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PAMPA — It's to be a celebration full of surprises at the dedication of the M.K. Brown Academic Center, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the Clarendon College-Pampa Center campus, 1607 W. Kentucky. "We urge everyone to attend," said Jerry Lane, chairman of the open house. Tours of the building will be held during the open house.

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DALLAS (AP) — State health officials joined a three-month investigation into air-quality problems that many believe are causing health problems at Moses Molina High School in Oak Cliff. The Texas Department of Health's help was requested after parents complained during a tense PTA meeting that their children are suffering headaches, nausea and other ailments. The parents believe the ailments could possibly be related to the sewer smells that have permeated the school since October.

- Eleanor Virginia Carruth Beard, 71, former sales, insurance employee.
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Expert: Correct census count vital

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Counting everyone in Gray County is vital to the community, said David Almager, community partnership specialist with the Bureau of the Census of Amarillo.

Almager told Pampa Rotary members at the Pampa Country Club Wednesday the Census 2000 will determine the area's economic welfare for the next 10 years. He said not only will the population count affect the redistricting of representation of the Panhandle area but also the reapportionment to Washington.

He stressed the importance of all residents returning their Census 2000 form, saying the people count will help decision-makers understand which neighborhoods need new schools and which ones need greater services for the elderly.

The Panhandle is in a position of possibly showing a declining population, said

Almager. He told the Rotarians this is why it is so important for all residents of the Panhandle to be registered for the census to help their communities.

He said the federal government uses census numbers to allocate over \$100 billion in federal funds annually for community programs and services including education programs, housing and community development, health-care services for the elderly, and job training.

State, local and tribal governments use census information for planning and allocating funds for new school construction, public buildings such as libraries, highway safety and public transportation systems, new roads and bridges, location of police and fire departments and many other projects, said Almager.

He said community organizations use census information for developing social service programs, community action projects, senior lunch programs and child-care centers.

Businesses use the numbers to decide where to locate factories, shopping centers, movie theaters, banks and offices — possibly leading to the creation of jobs in the Pampa area, he said.

He also said the U. S. Congress uses the census totals to determine how many seats Texas and the other 50 states will have in the U. S. House of Representatives. Further, states use the numbers to allocate seats in their legislatures.

The census will include approximately 118 million housing units in the United States alone with about 1.5 million housing units in Puerto Rico and the U. S. Island areas.

Over one-quarter of a million people will be hired to work for the census at peak times. He said the Gray County census workers are statted very well in comparison to other areas in his 37 county region. Almager credited the stories of *The Pampa News* in recent weeks with the

response the local recruiters have had for temporary work.

He said the temporary and fulltime positions are paying \$9.50 per hour with .32 a mile for mileage incurred.

Anyone interested in working temporarily may attend meetings at 9 a.m. Fridays at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, and at 2 p.m. Tuesdays at M. K. Brown Auditorium. Night meetings are conducted at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Pampa Knights of Columbus Hall.

Dan McGrath, local recruiting assistant, has been meeting with groups in Carson and Armstrong counties to have them statted with local residents.

Almager said the census-bureau stresses the importance of hiring local people who reside in the local communities to get a more accurate count of people. He said hiring bilingual census workers is a strong objective in order to obtain information from non-English speaking residents.

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Some have reason to cast early ballot

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Many Pampa residents are expected to cast ballots in early voting this year during the two weeks prior to the election date of March 14. The Pampa Independent School District Spring Break will be March 13-17. Traditionally, school staff members along with students and their parents often times plan out of town trips that week.

Election officials are urging those planning to be out of town on election day to vote early. The early voting for the March 14 primary will begin Feb. 28 in Pampa and across Texas.

Local voters may vote in the county courtroom in either the Republican or Democratic primary on the second floor at the Gray County Courthouse during business hours, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The voting will continue through March 10. Applications for early voting ballots by mail will be accepted by the Gray County Clerk's office until March 7.

A higher than usual voting in the primary election is expected as the presidential race will see Texas' Governor George W. Bush seeking the Republican nomination.

Local races are also of interest as opponents are vying in several contested races, including the district attorney, a county commission race, and several constable races.

Bivens wants repeal of oil, gas severance tax; says not needed

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — A state senator has proposed a plan that would phase out the state's historical oil and gas severance tax.

State Sen. Teel Bivens, R-Amarillo, who represents Gray County, speaking Thursday to the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, said the tax no longer is necessary.

"At one time the severance tax accounted for 28 percent of Texas tax revenue. Today, it is less than 8 percent," he said.

Oil producers have said the tax forces layoffs in times of low oil prices.

The oil industry, Bivens said, is today enjoying much better times than a year ago, when oil prices were below \$10 a barrel. "But now is the time to fix the root while the sun shining," the Panhandle senator said.

The price of oil has been about \$30 a barrel lately. Opponents say phasing out or eliminated the oil and gas severance tax is equivalent to corporate welfare, benefiting large oil companies while offering little long-term relief to the industry. They said other industries suffer through economic downturns without getting relief of that magnitude from the state.

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He knew just what to do ...



(Pampa News photo by Keith Anderson)

Three-year-old Bryson Fuller got to play fire truck driver at the Pampa Fire Department station on Foster as a reward for his quick action last week. Bryson was outside getting his dog when he saw smoke from a dumpster fire. The little tike knew just what to do and ran back inside telling his aunt, Kendra Shipley, "Call the fire department! Call the fire department!"

Area counties on drought list

Panhandle counties Childress, Collingsworth, Hardeman, Hemphill, Lipscomb and Wheeler have been added to the federal list that qualifies them for drought disaster assistance.

The counties were among 40 added to the list last which which brings the number of the eligible counties to 124. Texas has 254 counties.

According to the Texas Department of Agriculture, the state is in the third major drought in four years.

Farmers and ranchers in counties declared disaster areas are eligible to apply for low-interest emergency loans of up to \$500,000 from the federal government. In fiscal year 1999, Texas received more than \$18 million in emergency loans.

"There are pockets of Texas that never came out of the 1996 or 1998 droughts," said Allen Splece, TDA spokesman. "There's been no recovery so to speak. It could be worse than the 1950s if we don't get rain in the next month or two."

The droughts of 1996 and 1998 resulted in statewide agricultural losses of about \$2.1 billion each year and the losses could be as high with the current drought, Splece said.

Sunday snapshot



Name: Logan McDonald.
Occupation/activities: Fourth grader, Austin Elementary.
Birth date and place: Sept. 8,

1989.
Family: Mom, Dad, Cameron.
When I grow up I want to be: A wildlife biologist.
My personal hero: Ann Heard, third grade teacher.
The best advice I ever got was: Stay in school!
My classmates think of me as: Funny, thoughtful.
The best word or words to describe me: Caring.
People will remember me as being: Tender-hearted.
My hobbies are: Swimming, art, school, basketball.
My favorite sports team is: Pampa Harvesters.
My favorite author is: Beverly

Clearly.
The last book I read was: "Earth to Matthew."
My favorite possession is: My family.
The biggest honor I've ever received is: Good grades on the TASS test.
My favorite performer is: 98 Degrees.
I wish I knew how to: Ice skate.
My trademark cliché or expression is: "Whatever."
My worst habit is: Biting my fingernails.
I would never: Smoke and drink.
The last good movie I saw

was: "Austin Powers."
I stay home to watch: "Full House."
Nobody knows: I have a mini doll collection.
Someday I want to drive a: White Mustang.
My favorite junk food is: Sweet Tarts.
My favorite beverage: Lemonade.
My favorite restaurant is: McDonald's.
My favorite pet: All eight of them.
My favorite meal is: Quarter pounder with cheese.
I wish I could sing like: Wanetta Hill, music teacher.

I'm happiest when I'm: With family and pets.
I'm tired of: Meanness.
I have a phobia about: Heights.
The electrical device I couldn't live without is: Radio.
My most embarrassing moment: Standing in front of my class.
The biggest waste of time is: Cleaning my room.
If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: Buy all the animals from the pound.
If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: Nothing.



Top O' Texas Gold Coats will be meeting at Dyer's Monday, February 21st at noon. Please RSVP 669-3241.

Daily Record

Services

Services today
BEARD, Eleanor Virginia Carruth — 2 p.m., Wesley United Methodist Church, Beaumont.
Services tomorrow
PETTIT, Opal Edna Butcher — 2 p.m., Highland Baptist Church, Pampa.

Obituaries

ELEANOR VIRGINIA CARRUTH BEARD
 BEAUMONT — Eleanor Virginia Carruth Beard, 71, died Friday, Feb. 18, 2000, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital. Services will be at 2 p.m. today in Wesley United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Magnolia Cemetery under the direction of Broussard's Mortuary of Beaumont.
 Mrs. Beard was born at Miami. She had been a Beaumont resident for the past 30 years, moving from Pampa. She worked for Montgomery Ward in sales and formerly for R.O. Williams Insurance.

Survivors include two daughters, Charlotte Warren of Beaumont and Donna Knowles of Friendswood; her father, Clyde Carruth of Pampa; two sisters, Barbara West of Houston and Yvonne Winegarter of Pampa; a brother, Dayne Carruth of Pampa; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Wesley United Methodist Church, 3890 Dowlen, Beaumont, TX 77706; or to American Heart Association, Beaumont Division, P.O. Box 7015, Beaumont, TX 77726-7015.

OPAL EDNA BUTCHER PETTIT
 Opal Edna Butcher Pettit, 86, of Pampa, died Friday, Feb. 18, 2000. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Highland Baptist Church with Pastor Paul Nachtigall officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Pettit was born July 9, 1913, at New Albany, Miss. She married Floyd Butcher on Dec. 14, 1931, at Bristow, Okla.; he died Sept. 10, 1985. She married Wiley Pettit on Sept. 5, 1990, at Sayre, Okla.

She belonged to Highland Baptist Church and was an active member of Good Samaritan Christian Organization.

Survivors include her husband, Wiley, of Pampa; three daughters, Norene Marsh and Barbara Mesneak, both of Pampa, and Sue West of El Reno, Okla.; a son, Charles Butcher of Pampa; a stepson, Warren Pettit of Oklahoma City, Okla.; three sisters, Thelma Ward of Depew, Okla., Geneva Gafford of Lubbock and Eva Cooper of Wichita, Kan.; a brother, Troy Purvis of Pampa; 14 grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Highland Baptist Church or to Good Samaritan Christian Organization, 309 N. Ward, Pampa, TX 79065.

Police report

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

Friday, Feb. 18
 Teresa Gail Mundell, 25, 1811 N. Hamilton, charged with failure to retain Texas registration within 30 days, no insurance and failure to display driver's license.
 A cellular telephone valued at \$70 was reported stolen at Pampa High School.

Wayne Ray Stanton, 28, 1004 S. Wells, arrested by the police department for Potter County on a theft by check bond forfeiture.

Jason Edward Levi, 26, 1917 N. Banks, arrested on warrants charging him with expired motor vehicle inspection, failure to furnish insurance and failure to appear.

Saturday, Feb. 19
 Paul Arthur Ruiz, 54, 2500 Charles, driving while intoxicated, first offense.
 Darron Dewayne Ellis, 17, 1024 N. Neel, charged with disorderly conduct.

Sheriff's Office

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

Saturday, Feb. 19
 Jacob Grant Clark Wood, 19, 905 S. Nelson, charged with minor consuming alcohol.

Fires

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

Friday, Feb. 18
 9:54 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center for a Lifestar standby.

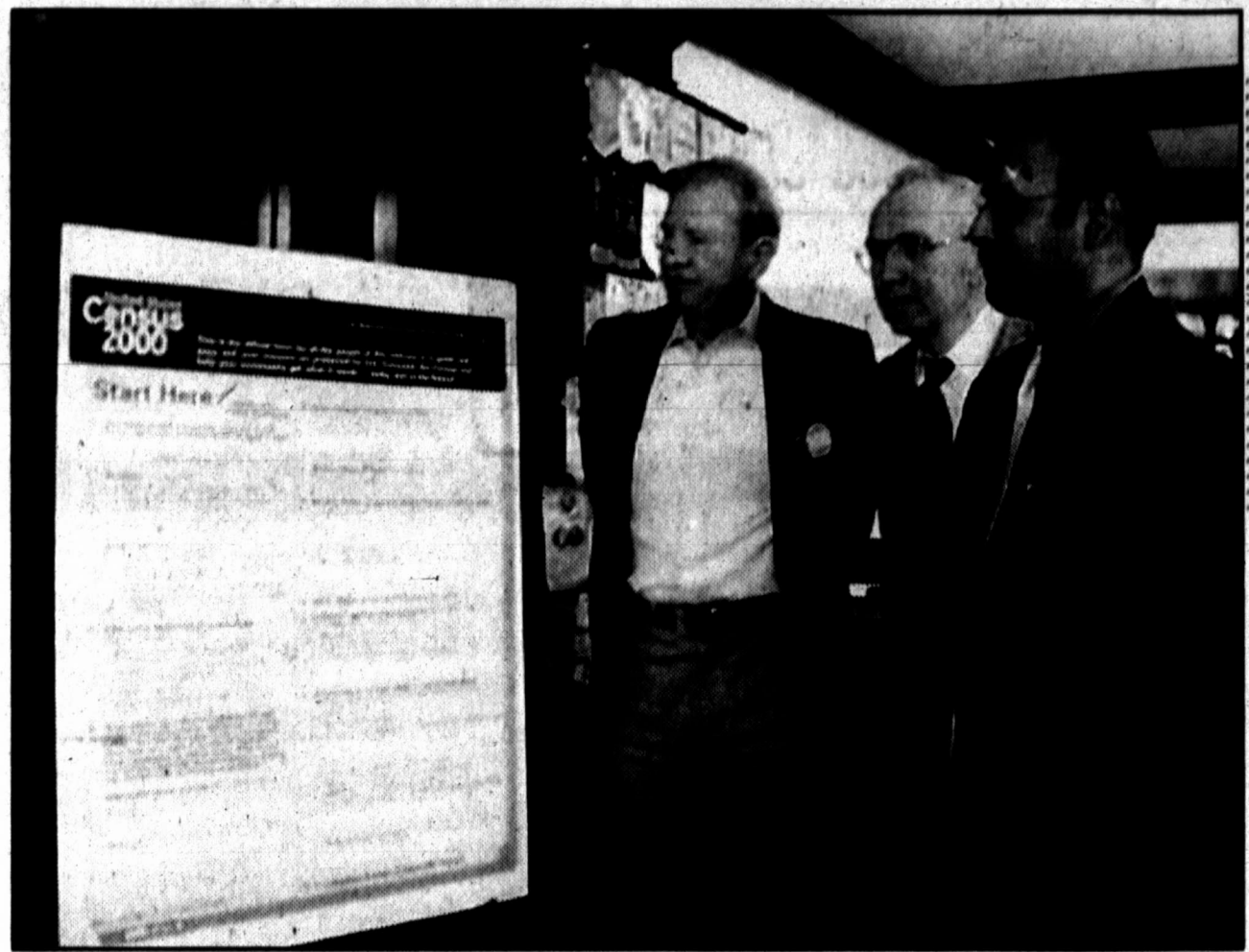
3:17 p.m. - Two units and 10 personnel responded to a structure fire at 2104 N. Banks where a candle sparked a fire in the kitchen.

Saturday, Feb. 19
 12:05 a.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to a car fire in the 400 block of North Wells.

5:41 a.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to heater treater fire in the 800 block of Price Road.

Correction

A Wednesday, Feb. 16, Pampa News story reported that Carson County Commissioners accepted a health insurance bid of \$6,500.26 from the Texas Association of Counties to provide health insurance to county officials and employees. The TAC bid actually concerned liability insurance, not health insurance.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

David Almager, far right, of the Bureau of Census in Amarillo stressed to Pampa Rotary members about the importance of accurately counting the residents of Pampa and Gray County. He and Dan McGrath, local recruiting assistant for Gray, Armstrong and Carson counties, go over an enlarged Census 2000 questionnaire with Rotary member Jack Reeve.

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CENSUS

Anyone who resides in the United States is being counted, said Almager, including the homeless, migrant and season farm workers, military, people in prisons and jails, health institutions and colleges. Illegal aliens are also counted, he said.

The short form will take about 10 minutes to complete, he said, while the long form will take about 38 minutes. He said only one household out of six will be asked to complete the long form.

Persons who receive their mail at their residence will receive the census form in the mail, those with post office boxes and rural routes will be visited by census workers, he said. Nineteen counties in the area have been described as one of those rural counties, but Gray is not one of them, he said.

Questionnaire Assistance Centers will be opened

to assist people and a toll-free telephone help line will be listed on the questionnaires.

People make complete the census questionnaire on the internet, but the census bureau prefers the old fashioned way — with a pencil and mailed in to the address provided, he said. He said said this is due to possible breach of privacy on the internet.

The questionnaires will be available in six different languages.

Almager stressed the privacy of the information given to census workers. He said, by law, the census bureau cannot give census information to any agencies, including welfare agencies, Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Internal Revenue Service, courts, police and the military.

He said anyone who breaks this law can receive up to five years in prison and \$5,000 in fines. He said millions of questionnaires were processed during the 1990s without any breach of trust.

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BIVINS

Senate Bill 290, which was passed in 1999, temporarily eliminated the severance tax on oil under \$15 a barrel and gas under \$1.80, he noted. Bivins said the bill helped 6,600 producers during the price crash of 1998-1999, but that now it is time to think about getting rid of the tax altogether.

He said the Senate Natural Resources Committee, looking at the future of the Texas oil and gas industry, has identified the severance tax as

an impediment to the industry.

Bivins said that some had recommended the outright repeal of the 4.5 percent wellhead tax on oil, but he said he thinks it should be phased out.

"Politics is the art of the possible. It is not realistic to expect the repeal of the severance tax when the industry is enjoying a good year," he said.

"It could vary from no tax at a \$10-per-barrel price to 4.6 percent at \$25 or more. This would allow the industry to create severance tax relief for those times when prices are not so good."

Defensive driving courses available on Internet

HOUSTON(AP) — A fender bender in 1998 turned into an opportunity for David Bruce.

The 28-year-old entrepreneur created DefensiveDriver.com, a Web site that allows motorists to beat fines by taking a six-hour course from home or wherever they have a computer.

Bruce's company is one of two Web-based firms offering the service in Texas.

Kyle Collins, Richard Schiller and David Ianni of Dallas opened Txdriving.com in December. Since then about 1,000 people have completed the course on the site.

Collins and Schiller have operated Comedy

Driving, which hires comedians to teach defensive driving, for nearly a decade before branching out on the Web.

"It seemed like a natural progression to offer it at home so the student doesn't have to leave their home," Collins said.

Both courses cost \$40, have interactive programs, use animation and graphics to teach students and then test their learning. And both have received the Texas Education Agency's blessing.

"The whole idea is for the test to be convenient and flexible," Bruce told the Houston Chronicle in Saturday's editions. "They can do it at home, or on the road with their laptop."

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Names in the news ...

BERLIN (AP) — Milos Forman has an explanation for why Jim Carrey didn't get an Oscar nomination for his portrayal of the late comedian **Andy Kaufman** in "Man on the Moon."

"He's so good, you don't see acting," Forman said Friday at the Berlin International Film Festival. "You see Andy Kaufman. You don't see the sweat of acting, which not everyone appreciates."

Still, Forman said he was "shocked" at the snub, saying he had never worked with an actor "who gives so much of his heart and soul and mind to his work."

Carrey has never been nominated for an Academy Award, although he has won two Golden Globes for best actor from the Hollywood Foreign Press Association — including one for "Man on the Moon."

LONDON (AP) — **Prince Andrew**, who celebrates his 40th birthday today, said he's convinced that life really does begin at 40.

"Life is a series of successes and failures," Andrew, the second son of **Queen Elizabeth II**, said in an interview published on a royal Web site Friday. "One must learn from the failures and build on the successes."

"I am becoming increasingly convinced that life does, indeed, begin at 40."

The Duke of York also revealed that he would like to reduce his golf handicap, enabling him to qualify for national amateur events.

"As well as that there are a number of organizations and projects ... with which I have recently become involved and I want them to be as successful as I can possibly make them," he said.

Andrew has a career in the Royal Navy. He is a commander based at the Ministry of Defense in London where he works in the diplomacy section of the naval staff.

The interview was published at www.royalinsight.gov.uk.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former "One Day at a Time" star **Mackenzie Phillips** has filed for divorce from her husband of two years.

Phillips, who now stars in the Disney Channel program "So Weird," is seeking to divorce Michael Barakan.

The papers, which cite "irreconcilable differences," were processed by the court this week, her

lawyer Sara Wasserstrom said Friday. "It is a very amicable situation," Wasserstrom said.

The couple have agreed to share custody of their son.

Phillips — the daughter of **John Phillips**, a founder of the **Mamas and the Papas** — is best known for her role as Julie in "One Day at a Time," a show about a divorced mother raising two daughters.

Phillips, 40, was fired in 1982 from the show for her drug-fueled flubbing of lines and chronic tardiness. She has been in and out of rehab seven times to kick her drug and alcohol habits.

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. (AP) — **Edward James Olmos** says he considers himself more of a social activist than an actor.

At Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville on Thursday, Olmos said minorities are underrepresented in movies and television.

"It's a black and white issue," said Olmos, 52. "I don't even know why they call it color TV."

Olmos won Emmy and Golden Globe awards for his role on the TV series "Miami Vice." He earned an Oscar nomination for his portrayal of math teacher Jaime Escalante in the 1988 movie "Stand and Deliver."

Olmos said he books about 200 engagements a year to talk about multiculturalism.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Another Osmond has entered the world.

Jimmy Osmond, youngest of the singing Osmond Brothers clan, and wife Michelle celebrated the birth Wednesday of Arthur Wyatt Osmond in Branson, Mo., said his Los Angeles publicist, Kevin Sasaki.

The couple has two other children, Sophia, 5, and Zachary, 2.

The baby weighed 8-pounds, 7-ounces and was the 53rd grandchild to **George and Olive Osmond**. Sasaki said Friday that mother and baby "are doing great."

Jimmy and brothers Jay, Merrill and Wayne recently completed an album for spring release and they continue to perform at their Osmond Family Theater in Branson. Brother **Donny** and sister **Marie** appear on the "Donny & Marie" TV talk show.

Grateful student gives former teacher Porsche

REDDING, Calif. (AP) — Accounting teacher **Larry Lease** was only kidding when he told his students that when they get rich, they could show their appreciation by buying him a new Porsche.

Lease thought one of his former Shasta College students was just continuing the joke when he e-mailed him last May asking him what color he wanted.

But when Robert Sullivan came to visit Lease this week, he arrived with a burgundy Porsche convertible, valued at \$50,000 and registered in Lease's

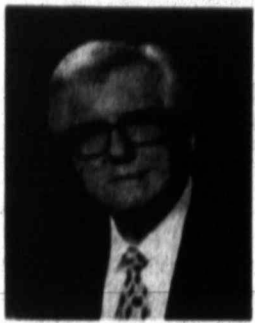
name. "He had faith in me," said Sullivan, 36, who now lives in Kentucky. "He always was there to support me."

Sullivan, who kept in touch with Lease after taking his class, didn't have a steady path to success. He was unemployed, sleeping in his car for part of 1989. But by 1992, he was working for a firm that became Commerce One in 1997.

The company later went public, and Sullivan became a multimillionaire.

Weather focus

Mostly cloudy today with a high of 55-60. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a low of 40. Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a high in the mid-to-upper 60s. Friday's high was 43; the Saturday morning low was 22.



A seriously injured Texas Panhandle woman represented by Amarillo Attorney Jack Hazlewood and his Dallas Co-Counsel awarded \$8.2 million Jury Verdict in Products Liability lawsuit against major automobile manufacturer (Case No. 93-10141, 116th District Court, Dallas County). Results obtained depend on the facts of each case.

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Pampa United Way recently held its annual meeting in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Center. Above: (left-right) Faustina Curry, John Curry, 1999 campaign chairman, and Bill Hallerberg.

Local United Way holds annual meeting

The Pampa United Way held its annual meeting in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Center. Highlight of the meeting was a report by John Curry, past campaign chairman, about the results of the campaign. The United Way raised \$387,420 or 113 percent of its

\$343,000 goal in 1999, an all time high.

Outgoing President Bill Hallerberg thanked the board, workers and representatives of the United Way agencies for their hard work and John Curry presented workers and donors with specific gifts and certificates.

New board members, Judy Maze, Beckie Downey and Doug Pollock were elected to take the place of retiring board members Hallerberg, Jack Reeve and Gil Solano. Bob Marx and Debi Waite renewed their three-year term. The new officers for 2000 were introduced and are as follows:

Karen Heare, president; Sharon Strickland, vice president; Maze, treasurer; and Roger David, campaign chairman for 2000.

Donley Extension Service to sponsor business workshop at CC

CLARENDON — The Texas Agricultural Extension Service will sponsor a workshop by Don Taylor, director of West Texas A&M University's Small Business Development Center, from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 22 at Bairfield Activity Center at Clarendon College. The event is the second in a series of workshops designed to help area companies and retailers improve their operations by using best business practices, according to Sue Church, family and consumer science agent with Donley County Extension Service. The Donley County Extension Service will also co-sponsor the event.

Taylor will discuss how to attract self-motivated, self-sufficient people and the four basic steps in creat-

ing a motivating workplace.

A 30-year veteran of the small business wars against big corporate retailers, Taylor's book "Up Against the Wal-Marts," co-written with Jeanne Archer, is a best-seller and sold out within seven days of its first printing. His latest book "Solid Gold Success Strategies for Your Business" was released in March. In addition, he's been a guest analyst and survival consultant on numerous national television and radio programs including CNN, PBS, CNBC and Bloomberg Business Network.

The speaker's nationally syndicated column "Minding Your Own Business" appears in many area papers. He heads Data Star Communications, a Texas-based

business information and training company.

The event is free and open to the public. To register or for more information, call the Donley County Extension Service, (806) 874-2141.

Attention Kmart Shoppers

The Kmart February 20, 2000 weekly ad circular, on page 10 features the DVD "Random Hearts". This DVD movie will be available Tuesday, February 29 at 19.99. On the same page, the PC software "Disney 3D Adventure" will not be available due to a manufacturing shipping delay.

We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused our customers.

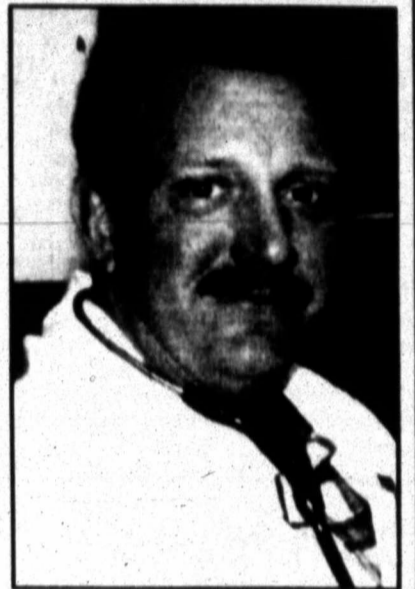
New PA joins medical clinic

The Medical Surgical Clinic recently announced its association with Physician Assistant Jerry Wilson, according to a statement from Pampa Regional Medical Center. Wilson will be under the supervision of Dr. Bruce Harrow.

Wilson was born and raised at Newcastle, Okla. After high school, he enlisted in the Navy and spent four years as a Hospital Corpsman. He attended the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine Physician Associate Program, receiving his degree as a physician assistant. He practiced for a year at the Federal Correctional Institute at El Reno, Okla. He lived in Fairview, Okla., and practiced for 2 1/2 years prior to moving to the panhandle. He has had rural clinic responsibilities in Miami, Groom and McLean since August 1994.

As part of the Physician PA Team, PAs exercise autonomy in diagnosing and treating illnesses. They deliver a broad range of medical and surgical services and their primary focus is patient care and patient education.

Wilson's office is located at 1701 N. Hobart. His Pampa office is open for business at 7:30 a.m. Monday-Friday. His hours at the McLean clinic are 1-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For appointment information in Pampa, call 665-8471.



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Barbie gets younger as she ages

I read in USA Today a week or so back that Barbie is getting a new design. No longer will there be a definite separation at her waist...her torso will be all one piece.

(Speaking of USA Today, what happened to all the racks in Pampa? They just up and disappeared one day. You can't buy one here anymore).

Back to Barbie.

It seems that the Barbie change will better facilitate short-cropped T-shirts and a new belly button.

What's up with this? Barbie is 40 already and if she's like any other 40-year-old those years toward 50 are going to clip off at what seems like a record pace.

If the Barbie makers, Mattel, I think, were really keeping up with Barbie's aging process they would be a little more realistic. The company could introduce a new line of Barbies to coincide with her aging gracefully, or not so gracefully, as the case may be.

The new Barbie line could include some of the following:

• Bifocals Barbie. Comes with her own set of blended-lens fashion frames in six wild colors (half-frames, too!), neck chain, and large-print editions of Vogue and Martha Stewart Living.



Kate B. Dickson

associate publisher/editor

• Hot Flash Barbie. Press Barbie's belly button and watch her face turn beet red while tiny drops of perspiration appear on her forehead! With hand-held fan and tiny tissues.

• Floppy Arms Barbie. Hide Barbie's droopy triceps with these new, roomier-sleeved gowns. Good news on the tummy front, too: muumuu with tummy support panels are included!

• Soccer Mom Barbie. All that experience as a cheerleader is really paying off as Barbie dusts off her old high school megaphone to root for Babs and Ken Jr. With mini van in robin egg blue or white, and a cooler filled with donut holes and fruit punch.

• Mid-Life Crisis Barbie. It's time to ditch Ken. Barbie needs a change, and Fred (her per-

sonal trainer) is just what the doctor ordered, along with Prozac. They're hopping into her new red Miata and heading for the Napa Valley to open a B&B. Comes with real tape of "Breaking Up is Hard to Do."

• Divorced Barbie. Sells for \$199.99. Comes with Ken's house, Ken's car and Ken's boat.

• Recovery Barbie. Too many parties have finally caught up with the ultimate party girl. Now she does twelve steps instead of dance steps! Clean and sober, she's going to meetings religiously. Comes with little copy of The Big Book and a six pack of Caffeine Free Diet Coke.

• Been Done Wrong Barbie. Ken has hit a mid-life crisis and Barbie caught him with the babysitter (Skipper's best friend)! Comes complete with a bottle of Jack Daniels, handgun, amphetamines and do-it-yourself divorce kit. Press button between Barbie's shoulder blades and watch her wave her arms hysterically and emit strange shrieking noises! Traumatized Babs and Ken, Jr. sold separately.

• Coming Soon! Out of the Closet Ken. Ken has an epiphany and finally acknowledges to himself (and Barbie) that he's gay. Comes complete with out-on-the-town ensemble for Ken should he be into leather. Tres Chic! Hysterical Barbie-in-therapy sold separately.

Opinion

Bush quick to defend Texas' death row

Given the state of capital punishment in the United States, Gov. George Bush would do well to following fellow Republican Illinois Gov. George Ryan's lead and place a moratorium on any more executions for the time being.

Ryan, who supports Bush's presidential bid, suspended the executions after the exoneration of 13 death row inmates in Illinois over two decades.

It's the right thing to do. Many death row inmates across the nation are being freed because their innocence is being proved. Technological advances in DNA evidence are part of the reason.

And chances are, even more across the country would be found innocent if these mostly poor inmates had better attorneys and were met with no racial bias.

God only knows how many innocent people have died in recent years at the hands of states.

But to hear Bush, it hasn't happened in Texas because he says everyone on Texas' death row is guilty.

Even the Catholic bishops of Texas have asked Bush to suspend use of the death penalty but he says he has no plans to halt executions.

The bishops urged Bush and the state Board of Pardons and Paroles to suspend future executions on a case-by-case basis and "conduct a thorough examination of the system by which condemned persons in Texas are executed."

The bishops also said they would join other death penalty opponents in trying to convince the 2001 Legislature to impose a moratorium on executions while a review is conducted.

And Carl Villareal, organizer of an upcoming forum on the death penalty and innocent people, expressed doubt that Texas is an exception in putting innocent people to death.

"George W. Bush has presided over almost 120 executions during his term as governor," Villareal said. "It is difficult, if not impossible, to believe that Texas has not executed many innocent people during this period ..."

If Bush won't act in a prudent manner on this, hopefully the legislature will when it meets next.

After all, just how many innocent people is it ok to execute without even trying to improve a death penalty system that we know is flawed?

From our files ...

40 years ago

SUNDAY, FEB. 21, 1960

Joe Bourland, senior student at Pampa High School, won first place in the senior physical division at the third annual Pampa Science Fair held in the girl's gym Friday and Saturday.

MONDAY, FEB. 22, 1960

The Highway Patrol Service of the Texas Department of Public Safety investigated 24 rural traffic accidents in Gray County during the month of January, according to Sergeant E.C. Albers, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24, 1960

Two airline hostesses and a Texas Ranger were among 82 consultants who spoke today and advised students at the second annual Career Clinic held at Pampa High School.

25 years ago

THURSDAY, FEB. 20, 1975

Two Cabot Corp. officials told a group of businessmen who met yesterday afternoon to discuss Pampa's economy that the city's housing shortage is fast becoming a roadblock in the path of industrial expansion.

FRIDAY, FEB. 21, 1975

The Drivers License Renewal and Testing Station, presently located in the Gray County Courthouse, will be moved to a new location March 3, according to Department of Public Safety officials here.

SUNDAY, FEB. 23, 1975

Joe Cree was elected president of the Pampa Country Club at the 47th annual stockholders' meeting during the weekend.

10 years ago

TUESDAY, FEB. 20, 1990

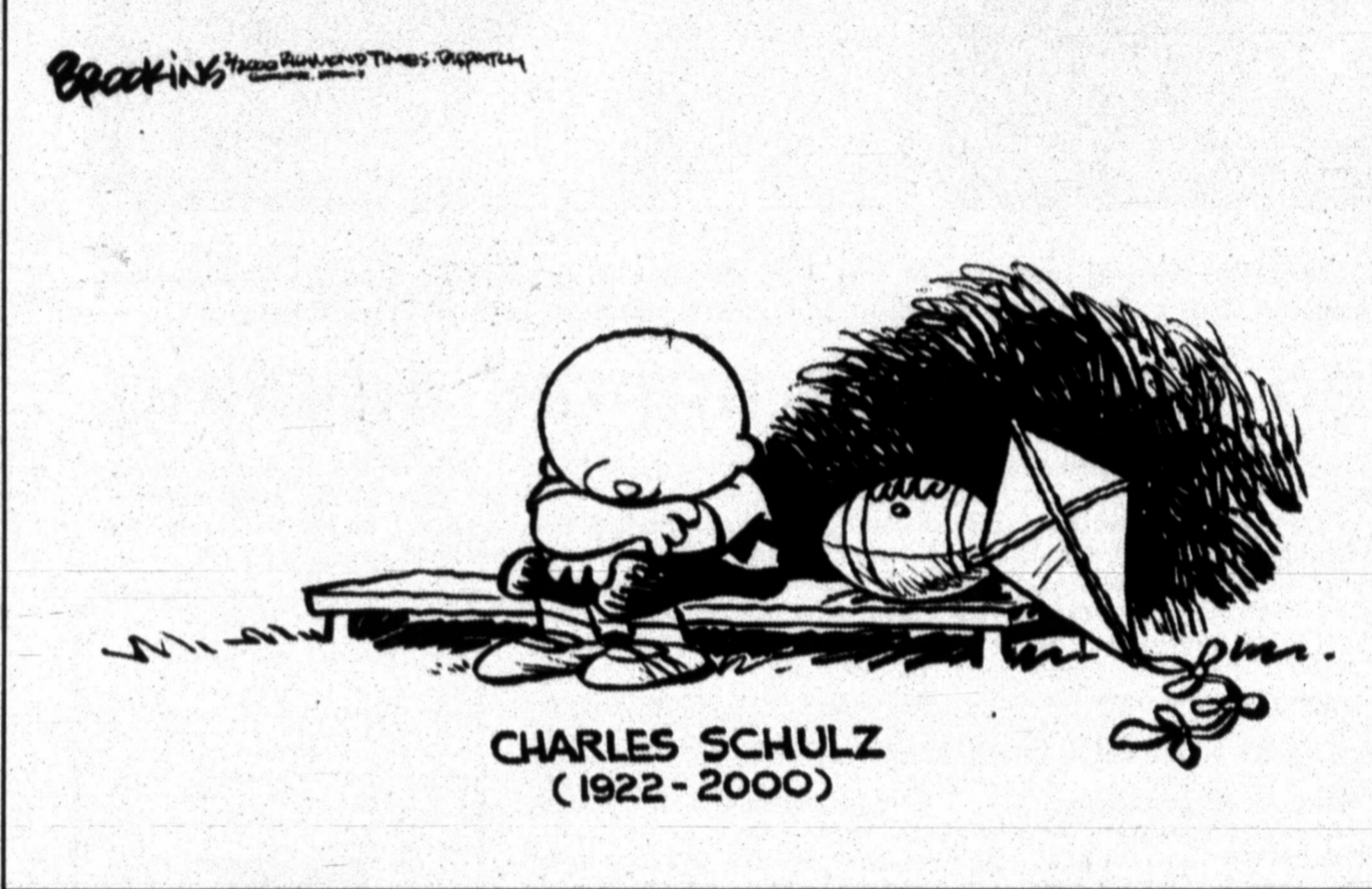
LEFORS — The math/science teams from Lefors High School and Lefors Junior High School swept the sweepstakes awards at the Lefors Junior High and High School Math/Science Invitational Meet held Saturday.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 21, 1990

Nicole Griffith, 10-year-old daughter of Sally and Harry Griffith, captured second place nationally in a drug awareness poster contest sponsored by Health Mart stores with her rhymed illustration.

THURSDAY, FEB. 22, 1990

CANADIAN — Ben Ezzell, owner and editor of the "Canadian Record" weekly newspaper, is featured in the March issue of Texas Monthly in a cover story entitled "Talking to Texas."



CHARLES SCHULZ
(1922 - 2000)

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Feb. 20, the 51st day of 2000. There are 315 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 20, 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit Earth, flying aboard Friendship 7.

On this date: In 1790, Holy Roman Emperor Joseph II died.

In 1792, President Washington signed an act creating the U.S. Post Office.

In 1809, the Supreme Court ruled the power of the federal government is greater than that of any individual state.

In 1839, Congress prohibited dueling in the District of Columbia.

In 1895, abolitionist Frederick Douglass died in Washington, D.C.

In 1933, the House of Representatives completed congressional action on an amendment to repeal Prohibition.

Black students as meal tickets ...

There's a story about a visitor to an Indian reservation who sees a Bureau of Indian Affairs officer uncontrollably crying. He asks, "Why are you crying?" The officer sobs, "My Indian died." The officer didn't give a hoot about the Indian, he was worried about his budget that was determined by the number of "his" Indians. How much truth is in that story is one thing, but it surely has application to the plight of many black college students.

Here's a question: What serves the interests of black college students the most, a college admitting as many as possible or a college having as many as possible graduate? The answer depends on where you sit, and I'll say why after a few statistics.

Nationally, only 26 percent of black students graduate six years after entering college. That's about half the graduation rate of white students. At some colleges, no more than 20 percent of black students admitted graduate. Many who do graduate do so with grade point averages that are lower than their white or Asian counterparts. These statistics on academic failure are not new. They've existed since colleges began racial double-standards in admission.

Black students who fail to graduate are not beneficiaries of this nearly three-decades-old failure story, but there are beneficiaries. College presidents benefit from a policy of admitting black students with little or no hope of graduation.



Walter Williams

Syndicated columnist

When the government affirmative-action lady visits, she's only counting warm bodies; whether blacks graduate or have been steered into useless "mickey mouse" courses is irrelevant. The college president wins kudos for achieving and celebrating "diversity," not to mention keeping government higher-education handouts.

There's another group of beneficiaries. They're black staff and faculty who are hired and create a campus turf based on the presence of black students. It's like that Bureau of Indian Affairs officer — the greater the number of black students, the greater the number of black professionals hired and greater the budget for black programs. The number of black students enrolled is the key, not the number who graduate. In fact, there's an element of perversity. The fewer who graduate justifies calls for greater budgets for academic support and student retention programs.

Students are not qualified or unqualified in any absolute sense. The nation's more than 3,000 colleges means there's a college for most anybody. A large part of the failure to graduate problem is academic mismatch: the wrong student being in the wrong college.

If black college professionals had true concern for the well-being of black students, they'd do something similar to what I did some 20 years ago when I was on Temple University's faculty. A black Ph.D. student earned top-of-the-class grades in just about every assignment and test in my class. I summoned him to my office and told him that he should transfer to one of the top 20 economics departments. Some of my colleagues didn't like my advice, which resulted in the loss of a black student, but so what? This student now has a Ph.D. from one of the top 20 economics departments and is a respected professor of economics.

In the case of black students, whose record of academic achievement is below that of the college, black college professionals ought to insist that admissions offices not to admit them. However, preventing academic mismatch assumes that the well-being of black students is the goal. Even if black professionals were to take this initiative, college presidents might undermine it because, like that Bureau of Indian Affairs agent, their budgets often depend on the number of students enrolled, black, white, Asian or whatever.

Trust must go both ways in free society

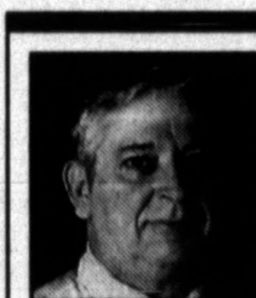
If you have to obtain a government license to exercise a right, it is not a right.

That's all that really needs to be said about President Clinton's desire to require that people obtain a license prior to purchasing a firearm. Unlike driving a car, the right of the people to keep and bear arms is part of the Bill of Rights. The Second Amendment states that Congress shall not infringe the people's right to keep and bear arms.

And don't buy that malarkey that the Second Amendment applies to states or to militias but does not guarantee an individual right. A huge majority of legal scholars today agree that it does apply to individuals.

If the government is going to license purchasers of arms, then it should also license the right to speech, to assembly, to religious freedom, to trial by jury. There is no debate that unlicensed journalists over the years have caused far more damage to the republic than firearms.

Of course, if people are ignorant of their rights, ignorant of their Constitution and the history of its writing and ratification, then it's easy for demagogues to take the people's rights away from them. Even in the time of Franklin Roosevelt, if any politician had suggested that Americans had to obtain a license to buy an ordinary firearm, there would have been a national uproar. Decades of poor education, however, took its toll. It should be clear to any thinker what these



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

mugs are up to. Crime and the homicide rate have been going down steadily as prisons have filled up. Keep criminals off the streets and you get less crime. The availability of firearms has nothing to do with it.

People should understand that the belief that an inanimate object — in this case a firearm — will cause an otherwise honest and normal person to commit murder is the intellectual equivalent of believing that black cats and broken mirrors cause bad luck. It ill becomes a nation that purports to be a leader in technology and science.

So if it's not crime, what is the game? Well, it's as old as the republic. Long ago, Thomas Jefferson said that no matter what they call themselves and no matter what age they live in, people always divide themselves into two groups — those who love and trust the people and those who fear and hate them. Elitists fear the

American people. They want them disarmed.

But there is definitely a cause-and-effect relationship between armed citizens and freedoms. For the life of me, I cannot understand why so many Jewish organizations oppose private ownership of firearms. I can only conclude that they learned nothing from the Holocaust. Do they think that the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising was carried out by licensed firearms? The 1968 Gun Control Act is virtually word for word a copy of the Nazi gun-control act that Adolf Hitler hailed as a great triumph.

Yes, I know, Americans believe that nothing bad can ever happen in the good old United States. I don't know where they get that idea. We exterminated Indians. We enslaved Africans. We killed 600,000 of each other. We periodically have riots during which the police make themselves scarce and people have to defend their lives and property with private arms.

The truth is that nobody can predict the future. It might be hunky-dory, peachy-creamy. It might be hell. We could have a military coup. We might elect ourselves a dictator. We might become involved in a war in which foreign troops are fighting on our soil. The future is unknowable.

What is knowable is that a free people must have the right to arms and must recognize the difference between rights and privileges. What is knowable is that the people cannot trust a government that does not trust the people.

Couple provides sanctuary for wolfdogs

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Texas — It starts as the low moan of one voice, a tremulous vibration tickling the air, then rises in pitch and mass. An eternity of instinct takes over as two, three, then five more throats join in the irresistible chorus, and all human conversation is drowned out by the sound of the wolfen howl.

"They're just talking," assures Kathi Ebert-Spears, nuzzling a wolfdog pup as the impromptu howls slowly rise to a crescendo, then recede into a quiet to match the whispering winds blowing through the surrounding woods.

The sounds of wolves that were long ago removed from the countryside of Hopkins County have returned to a 40-acre patch of woods, water and wildlife south of Reilly Springs where Kathi and her husband, Rich Spears, are building one of only a handful of sanctuaries for wolf-dog crosses in the United States.

"When I started doing some research, I found there were very few rescue centers that take wolf hybrids," said Kathi. "All the humane societies, if they can't find a home for them in three days, they'll put them down, and that's if they can keep them three days."

The rescue center, Kali Ma Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary, is a non-profit organization providing a home for abused, orphaned and abandoned captive-bred wolfdogs. The sanctuary wasn't supposed to open until March, but the overwhelming need for homes for unwanted wolfdogs forced them to begin accepting animals four months early.

"We weren't planning on opening so quick," said Rich. "We're not even physically set up, but we had to, in order to keep them from being put down."

One canid arrived last month from Wisconsin, another from Tennessee. Dash, a particularly handsome timber wolf-German shepherd cross with a penchant for digging deep dens in the ground, came all the way from California.

"They're coming from all over," said Kathi, who gets at least a dozen telephone calls or e-mails a day from all over the nation.

Kali Ma Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary is one of perhaps 20 rescue centers in the United States that have popped up in the last decade, all running on shoestring budgets and each reportedly bursting at the seams with unwanted wolfdogs being abandoned by owners who got more than they bargained for.

"We turn down 12 to 15 animals a week because we are beyond maximum capacity," said Ben Foulkrod with the education outreach center at Candy Kitchen Rescue Ranch in New Mexico, one of the nation's first sanctuaries for wolves and wolfdogs. The pleas for help come from all over the United States.

"We've yet to get one from Hawaii, but that's about it," Foulkrod said.

Candy Kitchen Rescue Ranch lies in the Zuni Mountains of western New Mexico, near the edge of the Zuni Indian Reservation and just south of the small town of Ramah. The sanctuary was founded in 1991 by artist Jacque Evans after she received a wolfdog from someone who found it to be a problem animal. She became interested in finding other people in the area who had wolfdogs and wanted to start a discussion group when she teamed up with Barbara Berge, who now serves as general manager.

"The more people that they found with wolfdogs, the more people they found that wanted to get rid of them," said Foulkrod. "That's how they basically got started. She sold her artwork for the first two years to fund it, and it just grew from there. More people got involved, we started applying grants, and now we have volunteers that work here."

Despite its growth, Candy Kitchen is perpetually at capacity. Currently, more than 70 wolves and wolfdogs are being housed at the sanctuary.

"We store animals in our boarding pens until we can raise the funds to build them enclosures," Foulkrod said. "We have not one boarding pen available right now."

Wolf-dog crosses, sometimes called wolf hybrids, appeal to breeders for monetary value. A pup can fetch from \$150 to \$600, with five to eight pups to a normal litter.

But the people that end up with the animals often do so for the wrong reasons.

"A lot of people get into wolf hybrids just because it's a wolf hybrid — maybe it's because they're not supposed to, or maybe because they think it's exotic," Rich said. "It's like people who want to have leopards or tigers, and when they grow up, they suddenly discover that they can't afford them, or they're illegal, or they have problems and they don't know how to handle them. A lot of people in suburbia have them, and that's a problem."

The relationship between wolves and humans dates back thousands of years. The earliest fossil records of wolfdogs, dated to about 8000 B.C., were found at the Agate Basin site in Wyoming, which is also the site of a communal bison kill. Speculation suggests the wolfdogs played a part in human hunting activities such as large-scale bison drives.

Wolves (*canis lupus*) and domestic dogs have identical genetic material, and the American Society social animals. They live in packs, follow a hierarchy of leadership, and mate for life. They bond with their companions at an early age and are amazingly loyal to their tribe, be it humans or other wolves.

Wolf hybrids don't usually make good pets, but they are considered excellent companions — high-spirited animals who are intelligent, creative and demanding.

"People want something that looks exotic like a wolf, but that they can tame like a dog, so they decide to try to change more than 100,000 years of evolution in one generation, and it just doesn't work," Foulkrod said. "A wolfdog's brain is 30 percent larger than the average domesticated dog, and they use 40 percent more of that brain, so it's basically like a stranger coming up to you and saying, 'Go do this,' and you're going to say, 'What's in it for me?' And that's exactly what they say. It's all about mutual respect with these guys."

The disposition of a wolfdog depends partly on breeding, but mostly on upbringing. Examples of the two extremes lie outside the front door of Rich and Kathi's trailer: Star and Nemesis.

Star, an alabaster colored tundra wolf-German shepherd mix, quietly trots from her home near the front door of Rich and Kathi's trailer to greet visitors, fairly pleading for a stranger's undivided attention. She tends to young pups like a dutiful, dotting grandmother.

Nemesis, however, shies away from humans. The wolf-coyote mix was one of eight animals abandoned by a "so-called breeder" in San Marcos who simply disappeared one day.

"They left their house, their cars, their possessions, everything, including the animals," Rich said. "This older gentleman, I guess he was about 80 years old, got wind of it, and he was taking care of them. After a couple of weeks, I guess he decided eight creatures and his age weren't compatible."

The aging man and a retired veterinarian drove the 350 miles to Hopkins to deliver the eight canids to their new home. Six have already found homes, but it took a month of patient persistence before Nemesis would finally allow Kathi to pet her.

One of the wolfdogs was picked up recently by a family who had already adopted a male by the name of Wiley.

"They called and said, 'What's up? He's not eating, he's moping around,'" Rich said. "He was lonesome for his mate. He wants his woman."

The remaining two from San Marcos will have to have "very special" homes because they had been neglected.

"They're going to have to have someone who can give them constant love and care without any other animals, because of their inability to interact with any other animals," Kathi said.

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Inside the small travel trailer Rich and Kathi temporarily call home, a makeshift pen takes up almost half of the living area, corralling 10 puppies born in two litters to abandoned wolfdogs taken to the sanctuary. Seven are targeted for adoption; three will remain with Rich and Kathi on the sanctuary.

"If you were to take one of these babies and not socialize it, just feed and water it and that's it, you're going to have an aggressive animal on your hands," said Kathi, hoisting a yawning, pot-bellied ball of gray and black fur to her cheek. "If you treat it like a family member, like you would a poodle or chihuahua, you're going to have the most friendly animal you ever wanted, just like Star. They can be like her, or they can turn out just the opposite, depending on the way they're treated."

"These aren't dogs. You can't leave them at home for eight hours by themselves. They have to have constant companionship, because they're pack animals. If they don't have that companionship, that's another neglect, an abuse to them, and it can cause them to turn on you."

Kali Ma Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary is named for Kathi's first wolfdog, Kali Ma, which the couple raised from the age of four weeks in their Highland Village home outside Dallas, and whose playful spirit led to her own death.

"We were one of those folks in suburbia that had no clue there was an ordinance against wolf hybrids," Rich said. "We realized that suburban living and Kali were not compatible, so we decided to look for land. The very first day we went out looking for land, she apparently got out of our back yard."

Kali spent part of morning playing with their neighbor, who was familiar with the wolfdog.

"Then she saw some kids and wanted to play with them, and the parents got scared," Rich said. "They'd just moved into the neighborhood and didn't have a clue."

"She was very socialized," Kathi said. "She loved kids, and she wanted to play with them. She didn't think anything about it — she was doing her thing, jumping front and back to get them to play with her, but they thought she was doing it to attack."

An animal control officer came to the house to tranquilize the dog, but the dart missed its mark. Kathi still has the 6-inch long dart that tore through Kali's chest cavity.

"She died before we got there," said Kathi, who keeps a wreath with the last picture of Kali over the pen where the 10 pups lay snoring.

Ignorance and fear of wolfdogs is not uncommon. In the past decade, 25 states have passed legislation regulating wolf-dog crosses, most in response to isolated cases of attacks by the animals on humans.

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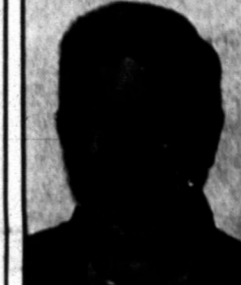
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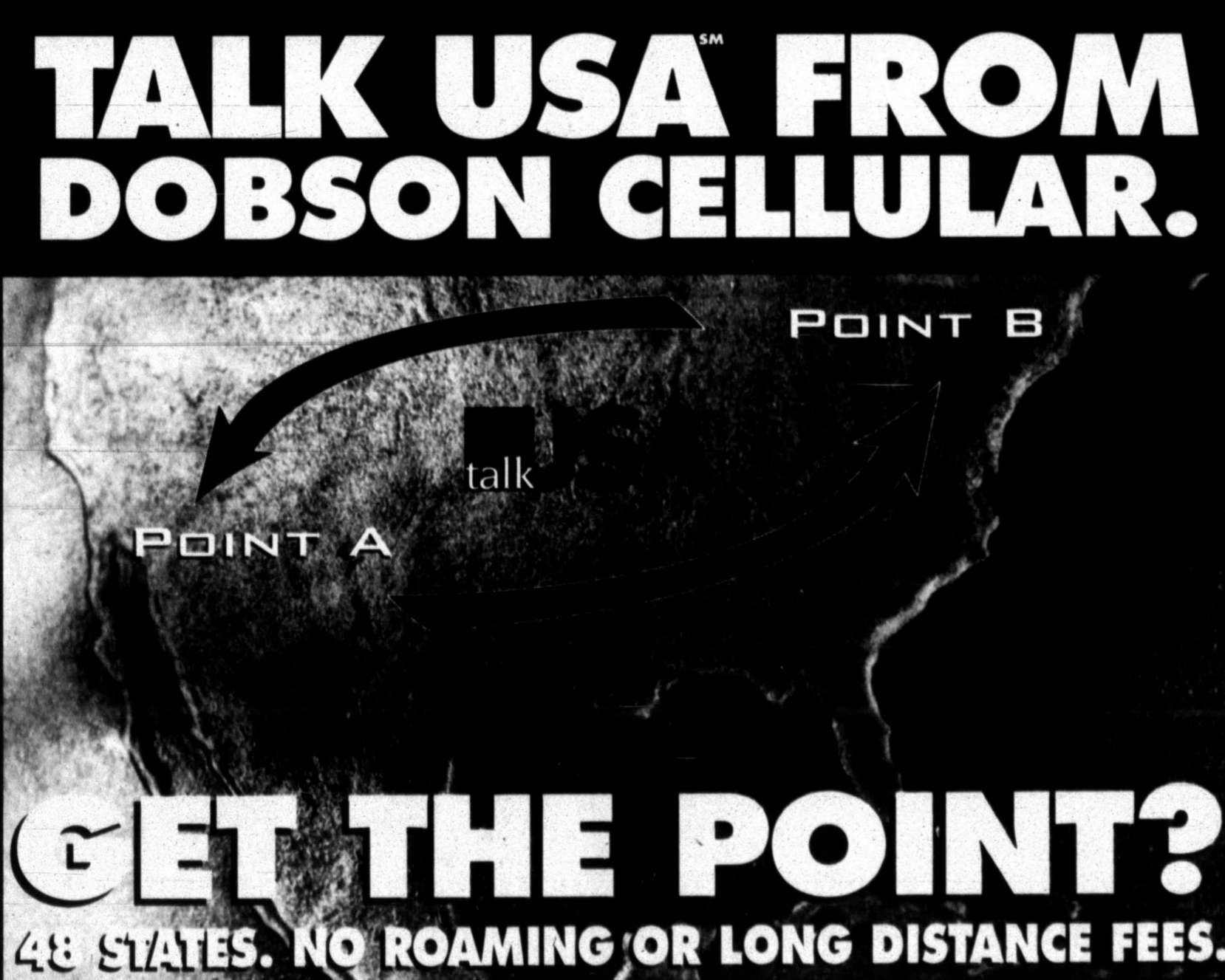
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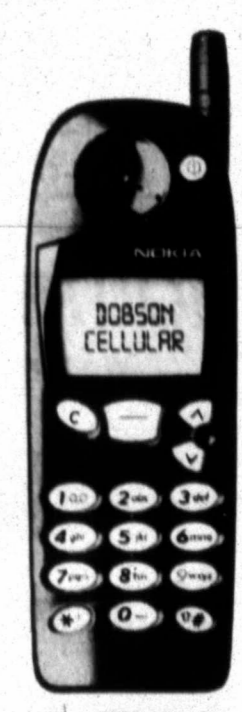


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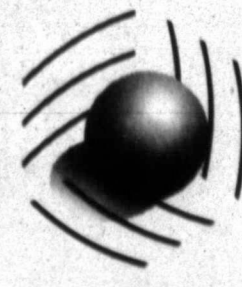
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Spelling competition



(Special photo)

Krissa Gallaway, a seventh grade student at Community Christian School, qualified for the regional Association of Christian Schools International Spelling competition at the area competition held in Amarillo last fall. The regionals are being held this month in Dallas.

Poster contest



(Special photo)

Community Christian School students recently participated in the M.S. Savings Bond National Student Poster Contest. The posters of Jon Hildebrandt, Blake Talley and Nicholas Robbins were forwarded to Austin for the state competition. State winners will go to the national competition. The contest theme is "U.S. Savings Bonds — Making Dreams a Reality."

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 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. 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.

DESK AND DERRICK
The Desk and Derrick Club will meet for social hour at 6:30 p.m. followed by its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22 at Pampa Country Club. The guest speaker will be Russell Scott, technical representative of Sales and marketing, Baker Tools. The event is open to the public and guests are welcome to attend. For reservations, call Diane Lumley at 665-8298 or 669-3624.

SKELLY-GETTY-TEXACO RETIREES CLUB
Skelly-Getty-Texaco Retirees Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

PAS DANCE
Pampa Area Singles will hold a potluck dinner and dance Feb. 26 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the dance will be from 8-11 p.m. Entertainment will be by Mike Porter. Cost is \$5 per person. The event will be alcohol and smoke free. For more information, call 665-7059.

BROWN BAG LECTURES
Dr. Jerry Lane, Clarendon College-Pampa Center, will present a series of topics during the noon hour every Thursday through March 23. Topics include: Couple Communication, Feb. 24; Time

Management, March 2; Dealing with Anger in the Family, March 9; and Expressing and Communicating Feelings and Emotions, March 23. The public is cordially invited to bring a lunch and attend one or more of the sessions.

GREEN THUMB TRAINING
A Green Thumb training is slated from 1-3 p.m. Feb. 22 at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston. Participants must be at least 55 years of age, be eligible to work in the United States and meet income guidelines. For more information, call the local Workforce Center at (806) 665-0938 or 665-2672, or the local field operations coordinator, Mary Ann Resch, at (806) 364-2743. Green Thumb, Inc., is a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening families, communities and the nation by providing disadvantaged and older individuals with opportunities to learn, work and serve others.

NATURE HIKE
A 2.5-mile nature hike is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Feb. 26 along the Givens, Spicer and Lowry Running Trail in Palo Duro Canyon. The group will be discussing canyon history, geology, wildlife and plant life. All participants should bring plenty of water, sunscreen and good hiking shoes.

Our sincere appreciation and thanks to our many friends for their prayers, flowers & food, Hospice & Volunteers, Dr. Mohan, Pampa Regional Hospital and members of Highland Baptist Church for kindness given at the time of loss of our loved one.
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BASEBALL

PAMPA — Parents, coaches and league officials are invited to attend the organizational meeting of the Optimist 11-12 Baseball League at 7:15 Monday night at the Optimist Club, Chico Ramirez, Assistant Commissioner of the league announced yesterday.

"Instead of the Bambino League which we have operated under for more than 10 years, we will have a new format — the Cal Ripkin division of the Babe Ruth League," Ramirez said.

"I am excited about playing Cal Ripkin ball," said Kevin Davis, manager of the Cabot Corporation team.

The league is for players 11 and 12 years old. Other teams in the league last year are Celanese Corporation, Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency, Rotary Club and Glo-Valve Service.

Melvin Willis returns for his 11th year as head umpire. Cal Henley is the head scorekeeper, John Goes will handle the duties of player agent and Judy Warner is the secretary of the league.

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Preston Underdown tripled in two runs, triggering a four-run fourth inning that lifted Baylor to an 8-3 victory Friday afternoon over Texas Christian.

Leading 1-0, Baylor got runners on first and third when Kelly Shoppach walked and Steve Dorneman singled. Underdown's triple raised the lead to 3-0.

TCU pulled to within 6-3 on Levi Groomer's 2-run homer in the fifth and Groomer's RBI single in the seventh. But Baylor added two runs in the top of the ninth to pull away.

Baylor starter Chad Hawkins got the win, his second of the season. He gave up eight hits in 6.2 innings. Kyle Edens shut out TCU the rest of the way, earning his first save.

TCU starter Chris Frazier suffered the loss. He struck out eight in seven innings, but also gave up nine hits and six runs.

Ross Bennett and Jaime Bubela combined for half of Baylor's 12 hits.

Baylor committed four errors and TCU two.

FOOTBALL

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's list of recruit reached 15 with the addition of 10 players. The Buffs signed four junior college and six high school recruits since last Wednesday's national signing day.

Three of the junior college recruits are from Cerritos. They include defensive lineman Bruce Bible and defensive backs Ray Ross and Lejuan Edwards. The other is defensive lineman Mark Jordan of Mount San Antonio.

The high school signees include linebacker Cory Mannin and tight end Kyle Parker of Plainview; Borger quarterback Kevin McNellis; Perryton tight end Charlie Langston; Canyon High defensive back Derek Turner and River Road offensive lineman Jason Wilkins.



Youth Survival Club founder J.R. Moreno and coach Jeff Martin are pictured with boxers Sergio Silva (second from left) and Memo Marquez at the end of the Golden Gloves Regional Tournament in Lubbock. Sergio (inset) rocks his opponent with a hard left in the flyweight division.

Pampa boxer wins regional title

LUBBOCK — Memo Marquez of Pampa won the regional championship at the Texas State Regional Golden Gloves Championship last weekend.

Marquez is a member of the Youth Survival Club of Pampa. Other club members who competed in the Golden Gloves Tournament were Sergio Silva, Manden (Madman) Conklin and Brian Maxwell.

Marquez will now represent Pampa in future bouts. He is scheduled to fight in a tournament next weekend in Woodward, Okla.

Both Silva and Conklin fought for the championship in their respective divisions. Silva lost by a majority decision while Conklin lost by one point in the championship bouts.

Maxwell scored well in the early rounds of his fight, but was outscored in the early rounds.

Ivan Perez, one of the Youth Survival Club's most promising fighters, didn't get to compete in the Open Division at the Lubbock tournament.

"Because his opponent had 40 fights, the coaches decided not to risk it (Perez fighting). It's too dangerous to get into the ring with someone that has that much experience," said club founder J.R. Moreno.

Perez is a competitor and was disappointed with the coaching decision, according to Moreno.

"Ivan was a candidate for the state Golden Gloves in Fort Worth," Moreno said. "We'll have to work with him awhile longer to get him ready."

Moreno said the Youth Survival Club members did a good job of representing Pampa.

"They now have new boxing trunks and jerseys. My thanks to John Tripplehorn, Gary Conklin and Jeff Martin for buying shoes for the kids," Moreno added.

Moreno was awarded the Golden Gloves Championship Trophy for his team's effort in the tournament.

The tournament was held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Spring training begins; opening day is six weeks away

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

Baseball fans waited all winter for this: the day when names like Vero Beach, Mesa, and Sarasota start popping up again.

Just 15 weeks and 1 day after the World Series ended, spring training began Thursday in Florida and Arizona as pitchers and catchers reported for the 2000 season.

"We should be optimistic," Seattle Mariners manager Lou Piniella said in Peoria, Ariz., echoing the thoughts of his 29 colleagues.

Opening day is six weeks away, and all teams are 0-0 — even the New York Yankees, coming off their third World Series title in four years.

"This is as good as I've felt, to be honest with you," manager Joe Torre, who had prostate cancer surgery dur-

ing camp last year, said in Tampa, Fla. "I never felt bad going into spring training last year, but I feel better this year."

The New York Mets and Chicago Cubs were given permission to open their camps five days early because they start the season five days ahead of everyone else — opening on March 29 with a two-game series in the Tokyo Dome.

For the hapless Cubs, without a World Series trip since 1945, there was an extra reason to be optimistic Thursday: Kerry Wood, more relaxed than his first time out this spring, threw 32 pitches during a six-minute workout from the mound in his comeback from reconstructive elbow surgery.

Wood, the 1998 NL Rookie of the Year, won't throw breaking pitches until next month. On Thursday, he estimated the velocity of his best fastballs in the low 90s.

"The biggest thing was that I was pain free and I let a few go and I had more velocity on it than I had Monday. I felt great," Wood said in Mesa, Ariz. "I haven't had a radar reading since the 1998 season, so it's been too long for me to be able to tell how hard I'm throwing. But you know, if I had to guess, I'd say 92 or 91 somewhere."

Even teams coming off bad stretches were feeling good. While the Detroit Tigers finished 27 1/2 games behind the Cleveland Indians in 1999, new manager Phil Garner doesn't care about last year.

"We're going to beat Cleveland," Garner said Thursday in Lakeland, Fla. "They're vulnerable. I used to look at them and say, 'How does anybody beat them?' But we're better and they're vulnerable."

Last year, the eight postseason teams all were among baseball's 10 biggest spenders, but Cincinnati and Oakland showed the little guys have a chance by staying in races until late September.

The Reds are in the spotlight this spring following their acquisition of Ken Griffey Jr. from Seattle last week.

"Now that we have Junior, I think expectations are going to skyrocket," pitcher Steve Parris said in Sarasota, Fla. "I think as long as we keep the same level head everybody had last year and do our jobs, I don't see any reason why we can't do the same thing again."

The Los Angeles Dodgers will be in the spotlight, too, after finishing 77-85, third in the NL West.

A year ago at this time, the Dodgers were talking big. They had signed right-handed ace Kevin Brown to a record

\$105 million, seven-year contract and expected to finish first.

"The team's just real eager, I can tell that," Dodgers reliever Dan Naulty, who appeared in 33 games for the Yankees last season, said in Vero Beach, Fla.

In Jupiter, Fla., the St. Louis Cardinals were awaiting Monday's arrival of Mark McGwire, who had 65 home runs last season after hitting a record 70 in 1998.

"I predict we stink," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said, "because everything I say, the opposite happens."

Despite an overhauled pitching staff, a new leadoff hitter (Fernando Vina) and the return of a formidable infield, La Russa knows it won't be easy to win the NL Central.

"You have to respect the team which has won it the past three years," he said.

PHS girls down PD

AMARILLO — Pampa put the match away early against Palo Duro in a District 3-4A soccer clash Friday.

The Lady Harvesters scored three first-half goals enroute to a 4-1 win. It boosted their district record to 3-1 for the season.

"The kids stepped up and really did the job. They all played very well," said Pampa coach Lori Patulea.

Misti Northcutt scored two goals while Desiree Vigil and Sara Scott had one each for Pampa. Candace Cathey was credited with an assist.

Going into Friday's match, the Lady Harvesters were tied with Canyon and Randall for first place.

Pampa dropped a 2-0 decision to Palo Duro in the boys' contest.

"We outshot them and we outplayed them, but they beat us," said Pampa coach John True. "Palo Duro had under 10 shots at goal and we had about 20."

Pampa's Jeremy Silva stopped a Palo Duro penalty kick, but True said the entire Harvester team played a good match.

"We're just unlucky, I guess. That puts us tied for fourth place with Palo Duro. We'll just have to go from here and see what happens next," he said.

Both Pampa teams host Randall next Saturday in Harvester Stadium. Matches start at 12 noon (girls) and 2 p.m. (boys).

Wallace wins Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The biggest victory of Mike Wallace's career probably won't be remembered as much more than a footnote to a frightening, fiery crash.

Geoffrey Bodine's truck hit the wall at 190 mph and nearly entered the grandstand at Daytona International Speedway. Nine fans and two drivers were hurt.

"It's a shame that wreck happened, because if you people didn't enjoy that, I don't know what turns you on," Wallace said Friday after winning the inaugural Daytona 250 Craftsman Truck Series race. "This is such a huge win and a huge deal for the truck series."

Indeed. There were a series-record 32 lead changes in the most exciting race of Speedweeks. A day earlier, in the twin qualifying races for Sunday's Daytona 500, there was one lead change.

"If we hadn't had that big wreck, this would have been one of the most phenomenal races anybody had ever seen," Wallace said.

Spurs notch seventh straight victory over Rockets

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs have been getting the better end of their recent matchups with the Houston Rockets.

Tim Duncan scored 19 points as the Spurs beat the Rockets 116-92 Friday night, San Antonio's seventh straight victory over

Houston. The victory came three days after Spurs coach Gregg Popovich scolded the team for lack of effort in their loss at Cleveland.

"We got to give ourselves credit tonight because we came out intense. We were a little embarrassed by our outing at

Cleveland," San Antonio point guard Avery Johnson said. "This was a good game for us."

San Antonio fueled its offense by forcing 24 Houston turnovers, converting 37 points off Rocket miscues.

"Obviously we want to get back on track," Popovich said. "From

the beginning, the team deserves a lot of credit. They played intense on the defensive and offensive level. I'm happy for them. There were some great individual plays."

Terry Porter added 17 points for San Antonio and David Robinson had 16.



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Cabot wins championship



The Cabot team finished the season undefeated and won the city championship in the Optimist Clubs 5th Grade Girls' Division this year. Pictured with coach Rick Beesley are team members (l-r) Layce Beesley, Stephanie Polasek, Kristen Dunn, Jamica Walker, Ashley Owen, Emily Woodruff and Krista Schultz.

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Preparation is needed for successful wade fishing session

By ROBERT SLOAN
Beaumont Enterprise

BEAUMONT, Texas — Wade fishing for trout and reds is about as popular as it's ever been on Sabine Lake. One big reason is that it's a tactic that allows the angler to quietly move in on "skinny" water fish that tend to be a tad jittery when boats close in. The key to enjoying a wade fishing session, anywhere you happen to be fishing, is to go prepared. That means comfort is a priority, which in turn means staying dry and warm.

Jumping overboard into "yelping" cold water is no fun. That's why from about now through May, most any sane wade fisherman will be working the flats in waders. For newcomers donning

wading gear will seem cumbersome. But if you gear up correctly it's really a pretty comfortable way to two-step along the flats.

It wasn't so long ago that bulky, over-sized unlined chest waders were worn by everybody. That's all changed now. Standard waders these days are chest-high neoprene stocking foot models that keep you warm and comfortable. They are more akin to a wet suit than anything else. The difference being that the fishing type of neoprene waders are waterproof. And they are amazingly warm in some pretty frigid situations.

One of the most popular waders on the Gulf Coast are the Hodgman brand. But there are similar brands made by Remington, Cabella's, Bass Pro Shops, Orvis etc. Each brand is

similar in design and fit.

Determining which brand best suits your figure is best done via trial and error. I've found that each brand fits a little bit differently than the other. For comfort's sake, you're much better off to go into a store and try on each brand available, and make a decision on which is most comfortable.

The stocking foot waders are definitely the only way to go. Reason why is mud. And mud is definitely going to be a factor, at times, regardless of where you'll be chasing reds and trout. Boot-sucking mud is the worst. That's where your feet sink down a foot or so in thick mud. If you're wearing bootfoot waders chances are very good they will be pulled off your feet while working to free yourself. It can

be a clumsy situation, especially when you are trying to get a boot back onto your foot in about waist deep water.

Stocking foot waders rule in mud. The feet of these waders easily slip into lace up wading boots. Once you have your feet tied into a pair of neoprene waders chances are very good they won't get sucked off in any sticky situation.

There are all sorts of boots built specifically for slipping on over neoprene waders. Some of the best, and least expensive, lace up models are made by Hodgman. I've seen more of those boots on the feet of wade fishing pros than any other boot.

The Velcro strap on boots, in my opinion, are useless. The straps seem to always slip loose in mud and weeds.

Neoprene wading boots are a very good option. The high-top models, that zip up the sides are best. They are easy to put on and take off. However, they don't offer as much ankle support as the lace up boots do. That's important if you're easing through clumps of oysters.

Never, ever get low top wading shoes. The higher profile boots keep out debris, such as shell and gravel. Bits of shell can cause pinhole leaks in the feet of waders. That's the worst. When your feet get wet and cold, misery is not far behind. Most neoprene waders come with slip-on gravel guards. Unfortunately they always seem to get lost.

What I've been doing the past couple of winters is pulling a pair of rubber knee boots on over my neoprene waders. It's a snug fit,

with plenty of ankle support and they do a great job of keeping grit and shell out.

Regardless of what you wear with your stocking waders, it's a very good idea to try on the waders and boots at the same time. Trying to squeeze a big foot into a pair of boots that are too small and tight is no fun, not to mention uncomfortable. And remember to wear a pair of thick socks when getting outfitted.

You can expect to pay about \$100 for a pair of waders and boots. But like anything else, you can also spend a lot more, depending on the quality you're looking for. Regardless of what your budget will allow, make sure your wading outfit is snug and comfortable, allowing you to stay in the water without being miserable.

Kukoc, Hughes make the most of fresh starts

By The Associated Press

Toni Kukoc and Larry Hughes made the most of their fresh starts. Could Dikembe Mutombo be the next one to get a chance?

Kukoc earned a standing ovation in his first game for the Philadelphia 76ers, putting on a neat show of passing and shooting Friday night in a 104-75 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Playing his first game for an NBA team other than the Chicago Bulls, the 6-foot-11 swingman scored 11 points and had four assists. He thrilled the home crowd with a windmill finger-roll off a 60-foot bounce pass from Allen Iverson.

"It's going to be a little bit of an adjustment for me," said Kukoc, acquired Wednesday from Chicago in a three-team trade.

Hughes, who went from the Sixers to Golden State in the deal, also had a nice debut.

Hughes had 21 points, nine rebounds and five assists as the Warriors beat Boston 122-100. He saw little playing time in Philadelphia while stuck behind Iverson.

"I was relieved. I felt freedom," Hughes said. "I felt like somebody wanted me to show what I can do and it's time for me to do that."

The Golden State crowd appreciated the new arrival, chanting his name in the closing minutes.

Mutombo, meanwhile, might be the next player on the move. Trade rumors are swirling around the Atlanta center, including speculation he might be dealt to Phoenix.

The Suns did not take it easy on Mutombo on Friday night, though he managed 25 rebounds and 12 points in the Hawks' 85-73 loss.

"I'm still under contract with the Hawks," he said. "I still have a job and I get paid to feed my wife and kid. I don't worry right now about what people say. My main focus is what can we do as a team and an organi-

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zation to make the team better."

In other games, it was the Los Angeles Lakers 107, Orlando 99 in overtime; Sacramento 118, Seattle 85; Portland 93, Washington 85; Golden State 122, Boston 100; Minnesota 103, Vancouver 91; Denver 95, Toronto 91; San Antonio 116, Houston 92; New Jersey 91, Miami 84; and Charlotte 115, the Los Angeles Clippers 87.

Kukoc made 5-of-7 shots from the field and got another ovation from the crowd of 20,383 when he went to the bench with 4:39 left.

"If he plays like this every night, I think it becomes contagious," Sixers coach Larry Brown said.

Hughes keyed Golden State's best offensive show of the season. The host Warriors did it without their leading scorer, Antawn Jamison, who sat out his second straight games with a sore left knee.

Mookie Blaylock added 18 points, Jason Caffey had 17 and Erick Dampier and Sam Jacobson had 15 each as the Warriors stopped a five-game losing streak.

The host Suns shut down Mutombo's teammates and limited Atlanta to 36 percent shooting.

Rodney Rogers had 24 points, Luc Longley 15 and Tom Gugliotta 12 as Phoenix won its fifth in a row.

Hornets 115, Clippers 87

On the day they announced Kareem Abdul-Jabbar had been hired as an assistant

coach, the Clippers lost their 15th straight road game.

Derrick Coleman scored 17 points and Charlotte shot 55 percent in beating Los Angeles.

Abdul-Jabbar planned to join the Clippers tonight in Chicago.

Kings 118, SuperSonics 85

Reserve Predrag Stojakovic scored a season-high 21 points and Sacramento coasted at home.

Stojakovic hit four of the Kings' 11 3-pointers. Sacramento led by 18 points at halftime.

Gary Payton, who had a career-high 41 points in his last game, shot 4-of-19 and had only 13 points for Seattle.

Trail Blazers 93, Wizards 85

Portland won its 13th straight home game, getting 17 points from Arvydas Sabonis and 15 from Damon Stoudamire.

The Trail Blazers stayed a half-game ahead of the Lakers for the best record in the NBA.

Rod Strickland scored 18 points for Washington, which has lost six in a row overall and 14 straight on the road.

Lakers 107, Magic 99, OT

Shaquille O'Neal stole an inbound and dunked to tie it in the closing seconds of regulation, then led visiting Los Angeles over Orlando in overtime.

Playing against his former team, O'Neal scored seven of his 39 points in the extra period. He shot 15-for-22 from the field and 9-for-13 from the foul

line, and also had 16 rebounds.

Nuggets 95, Raptors 91

Antonio McDyess had 24 points and Denver ended Toronto's seven-game home winning streak.

Vince Carter scored only four points in the first half for the Raptors. He came back to set a franchise record with 27 points in the second half.

Raef LaFrentz had 18 points and 14 rebounds for the Nuggets.

Timberwolves 103, Grizzlies 91

Kevin Garnett's 17 points and 10 rebounds helped Minnesota stop a four-game skid.

An exhausted Garnett asked coach Flip Saunders to take him out with 1:25 left. Garnett came within one assist of his third career triple-double.

Michael Dickerson scored 27 points for visiting Vancouver.

Spurs 116, Rockets 92

David Robinson made seven steals and passed Alvin Robertson to become San Antonio's career leader with 1,129.

The Spurs have won seven in a row against the Rockets, leaving the all-time series tied at 60.

Tim Duncan scored 19 points as San Antonio handed Houston its most-lopsided loss of the season.

Nets 91, Heat 84

Stephon Marbury scored 18 points and led a late surge that carried New Jersey over Miami.

Keith Van Horn had 19 points and 11 rebounds for the Nets. Tim Hardaway had 18 points for the Heat.

Trouble in the Valley

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — The University Interscholastic League says it was trying to keep three Valley schools out of crammed 5A districts when it realigned them into a district with Corpus Christi schools.

The Harlingen and San Benito school districts are protesting the realignment and are threatening to sue if they're taken out of a district with other Rio Grande Valley teams and placed into a district with four teams more than 100 miles away.

The UIL has scheduled a Tuesday hearing on their appeals, and the two schools have hired an attorney for any possible legal action if the appeals are denied.

The UIL announced recently that San Benito, Harlingen, and Harlingen South would move to District 29-5A, joining Corpus Christi Carroll, Corpus Christi King, Corpus Christi Moody, and Corpus Christi Ray.

UIL officials were honoring a request by the Valley districts, Harlingen and San Benito included, that they not be part of nine and 10-school districts, UIL Athletic Director Charles Brethaupt said.

Before the 1998 realignment, the Valley had the state's largest 5A districts — one with nine schools and the other with 10. The school districts at that time also

had threatened to sue, but school officials were appeased by the creation of three Valley districts with six teams each.

The recent realignment created two all-Valley districts, 31-5A and 32-5A, with eight teams each. That meant grouping Harlingen and San Benito with the Corpus Christi schools.

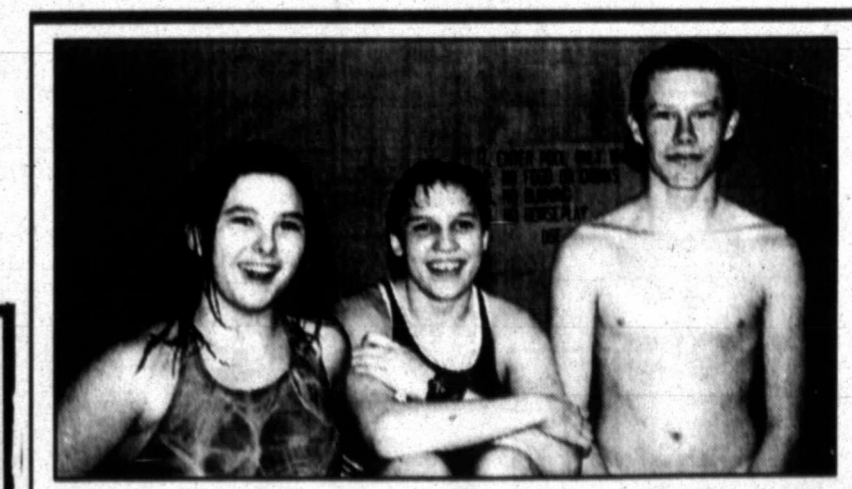
"Having our children transported in the middle of the night through the King Ranch area is a danger our children don't deserve," said Joe D. Gonzalez, superintendent of the San Benito Consolidated Independent School District.

Besides safety, Gonzalez said, school officials are concerned about lost school time, since many sports competitions are held on weekdays.

For Valley athletes, that would probably mean leaving school early, returning late at night and still having to show up at class early the following morning, Gonzalez said. Travel expenses for the San Benito school district could also go up by \$239,000, Gonzalez said.

He said some parents have told him they'll pull their children out of athletics if they remain in the Corpus district.

"I haven't talked to one parent who isn't against it," Gonzalez said.



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Pampa Middle School honor roll

Pampa Middle School recently announced its honor roll for the third six weeks grading period of the 1999-00 school year.

Sixth Grade A Honor Roll

Andy Anderson, Cooper Brazile, Todd Carter, Nicole Fernuik, Charlton Franks, Juan Gallegos, Chase Guyer, Tyson Hickman, Amanda Hoke, Monica Johnson, Clay Jones, Nikolas Julian, Sunil Kamnani, Eric Kingcade.

John Klein, Lacie Long, Jennifer Mackie, Johnathan Malone, Morgan Meharg, Michael Munnerlyn, Manuel Navarrete, Amber Qualls, Reid Schindler, Brody Smith, Weston Teichmann, Brenon Thomas, Felicia Urban.

Seventh Grade A Honor Roll

Payton Baird, Kristen Boyd, Melissa Brown, Chera Chavedo, Brittin East, Andrew Fraser, Rebecca Gindorf, Theresa Hernandez, Stacy Pepper, Cameron Seger, Trevor Talley, Ronnie Tucker.

Eighth Grade A Honor Roll

Barton Cathey, Keisha Childress, Hunter Craig, Kori Dunn, Jacob Hopkins, Tara Jordan, Melissa Land, Joshua Martin, Natalie McVay, Jose Meraz, Dean Moman, Brian Peters, Kaylee Shank, James Smith, Jeremy Smith, Shelley Smith, Ashley Swanson.

Sixth Grade A-B Honor Roll

Jordan Albracht, Cheryl Alexander, Victoria Alfaro, Chelsea Anderson, Aaron Anguiano, Shalea Ausbrooks, Heather Balay, Cody Carnley, Meagan Clark, Callie Cobb, Manden Conklin, Arika Cox, Jacob Craig, Dip Das, Trevor Day, Spencer Defever, Christina Deleon.

Lauren Denny, Karli Douglas, Audrey Dunn, Zachary Edens, Dakston Fallon, Jackie Gerber, Michael Grajeda, Brian Haddock, Laura Haley, Allison Hall, Angie Hall, Heath Henley, Mayra Hernandez, Heather Hewitt, Kaylee Hill, Emily Hillman, Sara Hoke, Marissa Hudson, Andrea Hughes, Taren Johnson, Whitney Karr, Christopher Kidd.

Kristen Kirkland, Eric Knott, John Kotara, Sarah Langford, Ashlee Lucas, Destinee Manhart, Royce McGrath, Brian McIntosh, Ragan Meeks, Britany Nelson, Ashley Orr, David Ramirez, Taylor Reeves, Lindsay Rhoades, Zed Richards, Maria Rivera, Yesenia Rodriguez, Lindzi Schaible, Alexa Silve, Bradley Smith, Shannon Smith, Steven Smith.

Craig Stone, Grant Stucki, K Leigh Sweeney, Kari Terrell, Myca Vinson, David Watson, Erin Watson, Whitney Wichert, Heather Wills, Kyle

Winegeart, Miranda Woodruff, Amy Youree.

Seventh Grade A-B Honor Roll

Lindsey Ammons, Brant Atwood, Shantille Berk, Stephanie Boyd, Benjamin Briscoe, Wesley Brogdon, Alyssa Bromwell, Shea Brown, David Burns, Amanda Cabrales, Diana Cabrales, Elizabeth Campbell, Isabell Chavez, Quinton Cobb, Megan Coffey, Jerry Cruz, Daniel Dean, Heather Dildy.

Tyler Doughty, Christin Dyer, Cody Dyer, Monica Eakin, Shayna Evans, Rickey Gattis, Emilea Greer, Alma Gutierrez, Clayton Hall, Ricky Harvill, Ashley Heiskell, Angela Henthorn, Colin Howard, Cody Hukill, Aaron Hunt, Elizabeth Joiner, Landon Ketchersid, Dusty Laycock, Lynzy Leach, April Lenderman, Kandice Maddox, Ashley McLean.

Rebecca Middlebrook, Austin Morgan, Drew Morrison, Mark Murray, Ann Murtishaw, Catherine Niccum, Curtis Nunn, Chassey Oxley, Jessie Parsley, Tosha Powell, Amanda Rasmussen, Diana Resendiz, Jaime Resendiz, Matthew Robertson, Jennie Rogers, Anna Schafer, Autumn Schaub, Brian Schepp, Ruth Schlewitz, Kristy Sinyard, Garnet Skinner, Carissa Snelgrooves, Darby Snow, Jaelyn Spearman, Kendall Stokes, Gary Teakell, Jerica Timmons, Christopher Veal, Ying Wang, Michael Wilkinson, Erin Winegeart, Lauren Winkelman, Melissa Zubia.

Collin Bowers, Kera Bruce, Jerrod Carruth, Ryan Carter, Erica Cochran, Jasmin Cordova, Abbi Covalt, Raeanna Cowan, Colt Cox, Shelby Crook, Andrew Curtis, Megan David, Nictenja Davila, Chelsey Davis, Ryan Davis, Shon Day, Heather Dean, Marcos Deleon, Bobby Dorsey, Britny Downey.

Quiltin Ellis, Sarah Ellis, Adam Etchison, Erin Fields, Amber Freeman, Miranda Hill, Krissy Holman, Blake Howard, Zachry Hucks, Jonathon Humphrey, Kera Ivey, Misty Ivey, Charles Jarvis, Evelyn Jasso, Mitchell Jeffers, Lindsay Jennings, Joseph Johnson, Stacey Johnson, Tyler Jonas.

Eighth Grade A-B Honor Roll

Darrin Allen, Alan Arzola, Amber Asher, Stacy Atchley, Brianna Bailey, Ryan Barnes, Haley Bowen, Chance Bowers,

Martinez, Michael Martinez, Erika Mauricio, Ryan McCauley, Sarah Medley, Naomi Meyer, Johnny Moore, Tera Murray, Heather Neider, Stephanie Nelson, Erin Norris, Eduardo Palma, Shelby Patton, Nerissa Perry, Megan Poole, Chelsie Powers, Lindsey Price, Eva Prieto, Cara Pryor, Michelle Qualls, Raquel Ramirez, K'lee Ratzlaff, Angela Resendiz.

Briana Russell, Evelyn Sanchez, Jamie Schroeder, Melissa Scobee, Carissa Seger, Katie Shaffer, Antonio Shorter, Jesus Silva, Luis Silva, Aaron Simon, Erika Skinner, Jera Skinner, Felipe Soria, Kendra Strickland, Christopher Tackett, Jesus Tarango, Shaleene Taylor, Delma Torres, Catherine Trimble, Brandi Tripplett, Minerva Vasquez, Max Vinson, Whitney Watts, Britton White.

Comptroller delivers February sales tax rebates

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered \$316.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,105 Texas cities and 119 counties, a 0.4 percent decrease compared to the \$318.2 million allocated to cities and counties in February 1999. So far this year, sales tax rebates to cities and counties are up 6.6 percent compared to the first two months of 1999.

"The new year is off to a good start, as Texas' steady economic growth generates new jobs, high consumer confidence, and strong retail sales," Comptroller Rylander said.

This month's payments to cities and counties include sales taxes collected by monthly filers in December, and reported to the Comptroller in January, plus quarterly returns for sales in October, November and December and returns from annual filers for the entire year of 1999.

Rylander delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$293.6 million to Texas cities, virtually identical to last February's payments. Rebates of \$23 million to Texas counties are down 6.2 percent compared to those paid in February 1999.

Another \$10.3 million went to 47

special purpose districts around the state. Texas' six Metropolitan Transit Authorities and two City

Transit Departments received a total of \$113.3 million.

The comptroller's next sales tax

allocation is scheduled to be delivered on Friday, March 10, 2000.

SALES TAX REBATES

February Sales Tax Rebates for Selected Texas Cities (in millions)

City	Feb. '00	Feb. '99	% Change	2000 Payments-to-Date	% Change From 1999
Houston	\$41.2	\$39.9	3.3	\$64.0	7.1
Dallas	\$25.9	\$25.4	1.7	\$40.8	6.2
San Antonio	\$15.3	\$15.3	0.5	\$25.1	5.3
Austin	\$12.3	\$12.1	1.3	\$21.1	8.2
Fort Worth	\$8.6	\$8.4	2.0	\$13.7	9.5
El Paso	\$5.4	\$5.3	0.9	\$8.9	7.3
Amarillo	\$5.1	\$5.0	0.5	\$8.3	7.5
McAllen	\$4.5	\$4.5	0.4	\$7.1	8.8
Corpus Christi	\$4.0	\$3.9	0.9	\$6.1	5.4
Lubbock	\$3.3	\$3.2	1.3	\$5.3	6.7
Beaumont	\$3.3	\$3.2	1.1	\$5.2	8.0
Tyler	\$3.2	\$3.2	0.9	\$5.0	5.8
Abilene	\$3.1	\$3.1	0.9	\$4.9	6.4

SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.wfdowstate.tx.us)

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Newsmakers



Cara Swart

CANYON — Cara Swart, daughter of Ron and Kay Swart and granddaughter of Cecil and Marie Gill, all of Miami, was recently named to the Dean's List at West Texas A&M University for the 1999 fall semester with a 3.27 grade point average. To be eligible for the honor, a student must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

LEVELLAND — South Plains College recently announced its Dean's Honor List for the 1999 fall semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor List, a student must maintain a 3.25 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: Stephanie Ensey of Pampa.

LEVELLAND — Christina Ehmman of Lefors was among 56 students named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges recently at South Plains College.

Selection is based on academic achievement, community service, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. Outstanding students throughout the United States have been honored in the directory since 1966.

Students represent the SPC Levelland and Lubbock campuses.

President's List for the 1999 fall semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: Brian Steven Phelps of Pampa.

CANYON — Sixteen West Texas A&M University students were recently inducted into Gamma Phi chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, a national communications honor society.

To be eligible for membership, students must maintain an overall 3.0-3.25 grade point average, must complete 60 hours of college courses with at least 12 hours of communication classes, be interested in the field of communication and be nominated by a communication faculty member. Students inducted into the chapter at WT include: Mitzl McClelland, a graduate student in communication of Pampa; and Christine Rawlins, a senior speech communication major of Shamrock.

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a town in fashion

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Pat Johnson models an attractive black crepe for VJ. The two-piece dress is washable and is by Leslie Fay.



Rachel Andrews, 5 years, and Britney Morgan, 17 years, are looking over the upcoming Easter selections at Kids Stuff. Rachel is wearing a blue check skort with a matching blouse and lilac and blue matching sweater by Hartstring. Britney is modeling a chiffon overlay long dress in a plum color. It is by Michelle.



Valerie Molonewill will be in the latest style when she wears one of Beall's newest fashions. It is an attractive black pinstripe suit by All That Jazz.



Three Pampa young ladies are readying for spring as they model for Dunlap's. Aretha Brown, right, is seen in a leopard pant garment. It has a polyester zip top with a hood, and is by Cozy. Melodie Moss, center, gets ready for the upcoming season with plaid ankle length pant with a ruffle around it. A shoulder top accents the pants. Both are by Syrup. Striking in a matching bandana top and hip-hugger embroidered pant is Michelle Qualls. Both top and pant are by Syrup. Accessories are mirror purses with animal trims.



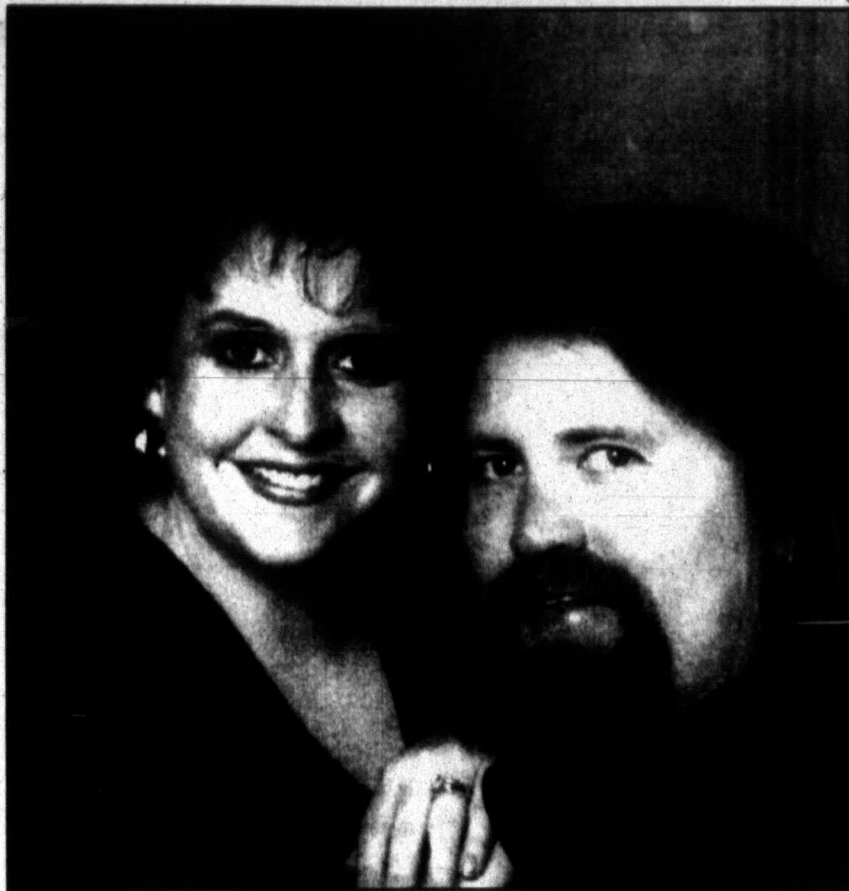
Soft feminine colors and ruffles dominate the dress modeled by Edna Hickman at Images. The dress is by Lucia Lukken.

Spring 2000 promises to be a time when anything goes-casual or dress. Clam diggers and capri are both in style. Sandals will be attractive with most any outfit.

Lots of Brighton will be in style. Go for the sunglasses, watches, bracelets, earrings. Also, handbags, shoes and home accessories.

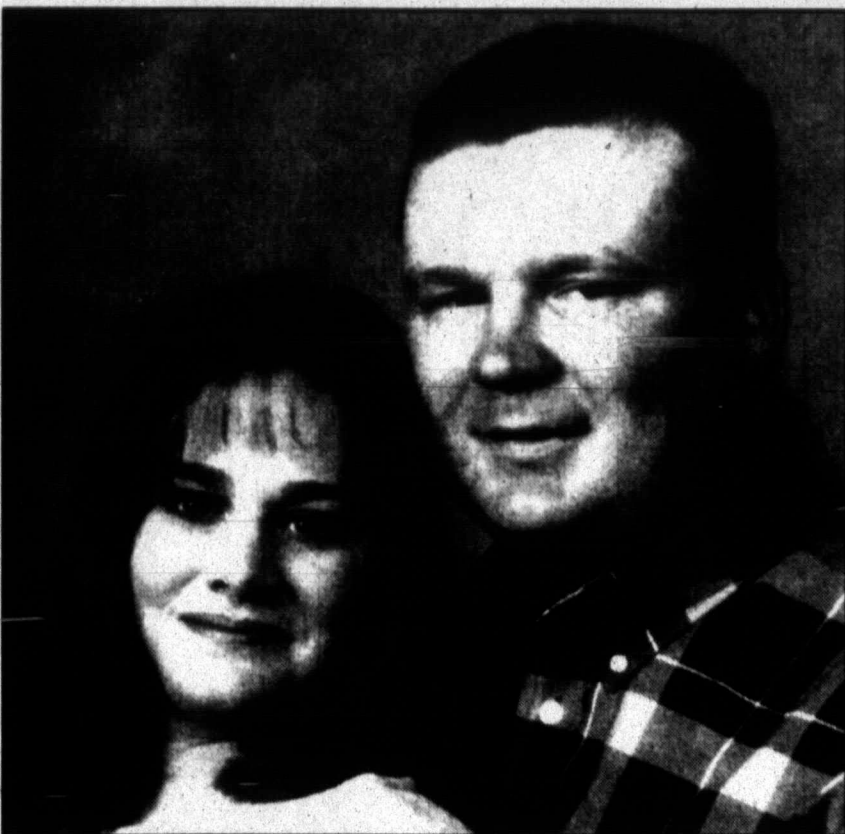
Fabric has lycra or spandex for comfort, stretch and wonderful fit. Popular blouses are cotton and lycra with three-quarter sleeves.

Light and springy are the new spring fragrances.



**Leslie Richelle Stiles and Sammy Shackelford
Stiles-Shackelford**

Leslie Richelle Stiles and Sammy Shackelford, both of Thornton, Colo., plan to wed April 10 at Montego Bay, Jamaica. The bride-elect is the daughter of Sharon Stiles and P.R. Stiles, both of White Deer. She graduated from White Deer High School in 1988 and from Texas Tech University in Lubbock and Frank Phillips College in Borger. She is currently employed as a purchasing agent for Guy's Floor Service, Inc., in Denver, Colo. The prospective groom is the son of Sam and Jowannah Shackelford of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1989 and from Amarillo College and Clarendon College. He is currently employed with Complete Communications in Denver.



Carly Anne Downs and William E. Sharpton

Downs-Sharpton

Carly Anne Downs and William E. Sharpton, both of Pampa, plan to wed March 11 at Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa. The bride-elect is the daughter of Tommy and Denise Downs of Pampa. She is a 1993 Pampa High School graduate and attended Amarillo College and Clarendon College at Clarendon. She currently attends Clarendon College-Pampa Center and is employed by Robert Knowles. The prospective groom is the son of Al Sharpton and the late Debra Sharpton of Perryton. He graduated from Perryton High School in 1994 and is currently employed by Mundy Construction.



Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Friend

Friend anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Friend will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m. Feb. 26, 2000, at First Christian Church. Children of the couple will host the reception. Stanford Friend and Doris Poindexter were married Feb. 18, 1950, at Pennsboro, Mo. The couple have been Pampa area residents since 1950 and belong to First Christian Church of Pampa, Pampa Senior Citizens Center and MHMR Board of Amarillo. Mr. Friend farmed and ranched, retiring in 1995. Mrs. Friend was employed in Pampa schools, retiring in 1995 after 27 years of service. Children of the couple are Stan Friend and Lisa and Allen Craig, all of Coppell, Willa Cassaday of Fort Worth and Mark Friend of Pampa. They have four grandchildren.

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Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Robichaux

Robichaux anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Robichaux marked their 25th wedding anniversary Feb. 20, 2000. Johnny Robichaux and Cheryl Combs were married Feb. 20, 1975, at Pampa. The couple have been Pampa residents for the past five years. Mr. Robichaux has worked for Petro Source for three years. Children of the couple are Tommy Stilwell of Pampa, Dwight Rush of Houma, La., and Johnnie and Tina Renner. They have six grandchildren.

Menus Feb. 21-25

<p>Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Donuts, sausage patty. Lunch: Chicken fried steak or pizza, whipped potatoes, green beans, pineapple, hot rolls.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, sausage patty, flour tortilla. Lunch: Chicken strips or steak fingers, whipped potatoes, tossed salad, mixed fruit, hot rolls.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Pancakes, syrup, sausage patty. Lunch: Tamales and enchiladas or Taco Bell burrito, corn, Spanish rice, sliced apples.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Bagel, jelly. Lunch: Cheeseburger pocket or peanut butter and jelly sandwich with cheese portion, blackeyed peas, tossed salad, fresh fruit.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage patty. Lunch: Teriyaki chicken or hot dogs with chili, carrot sticks, steamed broccoli, rice pilaf, pears.</p> <p>Lefors Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Frito pie or burrito, beans, cheese, crackers, salad, fruit, milk.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Sausage biscuit, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Fish and cheese, coleslaw, corn, fruit, milk.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Ham and scalloped potatoes, broccoli and cheese, salad, fruit, milk.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: French toast sticks, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Lasagna or spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garlic toast, salad, fruit, milk.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, toast, cereal, juice, milk.</p>	<p>Lunch: Hamburgers or barbecue, cheese, pickles, tater tots, salad, fruit, milk.</p> <p>Senior Citizens MONDAY Chicken fried steak or chicken Louisiana, mashed potatoes, beets, spinach, navy beans, ugly duckling cake or banana pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>TUESDAY Pork roast and dressing or taco salad, onion potatoes, green beans, hominy, pinto beans, cherry chip cake or coconut creme pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, jalapeno cornbread or cornbread.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, squash casserole, beans, yellow cake or bread pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>THURSDAY Chicken strips or stuffed bell peppers, mashed potatoes, creme corn, turnip greens, beans, lemon pound cake or jello salad, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>FRIDAY Fried cod fish or stew, potato wedges, broccoli spears, beans, brownies or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, garlic toast or cornbread.</p> <p>Meals On Wheels MONDAY Sausage and gravy, hash browns, green beans, cookies.</p> <p>TUESDAY Chicken and dressing, gravy, English peas, cranberry sauce, pumpkin bars.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Hamburgers, tater tots, applesauce.</p> <p>THURSDAY Hamloaf, hominy casseroles, mixed vegetables, pears.</p> <p>FRIDAY Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, Italian blends, sliced apples.</p>
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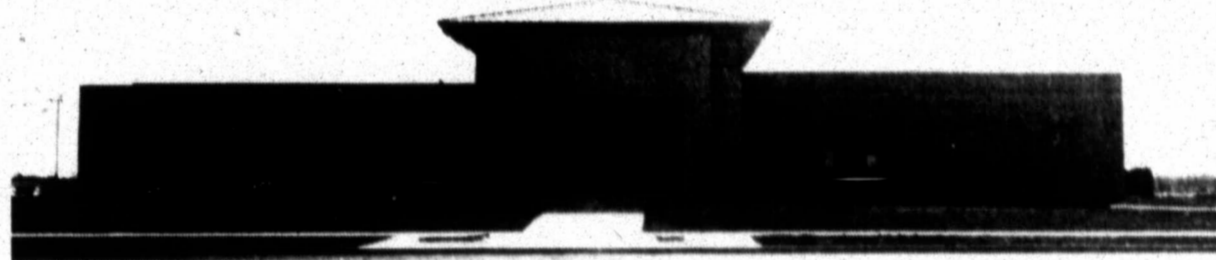


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Community Calendar

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY announces a children's program at 10 a.m. each Tuesday from Jan. 11-May 16. Open to all children ages 18-months to five years. Programs include crafts and stories.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER support groups for victims of family violence - both women and children - meet every Thursday evening. For more information, call Diane about the adult support groups, 669-1788, and Nita about the children's support groups, 669-1131.

24 - PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. For more information, call (806) 779-2115. Visitors are welcome.

16 - PFAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS meeting will be held in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. For more information, call 665-0343.

ENTERTAINMENT

Billboard music charts

By The Associated Press

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

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. "I Knew I Loved You," Savage Garden. Columbia. (Gold)
2. "Thank God I Found You," Mariah Carey (feat. Joe & 98 Degrees). Columbia.
3. "Amazed," Lonestar. BNA.
4. "What A Girl Wants," Christina Aguilera. RCA.
5. "Breathe," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Nashville)
6. "Maria Maria," Santana (feat. The Product G&B). Arista.
7. "Get It On Tonight," Montell Jordan. Def Soul.
8. "All The Small Things," Blink-182. MCA.
9. "Smooth," Santana (feat. Rob Thomas). Arista. (Platinum)
10. "Hot Boyz," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliot (feat. NAS, Eve & Q-Tip). The Gold Mind. (Platinum)

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Hot Adult Contemporary

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

1. "I Knew I Loved You," Savage Garden. Columbia. (Gold)
2. "That's The Way It Is," Celine Dion. 550 Music.
3. "Amazed," Lonestar. BNA.
4. "Back At One," Brian McKnight. Motown.
5. "I Do (Cherish You)," 98 Degrees. Universal.
6. "I Want It That Way," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
7. "You'll Be In My Heart," Phil Collins. Walt Disney.
8. "Music Of My Heart," 'N Sync & Gloria Estefan. Miramax. (Gold)
9. "I Could Not Ask For More," Edwin McCain. Lava.
10. "Angels," Robbie Williams. Capitol.

Mainstream Rock Tracks

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

1. "No Leaf Clover," Metallica. Elektra.
2. "Stiff Upper Lip," AC/DC. EastWest.
3. "Othertside," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.
4. "What If," Creed. Wind-up.
5. "Higher," Creed. Wind-up.
6. "Voodoo," Godsmack. Republic.
7. "Only God Knows Why," Kid Rock. Top Dog.
8. "Learn To Fly," Foo Fighters. Roswell.
9. "Kryptonite," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
10. "The Chemicals Between Us," Bush. Trauma.

Modern Rock Tracks

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

1. "Othertside," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.
2. "All The Small Things," Blink 182. MCA.
3. "Re-Arranged," Limp Bizkit. Flip.
4. "Never Let You Go," Third Eye Blind. Elektra.
5. "Take A Picture," Filter. Reprise.
6. "Ex-Girlfriend," No Doubt. Interscope.
7. "Little Black Backpack," Stroke 9. Cherry.
8. "Letting The Cables Sleep," Bush. Trauma.
9. "Miserable," Lit. RCA.
10. "Maybe Someday," The Cure. Fiction/Elektra.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

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

1. "My Best Friend," Tim McGraw. Curb.
2. "Cowboy Take Me Away," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
3. "Back At One," Mark Willis. Mercury.
4. "Smile," Lonestar. BNA.
5. "Breathe," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
6. "How Do You Like Me Now?!" Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
7. "The Best Day," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
8. "Lessons Learned," Tracy Lawrence. Atlantic.
9. "Love's The Only House," Martina McBride. RCA.
10. "This Woman Needs," SheDaisy. Lyric Street.

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At the Movies: 'The Whole Nine Yards' surprisingly charming caper

■ ... this turns on characters and script, and both work. Though the dialogue is corny at the outset, and there's next to no chemistry between Perry and Henstridge, virtually everything else works.

By TED ANTHONY
AP National Writer

Bruce Willis? Often annoying. Matthew Perry? Often extremely annoying. Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry together in the same film? Surprise: VERY entertaining.

"The Whole Nine Yards" has assorted reasons to fail. It's filled with oh-so-trendy actors. It's based on a highly unlikely premise. It descends into slapstick now and then. But something clicks, and performers, plot and script come together to form a lively, even charming caper flick.

Nick "Oz" Oseransky (Perry) is a harried dentist who lives in a suburban subdivision outside Montreal, and he's not exactly having a great year. His chain-smoking Quebecois wife (Rosanna Arquette) and mother-in-law sit at the breakfast table mocking him. He owes thousands of dollars that were embezzled by his late father-in-law.

And now, the last thing he needs is happening: A contract killer has moved in next door.

Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski (Willis), a Chicago gangland figure, has settled in suburban Montreal after serving a five-year prison term. He's killed 17 men, but he's a nice guy. That, of course, doesn't assuage Oz, who's terrified. "It's not how many people I've killed," Jimmy tells him. "It's how I get along with those who are still alive."

From there, the plot spills forth like a beer poured too quickly. Suddenly Oz, his wife and even his perpetually perky dental assistant Jill (Amanda Peet, who's the best thing about this movie) are involved in an underworld caper that involves Yanni

Gogolack (Kevin Pollak), the Balkan mob boss of Chicago. What's more, Oz gets involved with Jimmy's estranged, femme-fatale wife Cynthia (Natasha Henstridge) and another dangerous killer, Frankie Figs (the inimitable Michael Clarke Duncan).

A movie like this is a risky venture. With any action-comedy, especially one about mobsters and regular schlubs who get into situations not of their own making, the ground is well-trodden and the question hangs: Why do what's already been done? (Not that moviemakers are ever stopped by that.)

But this turns on characters and script, and both work. Though the dialogue is corny at the outset, and there's next to no chemistry between Perry and Henstridge, virtually everything else works. They're likeable characters, and — despite the amoral profession of many of them — most (with the exception of Arquette's character) are admirable in a strange way.

Willis has clearly learned something from his superior performance in "The Sixth Sense." His trademark smirk is still employed and still irritating, but he's augmented it with other expressions and reins it in enough to allow a unique personality to emerge. He's a far better actor than he was five, even two years ago.

Perry, who's got the young-adult-male-inadequacy schtick down (he's been doing it for 5 1/2 years on "Friends"), shows here that he can expand his one note to carry a full-length feature. His nervous tics, elastic body movements and martini-dry irony combine here to create a likeable, if reluctant, hero. Perry's body comedy is at its

best here; though it may sound like heresy, much of his physical comedy is drawn straight from Buster Keaton. The way he employs it, it's keyed as much to the "relief" part of comic relief as it is to the comedy itself. Even as you laugh, you feel for him.

Duncan, fresh from a career performance in "The Green Mile," lights up the screen. Physically, he's utterly terrifying. But he can shepherd his face from scrunched-up and menacing to grinning and warm in less than a second; it and he are a joy to watch, especially when he and other professional killers engage in a running gag about admiring each other's work.

Henstridge is fun as a neo-noir gang moll with a heart of gold, and Pollak, one of today's finest character actors, is ideal as the mob kingpin. He's clearly having a great time with a whole palette of lip curls, arched eyebrows and linguistic mishaps.

Peet, though, steals the show as Oz's assistant, who has, suffice it to say, other ambitions. Only Arquette doesn't seem to be having much fun.

Full of fun moments and little scenes within scenes, "The Whole Nine Yards" probably won't win any awards. But it's more than the sum of its parts: It's engrossing and rollicking in the best caper-flick tradition.

"The Whole Nine Yards," a Warner Bros. release, is directed by Jonathan Lynn from a Mitchell Kapner script. It is rated R.

Motion Picture Association of America rating definitions:

G — General audiences. All ages admitted.

PG — Parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

PG-13 — Special parental guidance strongly suggested for children under 13. Some material may be inappropriate for young children.

R — Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

NC-17 — No one under 17 admitted.

Celebrity birthdays

By The Associated Press

In the birthday spotlight:

—Kristin Davis, one of the stars of HBO's "Sex and the City," played the devious Brooke Armstrong on "Melrose Place" a few seasons back. Davis, who was born on Feb. 23, 1965, is enjoying her new TV role. On "Melrose Place," the women characters were "all really, mean to each other," Davis says. So "it was nice to get 'Sex and the City,' where the four women are all friends and that's a given, and everything else revolves around them."

—French Stewart's trademark expression on "3rd Rock From the Sun" wasn't something the show's producers dreamed up. "I came in with the squint," Stewart says. "I knew the character was an idiot, and it gave me a dull, uncomprehending look." Stewart, who was born on Feb. 20, 1964, plays alien Harry Solomon on the NBC sitcom. "I hope I'll be able to make the full transition into adult roles," says Jennifer Love Hewitt, who won Favorite Female Performer in a New Television Series at this year's People's Choice Awards. Hewitt, who was born on Feb. 21,

1979, won the award for her role in "Time of Your Life," which airs on Fox television. "The good news is, I know I'll be able to make the transition in real life — no matter what," she says. Hewitt is also a singer-songwriter.

Celebrity birthdays for Feb. 20-26:

Feb. 20: Actor Sidney Poitier is 73. Singer-songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie is 59. Actress Brenda Blethyn is 54. Actress-dancer Sandy Duncan is 54. Musician J. Geils is 54. Actor Peter Strauss is 53. Musician Ian Brown of Stone Roses is 37. Actor French Stewart ("3rd Rock From the Sun") is 36. Actor Andrew Shue is 33. Singer Brian Littell of Backstreet Boys is 25.

Feb. 21: Actress Rue McClanahan is 66. Actress Tyne Daly ("Judging Amy") is 54. Actor Alan Rickman is 54. Actor Kelsey Grammer is 45. Singer Mary Chapin Carpenter is 42. Actor William Baldwin is 37. Musician Eric Wilson of Sublime is 30. Actress-singer Jennifer Love Hewitt is 21. Singer Charlotte Church is 14.

Feb. 22: Actor Kyle MacLachlan is 41. Actress Jeri Ryan ("Star Trek: Voyager") is 32. Actor Jose Solano ("Baywatch") is 29. Actress Drew Barrymore is 25.

Feb. 23: Actor-director Peter Fonda is 60. Actress Patricia Richardson ("Home Improvement") is 49. Musician Brad Whitford of Aerosmith is 48. Musician Michael Wilton of Queensryche is 38. Actress Kristin Davis ("Sex and the City") is 35. Musician Jeff Beres of Sister Hazel is 29. Musician Lasse Johansson of the Cardigans is 27.

Feb. 24: Actor Steven Hill ("Law and Order") is 78. Actor Barry Bostwick ("Spin City") is 55. Actor Edward James Olmos is 53. Singer Michelle Shocked is 38. Actor Billy Zane ("Titanic") is 34.

Feb. 25: Actress Diane Baker is 62. Musician George Harrison is 57. Talk-show host Sally Jessy Raphael is 57. Actress Karen Grassle ("Little House on the Prairie") is 56. Singer-musician Mike Peters of the Alarm is 41. Actress Tea Leoni is 34. Actor Sean Astin is 29. Actor Justin Berfield ("Malcolm in the Middle") is 14.

Feb. 26: Actor Tony Randall is 80. Singer Johnny Cash is 68. Singer Michael Bolton is 47. Singer Erykah Badu is 29. Singer Rico Wade of Society of Soul is 28.



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Stay-at-Home Mom Reluctant To Leave Kids With Strangers

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of three elementary school-aged children. Every few years, my husband is awarded a trip by his company that he can take me on. The trip this year is one week during the school year.

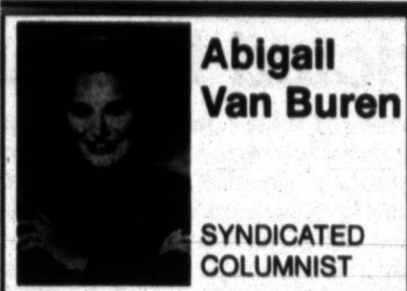
I have decided I will not go, since the only way I would be able to go is to separate my children out to friends or neighbors. We have no grandparents or family members who are able to watch them for one week at our home. My friends and family can't believe this is the choice I made.

Abby, my children are my first priority. It is unfair in my mind to ask friends or family to shoulder the responsibility that I have chosen and am proud to do — driving my children to school, homework, etc. — just so I can have a week of "playtime."

I keep hearing "hire a sitter" — even from my own mother-in-law! Why would I hire someone I do not know to come into my home for a week to watch my most treasured possessions? In this age of so many troubled children whose parents put themselves first, I feel as though I am the only mother left in this country who takes her responsibilities seriously. Your thoughts, please.

STAY-AT-HOME MOM WHO MEANS IT, ROSWELL, GA.

DEAR MOM: While I admire your idealism, being a responsible mother isn't a case of black-



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

and-white — it's a matter of degree.

Your mother-in-law is trying to tell you something important. Don't lull yourself into thinking your entire responsibility is to your children; it's more far-reaching than that. Your husband should come first and your children a close second. In the next 20 years, if you, as parents, have done your job well, the children will "fly the nest" and you'll be left with each other. Therefore, it is vital that you invest in that relationship.

Perhaps a good friend would stay with your children in your absence, or take them all in for a week. You could repay her in kind at a later date. If not, perhaps your clergyman could recommend a trustworthy and experienced sitter.

Your husband has been awarded a trip in recognition of his effort — and you belong with him, helping him to enjoy every minute of it.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old high school senior. I have always been the math and science type, taking every class possible.

I joined a chemistry class this year that meets outside the classroom. The teacher is a very friendly guy, a little obsessed with our work, but nothing serious.

The problem is, I have become attracted to his 15-year-old daughter, and I believe she feels the same about me. We have a lot in common. So far, we have spent little time together outside of school, but we talk on the phone for hours.

Her father, my teacher, is oblivious to all of this, and may be an obstacle, but I can deal with that.

Since I am a senior and she is a freshman, I am wondering whether I should pursue the relationship. I have spent countless hours debating the issue, but it seems trivial when I think of her. What do you think?

CRAZY FOR A FRESHMAN

DEAR CRAZY: You may be a whiz in math and science, but you're obviously only a B-minus in biology and psychology. Make it a priority to ask your teacher's permission to see his daughter. If you are caught "sneaking around," it will look like you have something to hide, and he might not be so "friendly" when it comes to giving you a passing grade.

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Horoscope

MONDAY, FEB. 21, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You might have the best intentions, but getting the job done takes more than your share of talent. Confusion beckons at every turn, forcing you to find better ways of organizing. This process continues over the next few weeks. Tonight: Go where the going is good.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Creativity marks your thinking. This is a good thing; you could encounter your fair share of challenges along the way. Maintain a sense of humor with a child or loved one. What you want could be falling to the wayside. Work proves relaxing. Tonight: Late at the office.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Mercury goes retrograde, causing some interesting twists and turns at work. Take care of a personal matter first so you can move in a new direction. Listen to your sixth sense in a domestic matter, even though you might not be able to resolve the issue immediately. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Reach out for others and make an additional effort. You don't need to see eye to eye with everyone, though right now you might feel like you are speaking a completely different language. Listen

to feedback. Stay centered. Tonight: Relax at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Build, rather than tear down. You might feel like ripping up a situation and stomping all over it! Don't. Hang in there and correct the flaws. In the long run, you will have a more sound plan and greater probability of success. Tonight: Out and about; burn off steam.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Listen carefully. Your ruling Mercury goes retrograde today and might cause you to be a bit out of sync. Listen to another. Share your good intentions. Your good will can make or break a situation. Trust your instincts. Tonight: Treat yourself well; you deserve it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** You might feel an underlying sense of foreboding. Use caution; you could create a problem where there isn't one. You find yourself more tenuous than usual. This afternoon, reinforce your ego and build up your self-concept. Tonight: Do your own thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** You could get sidetracked. Keeping your goals in mind takes talent. Look beyond the immediate. Become more of a visionary. Some events are part of the process. Use daytime hours to complete as much as you can. Tonight: You need some time off!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Take charge as work demands pile up. Confusion marks your decisions and direction. Others seem to lose their cool when you least expect it. Maintain a sense of humor. Be willing to work with others, even if they are flaky. Tonight: Find your friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Aim for what you want. Stay upbeat about work. Where there appears to be a problem on the horizon, greet it positively. You have an opportunity to straighten out a situation before it is out of control. Be willing to backtrack if necessary. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Associates, loved ones and children could get cranky in the next few weeks. You could be wondering exactly what you're doing here. Think about others. Relate carefully, confirming that you are being heard clearly. Take an overview rather than being triggered. Tonight: Watch a good movie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Defer, even if you don't agree, right now. It might be important for others to play out and see the end results of their choices. Another does care enormously about you, even if he has an odd way of expressing it. Tonight: Be a pal to a friend in need.

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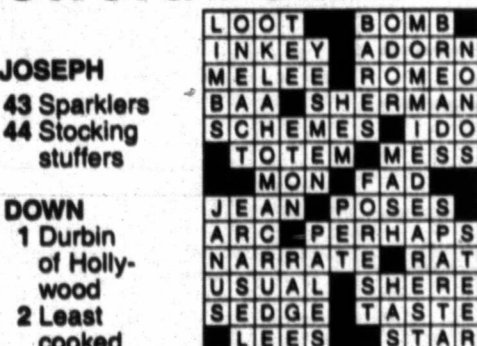
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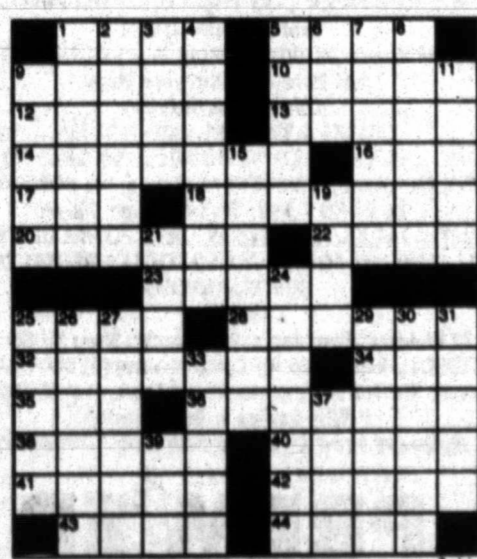
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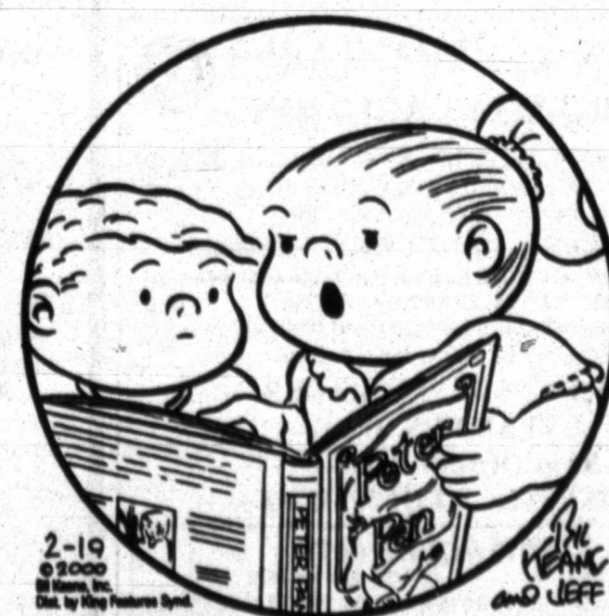
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WOLFDOGS — From Page 5

much room to roam, they can't be housebroken, they need constant attention and companionship, or they grow too large (full-grown hybrid can weigh 200 pounds), or they eat too much.

Candy Kitchen rarely adopts out animals, and only under strict guidelines. The wolfdogs must be highly socialized with a low genetic wolf content, and their new home must have plenty of roaming room, and a companion animal. Eight-foot fencing is recommended, but even that can be inadequate to contain a lonely wolfdog.

"Most of them escape because they're looking for a companion," Foulkrod said. "You get them a companion animal, and if the two animals get along, nine out of 10 times the animal will stop trying to escape."

The Kali Ma Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary operators will also consider adopting out their animals, but only to people who understand the challenges.

"If they know what they're getting into, it's all right, but to not have a clue and be training as they go along, I would not give them an adult," Kathi said. "With an adult, you have to already have the knowledge and know how to take care of

of them, especially these guys that need special attention. You can't give them to someone who just wants one to have one — it just won't work."

The sanctuary near Reilly Springs is still a work in progress. Two boarding pens (already occupied, of course) have been completed, but more are planned. The couple will have to fence in the sanctuary to allow the abandoned dogs to roam unfettered on the grounds and form their own packs without endangering other domestic wildlife.

"We wouldn't let them run loose, because they will attack the cattle," explained Kathi. "It's nat-

ural instinct, and they would do that, and then the neighbors would wind up shooting them. It's not an option."

The cost of running the wildlife sanctuary is not cheap. The infrastructure alone will take a large chunk of money, and the monthly feed bill is not cheap — the seven adult wolfdogs currently on the property consume 400 to 500 pounds of dry food per month.

More animals are certainly headed for the 40-acre rescue center. The Web site has already had more than 2,000 visitors in its short time on the Internet, and Foulkrod said to expect plenty of

referrals from other overburdened rescue projects. "As soon as the word gets out that they're in operation, everybody's going to send them their way," he promised.

Rich and Kathi don't seem to mind the headaches or the cost, and the effort is not without its rewards. The animals are intensely beautiful creatures, and every night when Rich and Kathi turn out the lights to go to bed, their "babies" serenaded them to sleep with another chorus of voices.

"They sing for about three minutes, and then they're quiet the rest of the night," said Rich.

Officer testifies wrong man convicted in Louima assault

NEW YORK (AP) — An officer facing a life sentence for his role in the sodomizing of a Haitian immigrant in a police station bathroom had no part in the attack, a former colleague says.

Officer Justin Volpe testified on Thursday that Officer Charles Schwarz wasn't even in the room when Abner Louima was assaulted with a broken broomstick.

"I never saw Schwarz in the bathroom at any time," Volpe said repeatedly while testifying in federal court.

"When I was in the bathroom, the only officer who assaulted Mr. Louima was myself."

Volpe said another officer, Thomas Wiese, was the only person present during the attack, one of the most shocking cases of police brutality in the city's history.

Volpe, sentenced to 30 years after pleading guilty last year to the 1997 assault, was the first defense witness in the trial of Schwarz, 34, Wiese, 34, and Thomas Bruder, 37. The three officers

have been charged with conspiring to conceal Schwarz's role in the assault.

Schwarz faces a possible life sentence after his 1999 conviction for violating Louima's civil rights by holding him down during the attack.

Volpe, at his own sentencing last December, said for the first time that Wiese, not Schwarz, was the second officer in the bathroom.

On Thursday, Volpe, 27, testified: "I want to do my time with a clear mind, with a clear conscience, and I can't live

with myself and do my time in peace, knowing that another man is paying for the crime that I committed."

Volpe said Wiese stood by the entire time, making no move to take part or intercede in the attack. The account conflicts sharply with Wiese's assertion, to detectives and Brooklyn district attorney investigators, that he intervened by dragging a prostrate, bleeding Louima from a toilet stall by his legs.

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Valentine Decorating Contest



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)
Neil and Mary Fulton, owners of Bob Clements, Inc., recently presented the winner of the North Hobart Street Business Association Valentine Decorating Contest, Brenda Calixato, with a gift certificate for two to Sirlain Stockade.

Letters to the editor

Teen will never get lost months back

To the editor,
In response to Ms. Angie Brown. When you raise a child (yourself) instead of the grandparents then you can talk about morals and values.

Big wow, your son did 2 1/2 months to my sons 10 1/2 months because he told the truth and didn't try to put the blame on the others — like you're doing.

Ms. Brown, all three boys' rights were violated and everyone knows it.

You say it changed your son's life. The only life that was changed is my son's and he will never get them lost months back, Ms. Brown!

If you think them people are helping your son have a big, bright, successful future in Pampa, Texas, think again and run.

Sonia Mulanax, Ben Mulanax, Mark Mulanax, Jerry Mulanax and Jake Mulanax
Pampa

Keep up the good work, Pampa News!

To the editor,
I would like for you to know that The Pampa News website is most appreciated. I check in about once a week to update myself on what is happening in my old hometown.

I was born and raised in Pampa and graduated from PHS in 1976. I worked at KGRQ radio during my high school years. College at the University of Texas and West Texas State followed and then seven years at KVII television in Amarillo as a reporter and weather caster. I then cast my net with the airlines — a long held dream since learning to fly at age 16. Great memories of Perry Lefors field!

I am now living in Phoenix and am a captain with a major airline I've been employed with for 11 years. The news and columns in the Pampa News website are a great way for me to keep up with the area that I still miss. The issues here in the big city are not that different from what I read in the Pampa paper, just on a different scale.

I often fly over the panhandle on my trips to the east coast and back and our route of flight usually takes us right over Pampa. Looking down from 37,000 feet I have time to reflect on my formative years and all the wonderful times I had and the people who helped shape my life.

Times change and people move on but Pampa holds a special place for me. I've never found the sense of community I felt there anywhere else. Great people and a wonderful support system helped make me the person I am today.

Things I miss? The Coney Island Cafe, quiet clear nights, the wind, my Skellytown friends and standing on the High Plains seeing forever.

Keep up the good work and I really like Nancy Young's columns!

David Chambliss
Phoenix Ariz.
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Scripture points to interpretation

To the editor,
Ever since I started writing these letters, I've been wanting to write about a particular subject, but hesitated because I didn't want to insult or hurt anyone's feelings. This has really been bothering me and now I'd like to address the issue of speaking in tongues. Now, I'm not saying that I don't believe in tongues, all I'm going to say is that I don't believe that I have ever really heard anyone speak in tongues.

So to see the proper way for someone to speak in tongues, I went to the scriptures that deal with this subject. I know that in 1 Corinthians 14:2 Paul talks about tongues not being spoken to men, but to God. I also know that in 1 Cor. 14:22, he also states that tongues are a sign to unbelievers. I'm sure that the people that speak in tongues will point to those two scriptures as an explanation to why they speak in words that I have never heard.

But, let's look at what happened on the Day of Pentecost. During this festival time in Jerusalem, there were people gathered from several different countries, speaking several different languages. When the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles they started speaking in tongues. But, they were speaking in tongues of known languages where the people in the crowd could understand them. They were not speaking in unknown languages as is practiced today. So basically, if someone in the crowd could not understand what they were say-

ing, someone could interpret for them. Which brings up my next point, in 1 Cor. 14:6-18, Paul speaks of using language that is easy to understand. He also states that if he does not know the meaning of the language, he will be a foreigner to whoever speaks it. In verse 13, Paul says "let him who speaks in a tongue, pray that he may interpret." If you read further down in that section, you will see that Paul says he would rather speak five words with understanding than 10,000 words in a tongue (verses 18 and 19).

Paul also states, "If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at most three, each in turn and let one interpret." Now here on the Jordan Unit we have had several individuals speak in tongues and have had several free-world ministries where members would speak in tongues. But, not once when this was going on did one person stand up and interpret what was being said for those of us that did not understand a word being said. When Pentecost happened, the apostles were speaking in foreign tongues telling of the Good News of God's Kingdom. So if someone has the gift of tongues, you would think that they would be giving messages to the congregation from the Holy Spirit or telling of God and His Kingdom.

I was in the U.S. Navy and was privileged to visit 13 countries during my tour of duty. I have heard well over 25 foreign languages in my travels here and abroad. I have heard languages from English, Spanish, Cantonese to Arabic and not one time hearing someone speaking in tongues have the words sounded vaguely familiar.

I'm not trying to upset anyone or hurt their feeling. This is just my opinion and this is what the scriptures tell me about speaking in tongues. I just had to get this off my chest and see what kind of response I would get.

Michael Wisdom
Rufe Jordan Unit

Write TNRCC about new standards

To the editor,
Someday soon, we Texans may walk into an auto dealership and be told we could not buy a full-size V-8 pick-up truck or a Suburban. Why? If Texas adopts an emissions standards program equivalent to that of the State of California, as the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission is considering, these new state regulations may preclude the sale of such vehicles.

Texas is a vastly different state from California, and Texans use their vehicles in vastly different ways. For example, Texas ranchers depend on powerful trucks and SUVs to haul feed and cattle and to travel off-road to perform normal daily ranching chores. Boaters, campers, hunters and other outdoorsmen need a vehicle that can tow a boat or camper and carry all the gear that's required for their favorite recreational activities. These Texans will be among the hardest hit if the TNRCC adopts the California standards.

Even if these big vehicles remain available, adoption of the California standards would add \$500-\$600 to the cost of a truck in Texas. That's a pretty hefty increase for some farmers and ranchers to bear — particularly when it is not necessary. The Environmental Protection Agency already has issued tough new nationwide tailpipe emissions standards that will sharply reduce emissions for all vehicles — cars, pickups, minivans and SUVs alike. These new standards should adequately address any air quality problems we face in Texas.

We don't need California setting the standard for what we do here in Texas. Why, the California regulations ultimately would require us to drive vehicles that don't have any emissions at all! Can you imagine how small a truck that would be?

It is true that some of Texas' larger metropolitan areas are facing daunting air quality concerns, but solutions exist that not only are less disruptive to our lifestyles, but that also are better suited to our specific problems. For example, late last year, the American Automobile Association released a study entitled "Cleaning the Air" that showed that Houston's air quality problems stem largely from industrial sources, rather than from vehicles, as in California. According to AAA, less than 30 percent of Houston's nitrous oxide emissions come from cars and trucks, a percentage that is expected to continue declining over the next few years.

So, on behalf of ranchers across Texas — and all Texans who value their rights to choose the types of vehicles they drive — let us send a strong message to the TNRCC: Reject the California emissions standards policy and preserve Texans' rights to buy and drive the vehicles of our choice.

Charles Carter, executive director
Independent Cattleman's Association
Member, Texas Coalition for Vehicle Choice

WT president to serve on regional commission

CANYON — Dr. Russell C. Long, president of West Texas A&M University, was recently elected to the 77-member Commission on Colleges for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The commission accredits approximately 780 colleges and universities throughout the southeastern region of the United States and in Latin America.

"I am very pleased to be able to serve on this commission,"

Long said. "It is an excellent opportunity not only to represent WTAMU but the entire Texas higher education community."

Commissioners are charged with preparing a statement of standards for institutional membership; recommending membership dues assessments; conducting reviews and taking final action on the accreditation of collegiate institutions; reviewing reports from

appointed study committees; and overseeing the work of the commission's administrative staff.

Accreditation is a non-governmental and voluntary process, concerned with improving educational quality and assuring the public that member institutions meet established standards.

SACS is one of six regional accrediting organizations in the United States. Its membership consists of more than 12,000 accredited public and private institutions, including WTAMU, from college level down to pre-kindergarten level. Founded in 1895 and headquartered in Decatur, Ga., SACS works with schools and colleges in 11 southern states extending from Virginia to Texas as well as educational institutions located in Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.



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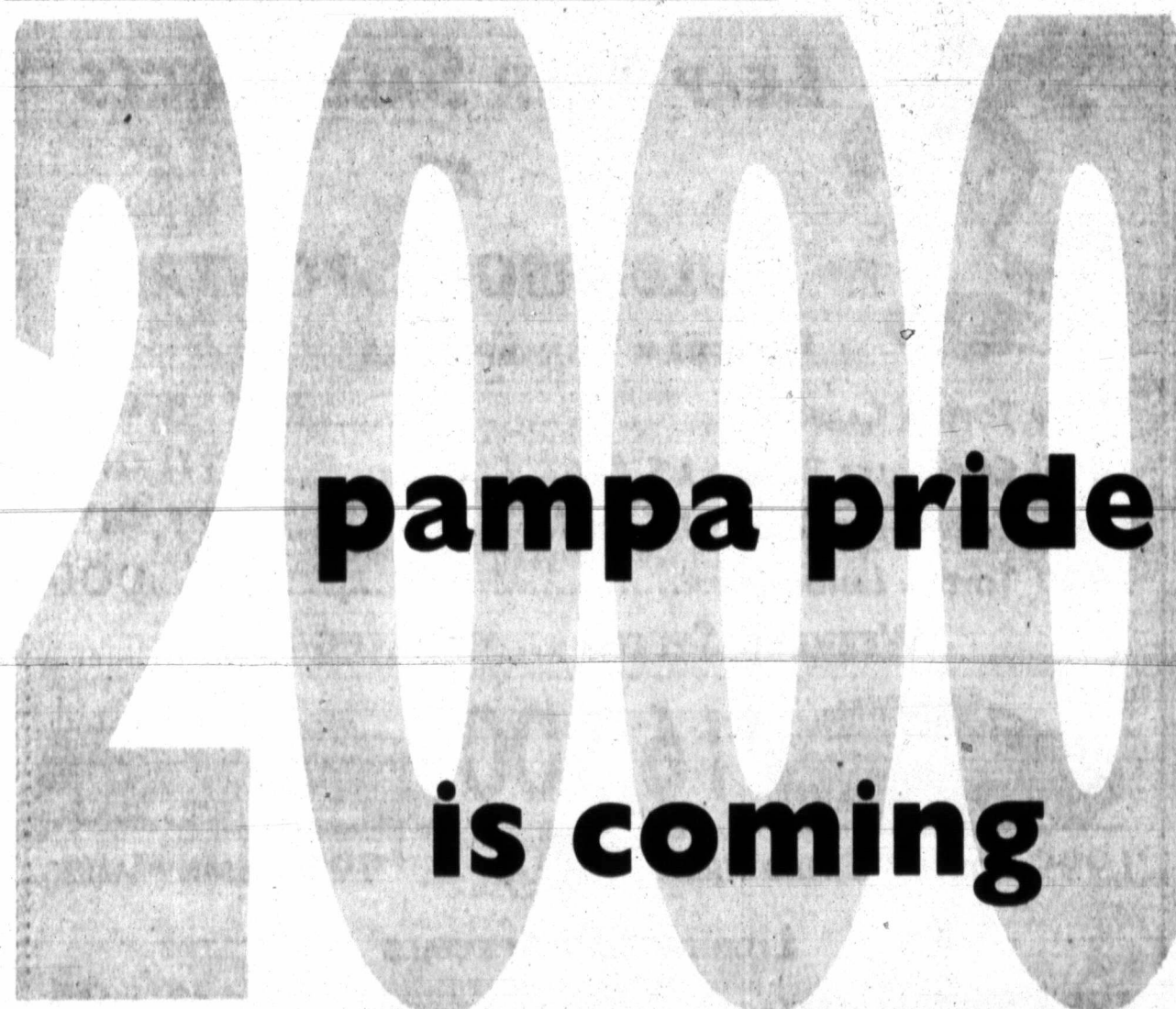
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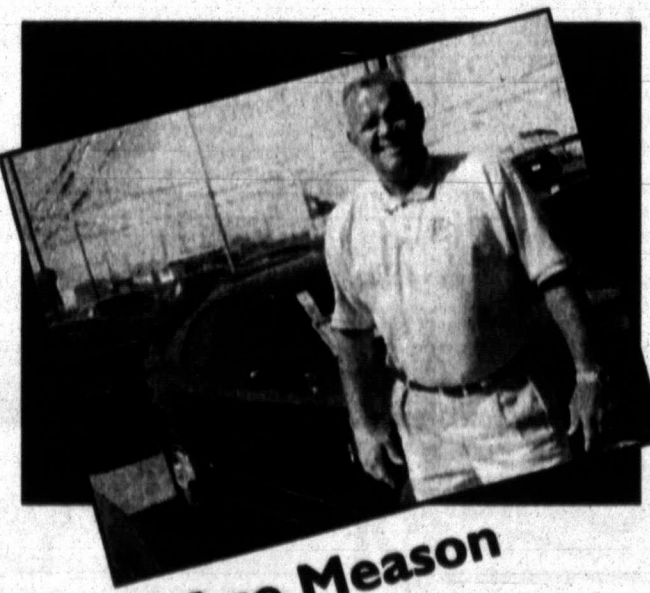
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