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## Area group doesn't want juvenile facility put in old Alanreed school

**ALANREED** — More than 30 people, a large portion of this southern Gray County community, gathered here to discuss rumors that their school, closed since 1993, would be used as a juvenile detention center.

Billy Bob Adams, the last superintendent of the school, said he was apparently wrong earlier this month when he told *The Pampa News* the community would not object to having the empty school building used for a juvenile detention or rehabilitation center.

"We decided that a juvenile detention facility was not for this community," said Alanreed resident Sally Bohlar.

Adams said his major concern was seeing that the building was used. He said he was upset that it was deteriorating, a concern that was apparently shared by others in the community at the meeting.

The building was opened for the group gathered at the building Wednesday. Many of those present were younger members of the community, but there were tears and concern expressed as they toured the building.

"It has a lot of sentimental value to me," Bohlar said.

The Alanreed resident said she attended the school from kindergarten through eighth grade.

Bohlar said there has been talk about using the school building for different things, but none have come to fruition. One thing she said she did oppose using it for was a juvenile rehabilitation center.

"I live two blocks from there," she said. "I have two children."

Bohlar said that last year, however, the community had discussed using the facility to establish a pre-kindergarten program, but the idea was abandoned.

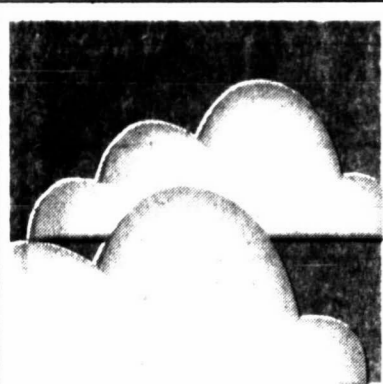
"It is a great facility," Bohlar said. She added that she hoped the community could come up with some ideas for it, but she said there would probably be several more town meetings before any ideas could be developed.

Albert Nichols, chief juvenile probation officer, said today that since the repudiation of a rehabilitation facility by voters at the polls last fall, other arrangements have been made concerning situations involving juveniles. Nichols said there is no immediate plan to try to acquire the Alanreed school or any other place for a juvenile facility.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet also said that since the fall election, establishing a juvenile facility has become a moot point.

Adams said whether or not the community decides to do something with the school building, he just wanted to call attention to how torn up the facility was inside.

"At least we got the community thinking about the school," he said.



High today mid 50s  
Low tonight low 40s  
For weather details see Page 2.

**PAMPA** — The Pampa Chapter of the Red Cross is holding "CPR for Professionals," on May 4. It is a challenge course for people who have had the training but need to get or renew their certificates.

Red Cross Director Stephanie Guest said that a challenge course does not actually have any training involved but is designed for someone who has had the training but never got certified. She said the course is also good for those whose certification has expired.

Participants are given a written exam and then the instructor asks them to perform various random actions to prove their skills.

Guest urged anyone who might be eligible for this course to register as soon as possible. She said there are several lifeguards who are planning to take the course.

The cost of the course is \$35 and reservations need to be made by calling 669-7121.

**AUSTIN (AP)** — A man has told a reporter that he spent last weekend with a topless dancer whose two small children were found dead in a shallow creek near Hutto, 20 miles north of Austin.

Tina Marie Cornelius, 22, told him last Sunday, a day before the bodies were found, that their father had taken the children and that they had died by falling off a cliff, he said Friday.

The man said she showed him their picture and said she missed them.

The bodies of Amanda Lee Miller, 3, and Dominick Logan Cornelius, 2, were found about 5 p.m. Monday in six inches of water in Brushy Creek, just south of Hutto.

Amanda died of suffocation and her brother died from a cracked skull, an autopsy showed.

**Thomas Joseph Gilliam, 78,** was stationed in Pearl Harbor when it was bombed.

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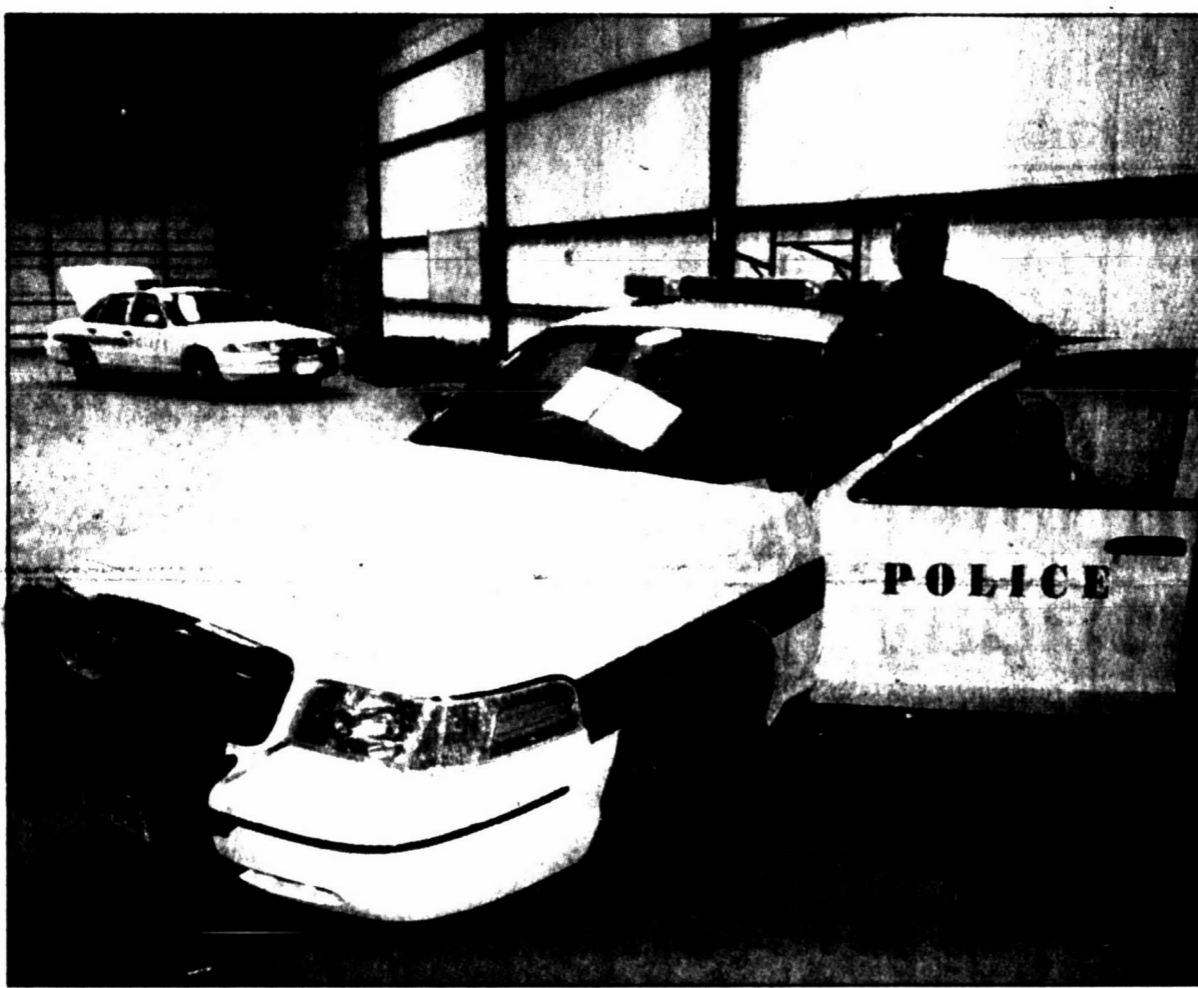
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### New cars, new colors



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Assistant Chief of Police John Goes stands beside one of five new patrol cars. The new colors, the traditional red and blue, used for accent on the white Ford sedans replace the Pampa High School Harvester colors of green and gold used on previous cars. The accents are produced by the city at considerable cost savings. In the past, it cost about \$300 per squad car. Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris said because of the facilities provided by the city's street department, that cost has been reduced to \$200 for all five cars.

### Head Start/Pre-K signups May 7

The Head Start/Pre-K application process will begin on Fri., May 7, at Lamar Elementary, 1234 S. Nelson from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 12 to 3:30 p.m. The program is for children who will be 4-years-old on or before Sept. 1.

To qualify for Head Start, one of the following is also necessary:

- Family meets income guidelines
  - Family receives public assistance
  - Child has documented disability
  - Child is a foster child
  - Family receives CCMS.
- In addition, to qualify for Pre-Kindergarten, one of the following must be true:
- Child qualifies for free or reduced lunch
  - Child does not speak the English language

- Family is homeless.
- Applicants must bring the child's birth certificate, family income verification, (check stubs, income tax, etc.) child's social security card, proof of any or all public assistance the family receives, (Medicaid, WIC, food stamps, HUD, SSI, AFDC benefits) health insurance card, (if applicable) and CCMS documentation.

Nobody will be able to make an application without all of the above information.

Applicants will be notified of their child's enrollment status prior to the first day of school.

Children are placed in the program based on need, not first come first served. For more information call 669-4885 and leave a message.

## Pampa's vets to hold annual rabies clinics

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY  
Managing Editor

Pampa's veterinarians are offering vaccinations at reduced prices Fri., April 30, Sat., May 1, and Mon., May 3, during the city's annual rabies vaccination drive.

Pampa's rabies drive will offer reduced-rate dog shots for rabies, distemper and parvo on Friday and Saturday at a cost of \$24.50.

Monday, May 3, cats can receive rabies, distemper and leukemia shots for \$34.50. Rabies shots alone are \$10 for all animals. Other vaccinations will also be offered at reduced rates for puppies and kittens under 3 months, according to area vets.

The shots will be available at each of the three Pampa veterinarian offices during regular office hours on the above dates.

City ordinances state that all pets must be vaccinated by the time they are three months of age with an annual vaccination each 12-month period thereafter. State laws also require that pets be vaccinated and that the pets, including cats, wear a rabies tag.

Owners can be fined \$69 for having animals without vaccinations and \$69 if a pet is found without tags.

"It's insurance for you to get them vaccinated," Pampa Animal Control's Sandy Burns said.

"You can let your dog or cat out one time and it gets in a tiff with

(See RABIES, Page 2)

## \$1.6 million airport project will improve runways, drainage

Crews have been busy digging up the airport as part of a \$1.6 million renovation.

A mile long ditch about seven feet deep is being dug with drainage at Perry Lefors Airport northwest of Pampa.

"A lot of our paving problems with the runways were because of poor drainage," said Paul Loyd, chairman of the Gray County Airport Advisory Board.

The ditch is about 30 feet wide at the surface of the ground and narrows to about eight feet wide at the bottom.

In addition to the trench for better drainage, the project includes crack repair and resurfacing of runways, taxi ways and hangar access. The project also includes new runway lighting.

"The lighting has already been installed," Loyd said.

Most of the funding for the airport project is coming from monies supplied by the federal Airport and Airways Trust Fund. It is funneled to Gray County through the Texas Department of Transportation.

The county will pay about \$160,000 for the project. The

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## Sunday snapshot



**Name:** Willie Manry  
**Occupation/Activities:** Retired Homemaker - Resident of Pampa Nursing Center  
**Birth date and place:** 9-6-15, Jester, Okla.

**Family:** Widowed with seven surviving children

**When I grow up I want to be:** I always wanted to be a mother. Since I raised eight kids I guess it's a good thing!

**My personal hero:** Roy Acoff.

**The best advice I ever got was:** The Lord will never give

you more to bear than he will give you strength to bear.

**The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be:** Mildred Stanley, Loise Livecy, Eddie Schneider and Lois Barrett. No, these aren't famous people. They are just the best friends I ever had and I enjoy their company.

**My hobbies are:** Crochet and working puzzles.

**My favorite book:** The Bible.

**My favorite possession is:** My mother's ring.

**I wish I knew how to:** Carry

a tune.

**My worst habit is:** Opening my mouth when I shouldn't.

**Nobody knows:** My life is an open book. I'm not sure there is anything about me that somebody else doesn't know.

**My favorite junk food is:** I would prefer a good salad to junk food!

**For my last meal, I would choose:** Chicken fried steak, salad, and coconut pie.

**I'm happiest when I'm:** Surrounded by my children.

**I have a phobia about:** Heights.

**The biggest waste of time is:** Daydreaming.

**If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is:** Help those who are struggling to help themselves.

**If I had three wishes they would be:** Peace in the world, good health, a nation with more "stay-home" moms.

**(Have a Sunday Snapshot person in mind? We have forms at the newspaper office.)**

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## Services tomorrow

GILLIAM, Thomas Joseph — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Post Cemetery, Fort Sill, Okla.

## Obituaries

### THOMAS JOSEPH GILLIAM

FOSS, Okla. — Thomas Joseph Gilliam, 78, father of an Allison resident, died Thursday, April 22, 1999. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Post Cemetery at Fort Sill, Okla., with Chaplain 1st Lt. Insoon Gho, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Peoples Cooperative Funeral Home of Lone Wolf, Okla.

Mr. Gilliam was born Jan. 10, 1921, at Philadelphia, Pa., to Roy Lee and Grace Bridget McClellan Gilliam. He joined the three C's in 1936 and was stationed in Arizona. He later entered the U.S. Army and was stationed at Schofield Barracks during the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Remaining in the military, he went to Korea on July 5, 1950, where he was captured on May 17, 1951, and held prisoner until Sept. 4, 1953. He spent a total of eight years of front line duty, retiring from the U.S. Army on Oct. 31, 1962.

He married Mary E. Legg on Jan. 24, 1983, at Edinburg, Texas.

He belonged to Hammon United Methodist Church, Will Rogers NACCCA, Korean War Veterans Association and was a life member of Pearl Harbor Survivors, American Ex-Prisoners of War and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by a sister, Grace M. Wall.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, of the home; a daughter, Christina L. Grayson of Grand Junction, Colo.; five sons, Thomas J. Gilliam, Jr., Richard D. Gilliam, Ronald J. Gilliam and Jeffrey Leon Gilliam, all of Maryland, and Joe A. Gilliam of Allison; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

## Ambulance

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

### Friday, April 23

2:41 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to Baptist Saint Anthony West in Amarillo.

5:15 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Russell and transported one to PRMC.

7:07 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Lefors and Kingsmill; no patient was transported.

## Police report

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

### Friday, April 23

Duane Waldrop, 35, 1125 S. Sumner, criminal trespass.

Stereo equipment valued under \$500 was reported stolen at Wal-Mart.

### Saturday, April 24

A stolen vehicle was recovered in the alley between 300 N. Sumner and Nelson.

## Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

### Friday, April 23

Martha Towles, 37, 1301 Barrett, arrested on warrants including violation of probation from Ochiltree County.

Walter Heinzelman, 57, Carlisle, Ark., bond forfeiture/possession of a controlled substance.

Sandra Lee Bogart, 38 (Tennessee is only address listed), forgery by passing.

William Miller, 57, 430 1/2 Crest, aggravated assault with a weapon.

### Saturday, April 24

Raymond Lee Nunn, 48, 1901 N. Dwight, arrested by the DPS for driving while intoxicated.

John Eric Allen, 31, 1016 Terry, evading, resisting and driving while intoxicated.

## Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Friday, April 23

4:04 p.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to 2111 Charles on a fire alarm. There was no fire.

## Emergency numbers

|                             |                |
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| Ambulance.....              | 911            |
| Crime Stoppers.....         | 669-2222       |
| Energas.....                | 665-5777       |
| Fire.....                   | 911            |
| Police (emergency).....     | 911            |
| Police (non-emergency)..... | 669-5700       |
| SPS.....                    | 1-800-750-2520 |
| Water.....                  | 669-5830       |

# Experts warn of computer virus set to strike Monday

WASHINGTON (AP) — A virus that can erase a computer's hard-drive and prevent the equipment from restarting is poised to strike on Monday, but experts say off-the-shelf antivirus software can prevent infection, and several companies are offering free inoculation tools on their Web sites.

The virus has been dubbed Chernobyl because its most common version was programmed to activate on computers using Windows 95 and Windows 98 on Monday, the 13th anniversary of the nuclear disaster in Ukraine.

Another, less common, version, strikes computers on the 26th day of any month.

"It's pretty much just another virus. It's been around for quite a while," said Kathy Fithen, manager of the Computer Emergency Response Team, or CERT, at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. "As long as people stay current with their antivirus software, they should be in good shape."

The viruses, believed to originate in Taiwan, attempt to erase a computer's hard-drive and write gibberish to the computer's system settings, called its Bios, preventing the machine from being restarted.

But warnings from many experts lacked any sense of panic or impending doom because the virus was discovered last summer, giving antivirus companies many months to develop free software updates to identify and destroy it.

# Reward offered for info in 3-year-old girl's death

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Investigators hope \$10,000 will inspire someone to come forward with details on the death of 3-year-old Cristy Ryno.

Schepps Dairy of Dallas has offered the reward for information leading to the arrest and indictment of whoever killed the child.

Irving police have few leads in the child's death and say they are ruling out no one as a suspect. Although members of Cristy's family and others who lived with her have been questioned, they are not required to stay in Texas, Officer David Tull said.

The Dallas County medical examiner's office confirmed Thursday that a body found the previous day was Cristy's.

The cause of death still was unknown Friday, and toxicology tests could take up to six weeks.

Users of those products will be protected only if they've retrieved the free updates.

Network Associates Inc., for example, said its popular McAfee software recognized Chernobyl as early as June 1998, and Symantec Corp. said its Norton Antivirus program identified Chernobyl before August.

CERT issued a warning this week about the virus because of questions from computer users.

"We're getting requests for information about it rather than reports of machines infected with it," Fithen said. "This has been around so long that the antivirus vendors have picked this up."

Unlike the recent "Melissa" scare, which automatically propagated via e-mail, this virus doesn't spread as quickly because it requires a person to launch an infected program file to contaminate a computer.

Carey Nachenberg, chief researcher at Symantec's Antivirus Research Center, said one big risk stems from a potential infection on a company's computer network, which could then spread to individual computers.

"If it gets on a corporate network and the volumes are not protected, it could spread very, very rapidly," Nachenberg said.

Gene Hodges, a vice president for security at Network Associates, said the company was hoping for the best but bracing for the worse. "It can be fairly significant," he said. "You don't know until the bomb actually goes off."

Two fishermen found the body Wednesday morning in the murky green water of the Trinity River's Elm Fork, within five miles of the Irving apartment where Cristy had lived.

Cristy's mother, Leticia, reported her missing Saturday. Ms. Ryno, 22, told police she last saw Cristy as she slept with her twin sister, Tiffany, in the living room of the apartment.

Police have interviewed Cristy's mother and her live-in boyfriend, Larry Bartlett, extensively. Ms. Ryno's friend, Samantha Frederick, and her boyfriend, Steven Silversmith, also lived in the apartment. The child's father, identified by police as Chad Ryno, lives in New Mexico.

Irving police say the reward will be available for a year from the day Cristy disappeared. Police, not Schepps Dairy, will decide who gets the reward.

## RABIES

a mama possum that has rabies," she said. "It may not show any signs for up to four months."

Pampa Animal Control officers routinely test skunks and bats periodically, she said. They also test other animals that are behaving erratically.

"The problem with wild animals coming into town is that they most likely infect something else, then go off and die and we won't know anything about it," she said.

Having the pet wear the tag, while complying

with state and city laws, can also provide identification if the pet is lost.

"And it may save some innocent child from having to get rabies shots. If a kid has been bitten by a dog and he can tell me the dog had on a tag, I know the dog has been vaccinated this year," Burns said.

Pampa's rabies vaccination drive has been held annually since 1968.

Rabies vaccinations will be available at the following veterinary offices: Easley Animal Hospital, North Loop 171 7 Texas 701 Gray County Veterinarians Clinic, 1329 Hobart and Roysse Animal Hospital, 1939 N. Hobart.

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## AIRPORT

remaining 90 percent of the costs will be paid by the government grant.

Although the project has been in the planning stages for about 120 years, construction started in

January, Loyd said. It is expected to be completed by mid to late summer.

Quite a bit of work was done on the crosswind runway about five or six years ago, but the main runway needs a lot of repair, he said.

"It's a major project for us," Loyd said.

## More Images ...



Gary B. Clark of Pampa submitted this photo of Jake and Zane in the Family and Friends category of the Pride '99 photo contest.

# School shootings, Kosovo lead list of Sunday news show topics

Lineup for the Sunday TV news shows:

ABC's "This Week" — Topics: NATO and Yugoslavia, the Republican agenda and the Colorado school shootings. Guests: NATO Secretary General Javier Solana, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.; and Tipper Gore.

CBS' "Face the Nation" — Topic: The Colorado school shootings. Guests: Colorado Gov. Bill Owens, Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder and Wayne LaPierre, executive vice president of the National Rifle Association.

CNN's "Late Edition" — Topics: NATO and Kosovo, and the Colorado school shootings. Guests: British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook; Vladislav Jovanovic, Yugoslav charge d'affaires to the United Nations;

NBC's "Meet the Press" — Topics: School violence, and NATO and Yugoslavia. Guests: Attorney General Janet Reno, Tipper Gore, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn.; James Garbarino, author of "Lost Boys;" former Education Secretary William Bennett; British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Republican presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan.

CNN's "Late Edition" — Topics: NATO and Kosovo, and the Colorado school shootings. Guests: British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook; Vladislav Jovanovic, Yugoslav charge d'affaires to the United Nations;

national security adviser Sandy Berger, Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John Warner, R-Va.; Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich.; Education Secretary Richard Riley, former Education Secretary William Bennett and child psychologist Alvin Poussaint.

"Fox News Sunday" — Topics: Kosovo and school violence. Guests: Sens. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., Joseph Biden, D-Del., and Don Nickles, R-Okla.; Colorado Gov. Bill Owens; child psychologist Alvin Poussaint; Marilyn Quayle and former high school principal Joe Clark.

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(Special photo) Four members of the Pampa Chapter of DECA won their competitive event at the State Career Development Conference in Fort Worth and are representing the Texas DECA at the National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Fla. Students are (from left) Jared Kirkwood, Jill Forman, Kellie Roby and Sallie Steffey.

## Local DECA chapter attending National Leadership Conference in Orlando

Four members of the Pampa Chapter of DECA are currently participating in the DECA National Career Development at Orlando, Fla. The competition ends April 28.

The students join 12,000 other students from all 50 states, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and District of Columbia to compete in different areas of marketing as well as participated in leadership activities. In addition to the competition, the students will participate in "DECA Day" at Universal Studios.

For students to be eligible to attend the National Conference they had to win the district and state competition. The students advancing from Pampa are Jared Kirkwood, Sallie Steffey, Kellie Roby and Jill Forman.

Kirkwood is participating in the Technical Marketing Representative Event. This event involves developing and delivering a sales presentation for telephone equipment to be installed in an independent 200 room hotel.

Steffey and Roby are competing in the Free Enterprise Event. This event involves planning, organizing and implementing a free-enterprise campaign to educate chapter members and an outside group about some aspect of the free enterprise system. The chapter chose a project that involved working with the fourth grade students at Lamar Elementary. The project involved teaching the young people about personal checking accounts.

Forman will be attending the Leadership Academy as the Texas DECA District 8 president.

DECA is a 51-year-old youth organization with almost 12,000 members statewide and 150,000 members nationwide. DECA's unique role is to provide leadership experiences and recognition for its members as they prepare for dynamic careers in marketing, management, and entrepreneurship. To be a member of the Pampa Chapter of DECA a student has to take the Marketing Education courses at Pampa High School.

### Miss Rodeo pageant



(Community Camera photo) (From left) Miss Top O' Texas Teen Mandy Poole and Stacy Huddleston review the information packet for the upcoming Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Pageant.

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## CC Fine Arts Department to present 'South Pacific'

CLARENDON — Clarendon College Fine Arts Department presents "South Pacific" by Rodgers and Hammerstein. The theater production is scheduled for Friday, Apr. 30 and Saturday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 2 at 2:30 p.m. in the Harned Sisters Auditorium.

Tickets for the show may be purchased at the door for \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and children under 5 free. You may also reserve tickets in advance by calling the Clarendon College box office at 874-9664.

For more information about the production or the Fine Arts Department please contact Jim

Stewart at Clarendon College at (806) 874-3571.

The Fine Arts Department will also host the fourth annual storytelling festival. "Tumbleweed Tales" on Thursday, April 29 at 7 p.m. in the Bairfield Activity Center. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children age 12 and under.

"Tumbleweed Tales" will be an entertaining evening filled with tall tales and windy stories. Headlining the evening performance will be multi-talented storyteller and puppeteer Nancy Burks and her friends Larry the Crocodile and Waco the Weasel.

As a storyteller, Burks has per-

formed at schools all over the southwestern United States. She is the founder and co-producer of the "Stories on the Brazos" storytelling festival held each

year in Texas. She is currently co-starring in the children's television show, "The Nana Puddin' Show."

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**Opinion**

**Bill revamping law is sensible**

Lives will be saved and injuries prevented in Texas if a bill to bar children under 18 from riding in pickup beds on public roads makes it all the way through the legislative process and is signed by the governor. Senate members approved the bill, which revamps current law applying to youngsters under 12, and sent it to the House of Representatives.

The measure does have some exceptions, including one for families whose only vehicle is a truck, and no one is going to stop youngsters from pitching hay out of the back of trucks to feed cattle. Nor will it be illegal to transport farm workers from one field to another on a farm-to-market road, ranch road or county road outside city limits. Beach goers are exempt, too, as are those operating or towing the vehicle in a parade or emergency.

To know just how dangerous the practice is, just ask emergency room health professionals and they can speak of the needless pain, suffering and death that results when children become virtual missiles and fly from pickup beds. According to figures from the Texas Department of Public Safety on traffic accidents involving people riding the the rear of trucks, six people who were at least 12, but under 18, were killed and 190 injured in 1997.

This bill is one that should be passed — to protect many of us who don't have the good sense to protect ourselves and those we love. And to put some deterrent into the law, a violation could net a \$25-to-\$200 ticket. In the words of Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, "It's cheaper than a funeral."

**From our files ...**

**40 years ago**  
 Thursday, April 23, 1959  
 Mayor Ed Myatt has designated Apr. 27-May 12 as a spring clean up period in Pampa. The clean up, fix up, paint up campaign starts Monday in Ward 4.

**25 years ago**  
 Wednesday, April 24, 1974  
 Roy Morris smacked a last-inning double to score two runs and propel Pampa to a 4-3 come from-behind win over Tascosa and Lucklers Larry House Tuesday afternoon here in a District 3-AAAA baseball clash.

**Monday, April 27, 1959**  
 Water in City Lake at Recreation Park have been polluted and may not become "cleared up" until next summer, it was reported by Police Lt. Denny Roan.

**Wednesday, April 24, 1989**  
 A 25-year-old Pampa woman remained in critical condition today following a shooting today in front of her house shortly after midnight.  
 Tuesday, April 25, 1989  
 Attorneys representing Hoechst Celanese and the nearly 400 litigants attempting to gain class-action status in a lawsuit against the company are meeting today at the M.K. Brown Civic Center for an open trade of documents pertaining to the call.  
 Wednesday, April 26, 1989  
 Several local police officers are claiming that Radio Station KPND is not giving them fair coverage of the resignation of Police Chief Robert Eberz.

**Sensory bombardment**

I show my age a lot. Or at least a lot more than I used to. Which, I guess, makes sense as I am older than I used to be. When I talk with younger folks, I try not to relate the hard times I had as a child. Some of you may know about them ... things like only one choice in the school lunchroom. And, Lord knows, we couldn't think about having a Coke with our meal. It was a really big deal when "they" added chocolate milk to the choice of white milk or white milk.

Of course, that was a simpler time. So simple, indeed, that I carried a gun to school fairly often. It wasn't unusual for there to be a shotgun and shells in the trunk of my Mustang on the school parking lot, especially in the early fall during dove season. I thought nothing of it. And, neither did anyone else. I mean, what was I going to do with it during class hours — blow someone away? Boy, do times change ... and, not always for the better. But just as a simple school lunch menu is a thing of the past, so is it a thing of the past to take a gun to school and nobody give it a second thought.



**Kate B. Dickson**

Associate publisher/editor

I find myself wishing time would slow down and wondering as I approach 50 if I have wasted time I'll never get back and failed to do things I'll never get done. But there's one thing I never wish — and that's to be a teenager again.

We all had troubles back then, some of us more than others. But, I dare say none of us had to face the day-to-day challenges, temptations and sensory bombardment that today's teens face on a daily basis.

There's more stuff, more pressures and seemingly less time for our young people to get everything in they need to do. And the same,

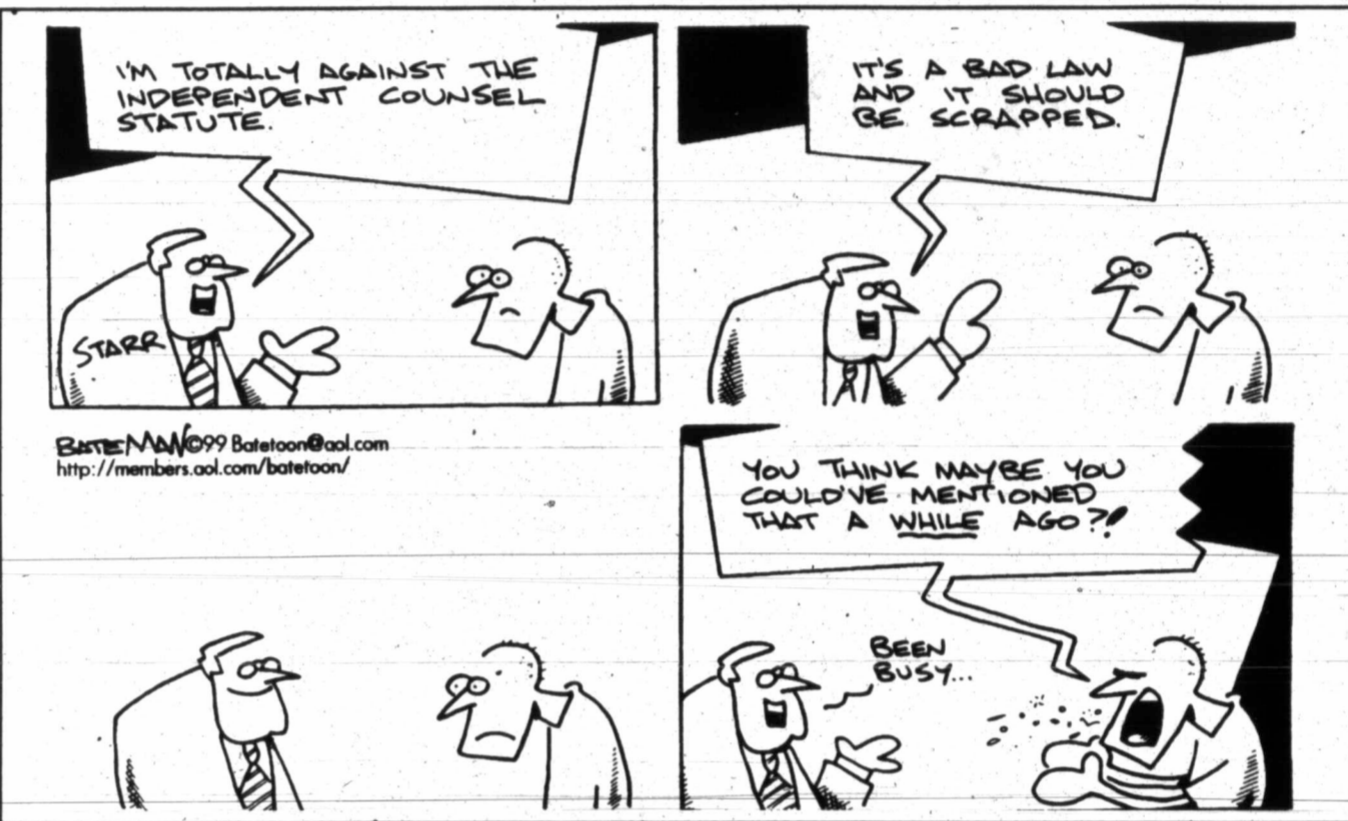
sadly, can be said for their parents. I wonder how many times the average family actually sits down together to share a meal and talk.

I see students with appointment books and some wag around 25-pound backpacks full of stuff (beepers, computers, cell phones) that complicates their lives and takes their time. But do they really have any choice? It used to be we could carry our books in our arms and sports editor L.D. Strate laughed and said he got by with only a Chief notebook.

At this point, I don't have a real clue as to where this is going. I keep thinking about those children in Colorado — being shot or shot at or in fear of it all. Some were the same children who pulled cell phones from their stuffed backpacks and called TV stations. One reporter told a frightened student to call 911 instead.

How long will it be before they are all carrying around miniature multi-colored personal video cameras, too? Maybe they can film the carnage as it happens.

I'd like to think Colorado isn't going to happen again. But it is. Our society has turned another corner ... and it's onto a very dark street.



**A deal may never come ...**

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — It's midnight. Air-raid sirens have been groaning and squealing for about 15 minutes. About two minutes ago came the rockets' red glare of Serbian guns shooting skyward. Fireworks over the blue Danube. They rise, arc and then begin fluttering back down. If they hit anything, it is not apparent.

Now, across the river, there is a series of muffled "ba-ROOMs," followed by some more distant thuds. It's bombs away. But Belgrade is not burning. All of tonight's hits are on the outskirts of town. And there are only a few of them. Lights are on all over the city. Some streetcars and automobiles have continued to move through it all.

This is the way it goes, this is the way it is, night after night in the Serbian capital. This is not London under the Blitz. It is not Hanoi in the "Air War North" of the Vietnam era. Nor is it Baghdad in the Gulf War. This is something new, different and very strange, this slow, incremental aerial pinpricking of Serbia's capital. Mostly the bombing has worked around the edges of the city. One result is that citizens here derisively joke about the bombers.

They call the night raids "The Lullaby of Belgrade," mocking the American theater classic "Lullaby of Broadway." However Americans and others around the world who are outraged by the "ethnic cleansing" in Kosovo may see them, the Serbs see



**Dan Rather**

Syndicated columnist

themselves as brave victims of aggression — misunderstood, unfairly maligned and under siege. "But we WILL persevere," a 60-year-old schoolteacher told me this evening. "Technology from the sky will not, cannot defeat us."

Earlier, your reporter had talked to the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, Zivadin Jovanovic. "We are a great warrior people," he said. "We've had to be. But we've made our reputation as warriors all through history defending our country, never as aggressors. And we are not the aggressors now."

He paused, leveled a hard stare, then repeated: "We are not the aggressors now. YOU are. And you will pay a terrible price for what you are doing to us."

Jovanovic echoed the party line, heard from government officials high and low in Belgrade. Propaganda, perhaps. However, among rank-and-file Serbians also, this is the prevailing

view: Serbia is unfairly attacked, Serbia must defend itself, Serbia will triumph.

It's a tough truth, but it's inescapable that Slobodan Milosevic now, for the first time, enjoys the solid support of his fellow Serbians. Even those who despise him, who were never with him before, are behind him today in his resolve to defy NATO.

There is no hard evidence or testimony, but behind the scenes here diplomats — not all of them Serbian — are convinced that Milosevic will eventually offer or be offered a deal, and that NATO will not refuse.

What kind of a deal? One popular guess is a partition of Kosovo that would allow Albanian Kosovar refugees back into a much-smaller part of the province, protected by an international peacekeeping army. Milosevic would then be able to retain the larger part of Kosovo while claiming to have defended Yugoslav sovereignty from attacks by the Western powers and by the Albanian Kosovar separatists.

But as the rumble of another night of bombing begins fading, any possibility of a deal seems a long time off. Maybe President Clinton and NATO mean it when they say they won't allow Milosevic to have anything he can claim as a victory. Maybe Milosevic means to stick this out, believing he can outlast NATO's resolve.

The thought nags that a deal may never come.

**The end of the American empire**

Let's look at the naked truth of postwar American history. The United States has not won a war since 1945. That's not much of a record for a country whose politicians boast about it being the world's "only remaining superpower."

The Soviet Union seized Eastern Europe and replaced all its leaders with communists. The United States did nothing.

When the Soviet Union illegally blockaded Berlin, the United States, rather than confront the challenge, flew over it, thus setting the precedent of celebrating defeats and back-downs as victories.

In Korea, the North Koreans and Chinese fought the United States to a draw. Technically, the war goes on, suspended only by a cease-fire.

In 1956, Hungarians overthrew their communist government and defeated the occupying Soviet troops. Vainly they pled for Western recognition. The West did nothing, and the Soviets were able to bring in new troops and crush the revolution.

The decline of America accelerated in 1960 with the election — probably crooked — of a playboy and womanizer, John F. Kennedy. Kennedy commenced a series of foreign policy blunders and disasters. He withdrew from Laos, opening up the Ho Chi Minh trail into South Vietnam. He betrayed the Cubans at the Bay of Pigs, which at the time was the most disastrous American foreign policy blunder in history.



**Charley Reese**

Syndicated columnist

Kennedy had switched from President Eisenhower's plan to land guerrillas in the western mountains to an open, amphibious invasion at the Bay of Pigs, closer to the center of Castro's military machine. He then halted the Cuban air attacks before they could destroy Castro's air force. No contested amphibious landing can succeed without air superiority. Yet Kennedy ordered the invasion to proceed. When it became clear it would fail without air support, Kennedy refused to allow American pilots to come to their aid. It was an unbelievable performance for the so-called world's leading nation.

When the Russians began to build the Berlin Wall, Kennedy blustered but in the end, faced with Russian tanks, backed down. Another defeat for America.

When the Russians put nuclear missiles in Cuba, Kennedy again backed down. He cut a deal, dismantling all of America's intermediate-range missiles in Europe; he gave the Russians a secret no-invasion pledge, thus guaranteeing

Castro's continued rule; and he gave up his demand for on-the-ground inspections. Another defeat.

Typically, however, all of these defeats and back-downs were spun into victories, and a gullible American public and press swallowed it. A facade rather than substance became acceptable. But Kennedy wasn't through with his blunders. He sent 16,000 American troops to Vietnam and began to insist that they take part in the fighting.

Ngo Dien, the ruler of South Vietnam, was adamant that U.S. forces must not participate in the fighting because it would give the communists the opportunity to frame the war as a Vietnamese war against foreign invaders. Kennedy authorized a CIA-sponsored coup which killed Dien, set off a disastrous train of consequences and bogged down America for 10 years.

So, North Vietnam defeated America. One young man in a secondhand truck drove us out of Lebanon. Barefoot and impoverished militiamen drove us out of Somalia. To be fair, we did conquer the Panamanian National Guard and the country of Grenada. Nine years of intermittent bombing, CIA schemes and enforced starvation have failed to budge Saddam Hussein. We did drive his expeditionary force out of Kuwait, but when we stood on the road to Baghdad, we turned around and came home.

We are living through the end of the American empire.

# Banned assault weapon used in school shooting

By JOHN HENDREN  
AP National Writer

DENVER (AP) — The two sawed-off shotguns that the Littleton high school students used in their killing spree were illegal.

But their TEC DC-9 semi-automatic assault pistol wasn't.

"These guns are designed to be anti-personnel weapons, not sporting firearms," said Kristen Rand of the Washington-based Violence Policy Center, which supports gun control.

At 12.5 inches, the DC-9 used in the Columbine High School rampage was short enough to hide under a trench coat. And it

would be illegal if it were made today.

Although dozens of guns have been banned under federal law, those already on the market can still be sold. The DC-9 is one of them.

"These are far more deadly than mere handguns," Ms. Rand said. "Their features surely

increased the carnage in this tragedy."

Anti-gun forces Friday seized on news of the weapons used by the two students in Littleton as evidence that gun control laws have failed.

The arsenal Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold took to school included an assortment of home-

made bombs, the DC-9, two illegal sawed-off shotguns and a short-muzzle carbine military-style rifle — a type of gun used by two Jonesboro, Ark., students in another schoolyard massacre last year.

Federal authorities are using the serial numbers to try to track how the boys got the guns. But that will be difficult because the shotguns were originally bought in the late 1960s or early '70s, they said. The carbine and the DC-9 have been tracked to separate dealers.

"There is no indication they belong to the parents," said Lawrence Bettendorf, a spokesman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

It was the DC-9 that drew the ire of gun control advocates.

After some states banned Intratec Inc.'s TEC-9 in 1990, the Miami company changed the barrel so that a silencer could no longer be attached and renamed it the TEC DC-9. After the 1994 federal ban on the manufacture of certain assault weapons included both the TEC-9 and the TEC DC-9, the company changed the sling on the gun and renamed it the AB-10. Critics say the letters stand for "after ban."

Intratec officials didn't return calls seeking comment.

"It's a major loophole in the laws," said Nancy Hwa of Handgun Control Inc., a Washington group.

Even gun aficionados agree that the changes made to the renamed weapon were slight.

"What you had happen was (the government) would ban a specific weapon and the manufacturer would say, 'OK, and give the weapon a different name,'" said Bob Glass, publisher of The Partisan magazine, a libertarian publication that

opposes the assault weapons ban. "The only change was that the original TEC-9 had threading on the end of the barrel which would facilitate a barrel extension, or a silencer. That's sort of the game that has been played between manufacturers and the government for the last 10 years."

But he drew a different conclusion from gun critics. The Littleton slayings simply show that weapons bans don't work and should be abandoned, Glass said.

"These kids made pipe bombs," he said. "Are you going to ban pipes? Are you going to ban trench coats?"

An Intratec advertisement said its slick pistol grip resisted fingerprints and called it "as tough as your toughest customer."

The guns can also carry clips of up to 32 bullets. The federal Brady Law forbids the manufacture of clips holding more than 10 bullets, but allows the sale of those made before the law.

The TEC-9 and its variations have long been associated with crime. The Center to Prevent Handgun Violence is suing Intratec on behalf of the relatives of several victims killed in a San Francisco office building by Gian Luigi Ferri in 1993. Ferri used a DC-9.

The Hi-Point 9 mm carbine rifle the gunmen used was made during the 1990s. The manufacturer's ads call it "the hottest gun since the SKS," an inexpensive military-style weapon imported from China.

# A 'good kid' who liked Chevys, Jesus remembered at funeral

By ROBERT WELLER  
Associated Press Writer

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — John Robert Tomlin was remembered Friday as a shy teen who liked his Chevy truck, the Green Bay Packers and Jesus.

"The first thing John asked me when we met was whether I was for Ford or Chevy," said Jacob Youngblood, 16, one of three classmates who spoke at a memorial service at the Foothills Bible Church. "I said Ford and that put me off his list for awhile."

His was the first of many services for victims of the Columbine High School shooting

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that will be held in Colorado through the weekend.

Two screens, one on each side of the podium at the church, showed photos of a shy teen-ager who resisted the family's efforts to photograph him. All but a handful of the photos had him surrounded by other family members.

During the service, which drew about 900 people, it was hard to turn away from the boy's smiling face, peering down on mourners who almost had to shield their eyes from the dazzling glare of the sun, magnified on a cloudy day by 2 feet of freshly fallen snow.

Boxes of tissues were placed in each row, and few were left unused as kids, parents, friends and family hugged each other and cried.

Tomlin, who grew up in Wisconsin and moved to Colorado four and half years ago, was a Packers fan whose Green Bay jacket was displayed in the church vestibule. A friend recalled his devotion to religion — he was a member of the non-denominational Christian church where the service was held, and a member of a Baptist youth group.

"What got John to heaven was his faith not his hard work," Youngblood said. "John, I'm on my way. You just beat me there."

The Rev. Bill Oudemolen set the tone, saying anger wasn't the right response to the violence. Instead of blaming the two teens accused of killing 12 fellow students and one teacher, before killing themselves, he pointed at the "evil of the black trenchcoats."

The two alleged killers, Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, belonged to a small group described as outsiders, some said by their own choice. They wore black trenchcoats and were called

"The Trenchcoat Mafia."

After the service, John's mother, Doreen Tomlin told reporters: "He was such a good kid. But he was shy." Last summer the teenager worked as volunteer building homes for poor people in Juarez, Mexico.

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Tomlin's father, John, told reporters: "First I'd like to say to the families of the children who did this we'll be praying with them and we feel no hatred toward them."

The father also didn't want to blame school administrators for failing to recognize that some members of the Trenchcoat group were a danger.

"The only system that failed is that God is left out of everything," he said.

# Were school phones blocked from 911 calls?

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — School officials are checking reports that Columbine High School had blocked 911 calls from school phones because of previous pranks.

A Denver police officer said he took a call from a Columbine student during Tuesday's shooting rampage because the boy couldn't get through to authorities in Jefferson County, where the school is located in suburban Denver.

The boy told him the phone was blocked for emergency calls.

"They'll do that in schools, make (dozens of) 911 hangup calls," said Denver officer John Lietz.

Kay Pride, spokeswoman for Jefferson County schools, said they had heard reports that some students had trouble getting through to authorities. She said pay phones had been checked but no tests have been run yet on the school's internal system.

"That's a question that hasn't been answered yet," Pride said.

Some students used their own cellular phones to call 911; others unable to get emergency calls through called family members, who then dialed for help. Authorities Friday released tapes of two 911 calls made from the school; it wasn't known what type of phones were used for those calls. A police officer at the school also alerted dispatchers after hearing the first shots.

David Biegie, spokesman for the phone company U S West, said the school's internal system could be programmed by school officials to block any numbers they wanted, such as any long distance calls. He said it was possible the school blocked 911 calls on some phones, while giving access to phones in other parts of the school.

"They can program the phone to do whatever they want it to do," he said.

He said students also may have been trying to use internal phone systems that act only as intercoms, or failing to dial the correct number to get an outside line.

U S West ran extensive tests on pay telephones at the school and found them working. He said pay phones are required to have 911 access by federal law.

Lietz, whose daughter attends the school, said he spent more than two hours on the phone with the student, Matt Depew, son of a Denver police officer. He kept the younger Depew on the phone throughout the ordeal, telling him that his father, Wayne, was outside trying to help him.

**A special address has been designated for cards and letters to Columbine High School students, family and staff.**

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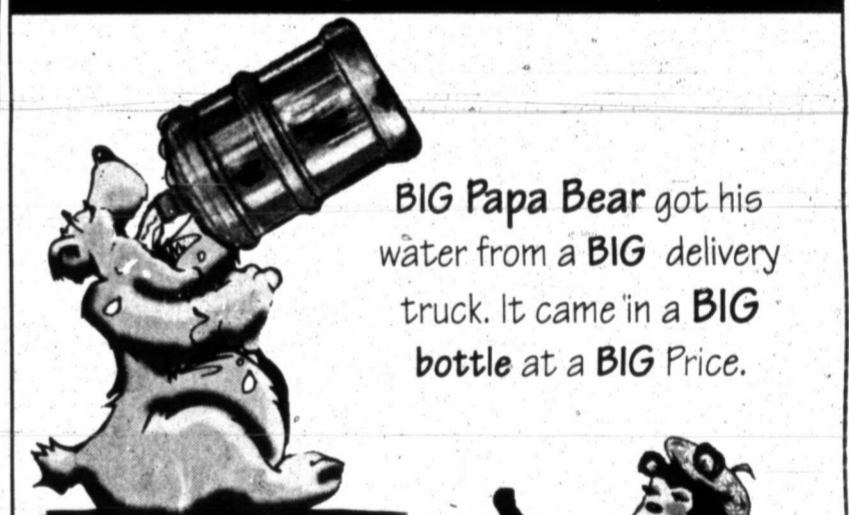
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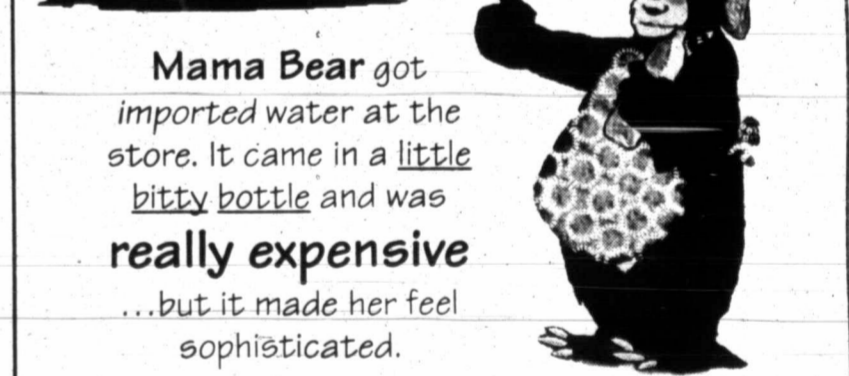
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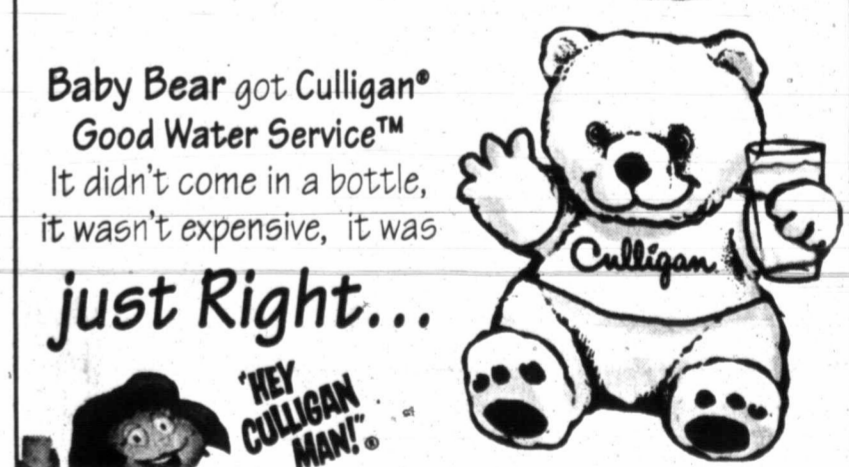
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## Billboard music charts

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### Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "No Scrubs," TLC. LaFace.
2. "Kiss Me," Sixpence None The Richer. Squint. (Gold)
3. "Believe," Cher. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
4. "Every Morning," Sugar Ray. Lava. (Gold)
5. "What's It Gonna Be?!" Busta Rhymes (feat. Janet). FlipMode. (Gold)
6. "Heartbreak Hotel," Whitney Houston (feat. Faith Evans & Kelly Price). Arista. (Platinum)
7. "Angel Of Mine," Monica. Arista. (Platinum)
8. "Livin' La Vida Loca," Ricky Martin. C2.
9. "Slide," Goo Goo Dolls. Warner Bros.
10. "Please Remember Me," Tim McGraw. Curb. Copyright 1999, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

### Mainstream Rock Tracks

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

1. "Heavy," Collective Soul. Atlantic.
2. "Mas Tequila," Sammy Hagar. MCA.
3. "One," Creed. Wind-up.
4. "Whiskey In The Jar," Metallica. Elektra.
5. "What It's Like," Everlast. Tommy Boy.
6. "Lit Up," Buckcherry. DreamWorks.
7. "Living Dead Girl," Rob Zombie. Geffen.
8. "Why I'm Here," Oleander. Republic.
9. "Free Girl Now," Tom Petty And The Heartbreakers. Warner Bros.
10. "Whatever," Godsmack. Republic.

### Modern Rock Tracks

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

1. "My Own Worst Enemy," Lit. RCA.
2. "Praise You," Fatboy Slim. Skint.
3. "One," Creed. Wind-up.
4. "Why Don't You Get A Job?," The Offspring. Columbia.

5. "Blue Monday," Orgy. Elementree.
6. "Heavy," Collective Soul. Atlantic.
7. "New," No Doubt. WORK.
8. "Better Days (And The Bottom Drops Out)," Citizen King. Warner Bros.
9. "Dizzy," Goo Goo Dolls. Warner Bros.
10. "What It's Like," Everlast. Tommy Boy.

### Hot Country Singles and Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "How Forever Feels," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
2. "I'll Think Of A Reason Later," Lee Ann Womack. Decca.
3. "Wish You Were Here," Mark Wills. Mercury.
4. "Ordinary Life," Chad Brock. Warner Bros.
5. "Please Remember Me," Tim McGraw. Curb.
6. "Gone Crazy," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
7. "Drive Me Wild," Sawyer Brown. Curb.
8. "Hands Of A Working Man," Ty Herndon. Epic.
9. "You Won't Ever Be Lonely," Andy Griggs. RCA.
10. "Anyone Else," Collin Raye. Epic.

### Top Country Albums

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

1. "Come On Over," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Platinum)
2. "Wide Open Spaces," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
3. "Always Never The Same," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
4. "Double Live," Garth Brooks. Capitol. (Platinum)
5. "Faith," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
6. "Everywhere We Go," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
7. "Maybe Not Tonight," Sammy Kershaw. Mercury.
8. "My Heart," Lorrie Morgan. BNA.
9. "Something In The Air," Lila McCann. Asylum.
10. "Tattoos & Scars," Montgomery Gentry. Columbia. Copyright 1999, BPI Communications Inc. and SoundScan Inc.

## Big egos, tiny ratings at home of Topless Darts and News Bunny

By ROBERT BARR  
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — LIVE TV often left its viewers to wonder whether it was serious.

The cable channel was notable for orange shoes, for mixing sex and baked beans, for the News Bunny, and for the minimally attired Norwegian-speaking women who took over the weather forecasts from dwarfs who needed a trampoline to reach the weather map.

It also pioneered "Topless Darts," in which young women shed their top garments to play the game.

LIVE TV quickly proved itself a bit oute even by the standards of British media, which — with girly photos in daily tabloids and a TV series with explicit gay romance — are more relaxed than in the United States.

Nudity, simulated sex acts, gay couples and foul language all became part of the prime-time package, and past 10 p.m. the channels become more daring with shows such as "Eurotrash," a half-hour obsessed with bad music, enormous breasts and full-frontal views of full-gutted German naturists.

Behind the scenes was a big-money battle over rights to televise professional soccer. Rupert Murdoch's Sky Television had soccer on its satellite system, cable TV companies wanted it, and LIVE was the vehicle launched by the owners of the tabloid Daily Mirror to get it.

After all, there's no point bidding for broadcast rights if you can't broadcast.

"It's not just some crazy people throwing money down the drain because they're daft — which, when you turned it on, was what it looked like," says Chris Horrie, co-author of "LIVE TV: Tellybrats and Topless Darts," the newly published history of the channel.

The Mirror hoped to team up with the wealthy cable operators to outbid Sky for soccer. According to Horrie and co-

author Adam Nathan, the cable operators and Sky reached an accommodation to avert a bidding war, leaving LIVE TV in the cold.

The channel's creators have all moved on, but LIVE TV survives,

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available to 2.7 million cable homes in Britain.

The days of "Topless Darts" may be numbered. The parent Mirror Group is now the target of a takeover bid, and the Financial Times has reported that the group may shed its TV interests.

LIVE TV brought together two extraordinary characters: Janet Street-Porter, a tall, toothy woman with a knack for creating programs aimed at the young adult market; and Kelvin MacKenzie, Barnumsque former editor of The Sun, Murdoch's best-selling tabloid.

It was a shocking pairing. MacKenzie, in one of his cruel jokes, once ran pictures of Street-Porter and a horse side by side in The Sun and invited readers to vote on which was better looking.

MacKenzie and Street-Porter hardly agreed on anything, and LIVE TV betrayed some confusion in trying to follow conflicting leads.

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London's tallest skyscraper into "The Entity," combining all the channel's operations in one wide-open space where talent and technicians roamed free in orange shoes.

Tuesdays and Fridays were "love nights," with the emphasis on the physical (including the "splosers" who heightened their desire by smearing themselves with baked beans). Saturday night was the time for the remote units to shine, covering the action in London's clubs.

Street-Porter's mantra for LIVE was "cheery, not sneery." The reviews following the channel's debut on June 12, 1995, were sneery indeed. "Can British TV sink even lower than this?" The Guardian asked.

MacKenzie got his chance to try three months later, when Street-Porter quit. Out went the jazzy graphics, out went the orange shoes and out went quite a few employees.

MacKenzie's style, honed at The Sun, was to appeal to the lowest common denominator with naked girls and juvenile humor.

His attention-getting stunts at LIVE TV, conceived during what Horrie calls "drink-filled brainstorming sessions," included the Norwegian-speaking weather girls; the News Bunny, which reacted to news items with a thumbs up or thumbs down; and a boxing match between Princess Diana and Queen Elizabeth II lookalikes.

A LIVE TV reporter was induced to legally change his name to News Bunny, so he could run in a Parliamentary special election in 1996. To avoid equal time rules, the channel renamed the rabbit Dr. News von Bunny and added a Hitler mustache.

That adventure ended with typical LIVE TV flair. News Bunny was arrested for obstructing traffic on election day, the channel's reporter took a nap and missed the announcement of election results, and N. Bunny finished ninth in a field of 13.

## Celebrity flashbacks

By The Associated Press

Entertainment highlights during the week of April 25-May 1:

60 years ago: "Union Pacific" premiered in Omaha, Neb. Barbara Stanwyck and director Cecil B. DeMille arrived from Hollywood by train and were driven into town by horse-drawn carriages.

And Edward G. Robinson starred in "Confessions of a Nazi Spy."

45 years ago: "White Christmas," starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye and Rosemary Clooney, opened at New York's Radio City Music Hall. It was the first film released in VistaVision, a wide-screen process.

And "Creature From the Black Lagoon" starred Richard Denning, Julie Adams and Richard Carlson. The film became the archetypal '50s monster movie.

30 years ago: Bob Dylan and Johnny Cash taped an ABC-TV special at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn. The special aired the following month.

And the hard-rock combo Humble Pie was formed in London.

25 years ago: Sylvester Stallone and Henry Winkler starred in "The Lords of Flatbush."

And "Chicago VII" was the

nation's top album. The album featured "Wishing You Were Here" and "(I've Been) Searchin' So Long."

20 years ago: Woody Allen's "Manhattan" starred Allen, Diane Keaton, Meryl Streep, Michael Murphy and Mariel Hemingway.

10 years ago: Randy Travis was voted favorite entertainer at the Viewers' Choice Awards by the Nashville Network cable channel. Travis also won the best album award for "Old 8 X 10." Ricky Van Shelton won favorite male vocalist. Reba McEntire won favorite female vocalist.

Spoken 10 years ago: "I went to the movies as a kid and enjoyed the movies, but couldn't wait to get out and get dressed as the character and act it out — Davy Crockett or Robin Hood. It wasn't enough for me to sit and watch it. I think I wanted to be the center of attention." — Actor Kevin Bacon.

Spoken five years ago: "I'm 46. ... Am I supposed to be getting this yet?" — Actor Richard Dreyfuss, accepting the USA Film Festival's Master Screen Artist Award.

Spoken one year ago: "I was always resistant to the

bombshell stuff when I was younger. By the time I got over that, I stopped caring. I stopped being oppressed by what other people saw. It's hard when someone that's your responsibility. How I look has nothing to do with me." — Actress Uma Thurman.

## Celebrity birthday

By The Associated Press

In the spotlight: Kirsten Dunst  
Personal stats: Kirsten Dunst was born April 30, 1982, in Point Pleasant, N.J. Known as Kiki to her friends, she began modeling and shooting television commercials when she was 3. She moved to Los Angeles when she was 10.

Big time: She made her film debut in Woody Allen's "New York Stories." But her breakthrough came in "Interview With the Vampire" with Tom Cruise and Brad Pitt in 1994. The part of a bloodsucking child vampire won her an MTV Movie Award and a Golden Globe nomination.

Her film roles include "Little Women," "Jumanji," "Mother Night," "Wag the Dog" and "Small Soldiers." She also appeared in several episodes of NBC's "ER" as a runaway teen, and in cable television's "The Devil's Arithmetic," the story of a teen-ager who is thrust back in time and confronted with the Holocaust.

Dunst is also the voice of Anastasia as a child in the animated feature, "Anastasia."

Upcoming: Dunst will appear in "Dick," a spoof of the Watergate scandal; "The Virgin Suicides," with Danny DeVito; and "Drop Dead Gorgeous" with Kirstie Alley. She's also been working on a third installment of "The Crow."

Quote: "Every big star I've worked with, they're always ready to do their work. If they have to be emotional in the scene, they're ready to go. That's what makes you a star, being professional."

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# Letters to the editor

## Clean-up efforts leave much to be desired

To the editor,  
 Help! My neighborhood is being overrun with junk cars, old camper trailers and a burned out house.  
 I do believe that the "city clean-up project" is to blame for this. Recently, city officials "red tagged" several vehicles and other properties littering the streets of Pampa. Thanks to their efforts the view from my kitchen window gives me a headache.  
 The property just west of my house is a burned-out house with only the exterior walls standing. It has been over two years since the house caught fire. I have contacted two city officials, out of respect they will remain nameless, about such property and I always get the same response, "It's on the list to be torn down." Two years of asking about this eyesore and safety hazard and I'm supposed to believe them, still?  
 The property on the east side of my house has a junk car and a trailer of trash in the front yard. Two weeks ago in Saturday, two old camper trailers were pulled next to the house and just left there. Did I mention the kitchen stove turned over on the front porch? Some may call it creative landscaping — I call it junk piling!  
 I feel that because I live on the "south side" my requests to city officials have been ignored. I would like all that read this to drive by my neighborhood and then call our city manager and ask him why this hasn't been taken care of!  
 This is my question, if we are going to clean up Pampa, why don't we take the junk where it belongs and not leave it laying around?  
**Audra Summers**  
 Pampa

## Library move could not have been accomplished without staff

To the editor,  
 My home is in California but I have spent the winter in Pampa, visiting my 92-year-old aunt, Ola Gregory Covey. During my stay, I have checked out many books from the Baker School facility.  
 A recent Pampa News article mentioned all the volunteers, which I was one, who assisted the library personnel in their move back to the refurbished Lovett Memorial Library. I was disappointed that the article said nothing about the hard-working and dedicated library personnel, who moved not once, but twice in less than a year. It was these library personnel who did most of the work — not the volunteers.  
 Pampa is fortunate to have such a beautiful well-stocked library. I hope that when you visit the refurbished library, you will take the time to thank them for their extra hard work in keeping the library open during the library refurbishing.  
 It has been my pleasure to work for the library and become acquainted with the fine people who work for the library.  
**Ernestine Farris**  
 Pampa

## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

To the editor,  
 Many of us look back on our childhood as a time when we didn't have a worry. Unfortunately, an increasing number of Texas children have many worries because they are victims of child abuse.  
 Last year in Texas more than 29,000 children were victims of abuse and neglect. In our own county, Child Protective Services investigates regularly reports of child abuse and neglect and far too many children are confirmed as victims.  
 April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is a time to reflect on what we are doing as a community to support children and families. Children don't come with instructions and too many parents face raising their children without the knowledge and support they need. We all have opportunities to reach out to these parents and children in our families, neighborhoods, places of worship and places of employment.  
 This month let's become aware of the needs around us. Help others to help themselves and give their children a better chance in life than they may have had. Take a child for a walk in the park to give the parent a break; encourage a harassed parent to participate in a parenting class; read a child a story or simply listen and let them have your

## Calendar of events

- T.O.P.S. #149**  
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.
- T.O.P.S. #41**  
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.
- AL-ANON**  
 Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.
- VFW CHARITY BINGO**  
 The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.
- CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS**  
 The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at Warren Chisum's Office, 100 N. Price Road. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.
- PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**  
 The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Clarendon College. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.
- PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL**  
 A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.
- USS SPERRY**  
 The U.S. Navy Reunion for the

attention for a while.  
 Many thanks to you for your contributions to the United Way, enabling them to assist the many organizations, such as Child Protective Services, in helping those less fortunate than ourselves.  
**Leona Willis, chairman**  
 Child Protective Service Board

## Celebration of Lights needs a few good volunteers

To the editor,  
 The 1998 holiday light season was very successful and in January we started building new lighted pieces for the 1999 holiday season. The lights are on Old Man Winter, a Spaceship and spacemen, pointsettias, and dozens of packages being lighted for the new season. We have many other projects waiting for volunteers.  
 The new fiscal year started April 1 and we have some opportunities available for interested local and area citizens. We need working board members who will attend monthly board meetings, help us with work sessions, and be willing to see that the park and year around operation is run successfully.  
 If you see this as part of your volunteer calling to the community and county, call 665-2454, 669-2454, or write a note to the Celebration of Lights, P.O. Box 1012, Pampa, TX 79066-1012.  
**Mary Lou Lane**  
 Pampa

## Refugees are in dire need of your assistance

To the editor,  
 Help from the public is urgently needed for the great number of refugees from Kosovo who have fled or been expelled to neighboring countries, and are in desperate circumstances.  
 Our government has arranged for a special phone number and website which citizens wishing to inquire about providing assistance may call or access. The phone number is 1-800-872-4373. The website is www.info.usdid.gov, and click to me Kosovo home page. Momentary assistance is currently being requested.  
 The government has cited the following as reputable relief organizations engaged in providing help to the refugees, and to which donations can be made. It should be indicated on checks that the contributions are for Kosovo.  
 —Action Against Hunger/U.S.A., Ave. #1905, New York, NY 10001, (212)967-7800  
 —International Orthodox Christian Charities, P.O. Box 630225, Baltimore, MD 21263-0225, (410) 243-9820  
 —American Friends Service Committee, 7501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102, (888) 588-2372  
 —American Red Cross International Response Fund, P.O. Box 37243, Washington D.C. 20013, 1-800-HELPNOW  
 —American Refugee Com., 2344 Nicollett Ave., Suite 350, Minneapolis, MN 55404  
 As most of us have witnessed on television, this refugee situation is truly of a disastrous nature, and one for which a huge amount of assistance will be needed for an indefinite period of time.  
**Bob Black**  
**McLean**

## Religion cannot overcome science, progress

To the editor,  
 His recent murder conviction may cause some to wonder whether or not Jack Kevorkian should go down in history with other cutting-edge members of the scientific community whose work ran contradictory with political and religious beliefs of their day.  
 To lump Kevorkian in with the great minds of the past, however, would be to insult men like Nicolas Copernicus. The Copernican theory that the sun — not the Earth — is at the center of the solar system, while having received a hostile reception when it was published in 1543, is immortalized today by science projects the world over. And, while Copernicus also had to fight for his unpopular belief, his fight probably did not include rubbing the world's nose in it by going on national television with a procedure that, although viewed as necessary by many, is considered repulsive by most.  
 Kevorkian, with his ridiculous stunt, may well have set the practice of doctor-assisted suicide back 20 years. A medical inevitability — and obviously socially acceptable as evidenced by Kevorkian's prior

acquittals — the practice is naturally condemned by the religious right as being something that is not meant to be within the realm of medical science. Perhaps even more ludicrous than Kevorkian's decision to go public is the belief that religion can stop science.  
 Over the centuries, the former has certainly hindered the latter but has never stopped it. Historically, when science and religion have been at odds with one another, science has always prevailed and religion has simply broadened its boundaries to allow for any new developments. The same will likely happen with doctor-assisted suicide. In 50 years, physicians whose practice includes allowing terminally ill patients to die with dignity will be praised as angels of mercy not condemned as minions of Satan. This acceptance is just likely to be realized a few years later as a result of Kevorkian's grandstanding.  
 Will Doctor Death, then, go down in history with Copernicus and his ilk? Probably not. Will the religious right ever be able to derail the powerful locomotive that is science? Well actually, there was one point in history when that almost happened. Historians sometimes refer to this period as the Dark Ages.  
**William Chaplar**  
 Pampa

## Tell your children you love them

To the editor,  
 Recently I called one of my nieces in Pampa from work here in Alaska. I was just learning about the tragic shooting in Colorado, and I just wanted to call to tell her that I loved her and that I was thinking about her.  
 So much of what happened at that school might have been prevented if someone had said that to those kids. We have to teach our kids to love just like we teach them not to lie, cheat or steal. They have to know that compassion is the most important thing we can show others.  
 My two nieces are the most important people in the world to me and the rest of our family. One is in high school and the other is in grade school. I worry for them every day and the pressures they face from others as well as academically.  
 Tell your kids you love them every day, and that's what they will give back to others.  
**Samuel M. Britton**  
 Alaska  
 slamster1@yahoo.com

## Remembering high school years, friends at PHS

To the editor,  
 I went to Pampa High School and have lived away from there since then and was wondering if there are any of my school friends still around — if so, I would like very much to hear from any of them. Some of my close friends were Betty Elkins, Yvonne Hendrix, Betty Bell, Buck Haggard, Bill Tinsley and many more that I can remember, but can't remember their names.  
 My husband and I are living in the Ozarks after 35 years in Colorado Springs, Colo., and 22 years before that we lived in Albuquerque, N.M.  
 I would also like to know if there will be a reunion. I would like to attend.  
**Birdie Bell Turner Browning**  
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 (See, LETTERS, Page 14)

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# SPORTS

## Notebook

### TRACK

**ELK CITY, Okla.** — Wheeler and Canadian track team members competed in the Elk City, Okla. Track Classic over the weekend.

In the boys' division, Canadian's Josh Ellison placed second in the 300 hurdles (41.70) and Wheeler's Brooks Brown placed third in the pole vault (11-6).

In the girls' division, Wheeler's Brooke Verden placed second in the 100 hurdles (15.90).

Canadian's Kathy Lee was third in the 300 hurdles (50.14) and Hardin was third in the 200 (27.24).

### FOOTBALL

**IRVING, Texas (AP)** — The Dallas Cowboys announced Friday they've reached agreements with 16 rookie free agents.

The next step is for the players to pass their physicals and then sign contracts.

A rookie mini-camp is set for next week at Valley Ranch.

These are the players who agreed to terms:

- safety Billy Gustin of Purdue
- cornerback Duane Hawthorne of Northern Illinois
- punter Gabe Lindstrom of Toledo
- running back Denvis Manns of New Mexico State
- cornerback LaDoughyous McCalla of Rice
- tight end Ryan Neufeld of UCLA
- defensive tackle Robert Newkirk of Michigan State
- defensive back Zac Painter of Arkansas
- safety Grant Pearsall of Southern Cal
- linebacker Joe Phipps of Texas Christian
- wide receiver Billy Powell of Rutgers
- running back Alan Ricard of Northeast Louisiana
- defensive end Sam Simmons of Arkansas-Pine Bluff
- fullback Brian Waters of North Texas
- defensive tackle Greg Wilkins of Langston
- offensive lineman Brad Winn of North Texas.

## JV boys take first

**PAMPA** — Pampa scored 150 points to win the boys' junior varsity district track title last weekend at Randy Matson Field.

**Pampa results**  
300 hurdles: Josh Gibson, second place; Tanner Dyer, third place.

100 dash: Tristen Perry, second place.

110 hurdles: Tanner Dyer, first place; Ty Elledge, second place.

400 relay: Pampa, first place.

Triple jump: Ben Williams, second place; David Robinson, third place.

Shot put: Jeff Warren, second place.

3200: Zach Groves, second place; Breck Hoggatt, third place.

Shot put: Jeff Warren, second place.

Long jump: Ben Williams, first place; David Robinson, third place.

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Pampa placed fifth with 43 points in the girls' junior varsity district meet.

**Pampa results**

1600: Amanda White, first place, 6:03.68.

3200: Amanda White, first place, 13.25.

300 hurdles: Shelly Sims, second place, 54.08.

100 hurdles: Shelly Sims, first place, 17.83.

Discus: Gema Venegas, fourth place, 82-2 1/4.

400: Lindsey Narron, sixth place, 1:20.10.

## Reds down Astros, 7-5

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Mike Cameron's defense in center field has been superb. Now he's also becoming the leadoff man the Cincinnati Reds have needed.

"Me getting some hits like that is a big confidence booster," Cameron said after getting three hits, scoring three runs and stealing two bases Friday night in Cincinnati's 7-5 victory over the Houston Astros.

Only Sean Casey, who leads the NL with a .446 average, has more hits on the Reds.

"The first time up, I just wanted to put the ball in play," Cameron said. "I wanted to get out as quick as possible to give our team an opportunity to put some pressure on the defense."

By raising his batting average to .321, Cameron has helped ease the memory of last season, when he batted .210 with the Chicago White Sox.

"You can't be judged on one bad year," Cameron said. "I feel I can hit. I just fell into one bad bump last year."

## Softball seniors



Seniors on the Pampa High softball team were recognized during the final home game of the season. Seniors are (from left) Lesley Clark, Molly Seabourn, Lisa Kirkpatrick, Lisa Dwight and Kimberly Clark.

(Pampa News photo by Darryl Cowan)

## Registration continues for scramble

### GOLF

For more information, call 806-665-6677.

**PAMPA** — Registration for BSA Hospice's (formerly Hospice of the Panhandle) ninth annual Benefit Golf Scramble continues at Hidden Hills Golf Course, north of Pampa.

Tee-off is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, May 1 at the community golf course located north of Pampa just off Texas Highway 70. The \$40 entry fee includes green fees and cart. To register, call Hidden Hills Golf Course at 806-669-5866.

More than 15 teams have already signed up to play in the annual tournament, according to David Teichmann, Hidden Hills golf pro. He asked that only one player with a 9 handicap or below be on each team. Eligible players are 18 or older and no longer have UIL eligibility.

Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place team and for longest drive and closest to the hole. Free sandwiches, desserts and soft drinks are to be provided by BSA Hospice volunteers.

Proceeds from this event goes to BSA Hospice, a not-for-profit agency that provides compassionate and competent in-home care for terminally-ill patients and their families throughout the Panhandle.

**USGA membership, free admittance to the GTE Byron Nelson Classic and Nike Permyon Basin Open, member hat, bag tag, rules book, video, and variety of other benefits.**

**WYLIE** — The Northern Texas PGA Junior Golf Foundation Westcott Junior Tour swings into action this summer with events and clinics beginning on May 25th at Chase Oaks GC in Plano and concludes with the Westcott Tournament of Championships/Maxfli PGA Junior Section Championship at Hyatt Bear Creek, DFW on July 29-30.

The NTPGA Junior Golf Foundation's summer tournament program, known as the Westcott Junior Tour, provides members with an intense schedule of over 190 events in a ten-week period. The Westcott Junior Tour, sponsored by the Westcott Foundation, is divided into four programs to effectively handle a large variety of skill levels and age groups.

The foundation is open to boys and girls ages 7-18 and is currently accepting membership applications. Members of the foundation receive numerous benefits including access to foundation events, complimentary

shots ahead of Furyk and Maggert. Dudley Hart shot a 65 late in the day and was three behind Parnevik at 13-under.

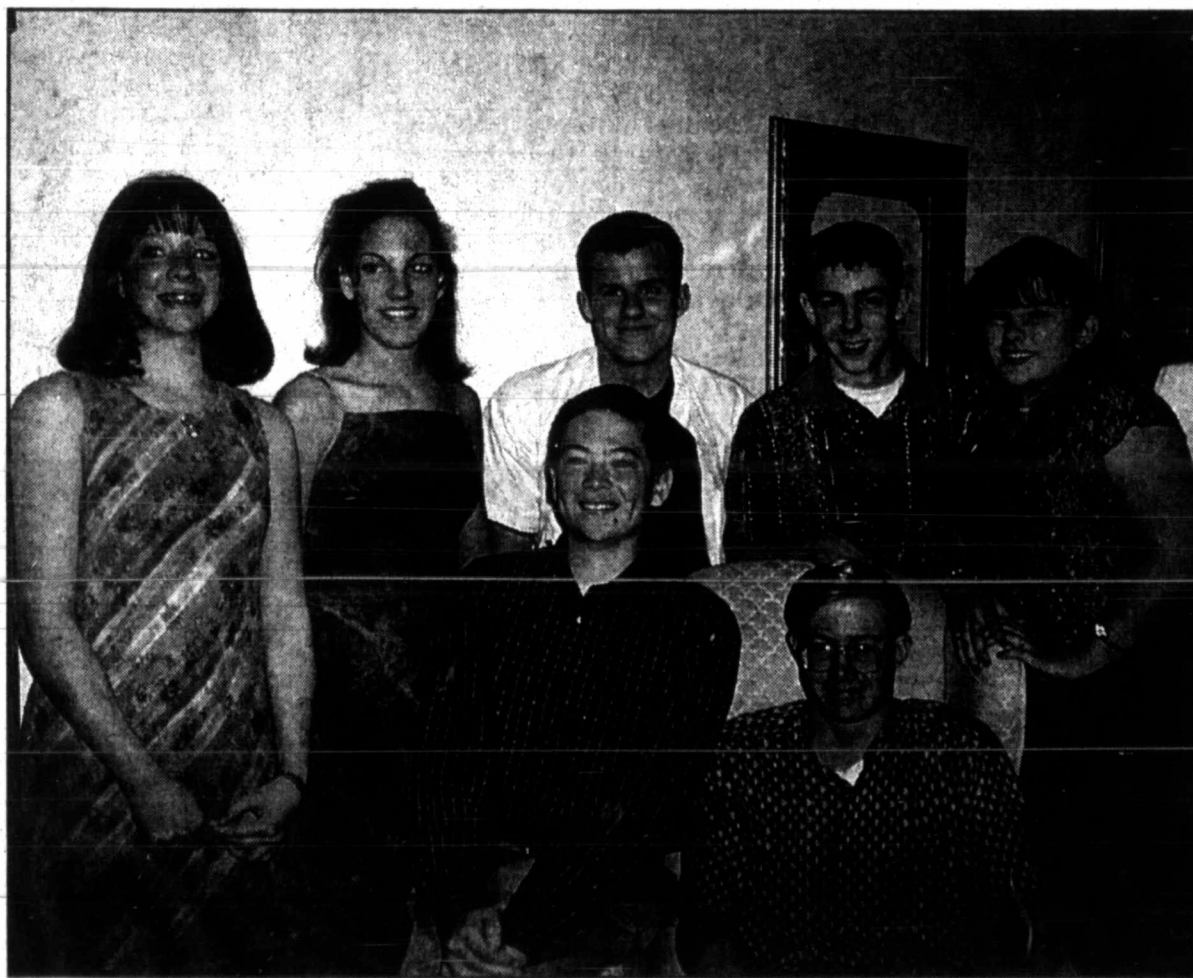
The top three players have thrived despite going without their regular caddies this week. "Maybe that's the key," Parnevik said.

Parnevik fired his longtime caddie, Lorne Duncan, last week and hired part-time tour player Lance Ten Broeck to carry his bag in Greensboro. Maggert's girlfriend, Michelle Austin, a Greensboro native, is caddying for him in place of regular caddie Brian Sullivan. Furyk was using an old college friend, Jeff Manson, in place of newly hired Mike "Fluff" Cowan, who is vacationing in Scotland.

Parnevik birdied seven holes and dropped in a 115-yard sand wedge at the par-4 seventh for an eagle to shoot a 63, one shy of the course record. His two-day total of 128 topped by one shot the 36-hole tournament record set by Jeff Sluman in 1988.

"I thought it was hard to beat yesterday's round of 65," Parnevik said. "It was a little easier today because you could stop the ball by the pins on pretty much every hole."

## Swimmers honored



(Special photo)

Pampa High School swimmers were honored at a recent banquet. (Standing, from left) Jeff Holley, most inspirational; Doug Warren, Lindsey Mitchell, most inspirational; Jeff Kelley, most outstanding; Doug Warren, best swimmer; Matt Moman, most improved. (Seated, from left) are J.J. Juan, most improved; Matt Brown, best attendance and outstanding swimmer, Not pictured are Stacy Huddleston, outstanding swimmer.

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# Gonzalez hits first homer of the season as Texas tops Twins

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Juan Gonzalez finally hit his first home run of the season Friday, in the Rangers' 4-2 win over the Minnesota Twins.

In a lineup loaded with power hitters, Gonzalez' failure to hit a home run through the season's first 16 games was starting to worry some Rangers, although Gonzalez himself may have been one of the least concerned.

"It's probably a bigger relief for everybody else," said first baseman Lee Stevens, Texas' leading home run hitter this season with five.

But Rangers manager Johnny Oates said last season's American League MVP was on the verge of becoming frustrated with his power slump.

"I'm not sure how much longer he could have held it," Oates said. "I know there were a lot of people in the dugout very happy that he hit the home run because they were probably thinking along with me."

Gonzalez's home run gave Mark Clark (1-2) a 7-0 record in 11 appearances against the Twins.

"He's hit the ball hard so many times," Clark said. "He's hit I don't know how many balls to dead center. I was just glad he did it."

Clark pitched 6 2/3 strong innings, allowing just four hits while striking out six and issuing

two walks. He lowered his ERA from 10.76 to 8.14 while showing strong command of all his pitches.

Through the first five scoreless innings, neither Clark nor Twins starter Mike Lincoln (0-3) allowed a runner past second base.

Twins manager Tom Kelly praised the rookie, who struck out Gonzalez in the first, and leads all Twins starters with a 3.98 ERA.

"Lincoln pitched a good game," Kelly said. "He gave us a great chance to win. He was very competitive. He's pitched well the last couple of times in a row."

Lincoln said Gonzalez's first-inning strikeout, which ended the inning with a runner on second, set the tone for Gonzalez's at-bats, which included two deep fly balls to center in addition to the home run.

"It was like he was heating up a little bit," Lincoln said.

In the sixth, the Rangers' Mark McLemore led off with a single off shortstop Denny Hocking's glove, Rusty Greer lined a single to left just over third baseman Corey Koskie's reach, and Gonzalez hit a 397-foot blast into the left field bleachers.

After Rafael Palmeiro grounded out to Lincoln, Ivan Rodriguez singled, but Todd Zeile hit into the Rangers' third double play of the game to end

the inning.

The Twins got two runs back in the seventh when Torii Hunter hit an RBI single to score Doug Mientkiewicz, who walked and moved to second on a wild pitch. After Terry Steinbach and Koskie struck out, Kelly sent Todd Walker to pinch hit for Chris Latham.

When Eric Gunderson came in to relieve Clark, Walker was called back and Ron Coomer went in to pinch-hit. Coomer was on the bench with a strained left rib cage, which caused him to miss the last three games. He delivered with a bloop single to bring Hunter home.

Rodriguez, who started at catcher despite suffering a slight concussion in a home plate collision with the Twins' Matt Lawton in Thursday's game, hit his fourth homer to start the ninth for Texas, the first run allowed by Mike Trombley in 19 1-3 innings dating to last season.

Notes: Gonzalez entered the game with just seven RBIs this season and none in his last seven games. The 1998 American League MVP is batting .304 (14-for-45) against right-handed pitchers this season. He led the AL with 157 RBIs last season. ... Rangers shortstop Royce Clayton broke out of a 0-for-20 slump with an infield single in the sixth. ... Clark improved to 14-3 in the last five seasons on artificial turf.

# NY bids classy farewell to Joe D

NEW YORK (AP) — His career was the stuff of story and song, his accomplishments extraordinary: the 56-game hitting streak, the 10 pennants and nine world championships, the retired No. 5, the Hall of Fame.

Yet Cardinal John O'Connor, speaking Friday at a memorial service for New York Yankees great Joe DiMaggio, instead recalled what his father once said about the late center fielder: "DiMaggio seems to me to be a very decent fellow."

DiMaggio's class and dignity during six decades of public scrutiny were reflected in the somber service at St. Patrick's Cathedral, where New Yorkers gave Joe D. one final standing ova-

tion. There were celebrities, yes — Woody Allen, George Steinbrenner, Henry Kissinger. But the altar was sparsely decorated, with a few tasteful sprays of flowers. There were only two speakers, one-time teammate Bobby Brown and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

"This will be a very simple service," O'Connor promised — and it was.

Simple yet elegant, much like the man it remembered.

"I would suggest that rarely was there ever seen such consummate skill, grace, power, speed and dignity in one person," Brown told an overflow crowd at the Manhattan church.

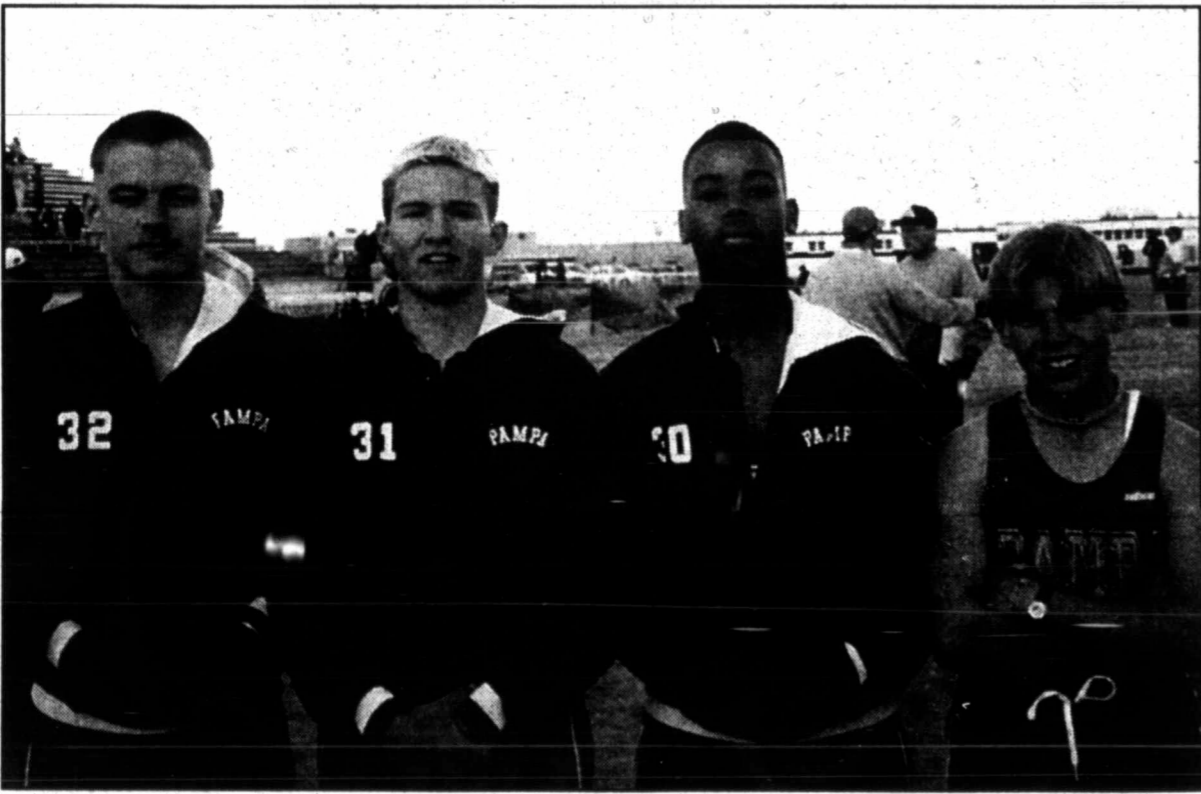
"I know Joe is in heaven,"

Brown continued. "I suspect there's a committee up there right now trying to determine when to retire his number."

Seated in a front-row pew were Yankees owner Steinbrenner, Hall of Famer Yogi Berra, ex-Secretary of State Kissinger and Giuliani. Opposite them were DiMaggio's two granddaughters and his long-time friend and attorney, Morris Engelberg.

Other celebrities paying their final respects included Allen, singer Michael Bolton, comedian Joe Piscopo, and sportscasters Bryant Gumbel and Bob Costas. Fellow Yankees Hall of Famer Phil Rizzuto sat behind Berra; nearby was ex-Brooklyn Dodgers pitcher Ralph Branca.

# First place



(Special photo)

Pampa's 800-meter team claimed first place at the 8th Grade Boys' District Track Meet in Dumas. They are (from left) Jake Mulinax, Tristan Brown, Devin Sessions and Tyson Moree.

# Report: Broncos' Elway may retire

DENVER (AP) — John Elway, the master of the late-game rally, has apparently run out of comebacks.

Sources who spoke on condition of anonymity Friday told The Associated Press the 38-year-old Elway has told family and friends that he won't be back for the 1999 season.

Elway led the Denver Broncos to Super Bowl victories the past two years.

The Denver Rocky Mountain News and The Denver Post also cited unidentified sources who said Elway's retirement was imminent.

Elway considered making an announcement this past week, but delayed it, sources said, first because Broncos owner Pat Bowlen was out of town, and then because of the school shootings in

suburban Denver on Tuesday.

The Post said Elway could announce his retirement as early as Monday. He was out of town Friday and could not be reached for comment.

Broncos spokesman Jim Saccomano said he could not confirm the reports until he heard from Elway.

Last weekend, during the NFL draft, Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said he expected Elway to make his decision known before the team's minicamp, which opens April 30.

Famous for improbable late-game magic, Elway rallied his team with 47 game-saving drives in his career, more than any quarterback ever.

Elway's retirement is the third in four months of a transcendent figure in sports, following Michael Jordan and Wayne

Gretzky.

Jordan retired from the Chicago Bulls just before the lockout-shortened NBA season started in January, and Gretzky announced last week that he was retiring following the New York Rangers' last regular-season game.

Elway considered retiring after winning his first Super Bowl in January 1998. Four months later, he elected to return for another season but said he was 99.9 percent sure it would be his last.

Last January, after winning a second Super Bowl as well as the game's MVP award, he hedged slightly, saying the possibility of an unprecedented third straight title had thrown a "kink" in his thinking.

With Elway's departure, the Broncos will turn to veteran Bubby Brister, who had a 4-0 record as a starter last season.

# PHS boys' golf



(Pampa News photo)

The Pampa boys' golf team won the District 3-4A championship this spring and is playing the regional tournament this weekend at San Angelo. Team members are (from left) Nathan Banner, Grady Locknane, Barry Brauchi, Clay Banner and Matt Heasley.

# Scoreboard

| BASEBALL   |    |    |      |        |
|--|----|----|------|--------|
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| By The Associated Press  |    |    |      |        |
| All Times EDT  |    |    |      |        |
| <b>East Division</b>   |    |    |      |        |
|  | W  | L  | Pct. | GB     |
| New York   | 11 | 6  | .647 | —      |
| Atlanta  | 9  | 6  | .600 | 1      |
| Philadelphia   | 8  | 8  | .500 | 2 1/2  |
| Montreal   | 6  | 9  | .400 | 4      |
| Florida  | 5  | 11 | .313 | 5 1/2  |
| <b>Central Division</b>  |    |    |      |        |
|  | W  | L  | Pct. | GB     |
| St. Louis  | 40 | 5  | .667 | —      |
| Houston  | 8  | 7  | .533 | 2      |
| Pittsburgh   | 8  | 7  | .533 | 2      |
| Milwaukee  | 7  | 9  | .438 | 3 1/2  |
| Cincinnati   | 6  | 9  | .400 | 4      |
| Chicago  | 5  | 9  | .357 | 4 1/2  |
| <b>West Division</b>   |    |    |      |        |
|  | W  | L  | Pct. | GB     |
| San Francisco  | 11 | 7  | .611 | —      |
| Arizona  | 10 | 7  | .588 | 1/2    |
| Los Angeles  | 8  | 9  | .471 | 2 1/2  |
| Colorado   | 6  | 7  | .462 | 2 1/2  |
| San Diego  | 7  | 9  | .438 | 3      |
| <b>Thursday's Games</b>  |    |    |      |        |
| Houston at Chicago, p.p.d., rain   |    |    |      |        |
| Colorado 8, San Francisco 5  |    |    |      |        |
| New York 4, Cincinnati 1   |    |    |      |        |
| Only games scheduled   |    |    |      |        |
| <b>Friday's Games</b>  |    |    |      |        |
| New York 6, Chicago 5  |    |    |      |        |
| Philadelphia 6, Montreal 2   |    |    |      |        |
| Florida 9, Atlanta 1   |    |    |      |        |
| Milwaukee 9, Pittsburgh 1  |    |    |      |        |
| Cincinnati 7, Houston 5  |    |    |      |        |
| Arizona 10, San Diego 6  |    |    |      |        |
| St. Louis 12, Los Angeles 5  |    |    |      |        |
| San Francisco 7, Colorado 2  |    |    |      |        |
| <b>Saturday's Games</b>  |    |    |      |        |
| Houston (Hampton 1-1) at Cincinnati (Avery 1-1), 1:15 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| Milwaukee (Eldred 0-0 or Abbott 0-3) at Pittsburgh (Schourek 1-1), 1:35 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| New York (Watson 1-1) at Chicago (Woodall 0-1 or Mulholland 0-0), 2:20 p.m.  |    |    |      |        |
| Colorado (Astacio 0-2) at San Francisco (Estes 1-1), 4:05 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| Philadelphia (Loewer 1-1) at Montreal (Pavano 0-3), 7:05 p.m.  |    |    |      |        |
| Atlanta (Maddux 2-0) at Florida (Sanchez 0-2), 7:05 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| Arizona (Daal 2-0) at San Diego (W. Williams 0-0), 10:05 p.m.  |    |    |      |        |
| St. Louis (Osborne 0-1) at Los Angeles (Valdes 1-0), 10:10 p.m.  |    |    |      |        |
| <b>Sunday's Games</b>  |    |    |      |        |
| Houston (Bergman 0-1) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 1-2), 1:15 p.m.  |    |    |      |        |
| Philadelphia (Byrd 1-1) at Montreal (Vazquez 1-1), 1:35 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| Milwaukee (Karl 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Benson 1-1), 1:35 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| New York (Hershiser 1-1) at Chicago (Lieber 2-1), 2:20 p.m.  |    |    |      |        |
| Arizona (Johnson 2-1) at San Diego (Spencer 0-2), 4:05 p.m.  |    |    |      |        |
| Atlanta (Smoltz 2-0) at Florida (Meadows 3-0), 4:05 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| Colorado (Wright 0-0) at San Francisco (Brock 2-1), 4:05 p.m.  |    |    |      |        |
| St. Louis (Bottenfield 3-0) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 3-0), 8:05 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| <b>American League</b>   |    |    |      |        |
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| <b>East Division</b>   |    |    |      |        |
|  | W  | L  | Pct. | GB     |
| Toronto  | 12 | 5  | .706 | —      |
| New York   | 10 | 5  | .667 | 1      |
| Tampa Bay  | 11 | 7  | .611 | 1 1/2  |
| Boston   | 8  | 8  | .500 | 3 1/2  |
| Baltimore  | 4  | 12 | .250 | 7 1/2  |
| <b>Central Division</b>  |    |    |      |        |
|  | W  | L  | Pct. | GB     |
| Cleveland  | 12 | 3  | .800 | —      |
| Chicago  | 8  | 6  | .571 | 3 1/2  |
| <b>West Division</b>   |    |    |      |        |
|  | W  | L  | Pct. | GB     |
| Detroit  | 7  | 9  | .438 | 5 1/2  |
| Minnesota  | 7  | 10 | .412 | 6      |
| Kansas City  | 5  | 10 | .333 | 7      |
| <b>West Division</b>   |    |    |      |        |
|  | W  | L  | Pct. | GB     |
| Texas  | 9  | 8  | .529 | —      |
| Anaheim  | 7  | 10 | .412 | 2      |
| Oakland  | 7  | 10 | .412 | 2      |
| Seattle  | 6  | 10 | .375 | 2 1/2  |
| <b>Thursday's Games</b>  |    |    |      |        |
| Detroit 1, Boston 0  |    |    |      |        |
| Seattle at Chicago, p.p.d., rain   |    |    |      |        |
| Tampa Bay 1, Baltimore 0   |    |    |      |        |
| Toronto 6, Anaheim 7   |    |    |      |        |
| Oakland 4, Cleveland 1   |    |    |      |        |
| Texas 6, Minnesota 4   |    |    |      |        |
| Only games scheduled   |    |    |      |        |
| <b>Friday's Games</b>  |    |    |      |        |
| Cleveland 7, Boston 6  |    |    |      |        |
| Baltimore 7, Oakland 4   |    |    |      |        |
| Tampa Bay 5, Seattle 4   |    |    |      |        |
| Chicago 5, Detroit 0   |    |    |      |        |
| New York 6, Toronto 4  |    |    |      |        |
| Texas 4, Minnesota 2   |    |    |      |        |
| Anaheim 4, Kansas City 2   |    |    |      |        |
| <b>Saturday's Games</b>  |    |    |      |        |
| Cleveland (Burba 1-0) at Boston (Saberhagen 2-1), 1:05 p.m.  |    |    |      |        |
| Toronto (Halladay 2-0) at New York (Pettitte 0-0), 1:35 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| Seattle (Henry 1-0) at Baltimore (Erickson 0-3), 1:35 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| Detroit (Milicki 1-0) at Chicago (Navarro 0-1), 2:05 p.m.  |    |    |      |        |
| Anaheim (Sparks 0-3) at Kansas City (Suppan 0-3), 2:05 p.m.  |    |    |      |        |
| Seattle (Henry 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Arrojo 1-1), 6:35 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| Texas (Morgan 3-0) at Minnesota (Hawkins 1-2), 8:05 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| <b>Sunday's Games</b>  |    |    |      |        |
| Cleveland (Colon 3-0) at Boston (P. Martinez 3-1), 1:05 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| Oakland (Rogers 0-2) at Baltimore (Coppinger 0-0), 1:35 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| Seattle (Fassero 0-3) at Tampa Bay (Santana 1-2), 1:35 p.m.  |    |    |      |        |
| Detroit (Weaver 1-1) at Chicago (Baldwin 2-1), 2:05 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| Texas (Loaiza 0-0) at Minnesota (Sampson 0-0), 2:05 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| Anaheim (Finley 1-2) at Kansas City (Witasick 0-1), 2:05 p.m.  |    |    |      |        |
| Toronto (Escobar 2-0) at New York (Cone 3-0), 2:15 p.m.  |    |    |      |        |
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| <b>EASTERN CONFERENCE</b>  |    |    |      |        |
| <b>Atlantic Division</b>   |    |    |      |        |
|  | W  | L  | Pct. | GB     |
| x-Miami  | 29 | 13 | .690 | —      |
| x-Orlando  | 29 | 16 | .644 | 1 1/2  |
| Philadelphia   | 24 | 19 | .558 | 5 1/2  |
| New York   | 22 | 21 | .512 | 7 1/2  |
| Boston   | 17 | 27 | .386 | 13     |
| Washington   | 16 | 27 | .372 | 13 1/2 |
| New Jersey   | 13 | 29 | .310 | 16     |
| <b>Central Division</b>  |    |    |      |        |
|  | W  | L  | Pct. | GB     |
| Indiana  | 28 | 15 | .651 | —      |
| Atlanta  | 27 | 17 | .614 | 1 1/2  |
| Milwaukee  | 24 | 19 | .558 | 4      |
| Detroit  | 23 | 20 | .535 | 5      |
| Toronto  | 22 | 21 | .512 | 6      |
| Charlotte  | 21 | 21 | .500 | 6 1/2  |
| Cleveland  | 21 | 22 | .488 | 7      |
| Chicago  | 12 | 32 | .273 | 16 1/2 |
| <b>WESTERN CONFERENCE</b>  |    |    |      |        |
| <b>Midwest Division</b>  |    |    |      |        |
|  | W  | L  | Pct. | GB     |
| x-Utah   | 33 | 10 | .767 | —      |
| x-San Antonio  | 30 | 12 | .714 | 2 1/2  |
| Houston  | 27 | 16 | .628 | 6      |
| Minnesota  | 22 | 22 | .500 | 11 1/2 |
| Dallas   | 15 | 28 | .349 | 18     |
| Denver   | 14 | 29 | .326 | 19     |
| Vancouver  | 8  | 36 | .182 | 25 1/2 |
| <b>Pacific Division</b>  |    |    |      |        |
|  | W  | L  | Pct. | GB     |
| x-Portland   | 31 | 11 | .738 | —      |
| <b>L.A. Lakers</b> 27 17 .614 5  |    |    |      |        |
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| <b>Golden State</b> 18 25 .419 13 1/2  |    |    |      |        |
| <b>L.A. Clippers</b> 8 35 .186 23 1/2  |    |    |      |        |
| x-clinched playoff berth   |    |    |      |        |
| <b>Thursday's Games</b>  |    |    |      |        |
| Miami 75, Orlando 70   |    |    |      |        |
| Atlanta 106, Boston 84   |    |    |      |        |
| Philadelphia 104, Detroit 96   |    |    |      |        |
| San Antonio 103, Dallas 76   |    |    |      |        |
| <b>Friday's Games</b>  |    |    |      |        |
| Atlanta 89, Washington 78  |    |    |      |        |
| Toronto 95, Orlando 88   |    |    |      |        |
| New York 110, Charlotte 105  |    |    |      |        |
| Milwaukee 78, Cleveland 75   |    |    |      |        |
| Boston 100, Chicago 71   |    |    |      |        |
| Denver 96, Golden State 84   |    |    |      |        |
| Utah 96, Portland 85   |    |    |      |        |
| Seattle 97, Vancouver 84   |    |    |      |        |
| Sacramento 105, Minnesota 97   |    |    |      |        |
| L.A. Clippers 106, Houston 101, OT   |    |    |      |        |
| <b>Saturday's Games</b>  |    |    |      |        |
| New Jersey at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| Chicago at Indiana, 8 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  |    |    |      |        |
| Dallas at Sacramento, 10 p.m.  |    |    |      |        |
| Denver at Golden State, 11 p.m.  |    |    |      |        |
| Vancouver at L.A. Clippers, 11 p.m.  |    |    |      |        |
| <b>Sunday's Games</b>  |    |    |      |        |
| Detroit at Toronto, 12:30 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| Milwaukee at Atlanta, 12:30 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| Washington at Boston, 12:30 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| New York at Miami, 3 p.m.  |    |    |      |        |
| Houston at Phoenix, 3 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| Orlando at Philadelphia, 5:30 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| Seattle at Utah, 5:30 p.m.   |    |    |      |        |
| Indiana at New Jersey, 8 p.m.  |    |    |      |        |
| Minnesota at Portland, 9 p.m.  |    |    |      |        |
| <b>TRANSACTIONS</b>  |    |    |      |        |
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| <b>BASEBALL</b>  |    |    |      |        |
| <b>AMERICAN LEAGUE</b>   |    |    |      |        |
| CLEVELAND INDIANS—Signed RHP Steve Reed to a two-year contract extension, through 2001. Recalled RHP Jason Rakers from Buffalo of the International League.  |    |    |      |        |
| SEATTLE MARINERS—Signed LHP Jamie Moyer to a two-year contract extension, through 2001.  |    |    |      |        |
| TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Activated 1B-OF Paul Sorrento from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned LHP Mike Duval to Durham of the International League.   |    |    |      |        |
| <b>NATIONAL LEAGUE</b>   |    |    |      |        |
| CHICAGO CUBS—Released RHP Hideo Nomo.  |    |    |      |        |
| PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Activated SS Pat Meares and RHP Jose Silva from the 15-day disabled list. Reassigned RHP Jim Dougherty and SS Abraham Nunez to Nashville of the PCL.  |    |    |      |        |
| SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Optioned RHP Miguel Del Toro to Fresno of the PCL.  |    |    |      |        |
| <b>BASKETBALL</b>  |    |    |      |        |
| <b>National Basketball Association</b>   |    |    |      |        |
| NEW JERSEY NETS—Re-signed F David Vaughn to a second 10-day contract.  |    |    |      |        |
| NEW YORK KNICKS—Signed F Mirsad Turckan. Placed F Ben Davis on the injured list.   |    |    |      |        |
| <b>FOOTBALL</b>  |    |    |      |        |
| <b>National Football League</b>  |    |    |      |        |
| CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed DE Tim Beachamp, TE Mark Campbell, QB Mike Cook, OT Kris Comstock, K Jose Cortez, WR Sylvain Grand, P Chris Hanson, CB Central McClellon, LB David Menard, DE Arnold Miller, WR Joseph Nastasi, RB-WR Ronnie Powell, FB Dawud Rasheed, LB Tyrone Rogers, LB Jerry Rudzinski, LB Ryan Taylor, DT Darus Holland. Claimed DE Jim Baron off waivers from the Chicago Bears, K Danny Knight off waivers from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and TE Ed Smith off waivers from the Atlanta Falcons. |    |    |      |        |

# Baylor rips OU

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor squandered most of an early 7-run lead Friday before hanging on to defeat Oklahoma 16-12.

The two teams combined for 29 hits, 14 of them for extra bases, including seven home runs.

Baylor (38-9, 17-5 Big 12 Conference) jumped to leads of 6-0 and 8-1, and Bears' starting pitcher Jason Jennings (10-0) was cruising along until Oklahoma erupted for four runs in the top of the seventh.

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The 4-H Sew Fine Club recently had a fashion show entitled "Pharaoh's Phads". Raber, Kaylee Shank. (Front Row from left) Ashley Price, Lori Stephens, Sarah Shown modeling their garments are (top row from left) Kendra Raber, Erin Schwab.

## Gray County holds its 'Pharaoh's Phads' 4-H Fashion Show

"Pharaoh's Phads" was the theme of this year's Gray County 4-H Fashion Show held recently at the Gray County Annex. Six 4-H members constructed their garments and 10 Fabric and Fashion Portfolio's were submitted.

Selected to represent Gray County at the District 4-H Fashion Show on May 1 in Borger were: Ashley Price, Pampa Sew Fine and Prime Time 4-H Clubs in Junior Casual Daywear; Kaylee Shank, Pampa Sew Fine 4-H Club in Intermediate Casual Daywear; Kendra Raber, Pampa Sew Fine 4-H Club in Intermediate Active Playwear; Lori Stephens, Pampa Sew Fine 4-H Club in Senior Casual Daywear; and Sarah Schwab, Pampa Sew Fine 4-H Club in Senior Dressy Daywear.

Erin Raber of Pampa and member of the Pampa Sew Fine 4-H Club, was the alternate in the Senior Dressy Daywear division. Special award winners included Best Rookie Kendra Raber, and

High Point Senior Sarah Schwab. The Best Rookie received a pair of Gingher Dressmaker Shears and the High Point Senior received a sewing machine and a carrying case.

4-H members participating in the 4-H Fashion Show have excelled in clothing projects and exhibit skills in the following: Application of knowledge of fibers and fabric to wardrobe selection; clothing construction of comparison shopping; fashion interpretation and understanding of style; good grooming and poise in front of others; and modeling and modeling and presentation of themselves and their garments.

Submitting portfolios in the Fashion and Fabric Design Contest were Emily Elliott, Pampa Sew Fine 4-H Club in Junior Accessory Design; Jennifer Myers, Pampa Sew Fine 4-H Club in Intermediate Apparel Design and Intermediate Textile Design; Kendra Raber, Pampa Sew Fine 4-H Club in Intermediate Apparel Design; Sarah

Schwab, Pampa Sew Fine 4-H Club in Senior Apparel Design and Senior Accessory Design. Contestant portfolios were submitted to district and participants must complete the interview phase of the contest. Winners of the Fashion and Fabric Design Contest will be announced at the District 4-H Fashion Show May 1 in Borger.

4-H members participating in the Fabric and Fashion Design exhibit skills in obtaining inspiration for designs; conducting design research; collect and record design ideas; use the principles and elements of design, follow the steps needed to complete a design, and practice designing.

Lori Stephens served as mistress of ceremonies. Emily Elliott narrated the style show. Judges for this year's contest were Angie Huff, Hemphill County Extension Agent; Pam Lash, Evening Starts FCE Club President; and Janie Van Zandt, former Comanche County Extension Agent.

## American Cancer Society looking for participants in its upcoming Relay for Life event

The American Cancer Society will hold a Relay for Life fund-raiser June 11-12 at Recreation Park.

Cancer touches everyone, whether it be personally, a member of their family or a friend. Relay for Life is a unique way to raise money, honor survivors and raise awareness of the disease.

Relay is a family oriented team event. Teams consist of 10-15 members; they can be co-workers, friends or family. One person from each team stays on the track while others participate in fun activities. There are several ways to get involved with relay.

- Be a team captain or member of a team, at present we have 14 teams signed up.

- We have several sponsorship packages which will offer advertisement for your company and help fund the cost of the relay.

- If you are a cancer survivor, you can register to walk in the first lap of the relay. The survivors lap is to honor those who have fought and won their battle against cancer.

- At dusk, relay walkers will participate in a very special candle-lighting ceremony. Luminaria will be lit in memory of someone who has lost their life to cancer or to honor someone who has survived. This ceremony will embrace the true meaning behind this entire event.

ACS provides service and rehab programs as well as patient and family education and support programs.

Gray/Roberts County provided 136 patients with 620 services, which is an estimated dollar value \$15,316.

- Road to Recovery — provides volunteers to drive cancer patient's to their treatments.

- Reach to Recovery — provides volunteers who have been treated for breast cancer to visit and council before and after surgery.

- Home medical equipment is available. The ACS covers the amount not paid by insurance or Medicare. For patients without resources, equipment is available for temporary use.

- Gift Items such as ostomey supplies, blue

pads, comfort pillows, wigs, ect. are also provided by ACS.

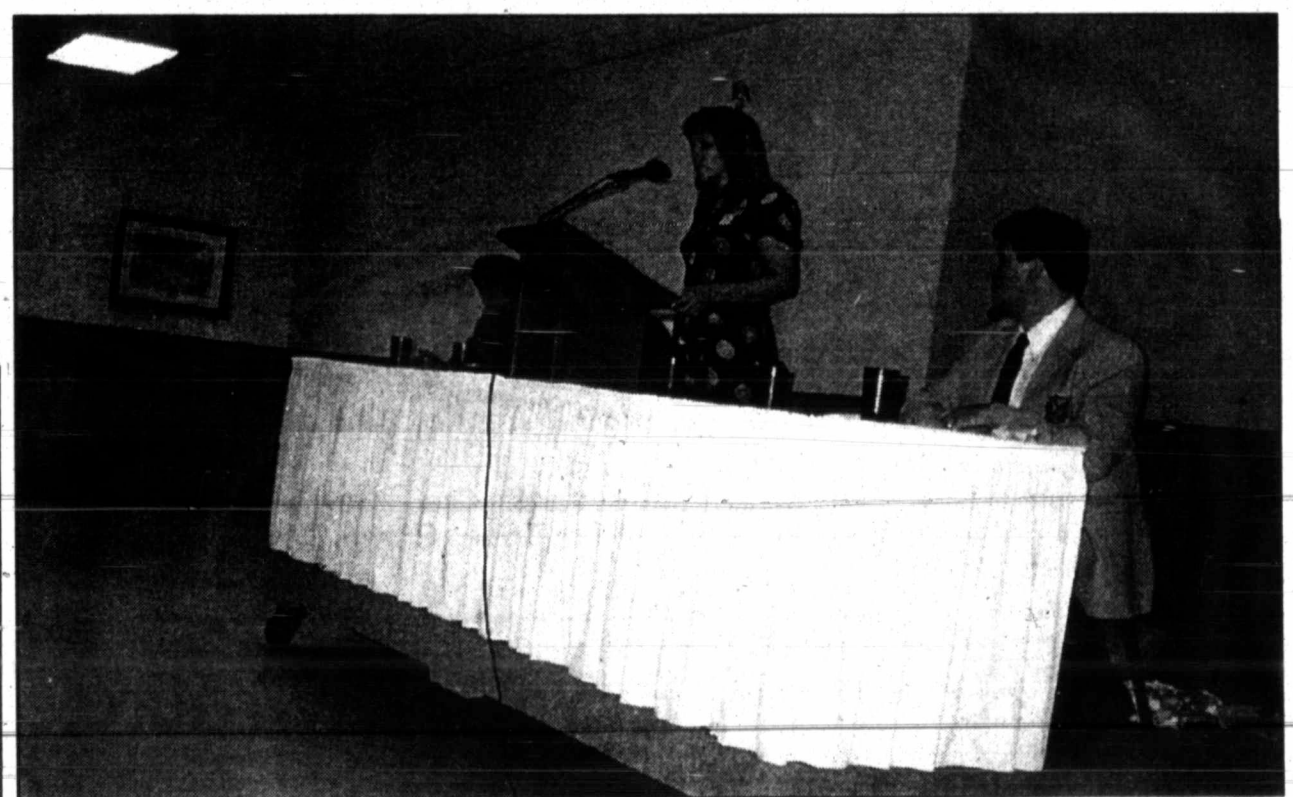
- Our Guestroom Service provides temporary housing for patient traveling 60 miles or more.

- We offer Support Service with dialogue designed to help patients, their families better understand and learn to live with cancer. "Look Good, Feel Better" provides information to women undergoing cancer treatments to, help

them feel more comfortable with the changes in their appearance.


Relay is about a community that take up the fight. Every 24 hours 3,400 Americans are diagnosed with cancer, 1,500 lose the battle, 1,900 are cured.

To sign up to be a team captain or help sponsor the event, contact Pam Dalton, ACS president, at 665-0356.



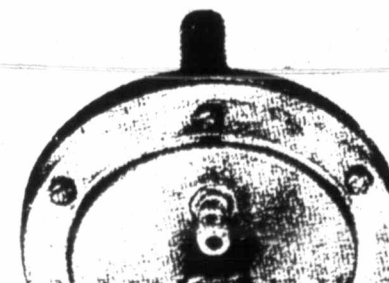
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Pam Dalton ACS President gives a program for Chamber of Commerce Luncheon about the Relay For Life Event, June 11-12 at Recreation Park.




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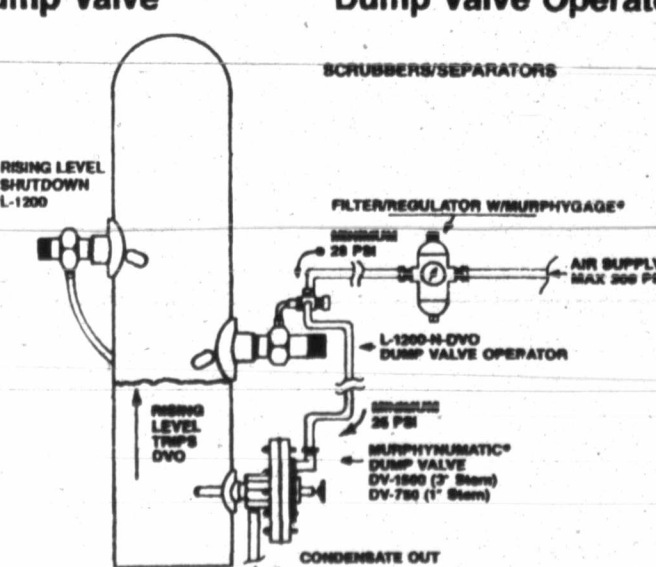
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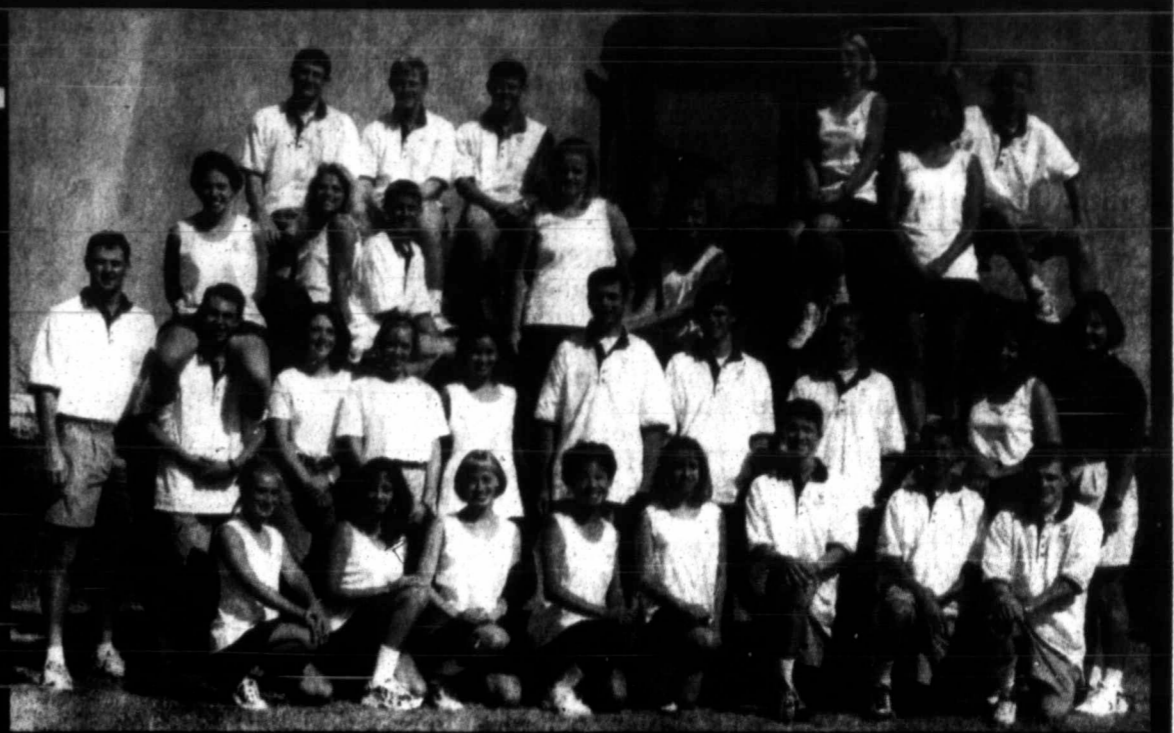
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# LIFESTYLE

# REACHING FOR MORE



(top left to right) Bryce Hudson, Russ DuBose, Blake Hurst, Mandy Wells, Valerie Lee, Bryce Jordan. (2nd row) Celeste Stowers, Emily Curtis, Matt Rains, Emily Waters, Kellen Waters (#3rd row) Coach Jay Knight, Michael Cornelison, Katy McCommas, Ashlie Laycock, Jennifer Muns, Ryan Mills, Carey Turner, Matt Cook, Helen Orr, Coach Carolyn Quarles. (Kneeling) Brittney Kindle, Ashley Stucki, Stacie Carter, Michelle Lee, Courtney Moreland, Jared Spearman, David Philips and A.J. Smith.

By LEE CORNELISON  
For The News

The idea is growth ... not so much growth in the number of participants, but personal and team growth. Tennis is a great example of a sport that requires physical and mental stamina, determination, focus, skill and patience.

The PHS tennis program has a history of individuals who have excelled. But the team had never achieved a district title until the 1997-98 year. The team also sent individuals to the regional tournament in the spring season.

Adding icing to the cake, the 1998-99 Harvester Tennis Team won the district title again, in a season without a loss. And now, the spring individual season finds half of the varsity team qualified for the regional tournament in San Angelo on April 26-27.

The coaching team of Carolyn Quarles and Jay Knight has brought the right mix of coaching skill, tennis savvy, sports discipline and the heart for good sportsmanship that has resulted in a winning attitude and a habit of winning.

The team is leaving today, Sun., April 25, for the regional competition in San Angelo. Mandy Wells is singles girl champion and Russ DuBose is singles boy champion. Emily and Kellen Waters were district girls doubles champions and Blake Hurst and Ryan Mills will compete as district second place winners.

Alternates are Helen Orr, Michael Cornelison, Emily Curtis, Valerie Lee, Matt Rains and Bryce Jordan.



(Above, left) Senior Russ DuBose is the defending district champion, the only PHS boy to have back-to-back district championships; (Above, right) Banners being sold by the team to help raise funds; (Right) Senior Mandy Wells, the 1999 girls' district champion.



Paulette Kirksey, president of M&H Leasing, Inc. became the first corporate sponsor helping update the tennis team's facilities and program in 1998. Her initial gift helped to resurface the courts and Kirksey and M&H Leasing have committed to donating funds to provide a landscaped area adjoining the courts and new team dressing rooms. Kirksey says she considers the donations an "investment in Pampa's youth."



# Menus

April 26-30

| Pampa Schools  | Meals on Wheels  |
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| <b>MONDAY</b><br>Breakfast: French toast sticks, syrup.<br>Lunch: Mini corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, blackeyed peas, mixed fruit.        | <b>MONDAY</b><br>Ham and cheese link, scalloped potatoes, tomatoes, pumpkin bars.  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>Breakfast: Bagel, peanut butter, jelly.<br>Lunch: Chicken fried steak, whipped potatoes, carrots, pears, hot rolls.      | <b>TUESDAY</b><br>Swiss steak, potato casserole, peas and carrots, peach cobbler.  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast.<br>Lunch: Sub sandwich, lettuce and tomatoes, baked beans, applesauce, macaroni salad.      | <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>Baked ham, mixed greens, sweet potatoes, jello.  |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage patty.<br>Lunch: Tostada, lettuce and tomatoes, corn, sliced apples.                        | <b>THURSDAY</b><br>Chicken spaghetti, pickled beets, broccoli, pudding.  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>Breakfast: Cereal, toast.<br>Lunch: Hamburger, French fries, burger salad, pickle slices, peach parfait.                  | <b>FRIDAY</b><br>Ravioli, green beans, corn, graham crackers.  |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>Breakfast: Ham, eggs, toast, juice, milk.<br>Lunch: Soft tacos, cheese, beans, fruit, milk.                               | <b>Senior Citizens MONDAY</b><br>Chicken fried steak or chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, green beans, beets, pinto beans, French vanilla cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.              |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>Breakfast: French toast sticks, toast, cereal, juice, milk.<br>Lunch: Hot dog, cheese, chili, coleslaw, fruit, milk.     | <b>TUESDAY</b><br>Chicken stir fry or Swiss steak, onion potatoes, buttered squash, spinach, beans, dump cake or lemon icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>Breakfast: Toast, cereal, juice, milk.<br>Lunch: Steakfingers, green beans, potatoes, rolls, fruit, milk.              | <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, corn, butter beans, Boston creme pie or pineapple/peach cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread. |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>Breakfast: Rolls, cereal, toast, juice, milk.<br>Lunch: Hamburger and barbecue, cheese, tator tots, salad, fruit, milk. | <b>THURSDAY</b><br>Chicken strips or ham with fruit sauce, potato salad, turnip greens, yams, baked beans, white chocolate swirl cake or butterscotch pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.                    |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, toast, cereal, juice, milk.<br>Lunch: Fish, coleslaw, beans, fruit, milk.                   | <b>FRIDAY</b><br>Cod fish or beef enchiladas, potato wedges, broccoli florettes, beans, brownies or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.  |

# Lifestyles Policies

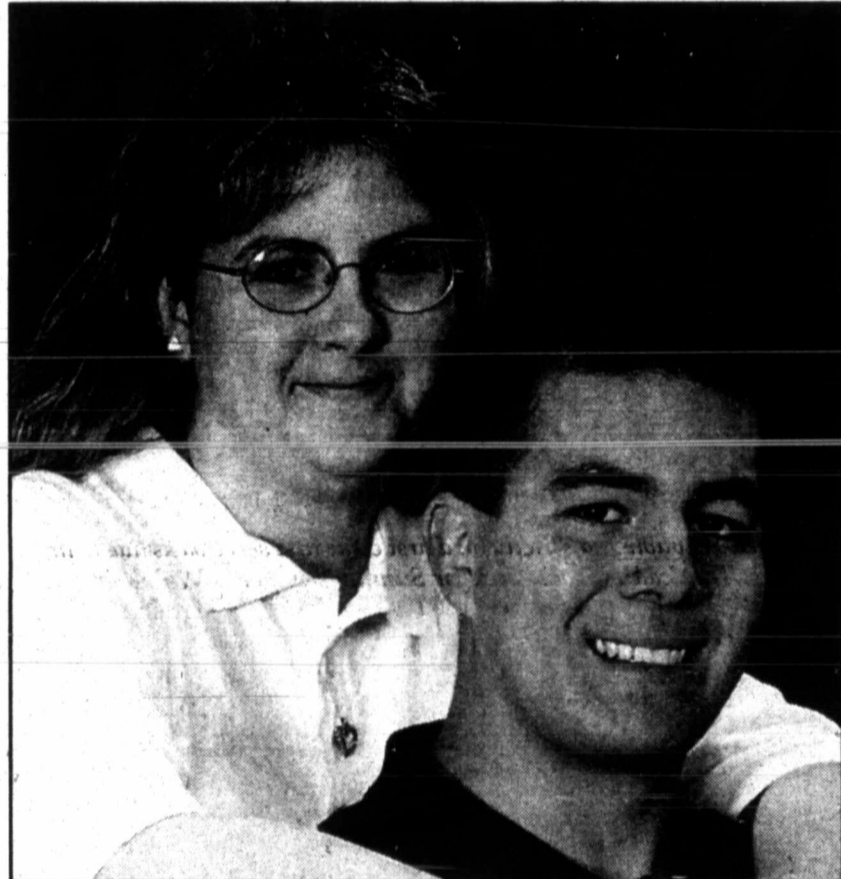
1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.
2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before Thanksgiving and Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.
3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.
4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.
5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.
6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.
7. Information that appears on engagement, wedding and anniversary forms will be used at the discretion of the editor. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.



Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Jones

## Jones anniversary

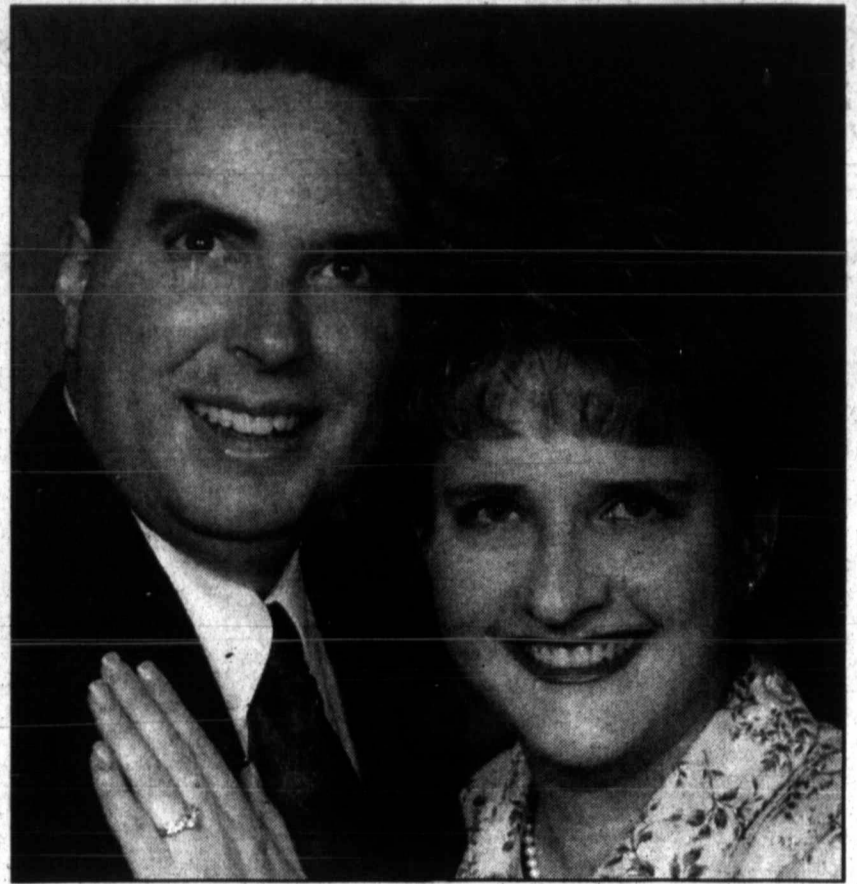
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Jones celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Saturday in the parlor of First United Methodist Church. Children of the couple hosted the reception. Wayne Jones and Jean Walker were married April 24, 1954, at Pampa. The couple have been Pampa residents for the past 45 years and belong to First United Methodist Church. Mr. Jones worked for Cabot Corporation prior to retiring in December of 1987 after 35 years of service. Mrs. Jones worked for Colwell and Chambless, CPA's from 1974 until retiring in April of 1990 after 16 years of service. Children of the couple are Pam and John Minchin of Encinitas, Calif., Connie and Tim Thornburg of Amarillo and Tim and Katie Jones of Westfield, N.J. They have five grandchildren.



Tammye Leigh Martindale and Chris Rodriguez

## Martindale-Rodriguez

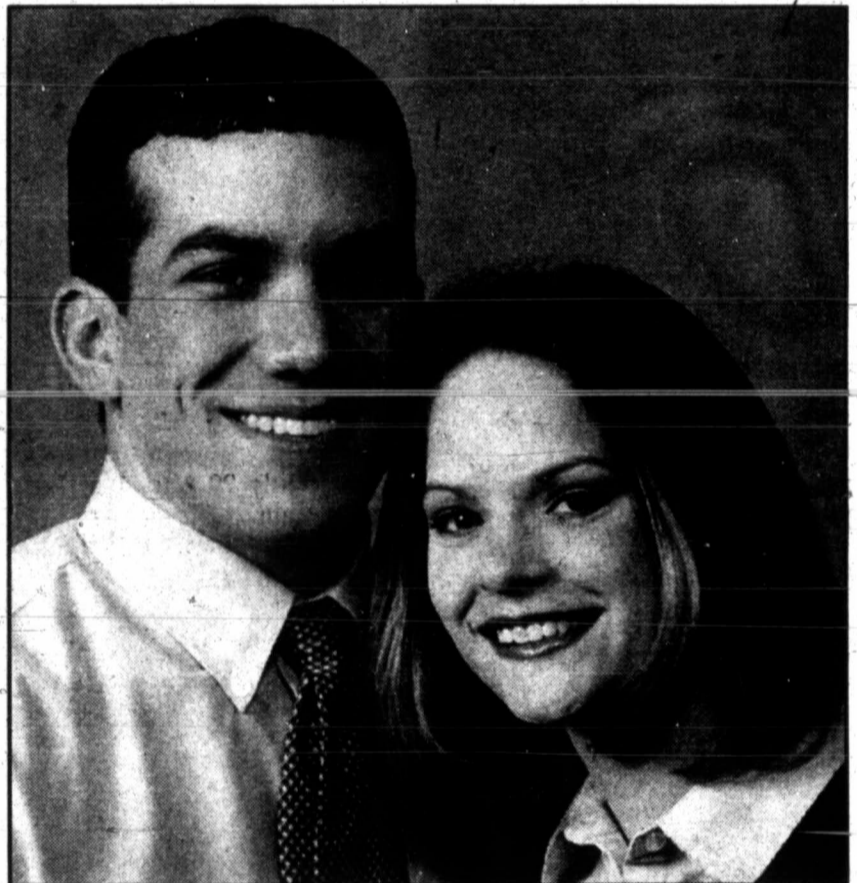
Tammye Leigh Martindale of Pampa and Chris Rodriguez of Borger plan to wed May 8 in Briarwood Full Gospel Church in Pampa. The bride-elect is the daughter of Clifford and Mollie Martindale of Pampa. She is a 1991 Pampa High School graduate. She is currently employed at Cabot and IRI Employee's Credit Union and belongs to Briarwood and Reeborn Ministries. The prospective groom is the son of Tidulo Rodriguez and Alicia Davis, both of Dumas. He graduated from Dumas High School in 1994 and is currently employed as a draftsman at Titan. He belongs to FBA Racing Team of Dumas.



Christa Baumgartner and Jeffery DeGregorio

## Baumgartner-DeGregorio

Christa Denise Baumgartner and Jeffery Chris DeGregorio plan to wed June 5 at Gardendale Baptist Church in Corpus Christi. The bride-elect is the daughter of Clara P. Baumgartner and Gerald A. Baumgartner, both of Corpus Christi. She is a 1989 Pampa High School graduate and holds a bachelor of business administration degree in management from Texas Tech University and a master of science degree in curriculum and instruction/mathematics from Texas A&M University. She currently teaches a gifted and talented third grade class at Skinner Elementary School in Corpus Christi. The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patsy J. DeGregorio of Corpus Christi. He graduated from King High School at Corpus Christi and holds a bachelor of business administration degree in management and a MIS certificate from Texas A&M University. He was a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force and is currently completing the master of business administration program at Texas A&M. He is a software developer and systems integrator for CBM Archives at Corpus Christi.



Kristi Lea Lowrimore and Gabriel Sean Jaramillo

## Lowrimore-Jaramillo

Kristi Lea Lowrimore and Gabriel Sean Jaramillo, both of Amarillo, plan to wed June 26 at the Country Inn Bed and Breakfast in Canyon. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lowrimore of Clayton, N.M. She graduated from Clayton High School in 1997 and is currently attending Amarillo College where she is also employed. She is majoring in dental hygiene at AC. The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guillermo Jaramillo of Pampa. He is a 1996 Pampa High School graduate and is currently pursuing a degree in business at West Texas A&M University with plans to graduate next spring.

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

Don't Forget The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Rabies Vaccination Drive April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

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# Newsmakers



Laci S. Thrasher

**AMARILLO** — Laci S. Thrasher and Zachary S. Crossman, both of Pampa, recently enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program, according to Air Force Recruiter, Technical Sergeant Pearce. Both will graduate from Pampa High School in May.

Thrasher, daughter of Johnnie and Brenda Cook and Gary Thrasher, all of Pampa, is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force Nov. 3, 1999. She is scheduled to receive technical training in the dental assistant career field upon completing basic military training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio.

Crossman, son of Jim and Lisa Crossman of Pampa, is scheduled for regular enlistment on Nov. 4, 1999. He will receive technical training in the tactical aircraft maintenance career field upon completion of basic military training at Lackland.

Both Pampans will be earning college credits towards an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and other Air Force technical training schools.

**NORFOLK, Va.** — Navy Airman Adam R. Wright, son of Rick and Sylvia Wright of Shamrock, recently departed on six-month deployment and is currently participating in the NATO military offensive against Yugoslavia while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, home ported at Norfolk.

Wright's ship is helping conduct the NATO bombing and airstrike missions against military and strategic installations in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Wright, a 1996 graduate of Samnorwood High School at Samnorwood, joined the Navy in November 1997.

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** — Navy Airman Misty R. West, 1997 Pampa High School graduate and daughter of Leslie and Carolyn West of Pampa, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis, homeported in San Diego.

West joined the Navy in August 1997.

**SAN ANTONIO** — Air Force Airman Lynn A. Brown, 1998 Pampa High School graduate and son of Lynn and Mary Brown of Pampa, recently completed basic military training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

**AMARILLO** — Jerimey R. Howard, son of Bobby Howard of Lefors and Lonna Pyle of Amarillo, and Justin B. Howard, son of Bobbie Howard of Lefors, recently entered active duty in the U.S. Air Force, according to Recruiter Senior Airman Redding.

Jerimey Howard is a Lefors High School graduate. He is scheduled to receive technical training in the explosive ordnance disposal career field upon completion of military basic training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio.

Justin Howard will receive technical training in the security career field upon completing basic training at Lackland.

While attending basic training and other Air Force training schools, both airmen will be earning college credits towards an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

**McLEAN** — Lynn Swanson, RN, owner, president and CEO of McLean Home Health Agency, Inc., was recently selected for publication in "Who's Who Among American Business Executives" 1999 edition.

In 1998, Swanson was awarded the National Leadership Award



Melissa Lee



Ashleigh McWilliams

in recognition of her role as honorary co-chairman of the Congressional Business Committee's Business Advisory Council by the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Swanson has served as director of nursing at McLean Home Health Agency since December 1992 and has been administrator of the agency since 1995. She has spent the past 20 years in the practice of professional nursing.

She is a graduate of Los Angeles Valley College at Van Nuys, Calif.

Melissa Lee has been chosen one of 15 girls to represent Texas at the Miss Junior American Pageant. Lee — the reigning Miss Junior Pampa — will compete in the finals July 29-Aug. 1 at Los Angeles, Calif.

In order to make the trip to L.A., Lee must collect advertisements from local businesses. These ads will go in the widely read "Junior American Program Book."

Lee needs your support.

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced Ashleigh McWilliams, a Pampa High School student, was named a United States National Award Winner in honor roll. The academy bestows the USAA award on fewer than 10 percent of all American high school seniors.

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

McWilliams was nominated for the award by PHS counselor, Starla Kindle. She will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, published nationally.

She is the daughter of Betty and Dwayne Meadows of Pampa and Jim and Martha McWilliams of Amarillo and is the granddaughter of Georgia Lee of Tulia and Foy Jean Mosley of Amarillo and Cecil and Jean Meadows of Wheeler.

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

**AL-ANON** will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-3988.

**CLEAN AIR AL-ANON** will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-7501.

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

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

**OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES/WIC** Program nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information call 665-1182.

**FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS** meet the 4th Saturday of each month at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Pot luck supper. For more information contact Kevin Romines, 665-8547 or Jim Greene, 665-8067.

**MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS** will meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Family Life Center at First Christian Church at 18th and Nelson from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be a light meal and then play cards and get acquainted. Under aged school children

can be taken to the First Christian Church Mother's Day out by calling 665-8689. For more information please call 665-1188.

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

**PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL** will meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 North Russell. For more information call Sharon King, 665-2818.

**THE LAS PAMPAS KOI AND WATERGARDEN SOCIETY** cordially invites anyone interested in the hobby of waterglass or ponds to join us on the second Monday of every month. For more information call Sharon Andrews, 665-6138.

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### APRIL

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

26 - **GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Matthew Episcopal Parish Hall. For more information contact Dale Roth, 665-0280.

26 - **AMERICAN PARKINSON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION** Support Group meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Columbia Medical Center. For more information call Eva Mayes, 665-2503.

28 - **USSSA MENS CLASS E STATE & NATIONAL TOURNAMENT QUALIFIER** deadline 5 p.m. Entry fee \$125 For more information call Shane Stokes, 806/669-5770 or 806/665-6848.

### MAY

1-2 - **TOP O' TEXAS RODEO, HORSE SHOW AND FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC.** will be holding their "Annual Top O' Texas Arts and Crafts Show, Bar-B-Que cook-off,

and Amateur Team Penning" at the National Guard Armory and Rodeo Arena. For more information call Jane Jacobs, 669-0434.

1 - **USSSA MENS CLASS E STATE & NATIONAL TOURNAMENT QUALIFIER** at Recreation Park. For more information call Shane Stokes, 806-669-5770 or 806-665-6848.

1 - **BSA HOSPICE OF THE PANHANDLE** "Annual Golf Scramble" at the Hidden Hills Golf Course at 9 a.m. For more information call 665-6677.

1 - **NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS** will meet at 7 p.m. at the Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 North Banks. For more information call 669-6700.

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

5 - **CINCO DE MAYO**

6 - **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA** Round Table meetinf at the First Presbyterian Church, 525 North Gray, 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Doug Cooper, 669-2959.

6 - **PAMPA COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION** 98-99 season, fourth program, "Nashville Bluegrass Band". This will be a joint concert with Borger Community Concert and will be in Borger. For more information call Liilth Brainard, 665-4579.

7 - **NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS** will meet at 7 p.m. at the Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 North Banks. For more information call 669-6700.

7 - **TOP O' TEXAS KIWANIA CLUB** "magic Show" at the M.K. Brown Auditorium at 7 p.m. for more information contact Donny Brown, 669-5700.

8 - **API Scholarship Golf Tournament** at the Pampa Country Club. For more information contact, 665-0211.

9 - **FIRST PENTECOSTAL** "Singing", 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., 1700 Alcock. For more information call Mina Toverly, 665-8529.

9 - **NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS** will meet at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Columbia Medical Center Office Bldg. For more information call 665-1653.

# Community Calendar

## Club news

*Club news is published strictly on a first come first serve basis due to limited space. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. (Tuesday at 12 noon the week of Thanksgiving and Christmas) though this deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.*

**Highland Hobby Club**  
Highland Hobby Club met April 12 at Furr's Cafeteria with President Gloria Norris presiding. Five members were present. The following business was conducted and announcements made: —Members voted to purchase Gideon Bibles in remembrance of a member's late sister. —A potluck block party is in the offing. Norris served as hostess. Johnnie Rhode will hostess the next meeting.

**Preceptor Theta Iota**  
Preceptor Theta Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met recently in the home of Betty Schaffer with President Clara Sailor presiding. The following business was conducted and announcements made: —Beta Sigma City Council met to elect new officers and to select the 1999 scholarship winner. Scholarship funds are raised each year during the Mardi Gras Dance and Casino fund-raiser. —Plans were made for the annual Founder's Day Banquet to be held April 29 at Pampa Country Club. New officers will be installed and the scholarship winner will be announced during the banquet. The next meeting will be April 29 at the home of Sailor.

**Quilt Guild**  
Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild held its second quarterly meeting for 1999 April 24 at Guymon, Okla. The program was presented by Terri Gose and B.J. Morgan, both of Oklahoma. Gose, an Oklahoma native and quilt designer, has won numerous awards for her quilts. She presently has three patterns published and new ideas on the drawing board. She taught two classes — "Here Comes Frosty" and "Antique Angels." Morgan, of Enid, teaches bias binding. Her favorite class is "Garden Twist." In her class, members learned how components piece quickly and easily to create a beautiful lattice quilt.

**Heritage Art Club**  
Heritage Art Club met at the Olde Home Place in Shamrock recently for its April meeting. Seventeen members and three guests were present. New officers will be installed at the next meeting on May 3.

**Pam FCEC**  
Pam Family and Community Education Club met April 9 at the Gray County Annex with six members and one guest present. The Spring Luncheon will be May 8 at the Hughey House. The program was given by Madeline Gawthrop on the Y2K computer bug. The next meeting will be May 14 at the annex. For more information or to join the club, call the Gray County Extension Office at 669-8033.

**El Progreso Club**  
El Progreso Club met April 13 at Hughey House with Pat Youngblood presiding. Edna Hickman served as hostess. The following business was conducted and announcements made: —New member Neva Weeks Carruth was welcomed. —Members answered roll call by naming their greatest achievement. —Chloe Worley presented a biographical sketch of Enid Mae Justin, the world's only lady bootmaker. The information was obtained from "Red River Women" by Sherrie McLeroy.

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# Celanese Bishop facility earns 'Best in Texas' distinction

AUSTIN — Celanese Ltd.'s Pampa plant recently received the Texas Chemical Council Distinguished Service Award. In addition, the TCC named Celanese Ltd.'s Bishop facility as a "Best in Texas" site in terms of safety for the 1998 calendar year.

The Bishop facility was selected one of three Best in Texas sites from among more than 220 other TCC member-company facilities statewide. The Best in Texas distinction is part of TCC's annual Occupational Safety Distinguished Service Awards recognition program. The top facility within each of the three categories — determined by the number of plant workers — is recognized as Best in Texas.

Celanese Ltd./Bishop earned recognition for Class III (more than 750 employees.) During 1998, Celanese promoted safety by sponsoring a safety tent at its annual family day picnic; conducting first aid training to a local Cub Scouts group; producing and distributing a safety calendar; sponsoring a Health Heart screening program at a community fair; and hosting a Heart Saver presentation to community lifeguards, youth football coaches and high school teachers. In its efforts toward continuous improvement, the facility reduced its OSHA illness/injury rate from 1995-98 by 35 percent. Bishop is managed by Darrell Nordeen.

To be considered for the TCC Best in Texas award, a facility must, at minimum, fulfill the following criteria:

- have zero fatalities during the year;
- have zero site incidence that would cause notification of the community;
- have established a proactive drug abuse program;
- be actively involved in the Community Awareness and Emergency Response program;
- be actively involved in TCC Occupational Safety Committee affairs;
- show continuous improvement in terms of injury frequency as compared with the prior three years' average;
- have an effective contractors' safety program in place;
- have an effective off-the-job safety program in place;

- be actively involved in local, state and national initiatives;
- be actively involved in community projects;
- develop significant new programs;
- be represented at the annual TCC Occupational Safety Seminar;
- be represented at 75 percent of TCC Occupational Safety Committee Meetings; and

—take part in the annual TCC statistical survey. Plants must meet the first six criteria of the above list to be considered for Distinguished Service awards. Distinguished Service Award-winners include Celanese Ltd. of Pampa. Founded in 1953, TCC is a statewide trade association representing more than 90 percent of chemical manufacturers within Texas (97 member companies currently).

## Five generations



The families of Elmer Covert and Irene Ball recently took two 5-generation photographs. Top photo: Irene Ball of Beloit, Kan., great-great-grandmother; Melvin Ball, great-grandfather; Cindy Lewis, grandmother; Shanda Arnzen, mother; and 2-week-old Kaylee Kay Arnzen. Bottom photo: Elmer Covert of Beloit, great-great-grandfather; Barbara Ball, great-grandmother; Cindy Lewis, grandmother; Shanda Arnzen, mother; and Kaylee Kay Arnzen.

## Desk and Derrick Club to meet

Danny Craig will be the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Desk and Derrick Club at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 27 at the Pampa Country Club. Craig is employed by Danco Chemicals, Inc., in Amarillo.

Craig will give his presentation on "Products Today for a Safer Tomorrow." He will give information on a new product, PC-2001, used to dissolve, suspend and remove paraffin and asphaltheens, which reduces operating costs and increases net production revenue.

For reservations, call Linda Slaybaugh by noon Monday, April 26 at 669-3225 or 669-7884.

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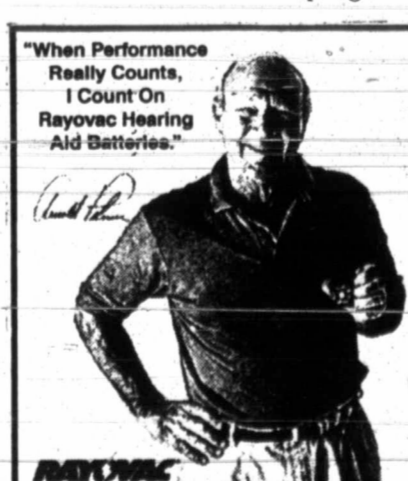
Dick Wilson Pharmacist

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## LETTERS

### MOW volunteers make a difference

To the editor,  
The Pampa Meals on Wheels, Inc., deeply appreciates the volunteers who make the program



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work so efficiently. Almost 200 volunteers either deliver meals or help serve the food. Thanks to each of you who give so generously of your time and help give each of our clients a bright spot in what might otherwise be a dreary day.

If you would like to be a volunteer, please call us at 669-1007.

Mary Jarvis, assistant director  
Meals on Wheels

### Children at play signs needed

To the editor,  
It has come to my attention

about the safety of Pampa's streets and a baby getting run over? Where are the police when you need them? They are supposed to be patrolling our streets and instead they are at convenience stores fraternizing with the clerks.

And if everyone would open their eyes they would see police cars sitting at the stores for longer than five minutes. I myself have called the police about my street and I have got no response. People need to realize that these neighborhood streets aren't I-40. The speed limit should be not more than 15 miles per hour and maybe less.

They have enough of our tax dollars to put up children at play signs but instead they think they have to ride around in luxury. And another thing, they always use the excuse they are shorthanded. What about the county? They seem to have someone on their force that follows around innocent people. Please, everyone who reads pray for this innocent child. She has the fault of no one. And if there is someone who could do something about the speed limit signs, children at play signs — please do.

Angela Moreno  
Pampa

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**CC** and faculty members will also perform during "Tumbleweed Tales." Clarendon College students Tickets for the fourth annu-

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al storytelling festival can be purchased at the door. For more information please contact Charla Crump, CC speech instructor at (806) 874-3571.

The annual Spring Concert will be on Sunday, April 25, at 2:30 p.m. in the Harned Sisters Auditorium.

The public is invited to attend the concert that will feature musical selections from CC students and faculty.

For more information, contact Jim Stewart at (806) 974-3571.

## AGRICULTURE

# Cattle on feed up

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.56 million head on Apr. 1, up one percent from a year ago.

According to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was down two percent from the Mar. 1 level. Producers placed 530 thousand head in commercial feedlots during March, up 10 percent from a year ago, and up 33 percent from the February, 1999 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 565 thousand head during March, up three percent from a year ago. Monthly marketings were up 28 percent from the February, 1999 total.

On Apr. 1 there were 2.1 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 82 percent of the state's total. The number of feed across the area was up three percent from last year, and down slightly from the March total.

March placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 447 thousand head, up 33 percent from the February total. Marketings were up 28 percent from last month at 462 thousand head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 10.38 million head on Apr. 1, 1999. The inventory was up three percent from the 10.12 million head on Apr. 1, 1998.

Placements in feedlots during the March totaled 2.02 million head, 18 percent above 1998. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 357,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 468,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 739,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 457,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.98 million, five percent above March 1998, and 12 percent above March 1997.

Feeders in the historical seven monthly states with feedlots having a capacity of 1,000 head or more reported 8.89 million head on feed Apr. 1, up three percent from last year, but slightly below Apr. 1, 1997.

March placements totaled 1.73 million head, 22 percent above last year, and two percent above 1997. Marketings during March, at 1.66 million head, were five percent above 1998 and 11 percent above 1997.

## Better export transportation could boost bean profits

Improved competitive export transportation from the upper Midwest to the Pacific Northwest (PNW) could offer some soybean farmers increased profit opportunities, according to a checkoff-funded study.

Compiled by Market Solutions of Chevy Chase, Md., the study concluded soybean farmers from Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota would benefit the most with more competitive export transportation of U.S. soybeans and soybean meal bound for Asia.

"Competitive transportation alternatives are necessary in reducing transportation costs and ensuring savings are passed on to U.S. soybean farmers," says USB Trade Analysis Chair Barry Mumby, a soybean farmer from Fulton, Mich. "Soybean farmers from the upper Midwest receive less net value for their soybeans, because they have to foot the bill for higher transportation costs."

Improving transportation efficiency and increasing shipment size to the PNW would influence the value of soybeans. Also, the more soybeans shipped from a region to a port, the more positive impact the soybean's value could have on those in the supply chain. Therefore, if more soybeans and soybean meal are being shipped out of the PNW, soybeans from the upper Midwest would have a higher value.

According to the report, the three keys to increasing the competitiveness of shipments through the PNW are:

- Domestic transportation costs to the PNW can be cut through increased use of 110 railroad car units and shuttle trains and by ensuring reliable rail transportation availability;
- Handling improvements, particularly for soybean and soybean meal, need to be made at PNW ports; and
- The liquidity of the West Coast soybean and soybean meal market will need to be increased.

The study says producers could work with terminals and county elevators on ways to increase unit train capacity for shipping soybeans. Also, farmers should monitor the progress of and issues relating to railroad consolidation, operations and regulation.

"By working with others on the supply chain and monitoring railroad issues, farmers could improve their access to transportation options that will increase competitiveness in international markets," explains Mumby.

Several processors and trading companies are already making investments required to increase soybean and soybean meal shipments. Currently, there are not enough adequate soybean meal storage facilities in the PNW. Pelletizing soybean meal is an option to improve handling and storage. May of the grain storage facilities in the PNW could handle pelletized soybean meal.

Improving PNW shipping and storage facilities would also open up marketing opportunities to California. Better infrastructure would make it easier to get soybeans and soybean products to California, giving the farmers from the upper Midwest access to another domestic market that historically has been difficult to reach.

## Extension In Progress

### Woolly Loco

This could be a perfect year for loco weed to show up in area pastures. Dry conditions last summer and early wet conditions in the spring will bring out a few undesirable weed problems.

Loco weed is not uncommon to our area and generally is found on the sides of hills in poorer soils where grasses are less competitive. They can also be found where pastures have been overgrazed or severely stressed. It is a perennial plant of only a few years' duration.

Cattle, horses and sheep are the primary livestock affected by woolly loco weed. Animals usually will not consume toxic levels of loco weed if high quality forages are available. Once they consume a certain amount of this weed, they can develop an addiction and preference to this weed. Horses are the most severely affected species.

Locoism has been produced in cattle and sheep after they have consumed about 90 percent of their body weight of the weed over about two months. Deaths in sheep, cattle and goats occur after they eat 200-350 percent of their body weight over the same period. About 30 percent of body weight consumption will produce locoism in a horse and about 75 percent will be fatal.

Symptoms develop from the involvement of sensory and motor functions. In cattle, they are carrying the head a little lower than normal; a vacant stare, perhaps due to distorted vision; trembling of the head and difficulty or inability to eat and drink; abortion.

Symptoms for sheep are much the same. Goats will develop an ascending paralysis which becomes increasingly severe, eventually involving the forelegs.

In horses, the time between onset of symptoms and death is much shorter than in cattle. Horses will become listless and not notice ordinary activities, but upon being stimulated by some sudden event, the horse will become excessively excited and wild. Horses with chronic locoism rarely recover and are dangerous for riding because of unpredictability and permanent behavioral changes.

Maintain good range conditions and sound supplemental and mineral feeding programs. Livestock brought in from loco weed free areas are most susceptible to poisoning. Provide good quality forage or supplemental protein during early spring before grasses begin growing.

Placing a large number of cattle on lightly to moderately infected pasture can sometimes be effective. High stock density reduces the amount of toxic plant



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Water is the most precious natural resource we have and the one we most readily take for granted. Over one-third of the water distributed by Texas cities is used to water lawns and gardens. We can all do our part to make sure this resource is available for generations to come.

Fortunately, in the case of lawns, less is many times better. Watering is the practice most often done incorrectly. Light, frequent waterings produce shallow, weak root systems which encourage weed invasion. Shallow rooting does not allow efficient utilization of plant food or moisture in the soil.

Deep watering encourages the development of an extensive root system. A well developed root system can use the nutrients and water in the soil more efficiently than shallow root systems.

Lawns should be watered when the grass shows a need. Grass suffering from lack of moisture develops a dark color and the leaves wilt at midday. When this occurs, soak the lawn thoroughly to a depth of 4-6 inches. Apply water only as fast as the soil will absorb it.

Below are some facts about lawn watering:

- Water only when grass shows symptoms of stress;
- Wet soil thoroughly. It is best to water more at fewer intervals;
- Water late evenings or early mornings to conserve water;
- Water slopes slowly and intermittently to reduce runoff;
- Plant grasses adapted and preferred in this area (buffalo and Bermuda);
- Occasional watering during the winter months will prevent winter injury and healthy roots.

For more information, contact your local Texas Agriculture Extension Service.

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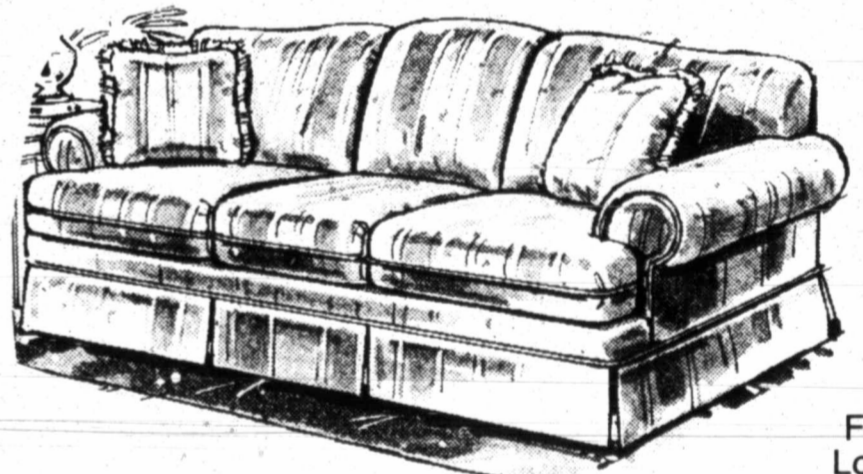
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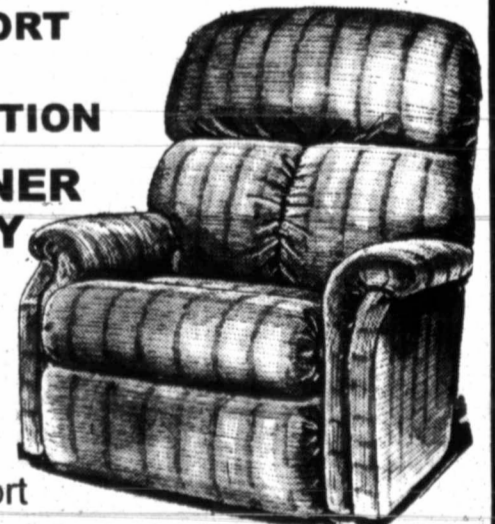
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# Monster Behind the Wheel Gives His Wife Nightmares

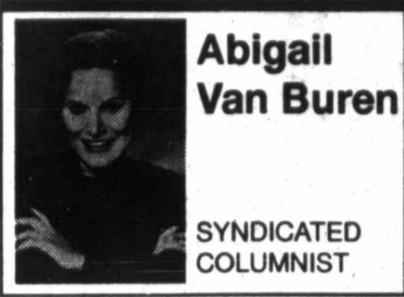
DEAR ABBY: Every time I pick up a newspaper, or see on the evening news a story about "road rage," I can't help but fear that my husband could be the next victim. "Alex" is an otherwise intelligent, caring individual who becomes the terror of the highway whenever he gets behind the wheel. He is somehow convinced that he's the only person who understands the rules of the road, and it has become his mission in life to educate other drivers.

His aggressive behavior includes slamming on his brakes — even on the interstate — when he thinks the car behind is tailgating. When he feels cars in the fast lane are going too slow, he cuts in on them and gives them the finger. Anyone who doesn't "step on it" at an intersection is in for a long blast on the horn to "wake them up." I'm afraid when our 15-year-old son gets his license, he'll think he can drive the same way.

I've tried to point out to him that this type of behavior could get us killed, but when he's behind the wheel, he's like a maniac. When Alex gets home and calms down he always apologizes for getting carried away, but it's the same story all over again the next time we're in the car.

Abby, I can't avoid riding with him because we have only one car. What can I do to convince Alex how stupid and dangerous this really is?

A ROAD WARRIOR'S WIFE  
IN RHODE ISLAND



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR WIFE: The next time "Alex" begins apologizing, let him know in no uncertain terms that you are taking over as the designated driver for the family until he takes a defensive driving course and seeks counseling to rechannel his anger.

Since your son is nearing the age when he too will get behind the wheel, the three of you could sign up for defensive driving classes as a family. In addition to driving schools, which are listed in the telephone directory, defensive driving classes are often available at community colleges and through your local automobile club. Please write again and let me know what impact this has on Alex's driver attitude. I care.

can testify that life is better without the bottle. It doesn't matter if people come from Yale or jail — we in AA want them to join us. Their life will get better. I promise.

"MUMPS" MOM

DEAR "MUMPS" MOM: Congratulations on your 10 years of sobriety. May you be able to celebrate every single year.

I hope the item you sent will inspire those with an addiction to alcohol to join you in recovery through AA. Read on:

- "I drank for happiness and became unhappy."
  - "I drank for joy and became miserable."
  - "I drank for sociability and became argumentative."
  - "I drank for sophistication and became obnoxious."
  - "I drank for friendship and made enemies."
  - "I drank for sleep and woke up tired."
  - "I drank for strength and felt weak."
  - "I drank for relaxation and got the shakes."
  - "I drank for courage and became afraid."
  - "I drank for confidence and became doubtful."
  - "I drank to make conversation and it slurred my speech."
  - "I drank to feel heavenly and ended up feeling like hell."
- ANONYMOUS

DEAR ABBY: I just celebrated 10 years of sobriety. I hope the enclosed item will motivate anyone who has a drinking problem to run, not walk, to AA before it's too late. I

cause you are departing from a place of being overly sensitive. Screen calls if you want to get everything done. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Emphasis is on finances. You might feel the need to update your image. This could mean a new work wardrobe. Others admire you and often look to you as a role model. You get what you want because of your charisma and contacts.

Tonight: Treat yourself well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Some days, no matter what you do, it works; other days, you seem to get nothing but uproar. Today you have that magic touch. Opportunity strikes because bosses admire your work and presentation. Don't settle for less than what you want. Tonight: You call the shots.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* It might be wise to gather information and study a situation more carefully. Your sense of what might work with another at a distance could be off. Be honest with yourself about what is going on. Sometimes — and lately, more often than not — you delude yourself. Tonight: Take a night off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* An associate responds easily and directly to a request. Listen to alternatives carefully: Another is on your side. Don't sell yourself short. Aim for what you want — you'll get it. Network and make time for a key cause. Others are highly responsive. Tonight: Do only what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* Maintain a high profile. Make that extra effort at work. Though another might not agree with you, you gain an interesting

perspective and develop mutual respect through an open talk. Unexpected events add zest and strength to a present relationship. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\*\* You don't always have the right answers, but today you are willing to explore possibilities. Seek out solutions, touch base with those you consider experts and make assessments based on recently gained information. Tonight: Consider a gym membership.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\*\* You can develop a deeper relationship if you so choose. Don't push another. Recognize your potential. Fun and caring discussions allow another to open up. Security is also important. Check out different investment programs. Tonight: As you like it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Others are full of information; be receptive to what you hear. Take time at lunch to price a special new item for your household. Your instincts help you zero in on what is right. Screen calls and keep personal matters out of the office. Give a co-worker the space to express his feelings. Tonight: Say yes.

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## Horoscope

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 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)  
\*\*\*\*\* Dig into work, though shifting into "discipline mode" might not be so easy. Still, with a little concentration, you'll accomplish a lot. Listen to an unexpected message. A unique friend has a great idea. Add that personal touch to your communication. Tonight: Could be a late night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Creativity counts when dealing with funds and unexpected developments on the job. Because you grasp humor where others see only black clouds, you are able to reverse a difficult matter. It is OK to buy something that will improve your image or streamline your work. Tonight: Monday can be fun, too!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Pressure to perform and to make key calls could weigh you down. Listen to others who are full of information, but don't view any one concept as gospel. Do your own research and checking. Greet new technology and experts positively. Your smile melts a difficult associate. Tonight: Head home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Intuition helps you deal with a key partner and money matters. Good news surrounds you and permits special options. New beginnings are possible be-

## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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| <b>ACROSS</b>        | <b>DOWN</b>           |
| 1 Pewter ingredient  | 1 Shopping aids       |
| 7 Ella's forte       | 2 La Scala offering   |
| 11 Moon mission      | 3 "The Chosen" author |
| 12 Race loser        | 4 Mesa's kin          |
| 13 Keep              | 5 Yale players        |
| 14 Chooses           | 6 Director Howard     |
| 15 Harness races     | 7 Use a camera        |
| 16 "I understand"    | 8 News-paper feature  |
| 17 Benefit           | 9 News-paper feature  |
| 18 Spot              | 10 Examined           |
| 19 Smasher bit       | 11 Shopping aids      |
| 21 Archaic           | 12 Race loser         |
| 22 Eleanor's home    | 13 Keep               |
| 25 Winter ailment    | 14 Chooses            |
| 26 Castor's mother   | 15 Harness races      |
| 27 Warnings          | 16 "I understand"     |
| 29 Moolah            | 17 Benefit            |
| 33 Makes do          | 18 Spot               |
| 34 "Affliction" star | 19 Smasher bit        |
| 35 Infamous czar     | 21 Archaic            |
| 36 Bully             | 22 Eleanor's home     |
| 37 Lair              | 25 Winter ailment     |
| 38 Whirlaway's rider | 26 Castor's mother    |
| 39 Mardi             | 27 Warnings           |
| 40 Flew high         | 29 Moolah             |

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# Credit cards may be risky for start-up businesses

By REBECCA MOWBRAY  
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — The contract opportunities were there, and Jim Mousner had little time to get what he needed to launch his graphic design business.

So he pulled out his MasterCard. He bought a fancy Macintosh computer, a printer, a scanner, a video card, a fax machine and furniture. "If you're going to compete, you need top-of-the-line stuff," Mousner said.

By the end of his first month in business, he had racked up \$15,000 on his personal credit card — and faced interest payments of 21 percent.

"I have a fine arts degree," Mousner said. "I didn't know the way you go out and start a business is to write a business plan and look for financing."

Entrepreneurial lore celebrates the maverick devoted to a business idea who reaches the brink of financial ruin — and wins.

Behind many a public offering, it seems, is a tale of a late-night conversation about a business idea between a husband and wife at the kitchen table or two friends in a dorm room — and a credit card.

Credit cards are now the most widely used tool of small-business finance, with the smallest businesses relying the most heavily on plastic.

Visa, eager to shift some of the \$330 billion a year in small-business spending onto its cards, depicts credit cards as a revolving line of credit conveniently stored in the wallet of the small-business owner.

Credit cards help the established small-business owner monitor spending, keep records and build a credit record to qualify for bank loans, proponents say.

Over the last six years, credit card use in small businesses has tripled, according to a 1998 study by National Small Business United and the Arthur Andersen Enterprise Group. Nearly half of small and midsized companies used cards to finance their businesses during the period, the study said.

Last year, 62 percent of small-business owners carried month-to-month balances on their cards, up from 41 percent the previous year.

Credit cards are mostly used as a cash-management tool by established small businesses, said Todd McCracken of National Small Business United. For an established business with established cash flow, it can be an important source of short-term credit.

But for the entrepreneur trying to raise the working capital to start a company, it's risky business.

Mousner is among those for whom the credit card gamble paid off. "We were very lucky," he said. "I felt confident about my design, but I could have been a terrible designer, a terrible business person. People could get in trouble if their intuition is off."

After a year of working 80-hour weeks and making minimum monthly credit card payments that never seemed to dent the balance, Mousner was saved by his bank.

When the bank where Mousner kept his personal and business accounts saw that Origin Design was getting clients and keeping up with its credit obligations, it rewarded him with a loan to restructure his debt last year.

At the end of its second year in business, Origin has 10 employees and revenue is growing at an annual rate of 350 percent.

Not all such ventures have a happy ending.

Vicki Talley, a counselor at the Consumer Credit Counseling Service, said she sees at least one client a week with a failed business that was started on a credit card.

The story is always the same. The entrepreneur maxes out a number of cards with a \$5,000 credit limit, taking on perhaps \$25,000 in debt across the cards — and in some cases as much as \$80,000.

The business hobbles along for a year with little outside advice until it's no longer possible to pay the minimum balance on one card by using another.

Recently, it was the dejected owner of a failed automotive repair business who did everything the experts say to avoid, Talley said.

He used his personal credit cards — six of them — to make long-term investments, including buying a parts inventory. After being open a year, the business still hadn't taken off, his marriage was showing signs of stress, and the debt forced him to close the shop.

Business and credit counselors say failed ventures funded with plastic are more common than most people realize because the fall-out doesn't get recorded as a business bankruptcy.

If entrepreneurs do use credit cards to start a business, McCracken urges caution.

"While it may be easier than getting a small-business loan, the interest rates are higher and you're not seated across from a banker who's going to make you justify your idea and ask you to write a business plan," he said.

Any entrepreneur thinking about using a credit card in starting a business should:

Write a business plan.

Talk to a business counselor, banker or microloan officer. Even if they don't offer money, they'll give business advice and referrals.

Determine how much money is needed to launch the business — and save.

Look at the list of equipment needed for the business. Is it possible to rent until the business becomes more established?

Separate business and personal spending and save receipts.

Use credit cards only for short-term expenses, not long-term.

Always pay the minimum balance. It demonstrates good faith and a reliable track record, which may lead to a good relationship with a bank.

One alternative to using credit cards to start a business might be to apply for a microloan through a program such as the Corporation for Economic Development of Harris County.

The organization makes charge-card-sized business loans of \$500 to \$25,000 one to two weeks after receiving the application, according to Janis Fowler, economic development coordinator of the group.

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## House strikes down bike safety helmet proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House struck down a bill that would have required people under 18 to wear safety helmets on bicycles. "A helmet is simply a tool to protect the valuable brain of a child on a bicycle," urged Rep. Bill Carter, R-Fort Worth, moments before his bill was killed by a 61 to 75 vote.

Under the bill, parents or guardians could not have knowingly permitted their children to ride bikes without helmets, and sellers would have been required to give a written explanation of the helmet requirement to anyone who bought a bike.

The legislation also would have created a criminal penalty for those under 18 who failed to wear helmets or parents who knowingly allowed their children to do so. The fine would have been \$25 on the first offense and then \$50.



(Special photo) Pampa High School's first place winning Fiesta Dancers include (back row) Javier Valles, Memo Marquez, Raul Hernandez, Nefi Meza, Cesar Valles, Ivan Perez (middle row) Norma Quezada, Sandra Silva, Angela Medina (front row) Claudia Gonzalez, Alejandra Rodriguez, Lilliana Cabrales.

## Fiesta Dancers take tops honors

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY  
Managing Editor

Pampa High School's Fiesta Dancers recently took top honors in a number of categories at the South Plains Foreign Language and Dance Festival in Levelland.

Students achieved superior and excellent ratings while competing in prose, poetry, and sight reading, according to teacher Roger Reyna.

The Fiesta Dancers also won honorable mention with three dances and took first place with the dance, "Amor ala Mexicana."

Consequently, according to Reyna, the dance team was asked to

perform at the awards ceremony and have been invited back to perform at Lubbock's Cinco de Mayo show by the president of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

This year, the Fiesta Dancers will be presenting a portion of their Cinco de Mayo show for the high school on May 5 at 11:30 a.m. in the PHS auditorium. Various women from the community will be selling Mexican food.

Later than evening the dancer will present their entire show which includes skits, singing and Folklorico dances for the public.

For more information about scheduling the dancers contact Reyna at 669-4800 ext. 201.

## People in the news ...

NEW YORK (AP) — Saying you're sensitive around Catherine Zeta-Jones won't win any points with her.

"The whole '90s-man thing where men think that women need to know the man's 'innermost feelings' is the worst thing ever invented," the Welsh actress said in the May issue of Details magazine. "I hate when men actually say, 'I'm very sensitive.'"

Ms. Zeta-Jones stars with Sean Connery in the new movie "Entrapment."

Though she has been linked recently with Michael Douglas, Ms. Zeta-Jones said she is not involved with anyone right now.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman have filed a libel suit against the Star for a story claiming they needed a sex therapist to perform love scenes in "Eyes Wide Shut."

The March 30 story was headlined "We had to teach Tom and Nicole how to make love."

Sex therapists Tony and Wendy Duffield were quoted as saying they were hired to teach the couple love scenes for the Stanley Kubrick movie, which opens this summer.

The lawsuit alleges that Cruise and Ms. Kidman were portrayed as "unqualified as actors because of their inability to portray sufficiently realistic or amorous love scenes."

The Star is standing by the story.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Watson family — dubbed the First Family of Hollywood for appearing in more than 1,000 films since 1911 — were honored with a group star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Six of the siblings were at Thursday's unveiling ceremony: Harry, Delmar, Garry, Bill, Coy and Louise Watson Roberts. Bobs Watson, 68, is the youngest but was unable to attend because he is ill.

The acting family included two more sisters and their father, Coy, who have died. Coy Watson Jr. is the oldest sibling at 86.

"Better than getting this star is that we are able to see our old friends and family," said Delmar Watson, who spoke for the family. "Because Watson is family and family is Watson."

Among their credits: Delmar Watson played Peter the goat boy in "Heidi," Harry appeared in "A Damsel in Distress," and four of the Watson kids were Jimmy Stewart's family in "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington."

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The widower of Tammy Wynette is asking that a lawsuit blaming him

for her death be thrown out.

George Richey claims the lawsuit by three of Ms. Wynette's daughters accuses him of medical malpractice even though he is not a doctor.

The "Stand By Your Man" singer was 55 when she died last

April at her home. Her physician, Dr. Wallis Marsh of Pittsburgh, flew in to sign the death certificate and listed the cause of death as a blood clot in the lungs.

Ms. Wynette's daughters sued Richey and Marsh earlier month, claiming Ms. Wynette could have

lived longer with better medical care, including closer supervision. Also, they claim that narcotics prescribed by Marsh and sometimes administered by Richey could have played a part in her death.

Richey and Marsh have denied any wrongdoing.

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# Oak Ridge researchers clear up grainy crime scene videos

By DUNCAN MANSFIELD  
Associated Press Writer

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. (AP) — Hamilton County prosecutors had a body and a murder suspect but no clear idea of what happened. Then Oak Ridge National Laboratory worked some computer magic on a grainy surveillance videotape of a convenience store robbery.

Computer technology gave investigators a better look at the suspect on the video — just what prosecutor Barry Steelman needed. For the assistant district attorney, it was "the key that helped us secure the guilty plea and secured it in such a way as to ensure that this defendant will not be free again."

Now, Ken Tobin and colleagues at the lab are creating software that could put similar technology at the fingertips of any police officer with a personal computer.

Tobin's goal? "To make it so a trained detective could use this software without having an electrical engineering degree or something like that to understand the image processing."

The Oak Ridge group plans to test programs in the field this summer with the Secret Service, the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Tobin says software could be available for outside licensing as early as January, depending on how field work goes.

Oak Ridge was created as part of the top-secret Manhattan Project to develop the first atomic bomb to end World War II. Warhead components are still made here.

But the Energy Department, which runs Oak Ridge, has sought ways to apply weapons-related research to the private sector, including law enforcement.

As a result, the national lab has evolved into a

multi-discipline operation with scientists working on everything from stronger materials to more energy-efficient cars and refrigerators.

The lab's reputation brought Hamilton County prosecutors to Oak Ridge for help in solving the 1995 fatal shooting of Larry Kilgore, a clerk in a convenience store outside Chattanooga.

Chattanooga police examined an image recorded by a surveillance camera of a man entering the store and walking to the clerk's counter.

The prosecutor knew there wasn't much to work with. "It had been taped over and over again," Steelman said. "It was really poor quality — dark, shadowy and grainy."

Enter Tobin and his group, who saw an opportunity to expand the repertoire of some software they had developed to analyze microchips and textiles.

Tom Karnowski, Tobin's colleague, conceded, "It was really hard to tell ... But when we did the 'differencing,' you could see a ghostlike image of a guy holding a gun very clearly."

"Differencing" is a computer technique in which one jerky image is compared to another from the black-and-white videotape. Then common elements, such as stationary objects and backgrounds, are identified and eliminated.

The image distilled from the convenience store robbery showed a man holding a gun. It also showed a muzzle flash.

"The defendant had claimed he wasn't planning on killing anybody — that he went into the store, got into a back room with the clerk," Steelman recalled. "There was a struggle and the gun went off."

But the enhanced video showed the man entered the store firing. So Steelman immediately asked for the death penalty against the suspect, 19-year-old Jason Rhodes.

"We took his attorneys up to Oak Ridge and let them see the video," he said. "As soon as they got back to Chattanooga, they met with the defendant."

Rhodes pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and aggravated assault and took life in prison without parole. With no trial, taxpayers saved an estimated \$100,000.

Last year, Energy touted the technology at a symposium on crime-fighting tools. Now Tobin's team is proposing a slight variation in software for police. The new program would electronically com-

pare and combine several images of the same scene — say, a person waiting in line at a bank counter — to improve clarity.

The results, Tobin said, can be startling. "You can see text on shirts or text on hats or see facial features more clearly."

"It is a difficult process and you don't always have the right kind of data to be able to do it," he concedes. "But we do have some cases where it works successfully."

## Man found guilty of murder in slayings of pizza delivery men

By AMY WESTFELDT  
Associated Press Writer

NEWTON, N.J. (AP) — A 20-year-old man was convicted of murder Friday for luring two pizza delivery men to an abandoned cabin and then fatally shooting one of them.

Thomas Koskovich could be sentenced to death by injection for the April 19, 1997 murder of delivery man Jeremy Giordano. Authorities did not charge him in both killings because they said his accomplice shot and killed the second man.

The jury deliberated eight hours over two days before convicting Koskovich of murder, robbery, burglary, theft and weapons offenses. The jury will begin considering his penalty Wednesday.

Authorities said Koskovich and Jayson Vreeland just wanted to see what it felt like to kill, and that Koskovich carefully planned the shoot-

ings by taking guns out for target practice, and trying to recruit his friends.

Prosecutors said the two called a half-dozen pizza parlors before finding one that would deliver to an abandoned cabin in rural northwestern New Jersey. The county has the state's lowest crime rate.

Defense attorneys argued that Koskovich was too drugged on prescription pain killers to know what he was doing, and that he only plotted to rob Giordano and pizza shop owner Giorgio Gallara. Aside from adjusting his chair in the courtroom, Koskovich did not react to the verdict.

Though he confessed, he reportedly refused offers to plead guilty to avoid the death penalty. Last summer, Koskovich attempted suicide in jail.

Vreeland, 19, has not been tried yet. He does not face the death penalty because he was a juvenile at the time of the shooting.



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**Qualifications:**  
\* Certified Police Officer  
\* Minimum age 21  
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\* Good driving record  
\* No DUI arrest within the last 5 years  
\* High School graduate or GED, or 12 college hours  
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*I love you mom ReDonn*

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Cal Farley's Family Program in Borger seeks Summer positions:  
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3 bdr., 2 ba., new cent. h/a/c, carpet, roof carport, cellar, w/ shop & rv sig. 2112 N. Wells 665-7800 lv. msg. or 948-5529

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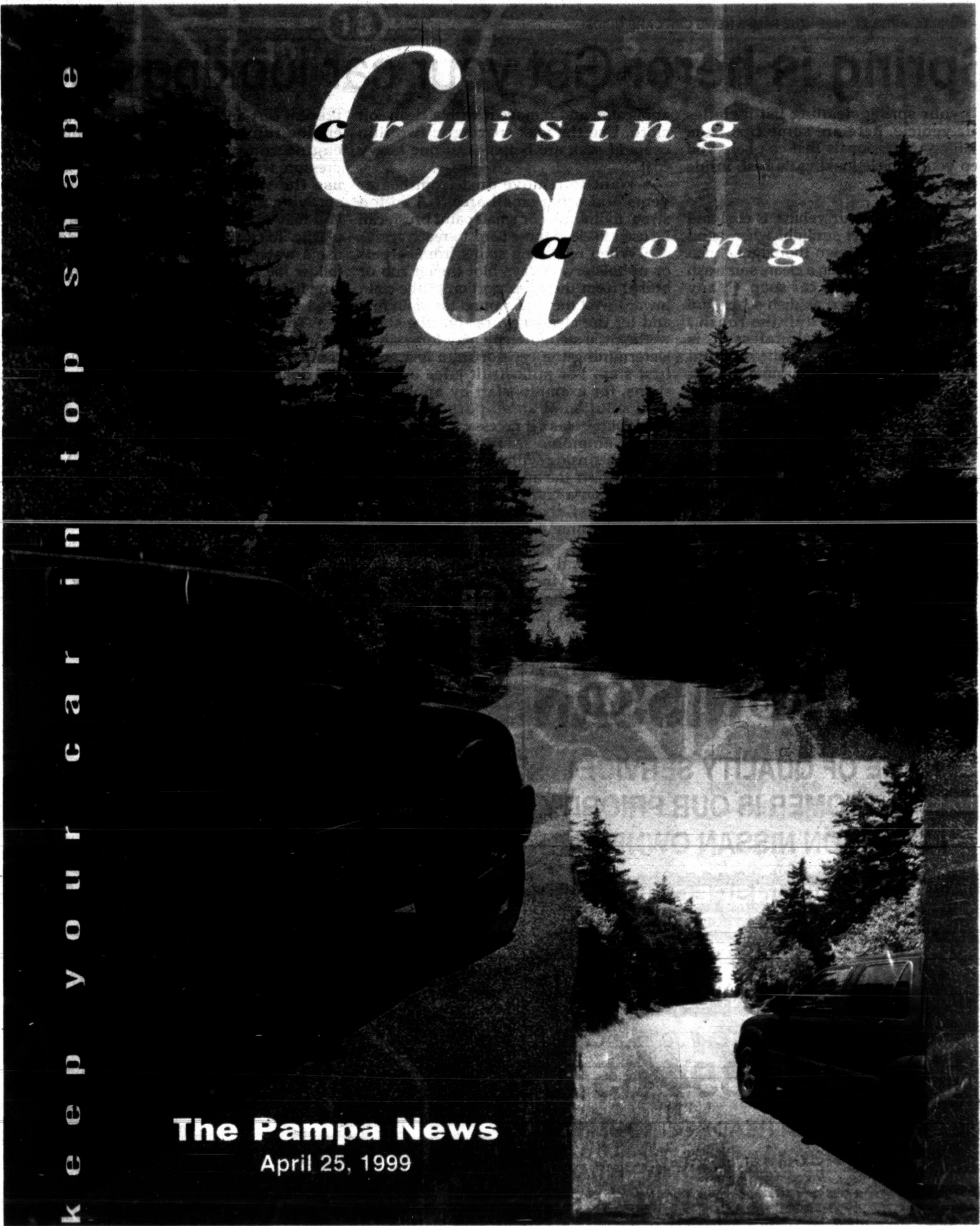



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# Spring is here: Get your car looking new

If your spring cleaning list includes your vehicle, here are some tips from detailing professionals that can help you keep your vehicle looking its best, inside and out.

- Make sure your vehicle is cool and not parked in direct sunlight when hand washing it. Wet it down thoroughly, then wash using warm water, a clean, soft wash mitt or sponge, and a car soap. (Many household soaps, such as dish soaps, are too alkaline and may dull the finish.) Never wash any panel unless it is thoroughly wet. Start with the roof and work your way down and around, rinsing each section as you finish. To rinse, take the nozzle off the hose and just let the water flow freely over the entire car. Dry it with a clean chamois or soft towel.

- To remove stubborn pitch or road tar, use a wax and grease remover. Remember, however, that you should apply fresh wax when done.

- Wax your car at least twice a year. Wax only when the car is clean and cool. Having it in a garage or enclosed area will help prevent dirt and dust from blowing onto the finish while waxing. Use a high-quality car wax, apply it with a wax

applicator, and remove it with a clean soft cloth. Use the wax sparingly; two thin coats of wax are better than one heavy coat.

- Want to remove dust from heater vents and other small areas? A cotton swab, toothbrush or small paint brush can be used to clean these hard-to-reach areas.

- When removing stains from carpets or upholstery, always blot (never rub or brush) from the outer portion of the stain inward. Wet the area around the stain first and let the cleaner work into the stain; wetting the stain directly may form rings. Determining the type of stain is a good first step. For milk, fruit juice or soda stains, for example, start by applying a mild solution of an all-purpose cleaner and blot the stain; if necessary, follow with a mild ammonia solution or a vinegar solution, rinsing with water and blotting after each. If the all-purpose cleaner isn't effective on a coffee stain, try a vinegar solution first, then an enzyme detergent (found in some laundry detergents). For grass stains, start with the enzyme detergent and then follow with the ammonia and vinegar solutions if needed.

- Cleaning the engine compartment not only makes it look good but also can

prevent dirt and grease from making the engine run hotter. When spraying the engine compartment with a hose or pressure washer, do not use high pressure; use the water as a rinse only. Avoid spraying electrical connectors directly; you may want to protect these parts with plastic. To clean, work from the top down, use a water-based engine degreaser, and follow the product's directions as to how long to leave it on before rinsing. You may need a brush to work extra dirty areas.

- The same degreasing solution and process you use in the engine compartment works well for wheelwells and door jambs.

- Use the proper wheel cleaner - either acid or non-acid - for the type of wheels on your vehicle. Follow the product manufacturers recommendations for diluting and using the product. Most should be applied while the wheel is cool and dry. Always wear gloves and take the necessary safety steps when using an acidic product.

- If you do any buffing or polishing of the vehicle, remember that the paint surface you are working with is not very thick. Always start with a less aggressive product, such as fine polish or glaze.

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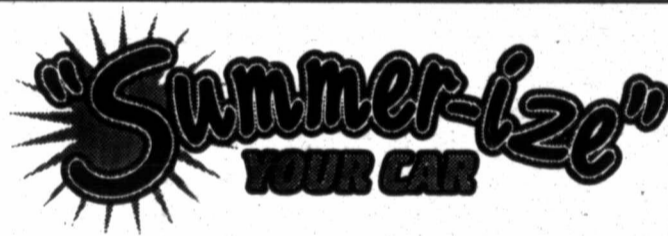
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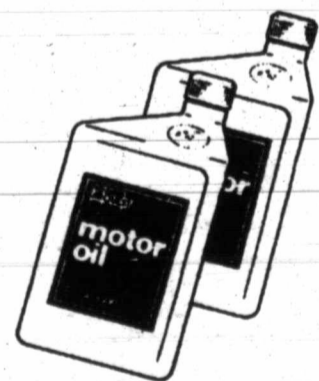
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# More automakers install side air bags

A compact disc player put Linda Rasmussen, her daughter and dog into her 1998 BMW 740iL one fateful evening.

"I drive a Taurus as a company car," Rasmussen said. "I almost took it that night. But the Taurus doesn't have a CD player, and I had a CD I wanted to listen to."

She says it was the BMW's unique side impact protection that got them all out safely after a Ford pickup smashed into the side of the car.

The crash last year made the Plano, Texas, mother a believer in BMW's novel side tube air bag system. Rasmussen credited it with helping save her then-12-year-old daughter and pet German shepherd from serious injury. Rasmussen even gave a testimonial heard around the country in BMW radio ads.

She won't be the last driver to see firsthand what new side impact technology can do.

Many automakers are moving to introduce new technology to improve side crash protection. The federal government helped last year by amending a side impact rule to allow a different test for vehicles using head air bags, like the one in Rasmussen's car, so those vehicles can meet the government standard.

But all of this is coming as the government and automakers continue testing to make sure side air bags don't also injure children or anyone else who is out of position in the seats.

So far, the government has no reports of deaths caused by side air bags and small-sized side air bags — fitted into doors or seatbacks to provide chest protection — first began appearing in the 1995 model year on Volvos.

But some in the industry are cautious, fearing *deja vu* — that consumers might learn later, as they did with early generation frontal air bags, that air bags, even those on the sides of cars, can

injure, even kill.

Indeed, some automakers say they are especially sensitive to this possibility.

"There are no current federal regulations governing this emerging technology," General Motors Corp. Executive Vice President Ronald L. Zarrella said. "However, at GM, our objective is to develop side impact air bags that help reduce adult injuries without exposing children or any small occupant to a significant risk of serious injury from the air bag."

At this year's Chicago Auto Show, Zarrella showed videotape of side air bag deployments in various vehicles, including some unidentified, non-GM vehicles, and claimed "the risk of serious injury in these tests is much higher than in the GM systems."

The automaker would not identify the vehicles but said its side bags are safer because they have vents that lessen the bags' impact when a child is riding in the seat.

Mercedes-Benz, which, like Volvo, has had side air bags in its vehicles for more than three years, said its tests and real-world usage do not indicate that the door-mounted, Mercedes side air bags cause injuries.

Liz Neblett, spokeswoman at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, concurred that carmaker tests on side air bags show how injuries in crashes can be reduced.

"In automaker testing, there is a 10 to 15 percent reduction in chest trauma," she said. She added that preliminary, supplemental testing has shown that out-of-position riders face a low potential of injury.

The NHTSA estimated side-crash fatalities could be reduced by 250 annually by some newer side protection systems

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## Summer Maintenance Tips

To help avoid a breakdown, ASE offers the following advice:

- Don't wait until the day before your vacation to begin a crash-course in car maintenance. Routine maintenance should be a year-round investment.
- Read your owner's manual; follow all recommended service intervals; keep good records.
- Inspect your vehicle periodically for unusual sounds, odors, changes in performance and handling, leaks, drips, etc. Be prepared to mention these symptoms to your auto technician.
- A summer inspection should cover the following: air conditioning system, belts and hoses, engine performance, and fluids. Also check: condition and tightness of belts and hoses, radiator, brakes, tires (including spare), suspension and steering, all lights and bulbs, the battery, and windshield wipers.
- Carry some tools (ask a qualified technician for suggestions), plenty of windshield washer fluid, road flares, cellular phone, and a flashlight.
- If you are not a do-it-yourselfer, find a repair shop with qualified technicians and reward good service with repeat business.

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- **DO** practice driving with ABS in an empty parking lot or other open space. Become accustomed to the noise and/or pulsations that occur in the brake pedal when ABS is activated.
- **DO** consult the owner's manual for additional driving instructions on anti-lock brake systems.

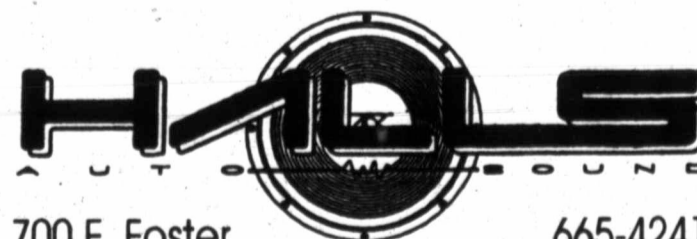
### DON'T

- **DON'T** drive an ABS-equipped vehicle more aggressively than vehicles without ABS. Driving around curves faster, changing lanes abruptly or performing other aggressive steering maneuvers is neither appropriate nor safe with any vehicle.
- **DON'T** pump the brakes when making an emergency stop. ABS pumps the brakes for you automatically, at a much faster rate, and allows better steering control.
- **DON'T** forget to steer to safety. Four-wheel ABS will not lock up; it enables drivers to steer in emergency braking situations, but the system itself will not steer.
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# 'Good Question' by Cathy Reichow

**Q. I don't put many miles on my vehicle, how often should I change my oil?**

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**Q. I purchased tires for my 1995 Toyota Camry less than 30,000 miles ago and they are wearing on the edges. Is this a defect in the tire or is something wrong with my car?**

A. Uneven tire wear can be caused by a couple of things. Worn suspension and steering components, improper tire inflation or wheel misalignment are some possibilities. The most common cause is worn steering or loose suspension components. When you have worn parts this can also change the vehicle's

alignment. Both tire over-inflation and under-inflation can cause uneven wear. For a tire to roll down the road with the least resistance, it must be aligned to the road, parallel to the other three wheels, straight with the chassis and accurately inflated. When you have a front wheel drive vehicle, both the front and rear wheel alignment are adjustable. My suggestion is to take your vehicle to your technician and have your front steering and suspension components checked and then talk to your technician for wheel alignment. An educated technician should be able to tell by the way your tires are wearing what is causing the tire wearing condition.

**Q. My windshield has been chipped from a rock that flew off a passing gravel truck. My insurance man says they'll repair it but not replace the windshield. I wonder if a repair is satisfactory or should I insist on a new windshield?**

A. Most insurance companies will repair rather than replace when the damage is no bigger than a quarter and not in the line of vision. Benefits of this new repair technology include savings in time and expense. A repair costs about \$50 vs. an average \$250 for windshield replacement. And there's a lot to be said for preserving the original factory seal around the glass.

## First line of defense

A popular advertising slogan of years gone by was "You can pay me now or pay me later," the automotive filer manufacturer emphasizing that the motorist could spend a relatively small amount for an oil change and filter replacement now versus risking later major repair expense by neglecting this service.

Even with improved engines, oils, filters and despite education efforts by the automotive service industry, people still neglect their vehicles.

Later reports from vehicle check lanes during National Car Care Month show a failure rate of 83 percent. Near the top of the failure list is low or dirty engine oil.

Oil can be contaminated from byproducts of combustion within the engine, from the engine air intake, coolant and from the minute metal particles caused by the wear process. These contaminants cause the formation of sludge in the crankcase and in critical oil passages, accelerating wear of internal engine parts. Eventually, oil-starved parts were out and the owner pays the price of neglect.

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# Savvy used car buying

Does the idea of shopping for a used car make you cringe? You're not alone; even among the most experienced auto buffs used car shopping stirs mixed emotions, from anxiety to gusto. Although many shoppers fear ending up with a "lemon," they still enjoy the anticipation of landing the perfect car, truck, or at a fair price.

The Car Care Council suggests the following tips for consumers who are eyeing the used car market.

**1. Mind over matter** – Finding the right vehicle can be an emotional decision. We tend to fall in love with our cars, a relationship which can become "love-hate" when the used car becomes some-what of a clunker. For this reason it's important not to let your heart override your common sense. Shop with another person to ensure that a second opinion is close at hand.

**2. Clean out your comb** – Used cars are just that...USED. The new car warranty is either gone or waning, so make sure all guarantees are in writing. Go over this paperwork with the proverbial fine tooth comb.

**3. High mileage/high value** – Don't be frightened off by high mileage. Shoppers who traditionally have ruled out older cars with high mileage now are discovering these can be excellent buys. The median age of a vehicle now exceeds 8 years, an increase of 50% during the past decade. Vehicles are more durable, and we're putting more miles on them.

"People are keeping their vehicles longer," confirms R.B. Grisham, Executive Vice President, National Independent Automobile Dealers Association. "Add to this the higher price of new cars and you can see why the used car market is overtaking the new."

A high mileage vehicle (100,000+ miles) may be relatively trouble free for years, says

the Council. If they've had proper care, major components, including the engine and transmission may be good for many more miles.

**4. Don't skip "history class"** – A big factor, of course, is the vehicle's service history. Beware of the private seller who boasts, "I never had had to do a thing to it." It could be an accident or a breakdown waiting to happen. Sooner or later lack of maintenance will catch up...sometimes with the new owner.

**5. Play the Price Is Right**—At your bank, library or auto parts store you can borrow or buy an appraisal guide. These books, published by National Auto Dealers Association, Kelly's Blue Book, Edmonds and others, help determine if the seller's asking price is in the right range. This information also is available on the Internet.

**6. A checkup before a check** – Used car shoppers should invest in a thorough inspection of any used vehicle. Due to the complex systems in today's vehicles, analysis of these sophisticated systems demand more than a trained eye, they also require specialized equipment for total evaluation.

"It's not that the buyer should 'borrow trouble' or look for an Achilles Heel to use against the asking price," explained Donna Wagner, Vice President of the Car Care Council. "But he/she should do everything possible to avoid buying a bomb. A valuable ally in this procedure is a well trained and equipped technician."

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# Are your tires ready for summer?

To your tires, the summer season probably means the coming of long road trips with the family. If your tires are not up to the task, then neither is your car.

"A quick check is all that is needed to determine if you and your tires are ready for long-distance driving. Looking for signs of worn, cut, or bubbled areas on the tread and sidewall of your tires will alert you to signs of danger and tell you if you may get stranded out on the road," says Rick Brennan, director of product planning, Yokohama Tire Corporation.

Tires that are worn out provide much less traction. When tires have 40% or less of their original tread remaining, the ability to grip the road is dramatically reduced. Tires are considered bald when they have 2/32" of tread or less remaining.

A "Penny Test" can tell you if it's time to replace your tires. Just stick the edge of a penny in the grooves of your tire. If you can see the top of Lincoln's head, your tires are defined as worn out and should be replaced.

"When you are traveling along at 50 or 60 miles per hour in traffic, you may not notice the pothole or road debris before you hit it. Most of the time your tire takes the hit with little damage, but a good, hard hit can cause severe damage to the tire you may not see until you take a closer look.

Bubbles on the sidewall can

indicate a serious condition. Hitting a curb or pothole can cause the inside of the tire to split, letting air push out against the rubber on the

sidewall and causing a 'bubble' to occur," says Brennan. Tires with this condition should be replaced immediately to avoid future flats or blowouts.

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beginning to be developed for head protection.

These systems are separate from frontal air bags that now are required in vehicles. BMW's tubular system was the first head protection system to market in the 1998 model year. In the 1999 model year, so-called curtain head protection systems debuted on Volvo and Mercedes cars.

There is plenty of impetus to work harder on side crash protection. After frontal crashes, side crashes are the most common type, accounting for 21 percent of all collisions, Volvo said.

Indeed, side crashes are breathtakingly quick in producing injury. Volvo estimates most side crashes occur in city traffic and take just 70 thousandths of a second, from start of collision to end.

Head injuries can be especially severe. They account for 38 percent of the injuries in side crashes, Mercedes said.

The NHTSA estimates that annually, 2,400 Americans are killed and 60,000 are hurt in crashes after their heads hit hard interior parts of their vehicle.

**Do you know what the penny test is?**

In 1999, Ford added side air bags to the equipment list of the Explorer and Mercury Mountaineer sport utility vehicles as well as the Windstar minivan. But they're not standard. And even in the family Windstar van, where side air bags are a \$390 option, the company projects 70 percent of Windstars sold won't have them.

A company official said the side air bags started as standard equipment at the outset of the 1999 Windstar's development but later became optional as consumers began to learn about frontal air bag dangers. The Windstar's air bags are large enough to provide a cushion for both body and head.

Still, Stephen Oesch, senior vice president at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety in Arlington, Va., which has been a booster of the BMW air tubes, said consumers can expect more, even as the systems continue to be monitored in real-world performance.

But no one had to convince Rasmussen.

After her crash, she quickly bought another BMW with side tube protection.

"You better believe it," she said.

Still, some automaker officials have been cautious about side air bags.

Gary Flint, project leader for body of the 1999 Acura 3.2TL, said his company was so conscious of the industry's publicized problems with frontal air bags, that side air bag testing in the TL was unprecedented. In the end, the 1999 3.2TL did not get side air bags, though Flint said it "is designed and ready to go for side air bags."

Likewise, the 2000 Chevrolet Impala doesn't include a side air bag for the front-seat passenger. Don Parkinson, Impala brand manager, said "technical problems" with the system's performance in crash tests involving out-of-position children and passengers of small stature caused the carmaker to delay offering the system.

And there's some indication Americans might have mixed views about the need for side air bags, at least when they have to pay extra for them in lower-priced, non-luxury vehicles.

In the 1998 model year, for the first time, Toyota offered side air bags on the Corolla as a \$250 option. Toyota reported most Corollas — 90 percent — were sold without them.



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# A dozen safe driving tips from AARP

Whether you're a senior citizen or family traveling with young children, anyone can benefit from AARP's "55 Alive" Mature Driving Program. Among 52 excellent driving tips offered by Association of Retired Persons (AARP), here are a dozen selected by Car Care Council.

1. Keep a 3-second "safety cushion" distance between you and the car in front of you. To do this, start counting, "1001, 1002, 1003" as the car in front of you passes a stationary point like a tree, road sign or overpass bridge. You should be able to finish counting to 1003 before you get that same stationary landmark. If not,

you are following too closely.

2. Plan your trips and drive your plan. Plan your route BEFORE you start out so you can concentrate your efforts on driving rather than navigating.

3. Do you have anti-lock brakes (ABS)? If so, when braking you should maintain steady pressure on the pedal to keep the system working. Never pump the brakes if you have ABS. Not sure about your brakes? Consult the owner's manual, your dealer or mechanic.

4. Improve your ability to see while driving. Keep windshield, windows and

mirrors clean, inside and out. Do not add tinting to windshield or windows. Also, avoid wearing tinted glasses or sunglasses when driving in low light.

5. Before driving at night, give your eyes a few minutes to adjust to the darkness. Use this time to fasten your seat belt and adjust the side and rear view mirrors.

6. Turn on your lights in the rain, snow or other poor weather conditions regardless of the time of day. In most states it is now the law to turn on the lights whenever the windshield wipers are on. This dramatically helps other cars

to see your car.

7. Have your headlight aim checked twice a year.

8. ALWAYS turn your head to look backwards before putting your vehicle in reverse. Then, when backing up, it is usually best to steer with one hand, while looking out the rear window.

9. Periodically have your tires checked for excessive tread wear. If treads are worn, this could affect your safety, especially on wet and puddled roadways.

10. Roads can be more slick at the beginning of a rainfall when road dust and oil mix with water, so extra caution should be taken when it is just starting to rain.

11. Keep headlights, taillights and turn signals clean. A dirty headlight can cut output by 70%. Out of line headlights can lose as much as a third of their lighting effectiveness.

12. Keep windshields and rear windows clean inside and out. Replace worn windshield wiper blades and check periodically for windshield scratches and deterioration.

For the complete list, visit AARP's web site at <http://web.aarp.org/55alive/tips.html>

## Women customers respond ...

In an era when businesses ranging from automakers to service facilities are striving to make women customers feel less intimidated, new survey results show that 89% of women responding said that they were "treated differently" than their male counterparts.

"Many women like the independence of being responsible for their vehicle's maintenance," said Donna Wagner, Director of the Car Care Council's Women's Board, who conducted the study. "And, like men, they appreciate correct, prompt, no-nonsense service. Shops that satisfy these needs are elevated to hero status in the eyes of their female customers."

Additional statistics from their recent survey revealed:

- 74% were responsible for making the maintenance decisions concerning their vehicles.

- 18% reported the decisions were shared and only 8% said they were responsible for none of the maintenance decisions.

- 74% said their technician explained the work that will be or has been done, while 26% reported they were left with no explanation offered.

- 69% of them are driving the oldest vehicle in the household. 21% said their spouse drives the oldest car, while 10% reported their children got the patriarch of the home fleet.

One of the tasks of The Women's Board is to monitor the changing perceptions of women toward vehicle maintenance. This is done through surveys on their web site.

Women motorists are encouraged to take the Boards newest survey by clicking on Attention Women Drivers at [www.carcarecouncil.org](http://www.carcarecouncil.org).

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# Preventative maintenance key to auto's life

Industry experts are predicting that by the year 2000 the average age of automobiles on the road will be 10 years. But, without proper maintenance, a car might last only half that long. Going beyond standard oil, air and fuel filter changes can protect one of a consumer's most significant investments.

"The best way to prolong the life of a car is through regular, preventive plus predictive care of the car's engine and its systems," said Horst Abramowski, technical director for Radiator Specialty Company, one of the country's leading manufacturers and distributors of chemical additives. "Many recommended maintenance activities are simple, affordable procedures that car owners can perform themselves.

"For example, the automotive aftermarket offers a full line of chemical additives for everything from brakes to transmissions. Additives can help safeguard systems preventing damage and eliminating the need for expensive repairs," he said.

## Keeping It Clean

The obvious upkeep, Abramowski said, is a car's exterior. Cleaning — car washes, waxes and upholstery cleaner — can prevent rust, wear and tear and keep a car looking newer longer, something that can be critically important when selling a pre-owned vehicle. It is also important to keep what's under the hood clean, and not just for appearance's sake. Dirt and grease build-up can be harmful to your car's engine.

"Look under your hood," advises Abramowski. "A build-up of grease and grime can contaminate your engine, binding linkages, clogging vital passages and inhibiting heat transfer. Degreasers provide an affordable cleaning solution that, when used correctly, can keep your engine out of the repair shop."

According to Abramowski, cleaners and degreasers such as Solder Seal®/Gunk® Engine Brite® quickly remove grease, dirt and grime that can cause engine damage, and a self-emulsifying formula enhances rinsing and further simplifies the cleaning process.

Experts also recommend that you clean the inside of your engine every 30,000 to 40,000 miles. You can't see it, but gums, varnishes and sludge accumulate on internal engine parts. Products such as MotorFlush break down this build-up, releasing sticky valves and piston rings, allowing oil to circulate freely to all parts of the motor. When used before an oil change, engine cleaners can greatly improve the performance of a car's engine.

Cleaners such as Fuel Injector and Carburetor Cleaner, Motor Medic® and Valve Medic® also contribute to maintaining an engine that can last several hundred thousand miles, according to Abramowski.

## Undercar Care

While a car's engine is working hard to keep it moving, your brakes are busy helping it stop. It makes sense that your brakes would also accumulate a build-up of surface contaminants, such as oil, grease and brake dust. High performance brake cleaners allow do-it-yourselfers to clean brakes without disassembly, improving brake action and reducing brake noise.

As today's brakes are becoming increasingly sophisticated, with designs including electronic sensors and exotic alloy metals, they are more susceptible to damage and corrosion from contaminant build-up. As Anti-lock Brake Systems (ABS) become standard equipment in most new cars, owners should take special

care to keep these systems performing to full advantage.

"The benefit of ABS brakes is that they actually pump the brakes for you, preventing wheel lock-up and providing steering control," said Abramowski, who assisted in the recent introduction of a Solder Seal®/Gunk® ABS Brake Fluid that exceeds DOT 3 specifications.

"In order to provide optimal performance protection, the brake system needs a consistent supply of brake fluid. Low levels of brake fluid can result in corrosion, foaming and damage," he said.

The Department of Transportation has set standards for brake fluid performance, and these should be clearly labeled on the product container. Check your car manufacturer's manual to determine what level of protection your car requires.

"ABS Brake Fluid is a premium product designed to safeguard today's cutting-edge braking systems," Abramowski said. "Its extreme temperature formulation protects ABS braking systems in all climates from summer in South Florida to mid-winter in the mountains of Washington."

## Underhood Maintenance

As with brakes, there have been considerable changes in the design and technology of many car parts and systems since their invention more than a century ago. But 100 years later, radiators still provide the basic function of maintaining a consistent engine temperature.

An engine that is too hot or too cold can perform poorly or fail to perform at all. Motorists should maintain a level of radiator fluid to ensure optimal performance.

Monitor the level by looking under the hood and by checking your driveway or parking place for tell-tale spots of green

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fluid. A slow leak might be the result of corrosion or of old, ineffective seals. These both can be repaired inexpensively with additives, which cost just a few dollars for a one-time use bottle, versus costs upwards of \$500 to replace a radiator.

"Seals shrink, harden and deteriorate with age, and coolant can leak from the radiator. When poured into the radiator, stop-leak products add an expanding seal and restore function," said Abramowski.

Also important to maintain is the car's transmission. Like engines, transmissions need to be kept clean to operate efficiently. Left unclean, fluid will oxidize in your transmission, causing friction and sluggishness. Cleaners and solvents such as TransMedic will eliminate slippage and rough shifting and protect your transmission.

### Protecting Your Investment

Preventive maintenance can keep an automobile running well, and automotive additives provide an affordable alternative to costly professional repairs. Found in automotive stores and the automotive aisles of many discount merchandisers and grocery stores, automotive additives can help save consumers thousands in repair costs and keep a car lasting longer.

# What's in a name ...

What do an impala, a cougar and a wildcat have in common? They're legendary members of the animal kingdom which have had cars named for them. Some models have carried ferocious names like Fury and Tempest while others have gone the conservative route, such as Lark and Rabbit. In retrospect, these names seldom reflected the personalities of their cars, and certainly not the owners.

How many car names can you match with these model designations?

- A. Hornet
- B. Tempest
- C. Fury
- D. Lark
- E. Impala
- F. Viper
- G. Rabbit
- H. Cobra
- I. Rocket

- J. Cougar
- K. Wildcat
- L. Clipper
- M. Firedome

- 1. Chevrolet
- 2. Dodge
- 3. Pontiac
- 4. VW
- 5. Ford
- 6. Oldsmobile
- 7. Mercury
- 8. Buick
- 9. DeSoto
- 10. Packard
- 11. Studebaker
- 12. Hudson
- 13. Plymouth

### ANSWERS:

How many car names can you match with these model designations?

Hornet Hudson (12)

Tempest Pontiac (3)

Fury Plymouth (13)

Lark Studebaker (11)

Impala Chevrolet (1)

Viper Dodge (2)

Rabbit VW (4)

Cobra Ford (5)

Rocket Oldsmobile (6)

Cougar Mercury (7)

Wildcat Buick (8)

Clipper Packard (10)

Firedome DeSoto (9)

How well did you do? A passing grade is 9 correct. 11 or better puts you in the historian category. If you score below 5, don't despair, you probably excel in sports or music.

# Summer maintenance tips ...

To help avoid a breakdown, ASE offers the following advice:

- Don't wait until the day before your vacation to begin a crash-course in car maintenance. Routine maintenance should be a year-round investment.
- Read your owner's manual; follow all recommended service intervals; keep good records.
- Inspect your vehicle periodically for unusual sounds, odors, changes in performance and handling, leaks, drips, etc. Be prepared to mention these symptoms to your auto technician.

• A summer inspection should cover the following: air conditioning system, belts and hoses, engine performance, and fluids. Also check: condition and tightness of belts and hoses, radiator, brakes, tires (including spare), suspension and steering, all lights and bulbs, the battery, and windshield wipers.

• Carry some tools (ask a qualified technician for suggestions), plenty of windshield washer fluid, road flares, cellular phone, and a flashlight.

• If you are not a do-it-yourselfer, find a repair shop with qualified technicians and reward good service with repeat business.



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