older relative.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Bring friends together and socialize. A friendship could develop into more. A partner adds a dreamlike quality to your life. Think about long-term interests. Don't get caught up in a power struggle with a child or loved one. It simply isn't worth it! Refuse to play games. Tonight: Out with the boys (or girls).
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Be careful when balancing your public life with your personal, intimate life. Right now, you cannot mix them. Another becomes jealous. Allow greater ingenuity and creativity into your daily life. Someone wants to confer a special honor on you. Tonight: Accept praise.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Take off for a day trip and do your own thing. Invite a friend along, or visit a loved one at a distance. You feel more connected and cared about than you have in a long time. Be careful with a sensitive conversation; it could ruin an otherwise special time with a loved one. Tonight: Take an overview.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ One-to-one relating brings you a great deal of satisfaction. Think about what is important to you. A money matter needs to be handled cautiously, or it could blow up in your face. Follow your intuition with a loved one or a key partner. Share a favorite pastime. Tonight: A cozy night at home.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Others seem to smile whenever you are around. Caring comes out, no matter how defensive you choose to be. Use your intuition to nail what another wants for you. Creativity and fun mix. Don't

make your will the only way. Allow others to have more say. Tonight: Made for two.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You might need to work on some long-overdue project. Others want you to understand where they are coming from. They pitch in and help wherever they can. This might be a great time for a family talk. Discuss each person's priorities. Tonight: Take a break and relax.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Your ideas create more fun than had already existed. When you get together with a certain loved one, you naturally have a good time. Visit over an extended lunch. A friend could be quite twisted about his priorities. You won't have much luck changing them, either. Tonight: Quality time.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You have a solid point of view. Don't let another push you in his attempt to make you do something you don't want to do! Lounge around the house, visit with family and indulge a loved one. Seriously consider a purchase for your home. Tonight: Stick around.
BORN TODAY
Actress Melissa Joan Hart (1976), actor Rick Moranis (1954), actor James Woods (1947)
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Crossword Puzzle

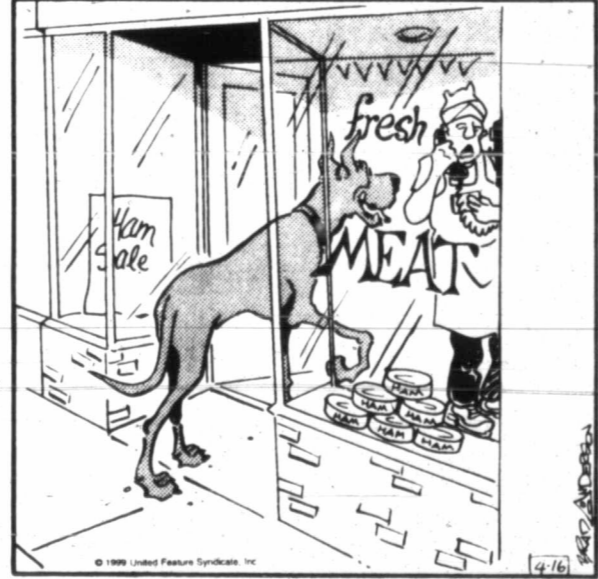
By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- Wise dwellers
 - Jokes
 - Hammer parts
 - Aids
 - Wear down
 - Inflate
 - Broad-cast
 - Singer
 - Flack
 - Like Ann and Andy
 - Candy counter
 - Sierra
 - Blubber
 - Actor's prompt
 - Site: Abbr.
 - Poet Whitman
 - "I lie to you?"
 - Fuss
 - Bet takers
 - Noggins
 - Corp., e.g.
 - Bert's pal
 - Consumer
 - Looks for
 - River to Lyons
 - Colors
- DOWN**
- Javelin
 - Reception aid
 - "Out of Sight" star
 - Finish
 - Talkative
 - Fit
 - Funkadelic singer
 - Bust, e.g.
 - Peaceful
 - Postal buy
 - Pindar poem
 - Foot ailment
 - "The Winds of War" author
 - Less tight
 - Ebbs
 - Idolized
 - Misery
 - Sufficiently dressed
 - Consecrate
 - Aches
 - Levee's kin
 - "So that's it!"

Yesterday's answer

LAPS	MEALS
IDIOM	ALLAH
FALSE	IBIZA
EGO	GONEBAD
RETARD	ARE
NYET	BUS
ZETA	ETAS
PIX	NEAR
OPT	SCYLLA
SCRATCH	LEG
SOURCE	ELATE
EDDIE	RAMON
TEENS	WANT

Marmaduke



"Mrs. Winslow...about this steak order signed with a paw print..."

The Family Circus



"Our sitter is retirin' from high school and goin' to college."

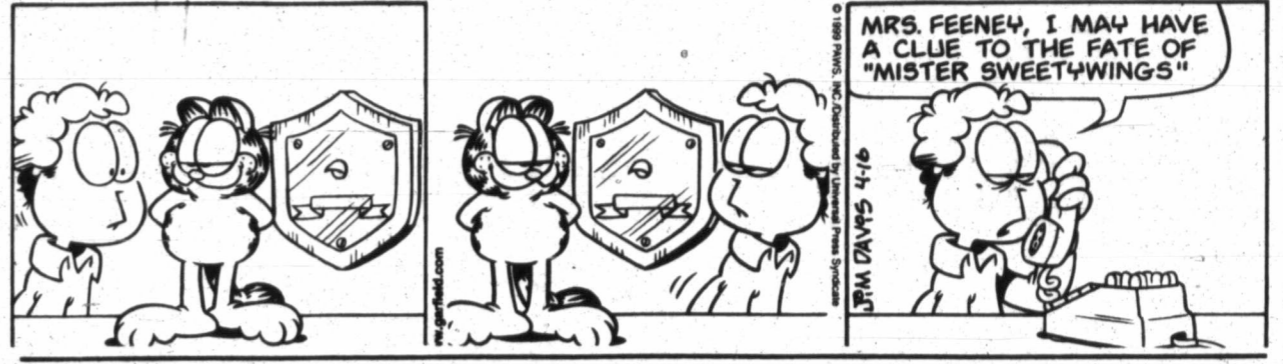
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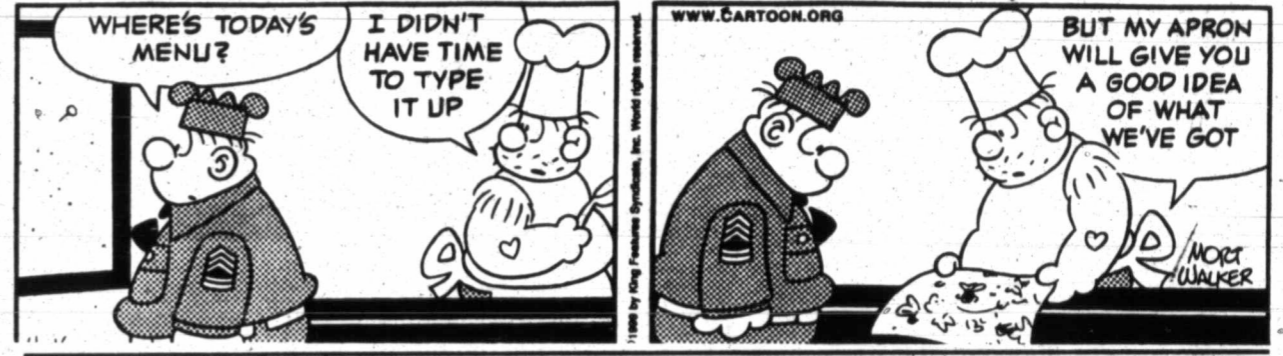
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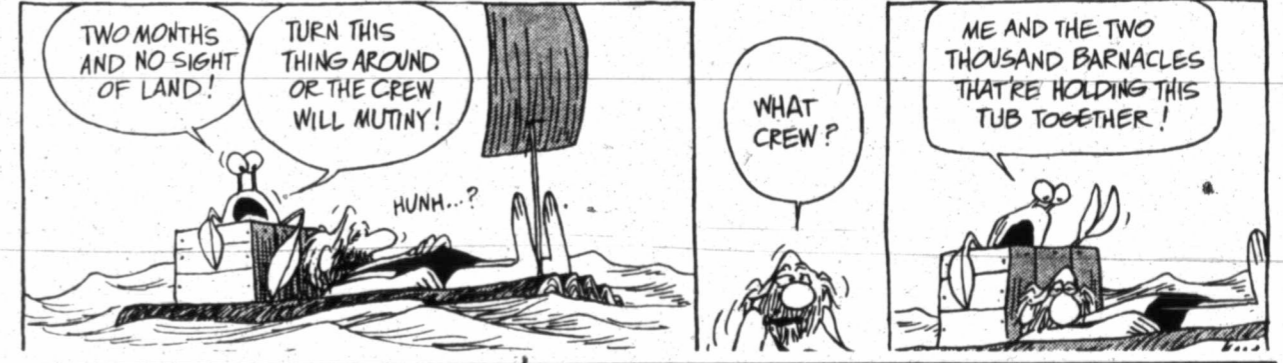
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Marvin



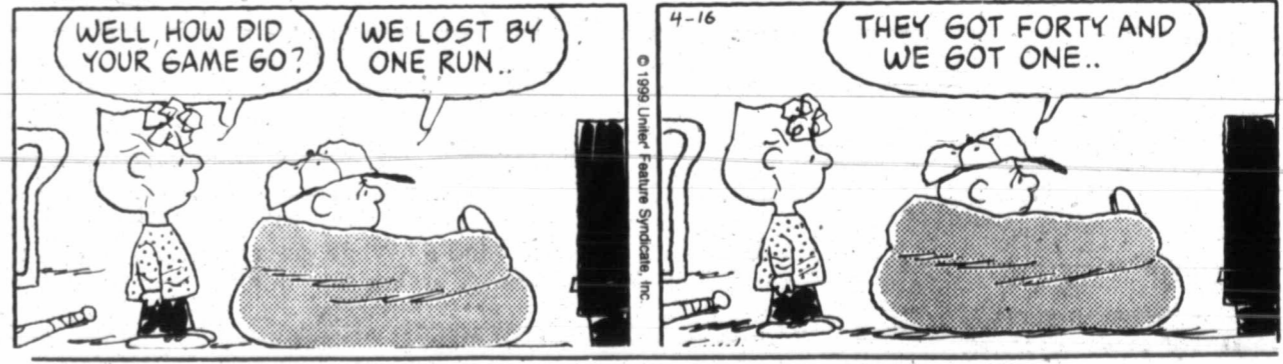
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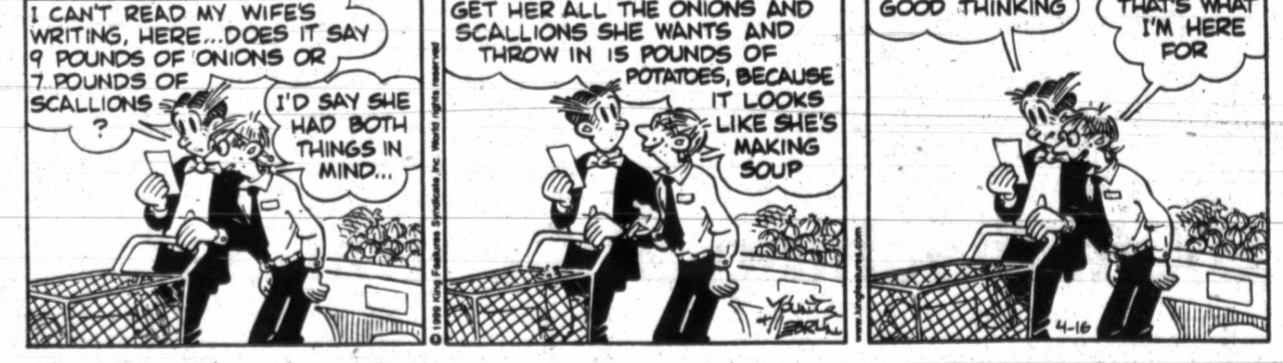
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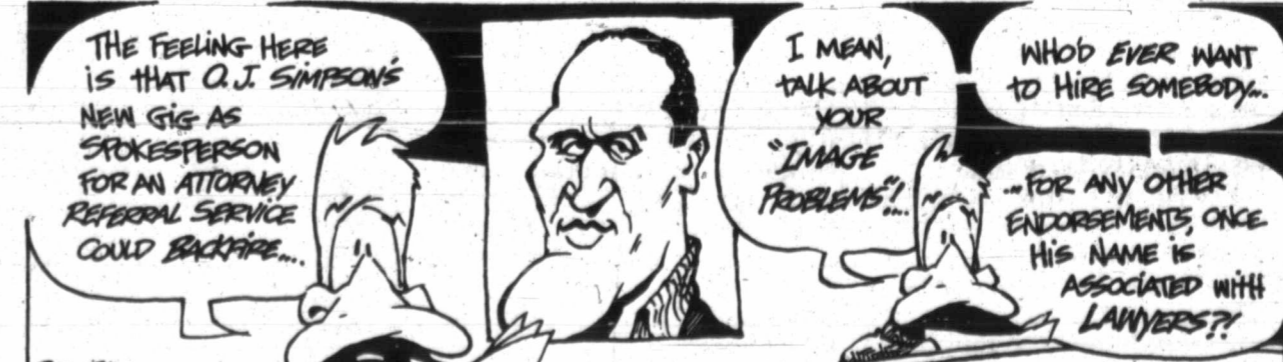
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Blondie



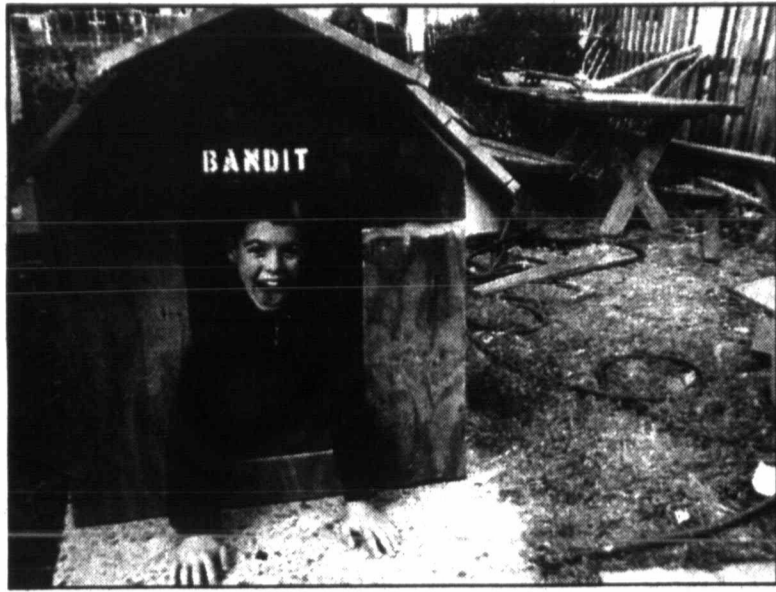
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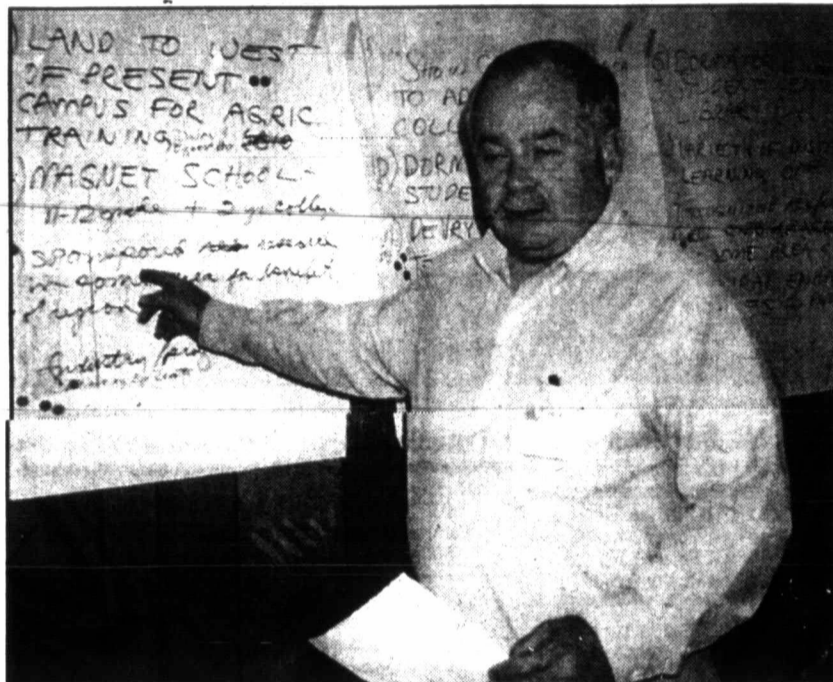
STUMPED?

For answers to today's crossword, call 1-900-454-7377! 99¢ per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+only.) A King Features service, NYC.

More images ...



Gabriel Miller, 7, of Lefors, submitted this entry in the Family and Friends category of the recent photography contest. Miller's older brother, Nicholas, tries out the new dog house.



(Special photo)

John Forster of Celanese moderates envisioning conference for Clarendon College Pampa Center.

Community leaders, Pampa Center Foundation Board hold conference

Community leaders and Pampa Center Foundation Board members were challenged at an envisioning conference this past weekend to provide ideas for expanding educational opportunities at Clarendon College-Pampa Center to meet community needs.

The list of recommendations will be forwarded to a planning committee who will work toward ways to implement them, said Don Lane, chairman of the Pampa Center Foundation Board. He noted that the current building program will be completed at the end of the year, and the next step is planning for an expanded curricula to meet the technical challenges of the next century.

While envisioning Pampa as a college town, Chuck White challenged those attending to list the real needs for Pampa in higher education. Joe Kyle Reeve, dean of CC-Pampa Center, noted that distance learning was growing at an unbelievable rate, with distance video and web based technology unbounded by oceans. He posed the question, "What needs to happen in Pampa?"

High on the final list of expressed needs for Pampa and Pampa Center was acquiring the technological abilities to provide course work beyond the two-year level, which might require an alliance with a university to provide BA, MA and PhD degree opportunities. Other priorities listed included providing continuing education for job enhancement and providing more technical skills in additional areas such as business, mechanics, computers; the medical field, and as needed by area industries, etc.

Seamless high school and community college technical preparation as well as career orientations were other expressed interests, along with language courses for intercultural exposure. Activities for cultural and intel-

Tickets on sale for CC production

CLARENDON — Clarendon College Fine Arts Department will present "South Pacific" at 7:30 p.m. April 30 and May 1 and at 2:30 p.m. May 2 in Harned Sisters Auditorium.

Tickets for this Rodgers and Hammerstein classic will be available at the door and will cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Children under five are free. Tickets may be reserved in advance by calling CC box office at (806) 874-9664. For more information, call CC at (806) 874-3571.

Let's Talk Real Estate



by Jim Davidson Realtor

SOLD ON THE ID...
When real estate agents show their clients' homes to prospective buyers, they must first sell their clients on the idea of leaving the house. The fact is that prospective buyers stay longer and talk more freely when the seller is not around. Once that issue is settled, sellers should be made to realize that it works to their benefit to make low-cost improvements. Neglecting to do so gives prospective buyers the opportunity to negotiate a better price. Improvements also maintain the value of the property and add to "curb appeal," which is the first thing prospective buyers notice. Once people are drawn inside by a favorable first impression, a clean and appealing interior helps seal the sale among interested parties.

Sometimes it takes only small improvements to create a large positive affect that will attract a greater number of prospective buyers. For ideas on how to spruce up your home in preparation for its sale, call CENTURY 21 - PAMPA REALTY INC., 312 N. Gray Street (669-0007). We also offer national relocation services. Let us put our experience to work for you!



UIL competition



(Community Camera photo)

Students at Pampa High School participated in UIL competition held recently at West Texas A&M University. (From left) Stephanie Blankenship, Kira Chumbley, Anson Henthorn, Teresa Reed were participants in the Math Team-Mathematics, Number Sense, Calculator category. Other participants were Becca Jentzen, Vicki Williams and Rebecca Nolte.

Voters vote to establish boll weevil program

AUSTIN (AP) — Permian Basin cotton producers have approved a plan to establish a boll weevil eradication program in the six-county zone, the Texas Department of Agriculture announced Thursday.

Of the 2,074 ballots counted, 1,507 cotton farmers voted for the plan, while 556 voted against it.

Farmers in the region agreed to pay \$12 per acre for irrigated land and \$6 for dryland to eradicate the weevil, a crop pest, starting with a chemical spraying. It will be followed with in-season treatments for several years.

There are four boll weevil eradication zones: Permian

Basin, Southern High Plains-Caprock, Northwest High Plains and Northern Rolling Plains.

Cotton producers in the Southern High Plains-Caprock zone voted for the program but lost out on it because the number of voters for the plan was less than the two-thirds majority needed. Northern Rolling Plains producers have yet to vote.

Once a boll weevil eradication program is approved, all farmers in the region must pay for his or her property to be chemically treated.

Researchers predicted earlier this year that, left unchecked, the boll weevil would rampage across the South Plains this sum-

mer, destroying millions of acres of cotton and costing farmers millions of dollars.

"Producers in the Permian Basin have shown they want an eradication program," said

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. "We look forward to working with them and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation in eliminating this costly pest in Texas."

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