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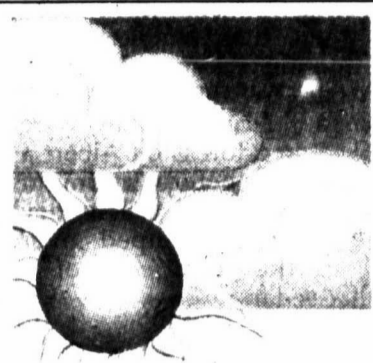
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City discusses ordinance proposal

Officials prepare how to handle dangerous, abandoned buildings ...

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

The Pampa City Commission took another step toward getting rid of some of the dangerous and abandoned buildings around the city.

A proposed ordinance was introduced at the city com-

mission work session Tuesday that would update the procedure the city must take to handle dangerous or dilapidated old buildings.

The procedure would involve the public works director or his authorized representative, such as the building inspector, writing up safety violations and mailing a notice to the owner of the property that the property

needs to be repaired or torn down, according to City Manager Bob Eskridge.

A hearing would then be held as early as seven days later where the city manager would make a determination as to what is needed to be done to the house, whether repairs or securing it by boarding up doors and windows, or whether it needs to be torn down.

A time limit would be set at the hearing for work to be done. If the work is not done within the time limit, the city would then either secure or tear down the house and place a lien against the property for the cost of the

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Lefors properties re-deeded by city council

■ Council member Lindy Forsyth, new member Diane Jackson sworn in for new terms

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The Lefors City Council re-deeded some of their giveaway properties Monday night but decided to hold on to another piece of property.

The land, which the city has given away to try and encourage people to move into the city, has changed hands due to people taking the land and then not making the improvements to the land or moving to Lefors as agreed.

The two lots given away last night were lots 4 and 5 in block three in the Shaw addition.

Two families were interested in the lot, according to city secretary Judy Williams, but Robert and Mary Pauley from Hawking Point, Ohio said they had requested property in January and were awarded the lots.

Lefors resident Kenny Barnett had requested the city sell him a lot located at Fourth and McLean, which the city is currently using for storage.

City Supervisor Bruce Withers told the council that he needed that property to store dirt and other materials necessary for city maintenance and so the request was turned down.

Before the beginning of the meeting current, council member Lindy Forsyth and new member Diane Jackson were sworn in for new terms on the Council.



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Current council member Lindy Forsyth and new member Diane Jackson are sworn in for new terms on the Lefors City Council.

Santacruz appeal case begins today in Amarillo

AMARILLO — Oral arguments were expected this afternoon in the appeal of a Pampa man convicted of manslaughter.

Pampa defense attorney Gene Thompson was expected to make oral arguments beginning at 1:30 p.m. today before a panel of three judges of the Court of Appeals for the Seventh Judicial District in Amarillo in connection with the Christmas Eve slaying of a Pampa High School student in 1996.

District Attorney John Mann said today that he would let his written brief stand. He did not plan to make any oral argument.

Jesus Santacruz, 36, was convicted of manslaughter July 30, 1998, in the death of Lamont Proctor, 18, of 1109 Huff Road. Proctor was shot as he got into a car in southeast Pampa on Christmas Eve, 1996.

It took the five-woman, seven-man all white jury about six hours last summer to find Santacruz guilty of manslaughter. It took them 10 minutes to impose the maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

District Attorney John Mann said the case was being appealed because Mann had brought up evidence of other crimes during the case.

"I called him a murderer and a drug dealer," Mann said. "I argued that's what the evidence showed, and I'm allowed to do that."

During the trial, Richard See SANTACRUZ, page 2



(Community Camera photo)

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild donates pillows to the American Cancer Society to be used by breast cancer and other patients. (left) Pam Dalton, American Cancer Society president, Kathy White and Donna Reynolds, president and vice-president of Piecemakers Quilt Guild.

Cloud seeding, hail suppression and rain making

Panhandle Ground Water officials discuss effects of precipitation enhancement

WHITE DEER — Directors of the Panhandle Ground Water District No. 3 were thinking about rain earlier this week, not the rain from last weekend, but the rain that may or may not come this summer and in summers to come.

Precipitation enhancement — rain making — was the topic of their meeting Monday night. The board of directors along with about a dozen spectators gathered here Monday night to hear George Bomar, a meteorologist with the Texas Natural Resources and Conservation Commission; Dale Bates with West Texas Weather

Modification Association from San Angelo, and Ken Carver with the High Plains Underground Water District from Lubbock

grams for the better part of the last 18 years. He explained that there are seven cloud seeding programs in operation across the state, stretching across West Texas into South Texas. They range from the first project in the state at Big Spring which began in 1971 to a new one involving the Edwards Aquifer that was started only a few weeks ago.

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• Madge C. 'Granny' Hankins, Pampa and Lefors resident of 60 years.
• Pedro M. Martinez, 92, carpenter, construction worker

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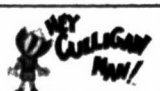
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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

HANKINS, Madge C. "Granny" — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Mausoleum, Pampa.
MEEKS, James "J.D." — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
WARREN, Edna Mae — 11 a.m., Memorial Park Chapel, Amarillo.
WORTHAM, Joseph Edward — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Elmhurst Cemetery, Guymon, Okla.

Obituaries

MADGE C. 'GRANNY' HANKINS
 Madge C. "Granny" Hankins, 87, of Pampa, died Tuesday, May 11, 1999. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Memory Gardens Mausoleum with the Rev. Jim Teeter, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial is under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mrs. Hankins was born April 24, 1912, at Rising Star. She married Richard "Hank" Hankins on Jan. 11, 1946, at Pampa; he died April 5, 1966. She had been a resident of Pampa and Lefors for the past 60 years and worked in several restaurants in Pampa.
 She was preceded in death by a brother, Richmond Tyler; a sister, Geraldine Bishop; and a daughter, Lanell Stogstill.

Survivors include three daughters, Rachele Medley and Frances Conner, both of Pampa, and Patricia Morrow of Grand Prairie; three sons, Jesse Skinner of Tyler, Duane Hankins of Elgin and Franklin Hankins of Grand Prairie; a sister, Betty Scott of Abilene; two brothers, Robert Tyler of Abilene and Jesse Tyler of Willis Point; 30 grandchildren; 64 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center of Amarillo or to a favorite charity.

CECILE B. PLUMLEE
 DIMMITT — Cecile B. Plumlee, 83, a former McLean resident, died Tuesday, May 11, 1999. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ with Dean Wiseman and Harry Riggs officiating. Burial will be in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.
 Mrs. Plumlee was born at Lexington, Okla. She grew up in McLean. She married Clarence Plumlee in 1940 at McLean; he died in 1988. She resided at Weatherford until moving to Dimmitt in 1991. She was a homemaker and belonged to Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ.
 She was preceded in death by a son, Eules Lynn Plumlee, in 1991.
 Survivors include four sisters, Alma Nelson, Sadie Lane and Edna Lou Hood, all of Dimmitt, and Nora Clawson of Lubbock.

PEDRO M. MARTINEZ
 Pedro M. Martinez, 92, of Pampa, died Monday, May 10, 1999, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. John Valdez, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mr. Martinez was born Dec. 23, 1906, at Dilley, Texas. He married Jovita Odell in 1927. He had been a Pampa resident since 1957, moving from Michigan. He was a carpenter and worked for R.H. Fulton Company in pipeline construction for several years. He was also employed with Lynn Colville Construction and worked in ground maintenance at Fairview Cemetery for a number of years.
 He belonged to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.
 He was preceded in death by four sons, P. Manuel Martinez, Bonnie Martinez and Pedro Martinez, all in the 1930s, and Jessie Martinez, in



of Johnson when the show aired Monday.
 "My partner gave the officer a description of Johnson and the officer laughed and said, 'I think he's on TV right now,'" Houston homicide detective Brian Harris said.
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neck with a paring knife during an April 11 argument between Hickman and Johnson's sister, Veronica. Police said Johnson stabbed Hickman when he tried to prevent Veronica from leaving.
 Houston police had been looking for Johnson since April 16. At one point, they said, he promised to surrender but never showed.
 "When they (the Louisiana officers) told us they were watching him on TV we thought, 'You gotta be kidding,'" Harris said. "This definitely goes into our memorable file."

Emergency numbers

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

Police arrest Springer guest as he viewed episode

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1997.
 Survivors include his wife, Jovita, of the home; six daughters and a son-in-law, Mary Sepulveda of Stinnett, Petra Abrego of Fort Worth, Pepper Johnson of Brownwood, Katie Thom of Las Vegas, Nev., and Jovita Rivera and Jovita and Nick Rios, all of Pampa; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Stanley and Carmen Martinez of Pampa, Pedro O'Dell Martinez, Jr. of Lubbock and Joseph Martinez of Casper, Wyo.; 40 grandchildren; 74 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

EDNA MAE WARREN
AMARILLO — Edna Mae Warren, 73, mother of a Pampa resident, died Monday, May 10, 1999. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Memorial Park Chapel with the Rev. Allen Norris officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Memorial Park Funeral Home.
 Mrs. Warren was born June 26, 1925, at Childress. She married Leonard F. Warren, Sr., in 1943 at Hollis, Okla. She managed and later owned Farrell Manor Restaurant in Amarillo for a total of 13 years and, following retirement, owned Warren's Beauty Salon.
 She belonged to Immanuel Baptist Church.
 Survivors include three daughters, Linda Copeland, Glenda Holt and Brenda Keil, all of Amarillo; a son, Leonard Warren, Jr., of Pampa; a sister, Flora Bettag of Amarillo; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to Immanuel Baptist Church.

Police report

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

Tuesday, May 11
 Edward Earl Holt, 46, 613 Plains, was arrested on charges of theft of property.

Accidents

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

Tuesday, May 11
 Adam Wright, 16, 1610 Coffee, was cited for improper backing when his 1993 Chevrolet pickup lost control as it backed out of a parking space in the 900 block of West Harvester and struck a legally parked 1990 Toyota pickup belonging to Anthony Pereira, 1205 Kiowa. The force of that impact forced the Toyota to strike a legally parked 1991 Ford F-150 owned by Mathew Street, 2101 Chestnut which in turn struck the legally parked 1994 Toyota sedan owned by Bobbie Hensarling, Crosbyton. No injuries were reported.

Ambulance

The Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, May 11
 9:41 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 3300 block of Perryton Parkway and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.
 11:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of E. Kingsmill and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
 4:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.26
Milo	3.13
Corn	3.50
Soybeans	3.88

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan	20 3/16	dn 9/16
Prudential	126.90	dn 3/16
Puritan	21.02	dn 1/16

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Amoco	106 15/16	dn 3/16
Arco	80 13/16	dn 2 3/16
Cabot	27 7/16	dn 1/4
Cabot O&G	17 3/8	dn 1/4
Chevron	96 13/16	dn 1 1/4

Coca-Cola	66 1/8	dn 13/16
Columbia/HCA	26 3/16	dn 15/16
Enron	74 13/16	dn 5/16
Halliburton	41 1/4	dn 1 1/16
IRI	5 3/4	dn 1/8
KNE	21 3/16	up 1/8
Kerr McGee	43 15/16	dn 5/8
Limited	47 7/8	dn 1/4
McDonald's	41 7/16	dn 3/8
Mobil	99	dn 2 11/16
New Atmos	25 1/8	dn 1/8
NCE	37 13/16	dn 1/16
Penney's	45 9/16	dn 5/16
Phillips	50 1/2	dn 3/4
Pioneer Nat. Res.	11 7/8	dn 1/8
SLB	60 7/8	dn 15/16
Teneco	24 1/16	dn 1/4
Texasco	69 11/16	up 1 1/16
Ultrasar	24	dn 9/16
Wal-Mart	46 13/16	dn 1/2
Williams	48 11/16	dn 1/4
New York Gold	278.25	
Silver	5.41	
West Texas Crude	17.95	

PROPOSAL

If an owner is out of town or can't be located, a registered letter will be sent to the last known address and after a hearing the notice will be posted on the problem building and after "a reasonable amount of time" the city will secure or demolish the building like any other condemnation.
 The ordinance does provide for emergency demolition by the city for buildings that pose an immediate threat but that would be rarely used, Eskridge said. The power could be used in cases of natural disaster such as a tornado striking the building or a fire that left the building in danger of collapse.
 The ordinance will be on the agenda for the first reading at the next city commission meeting, May 24.

SANTACRUZ

DeLeon, who had been arrested with Santacruz and charged with murder in Proctor's death, testified that Santacruz fired the bullet that killed the Pampa High School senior.
 "He's the one that fired the gun," DeLeon said.
 DeLeon testified that Christmas Eve, 1996, he, his wife and their 8-year-old daughter were driving home from visiting relatives when a car began following them. DeLeon said he stopped at Santacruz's house where he let his wife and daughter out. Santacruz got in DeLeon's red pickup. The two men chased the Cadillac sedan that had been following DeLeon. The Cadillac stopped about a block away. DeLeon stopped his pickup behind the car.
 Santacruz got out of the truck and was standing beside it with the passenger side door open when a man came running at them from the Cadillac, DeLeon said.

RAIN MAKING

were to try to create rain for farmers and ranchers. Today, the strategy is changing in efforts to make rain to replenish underground aquifers.

There is also increasing interest in hail suppression among major metropolitan areas, driven by insurance interests.

Bates said the weather modification programs are not limited to the Lone Star State. Thailand has a major weather modification program and South Africa is becoming more involved. Kansas has had such programs for about three decades. Oklahoma has started one.

Bomar said there are no guarantees with such programs, pointing out that cloud formations and weather conditions have to meet specific circumstances before cloud seeding will work. He did say that the cloud formations in the Texas Panhandle lend themselves to such programs.

"Convection clouds some times develop into thunderstorms," Bomar said. "Eighty percent of the precipitation in the panhandle comes from convection clouds. Seeding works best in these formations."
 He said based on past experience, he has reason to believe that a weather modification program in Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District No. 3 could increase average rainfall.
 "It could grow larger production of rain over a longer period of time," he said.

Such programs use airplanes to seed the clouds with silver iodides particles released from burning flares into the cloud formation. The particles act as ice crystals in the tops of clouds that attracts moisture to form slushy snow flakes. The snow flakes begin to fall, melting on the way down, to reach the ground as rain.

While the process sounds simple, Bomar said there is more to it in practice. The TNRCC issues permits to groups wanting to become involved in weather modification. One of their requirements is that each group have a licensed meteorologist who understands the weather patterns of the area and understands the cloud seeding implications.

Conditions have to be right, Bomar said, for the system to work, and when they are right, people and machinery have to move quickly.
 Carver said the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, which has had a weather modification program for only a couple of years now, maintains a radar site near Littlefield and has cloud-seeding airplanes stationed at Lubbock; Portales, N.M., and Amarillo.

The cost of such a project as the Lubbock-based High Plains program, Bomar estimated, is about seven to eight cents an acre. The High Plains Underground Water District covers almost eight

J.D. Salinger's love letters for sale

NEW YORK (AP) — Author Joyce Maynard is selling love letters she received from the reclusive J.D. Salinger, Sotheby's auction house said today.
 Salinger wrote 14 letters between April 1972 and August 1973 to Maynard, whom he romanced for nine months. Their relationship began when she was an 18-year-old Yale University student and he was a 53-year-old heralded author.
 Ms. Maynard quit school to live in an isolated cottage in Cornish, N.H., with Salinger, who has shunned public life.
 The letters run the gamut from formal to smitten to impersonal, reflecting the course of their relationship, which he ended in March 1973.
 Ms. Maynard, who for 25 years declined to discuss the relationship, last year revealed Salinger's eccentricities and fixations in her memoir, "At Home in the World."
 The 80-year-old author of "The Catcher in the Rye" is obsessed with his privacy. Salinger last wrote for publication in 1965.
 Ms. Maynard told The New York Times she decided to sell for financial reasons.
 "I'd rather put my children through college than own a box full of Salinger's letters," Ms. Maynard, who is divorced and has three children, told the Times. "They were a piece of my past that I've finished with, and I'd rather use them to help

City Briefs

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City Briefs

BY POPULAR demand Stone Heart will be back Fri. 14th & Sat. 15th at Sunset Bar & Grill.

HAZEL WILSON will be honored on her 98th birthday with a reception from 2-4 p.m. Sat., May 19th at the Abraham Memorial Home, 803 Birch, Canadian, Tx. 79014. Friends & cards are most welcome & will be enjoyed by Hazel.

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support my family."
 The letters, which will be offered as a lot, are expected to fetch up to \$80,000 at the auction, scheduled for June 22, Sotheby's officials said. The letters will be on display from June 17 to 21.
 Salinger's lawyer and literary agent declined to discuss the sale of the 38 pages of letters, which

are typed or written in ink or pencil on typing paper, yellow lined paper and a card from the New York Public Library.
 When another author wanted to use some of his letters for a book, Salinger said in a deposition in the 1980s: "Privacy is privacy. Letters were meant for a certain pair of eyes and those eyes alone."

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First Lady Laura Bush to kick-off Texas reading program

AUSTIN — Texas First Lady Laura Bush will join the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and the Austin Public Library in this year's kickoff of the statewide youth summer reading program on May 28 at libraries in Austin.

"Summer vacation is a good time for Texas children to improve their reading skills," said Mrs. Bush. "Reading is the one skill upon which all others depend, and for young readers, it requires year-round effort and practice. Children should spend as much time as possible reading during the summer. Please visit your local library and join the summer reading club. It's a great way to establish a habit — and a love — of reading."

The Texas Reading Club is the annual summer recreational reading program for toddlers through young adults and family members of all ages, sponsored cooperatively by local public libraries throughout the state and the State Library in Austin. This year's Texas Reading Club theme "Open a Book — On with the Show" will be the subject of the kickoff, and puppeteers, storytellers, jugglers and other entertainers will be on hand to celebrate the event.

The theme "Open a Book — On with the Show" emphasizes the

limitless possibilities children have to use their imaginations when reading a book. A manual, with materials prepared by Arlington

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encourages families to set aside designated evenings for reading aloud together, and a detailed bibliography to help librarians select age-appropriate books. Children who complete the program receive a certificate signed by the governor and director and librarian of the State Library.

Young readers with visual, physical or learning disabilities may join the Texas Reading Club at their local library and then borrow books on cassette, in Braille, or in large print from the State Library's Talking Book Program. (To obtain an application or for more information on this program, call 1-800-252-9605.)

More than 425,000 children participated in last year's Texas Reading Club, with 96 percent of Texas' 769 public libraries and branches offered programs to encourage summer reading. Sixty-nine school libraries also used the materials for their reading programs.

Established in 1959, the statewide summer reading club began as a service offered by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to assist rural libraries. In 1978, the Texas Reading Club was expanded to serve all children in Texas through local public libraries. The program helps children improve their reading skills, and makes reading fun because they are free to choose any book they wish to read.

Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & GEM DANDY Douglas) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #3047 Ada Whitener, 2073' from South & 810' from West line, Sec. 47, A1, H&TC, PD 8100.

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., Herring 'A', E. Almaguie Survey, PD 3500', for the following wells:

#115, 5342' from South & 6930' from East Survey line.

#116, 5455' from South & 4217' from East Survey line.

#117, 5883' from South & 990' from East Survey line.

#118, 1871' from South & 1047' from East Survey line.

#119, 2052.5' from South & 4950' from East Survey line.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & McMORDIE RANCH 9700') Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #1-13 McMordie, 730' from North & 660' from East line, Sec. 13, A-2, EL&RR, PD 1000'.

Applications to Plug-Back

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Red Cave) Lera, #15R Sanford 'A', 3630' from North & 990' from West line, Sec. 78, 46, H&TC, PD 2901'.

ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #1 Flowers Trust 'B', 1700' from South & 660' from East line, Sec. 3, —, BS&F, PD 9680'.

Applications to Deepen (within casing)

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Morrow) Seagull Energy E&P, Inc., #2026 Zybach, 467' from South & 2200' from East line, Sec. 26, M-1, H&GN, PD 14700'.

Gas Well Completions

ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #602 J.C. Vollmert, Sec. 2, —, BS&F, elev. 2722 kb, spud 1-26-99, drlg. compl 2-14-99, tested 3-11-99, potential 740 MCF, TD 10760' — Plugged Wells

ROBERTS (HANSFORD Lower Morrow) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #6 Courson 'B', Sec. 163, C, G&M, spud 7-21-59, plugged 3-10-99, TD 8698' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Pan American Petroleum

ROBERTS (LIPS Morrow) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #2019 Ruth Wilson, Sec. 19, A, H&GN, spud 11-12-98, plugged 3-3-99, TD 8750' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Midgard Energy

Chairman of CCHC receives Distinguished Service Award

PANHANDLE — Mogie McCray, chairman of the Carson County Historical Commission, received the Distinguished Service Award for 1998 programs of work by the county historical commission from John L. Nau III, chairman of the Texas Historical Commission, at the recent Historic Preservation Conference in Austin.

Twenty-seven counties and three heritage groups received the award. Carson County has received the award all but a few years since it was instituted in the 1950's. To qualify for the award, a group must complete at least three classifications of programs. For 1998, the Carson County Historical Commission submitted Organizational Structure, Museum Assistance, Archeology and Rural Preservation.

The conference, which was sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission, Preservation Texas, and the Texas Historical Foundation, drew an audience of over 400 participants. The conference theme, "Sewing Seeds of

Preservation," was stressed in various seminars and activities.

Former Texas Historic Commission director, Curtis Tunnell, who retired in January after 34 years on the commission and 18 years as director, was presented the Ruth Lester Lifetime Achievement Award. Tunnell is a native of Turkey, Texas. The award is presented to groups or individuals who have made a significant long-term contribution to historic preservation in Texas.

Quilt Guild



Kathy White, president of Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild, recently presented Jan Reid, director of Ronald McDonald House of Amarillo, with a child's quilt to be hung at the facility. Members of the guild used reverse applique to make the blocks which were then set together by Karen Bridges and machine quilted by Kriss-Kross Quilting of Pampa.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS
The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Furr's Cafeteria.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM
The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

EMMAUS REUNION
Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information call 669-3426 or 669-9226.

MASONIC LODGE #966
Pampa Lodge #966 will meet

Thursday, May 13 for Past Master's Night, fellowcraft proficiency and Master Masons degree. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION
Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains will celebrate its 15th anniversary from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 15 at Amarillo Botanical Garden Center in Amarillo. All who are or who have ever been supporters of the organization are invited to attend the celebration. Refreshments will be served. Clowns and other entertainment is planned. Stars and wish pictures will also be on display. For more information, call (806) 358-9943 or 1-800-242-7167.

USS PERRY REUNION
The U.S. Navy Reunion for the USS Sperry (AS-12) Submarine Tender, 1942-82, will be held Oct. 4-6 at San Antonio. For more information, call (218) 534-2459; write Arnold Ross, Vice President, USS Sperry (AS-12) Association, 2916 Colonial Drive, Dickinson, TX 77539; or e-mail sperrysec@juno.com

USS LONG BEACH REUNION
USS Long Beach Reunion Association will hold its 1999 reunion Sept. 15-19 at Pensacola, Fla. Participants will be staying at the Holiday Inn Bay Beach, 51 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561-9990. For reservations, call (850) 932-2214. For more information, contact Don Shade at P.O. Box 69, Clymer, NY

14724-0069, (716) 569-2314, or e-mail LBCGN9@aol.com.

WIND EMMAUS
Rushing Wind Emmaus will sponsor a women's Walk to Emmaus on July 15-18 at the Waka Christian Center in Waka. Eulalia Blankenship of Spearman will be lay director with Rev. Ken Cole of Spearman, spiritual director. Anyone interested in attending a walk may contact your pastor, someone who has attended a walk, or call Wanda Scott 806-435-2149 for information.

RED CROSS
The Red Cross is offering free blood sugar and blood pressure testing every Friday from 10 a.m. - noon at Red Cross Office, 108 N. Russell.

FPC summer class registration slated in area

BORGER — Frank Phillips College will hold registration at Canadian and Perryton. Classes will be offered via the Panhandle Information Network and the Internet.

FPC staff will be on hand to answer questions and to register individuals for summer classes from 4:30-6:30 p.m. May 18 at the library in Canadian High School. College Algebra will be offered at Canadian High School on Tuesday and Thursday during the Summer I session.

FPC will be in Perryton from 7-9 p.m. May 20 at the Mize Building, Room V-4, Perryton High School. Courses to be offered at Perryton High School during the Summer I session are Microcomputer Applications, American Government and U.S. History.

Additional registration is scheduled from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. May 24-25 at FPC campus in Borger. For more information, contact the Office of Admissions and Records at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 741.



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Opinion

When the police can't protect us

■ Guns aren't the problem.
 Predictably enough, the Columbine High School massacre has provoked calls by the Clinton administration and gun-control activists to "do something" about gun violence, such as further limiting Americans' access to firearms.

The basic idea behind gun control is that average people should not be allowed to possess firearms for self-protection since some will use them improperly — but should depend on the police and other authorities in the face of danger. Yet a close look at the tragedy in Littleton, Colo., does more to debunk this basic gun-control premise than to support it.

A recent article in The New York Times gingerly raised a question that has become a heated topic on the Internet and talk radio: Why did the police SWAT team, whose armored members surrounded the high school for hours, not enter the building more quickly?

In a recent column, James Bovard, author of "Freedom in Chains: The Rise of the State and the Demise of the Citizen," quoted some of the explanations offered by Littleton-area police: One deputy who initially exchanged fire with a shooter, then left to call for backup, said his actions helped fleeing students. The sheriff said his forces were out-gunned. A sheriff's department spokesman said they were worried about protecting policemen.

These bromides only reinforce Bovard's premise: "The ... slow response by SWAT teams and other lawmen to the killings in progress turned a multiple homicide into a historic massacre. The ... excuses being offered vivify how law enforcement has no legal liability to people they fail to protect. The Colorado killings offer stark evidence why citizens cannot rely on government for personal safety."

Indeed, the government's position is simple: We don't trust you to protect yourself with handguns or rifles, but the police have no obligation to protect you, either. This point, rather than hand-wringing about violent video games and "easy" access to guns, needs to capture more attention, because it holds the key to making schools safer.

There's nothing wrong with trying to learn what makes some seemingly normal teens commit such an atrocity. Or to look at nihilistic aspects of our culture, which may have contributed to the killings. But such approaches offer imprecise answers at best.

Even if all guns were outlawed, the black market would flourish, just as it does for illegal drugs. Rather than aim for the unachievable goal of banishing all firearms, policy makers should look for ways to ensure that law-abiding citizens have access to them when they're needed.

In Israel, requiring teachers to be armed "put a very rapid end to the PLO's longstanding strategy of targeting school children," said David Kopel, a New York University law professor and research director of the Colorado-based Independence Institute. He doesn't suggest that American schools require teachers to pack iron, but he does suggest that the law allow properly trained teachers to do so.

Other recent U.S. school shootings have ended after school officials or passersby confronted the attackers with weapons, according to John Lott, the University of Chicago law professor who has written extensively about concealed carry laws. In Edinboro, Pa., for example, the shooting "was stopped only after a bystander pointed a shotgun at the shooter when he started to reload his gun. The police did not arrive for another 11 minutes."

In other words, rather than mistakenly assume that police will always be there to protect unarmed citizens — a fallacy vividly refuted by the Littleton tragedy — policy makers should look for ways to make gun ownership more accessible for law-abiding people.

—Odessa American

NATO is ignoring the obvious

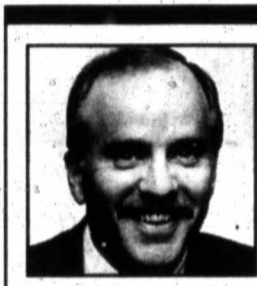
Insanity has been defined as doing the same thing over and over and expecting the results to change. After more than five weeks of intensive NATO bombing, the daily results have begun to take on a familiar look, with lots of wreckage and civilian casualties on the ground and no improvement whatsoever in the plight of Kosovo's people.

The Clinton administration says it will keep up the air war until Slobodan Milosevic gives way, but his ability to endure punishment seems to be a perfect complement to our capacity to inflict it. We may soon reach the stage where the only effect of more air strikes is to rearrange the rubble left by previous air strikes.

Since the NATO attack began on March 24, the alliance has refused to alter its demands or its approach, despite the ever-dimming prospects for both. The only debate within NATO is whether to replace a failing strategy, the air war, with an excessively risky one, a land invasion. The U.S. House of Representatives, asked its preferences, selected "none of the above." It voted to forbid the president to send ground forces to Kosovo without its permission but declined to approve a resolution endorsing the ongoing policy of combating ethnic cleansing from an altitude of 15,000 feet.

The American people have agonized when asked to choose between sacrificing U.S. soldiers in a remote foreign civil war and doing nothing about horrific brutality. The bad news is this choice is truly painful. The good news is it's also false.

The dilemma looks insoluble only because the administration and its NATO allies have unequivocally excluded the two most obvious options — partitioning Kosovo and arming the Kosovo Liberation Army. These possibilities offend the fastidious, who think partition



Steve Chapman

Syndicated columnist

amounts to rewarding Milosevic for terror and are leery of a guerrilla army that seems indifferent to human rights. Those are legitimate concerns, but not sufficient to spurn the only plausible formula for reaching a peace the West could live with.

Partition would involve cutting Kosovo in two. A smaller northeastern slice, containing the areas of greatest historic importance to the Serbs, would be conceded to Yugoslavia, while the larger share would be split off to form a new state that would be granted the right to go its own way, sooner or later. Kosovars would lose much of their homeland, but at least the million or so refugees who have fled into Albania and Macedonia would be assured a homeland to go back to.

The disadvantage of this is that it lets ethnic antagonisms determine political boundaries. The advantage is that it lets ethnic antagonisms determine political boundaries. After what Serbs have done to Kosovar Albanians, there is no way the two groups can co-exist — much less co-exist under Yugoslavian rule. When two groups can't live together, prudence dictates that they live apart.

Why should Milosevic settle for a section of Kosovo populated almost entirely by Serbs when he can have all of Kosovo populated almost entirely by Serbs — which is roughly

the new status quo? One incentive we could give is to offer him the chance to annex the Serbian part of Bosnia, which is now forced to live under a Muslim-dominated government. He would doubtless be willing to pay some price to stop the bombs raining down on Belgrade. Not least important, he knows he will never have peace if he has to fight the KLA.

The KLA is currently a overmatched, ragtag force of a few thousand men. But with Western weapons, training and money, it could turn Kosovo into Yugoslavia's Vietnam. Milosevic knows that NATO, whether it's fighting from the air or on the ground, suffers from a debilitating option: It can always quit and go home. The KLA soldiers have no home to go back to until they take it away from Milosevic.

They have a stake far more urgent and compelling than the United States and its allies could ever have in the Balkans: They either win their land back in combat, or they lose it forever. And thanks to Milosevic, they have a huge pool of potential recruits who have seen their houses torched, their friends and families murdered, and their lives shattered. If the KLA had trouble finding volunteers in the past, it shouldn't have that problem in the future. And if it proves authoritarian, Kosovar Albanians would probably rather be oppressed by their own kind.

The Clinton administration has a more appealing vision — restoring the multiethnic, autonomous province that existed before this war. But that vision is certainly unattainable without greater sacrifices than the American people would accept, and it's probably unattainable under any circumstances. Using the KLA to undo half the harm wrought by Milosevic is a lousy solution, until you consider the others.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, May 12, the 132nd day of 1999. There are 233 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 12th, 1949, the Soviet Union announced an end to the Berlin Blockade.

On this date:

In 1820, the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale, was

born in Florence, Italy.

In 1870, Manitoba entered Confederation as a Canadian province.

In 1932, the body of the kidnapped son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh was found in a wooded area of Hopewell, N.J.

In 1943, during World War II, Axis forces in North Africa surrendered.

In 1965, West Germany and Israel

exchanged letters establishing diplomatic relations.

In 1970, the Senate voted unanimously to confirm Harry A. Blackmun as a Supreme Court justice.

In 1975, the White House announced the new Cambodian government had seized an American merchant ship, the "Mayaguez," in international waters.

In 1978, the Commerce Department said hurricanes would no longer be given only female names.

Ten years ago: The nation's largest airline computer reservation system, the American Airlines Sabre system, shut down for nearly 12 hours, disrupting the operations of thousands of travel agencies nationwide.

Nothing wrong in rejecting exploitation

Well, after Littleton, no journalist will ever be able to criticize ambulance-chasing lawyers with a straight face. The news business pounced on that tragedy like a starving tiger and relished every tear, every drop of blood. It licked it clean...It sniffed around the graves for any stray morsel.

Maybe not everyone feels the way I do — that grief is a private thing, and that strangers should not intrude on it, least of all those who do so just to make a buck. I wouldn't be surprised, because I'm really out of fashion in just about every category I can think of. And glad of it.

But we really have reached a point where several industries, for greed's sake, descend on any hapless group of individuals who get caught up in some tragedy considered newsworthy. There's the news business, the grief counseling business, the psychology business, the talk show business and, of course, the lawyer business. Next comes the ideologues. If a gun is involved, the gun-control nuts charge in. If it's weather-connected, the global warmers jump in. And the politicians. Somehow, they will think of a new excuse for new legislation no matter what the occasion. It's called exploiting, and it isn't pretty.

Whatever happened to the idea of just reporting the news, then going home and leaving people alone? Apparently, at least in the minds of media moguls, there is such a



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

dearth of news that the giant maw of 24-hour-a-day news must stretch out any event, with good video and melodrama, as long as possible. Preferably, I suppose, until the next tragedy with video possibilities.

It was amusing, in a mordant way, how quick the TV round-the-clockers dropped the Albanian refugees off the screen as soon as the gunfire broke out in Littleton, Colo. Now, as things are quieting down in Littleton from a video point of view, the refugees are back on the screens.

You can be in a hellishly tragic situation, but if there are no video possibilities — dramatic visuals, easy access, easy uplinks, preferably good hotels — you will just suffer invisibly, as 99 percent of the world's miseries do.

As many have remarked, American journalism is the most ethnocentric in the world. In earlier times, that was natural. The United

States was indeed isolated by two oceans and, with such a big nation of its own to exploit, had very little interest in other countries. Communications were slow.

That is no longer the case. While we need to practice what meddling internationalists call isolationism (better known as not interfering in other people's lives and countries), we do need to be aware of what's going in the world, lest someone get the jump on meddling and interfering in our lives and our country. For another reason, a sizable portion of the world is heading here or intends to.

For another, the more ignorant we are of other countries and other people, the more easily we can be manipulated by mendacious politicians who have been purchased by foreign lobbies. It seems to me that avoiding manipulation by other people is a worthy goal in and of itself for any human being who values liberty.

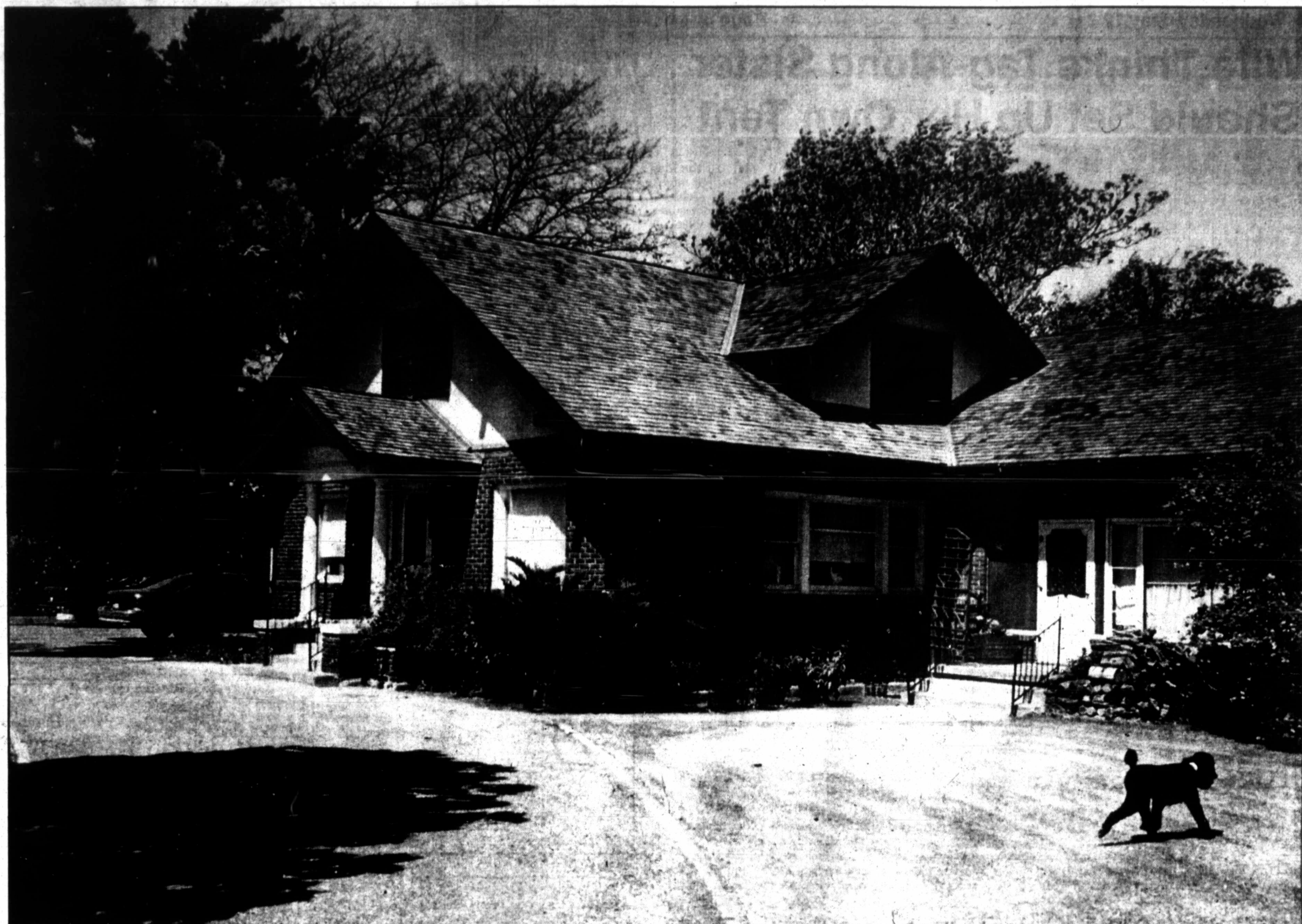
The people who exploit their fellow man, not to mention the land, air and water, are relatively few, though very visible and vocal. There remains a decent majority who respond to, instead of exploiting, their fellow man's pain and suffering.

Hopefully, the decent majority will find its voice. There's nothing wrong with: "No comment." "Get off my property." "Get that camera out of my face." "None of your business."

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More Images ...



Loralee Cooley submitted this photo in the Critters category of the recent Images Photo Contest. "Places to Go — Things to Do" shows Ytha Fe, Standard Poodle of Ed Cooley, making tracks across her yard at 410 Buckler. The photo was snapped in April 1998.

West Texas A&M announces next professor emeritus

CANYON — David N. Patterson, retired associate professor of mathematics at West Texas A&M University, joined an elite group of educators when he was conferred with the title professor emeritus during a recent meeting of the The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

Patterson, who is credited with pioneering the use of computers in teaching at WTAMU, spent 30 years at the university, from 1965-1995. "We are delighted to add David Patterson to our distinguished list of professors emeriti," Dr. Russell Long, WTAMU president, said. "His many contributions to the University have been far-reaching."

The university initiated the professors emeriti program in 1992. Patterson is the 47th faculty member upon whom the professor emeritus title has been conferred. Retired faculty with at least 10 years of full-time service to the university are eligible for nomination by current WTAMU faculty members and administrators with faculty rank.

The prime selection criterion for awarding the professor emeriti title is "a significant contribution through long and distinguished service to the University in administration, teaching, research and professional service."

Patterson, who received the University Teaching Excellence Award of 1982-83, served as acting head of the Department of Mathematics and Physics in 1983-84. He received the President's Teaching Fellow Award for 1992-93. Additionally Patterson conducted workshops supported by Eisenhower Grants from 1991-93; served on the Arts and Sciences advisory Committee, the University Committee on Instructional Computing and the Arts and Sciences Promotion

and Tenure Committee; has been active on behalf of the Make A Wish Foundation; and helped oversee University Interscholastic League math contests in area public schools. Patterson, a resident of Canyon, will be recognized as professor emeritus at WTAMU commencement exercises on May 15 at Amarillo's Cal Farley Coliseum.

TPMHA to hold special workshop to celebrate Mental Health Month

AMARILLO — The month of May is Mental Health Month and this May marks the 50th annual Mental Health Month. "To Your Health! Mental Health Matters" is the theme for this year's campaign.

The facilitator, Stan Waddell, M.A.M.F.C., LPC, will discuss stress — the benefits of good stress and ways to handle stressors of daily living.

Waddell, a graduate of West Texas A&M University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, is clinical coordinator for TPMHA Child and Adolescent Services. He has over 10 years of experience working with children and adults.

To make people more aware of the many benefits of good mental and physical health, Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority will host "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" during its regular third Thursday workshop slated from 1:30-2:30 p.m. May 20 in the Training Room of TPMHA Administration Building, 1500 S. Taylor, Amarillo.

The workshop is open to the public. For more information, contact Carol Ann Vaughn, Adult Family and Community Education Liaison at (806) 349-5621.

Relay for Life Garage Sale



(Back row, left-right) Shanda Arzen, Kim Charles, (front row, l-r) Norma Slagle and Patricia Silva prepare for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Garage Sale to be held from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., May 15 at 600 N. Banks. Anyone wishing to donate to the sale should bring items to 600 N. Banks or call 669-6673, 663-5541 or 669-5509. Garage sale organizers will come and pick up donations.

(Special photo)

Clarendon College to offer Quick TASP

CLARENDON — Clarendon College will offer the Quick TASP at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, May 20 in the Administration Building. Cost of the exam is \$29, check or money order only. Participants must have two forms of identification including one photo ID. For more information, call CC Counselor Matt Satterwhite at (806) 874-3571 by Monday, May 17.

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Wife Thinks Tag-Along Sister Should Set Up Her Own Tent

DEAR ABBY: My sister, "Laurel," is a single mother with one child. She drives my husband, "Rick," berserk when they are around each other for an extended period of time. Unfortunately, Laurel recently split up with her boyfriend. She has few friends and insists on being my best friend — including herself in my family's dinner plans and vacations.

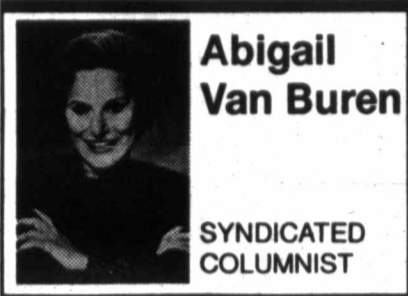
Before the breakup, we were planning to visit an elderly aunt — Rick and I with our daughter in one car, Laurel, her boyfriend and her daughter in the other car.

However, now that Laurel's boyfriend has left, she wants to make this an "all-girls trip" and exclude my husband! I informed her that Rick is going, and furthermore there would be separate accommodations and separate cars. Laurel now insists that she will camp out in our hotel room, and she will not take "no" for an answer.

FED-UP SISTER IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR FED-UP: Your sister is off base. There's no reason why you and Rick should share your hotel room with your sister, or that Rick should be excluded because Laurel doesn't currently have a man in her life. If you can't make her see reason, you and your husband should talk to her together.

DEAR ABBY: We just lost three perfect little boys, our triplets. They



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

were born prematurely. Many people have been kind to us, yet we have been stunned by the insensitivity of others.

The day our triplets died, a doctor went to my wife in the hospital and said, "Look, it wasn't meant to work out. People aren't supposed to have litters."

My wife's hairdresser, on hearing the news, said, "Who would want three babies anyhow?"

To such people, I'd suggest they think of the three people they care most about in the world, and then imagine them all dying in front of you.

SAD FATHER IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR SAD FATHER: Please accept my sincere sympathy for the tragic loss of your beloved baby boys. I'm sure the doctor and the hairdresser didn't mean to be unkind; however, their comments were enormously insensitive. Babies can't be replaced, but people in service-oriented businesses can.

DEAR ABBY: With all the discussion of the difficulties that might occur because of the Y2K problem, it's easy for most people to assume that it's only a computer problem — but it isn't.

Thirty years ago, when my mother died, my father purchased cemetery lots and headstones for our entire family. My headstone reads, "Born 1939, Died 19..."

Abby, I'm sure you can see the problem. If I live beyond the last day of December, I'll have to have that headstone refilled and recut with "Died 20..."

DONALD SCHAFER, SAN DIEGO

DEAR DONALD: Consider yourself blessed to have such a problem. Why not add a line? For example: "19... to be continued." Or, "Just couldn't leave. Stuck around until 20..." With a sense of humor, the possibilities are endless.

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Horoscope

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 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) **★★★★** Be more in touch with what you want. Others will help you increase your earnings. A positive attitude makes you unstoppable, if frustrated, you could be a handful. Take a serious look at financial liabilities. Be smart and don't lose your temper. Tonight: Do some shopping.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **★★★★** You feel happy and grounded, but you might still be overly serious about one key matter. Why not loosen up? A key partner is tense and frustrated. Put your best foot forward; remain optimistic. You could be delighted with the outcome! Tonight: Your wish is the world's command!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **★★★** You get a lot done with an early start. Resist the urge to think. Instead, take action, knowing what you want. You have the right ideas. Network; touch base with others. Tempers flare when you least expect it — even yours. You could simply be over-worked. Tonight: Relax.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **★★★★** You are in the limelight. An offer is too good to be true. Focus on what you want and refuse to be distracted. Don't hesitate to use all your creative resources. Others respond to your ideas, energy and charisma. Tonight: Get together with

friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **★★★★** Maintain a high profile. New beginnings are possible if you take the first step. Your perspective might change radically as the day continues. Good news comes your way. Accept an invitation that may involve a trip. Tempers flare, and another simply doesn't want to pacified! Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **★★★★** One-to-one relating opens a door. A different perspective might be impossible; at the moment, you have a problem finding the expertise and information you seek. Another is quite challenging. Be careful with spending. Tonight: Detach and relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **★★★★** Discussions are provocative, at best. How you choose to handle this frustration is your call. Not everyone sees events as you do. It might be difficult to enlist another's support. Don't allow negativity to be contagious. There are different approaches. Tonight: Talk to your best friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **★★★** Clear out as much work as you can. Another presents a strong case for what he believes in. Be cautious when handling a difficult associate. Sometimes the answers don't come easily. Be careful as anxiety grows. Let another know you are reaching your limit. Tonight: Meet with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **★★★★** A friend pushes and prods and is quite irritating. Gain a perspective; be open to information. Stay goal-directed, and you'll succeed. Your concentration abilities are high. Know what you must do to get a project going again. Tonight: Time for

exercise!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **★★★★** Listen to your instincts with a difficult higher-up. This person doesn't always understand how he comes off. Avoid starting an argument when you don't need to. Lighten up. Creativity surges as you find the right answer. You could be overly demanding of a loved one. Tonight: Do what you enjoy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **★★★★** Your ability to get a fire started under someone who is lackadaisical could surprise others, but not you. Use your energy positively. A family member or a domestic issue weighs heavily on your heart. Your ability to communicate is highlighted. Tonight: Head home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **★★★★** You may feel like you have had enough, financially. Be sensible and put some away for a rainy day. Your instincts may be off; another could encourage you to spend. Maintain self-discipline, set limits, enforce boundaries. Tonight: Return calls, do errands.

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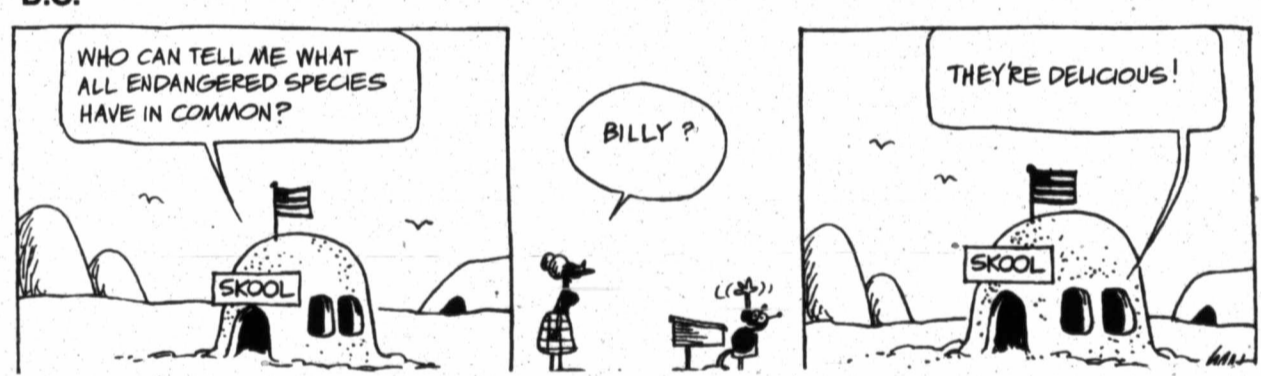
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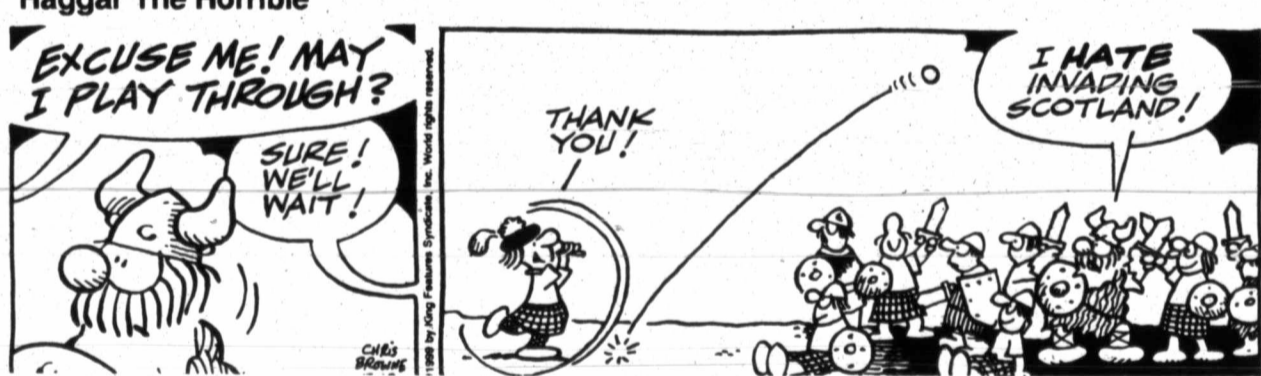
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SPORTS

Notebook

FOOTBALL

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Receiver Ernie Mills has signed a three-year contract with the Dallas Cowboys. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Mills led the Cowboys with four touchdown catches last season and was second in receptions with 28. His season ended Nov. 22, when he suffered a lacerated small intestine during a game against Seattle.

Dallas also has signed free-agent receiver John Washington, who went to training camp with the New York Giants a year ago, and defensive back Kevin Brooks, a rookie from South Carolina.

The Cowboys also lost a player Tuesday. Tight end David LaFleur broke his right ankle during a voluntary workout and will be in a cast for three weeks. He's expected to be ready for training camp in July.

OMISSION

PAMPA — Dean's Pharmacy was omitted from a list of sponsors for the Hidden Hills Pro-Am Tournament last weekend.

BASEBALL

PAMPA — Cree Oil outlasted Foto Time 15-10 in a Babe Ruth League game last weekend at Optimist Park. It was a preseason game for both teams.

Dustin Harper was Cree's leading hitter with two doubles and a single; David Thacker had a double and single and Adam Jones had two singles. Jerod Snelgrooves and Trevor Allen each had a single.

Tristen Brown had three singles for Foto Time. Johnny Moore had two singles and Max Simon had one.

Allen, Charlie Craig, Jones, Hunter Craig and Harper pitched for Cree. They combined to give up six hits while striking out eight and walking ten.

Ryan Zemanek, Moore, Simon and Ryan Nash pitched for Foto Time. They gave up nine hits while striking out seven and walking 15.

Cree has a 1-0 record.

HOUSTON (AP) — In a night of excesses, Houston Astros center fielder Carl Everett had one of his best games ever.

And even he thought the Astros' 19-8 victory over Pittsburgh was a bit too much.

Houston set a team record with 10 doubles and recorded season highs in seven categories including runs, hits (18), RBI (19) and extra-base hits (10). Along the way, Everett tied his career high of five RBIs set three times before, most recently against the Cubs on Aug. 24, 1998.

"Baseball is a strange game," Everett said. "You can play this game for a long time and not see a crazy game like this one. Everything happened right for us tonight. But this team has an offense that is capable of nights like this, maybe not every night, but we're certainly capable of it."

"I think we scored more runs than we intended to. I just wanted to get it over with."

Everett did appreciate the fact he broke out of an 0-for-13 hitting slump with his 3-for-6 performance.

"I didn't do anything different," he said. "I was just grinding it out like always. Today they fell in for me."

The rest of the Astros also were growing tired of watching their teammates circle the bases.

"I'm just glad it's over," said Jeff Bagwell, who had two doubles in two at-bats. "You don't want to be a part of games like that, but every now and then they happen and when they do, you just want to be on the winning side."

Pampa faces solid pitching staff in 4A area playoffs

PAMPA — Opponents have found it hard to get their licks in against Clint pitchers Freddy Ortez and Jeremy Arnold this season.

Ortez, who has a 10-2 record and an impressive 2.04 earned run average, is the probable starter when Clint takes on Pampa in the Area round of the playoffs Friday in Seminole.

Arnold, 9-3 and a 3.02 earned run average, will probably start the second game in the best of the three series.

"Both of these pitchers have been holding teams down to a two or three runs a game," according to Jon Fulbright of the Pecos Enterprise. "Clint has also been scoring a lot of runs for them."

Clint's baseball program was organized only four years ago and moved out of Class 3A just this season. The Lions compiled an impressive 25-6 record and finished second behind Pecos in the District 2-4A standings.

The opener between Pampa and Clint starts at 4 p.m. Game two will start a half hour after game one ends. Game three, if necessary, will be played at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The Lions, who reached the 3A

playoffs a year ago, are strong in the fundamentals. They depend on Ortez and Arnold plus a solid defense to shut down the opposition.

Pampa can counter with a potent offense. Outfielder Brent Phelps, second baseman Kaleb Snelgrooves, third baseman Greg Lindsey and Owens are all hitting over .400. Catcher Jonathan Waggoner and outfielder Amos Valmore are both hitting over .300.

Pampa's Casey Owens (7-1) will oppose Ortez in the opener. Ortez is also the Lions' leading hitter, batting .471.

With junior lefthander Brent Coffee injured, Pampa head coach Dennis Doughty will likely be looking at three hurlers — Justin Roark, Greg Lindsey and Jesse Francis — to see action in the second game.

"Losing Coffee was definitely a blow for us, but hopefully somebody else will step up," Doughty said. "We've got other talented pitchers. If they can come in and do a good job, we're going to be all right."

Coffee had a 6-2 record before an elbow injury sidelined him for the season.

The Harvesters enter the playoffs with a 17-12 record.

Lady Harvesters take fifth at state tourney

AUSTIN — Pampa finished fifth with a total of 707 at the Class 4A girls' golf tournament Monday and Tuesday at Roy Kizer Course.

A poor opening round prevented the Lady Harvesters from closing the gap the second day. After a first-round 368, Pampa improved by 29 strokes (339) the second round.

"I was proud of the girls, but they just got off to a bad start. They dug themselves a hole they couldn't get out of. However, they didn't give up," said Pampa head coach Frank McCullough. "They came back and had the third best score of the eight teams."

Alison Piersall led Pampa with a two-round 162 (84-78). Other Pampa scores were Stefanie Harwood 176 (92-84), Cortnie

Allison 182 (96-86), Maggie Cowan 187 (96-91) and Annie Sims 201 (107-94).

"I thought Stefanie came back and really played well and so did Alison, Maggie and Cortnie. Annie had a good last round," McCullough said.

Dallas Highland Park shot a 622 to win the 4A title while Snyder was second with a 646.

AUSTIN (AP) — San Antonio Edison senior Christi Cano fired a 5-under 66 Tuesday to win the girls' Class 4A high school state medalist title in golf.

Cano captured the Class 5A medalist title last year. San Antonio Edison was moved down a class before the 1998-1999 school year.

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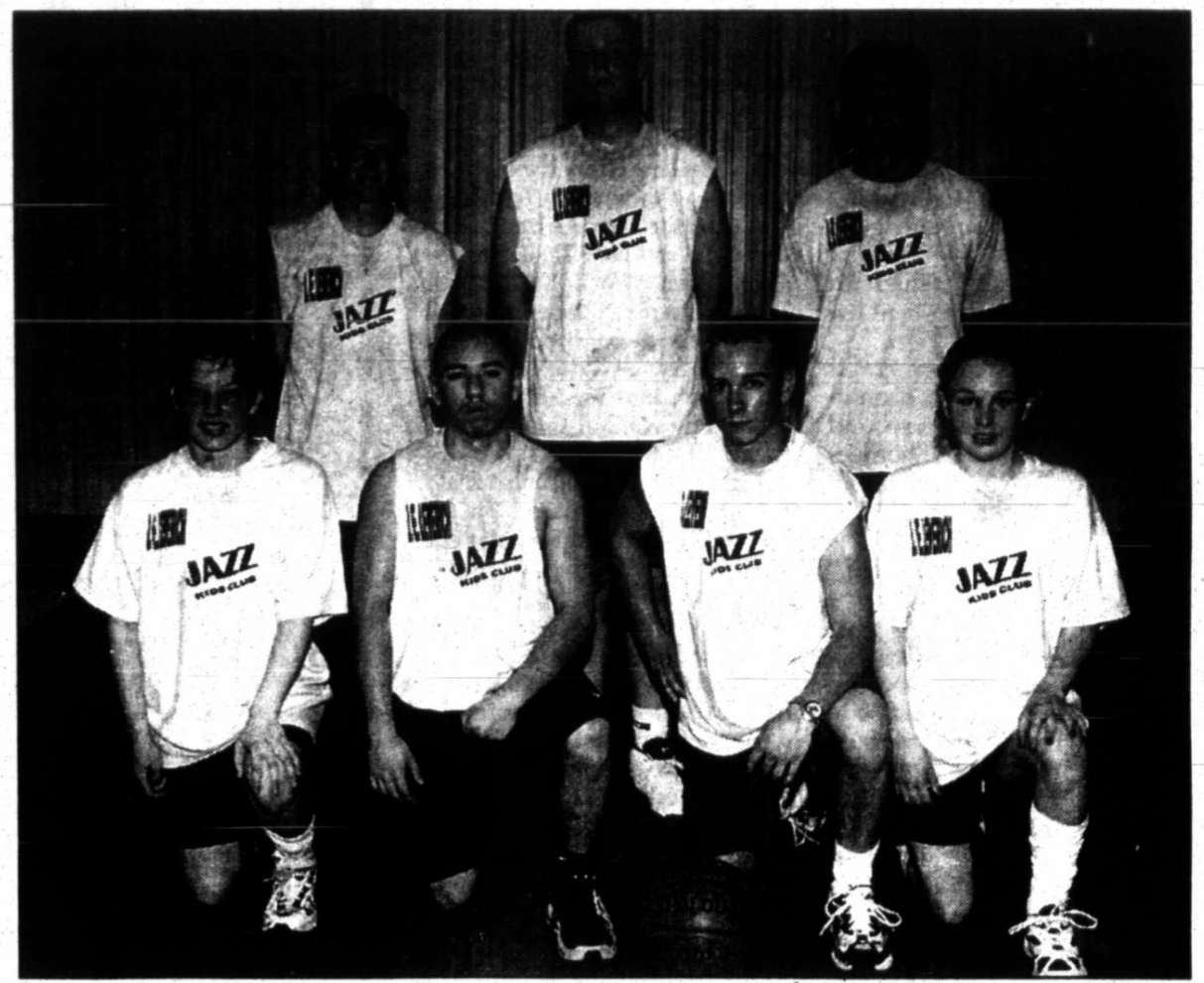
Chelsey Beck (l-r), Steve Pennington and Zanna Beck of Pampa teamed up to pull this 12-pound Channel Cat out of Lake McClellan. Using a live tree frog as bait, they caught the fish in about three feet of water.

Looking for a name

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — While organizers are still deciding on a final name for it, college football's newest bowl game announced a tie-in with Conference USA and the Western Athletic Conference.

The bowl, which is currently being called the Mobile, Alabama Bowl, will have the second selection of available teams from both the WAC and C-USA for the Dec. 22 game.

First-place Jazz



The Jazz had an 8-1 record to take first place in the Youth Division in the Kids-Youth Club League. Team members are (front row, from left) Kim Conner, player-coach Leo Ramirez, Matt Cook and Stephanie Gattis; (back row, from left) Blake Hurst, Shawn Stone and Nefi Mezi. Not pictured are Trevor Muniz and Nick McKean.

Sisters duel for 2A singles title

AUSTIN (AP) — This was no sibling rivalry at Round Rock Westwood, but a tennis family affair with state titles to win.

Twin sisters Ashley and Lindsey Hedberg won their second Class 5A girls' doubles state tennis championship Tuesday with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Abilene's Sara Stevency and Rhiannon Torrez.

Both girls, 17, have signed to play Division I tennis in college with Ashley bound for New Mexico and Lindsey to San Diego State.

New Braunfels' Lauren Walker won the 5A girls' singles title with a 6-4, 1-6, 6-1 victory over Saber Pierce of Duncanville. Walker and Pierce were doubles partners at Duncanville last year, losing to the Hedberg sisters in the doubles finals in 1998.

Ryan Newport of Houston Cypress-Fairbanks won the 5A boys' title 6-0, 4-6, 6-2 over Seth McKinley of San Antonio MacArthur. Joe Morris and Avery Ticer of Amarillo Tascosa won the doubles title 6-4, 7-5 over Stephen Pope and Scott Walker of El Paso Franklin.

In Class 4A, Kendall Cline won the girls' singles title 7-5, 6-

3 over Nicki Mecham of Fredericksburg. Wichita Falls' Danielle and Sarah Bolin won the doubles title 6-7 (5-7), 6-2, 7-6 (7-3) over Alison Bradley and Paige Evans of Dallas Highland Park.

Will Clinton won the 4A boys' title 6-1, 6-2 over Justin Hunter of Southlake Carroll 6-2, 6-3. Wichita Falls Rider won the boys' doubles title as Kirk O'Connor and Jason Tillery defeated Brad Pringmore and Kenneth Hines of Wichita Falls 6-2, 6-4.

In Class 3A boys, Vernon's John Leavitt won two titles. He defeated Shane Merkord of Wimberley 6-3, 7-6 for the singles title and teamed with Brett Pretross for the doubles championship with a 2-6, 6-1, 6-4 win over Will Butler and Shane Newman of Gladewater.

In Class 3A girls, Kristen Wooten of Crandall won the singles title 6-0, 6-0 over Christy Mares of Seminole.

Groesbeck won the 3A girls doubles title for the second consecutive year as Ashley Harryman and Lauren Longbotham defeated Aledo's Jenna McDonald and Ginny

Hubbard 7-5, 6-3.

In class 2A, Julie Klauck of San Antonio Cole defeated her sister Jill 6-0, 7-5 for girls' singles title. In doubles, Kristen Beedy and Leslie Horton of Spearman beat Piper and Achley Boies of Mason, 6-2, 6-3.

In boys' 2A, Mike Matisons of Port Aransas won the singles title with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 victory over Justin Smith of Tuscola Jim Ned. In boys' doubles, Jason McMillian and Cade Smith of Mason defeated Justin and Jeremy Johnson of Somerville 7-6 (7-3), 6-2.

In girls' 1A, Bobby Kay Smith of Knippa won the singles title 6-2, 7-5 over Crystal Blazek of Leakey. Courtney Chapman and Marla Goodson of Sabinal won the doubles title 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 over Karla Spence and Jamie Mathis, also of Sabinal.

In boys' 1A, Overton's Robert Brown defeated John Paul Dennison, of Mertzon Irion County 6-4, 6-3 for the singles title.

In doubles, Douglas Rainey and John Bailey of Mertzon Irion County defeated Gregory Gibson and Jim Bob Haggerton of Lenora Grady, 6-0, 4-6, 6-3.

Luck to decide Baffert's Preakness entries

BALTIMORE (AP) — Bob Baffert intends to let the luck of the draw determine whether he runs fillies Silverbulletday and Excellent Meeting in the Preakness.

If Monday's workout means anything, then Baffert's decision on Silverbulletday will be an easy one.

After the filly covered five furlongs in an impressive 59 seconds at Churchill Downs, Baffert said, "I figured after she worked they'd have to put water on the track to cool it down. That's what you want to see coming into a race like the Preakness."

Both fillies are entered in Friday's Black-Eyed Susan, where Silverbulletday drew the rail and Excellent Meeting received the fourth position. If they get anywhere near that kind of placement in Wednesday's Preakness draw, Baffert will saddle both for Saturday's middle jewel of the Triple Crown.

"Fate will decide whether we run or not," Baffert said. "These are two great fillies and I'm not going to waste a (start). I want to run to win."

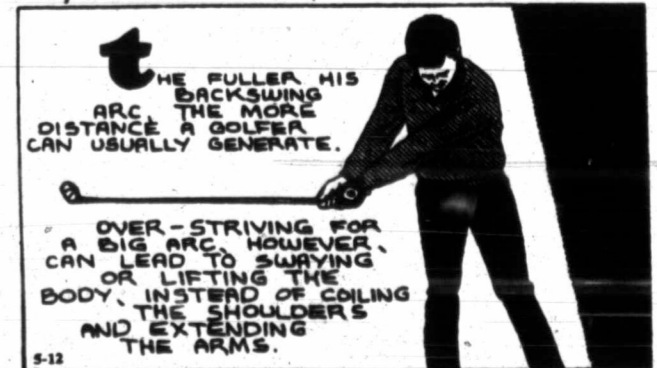
Silverbulletday has won 10 of 11 career races, including the Kentucky Oaks. Excellent Meeting, fifth in the Kentucky

Derby, was to work out this morning.

In other news, the trainer of First American pulled his horse from the Preakness, citing a pair of injuries. The colt, who took 16th in the Derby, has been bothered by fluid in his lungs and developed a bone chip in his ankle.

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Comptroller: Texas joins national effort to collect unclaimed funds, assets

AUSTIN — Businesses and financial institutions that report overdue unclaimed property to the Texas Comptroller's Office before Oct. 31 will not be charged a penalty or interest, Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said. Texas is joining with 37 other states which are simultaneously offering an amnesty from penalty and interest.

Comptroller Rylander was announcing the state's second unclaimed property amnesty program and its first national initiative.

Texas law requires business and financial institutions to report unclaimed property to the Texas Comptroller on Nov. 1 each year. Unclaimed cash and other assets are considered abandoned when efforts to locate the rightful owners have been unsuccessful for three to five years. The comptroller attempts every year to locate the owners of the property reported the previous year by advertising their names in Texas newspapers and on the Internet.

"Many business owners are unaware of the unclaimed property requirement," Comptroller Rylander said. "An amnesty period gives them time to report the property to the state with no questions asked and no penalties or interest charged. It also gives them

an opportunity to learn and comply with state law."

By expanding its program this year, and taking part in the national initiative organized by the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators, Texas is encouraging participation by companies that operate across the nation.

Last year, when the comptroller's office launched its first amnesty program, more than \$25 million in unclaimed property was collected over three months from more than 1,200 businesses.

"By joining the national amnesty program, Texas has the opportunity to collect millions of additional dollars for Texas owners from businesses that operate in multiple states," Comptroller Rylander said. "I believe that by waiving penalties and interest, these businesses will take the opportunity to report their unclaimed cash and other assets."

Examples of unclaimed property include checks that have not been cashed; abandoned stocks, bonds, mutual fund accounts and safe deposit boxes; credit balances, utility deposits and other consumer refunds; mineral interests and royalty payments; and inactive bank accounts.

Additional information about the amnesty program and how to

report unclaimed property can be obtained by calling the Comptroller's Office at 1-800-321-2274. Owners of unclaimed property should call 1-800-654-3463. Information also is available on the comptroller's Internet site at <<http://www.window.state.tx.us>>.

March of Dimes to benefit from calf fry at Big Texan

AMARILLO — The March of Dimes Calf Fry — is an exciting and new event to introduce to the community the newest addition to the famous tourist attraction and benefit the March of Dimes — will be

from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, May 22 at the Big Texan's Cowboy Palace in Amarillo. Tickets are \$13 per person or \$25 per couple.

There will be many activities for everyone to enjoy. Pokey the Clown will be on hand for an authentic "Ranch Shoot Out" which will take place during the festivities with teams of four competing against each other in Wild Cow Milking and Calf Branding contests — all performed on Wild and Crazy Stick Horses.

You can corral with all your friends to the Tennessee Tuckness performing country tunes for your listening enjoyment!

All proceeds will benefit the March of Dimes, a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. The March of Dimes is a national organization with a local view benefiting mothers and babies in the panhandle.

For more information, please contact the Big Texan at (806) 372-6000 or the March of Dimes at (806) 374-5783.

Meredith House



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(Left-right) Naomah Story, Pauline Adams, Margaret Dial, Nellie Mae Killibrew, back, and Jennie Hinkley enjoyed a fiesta at Meredith House in celebration of Cinco de Mayo recently.

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