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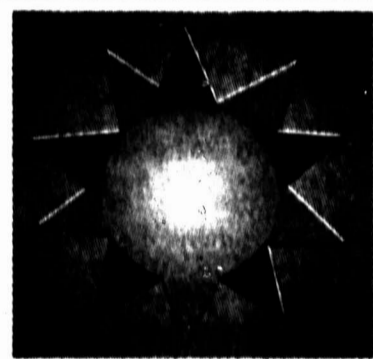
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PAMPA-Applications for ballots by mail for the April 11 run-off elections from the Democratic and Republican primaries are now being accepted in the Gray County Clerk's office. Applications will be accepted through April 4. Anyone desiring additional information regarding the runoff elections may contact the county clerk's office at 669-8004.

CENTER (AP) A Shelby County grand jury on Friday indicted a mother on a capital murder charge in connection with the shooting death of her 3-year-old son.

Edith McCleskey, 40, could face the death penalty if convicted in the March 2 fatal shooting of Rebel McMahon.

Investigators claim McCleskey was upset because a court awarded custody of the boy to his father two days before the shooting.

Authorities allege McCleskey used a .12-gauge shotgun to shoot the boy in the head as he watched cartoons. The shooting took place at the woman's home near Shelbyville, an East Texas community of about 200 people near the Texas-Louisiana border.

McCleskey is on probation for shooting and wounding her ex-husband, Dennis Ray More, in 1993.

- Glenda Kay Burrell, 42, Pampa resident.
- Willie Mae 'Bill' Manry, 84, homemaker.
- Milan Paul Mertel, 76, farmer.
- Clarence Upton, 85, retired PSD, USPS employee.

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White Deer gets \$10,000 match grant

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

WHITE DEER "We are just so excited," said White Deer City Secretary Rosa Bilderback after learning the City of White Deer will receive \$10,000 in one-time \$10,000 matching grants for community beautification projects.

The announcement was made last week by The Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation that the City of White Deer is among six communities in the Texas Panhandle who received the award in connection with the Celebrate 2000 Community Beautification Project which is a partnership between the Harrington Foundation and the Amarillo Globe-News.

Four of the awards went to communities in Kansas and Oklahoma. The award is designed to inspire community beautification efforts to commemorate the new millennium.

Bilderback said the local group has already begun working on the project which will be in the White Deer City Park and will include a butterfly garden and cage as well as fountains and flowers.

She said an Adopt-A-Deer program has been launched in White Deer. She explained a basic form sculpture of a deer may be obtained by paying a \$35 "adoption" fee.

Each person adopting one of the deer will be able to obtain the form deer on March 22 and have nearly three months to design the deer. All deer are to be returned to City Hall by June 15 where the artificial four-legged animals will remain on display for judging, until July 28.

(See **WHITE DEER**, Page 2)

Carson officials hear conservation funding eroding

By KEITH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

What's more precious than gold? "Topsoil," Carson County Judge Lewis Powers said.

Carson County Commissioners heard a bleak report from the McClellan Creek Soil and Water Conservation District at the Carson County Commissioner's Court last week.

Carson County farmer Aubrey Russell told commissioners that funding for soil and water conservation programs around the state and around the country had eroded.

Russell was elected area one director of soil and water conservation districts October 20, 1999. Texas is divided into five areas, and area one comprises the 52 counties of the Texas Panhandle and South Plains.

Russell said no new vehicles could be purchased, training would have to be decreased 80 percent, travel would have to be decreased 50 percent, supplies and equipment would be decreased 70 percent.

(See **CARSON**, Page 2)

Police - by the numbers

In February, Pampa Police Officers wrote 168 offense reports, 24 accident reports, 120 supplemental reports, and 39 arrest reports. Officers issued 235 warnings.

For February, police report one sexual assault, one unattended death, one weapons offense, 2 vehicle thefts, 2 traffic arrests, 2 aggravated assaults, 3 juveniles detained, 4 felony arrests, 5 forgeries, 6 violations of narcotic drug laws, 10 burglaries, 13 domestic disturbances that did not result in offenses, 18 acts of vandalism, 33 acts of larceny (theft), 34 misdemeanor arrests, and 36 incidents of disorderly conduct.



Name: Howard Swinney.
Occupation/activities: Retired minister.
Birth date and place: Sept. 11, 1930.

Family: Wife, Shirley; seven sons; one daughter.

If I had a different job, I'd be at: Children's doctor.

My personal hero: Jesus.

The best advice I ever got was: Never do anything suddenly.

People who knew me in high school: Thought I was a good athlete.

The best word or words to describe me: Happy.

People will remember me as being: Friendly.

The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: Abraham, Moses, Apostle Peter and Jesus.

My hobbies are: Making things of metal or wood.

My favorite sports team is: Cowboys.



(Pampa News photos by Keith Anderson)

Alec sneaks a cookie during Daddy's reception at the Gray County Courthouse Friday. The reception was held to welcome new Director of Adult Probation Jeff McClendon. McClendon stands with his wife Toni, and his sons Collin, 5, Brycen, 3, and cookie-loving Alec, 1.



Television listings will be back next week

Television listings are missing today from *The Pampa News* but they will return next Sunday.

Publisher F.W. McCall said the listings normally are received over telephone lines into the paper's computer system. But recent computer problems precluded this from happening until more system

repairs are made.

Meanwhile, the company from which the news paper buys the listing was asked to supply the paper with "hard copy" and it failed to do so.

"We apologize for the inconvenience to our readers this has caused," McCall said.

Sunday snapshot

My favorite author is: Frank Lauber.

The last book I read was: The Bible.

My favorite possession is: My woodworking and welding tools.

The biggest honor I've ever received is: My name in the book of life.

My favorite performer is: Charlton Heston.

I wish I knew how to: Play the violin.

My trademark cliché or expression is: "Fine."

My worst habit is: Nut-picking.

I would never: Let a friend down.

The last good movie I saw was: "Music Man."

I stay home to watch: Football on TV.

Nobody knows: How greatly we are blessed.

I drive a: Ranger pickup.

My favorite junk food is: Facos.

My favorite beverage: Diet cola.

My favorite restaurant is: Cracker Barrel.

My favorite pet: Lady, a Boston Terrier.

My favorite meal is: Pinto beans, fried potatoes, shredded tomatoes, green onions and cornbread.

I wish I could sing like: Ernie Ford.

I'm happiest when I'm: In Alaska fishing with my family.

I regret: God is not honored more.

I'm tired of: Phones.

My biggest fear is: America will leave God out of every thing.

The electrical device I couldn't live without is: My shop tools.

My most embarrassing moment: Trying to teach those who know more than I.

The biggest waste of time is: Worry.

If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: It would take a miracle. I don't buy tickets.

If I had three wishes they would be: All I love would go to heaven, everyone would be as happy as I and peace would reign worldwide.

If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: More were seeking God.



Boat, Travel and Recreation Show - March 25, 2000 - 9:00 a.m. To 3:00 p.m. - M.K. Brown Auditorium
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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

MANRY, Willie Mae "Bill" — 4:30 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
MERTEL, Milan Paul — 10 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Shamrock.
MINTER, W.B. "Shorty" — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Letors.
VANCE, Sophie Calogridis — 10 a.m., First Christian Church, Pampa.

Obituaries

LILLIAN R. BENEDICT

FORT WORTH — Lillian R. Benedict, 80, died Tuesday, March 14, 2000. Services will be at 10:45 a.m. Friday in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at San Antonio. Burial will be in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery under the direction of Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home of Colleyville.

Mrs. Benedict was born June 18, 1919, at Pampa. She was an administrative assistant with the U.S. government.

Survivors include a son, Bill Kelley; two brothers, Otto Pete Rice and Billy Reid Rice; and four grandchildren.

NORA CLAWSON

McLEAN — Nora Clawson, 96, died Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at Shamrock. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Hillcrest Cemetery with Lowell Wallace officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. Clawson was born Dec. 18, 1903, in Indian Territory, Okla., to James Douglas and Elzora Bates Brock — the first of eight children born to the couple. She married Archie Clawson on Dec. 18, 1921, at Clarendon; he died June 14, 1989, after 67 years of marriage. She had been a McLean area resident for 62 years and was an active member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a son, Doug Clawson, in 1978; a sister, Cecile Plumlee; and three brothers, Ed Brock, Orin Brock and Claude Brock.

Survivors include a daughter, Juanita Forsdick; three sisters, Alma Nelson, Sadie Lane and Edna Lou Hood; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren. The family requests memorials to a favorite charity.

TOM FLOWERS

SHAMROCK — Tom Flowers, 96, died Tuesday, March 14, 2000. Services were to be at 2:30 p.m. today in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jack Lee officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Flowers was born Jan. 8, 1904, at Fort Gibson, Claborn, Miss. He married Gladys Jones on May 17, 1925, at Rolling Fork, Miss.; she died in 1987. He had been a Shamrock resident since 1939 and worked in the oil field as a driller for many years. He belonged to First Baptist Church and, since age 16, to Woodsmen of the World.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Dorothy Holmes, in 1997; and Margaret Ladd, in 1995.

Survivors include three daughters, Betty Nelson of San Antonio, Nancy Skinner of Amarillo and Sandra Deviney of Troy; a son, Fred Flowers of Amarillo; a sister, Versie Crow of Hazelhurst, Miss.; a brother, Bilbo Flowers of Marshall; 16 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

LEYMOND O. HALL

Leymond O. Hall, 75, of Pampa, died Wednesday, March 15, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Barry Loving officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Hall was born Sept. 7, 1924, at Stigler, Okla. He had been a Pampa resident since 1926, moving from Stigler. He married Jo Ann "Jody" Hall on Nov. 16, 1947, at Pampa; she died March 2, 1987. He owned-operated Hall Tire Company and Hall's Auto Sound for more than 50 years.

He belonged to First Christian Church, was an active member of Pampa Senior Citizens Center and was a former member of Pampa Jaycees.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, serving during World War II.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Cameron McPherson, in 1994; and by a sister, Doris Pinson, in 1997.

Survivors include a daughter and a son-in-law, Leanne and Garland McPherson of Kingwood; two sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Susie Hall and Richard "Rick" and Janella Hall, all of Pampa; nine grandchildren; and a special friend, Edna Ridgway of Pampa.

The family will be at 1840 Evergreen and requests memorials to Pampa Senior Citizens Center, First Christian Church or a favorite charity.

OPAL WHEELER KENT

CANADIAN — Opal Wheeler Kent, 82, of Pasadena, Calif., died Tuesday, March 14, 2000. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in First Christian Church with Roger Smelser Sr., minister, officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Kent was born at Reydon, Okla. She married Garney A. Kent in 1939 at Miami; he died in 1992. She had been a Miami resident most of her life, moving to Dumas in 1982. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by a son, Lee Roy Kent.

Survivors include three daughters, Nelda Jean Kent of Amarillo and Judy Allen and Linda Stricker, both of Pasadena; four sons, Bobby Joe Kent, Don Kent, Jimmy Kent and Billy Kent, all of Amarillo; two sisters, Winona Stephenson of Eufaula, Okla., and Norma Rogers of Canadian; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

HEATHER RENE WILSON

Heather Rene Wilson, 11, of Pampa, died Wednesday, March 15, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Full Gospel Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Heather was born Feb. 20, 1989, at Seymour. She moved to Pampa in 1990 and was a fifth grade student at Travis Elementary School.

She belonged to Briarwood Full Gospel Church. She was preceded in death by a brother, Heath Wilson, in 1993.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Theresa Wilson and Sammy Doyle, of the home; a sister, Cassie Rigney, of the home; two stepsisters, Erika Doyle and Amber Doyle, both of Pampa; her maternal grandparents, Judy Gates of Pampa and Jimmy Hailey of Biloxi, Miss.; her great-grandmother, Frances Musgrave of Borger; and her stepgrandmother, Betty Kitchens of Pampa.

The family requests memorials to be to Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 190567, Dallas, TX 75219-0567.

Police report

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

Friday, March 17

An attempted burglary that occurred between March 10-17 was reported in the 2100 block of North Zimmers. A garage door was damaged. (This incident and the following one in the same block were at different residences)

An unattended death with a preliminary finding of suicide occurred in the 2100 block of North Zimmers, police reported. A 42-year-old woman was found dead. She had been shot in the head. A small handgun was recovered at the scene. Judge Bob Muns ordered an autopsy.

Sheriff's Office

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

Friday, March 17

Edwin Dwight Hubbard, 31, McLean, arrested for Potter County on a theft charge.

Austin Lee Bagley, 31, Amarillo, arrested by the TABC on a public intoxication charge.

Saturday, March 18

Bryan Neal Hooks, 22, 704 E. Browning, arrested for Beaver, Okla., on charges of first-degree manslaughter, DUI, transporting an open container and failure to wear seat belt.

WHITE DEER

White Deer city residents will judge the deer by placing money in individual jars at the City Hall. The deer which receives the most money in their jar will be designated as winner and be placed in the local park as part of the beautification project.

Bilderback said all proceeds from the contest will go toward the project.

A gazebo is being built in the area as part of the project.

Also included in the improvement project is a Park Committee project which will include building flower boxes around the park. She said local residents are being encouraged to adopt a planter around the park as the community works in a continual beautification project.

Adopting a planter will include the maintenance of it. Planters may be adopted by individuals, organizations, families or businesses. She said all White Deer residents are encouraged to participate in the project to improve the community. The project is also designed to increase community involvement.

A garden area in the park will have perennials, and a plaque will be displayed listing the names of the local residents who are working on the project to ensure community improvement.

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Only plants which attract butterflies will be located in the Butterfly Garden. Cages in the display will allow residents to monitor the development of a cocoon into a butterfly.

Bilderback said local residents involved in the project feel the location of the White Deer Elementary School being only one block from the park will increase the utilization of the project by local elementary teachers for their students.

White Deer community residents have raised \$6,000 in in-kind projects. The matching funds must either be in-kind or monetary. Town leaders are planning to raise the remaining amount through fund-raising projects with proceeds earmarked to the fund.

"We were impressed to see the hard work, citizen collaboration, and great detail reflected in the communities' applications," said Jim Allison, president and executive director. "Just as we had hoped, communities came together to involve youth, students, seniors and gardening enthusiasts in the development of projects to make their community even more interesting and beautiful."

Texas communities who received the grants were Booker, Dimmitt, Nazareth, Wellington, Muleshoe and White Deer. Elkhart and Hugoton, both of Kansas, along with Guymon and Hooker in Oklahoma were the winners from that state.

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meetings decreased 65 percent, and most importantly, no additional personnel could be hired.

Russell notified the commissioners that Carson County and Armstrong County would be combined into one conservation district in October. The main office will be located in Carson County, making access and aid more difficult for Armstrong County farmers.

The Gray County conservation district has already been combined with Roberts and Hemphill Counties.

A conservation district assists farmers with irrigation and drainage problems, as well as routine functions such as leveling stock tanks.

Soil and water conservation programs were established in the United States after the dust bowl of the 1920s and 1930s stripped much of the topsoil from farm and ranch land.

Commissioner Jerry Strawn asked if the conservation district needed money.

"We didn't come prepared to ask for money,"

Russell said, "We're making due."

District Conservationist Mark Ely notified the commissioners of the recent purchase of a new piece of equipment to aid farmers and ranchers. The device, known as a laser level or laser plane, can be used by farmers to level their fields to prevent runoff and erosion.

Commissioners next heard a letter from Cassie Petty. Petty thanked commissioners for purchasing livestock for a livestock show.

Commissioners agreed to amend the budget and pay off \$8,870 for cameras for Carson County Sheriff vehicles.

Judge Powers informed the court that fire protection was inadequate in the Carson County Courthouse, and in some other county buildings. Commissioners agreed to look into costs, and discuss possibilities at the next commissioners' meeting.

Commissioners approved the boring of a county road for GTE lines.

The court was notified that 95.27 percent of taxes had been collected as of Feb. 29, 2000.

President Clinton tells steps to alleviate high oil prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Optimistic that oil exporters will increase production later this month, President Clinton nevertheless plans some "modest" measures aimed at helping to ease the impact of high fuel prices.

The proposals, which Clinton planned to unveil in his weekly radio address, would not include any freeing of oil from the government's Strategic Petroleum Reserve, as many lawmakers have sought, White House officials said. Instead, they said, he would announce "a modest package of proposals ... to help Americans who've suffered some hardship" by the rising oil prices.

On Friday, the president appealed to members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to agree to "substantial production increase" when they meet March 27 — big enough to rebuild depleted reserves and bring down high prices.

At the same time, he said oil producers deserve "a fair return" that would avoid the see-sawing market

that produced \$10-a-barrel oil in 1998 and more than triple that price now, 14 months later.

While Clinton gave no details about his package of proposals Friday, options that have been under consideration include:

— A halt to Alaska oil exports — about 60,000 barrels a day — to Asia, allowing the oil to be shipped to West Coast markets, where gasoline prices have been among the highest in the country.

— Postponing some additional oil scheduled to be put into the emergency reserve from government leases, diverting it to the open market.

A drawdown, in the form of an oil "swap," from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve has been "an option, but we're not considering it now," said an administration official, reinforcing a view expressed by Energy Secretary Bill Richardson earlier this week.

Clinton has spoken with Saudi Arabia's King Fahd about the need to stabilize oil prices at levels that satisfy both producing and consuming nations.

City Briefs

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Stuntman hurt on 'Walker, Texas Ranger' set in good condition

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A stuntman injured during the filming of an episode of "Walker, Texas Ranger" was reported in good condition at a Fort Worth hospital Friday.

David Alvarado was injured Wednesday during a stunt that was being filmed in Argyle, a town 26 miles north of Fort Worth, CBS said in a statement faxed to The Associated Press from offices in New York.

Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital spokeswoman Laura VanHoosier would not release any additional information.

CBS also declined further comment, but said it

was reviewing the incident.

Last year the film company which tapes the show — Amadea Film Productions Inc., based in Studio City, Calif. — was sued for negligence for the death Jan. 12, 1999 death of another Texas Walker stuntman, William Charles Skeen.

Skeen, 49, of Cumbly suffered a fatal heart attack during a car chase stunt being filmed at Cedar Hill State Park southwest of Dallas, authorities said.

A spokesman for Walker star and executive producer Chuck Norris did not immediately return messages left by The Associated Press.

Michael J. Fox films last episode

NEW YORK (AP) — How will Michael J. Fox spend his time now that he's filming his last episodes of "Spin City?"

"I don't know. I'm just stepping off the curb and seeing what the traffic is like," Fox said Friday before filming the season finale of the ABC sitcom.

"The week has turned out to be fairly emotional," Fox said. "I learned how much I love the people in this show and the verisimilitude there is between my life and Michael Flaherty's life. Many things I'm saying as Mike Flaherty, I'm saying as me."

For four years, Fox played deputy mayor Flaherty, who is being written out of the sitcom.

Charlie Sheen will join the cast next season in a new role.

The 38-year-old Fox, who revealed in 1998 that he has Parkinson's disease, announced in January that this would be his last season on the highly rated show.

"My immediate plans are to spend time with my family and hang out. I'll be busy launching my Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research," he said. "I wanted to call it PD Cure but I bounced it off a friend and she said 'Pedicure.'"

Fox and actress Tracy Pollan have a son and twin daughters.

Weather focus

Sunny today with a high in the low 60s and northwest winds to 15 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the upper 30s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a high of 70.

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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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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 822 E. Foster. 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.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Republican Women's Club will hold its monthly luncheon from 11:45-1 p.m., March 22 at Furr's Cafeteria. Visitors are welcome.

SKELLY-GETTY-TEXACO RETIREES CLUB

Skelly-Getty-Texaco Retirees Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23 at the Senior Citizens Center.

PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. March 23 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. For more information, call (806) 779-2115. Visitors are welcome.

TOP O' TEXAS QUEEN CLINIC

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is sponsoring a "Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Queen Clinic" from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday, March 25, at Pampa Community Building. Cost of the clinic is \$5 per person. This year's pageant will be discussed in detail and pageant clothes will be accepted for resale. For more information, call the rodeo office at 669-0434 or Sonja Daniel at 665-5501.

HANDWEAVER'S GUILD

Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m. March 30 in Amarillo. Anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome. For more information, call (806) 355-6220.

HOSPICE CELEBRATION

Crown of Texas Hospice families, volunteers and staff will gather to celebrate the memories

and lives of loved ones at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2 at St. Mary's Church, 1200 S. Washington, Amarillo. A reception, hosted by Crown of Texas Hospice volunteers will follow. For more information, call (806) 372-7696.

MISS AMARILLO AREA, TEEN PAGEANTS

Contestants from across the panhandle will compete in the Miss Amarillo Area USA and Miss Amarillo Area USA pageants at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 25 at Austin Middle School Auditorium, Amarillo. For tickets or for more information, call (806) 374-8536.

FPC BOOK DRIVE

Frank Phillips College Eta Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa in cooperation with the National Education Association's "Read Across America" effort is sponsoring a Children's Book Drive March 2-22. All children's books are welcome. Donated books will be given to the Hutchinson County Library. Books for preschool children will be donated to Buttercup, Inc., a community childcare with three facilities in Hutchinson Co. The books will be accepted at FPC Library/Learning Resource Center or the Classroom Learning Complex. During spring break, donations may be dropped off at Borger Chamber of Commerce or at the library. For more information, call G.M. Morris at FPC at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 750.

ACS LOOK GOOD ... FEEL BETTER

The American Cancer Society will present the program "Look Good ... Feel Better" from 7-9 p.m. March 27 at the ACS office at 3915 Bell Street in Amarillo. The program is aimed at helping cancer patients cope with the unpleasant side effects of cancer treatments. Cosmetology professionals will demonstrate techniques how to compensate for hair loss through the use of turbans and scarves. To register or for more information, call the ACS at (806) 353-4306.

CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Top O' Texas CattleWomen will award one \$500 scholarship and two \$250 scholarships to high school seniors who are planning to major in an agricultural, nutritional or health-related field in college. These scholarships are available to students living in Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts or Wheeler Counties. Applications — now available at schools in these counties — must be received by April 28 and should be mailed to Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096. The winners' schools will be notified

in early May prior to graduation.

LIFE AFTER LOSS

American Cancer Society and Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a four-week "Life After Loss" seminar for those who have recently suffered the loss of a loved one from 5:30-6:30 p.m. April 4, 11, 18 and 25 at Crown of Texas Hospice, 10000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo. To register or for more information, call (806) 353-4306.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:30 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXTRAVAGANZA

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church will hold an Arts and Crafts Extravaganza from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, April 1 in the school gymnasium, 2300 N. Hobart. Activities for the whole family are planned including a variety of crafts, tasty treats, face painting and fun. Admittance for the public is free of charge. Booth spaces are still available for a fee. The standard booth size is 8'x8' and the fee is \$25. Deadline to reserve a space is March 24. For

more information or to reserve a booth, call St. Vincent's School at 665-5665.

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.

STARGAZING PARTY

The Amarillo Astronomy Club will meet for a Stargazing Party at 7 p.m. March 25 at Palo Duro Park Visitor Center. Refreshments will be provided.

FOL BOOK SALE

Friends of the Library annual Book Sale will be from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. March 30 at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston. For more

information, contact Louise Bailey, president, at 669-6578, or the library at 669-5780.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

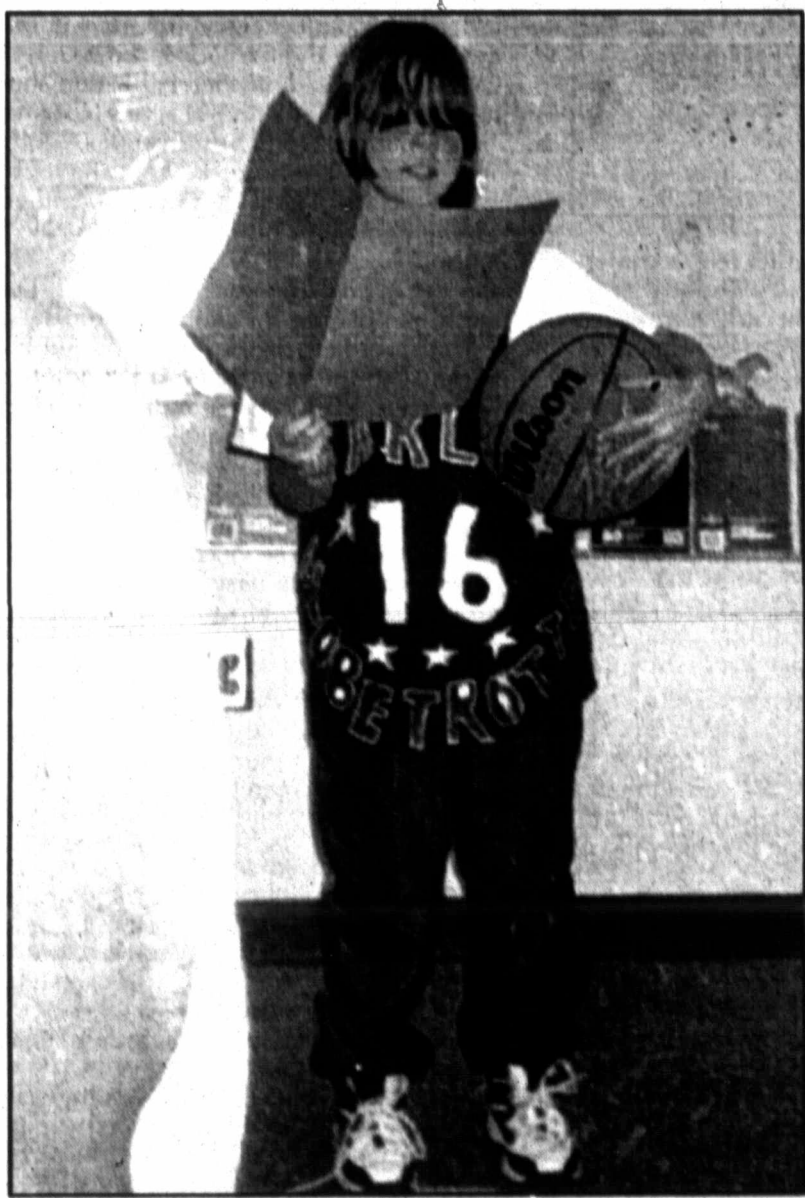
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Influenza and pneumococcal vaccines are also available. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m., March 15, Golden Plains Women and Children's Clinic, Pampa; 1-4:30 p.m., March 22, Rural Health Clinic, McLean; and 12-4 p.m., March 27, City Hall first floor, Canadian.

In Memory of Bea Hall

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say, perhaps
you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you
did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.*

Sincerely,
The families of Bea Hall

Famous people ...



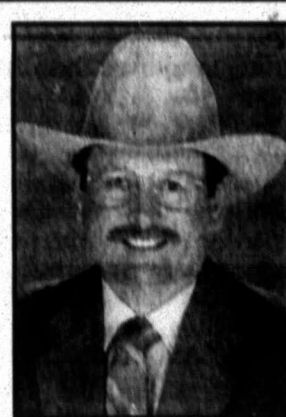
(Community Camera photos)

Students in Mrs. Gibson's third grade class at Austin Elementary recently participated in a program about famous people. Above: Shelby Needham as Lynette Woodard.



Lacy Eddins of Shellytown celebrated her eightieth birthday on March 11. Mrs Eddins was born March 11, 1920 at Mead Oklahoma. She married M. H. Eddins on December 30, 1939, and they moved to the Panhandle area in 1948. They were married 50 years prior to his death.

A birthday dinner in her honor was hosted at the Hughey house. Her son and daughter, their spouses, her grandchildren, relatives and numerous friends joined in the celebration.



Randy Stubblefield For Constable Pct. 1 & 3

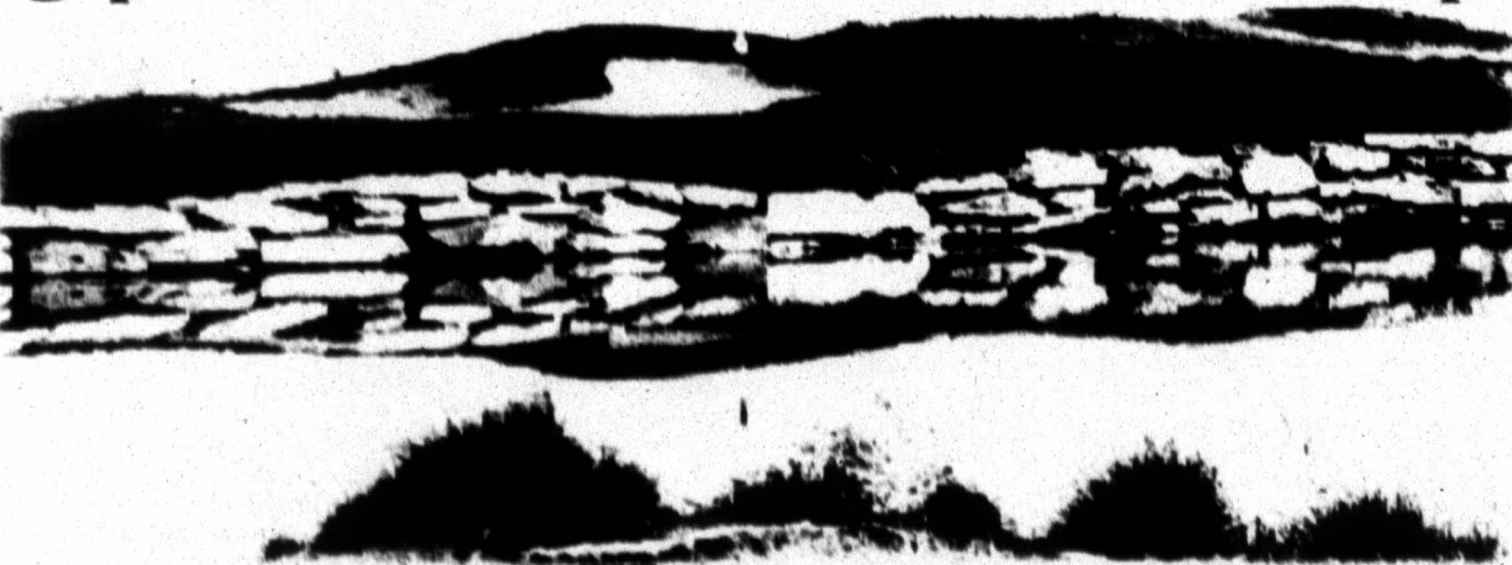
I would like to thank everyone who voted for me in the Republican Primary, your support is appreciate very much. I will need your continued support and vote in the runoff election on April 11.

I hope that the voters who supported Curtis Dalton and Michael ray will now choose me as their candidate. With your help we can make this constable's office a more productive and efficient office for Gray County.

Thank You
Randy Stubblefield

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I'm not asking for perfect, but ...



Kate B. Dickson

associate publisher/editor

This has to be a better week. I'm not asking for perfect, mind you. Just better. And warmer.

We're still fighting computer wars as a result of our big computer breakdown. Actually, I'm not fighting. I know just enough about the technical end of things to be dangerous. Brenda Cook and Bruce Rohrbacher are the ones who are getting us back on track.

Maybe someone well-versed in astrology will call me. Mercury has been in retrograde recently I was told. This causes problems with mechanical things. I don't know if it still is, but we still are — having problems that is.

Thursday morning during the snow there was another problem. I called the fire department after smelling gas.

Now, I have learned that smelling gas in Pampa doesn't always mean anything but this wasn't right. And it was close to my desk.

A group of firefighters showed up quickly and found our problem. A faulty heating system and besides a partially-burned gas smell, there was carbon-monoxide detected. And, that ain't good. The editorial department was most affected ... or at least that was where the readings were highest. (It is not necessary to make any smart remarks, here.)

So, here we are. No heat. Cold. Waiting on a new heating system.

The week before I had dealings with our police department. Not your typical reporter-police interactions, but as a member of the public.

Some drunk or smelling-like-drunk guy came in the office and wanted to fill out an application. Needless to say at a newspaper office every type of person on the earth pays at least one visit. And our folks up front are pros at handling them.

But this was different. This guy actually had them frightened. I was summoned and decided the best thing to do was call the police, who arrived soon.

But before they officers got here I could hear them on the scanner. They were reacting to the description.

"Oh, yeah," one of the said. "That's —. We've been fooling with him all morning. He's that 10-96 from Illinois they kicked off the bus last

night. He was in court this morning." "Ok, I thought. 10-96. Let's see. Check the signal code list mmm here it is. 10-96. Wonder what that is? Mental subject. MENTAL SUBJECT!!!

Ceez. He was sitting on our couch. Now, it's not like we haven't had a few (dozen) folks visit us over time that we thought qualified as mental subjects, but this guy was being called one by the police.

The officers arrived, talked with him and escorted him outside. It seems he really hadn't had that much to drink out of his bottle-in-sack. He just smelled pretty rank.

Plus, the officers didn't really want to haul the guy back jail for whatever — he had a ticket that afternoon on the 3 o'clock bus. Better him gone, they explained, than for local authorities to have to keep fooling with him.

... That made perfect sense. It reminded me of the time I heard an Arkansas judge — from the bench — order deputies to take some guy to Mississippi and put him out. But that's another story.

There was a really nice thing that happened to us last week. I don't know why, but the good folks at Double Bee Bar-B-Que sent over a mess of ribs and all the trimmings. We enjoyed! Many thanks.



Inside the Beltway with Rep. Mac Thornberry

Increasing energy independence would reduce pain at the pump

If you've filled up your gas tank in the last couple weeks, you've noticed the price increase at the pump. A gallon of gas is expected to cost over \$1.60 by summer. It's hard to believe that little over a year ago that same gallon cost less than 80 cents.

Now, a lot of people are blaming OPEC and the other major oil-producing nations for cutting production and driving prices up. While they clearly are the reason for this increase, our own government is also somewhat responsible because it has failed to make oil production here at home a higher national priority.

The facts speak for themselves. The United States is now producing less oil than at any time since World War II. Since the start of the Clinton Administration in 1993, U.S. oil production has gone down 17 percent while consumption has increased 14 percent. We now import around 57 percent of the oil we use. In 1973, we imported just 35 percent.

The U.S. may not be as "oil-rich" as some other countries, but we do have enough to make a difference and cut our dependence on foreign oil. Marginal wells in the U.S. alone would produce as much oil as we import from Saudi Arabia each year.

We need to provide producers incentives to keep these wells open. We also need to do more to encourage domestic exploration and cut federal regulations.

The bottom line is that producing more oil at home will strengthen our economic and national security.

It will also help reduce some of the ups and downs we see at the pump.

From our files ...

40 years ago

Tuesday, March 22, 1960

Chief of Police Jim Conner announced today that the department's radar equipment will be put into operation again this week.

Wednesday, March 23, 1960

Pat Ludeman, seventh grader at Pampa Junior High School, smiles happily after winning the Gray County Spelling Bee yesterday.

Thursday, March 24, 1960

GROOM — The Eva Sanders Circle of the First Baptist Women's Missionary met in the home of Mrs. Jack Bivins.

25 years ago

Wednesday, March 19, 1975

Marita Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oran Carter ... was crowned 1974-75 Basketball Queen Tuesday at the Pampa Harvester basketball banquet in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Thursday, March 20, 1975

Kim Chisum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Chisum, Pampa, defeated 11 other candidates from a four-state area to win the title of Miss Dance 1975 in recent competition at Tulsa, Okla.

Friday, March 21, 1975

In an effort to become better informed on the status of the municipal bond market, Pampa city commissioners went into called session at 10 a.m. today with Robert Underwood, vice president of the Dallas-based bond firm of Rauscher and Pierce.

10 years ago

Monday, March 19, 1990

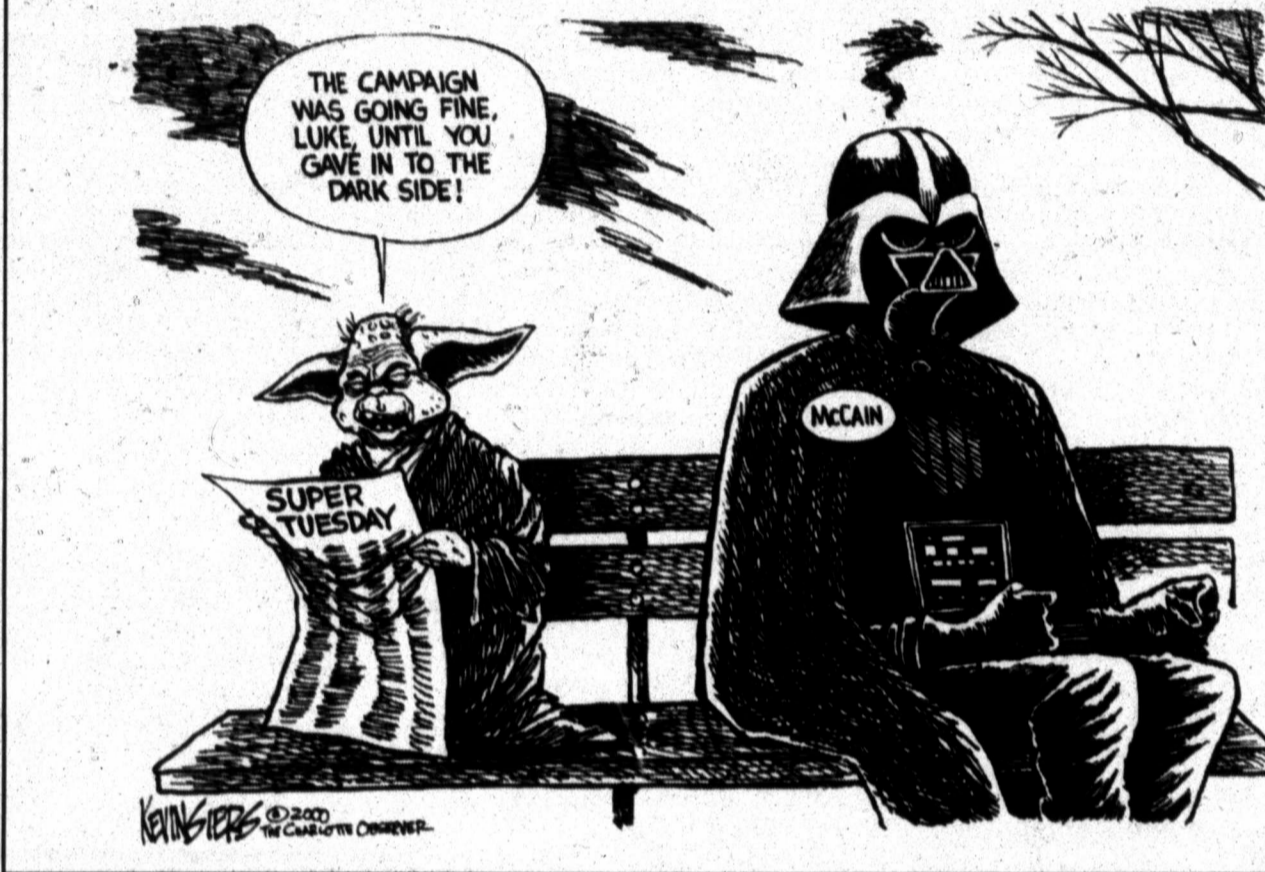
Newly appointed members of the City of Pampa Planning and Zoning Commission were sworn in Thursday at City Hall.

Tuesday, March 20, 1990

Don Emmons, post commander for Veterans of Foreign Wars in Pampa, oversees construction on a new facility for the group at their site on the Borger Highway just west of the city.

Wednesday, March 21, 1990

Pampa city commissioners agreed Tuesday night to spend \$108,960 over the next three years on a lease/purchase agreement for golf carts for the new municipal links, scheduled to open this spring.



Lifestyle Nazis troops won't rest



Walter Williams

Syndicated columnist

Imagine having a reservation, showing up at a restaurant and being barred from entry. That's what can happen in some parts of Canada if you washed your hair with an herbal shampoo and sported a scented deodorant. Why? You threaten people's right to breathe clean air.

"Oh, Williams," you say, "that's Canada; that can never happen here." Yes it can, and worse if we continue being wimps.

I've always warned that a lifestyle Nazi's work is never done. People applauded the Nazi attack on cigarette smokers and the tobacco industry. Now lifestyle Nazis are coming after fat Americans. The editors of the Journal of the American Medical Association wrote, "Obesity is epidemic." According to JAMA, the cause is "The availability of more food ... the growth of the fast-food industry, the increased numbers and marketing of snack food ... along with a custom of socializing with food and drink." JAMA points to the war against tobacco as the best way to fight obesity. The tactic is to talk about the cost of obesity to our health care and then terrorize and intimidate.

The American Obesity Association calls obesity "a ticking time bomb" and demands "fat taxes" to fund anti-obesity education programs. Yale Professor Kelly Brownell says, "I recommend that we develop a more militant attitude about the toxic food environment, like we have about tobacco." U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher supports the association's obesity vision.

Giving the keynote address at its recent conference, Satcher said, "Obesity is a major public-health problem and one that deserves much more attention than it receives." Department of Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman is leading the agency's "anti-fat" campaign, which includes a planned "nutritional intervention" program in Mississippi.

Lifestyle Nazis have troops in the non-profit world in their war against America's fat people. Michael Jacobson, director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, calls for attack on the large servings at Chinese and Mexican restaurants, saying, "It's high time that the (restaurant) industry begins to bear some responsibility for its contribution to obesity, heart disease and cancer."

The soft drink beverage industry, according to Jacobson, is also responsible for obesity and heart disease, not to mention caffeine addiction. Emory University law professor Frank Vandall

said, "I can't rule out that America's fast-food chains will be the next target."

Daniel Akst, writing for the New York Times, said, "It makes perfect sense for the victims of fast food ... to sue, and the sooner the better; they might even succeed at deterring substantial harm." Lest you think the lifestyle Nazis only have fat Americans in their gun sights, Mothers Against Drunk Driving tried to have beer banned at the new Verde Golf Club in Arlington, Texas. Their true, but hidden, agenda is alcohol prohibition.

Robert Cohen, director of the Anti-Dairy Coalition, is pushing for milk prohibition, saying, "Milk products, like tobacco, are an enormous threat to the health of both children and adults, yet we see the dairy industry protected by constitutionally questionable laws while the tobacco industry is held accountable."

Lifestyle Nazis have the support of all manner of kooks, quacks and lunatics, plus millions of taxpayer dollars. Most of them are based in Washington and have easy access to congressmen and bureaucrats anxious to do their bidding.

You say, "Williams, what can we do about them?" As for me, I want to be left alone and here's what I say: If a lifestyle Nazi, politician or not, wants me to stop smoking or eat less, let him personally take the cigarette out of my mouth or the food off my plate. I guarantee you that when the dust settles only one of us will be standing.

U.S. should stay out of China-Taiwan affair



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

Congress should quit diddly-bopping around and just say no to Taiwan's request that America sell it advanced weapons.

The bottom line is this: Is the United States prepared to go to war with China over Taiwan? I think that the answer is clearly no, and that being the case, the United States should not provoke a conflict by selling advanced weapons to Taiwan.

The government in Taiwan seems to be of mixed minds about reunification with China. Even the nationalist Chinese who fled to Taiwan after losing the civil war with the communists in 1949 have always acknowledged that Taiwan is a province of China.

For a while, the nationalist Chinese claimed to be the legitimate government of China, and the United States recognized them as such. President Carter, however, ended that, abrogating a mutual-defense treaty and breaking diplomatic relations with that government to establish relations with the communist government. All American presidents since then have agreed that there is only one Chinese government, and it is in Beijing, not in Taipei.

Yet it seems that at least some in the government of Taiwan are toying with the idea of declaring independence.

China has said that it will invade if that happens, and there is no reason to believe that the Chinese are bluffing. It would be unforgivable for American politicians to send a misleading signal to Taiwan that we might support a bid

for independence. It would be especially unforgivable if they did it just to pander to the arms merchants or to play some domestic partisan games.

War is a serious business. U.S. policy should be, at this time, to encourage negotiations between Taipei and Beijing and to do nothing that would mislead the Taiwan government into making a miscalculation. Allowing Taiwan to acquire the weapons it is asking for, including advanced destroyers with anti-missile systems, would certainly be a miscalculation. Beijing would read that as a preparation for independence.

American politicians should also realize that whatever advanced weapons they sold to Taiwan would eventually end up in the arsenal of China. There is no way Taiwan can defend itself against a Chinese invasion, and we are going to look both silly and impotent standing

on the sidelines and watching as it takes place. It is in our self-interest for reunification to take place peacefully.

I'm not happy that Taiwan is going to fall under communist rule, but the opportunity to prevent that was blown by Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter. They wanted to offset the Soviet Union with closer ties to China. Now President Clinton has blown that game by expanding NATO. China and Russia are closer today than China and the Soviet Union ever were.

Though you would never know it listening to our politicians knock the enamel off their teeth, U.S. power in relation to the rest of the world is beginning to wane. That the Philippines, despite being economically hard up, turned down our multibillion-dollar bribe offer and kicked us out of their country was a clear signal that the old days of American dominance are coming to an end.

I will not be surprised when the Japanese ask us to leave their country sometime during the next few years. Our days of being a "Pacific power" are numbered. We have won only one war in the 20th century, and that was in 1945. We did not win in Korea or Vietnam, and since then we have done nothing but bully small countries like Panama, Iraq and Yugoslavia. Our armed forces today are greatly weaker than they were during the Gulf War. Politicians in both parties have so larded the budget with social spending that it will be difficult to rebuild our forces.

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Texas round up ...

Family awarded \$65 million in 1992 drowning of nurse

HOUSTON (AP) — A motorized seat belt was largely responsible for the drowning of a nurse trapped underwater in her Honda, a jury decided. The family of nurse Karen Norman could get as much as \$80 million because of a ruling that Honda was 75 percent responsible for her Dec. 2, 1992, death near Pier 7 in the Galveston Ship Channel.

Honda lawyers had argued that Norman's drinking that night caused her car's fatal slide into the channel. Jurors in state District Judge Norma Venso's court decided this week that she was 25 percent responsible.

Attorney Alton Todd of Alvin said the jury awarded \$65 million to Norman's family members, who live in Nova Scotia, Canada. The family, including her parents, Brian and Mary Norman, blamed the death on a flawed motorized seat belt in her 1991 Honda Civic.

Since Norman was found partly responsible for her own death, the award was reduced to about \$48 million. Prejudgment interest will bring the figure to \$75 million to \$80 million, Todd said.

Buchanan: Nation is ready to 'roll the dice' and pick him over Bush, Gore

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pat Buchanan says American voters are ready to "roll the dice" and elect him president over Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore, despite the conservative commentator's dismal showing in the polls. "The establishment of both parties lacks the hold on the country (they) used to have," Buchanan said Friday. "The allegiance to the two parties is smaller than it's ever been. The willingness to take a look at a third party is greater than it's ever been."

During an hour-long interview with The Associated Press, Buchanan predicted his candidacy would "re-shape" Ross Perot's factionalized Reform Party into an anti-abortion, anti-trade, anti-establishment voting bloc.

"What will come out will be populist, traditionalist, conservative, very strongly supportive of the ideas of mine on trade and foreign policy and immigration policy," Buchanan said. "At the end, it'll look like the Rockettes" for precision.

The former Nixon administration aide bolted the Republican Party last October and has crisscrossed the nation in pursuit of enough Reform Party support to acquire its presidential nomination.

He is not assured the nomination. There's no sign Perot is preparing to run, but he hasn't ruled it out and supporters of the Texas billionaire have gathered thousands of signatures for a petition to draft him.

'The Exorcist' revived after 25 years

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — The spinning head. The scary voice. The projectile vomiting. "The Exorcist" is back.

More than 25 years after the horror movie won Academy and Golden Globe awards, a new version of the film was released Friday in three college towns as a preview to its national release later this year.

"The Exorcist — The Version You've Never Seen" was released here, in Austin, Texas, and in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Based on the best-selling novel by William Peter Blatty, the film graphically depicts the demonic possession of a 12-year-old girl (Linda Blair) and the efforts by a priest (Max von Sydow) to exorcise her demons. In the new film, a full reel of material was restored to director William Friedkin's 1973 version.

Moratorium on railroad mergers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators are flagging the rapidly consolidating railroad industry to a halt, ordering a moratorium on all new mergers.

"We recognize that our action is unprecedented. But these are not ordinary circumstances," the federal Surface Transportation Board, or STB, said Friday in announcing its action.

The board acted following a hearing into the future of the railroad industry. That session was called after a series of mergers in the 1990s led to service disruptions in many areas.

"This is good news for shippers and good news for the American public," Sen. Byron L. Dorgan, D-N.D., said of the moratorium.

But the Canadian National Railway promptly threatened legal action over the blocking of its planned \$6 billion merger with Burlington Northern Santa Fe of Fort Worth.

The STB, part of the Transportation Department, ordered railroads to suspend any merger activity while it develops new rules for mergers, a process expected to take about 15 months.

Elsewhere

ALL GONE?: In an announcement sure to be seized on by members of Congress trying to increase the visa allotment for skilled foreign professionals, the Immigration and Naturalization Service said Friday that it has doled out the year's entire allocation of H-1B visas — less than halfway through the fiscal year. ... TRAFFIC DEATHS: Twenty-four people have been killed in traffic accidents in El Paso so far this year, compared with five at this time last year. Police say the only common link in some of the accidents is excessive speed, while alcohol use and lack of seat belts were factors in others. ... e-LAWSUIT: It's the biggest punch yet in the fight between online realtors and traditional home sellers. The Austin Board of Realtors is suing one of its own members, e-Realty.com, claiming in the federal lawsuit that e-Realty.com is violating copyright laws by having a search engine on its Web site that reaches into others territory.

Ramseys promote intruder theory in their new book

DENVER (AP) — An unexplained palm print. A length of white cord. A mysterious footprint next to JonBenet Ramsey's body.

All are among the evidence pointing to the possibility that an intruder killed the 6-year-old girl, parents John and Patsy Ramsey write in a new book, "The Death of Innocence."

"Patsy and I know one thing for certain: this deranged assailant of children hangs among us, for the moment, undetected by authorities," John Ramsey wrote.

Their book hit the shelves Friday as the Ramseys began a carefully orchestrated book tour, granting six interviews with local and national media outlets.

Rolf Zetterstep of Thomas-Nelson Publishers, which published the book, said the Ramseys let him decide which interviews to grant. They were not accompanied by attorneys and they answered every question, he said.

JonBenet was found beaten and strangled in the family's Boulder home on Dec. 26, 1996. A grand jury disbanded in October after investigating the case for 13 months. No charges were filed.

Police have said the Ramseys are under suspicion, and the parents have steadfastly maintained their innocence.

Much of the book outlines events and evidence made public previously.

The Ramseys cite seven pieces of evidence they

say point to an intruder as JonBenet's killer, including the palm print on the door to the room where her body was found; unidentified DNA under the girl's fingernails; and an unmatched boot print found near her body.

They note that police did not find the source of the white cord that was wrapped around the girl's neck or the duct tape that covered her mouth.

They also refer to a theory by retired Colorado Springs Police Detective Lou Smit that a stun gun was used on the girl. Smit was a prosecution consultant for 18 months before resigning in 1998, contending the Ramseys were innocent.

The Ramseys also identify several people in the book they believe could be suspects, but police say all of them have been cleared.

"This book is a statement by people who have not been excluded from the investigation," District Attorney Alex Hunter said Friday through a spokeswoman.

Police Chief Mark Beckner estimated police spent half their time looking at suspects outside the family.

"We still have some questions we are trying to answer. We've outlined what needs to be done and we're staying on course," he said.

On The Net: Excerpts from the book are available on the Thomas-Nelson site: <http://www.deathofinnocence.com>

Nestle recalls baby formula

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 2.5 million cans of Nestle concentrated baby formula are being recalled because they may not have been properly sterilized.

Nestle of Glendale, Calif., recalled 33 batches of the formula after the company discovered that during processing, the liquid concentrate formula may not have reached high enough temperatures to be sterilized, the company and the Food and Drug Administration said Friday.

No illnesses have been reported, and Nestle said it has tested the batches and found no problems.

"Our concern is the remote possibility that there could be a bacteria in there that could make a child sick when they drink it," said John Guzewish, a scientist with the FDA's Center for Food Safety. "Even though there's no evidence that that has happened, rather than taking a chance, they're removing it from the market."

He said anyone concerned about an illness

should contact a doctor.

The recalled Nestle Carnation products are 13-ounce cans of Good Start, Follow-Up and Alsoy concentrate baby formula. The lower left side of the front label has three lines of text that reads: "Iron Fortified. Concentrated Liquid. Add Water."

The concentrate formula, after being mixed with water, is used as a supplement or replacement for breast milk and is given to infants less than a year old.

The baby formula was produced between Oct. 18, 1999, and March 13 of this year and was sold nationwide.

The FDA advises consumers to avoid feeding the products to infants and to return them to the stores where they were purchased for a refund or exchange.

Nestle urges consumers to call 1-800-510-7493 to see if they have purchased any of the recalled cans.

Hastings calls lawsuit unwarranted

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Hastings Entertainment Inc., a chain of book, movie and video stores throughout West Texas, says a class-action lawsuit accusing the company of misstating financial performance to enhance its stock is unwarranted.

The federal lawsuit, filed in Amarillo, claims the revenues reported by the company raised the stock price beyond its value. Hastings first went public with an initial offering of 3.37 million shares on June 12, 1998. The stock rose to \$13 a share.

Last week, Hastings announced it had discovered a mistake in how merchandise receipts were entered into the inventory control system for a small portion of vendor deliveries. The company said the mistake caused merchandise cost of revenue to be understated.

On March 7, Hastings said it would restate its

earnings for up to four fiscal years and that its non-cash charge to earnings would be between \$23 million and \$27 million.

In the lawsuit, lead plaintiff Mitchell S. Warstadt said the charge nearly equals the company's total earnings for the past four fiscal years.

The lawsuit also claims the price of Hastings stock dropped to an all-time low of about \$3.06 cents a share on March 8, about 84 percent below the stock's high and more than 23 percent below the prior day's closing price.

Hastings stock has since risen slightly. On Friday, Hastings stock closed at \$4 share on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Hastings chairman John Marmaduke said the lawsuit failed to take into account that other stocks in the entertainment category, including Barnes & Noble, were also down at the time.

Border Patrol banned from Kenedy Ranch

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The U.S. Border Patrol no longer has access to much of the sprawling Kenedy Ranch.

Board members of the John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation voted Friday to cut all Border Patrol access to its land on the 200,000-acre ranch that encircles the Sarita checkpoint.

Foundation president Joseph Mueller said the action was prompted by two recent incidents in which undocumented immigrants were run over by Border Patrol vehicles on foundation land.

"This is about protection of human rights," Mueller said. "The whole idea behind this is to prevent further injury to people."

The Kenedy Foundation is a charitable foundation with ties to the Catholic Church and owns about half of the entire Kenedy Ranch.

Jose Garza, chief of the Border Patrol's McAllen sector, said he did not know the foundation was

considering revoking access to the land.

"This will absolutely make our jobs more difficult," he told the Corpus Christi Caller Times. "How can you enforce the law from the highway?"

Fred Borrego, agent-in-charge of the Kingsville Border Patrol station, said his agents make the vast majority of their immigrant apprehensions on foundation land.

"Once the word gets out, smugglers are going to know we're not there, and it's like they're home free," he said. "But it's their property, and they can dictate."

The board voted to cancel a September 1999 agreement with the Border Patrol, which had allowed the federal officials on foundation land only if agents first notified the foundation before pursuing immigrants or driving their vehicles off the ranch's paved roads.

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CLUB

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28 at the home of Myrna Orr.

Altrusa

Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa met March 14 at Pampa Country Club with President Kadda Schale presiding. Among those present were guests, Susan Bromlow, Marcie Moreland and Jill Birdsell.

The following business was conducted and announcements made: —District 9 conference will be April 7-9 in Waco.

—Sign-up sheets were distributed for various volunteer projects including Tralee Crisis Resale Shop and TAAS test goody bags. —Members were urged to bring items for Camp Safe Haven to the April business meeting. —The club will make a donation towards a Child Protective Services safe room. —April 11 will mark the birthday of Altrusa accent on spring and new beginnings. —Mary Wilson received a Heart of An Angel Award for the Schneider House Valentine's Party. —New officers for the coming year are: Karen Bridges, president; DeLynn Gordzelik, president-elect; Cinda Jennings, vice presi-

dent; Billie Sue Evans, recording secretary; Terry Gamblin, treasurer; Anne Stobbe and Dorla McAndrew, directors. —Gordzelik will serve as arrangements coordinator for the remainder of the club year. —Judy Warner was nominated for the Committee on Nominations at District 9 conference. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. March 28 at the country club.



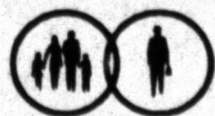
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Spotlight on Pampa

by
The Pampa Chamber of Commerce

— Chamber profile —

Dear Members,

What a tremendously active month March has already been and there is still more to come. The excitement and synergy is contagious.

Tuesday, March 7, marked the first of our quarterly prayer breakfasts. We had a great turnout of more than 80 people who enjoyed a superb breakfast prepared by Peggy's Place. Chamber board member Greg Brown is in charge of our Prayer Breakfasts and he did an outstanding job developing the format and hosting the event. Lonnie Robbins of Trinity Fellowship presented an inspiring devotional with Lee Cornelison, Jerry Lane and John Curry offering heartfelt prayers for our community. Our next prayer breakfast is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. Please consider attending and bringing somebody with you as these breakfasts are open to the public.



The Top O' Texans Goldcoats have been very busy - welcoming guests at the spectacular dedication of the new Clarendon College - Pampa Center facility and the recent concert presented by the West Texas A&M Chorale and their special guest Pampa's own Mary Jane Johnson. Over the next several weeks, the Gold Coats have plenty to do with a Bridal Show at Copper Kitchen on March 18, the monthly Chamber luncheon on March 21 and the Boat, Recreation and Travel Show on March 25. In addition, several Goldcoats will be traveling to Shamrock on March 18 for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and celebration. They will be accompanied by Hollie Parsons and her family as winners of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee "Find Blarney the Leprechaun" contest.

We hope that you can join us for two more events coming up this month. On Tuesday, March 21, our monthly Chamber Luncheon will feature State Rep. Warren Chisum as our speaker with lunch catered by Dos Caballeros and Jiffy Cleaners sponsoring. Also, on Saturday, March 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Chamber will present our first Boat, Recreation and Travel Show at M.K. Brown Auditorium. We will be utilizing the foyer and parking lot for this show.

If you have a boat, camper or RV that you want to sell, stop by the Chamber office and pick up registration information so that you can display it at this event.

The year 2000 is shaping up to be a great year.

Sincerely,

Clay Rice

Clay Rice,
President

In May 1996, two separate business worlds were brought together to form one.

Gary Jennings has been designing and building gas compressors for many years. Shawn Clifton has been involved in the oil field and industrial supply business since 1980. One day, after visiting, they felt their diverse backgrounds would complement each other strengths.

Therefore, Aug. 8, 1996, Fluid Compressor Corporation (FCC) was formed. FCC manufactures low pressure liquid ring gas compression systems. The "Texas Tornado" liquid ring system offers extremely low maintenance, high efficiency and the ability to discharge into 30 psig while pulling a vacuum.

After trial and error, Gary has perfected their product. It took over a year to fine tune the machine to perfection. To date, over 300 units have been sold throughout various states of the nation.

Five patents are pending in the United States and foreign countries in order to protect their special process which makes the system function.

A special distributorship network was developed to service and sell units. Distributors are placed in strategic locations where field conditions are beginning to deplete and pressures warrant.

"A distributor must meet certain financial criteria and be willing to service customers to our satisfaction," said Shawn.

With that basis, a distributorship can be a lucrative investment with a very short term payoff and a long term business outlook. Theoretically, every natural gas field in the world could utilize a unit of this ability in order to maximize well production."

Distributors are located in six states and in Canada.

Let's meet!

March 25 — Tuesday - The **Tourism Committee** will meet in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at 2 p.m.

April 4 — Tuesday - The **Membership Committee** will meet in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at 12 noon.

April 5 — Wednesday - The **Retail Committee** will meet in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at 8:30 a.m.

April 11 — Tuesday - The **Executive**

Board will meet in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at 10:30 a.m.

April 17 — Monday - **Top O' Texan (Gold Coats)** will meet in a local restaurant (to be announced) at 12 noon.

April 18 — Tuesday - **Chamber Luncheon** in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building at 11:45 a.m.

April 20 — Thursday - **Board meeting** in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at 10:30 a.m.

Congrats...

The Greater Area Pampa Chamber of Commerce Retail Trade Committee is proud to announce that Hollie Parsons found "Blarney the Leprechaun" on Wednesday, March 8, at Holmes Gift Shoppe and Sports Center for our first St. Patrick's Day promotion. She received \$100 in Pampa Bucks and is invited to ride with Top O' Texans (Gold Coats) in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Shamrock, Texas, on March 18.



From left: Dr. Jerry Lane, Pampa Center Foundation Board member, Don Lane, chairman Pampa Center Foundation Board, Joe Kyle Reeve, Dean of Clarendon College-Pampa Center and Pampa Center Foundation Board member and Dr. Myles Shelton, President of Clarendon College.

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Congratulations to L.W. and Sherry McCall on the birth of their first grandchild, Kelly Thomas Burke, born Feb. 23.

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Special thanks to Myrna Orr for providing the music at Chamber Luncheons and the prayer breakfast. We look forward to her music at future meetings.

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The Chamber of Commerce welcomed All Its Charm into the Chamber under the new ownership of Malena Baten and Christin Chisum, manager, Gold Coats at the ribbon cutting are Jerry Lane, Paulette Kirksey, Benny Horton, Ken Rheams, Ronnie Holmes, Bob Marx and Pat Montoya.

New Members

All Its Charm — Located at 109 West Francis - New owner Malena Baten with Christin Chisum as the manager. They carry many gift items and home decorations.

Feist Publications, Inc. — Located in Lubbock, Texas with Spike Wideman - Sales manager for this area. They are phone book publishers.

Celebrations of Pampa — Located in the Coronado Center - Under new ownership of Sharon and Jeff McCormick. They offer gift baskets, party supplies, wedding rentals and balloon bouquets.



Gold Coats welcome Cellular One Connections as a new member to the Chamber of Commerce. Pictured is Ginger Jennigan, manager, and Cynthia Leach, owner, with Gold Coats Pat Montoya, Bob Marx, Jerry Lane, Ronnie Holmes, Paulette Kirksey, Joe Lowry, M.D., Ken Rheams and Benny Horton. They are a Western Wireless Store with a full line of phones and accessories.



The Chamber welcomes new owners Jack and Beth Sutherland of the Gift Box as CofC members with a ribbon cutting. Gold Coats are Benny Horton, Bob Marx, Paulette Kirksey, Ronnie Holmes, Jerry Lane, Joe Lowry, M.D., Ken Rheams and Pat Montoya. They carry religious books, supplies and gifts and are at 117 W. Kingsmill.

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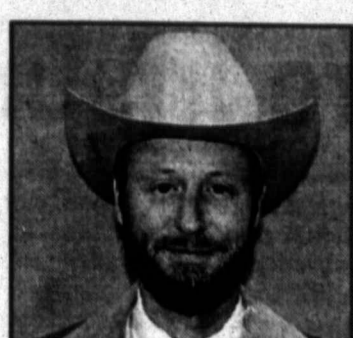
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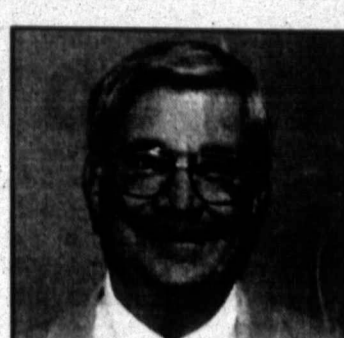
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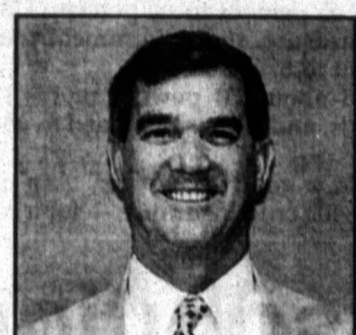
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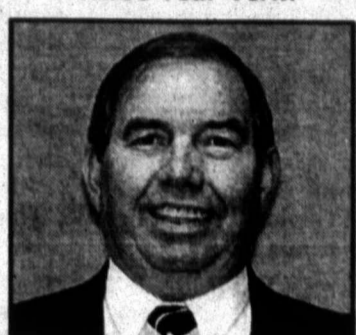
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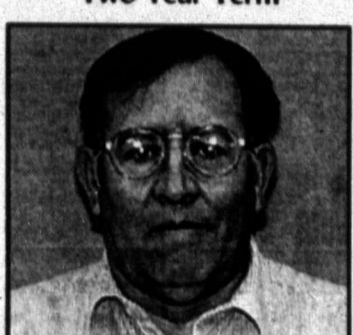
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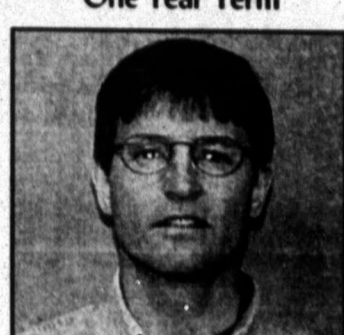
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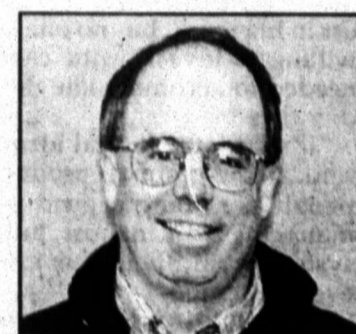
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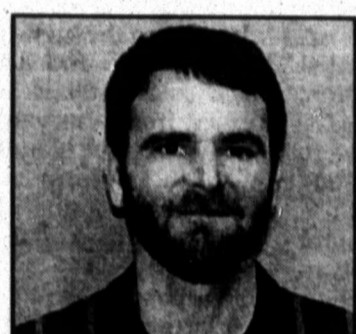
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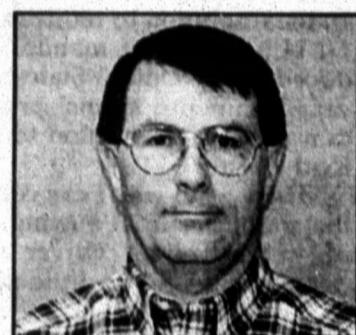
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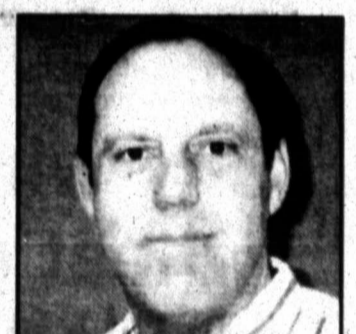
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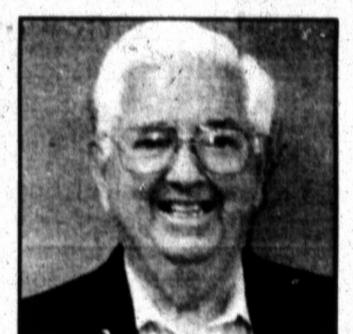
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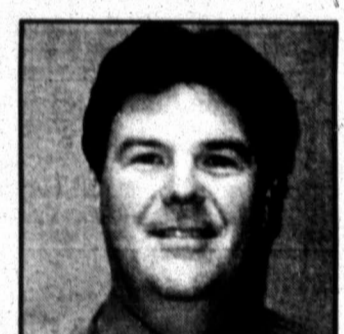
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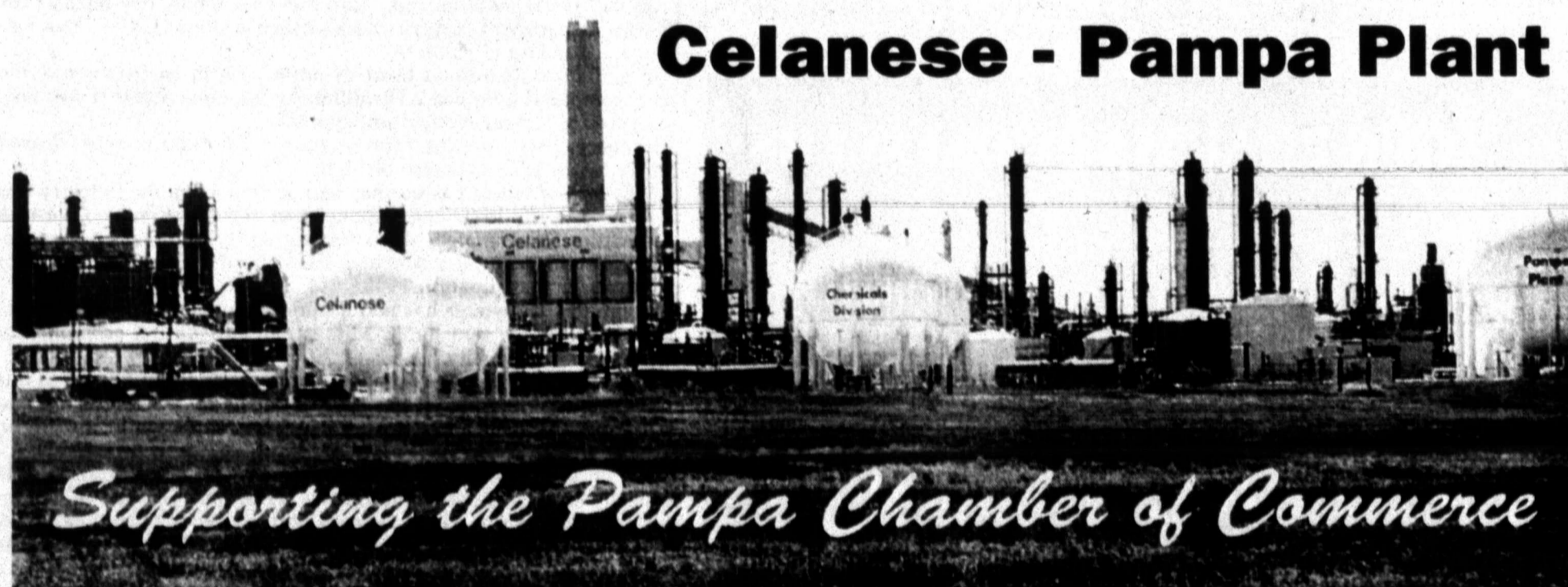


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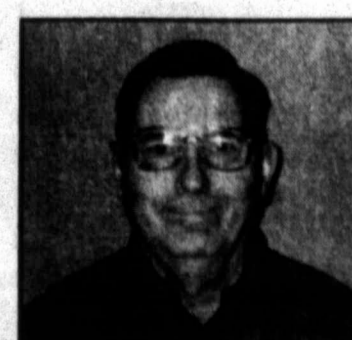
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Farmers buying up more insurance against drought

By JESSICA FARGEN
Associated Press Writer

BLAIR, Neb. (AP) — Farmer Brent Arp sat in one of two leather chairs in insurance agent Jim Realph's small office as the two pored over a piece of paper crowded with percentages, puzzling acronyms and costs for crop insurance.

Arp had to decide whether the potential risks of a looming drought were reason enough to pay a higher premium to insure 85 percent of his corn crop instead of 75 percent.

Farmers, one after another — 10 in all — visited Realph's office Tuesday. Eight decided to pay a higher premium and get more coverage.

Arp was an exception.

"I didn't feel 85 was in my best interest," said Arp, who farms 1,400 acres of corn and soybeans near Blair.

Farmers have until the end of business today to

buy federal insurance for crops such as corn, oats, sunflowers, soybeans and millet. And with a large portion of the state in a severe drought that may continue through the growing season, many farmers are opting to pay a little more to get a little more security.

"It's a safety net," said Realph, who is also a farmer. "It provides a farmer with a way to get his expenses back."

Brad Clark, president of Farmers State Bank in Weeping Water, said the deadline was crunch time for farmers.

"I think the March 15 deadline made some of them face up to the reality that we could have a very dry spring and a very dry summer," Clark said.

Nebraska last year had one of the driest falls in 105 years, causing the soil's water reserves to dry out. Eastern Nebraska is in a severe drought, and long-term forecasts show little chance for rain.

Some farmers are conserving water through less tillage and use of drought-tolerant crops. Others have increased their crop insurance coverage or have taken out a policy for the first time.

The increased coverage does not come cheap. Realph said crops covered at 65 percent have a premium of \$6.77 an acre. That doubles at 75 percent and doubles again at 85 percent. Coverage at 85 percent could cost about \$26 an acre.

Realph guesses about two out of five area farmers do not have crop insurance.

He does not think being a part of that minority is worth it.

"It's the only option they have that's guaranteed," Realph said. "The rest is faith."

Arp added, "Then you rely on Mother Nature to take care of the rest."

Crop insurance has been on the rise in the past 10 years, said John Scherle, spokesman for American Agrisure in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

In 1988, there was \$13 billion in crop insurance liability nationwide. That increased to \$30 billion by 1999.

Crop insurance has gotten more affordable and the government increasingly puts more risk management responsibilities in the hands of farmers, Scherle said.

The federal government currently pays from 13 percent to 57 percent of a farmers' premium, depending on the level of coverage. Under a bill pending in the Senate, the government's share would range from 45 percent to 60 percent. Under a similar House measure, the government would pay from 31 percent to 67 percent.

Arp has insured about 70 percent of his crop since the early 1980s, and he has managed to get by just fine.

"It doesn't do any good to worry," Arp said. "That's why I have the crop insurance — for a cushion."

Cattle Raisers hear about industry changes

HOUSTON — Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association recently held its 123rd annual convention in Houston.

Guest speaker James R. Baker, administrator of the USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, challenged attendees by asking them what they were doing to address change in the cattle industry saying, "The best advice I can give to anyone that wants to stay in cattle production in this country is improve your quality. Whether it's five head or 5,000, there will always be a place for good quality and it will always demand a good price."

"But as long as your quality is not improved, there is a big question about whether you will fit into the market access in this country, and the Packers and Stockyards Administration will not be able to gain that access for you."

TSCRA President J. Mark McLaughlin urged the producers to improve their quality by getting involved in an individual animal identification program.

"Testimonies are replete about the benefits of participating in such a program," he said. "Imagine, if you will simply enroll your cattle in that program and furnish a minimal amount of data on those individual animals — birth dates, vaccination programs, and weaning dates — and if this association can cause each other person in the chain of custody of that animal until the time of harvest to share their information with us and we can give it back to you, what progress we can make in the quality of the beef that we produce!"

McLaughlin said currently the mission element is complete communication from the carcass back to the producer and from the producer forward to the people who buy the individual ani-

mals in the chain of custody. TSCRA is proposing a program to provide that communication.

"The technology is here," McLaughlin continued. "It's a marvelous opportunity to enhance the profitability of all our cattle operations. We can give the consumer a quality product every time if we just have the information with which to manage."

Baker cited other challenges in addressing the structural changes in the cattle industry.

"If you don't realize it, the major shift in this industry is that livestock marketing is going to contract and away from price discovery and spot markets. Contracting is just like a runaway train," he said.

"It's an important tool, but in the pork industry today, only about 7 to 10 percent of the hogs that are killed are going into price discovery and the spot market. The rest are going into some kind of alliance, and mostly under contract. The poultry industry's already a hundred percent under contract. The best we can tell, there's probably about a third of the cattle under a contract or alliance."

Baker said another of the changes that GIPSA must adjust to is Internet sales. He predicted Internet sales would have a major impact on the industry within five years.

"We're looking at what our role in that will be, how we're going to ensure fair play. It's a lot faster and accesses a lot of people. We're going to treat an Internet sale just like we treat an auction market and regulate it the same."

McLaughlin urged cattle raisers "to participate in what's coming because it's good. And the small producer will benefit most."

Scientist looks to solution to excess manure in flies

TIFTON, Ga. (AP) — A University of Georgia scientist thinks he has found the solution, in the form of harmless flies, to the growing problem of how to dispose of excess manure at hog and poultry farms.

Entomologist Craig Sheppard says black soldier flies can consume tons of manure and then — talk about a simplified food chain — be turned into food for pigs, chickens or cows.

"It's like getting something for nothing," he says. "We're going to make the manure go away, and we're going to make money doing it."

Many farmers store hog waste in holding lagoons that can rupture, polluting rivers and streams. In recent years, tougher environmental laws have closely regulated how farmers dispose of waste.

A large chicken house holds about 100,000 egg-laying hens, which produce 15 tons of manure daily. Some of the waste is used to fertilize farmland, but there's a limit to how much can be spread around.

Sheppard has been studying the black soldier fly for 20 years. It lays its eggs in manure and, in a few days, maggots — the larval stage of flies — emerge and begin eating the stuff. They're about an inch long and one-fourth inch in diameter.

"It reduces the manure bulk by a half or more ... and the manure that's left has a lot less nitrogen in it," Sheppard said.

Scientists have known for years that maggots reduce animal waste. Sheppard focused on the black soldier fly because it is harmless to humans, reduces housefly populations and contains proteins and other nutrients that could be valuable in making animal feed.

Insects go through three stages: larvae, pupae and adult. As the black soldier fly is being transformed from a larva to a pupae — the prepupae stage — it crawls out of the manure and sheds its skin and the lining of its gut. It then buries itself and emerges as an adult fly.

Sheppard has demonstrated that farmers could get the prepupae to "harvest" themselves, showing that the insects will crawl up a ramp and fall into a container. There they could be fed live to hogs or turned into oil and protein meal similar to fish meal, which is used to make feed for catfish, livestock and poultry.

A large collection system in five months can produce 58 tons of prepupae, which can be converted into a valuable feed additive that is 42 percent protein and 35 percent fat, the scientist said.

Sheppard has learned how to produce soldier flies in captivity, but there are still some issues to be worked out. The insects mate in sunlight and might not respond to the artificial light in a chicken house, he said, so "we'd have to find the right light qualities."

Sheppard said industry representatives have expressed interest in his work, but no one is yet willing to invest in the changes needed to accommodate the soldier flies.

"It's a pretty radical idea," he said. "The animal production people are doing a good job of managing their manure, but this system would help them do an even better job."

One of Sheppard's strongest supporters is Paul Oliver, president and chief executive officer of Engineering, Separation and Recycling in Waxahatchie, Texas.

Oliver believes soldier flies are an ideal solution to reducing the 1.4 billion tons of manure produced in the United States each year by intense animal production and the 23 million tons of food waste.

"There is no way I can contain the enthusiasm of having met up with Craig," Oliver said. "This thing is like a little piranha."

He first saw soldier fly maggots while visiting a relative in Louisiana a few years ago.

"I saw these huge, monstrous maggots," Oliver said. "I tossed in a raw Irish potato and two hours later it was gone. It's exciting to know we don't have to put all this stuff in landfills."

I would like to express my gratitude, and thank everyone for their vote and support. I would appreciate your continued support and vote in the upcoming run-off election, April 11th.

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Dry winter halts wheat grazing, sends cattle to feedlots early

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Dry weather means Kansas ranchers who saw strong cattle prices and bought lightweight cattle with the hope of grazing the animals on winter wheat pastures have had to send much of the herd to feedlots.

"Cattle were brought in to western Kansas with hopes of wheat pastures that never materialized," said Steve Hessman, hay reporter for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's office in Dodge City. "Those cattle then ended up in feedlots."

In January, 2.29 million head of cattle were in feedlots across the state, compared with just 2.11 million for the same month a year ago, according to Kansas Agricultural Statistics.

Industry observers expect the February feedlot count, to be released Friday by the USDA, to also be high.

"The lack of wheat pasture has had an impact on the industry this winter," said Todd Domez, spokesman for the Kansas Livestock Association. "Fortunately, the costs of grain in feedlots is pretty economical at this point, so it probably hasn't been a big economic loss for producers in that situation."

So far, the dry winter has had a minimal impact for livestock producers in Kansas, said James Mintert, an agricultural economist at Kansas State University.

"Wheat grazing is not as predominant an activity in Kansas as it is in Oklahoma," he said. "It has had an impact on wheat grazing, but that is not unusual. There are a lot of years when wheat grazing in Kansas isn't very good."

It is uncertain how widespread the practice of wheat grazing is in Kansas, since no government agency keeps track of such things for this state. But many wheat farmers with livestock operations graze their winter wheat over the fall and winter months, taking the cattle off in time — typically by early March in Kansas — to still harvest a good wheat crop.

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Newsmakers

CANYON — Twenty-six West Texas A&M University education majors were recently inducted into Iota Theta Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi.

The national scholastic honor society for education majors requires inductees to have an overall grade point average of 3.25 or better, a 3.0 GPA in education coursework, three semester hours in education and a class standing of second-semester sophomore or higher.

Students named to the honor society include: Kristi Tidwell, a junior mathematics major of Alanreed; and Lora Hampton, a senior general studies major of Pampa.



Kristi Tidwell



William W. Wright

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Private First Class William W. Wright recently graduated from the United States Marine Corps boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego with a MOS in military police operations.

recently named to the Dean's List at Southern Nazarene University. Meek, a 1997 Pampa High School honor graduate, is the son of Mark and Annette Meek of Briscoe.

recently attended the 2000 Winter Conference of Professional Bond Agents of United States at the Luxor Hotel in Las Vegas. Knowles is president of Professional Bondsmen of Texas and is a 1981 charter member of Professional Bond Agents of United States. He is currently serving on the presi-

BETHANY, Okla. — Kaleb Edward Meek, a junior business finance major from Briscoe, was

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Kenneth Knowles, owner of Central Bail Bonds, 315 N. Somerville,

dent's council and the committee for private sureties.

Over 800 bondsmen across the nation attended the conference. The association meets twice a year to exchange ideas, information and continuing education for the industry.

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ny with 26 offices and 36 agents.

FORT KNOX, Ky. — Army Reserve Private Jonathan D. Hollon, son of Pamela G. Hubanks of Pampa and Jimmy D. Hollon Sr. of Fort Worth, recently arrived at Fort Knox to complete basic combat training. During the eight weeks of

training, Hollon will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Hollon is a 1999 graduate of Reach High School in Fort Worth.



(Photo by John Lasky)

Marine Pfc. Amanda Thorpe retrieves her gear for a training exercise at Louis F. Garland Fire Academy. Each student at the academy is required to fight a minimum of 28 fires before graduation.

Pampan embarks on grueling 13-week Apprentice Fire Protection Course

By ELAINE TARELLO
Army and Air Force Hometown News Service

GOODFELLOW AFB — The daughter of a Pampa woman found herself in a crisis most would consider a hellish nightmare at best. Flames engulfed her on both sides, and deadly smoke seemed to envelop every inch of the space around her. With heat turning into an inferno, and smoke limiting visibility to inches beyond her face, she felt more than saw the victim trapped beyond the wall of flames.

For Marine Pfc. Amanda Thorpe, daughter of Jane Webster of Pampa, a rescue in the midst of a blazing inferno is literally par for the course. Thorpe, a student with the Department of Defense Louis F. Garland Fire Academy, is one of more than 1,600 potential firefighters from all branches of the military who attend courses that range from basic firefighting techniques to advanced hazardous materials training.

After completing the academy's 13-week Apprentice Fire Protection Course, Thorpe will be able to battle structural, wildland and aircraft fires, administer emergency medical care and handle hazardous material spills.

"Firefighters have to possess a lot of endurance and self control," said Thorpe, a 1999 graduate of Pampa High School. "We have to be able to trust ourselves and our equipment, and use our training to get through any situation."

Thorpe is put to the test at this physically and mentally demanding school, climbing ladders, carrying 135-pound dummies and dragging fire hoses — all while wearing a bulky fire suit in temperatures that can rise well beyond 100 degrees.

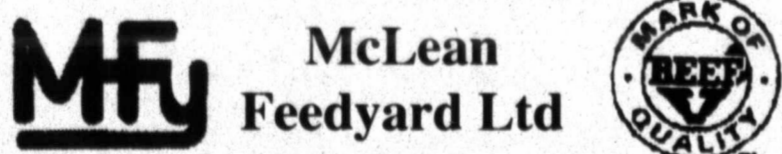
"The hardest part of school for me is the physical challenge," Thorpe said. "We have to fireman carry and drag dummies with all of our equipment on. It's tough but I work hard to succeed."

After Thorpe graduates from the academy, she'll be able to fight fires ranging from aircraft

and airport blazes to vehicle and structural fires, and be fully qualified to administer emergency medical care. And, since the academy adopted the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association, Thorpe will also be internationally certified, able to serve as a firefighter in the military or back home as a civilian.

"I chose this job for the excitement and variety," Thorpe said. "I didn't want to be inside sitting behind a desk all day."

At any given moment, a fire can rage through a home or workplace, consuming everything in its devastating path. All that a person owns and cherishes can be destroyed within a split second, and even worse, someone may not be lucky enough to survive. Thorpe is willing to stake her life on their safety.



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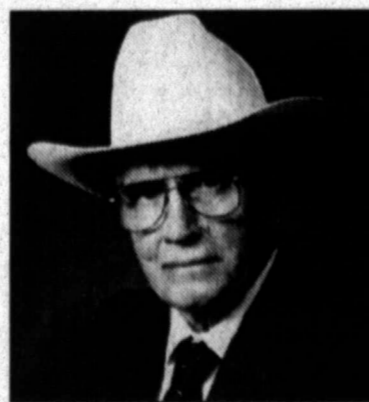
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NCAA Basketball Tournament
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EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 17
At HSEC Arena
 Buffalo, N.Y.
 Seton Hall 72, Oregon 71, OT
 Temple 73, Lafayette 47
 Oklahoma State 66, Holstra 66
 Pepperdine 77, Indiana 57
At Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum
 Winston-Salem, N.C.
 Illinois 83, Pennsylvania 58
 Florida 69, Butler 68, OT
 Kansas 61, DePaul 77, OT
 Duke 82, Lamar 55
Second Round
Sunday, March 19
At HSEC Arena
 Buffalo, N.Y.
 Oklahoma State (26-6) vs. Pepperdine (25-8), 12:10 p.m.
 Temple (27-5) vs. Seton Hall (21-9), 30 minutes after previous game
At Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum
 Winston-Salem, N.C.
 Illinois (22-9) vs. Florida (25-7), 2:30 p.m.
 Duke (26-4) vs. Kansas (24-9), 30 minutes after previous game
At The Carrier Dome
 Syracuse, N.Y.
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 24
 Temple-Seton Hall winner vs. Oklahoma State-Holstra—Indiana-Pepperdine winner
 Duke-Lamar—Kansas-DePaul winner vs. Illinois-Florida
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 26
 Semifinal winners

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 17
At Nashville Arena
 Nashville, Tenn.
 Cincinnati 64, North Carolina-Wilmington 47
 Tulsa 89, UNLV 82
 Ohio State 87, Appalachian State 61
 Miami 75, Arkansas 71
At Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center
 Birmingham, Ala.
 Tennessee 63, Louisiana-Lafayette 58
 Connecticut 75, Utah State 67
 North Carolina 84, Missouri 70
 Stanford 84, South Carolina State 65
Second Round
Sunday, March 19
At Nashville Arena
 Nashville, Tenn.
 Cincinnati (29-3) vs. Tulsa (30-4), 2:15 p.m.
 Ohio State (25-8) vs. Miami (22-10), 30 minutes after previous game
At Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center
 Birmingham, Ala.
 Tennessee (27-5) vs. North Carolina (19-13), 2:20 p.m.
 Tennessee (25-8) vs. Connecticut (25-9), 30 minutes after previous game
At Frank Erwin Center
 Austin, Texas
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 24
 Cincinnati-Tulsa winner vs. Ohio State-Appalachian State—Miami-Arkansas winner
 Stanford-South Carolina State—North Carolina-Missouri winner vs. Tennessee-Connecticut winner
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 26
 Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 16
At The Convocation Center
 Cleveland
 Kentucky 85, St. Bonaventure 80, 2OT
 Syracuse 79, Samford 65
 Michigan State 65, Valparaiso 38
 Utah 48, Saint Louis 45
At The Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
 Minneapolis
 Auburn 72, Creighton 69
 Iowa State 68, Central Connecticut State 78
 Maryland 74, Iowa 59
 UCLA 65, Ball State 57
Second Round
Saturday, March 18
At The Convocation Center
 Cleveland
 Syracuse (25-5) vs. Kentucky (23-9), 1:10 p.m.
 Michigan State (27-7) vs. Utah (23-8), 30 minutes after previous game
At The Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
 Minneapolis
 Iowa State (30-4) vs. Auburn (24-8), 5:38 p.m.
 Maryland (25-9) vs. UCLA (20-11), 30 minutes after previous game
At The Palace of Auburn Hills
 Auburn Hills, Mich.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 23
 Michigan State-Utah winner vs. Syracuse-Kentucky winner
 Iowa State-Auburn winner vs. Maryland-UCLA winner
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 25
 Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 18
At The Jon M. Huntsman Center
 Salt Lake City
 Texas 77, Indiana State 61
 LSU 64, Southeast Missouri State 61
 Arizona 71, Jackson State 47
 Wisconsin 65, Fresno State 56
At McKale Center
 Tucson, Ariz.
 Oklahoma 74, Winthrop 50
 Purdue 62, Dayton 61
 Gonzaga 77, Louisville 66
 St. John's 61, Northern Arizona 56
Second Round
Saturday, March 18
At The Jon M. Huntsman Center
 Salt Lake City
 LSU (27-5) vs. Texas (24-8), 3:20 p.m.
 Arizona (27-6) vs. Wisconsin (19-13), 30 minutes after previous game
At McKale Center
 Tucson, Ariz.
 Oklahoma (27-8) vs. Purdue (22-9), 5:30 p.m.
 St. John's (25-7) vs. Gonzaga (25-8), 30 minutes after previous game
At The Pit
 Albuquerque, N.M.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 23
 Arizona-Wisconsin winner vs. LSU-Texas winner
 St. John's-Gonzaga winner vs. Oklahoma-Purdue winner
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 25
 Semifinal winners

THE FINAL FOUR
At The RCA Dome
 Indianapolis
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 1
 Midwest champion vs. West champion
 East champion vs. South champion
 Game times: 5:42 p.m. and 30 minutes after previous game
National Championship
National, April 3
 Semifinal winners, 9:18 p.m.

NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament
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EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 17
At Maravich Assembly Center
 Baton Rouge, La.
 Stephen F. Austin 73, Xavier 72
 LSU 77, Liberty 54
At Harry A. Gampel Pavilion
 Storrs, Conn.
 Clemson 64, Drake 50
 Connecticut 116, Hampton 45

Saturday, March 18
At Mackay Arena
 West Lafayette, Ind.
 Oklahoma (23-7) vs. Brigham Young (22-8), 6 p.m.
 Dartmouth (20-7) at Purdue (22-7), 8:30 p.m.
At Cameron Indoor Stadium
 Durham, N.C.
 Marquette (22-8) vs. Western Kentucky (21-9), 5 p.m.
 Campbell (22-8) at Duke (26-5), 7 p.m.
Second Round
Sunday, March 19
At Maravich Assembly Center
 Baton Rouge, La.
 Stephen F. Austin (26-3) vs. LSU (23-8), 8:35 p.m.
At Harry A. Gampel Pavilion
 Storrs, Conn.
 Clemson (19-11) vs. Connecticut (31-1), 9:07 p.m.
Monday, March 20
At Mackay Arena
 West Lafayette, Ind.
 Oklahoma-BYU winner vs. Purdue-Dartmouth winner, 8:05 p.m.
At Cameron Indoor Stadium
 Durham, N.C.
 Marquette-Western Kentucky winner vs. Duke-Campbell winner, 8:35 p.m.
At Richman Center
 Durham, N.C.
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 25
 Connecticut-Hampton—Clemson winner vs. Oklahoma-Brigham Young—Purdue-Dartmouth winner
 Stephen F. Austin—LSU-Liberty winner vs. Marquette-Western Kentucky—Duke-Campbell winner
Regional Championship
Monday, March 27
 Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 17
At University Hall
 Charlottesville, Va.
 Boston College 93, Nebraska 76
 Virginia 74, Pepperdine 62
At Joyce Center
 South Bend, Ind.
 George Washington 79, UCLA 72
 Notre Dame 87, San Diego 81
Saturday, March 18
At United Spirit Arena
 Lubbock, Texas
 Tulane (26-4) vs. Vermont (25-5), 7 p.m.
 Tennessee Tech (24-8) at Texas Tech (25-4), 9:30 p.m.
At Thompson-Boling Arena
 Knoxville, Tenn.
 Arizona (24-6) vs. Kent (25-5), 5 p.m.
 Furman (20-10) at Tennessee (28-3), 7:30 p.m.
Second Round
Sunday, March 19
At University Hall
 Charlottesville, Va.
 Boston College (26-8) vs. Virginia (24-8), 7:35 p.m.
At Joyce Center
 South Bend, Ind.
 George Washington (26-5) vs. Notre Dame (26-4), 8:35 p.m.
Monday, March 20
At United Spirit Arena
 Lubbock, Texas
 Tulane-Vermont winner vs. Texas Tech-Tennessee Tech winner, 9:05 p.m.
At Thompson-Boling Arena
 Knoxville, Tenn.
 Arizona-Kent winner vs. Tennessee-Furman winner, 9:07 p.m.
At Memphis, Tenn.
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 25
 Boston College-Nebraska—Virginia-Pepperdine winner vs. Arizona-Kent—Tennessee-Furman winner
 George Washington-UCLA—Notre Dame-San Diego winner vs. Tulane-Vermont—Texas Tech-Tennessee Tech winner
Regional Championship
Monday, March 27
 Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 17
At Hilton Coliseum
 Ames, Iowa
 Illinois 75, Utah 58
 Iowa State 92, St. Francis 63
At Bryce Jordan Center
 University Park, Pa.
 Auburn 78, Southwest Missouri State 74
 Penn State 83, Youngstown State 63
Saturday, March 18
At ODU Fieldhouse
 Norfolk, Va.
 North Carolina State (20-8) vs. Southern Methodist (21-8), 6 p.m.
 Wisconsin-Green Bay (21-8) at Old Dominion (27-4), 8:30 p.m.
At Thomas Assembly Center
 Ruston, La.
 Louisiana Tech (28-2) vs. Alcorn State (22-8), 7:30 p.m.
 Vanderbilt (20-12) vs. Kansas (20-9), 10 p.m.
Second Round
Sunday, March 19
At Hilton Coliseum
 Ames, Iowa
 Illinois (23-10) vs. Iowa State (26-5), 9:35 p.m.
At Bryce Jordan Center
 University Park, Pa.
 Auburn (22-7) vs. Penn State (27-4), 2:07 p.m.
Monday, March 20
At ODU Fieldhouse
 Norfolk, Va.
 N.C. State-SMU winner vs. Old Dominion-Wis.-Green Bay winner vs. Louisiana Tech-Alcorn St.—Kansas-Vanderbilt winner, 7:05 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 25
 Illinois-Utah—Iowa St.-St. Francis winner vs. Auburn-SW Missouri St.—Penn St.-Youngstown St. winner
 North Carolina St.-SMU—Old Dominion-Wis.-Green Bay winner vs. Louisiana Tech-Alcorn St.—Kansas-Vanderbilt winner, 7:05 p.m.
Regional Championship
Monday, March 27
 Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 17
At Louis Brown Athletic Center
 Piscataway, N.J.
 St. Joseph's 89, Texas 48
 Rutgers 91, Holy Cross 70
At McArthur Court
 Eugene, Ore.
 Mississippi State 94, St. Peter's 60
 Alabama-Birmingham (19-12) at Oregon (23-7), 11:59 p.m.
Saturday, March 18
At Stegeman Coliseum
 Athens, Ga.
 Montana (22-7) at Georgia (29-3), 7:05 p.m.
 Michigan (22-7) vs. Stanford (20-8), 9:35 p.m.
At Thunderdome
 Santa Barbara, Calif.
 North Carolina (18-12) vs. Maine (20-10), 9:35 p.m.
 Rice (21-8) at UC Santa Barbara (30-3), 11:59 p.m.
Second Round
Sunday, March 19
At Louis Brown Athletic Center
 Piscataway, N.J.
 St. Joseph's (25-5) vs. Rutgers (23-7), 7:07 p.m.
At McArthur Court
 Eugene, Ore.
 Mississippi St. (24-7) vs. Oregon-Alabama-Birmingham winner, 11:07 p.m.
Monday, March 20
At Stegeman Coliseum
 Athens, Ga.
 Georgia-Montana winner vs. Michigan-Stanford winner, 7:37 p.m.
At Thunderdome
 Santa Barbara, Calif.
 North Carolina-Maine winner vs. UC Santa Barbara-Rice winner, 12:07 a.m.
At Portland, Ore. Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 25
 Texas-St. Joseph's—Rutgers-Holy Cross winner vs. Mississippi St.—St. Peter's—Oregon-Alabama-Birmingham winner
 Georgia-Montana—Michigan-Stanford winner vs. North Carolina-Maine—UC Santa Barbara-Rice winner
Regional Championship
Monday, March 27
 Semifinal winners

THE FINAL FOUR

At First Union Center
 Philadelphia
National Semifinals
Friday, March 31
 Midwest champion vs. West champion
 East champion vs. Midwest champion
National Championship
Sunday, April 2
 Semifinal winners

PRO BASKETBALL

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	41	23	.641	—
New York	40	24	.625	1
Philadelphia	38	28	.563	5
Orlando	31	35	.470	11
Boston	29	36	.446	12 1/2
New Jersey	27	36	.429	13 1/2
Washington	21	45	.318	21

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	45	21	.682	—
Toronto	38	26	.594	6
Charlotte	35	29	.547	9
Detroit	32	32	.500	12
Milwaukee	31	34	.477	13 1/2
Cleveland	25	39	.391	19
Atlanta	24	40	.375	20
Chicago	13	51	.203	31

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	43	21	.672	—
San Antonio	41	24	.631	2 1/2
Minnesota	38	26	.594	5
Dallas	27	37	.422	15
Denver	27	38	.415	16 1/2
Houston	24	41	.369	19 1/2
Vancouver	18	48	.273	26

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	54	12	.818	—
Portland	49	16	.754	4 1/2
Phoenix	41	23	.641	12
Seattle	40	26	.606	14
Sacramento	37	27	.578	16
Golden State	17	48	.262	36 1/2
L.A. Clippers	14	52	.212	40

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Thursday's Games

Washington 109, L.A. Lakers 102
 Utah 107, Cleveland 86
 Miami 92, Philadelphia 77
 Milwaukee 106, Houston 96
 Dallas 110, San Antonio 88
 Seattle 117, Vancouver 103
 Minnesota 96, Portland 92

Friday's Games
 Indiana 111, Houston 102
 Philadelphia 98, Utah 97
 Toronto 85, Orlando 91
 New York 118, Charlotte 99
 Boston 114, Atlanta 90
 L.A. Lakers 110, Detroit 82
 Denver 114, L.A. Clippers 87
 Golden State 95, Chicago 92, 2OT
 Phoenix 101, Vancouver 86

Saturday's Games
 Milwaukee at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
 Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Miami at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
 Boston at Dallas, 8 p.m.
 Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Portland at Seattle, 10 p.m.
 Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
 L.A. Lakers at New York, Noon
 Utah at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
 Houston at Toronto, 3 p.m.
 Detroit at Vancouver, 3:30 p.m.
 Dallas at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
 Orlando at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Phoenix at Golden State, 9 p.m.

Top teams shine in women's play

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER
 AP Sports Writer

The first round of the NCAA women's basketball tournament went just about the way the rest of the season went for the nation's top teams.

Top-ranked Connecticut won big, No. 7 Iowa State made a lot of 3-pointers and Helen Darling of No. 6 Penn State again stood tall — all 5 feet, 7 inches of her.

The 16 games that got the tournament started also produced two major upsets: 11th-seeded Stephen F. Austin eliminated sixth-seeded Xavier in the East Regional and 11th-seeded Alabama-Birmingham knocked out sixth-seeded Oregon in the West. And there was news off the court as well.

Leon Barmore, the dour-faced coach who has guided Louisiana Tech to nine Final Four appearances, announced he will resign when the Lady Techsters' season ends. Barmore has been Tech's coach for 18 years and has the highest winning percentage (.872) in Division I basketball — men or women.

"I gave all I have," said Barmore, 55, tears welling in his eyes. "I have one more run at the national championship, and that's it."

Louisiana Tech (28-2), the top-seeded team in the Midwest Regional, meets Alcorn State (22-8) in a first-round game tonight in Ruston, La.

Connecticut was the only No. 1 seed that played Friday night and, as expected, the Huskies won easily, routing Hampton 116-45 in the East Regional at Storrs, Conn.

The 71-point margin was the third largest in NCAA tournament play and UConn (31-1) matched the tournament record for points in a half with 65 in the first 20 minutes. Connecticut entered the tournament outscoring its opponents by an average of 30 points.

"It's hard to beat us when we're playing really, really well," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "The talent we have and Hampton has is unfair."

All-American Shea Ralph led Connecticut with 20 points and five teammates also scored in double figures.

Iowa State, averaging nine 3-point baskets to rank second nationally, had 10 in the first half of a 92-63 victory over St. Francis in the Midwest Regional at Ames, Iowa. The third-seeded Cyclones (26-5) finished with 15, one short of the tournament record.

"I could have sworn they had more than 15," St. Francis coach Myndi Hill said. "I thought it was more like 30."

Angie Welle, Iowa State's 6-foot-4 center, led the way with 18 points and 14 rebounds and made her second 3-pointer of the season.

"I wanted to get in on the fun, too," Welle said.

Darling, chosen the nation's best small player earlier in the day, did what a point guard is supposed to do by handing out eight assists in second-seeded Penn State's 83-63 victory over Youngstown State in the Midwest Regional at State College, Pa.

But that was just for starters. She also led the Lady Lions (27-4) with 13 rebounds. Lisa Shepherd was the top scorer with 18.

"We got the first-game jitters out," Shepherd said. "This next game is a big one. We can get past where we did last year."

Darling wasn't the smallest player to come up big. Lashinda Winters, a 5-3 sophomore, scored with 8.5 seconds left to give Stephen F. Austin a 73-72 victory over Xavier at Baton Rouge, La.

The Ladyjacks (28-3) finished with a 17-4 run to erase a 68-56 Xavier lead with 5:50 to play.

A last-second basket also decided the other upset.

Shaquetta Rhodes' putback with three seconds left in overtime lifted UAB past 20th-ranked Oregon 80-79 at Eugene, Ore.

Deanna Jackson led the Lady Blazers (20-12) with a career-high 32 points. Brianne Meharry had 19 points and Shaquela Williams 17 to lead Oregon (23-8), the Pac-10 champion.

In other games Friday: East

At Baton Rouge, La. LSU 77, Liberty 54
 Marie Ferdinand scored 22 points and LSU (23-6) broke from a 29-28 halftime lead. The Lady Tigers were ahead 34-32

with 18:42 left when they went on a 14-4 run that sank Liberty (23-8).

At Storrs, Conn.
Clemson 64, Drake 50

Clemson (19-11) scored 22 points off 20 Drake turnovers and held the Bulldogs (23-7) to 31 percent shooting. Erin Bath led the Tigers with 17 points and nine rebounds.

Midwest
At Charlottesville, Va.
Boston College 93, Nebraska 76

Alissa Murphy scored a season-high 26 points and Brianne Stepherson had 23 for Boston College (26-8). The Eagles led 52-38 at halftime and pulled away after Nebraska (18-13) twice got within 10 early in the second half.

Virginia 74, Pepperdine 62

Renee Robinson scored nine of her 11 points in a 14-4 second-half run that put Virginia (24-8) in control. When Pepperdine (21-10) got within three, Virginia scored 12 of the next 14 points to put it away.

At South Bend, Ind.
George Washington 79, UCLA 72

Elisa Aguilar scored 23 points and George Washington (26-5) held off a rally by UCLA (17-11), which trailed by as many as 19 in the first half. The early exit ended a frustrating season for the Bruins, who returned everyone from a team that reached the regional finals last year.

Notre Dame 87, San Diego 61

Ruth Riley and Niele Ivey scored 14 points apiece for the Irish (26-4), wearing green on St. Patrick's Day rather than their usual gold home uniforms. With no starter taller than 6 feet, San Diego (17-13) was no match for the Notre Dame front court, led by the 6-5 Riley.

Flashback

1976: Groom slipped by Wheeler 12-9 in District 1-1A football action.

Thomas Reed scored both Groom touchdowns and was his team's leading rusher with 110 yards on 14 attempts.

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Pampa church members help southern neighbors

By Pamela Green

When I sat down to write this article, I felt as though I were a child again reporting on "How I Spent My Summer Vacation". Of course, this is not about how I spent my summer vacation. It is about how a group of youth and adults chose to spend their Thanksgiving holiday.

A group of 31 people from Pampa, most of whom either attend or have attended Hi-Land Christian Church, spent their Thanksgiving holiday building a house in Mexico.

We determined after the first project in 1998 this was an outreach we definitely wanted to continue. We began by raising funds to pay for the materials for the project. We held church dinners accepting donations and took up special offerings from our church body to fund the project. An agency in El Paso chose the family for whom we would build the house from their list of applicants.

The families desiring help with housing contacted Casas Por Cristo through the Mexican Churches. The Mexican Church Family (composed of all denominations) then visits with the family to determine the need and the responsibility of the family to maintain a dwelling after it is built.

The family they chose for us to work with proved to be very deserving of our assistance. Rojelio and Gabriella were expecting their first child and had been living with family since their marriage. They were unable to get far enough ahead financially to be able to afford their own housing.

Rojelio assists his father in the management of an orphanage and is also an assistant pastor in a church. Both he and Gabriella will teach in a Christian School that will be sponsored by their church. They met the criteria for Casas Por Cristo and were assigned to our group.

We all left Pampa in time to meet in El Paso by 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the Casas Por Cristo office. There we loaded our camping gear, food, and personal objects into their vehicles to proceed across the border to our designated home for the next three days.

As we began our trip, one of the vans called on the two-way radio to report that he was hanging back some because his brakes were not working. Immediately someone else got on the radio and said to begin praying for his brakes. We all began to seek God to fix those brakes! The answer was immediate. Our driver called back and said he had no idea what happened, but as suddenly as the brakes were gone, they were back. Praise the Lord!

We were to spend our time away from the job site "camped out" on the floor of one of the Mexican churches. The church had an adjoining kitchen we could use to prepare our meals and eat in. The church also had two restrooms, one for men and one for women. The men's restroom had two open showers in the end with cold running water.

The church was having their Wednesday night service when we arrived, so we went in and joined them. They happened to be in the musical part of the service, so we could clap our hands with them and sing along with the songs that we knew.

When they finished their service for the night, we went into the kitchen and prepared our meal. We then rearranged the pews to allow for our air mattresses and sleeping bags. After a long day of travel and excitement, we were very tired and yet still keyed up so much that we found it difficult to relax.

Our young people had seen a little corner store just around the block from us and wanted to check it out. Some of the adults took them and they found that they could purchase a very large soft drink for only 35 cents. They were thrilled and continued to make supervised trips to the little store for soft drinks. Surely that wouldn't be because in Mexico soft drinks are sweeter than they are in the States, would it?

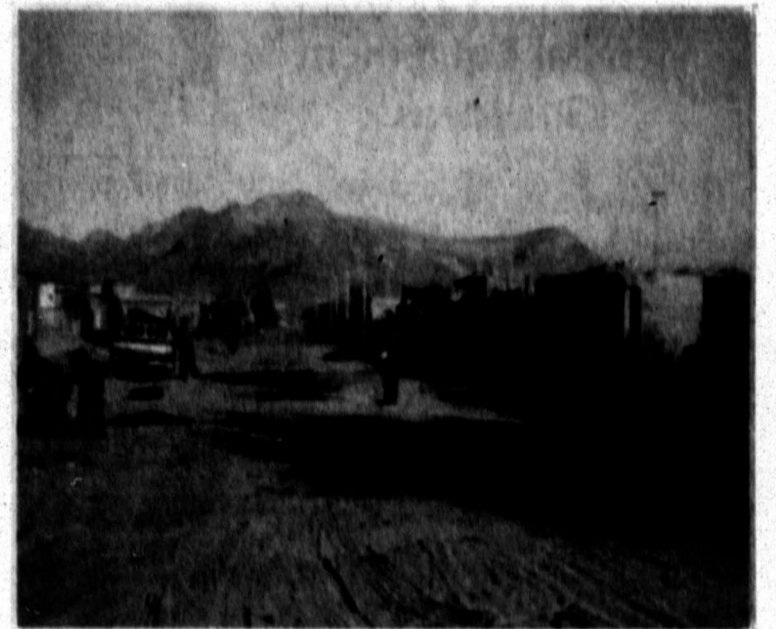
Our first morning began at the work site with prayer for our safety and God's blessing on the site and our work. We began by laying forms for the foundation. While about half the group worked on that, the other half began to cut the boards for the exterior walls.

We used a small cement mixer to mix concrete and a wheelbarrow to transport it from the mixer to the foundation. Somewhere, between loads of concrete and cutting boards, we took a few minutes to have sandwiches from the tailgate of a pickup for lunch on Thanksgiving Day. We finished early that day and returned to our "home away from home."

The church we were staying in had an evening service scheduled that evening, so we congregated in the kitchen to prepare and eat our Thanksgiving Dinner. Prior to the trip we had prepared all our meals and placed them in brown bags that were fitted into crock pots. See MEXICO, page 22.



Luke Long builds frames for the home for the home as the construction begins. Nicole Heersema is assisting with the start-up construction.



Children play in the streets as the adults walk down those streets of the neighborhood close to the Mexican Church in the community. The small town sets at the base of the Mexican mountains.



Jeremy Lynan uses his carpenter skills to construct walls for the future home of the family while in Mexico.



Nicole Heersema presents a symbolic key to Rojelio and Gabriella to their new home as the Pampans complete the construction of their home.



The Pampa group stayed in this church in the Mexican community while they worked to build the home for Rojelio and Gabriella. The local delegation slept in their sleeping bags as they spent their Thanksgiving holiday on the mission project.

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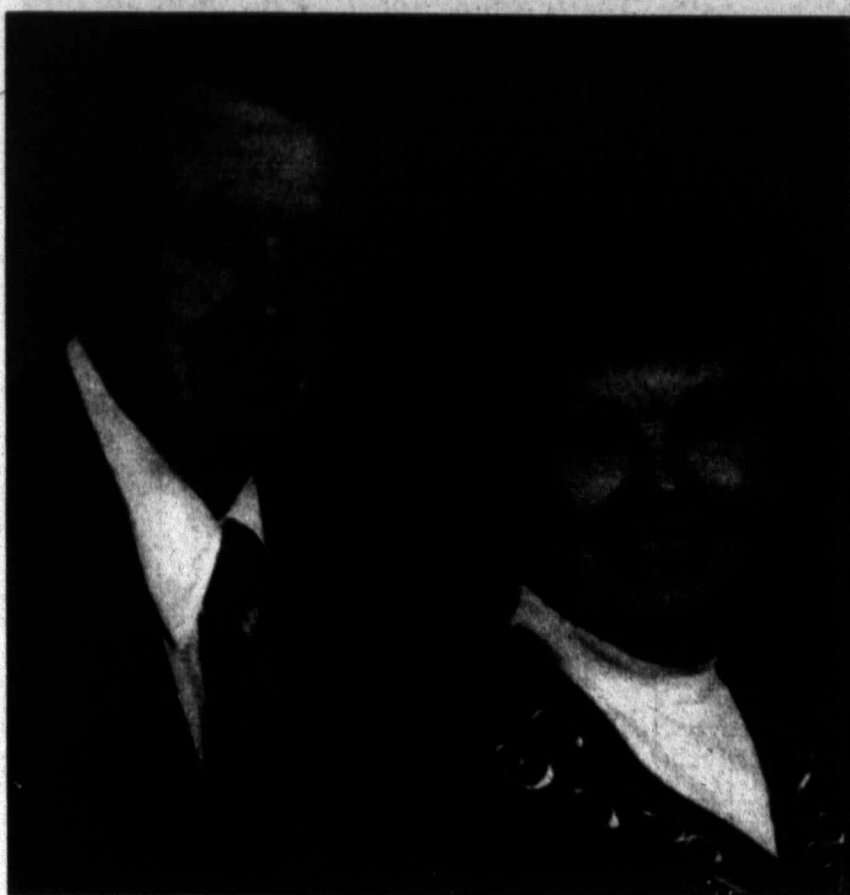
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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Floyd

Floyd anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Floyd will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary March 21, 2000.

Roy Glenn Floyd and Elsie Frances Hartman were married March 21, 1950, at Shattuck, Okla. The couple belong to First United Methodist Church, Celanese Retiree's Club and Panhandle Road Runner's Club.

Mr. Floyd worked for Celanese, retiring in 1990, and was previously employed with National Tank and Cabot Corporation.

Mrs. Floyd was employed at several businesses in town prior to working for Cabot Corporation Steel Plant. She retired in 1987 from IRI International. She is a Life Active member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority and was Texas Outstanding ESA Member in 1995.

Children of the couple are Terry Floyd of Amarillo and Barbara and Scott Davis of Groom. They have two grandchildren.

Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.

FCE Progressive Club

Progressive Club, Texas Association of Family and Community Education Clubs, met March 9 with President Eva Dennis presiding and Ruth Barrett serving as hostess. Eleven members and one visitor were in attendance.

The following business was conducted and announcements made: —Minutes from the previous meeting were read by Secretary Barrett, and Leny Howard, Council representative, discussed monthly Council meeting activities. Beulah Terrell gave the treasury report.

—Joan Gray, Extension agent, presented a review of TAFCE affiliation with National AFCE.

—A workday is in the offing for the following clubs — Evening Stars, Patchworks Club, Pam Club and Progressive — beginning at 9

a.m., March 23 at the Annex with a sack lunch. Members are to bring crafts to be judged for District meeting.

—Members voted to purchase a gift for the silent auction to be held during the annual district meeting slated March 28 at Hereford. All members were urged to attend the meeting. The Gray County Extensions Clubs will host the auction.

—Polly Benton and Terrell reported on plans for the spring Achievement Party.

—Helene Baumgardner presented the program "New Ways to Wear Scarves."

Door prizes were won by Mary Ann Bailey and Howard. The next meeting will be at the home of Terrell.

20th Century Club

Twentieth Century Club met March 14 at the home of Mrs. Rex Wolf. Members answered roll with "what they collect." The program was presented by Mary Wilson on the "Life of Charles Dickens."

(See, CLUB, Page 5)

Menus

March 20-24

Pampa Schools

MONDAY
Breakfast: Waffle sticks, syrup.
Lunch: Mini corn dogs or pizza, English peas, pineapple, macaroni and cheese.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, sausage patty.
Lunch: Chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, green beans, corn, fresh fruit, hot rolls.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Tamale, scrambled eggs, flour tortilla.
Lunch: Ribecue on a bun or burritos, potato rounds, baked beans, applesauce.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast.
Lunch: Beef patty or chef salad, whipped potatoes, mixed fruit, hot rolls.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage patty.
Lunch: Cheese sandwiches or hot dogs with chili, French fries,

tossed salad, pears.

Lefors Schools
MONDAY
Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Soft tacos, enchiladas, beans, cheese, salad, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Toast, cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: Barbecue wieners, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, salad, rolls, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Ham, eggs, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Salisbury steak, blackeyed peas, whipped potatoes, salad, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, toast, cereal, juice, milk.

Lunch: Hamburgers or barbecue, cheese, pickles, crispy fries, salad, fruit, milk.

Senior Citizens
MONDAY
Chicken fried steak or chicken/broccoli casserole, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, navy beans, German chocolate cake or vanilla pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY
Fried chicken or meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn cobbettes, green beans, beans, Boston creme pie or apple/raisin cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, English peas, carrots, butter beans, spice cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY
Chicken strips or Spanish

porkchops, mashed potatoes, hominy, blackeyed peas/snaps, red velvet cake or bread pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY
Fried cod fish or chili and tamales, potato wedges, turnip greens, pinto beans, banana cake or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, garlic toast or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels
MONDAY
Oven fried chicken, black-eyed peas, zucchini and tomatoes, pears.

TUESDAY
Steak fingers, gravy, broccoli and rice casserole, carrots, pineapple.

WEDNESDAY
Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, banana.

THURSDAY
Swiss steak, potato casserole, peas and carrots, jello.

FRIDAY
Chili baked, pinto beans, cornbread, graham crackers.



Michelle Gandy and Michael Erwin

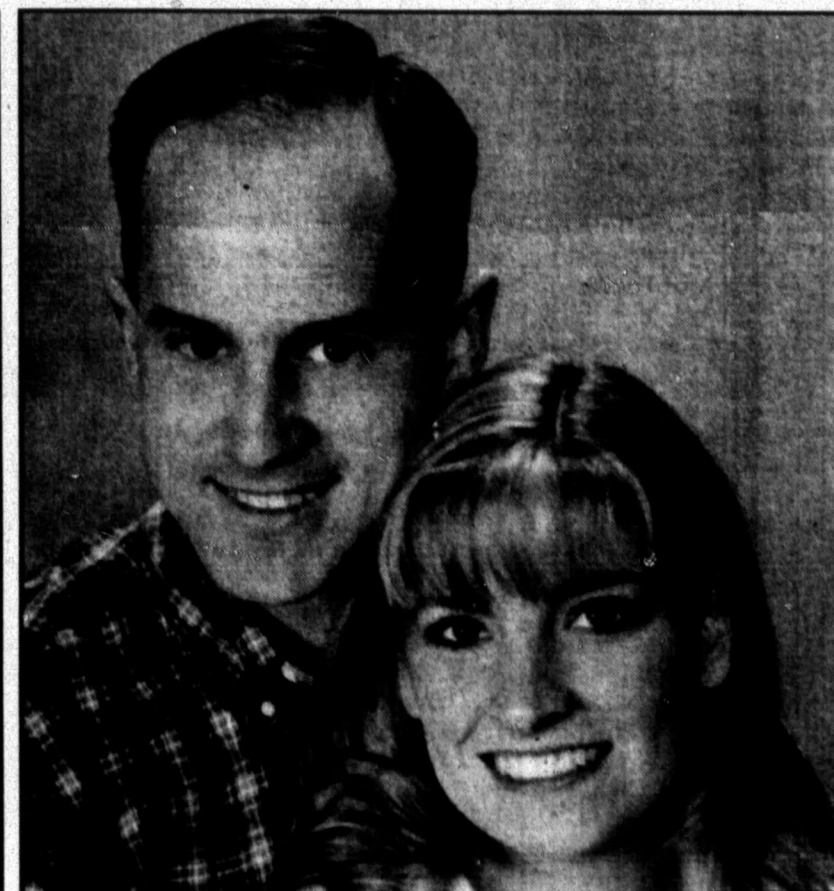
Gandy-Erwin

Michelle Gandy and Michael Erwin, both of Portales, N.M., plan to wed May 20 in Barrett Baptist Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gandy of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1999 and is a sophomore religion major at Eastern New Mexico University at Portales.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Erwin of Portales. He graduated from Portales High School in 1994 and is a senior religion major at Eastern New Mexico University.

Both are currently employed at KENW TV in Portales.



Amber Crosswhite and Jason Jones

Crosswhite-Jones

Amber Crosswhite and Jason Jones, both of Pampa, plan to wed June 17 at Calvary Baptist Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Rick and Sandy Crosswhite of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1998 and is currently pursuing a degree in music education at West Texas A&M University.

The prospective groom is the son of Mike and Jayne Jones of Early, Texas. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1995 and from Howard Payne University in 1999. He is currently employed with Pampa ISD as an assistant band director at PHS.

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Tabitha Renee Harvey and Jeremy Keith Winkler
Harvey-Winkler

Tabitha Renee Harvey and Jeremy Keith Winkler, both of Pampa, were wed Feb. 29 in Carpenter's Church in Pampa with Brother Fred Palmer, pastor of the church, officiating.

The maid of honor was Christi Maxwell of White Deer. The bridesmaids were Julie Chesher of Pampa and Dalisa Dawson of Canyon. The flower girl was Jacklyn Woods, cousin of the bride of Skellytown.

The best man was Tanner Winkler, brother of the groom of Pampa. The groomsmen were Jason Thomas and Kevin Chesher, both of Pampa. The ring bearer was Trenton Kade Harvey, son of the bride and groom of Pampa.

The ushers were Jackie Woods, uncle of the bride of Skellytown, and Steve of Borger. The candlelighters were Carla and Camilla Newman, both sisters of the bride of Pampa.

Registering the guests were Krystal Woods and Charra Woods, both cousins of the bride.

A reception was held following the service at the church with Renee Woods, aunt of the bride of Skellytown, and Kimberly Newman, sister of the bride of Pampa, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of JoAnne Harvey of White Deer and Brenda and Norman Newman of Pampa. She attended White Deer High and Caprock High in Amarillo, participating in Spanish Club, Caprock HS cheerleading and various school associations including peer tutoring of special education her sophomore year. She is currently employed at Texas Department of Criminal Justice Jordan Unit in Pampa.

The groom is the son of Patricia and Keith Winkler of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1996, participating in various rodeo associations and in Future Farmers of America. He is currently employed at Texas Department of Criminal Justice Jordan Unit in Pampa.

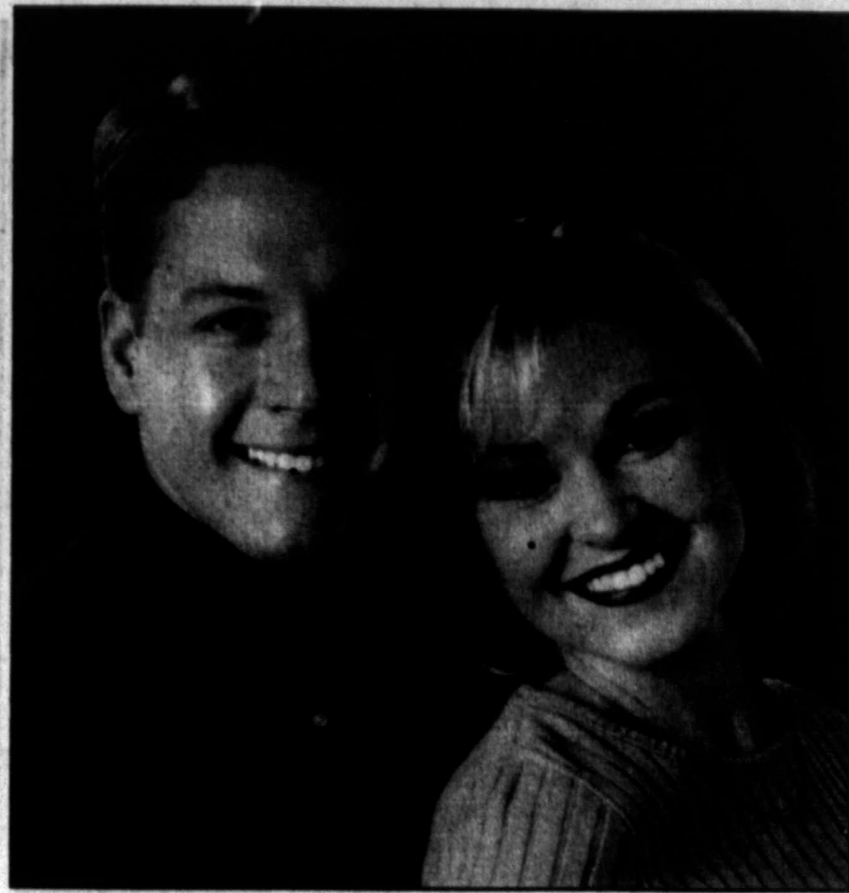


Crystal Michelle Deese and Ty Allen Newman
Deese-Newman

Crystal Michelle Deese and Ty Allen Newman, both of Amarillo, plan to wed April 29 in San Jacinto United Methodist Church of Amarillo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Tommie and Candra Deese of Sweetwater. She graduated from Sweetwater High School in 1997 and is currently pursuing a degree in elementary education at Amarillo College.

The prospective groom is the son of Cecil and Kay Newman of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1996 and from Amarillo College in 1999. He is currently employed as an assistant manager at Discount Tire in Amarillo.



Alison Elizabeth Turner and Christopher Wayne Edwards
Turner-Edwards

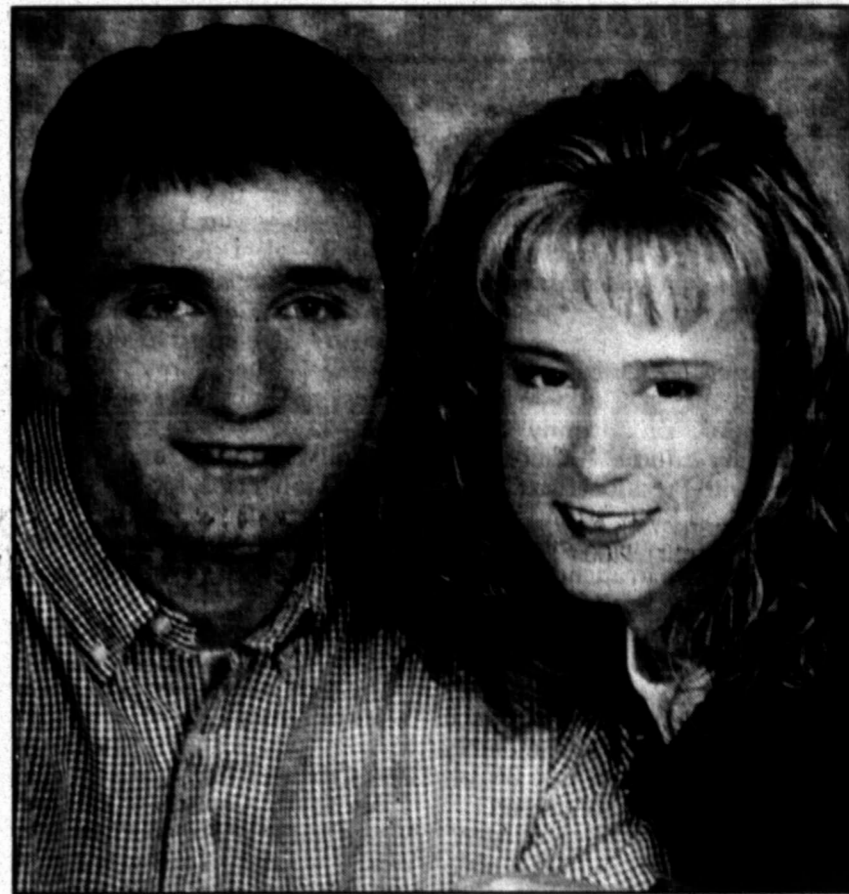
Alison Elizabeth Turner of Washington, D.C., and Christopher Wayne Edwards of San Antonio plan to wed May 27 at First Baptist Church of Dumas.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Dan and Terrie Turner of Dumas and is the granddaughter of Paul and Minelle Turner of Pampa and the late Wendell and Faye Watson. She graduated from Dumas High School in 1995 and from Baylor University in Waco magna cum laude in 1999, receiving a degree in journalism/public relations and speech communications. She is currently employed as a staff assistant for U.S. Rep. Larry Combest.

The prospective groom is the son of Richard and Jo Beth Edwards of Midland. He graduated from Dumas High School in 1995 and from McMurry University in 1999, receiving a degree in biology. He is currently attending the University of Texas Science Center in San Antonio.

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Allison Ann Bollig and Corey Gene Alfonsi
Bollig-Alfonsi

Allison Ann Bollig and Corey Gene Alfonsi plan to wed July 15 at St. Joseph's Church in Hays, Kan.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Bollig, Jr., of Hays. She graduated from Thomas More Prep-Marian High School and from Fort Hays State University at Hays, earning a bachelor's degree in marketing. She is currently employed as a merchandise distribution analyst by Payless ShoeSource, Inc., of Topeka, Kan.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Combs of Turpin, Okla., and the late Ted Alfonsi. He graduated from Pampa High School and from Fort Hays State University, earning a bachelor's degree in management. He is currently employed as a materials manager by QuVIS in Topeka.

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

RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION meets at 2 p.m. the third Monday of every month at the Senior Citizens Center. For more information, contact Carolyn Smith, 665-5158.

FIRST PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH hosts "Second Sunday Singing" from 2-4 p.m. the second Sunday of each month. Singers and musicians from all over perform congregational singing. The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, call Mina Towey, 665-8529.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM will celebrate its 30th anniversary in the Year 2000. A new exhibit, "A Season of Change, 1900-200," will go up in January to celebrate the anniversary and the millennium. The exhibit will run from January-September.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM will be selling leaves and rocks to go on the new bronze Heritage which is in the Holland Wing. The items may be purchased all year as memorials and tributes to

families, family members and friends.

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.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER Coordinating Council meets once a month. For more information, call Ann, 669-1131.

MEALS ON WHEELS Garage Sale, 900 N. Frost, will be every Monday throughout February and April. For more information, call Cindy Gindorf, 669-1007.

PAMPA YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER Water Aerobics class will be from 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-3713, or Lee, Betty or Liz at Pampa Youth Center, 665-0748.

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL office will be open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. PALC volunteers work with people who need basic reading/writing skills as well as English as a second language. For more information, call 665-2331.

GIRL SCOUTS are still taking orders for cookie sales. The cookies will arrive in Pampa Feb. 18 and will be delivered March 9. Look for booths in area businesses. To place an order, contact a

Girl Scout or call 669-6862 or 665-2751.

GRAY COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY HEAD-QUARTERS located in the Combs-Worley Building, 120 W. Kingsmill, Suite 202. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 669-1276.

MARCH

21 - GREATER PAMPA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE luncheon will be held in M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. Rep. Warren Chisum will be the guest speaker. For more information or for reservations, call the Chamber before 10 a.m. the 21st, 669-3241.

23 - 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.

25 - TOP O' TEXAS RODEO ASSOCIATION will have a Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Queen Clinic from 10 a.m.-12 noon in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The cost of the clinic will be \$5 per person. Officials will discuss this year's pageant and will be accepting pageant clothes for resale. For more information, call the rodeo office at 669-0434 or Sonja Daniel at 665-5501.

25 - PAMPA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will sponsor its first annual "Boat, Recreation and Travel Show" from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at M.K. Brown

Auditorium. For more information call the Chamber, 669-3241.

30 - FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY Book Sale will be from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston. For more information, call Louise Bailey, president, 669-6578, or the library, 669-5780.

APRIL

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Tralee will coordinate a project to help with community awareness. For more information, call 669-1131.

1 - HI-LAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH located at 1615 N. Hobart will hold a Passover Presentation with John Moskovetz as speaker. For more information, call 669-6700.

8 - HEART GALA ART AUCTION and reception to benefit Heart Research, American Heart Association, at the M.K. Brown Auditorium. Cost is \$15 per person. For more information, call Veronica Kirkwood, 665-0356.

15 - NATIONAL REGISTER PLAQUE DEDICATION and Community Awards will be at 2 p.m. in Gray County Court House, second floor, court room. For more information, call Darlene Birkes, 665-2913.

18 - PAMPA SOCCER ASSOCIATION "Annual Meeting" will be at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, call 669-1273 and leave a message.

Lamar honor roll

Lamar Elementary School recently announced its fourth six-weeks honor roll for the 1999-00 school year.

SECOND GRADE

A Honor Roll
Martika Jackson, Lacie Johnston, Blake Morse, Tracy Torres, Christopher Wood, J'Lynne James, Cristian Ortega, Jessica Ramirez, Tessa Walker.

AB Honor Roll

Jessica Brown, Margarita Cervantes, Amanda Estes, Stormy Free, Laura McGrath, Andrew Regalado, Lorena Sieber, Sheila Vargas, Breanna Bump, Kristie Davis, Mikaela Flores, Cristina Garcia, Amisha Mitchell, Delissa Salazar, Fabiola Soria.

THIRD GRADE

A Honor Roll
Heather Green, Oscar Retana, Codi Guthrie, Heath Skinner.

AB Honor Roll

Olivia Allen, Heather Bryan, Danielle Frazier, Andrew Hatcher, Atziri Murgado, Callie Preston, Richard Terry, Tom Williams, Karly Bookout, Amber Chavarria, Celeste Gonzales, Tyler Jones, Rachel Poplin, Tristin Reeves, Paul Watson.

FOURTH GRADE

A Honor Roll
Jamica Walker.

AB Honor Roll

George Albear, Skyler Hunnicut, Elizabeth McGrath,

David Soto, Erin Hall, Kambra Jimenez, Veronica Solorzano.

FIFTH GRADE

A Honor Roll
Jamie Gonzales, Bobby Sikes, Andrew Lowrance, Marco Valles.

AB Honor Roll

Erica Arreola, Marcos Campos, Britnee Ledbetter, Robert McLean, Karim Molinar, Consuelo Perez, Michael Robinson, Halei Skinner, Jonathan Stewart, Nikki Villarreal, Shandale Young, Roger Cabrales, Kali Jimenez, Derek Lowrie, Lensey Mixon, Eric Morales, Stephanie Preston, Phillip Rodriguez, Cody Snow, Yesenia Torres, Charlene Wright.

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CONTACT INFORMATION: Pampa Regional Medical Center Therapy Services, 806-663-5566 or Fax 806-663-5748

NEW PROGRAMS offered at the Pampa Regional Medical Center Therapy Services

1. Industrial Rehabilitation - Functional Capacity Evaluations
2. Impairment Ratings - Worker's Compensation Claims
3. Women's Health Program - Continence Improvement Program
4. Cardiac Rehabilitation - Opening Soon

What is Physical Therapy?

Physical Therapy is a rehabilitation profession that assists people of all ages to return to their previous level of function after a debilitating injury or illness. Physical therapists focus on orthopedic injuries that involve the arms, legs, back and neck. Physical therapy also specializes in neurological (nerve-related) disorders, work related injuries, wound care, and cardiac rehabilitation.

Who needs Physical Therapy?

- ◆ People who have had a stroke, head injury, muscular dystrophy, or spinal cord injuries
- ◆ People with arthritis, muscular sclerosis, amputations or other serious illnesses involving the arms, legs, feet, back or neck
- ◆ People who have wounds from diabetes, post-surgical incisions or infections
- ◆ People who have been injured on the job and/or need to return to work
- ◆ People who have required surgery on a joint in the arms, legs, and back
- ◆ People who have suffered an injury resulting in tendonitis, bursitis, arthritis or other soft tissue injury
- ◆ People who require cardiovascular fitness before and/or after heart surgery
- ◆ People who require training and strengthening after an injury and before returning to work.

What treatments are offered by Physical Therapists?

1. Comprehensive evaluations to assess areas of injury or areas of dysfunction
2. Pain management techniques utilizing heat, ultrasound, electrical stimulation, iontophoresis, massage and cryotherapy
3. Specific exercise programs designed for each patient to increase range of motion, strength, aerobic functions and flexibility
4. Instruction on home exercise programs to improve movement and strength between home and the clinic.
5. Wound Management techniques such as cleansing, debridement, dressing, hydrotherapy and patient/caregiver education
6. Comprehensive evaluation to properly fit patients with braces and orthotics
7. Progressive exercise programs and work simulation activities to return clients to work.
8. Progression of specialized exercise programs (aerobic and strengthening) to improve cardiac function and quality of life

What is Occupational Therapy?

Occupational Therapists are rehabilitation professionals dedicated to assist individuals whose life patterns were changed due to injury, illness, cognitive or developmental problems, social or emotional deficits or the aging process. Many Occupational Therapists also specialize in upper extremity injuries (hands, wrists, elbows, shoulders), assist with return to activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing or household management tasks, and help with return to work. The principle of Occupational Therapy is to help individuals lead independent, productive and satisfying lives.

Who needs Occupational Therapy?

- ◆ People who have experienced a stroke, head injury, muscular dystrophy, MS or spinal cord injury
- ◆ People with fractures/injuries of their arms or hands from sports, falls or accidents at home & work
- ◆ People with arthritis, bursitis, tendonitis, other soft tissue injuries, amputations or other illnesses affecting the use of their arms or hands i.e. Carpal Tunnel, Trigger Finger, and Tennis Elbow
- ◆ Children with birth injuries, learning problems, fine motor dysfunction or developmental disabilities
- ◆ People who need assistance completing dressing, bathing and other household management tasks
- ◆ Individuals who have mental health problems
- ◆ Women who experience problems with bladder control or who are incontinent

What Treatments are offered by Occupational Therapists?

1. Recommendations / training for adaptive equipment to replace lost function at work or at home
2. Pain management using ultrasound, electrical stimulation, iontophoresis, cryotherapy
3. Exercise Programs for improving strengthening and movement of the arms and hands
4. Facilitation of hand skills and behavioral modification with children with Developmental Delay or Attention Deficit Disorder
5. Fabrication of custom splints and braces
6. Group therapy focusing on living skills for mental health patients on the Golden Phoenix Center at the Pampa Regional Medical Center
7. Comprehensive incontinence/bladder control intervention including biofeedback, electrical stimulation and behavioral modification and exercise

What is Speech Language Pathology?

Speech-Language Pathology or Speech Therapy is a rehabilitation profession that assists adults and children to return to their functional communication level after sustaining an injury to the brain or experiencing developmental delays. Most speech therapists specialize in the areas of injuries to the brain, which can affect swallowing, speech, understanding, memory, voice and higher level thinking skills.

Who needs Speech Therapy?

- ◆ Adults or children with neurological diagnosis (ie, Stroke, Head Injury, Cerebral Palsy, and Muscular Dystrophy) resulting in swallowing problems, difficulty speaking, understanding, or remembering daily activities and/or changes in voice
- ◆ People with multiple sclerosis, ALS or Parkinson's Disease, which could result in speech or swallowing difficulty or change in voice
- ◆ Learning disabilities, which could result in delayed speech and language skills
- ◆ People experiencing changes in cognition (thinking and processing skills) as a result of medical diagnoses

What treatments are offered by Speech Therapist?

1. Comprehensive evaluation of speech, language, swallowing, cognitive (higher level thinking skills) and voice
2. Recommendations and training for patients and family members on strategies to compensate for the lost function in swallowing, speech and communication
3. Home exercise program to enhance speech therapy intervention outside the clinic
4. Facilitation of school programs for children with Attention Deficit Disorder and developmental delays
5. Evaluation of swallowing through a video X-ray (videofluoroscopy) to assist physicians in the diagnosis and prevention of aspiration (fluid in the lungs) by changing food and liquid consistencies

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ENTERTAINMENT

Unique book chronicles Tejano, Mexican regional music

By KELLEY SHANNON
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Conjunto music's accordion sounds and Tejano's blues, country and pop influences have made for fine listening and writing for Ramiro Burr for 15 years. As a music journalist, Burr has chronicled the growing national interest in South Texas artists and Tejano music, including the 1990s rise of singer Selena and her violent death five years ago.

But Burr never found an easy-to-use book providing definitions of the region's Mexican-based music genres or detailing its historical and cultural influences. So, he wrote one himself.

The result: "The Billboard

Guide to Tejano and Regional Mexican Music," a book published in the summer of 1999 that's been catching on with musicians, fans and even college professors.

"Since I had dug and dug and dug and I couldn't find anything, I said, 'I'm going to throw out my own terms,'" Burr said. "I had seen a lot of these bands many, many times. I've reviewed a lot of their new CDs, interviewed a lot of the big hitters."

A native of Laredo, Burr, 44, is a music reporter and critic for the San Antonio Express-News and has a syndicated weekly column on Latin music. He was a contributing writer to "Rough Guide to World Music" and has contributed to "Latina" and

"Hispanic Business" magazines. His new book opens with chapters on the rise of Tejano and the cultural impact of the music.

An "encyclopedia" follows, filled with bios of big names in the business. The book contains a chronology; Burr's Top 10 lists of albums and songs in Tejano, conjunto, norteno, mariachi/ranchera and trio/bolero; and a glossary of musical terms and styles.

Woven into the book are explanations of the economic and historical developments Burr contends contributed to the rise and fall of certain types of Mexican-American music.

Today Latin pop — fueled by Ricky Martin, Enrique Iglesias and other young stars — leads the Latin music field. But conjunto, Tejano and related music

forms endure in the U.S.-Mexico border region.

Though Tejano isn't enjoying the boom it did in the early 1990s, when it was dominated by Selena, Emilio Navaira and La Mafia, it still draws crowds and sells records.

Last week at the Tejano Music Awards in San Antonio, thousands of fans flocked to the Alamodome as Elida y Avante and the Kumbia Kings won four awards each at the 20th annual awards show.

Intocable won album conjunto of the year with its album "Contigo," a CD released six months after Intocable lost two bandmembers in a January 1999 car accident near Monterrey, Mexico.

Burr's book focuses on the evolution of conjunto music and its

counterpart in Mexico known as norteno as well as the more urban Tejano.

Conjunto, a Spanish word meaning "combined" or "an ensemble," has its roots in the blending of Mexican and European cultures in South Texas and northern Mexico in the late 1800s. German, Czech and Polish immigrants are believed to have introduced the accordion and polka to the area.

Mexican bands soon combined accordion music with the Mexican bajo sexto, a 12-string bass guitar. By the 1930s, conjunto music took shape with Narciso Martinez of Reynosa, Mexico, as a pioneer.

Grammy winner Flaco Jimenez of San Antonio is one of today's leaders of conjunto and, as Burr writes, is to conjunto what B.B.

King is to the blues or George Jones is to traditional country.

Tejano's formation in the 1950s resulted from merging the folksy conjunto with the horn-driven big band sound of the era.

What the book refers to as the "Golden Age" of Tejano peaked in the 1970s, led by Little Joe Y La Familia, a band that tinged its Tejano music with blues and rock.

Though Tejano was simmering and poised for another explosion, it wouldn't happen until mainstream Mexican-American artists Los Lobos and Linda Ronstadt had Spanish-language hits in 1987, prompting widespread appreciation of Latino music, according to Burr.

Los Lobos released "La Bamba" from the movie about Ritchie Valens, and Ronstadt released the album "Canciones de Mi Padre," which won critical acclaim and a Grammy.

"It's just my theory in studying culture that this is what told a lot of Latinos in this country — the Hispanics, especially the Tejanos — 'You know what, you don't have to be embarrassed to say that you're a Mexican-American,'" Burr said.

The success of artists Emilio Navaira — who later turned to country music — and Selena spurred the resurgence of Tejano by the early 1990s.

Selena's danceable music represented a fusion of Mexican cumbia with traditional Tejano, blending with some rhythm and blues and hip-hop, Burr explains. She was starting to cross over into pop music when she was shot to death by the president of her fan club on March 31, 1995, at a motel in Corpus Christi.

Selena was "major-league influential," Burr said, because of her musical talent and because she was a role model for young girls.

Burr contends Tejano sales were starting to level off around the time of her death, but Selena's posthumous popularity propelled the Tejano industry for another two years.

Bob Nirkind, a senior editor at Billboard Books, said he had long been interested in publishing a book on Tejano and regional music and he became even more interested after Selena's death. He teamed up with Burr after hearing him speak at the annual South By Southwest music conference in Austin.

Book sales have topped 10,000, and a second order of 3,000 is in the works, Nirkind said.

Martha Fabrique, an assistant professor of music at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, said she began using Burr's book last fall in her class on Mexican-American music in the Southwest. Fabrique considers Burr an authority in the field because of his years of music reporting experience.

"He knows the inner-workings of the recording industry," she said.

The Latin music industry is one that's bound to expand with the growth of the nation's Hispanic population, Burr said.

Once someone injects the right new sound, Burr also predicts, there will be another boom for Tejano, an art form he calls "one of the coolest music genres on the American landscape."

On the Net: Ramiro Burr's Web page, www.ramiroburr.com

Is country western music victim of 'Murder of Music Row'?

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The song says it all: "The steel guitars no longer cry, and fiddles barely play/But drums and rock 'n' roll guitars/are mixed up in your face."

"Murder on Music Row" is a rising hit duet by country music traditionalists George Strait and Alan Jackson. The recording argues that the influence of pop music is killing the music of Hank Williams and Lefty Frizzell.

"Oh Hank wouldn't have a chance on today's radio," they sing in the song written by Larry Cordle and Larry Shell.

Music executives debated the growing pop influence in country music in a recent panel discussion at the Country Radio Seminar convention here. The topic was so hot that organizers had to open a second hotel ballroom to accommodate the crowd.

The panelists considered hits including Lonestar's "Your Love Amazes Me" and Martina McBride's "I Love You," which crossed over to the pop charts and sparked big sales. The latest albums by Nashville stars Faith Hill and Shania Twain are pop music in everything but name, and well-received by that audience.

Alabama had a hit duet with pop group N' Sync. Mark Chesnutt and Mark Wills have cut country versions of pop hits.

Even country records that don't cross over aren't as country as they once were.

"Is country music an art form or a business?" asked singer Kenny Rogers, who crossed over to the pop charts in the 1980s. "If it's an art form, get rid of pop music. But if it's a business, you've got to keep it."

National television exposure is hard to get for

country acts, said Joe Galante, who runs BMG in Nashville.

"Lonestar couldn't get arrested (for TV bookings) with eight or nine weeks at No. 1 country," said Galante. "They got the Academy of Country Music Awards and Leno when they crossed over to pop."

With sales of country music down about 4.5 percent in 1999, the likelihood is that the pop trend will continue.

"This (country) audience is shrinking," said Allen Butler, who runs Sony Records in Nashville. "Pop songs are good if they draw in listeners."

Twain's success on other radio formats is an example, said Luke Lewis, president of Mercury Nashville Records. Since she has many more country hits than pop, fans introduced to her via pop radio have to listen to country stations if they want more. They may hear something else they like while they're there.

Lewis said Mercury is working to develop a traditional country artist, but is holding off for now because of the commercial climate.

"We're not at all inclined to make a traditional-sounding album right now," he said.

What does this mean for traditional country music?

"It could just go away," Lewis said. "It could become unidentifiable."

But the old styles can still be popular. The most recent example is Brad Paisley, a traditional-leaning artist who became a star last summer.

"If you think (today's country music) is pop, put it next to a Kid Rock record and tell me what you think," Galante said.

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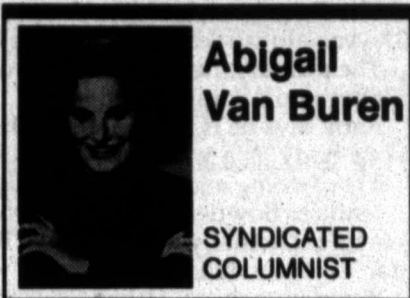
DEAR ABBY: I am dating a lovely 29-year-old woman who has a 3-year-old son. We are both very much in love, but the boy is extremely unruly when I am around. My girlfriend is getting tired of having to discipline him all the time. He misbehaves in stores and restaurants and embarrasses us both.

Frankly, it is starting to have an impact on our relationship. She says that he only acts up when I am around. Is there anything I should do so that this doesn't destroy our relationship?

JASON IN GLENDALE

DEAR JASON: Your girlfriend's son may be only 3, but he's not stupid. He recognizes a rival for his mother's affection, and is doing everything he can at his tender age to drive you away.

I recommend a visit to your local library or the nearest bookstore. Much has been written about "blended families." Also, a short series of sessions with a therapist who specializes in child psychology would give you insight into reassuring the little boy and would be money well spent.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: This is my first letter to you, but after reading several letters recently regarding the etiquette of name placement for newly married ladies, I had to write.

I have a son who went the extra mile and had his last name changed to his wife's. How many men do you think would be willing to do that? You wouldn't believe the red tape and disbelieving looks he got when he went through the process of having his name legally changed. It was almost as if his masculinity was in question!

He and his wife are both proudly serving our country in the U.S. Army, stationed in Fort Bragg, N.C., and I'm very proud to be the mom of two of our finest soldiers.

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DEAR JODY: Although a man changing his name to that

of his wife's is unusual, it is not unheard of. I believe the practice originated in England, when men married into families that had no male heir to carry on the name.

Today the "name game" has many variations. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I, too, am of the old-fashioned mind-set when it comes to manners. However, it is not easy to remain so.

Just the other day I opened a door for a woman about to enter. With a caustic look, she remarked, "Are you opening the door just because I'm a woman?" Taken somewhat aback, I was compelled to say, "No — it was because of your age!" She didn't say another word.

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DEAR STILL OPENING DOORS: Funny — but naughty. I hope you don't leave all women speechless.

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Horoscope

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 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) ***** The sun moves into your sign, charging you with vitality and energy. Tap into your imagination, then use your excellent intellectual faculties at work and in personal matters. You come up with a lot of different ideas. The only question is: Why not? Tonight: Accept another's invitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Your vision of the possibilities that lie on the horizon is considerably different than what's actually there. You might be best off not dropping all this new information on others; it is a lot to absorb. Work and process with an associate. Tonight: Take the passive path.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** For the next month, remain goal-oriented. New directions are possible, thanks to a partner's willingness to flex more than the norm. Review a decision with an eye to maximizing potential. Investigate, and you'll come up with ideas. Tonight: Have fun, no matter what you choose to do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Your sense of direction and responsibility helps you carry others through tough times. Deal with family and personal matters as efficiently as possible. A change in your domestic circumstances in the near future encourages greater security. Tonight: Order in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Reach out for new concepts and break old patterns. Partners do the unexpected, delighting you with their changeability. Imagination and intelligence merge, bringing forth a whole new range of answers. Say no where and when you feel it is appropriate. Tonight: Plan a vacation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Relate on a one-on-one level, and success will easily be yours. Do not push beyond your limits. Know when to regroup. Your personal views are in the process of changing. Listen carefully to another's opinion. Spontaneity is needed at work. Tonight: Let someone know how you feel.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Your personality melts another's barriers. You might wonder why you ever had a problem with this person! Discussions are successful, especially if you are willing to revise your thinking. Your openness makes all the difference. Tonight: Whatever is your pleasure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Emphasis is on work and procedures. You might not be comfortable with a need to revamp. Think before you say anything negative. Work on letting go of fixed ideas, no matter how right they seem. Explore options. Pretend you are a Christopher Columbus of the mind! Tonight: Take a night off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Aim for what you want, but be open to other approaches. Your willingness to adapt could make you or break you, presently. The unexpected works well for you. Seize the moment. Allow more of your imagination to float through your projects. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Indulge and enjoy the day. You could have a quirky idea. Evaluate carefully, knowing full well in which direction you are going. Listen to your sixth sense — it will guide you. Accept responsibilities gracefully. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Opt to take an overview; incorporate new ideas and let go of rigidity. Friends see what you are capable of, and, as a result, they stretch. Knowing which direction you are going in helps you zero in on what is needed. Tonight: Catch up on e-mail.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Work with a partner, not against him. Stay centered, even if you get thrown off kilter by a sudden insight. Working as a team, both professionally and personally, can make all the difference. Emphasis is on success. Tonight: Go for togetherness.

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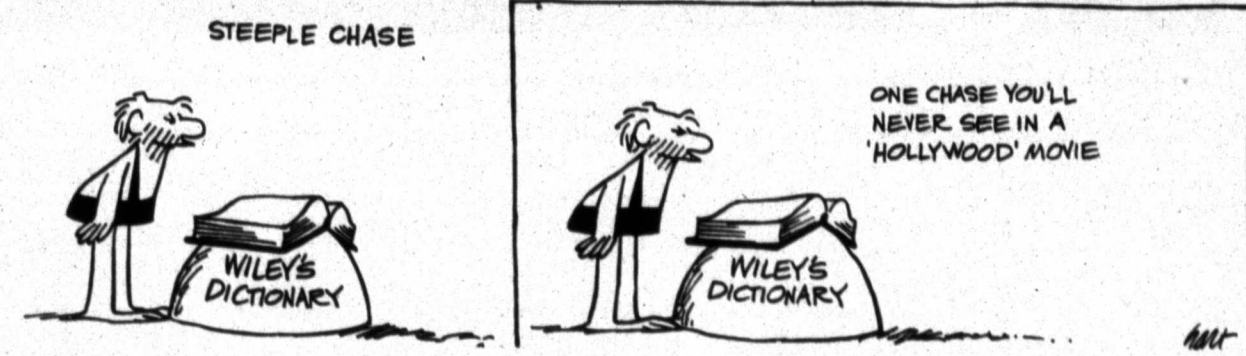
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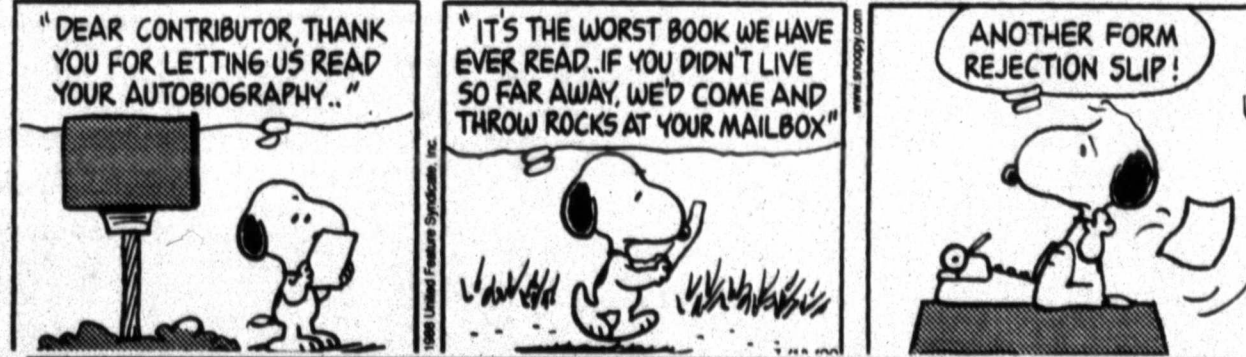
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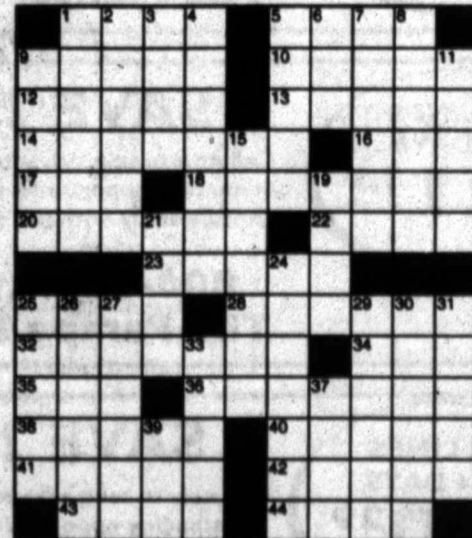
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 10 Permanent con
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 - 14 Disordered
 - 16 Chair part
 - 17 Equip
 - 18 Webmaster's creation
 - 20 Become more profound
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 - 25 Tiff
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 - 32 Variable study
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 - 38 Turning tool
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- 1 Driver in films
 - 2 Geriatrics study
 - 3 Grad
 - 4 Like magazine copy
 - 5 Big party
 - 6 Mardi Gras city
 - 7 Angular home
 - 8 Aquarium fishes
 - 9 Unusual
 - 11 Freeway entrances
 - 15 'My Way' singer
 - 19 Designer
 - 21 Rose on the diamond
 - 24 Crush
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"Now I need a bandaid for my other leg so my knees will match."

Americans flock to 'boot camps,' not boot camp

By RAVI NESSMAN
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Cold, frustrated and impossibly tired, Jennifer Bowden flings out her elbows and knees in a struggle to belly-crawl through a sandpit in the freezing darkness.

Her arms sizzle with pain, her clothes fill with chunks of snow and dirt and her face stings from the frosty darts of a pre-dawn snowfall. "It's the snowpit of what?" her instructor barks down on her. "Love," Bowden and her teammates gasp.

Under the shadow of New York's skyscrapers, in Central Park, a retired Navy Seal named Jack Walston is giving the seven men and eight women a taste of military life.

Just a taste, however. Two hours later, Bowden is sipping Earl Grey tea in her office as she updates her boss in London on a pending financial deal. The only hint of the ordeal this 29-year-old investment banker has been through is the pantsuit she wears to hide her bruised legs.

Call it military chic — not fun and games with paint balls but the marriage of boot camp and yuppie-dom through a ferocious regimen of squat thrusts, thigh-igniting drills, and hundreds of sit-ups. Two weeks of hell for \$495.

Twenty-five years after the end of the Vietnam War, the techniques of grunts and leathernecks have been appropriated by young professionals to manage a business, learn teamwork or just get in shape without actually enduring basic training or going to war.

Corporate go-getters listen to speeches from retired general-turned-motivational speakers, and seek enlightenment in books such as "Five Star Leadership," "Semper Paratus: Business Leadership the Marine Corps Way" and "The West Point Way of Leadership."

Some turn to Dean Hohl's four-day Army Ranger-inspired leadership course in the hills, fields and dense woods outside Louisville, Ky. Thousands don spandex and huff through hourlong "boot camp" classes in fitness clubs across America.

"It's a little bit of the virtual experience of the rigors of a military style workout without actually having to go down to the draft board," says Ann Marie Miller, fitness training manager for New York Sports Clubs. "People get to pretend to be something they are not."

This new chic dovetails with a level of respect for the military not seen since before the Vietnam War.

In 1971, with troops mired in Vietnam, only 27 percent of Americans expressed a great deal of confidence in the military, ranking it fifth on a list of the nation's most respected institutions, according to a Harris poll. By 1998, the figure was up to 43 percent, putting it first in the poll's rankings.

Lucian K. Truscott IV, scion of a famous military family, bitterly

remembers dances in the late 1960s where women refused to speak to him because he wore a West Point cadet's uniform.

Today, another military scion, Sen. John McCain, is heralded as a moral hero for his stoicism as a prisoner of war in Vietnam.

This rebound follows a string of military victories, or at least perceived victories, in Grenada, the Persian Gulf and the Balkans, which projected the image of an effective fighting force, says David King, a professor of public policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, who studies confidence in the military.

"The military isn't messing up in the eyes of the public," he says. Movies such as "Saving Private Ryan" have added to the hosannas. The newfound reverence for the military also reflects a new generation revolting against its parents' resistance to the Vietnam War, King says.

"But it may well be fickle because it is based on images, not experience," he says. "Children of the boomers have been experiencing war virtually."

It certainly doesn't seem to be pushing them to enlist. "In an economy that is making not only millionaires but billionaires out of 20-somethings, who on earth is going to give that up for 20 weeks on Parris Island being called a puke?" says Christopher Buckley, social commentator, author and editor of the lifestyles magazine Forbes FYI.

"For many of today's youth, enlisting in the military is an alien thought," the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a private

group, said in a two-year study of military culture. "With the number of veterans dwindling, local advocates and role models are fading in number."

A recent recruiting crisis has sent the military scrambling to keep 1.4 million Americans under arms. The Army is offering signing bonuses of up to \$20,000 and the Pentagon is trying to enlist Tom Cruise, Harrison Ford and Steven Spielberg to film promotional commercials.

The Pentagon's public relations machine hasn't snared Joe Raby, a 27-year-old stockbroker slogging through the Central Park course.

The military, he says, "gives you good training, but I think you're far better off going to college."

Raby says he is fascinated by the idea of "using weapons and using your body as a weapon," but not by military life — "Three or four years of doing a job and not really getting paid for it."

Jennifer Bowden imagines the discipline and structure of military life might actually be liberating. But she's also an avowed pacifist. "I don't want to kill anyone."

Bowden, whose father was a marine and whose grandfathers fought in World War II, joined the course to prepare for a spring climb up Alaska's Mount McKinley.

Her ordeal in Central Park has taught her new respect for the pain soldiers endure.

"This humanizes the military for me," she says. "But it doesn't make me any less ambivalent about it."

Passengers describe terror of attack on pilot

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Terrified passengers watched a man roam their jetliner muttering threats and shedding clothes before tackling him as he broke through the locked cockpit door and attacked the crew.

"What really scared me was when he tried to open up an exit," said Chris Honochick, 37, of Salem, Ore., who helped subdue the man.

Police had no motive for Thursday night's attack on Alaska Airlines Flight 259, which was on the same Mexico-to-San Francisco route as an Alaska Airlines flight that crashed in January, killing all 88 people aboard.

Flight 259 was carrying 43 passengers and five crew members. It took several people to subdue the man until the flight landed.

"Fortunately all the guys moved quick and he ain't dead and we're not dead," said pas-

senger Robert Benjamin, 56, of West Linn, Ore., who helped restrain the man. "I was scared to death."

Peter Bradley Jr., 40, of Blue Springs, Mo., was released to federal custody after being treated at Mills-Peninsula Hospital for cuts and bruises, authorities said. The co-pilot received eight stitches for a cut to his hand.

Police in Blue Springs and in neighboring Independence said they had no record of problems with Bradley other than two traffic violations in 1979, when he apparently moved to Blue Springs.

Bradley did not try to hijack the MD-83 jet, but did threaten to kill people on board, police Sgt. Joe Reilly said.

Earlier in the flight, Bradley had been speaking nonsense and took off his socks and his

shirt, Reilly said. Bradley repeatedly switched seats, disobeying orders to stay put.

He eventually sat in first class, where, Reilly said, he made this threat: "I'm going to kill all of you; keep away from me," while simulating the shape of a gun with his hand.

Bradley allegedly shoved a flight attendant and broke through a locked cockpit door about 7:10 p.m.

He "was going for the throttle and fuel controls," said Reilly.

During the scuffle, the co-pilot grappled with the assailant, using a tool similar to a shovel or pick to defend himself. The captain used the intercom to ask first-class passengers for help.

Crew members and five to seven passengers wrestled Bradley — who is more than 6 feet tall and about 250 pounds — to the floor.

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<p>REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS The City of Pampa, Texas will receive sealed proposals for the following until 3:00 p.m., March 28, 2000. SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ALTERNATIVES Any correspondence, questions, or requests for copies of the Request for Proposals should be directed to the City of Pampa, Texas, Susan Crane, Purchasing Agent, 806/669-5730. Proposals may be delivered to the Office of the City Secretary, 200 W. Foster, City Hall, Pampa, Texas, or mailed to P. O. Box 2499, Pampa, Texas 79066-2499. Sealed envelope should be plainly marked "ENGINEERING SERVICE PROPOSALS ENCLOSED, PROPOSAL NO. 00.07.C" Facsimile proposals will not be accepted. The City reserved the right to accept or reject any or all Proposals submitted and to waive any informalities or technicalities. The City Commission will consider proposals for award at their April 11, 2000 Commission Meeting. Phyllis Jeffers City Secretary F-16 Mar. 12, 2000</p>	<p>NOTICE TO BIDDERS The Pampa Independent School District will receive sealed bids in the Business Office at 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065, until 2:00 p.m., April 11, 2000, for Removal of Asbestos Containing Materials at Pampa High School and Pampa Middle School. A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Monday, March 27, 2000, at 1:30 p.m. in the Facility Management Office at 400 N. Faulkner. Drawings and specifications will be available at the pre-bid meeting. For additional information call Denver Bruner, Facility Management Director, at (806)669-4990. F-15 Mar. 12, 2000</p>	<p>ESTATE AUCTION SAT., MAR. 25, 2000 8:47 A.M. R. A. Baker Estate & Others CAR: '84 Cadillac Sedan DeVille; Appliances: GE 21.6 Side by Side, Hotpoint 19.0 Freezer, Whirlpool Washer & Dryer. Howard Baldwin Console; Furniture: Duncan Phyfe Dining Table, Invarcase Lift Recliner, Mahogany (Bedroom Suite, Sofa, End & Lamp Tables), Antique (Desk, Sewing Machine, Folding Chair); TV's & Home Entertainment; Kitchenware; Collectible Glass: Fostoria, Ito & Herringbone, Farris Taylor Ferris, Prized Depression, United Cambridge, Portmoss, Milk, U.S.A., Japan, Cut; Pedal Car; BB Gun, Foreign Cams, Marbles & Starling Silver Jewelry; Collectibles: Jewel T. Clock, Nippon, Brass, Oil Lamp, Ceramic, Wooden Boxes, Salt & Pepper Shakers; Computer, Desk & Equip.; Lawnmower, Tiller & Yard Tool. Lyndon Loyd Auctioneers, (719) Wheeler, TX - 806-826-5859</p>	<p>14b Bus. Serv. CRP Renovations-Discing, Plowing, Planting, Reasonable-Rates. Mike O'Hare, 806-679-8310 or 806-925-6415.</p>	<p>14b Appl. Repair TOP of Texas Vac & Sew Repair, parts & sales of vacuum's & sewing mach. 407 W. Foster 665-0930</p>	<p>14d Carpentry ALL types home repair-additions, remodeling, roofing, ceramic tile, concrete. Little Houses, Inc., Larry Petty 665-4270, 662-9520 n.v. CUSTOM homes, additions, remodeling, residential / commercial Deaver Construction, 665-0447. REFINISHED Hardwood Floors & Custom Floor Designs 669-7894 OVERHEAD DOOR REPAIR Kidwell Construction. Call 669-6347. JERRY Reagan's Remodeling- Additions, All Types Home Repairs, Since 1975. 669-3943. ADDITIONS, remodeling, roofing, cabinets, painting, all types repairs. Mike Albus, 665-4774.</p>	<p>A-1 Lawn & Janitorial Service, Rest. & Comm. Phone (806)665-5923. We offer many tasks! L & B Const. Roofing-painting-concrete-fencing. All work guaranteed. 664-2694, 669-159.</p>	<p>14s Plumbing/Heat JACK'S Faucet Shop, 715 W. Foster, 665-7115. Faucets, Plumbing Supplies & Repair Parts.</p>	<p>19 Situations CHILD CARE in my home. Call Becky, 665-1284. 21 Help Wanted NOTICE Readers are urged to fully investigate advertisements which require payment in advance for information, services or goods.</p>	<p>HELP WANTED Start Immediately \$1900 @ mp. guaranteed to those who qualify. No exp. necessary. Call for information 354-6716.</p>	<p>THE CITY OF WHITE DEER IS TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR A POOL MANAGER UNTIL APR. 10, 2000 Applications may be picked up at City Hall Shop Pampa</p>			
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ACCOUNTING Manager for large cattle feedlot 60 mi. from Amarillo, Tx. Supervise all accounting aspects of feedlot operations incl. A/P, A/R, closings, inventory and financial statement preparation w/ reporting to stockholders. One to three years exp. in feedlot operation and Turkey exp. preferred. Competitive salary & benefits. Please fax or mail resume to Personnel, 1065 East Main Street, Louisville, KY 40206, Fax: (502)583-2927.

TAKING appl. for Licensed RN, must have qualifications for a MDS coordinator & tile nurse, knowledgeable in Medicare. Exc. salary & pkg. benefits. Apply in person Sunbridge Nursing Ctr., Wheeler. 826-3505

HOUSE keeping position available, apply in person. Best Western Northgate Inn.

CALDWELL Production needs a welder. 6 wk paid holidays, 1 wk paid vacation a year. Hwy 60 W, Pampa. 665-8888.

MAINTENANCE help wanted with good general mechanical skills with particular skills in trouble shooting and repair of CNC machines, detail electrical wiring and instrument controls. Send resume and/or apply at Titan Specialties, Box 2316, Hwy 152 West, Pampa, TX 79065. (806) 665-3781 EO

TRUCK driver needed, Class A CDL, 2 yrs. driving exp. 669-9661.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PROTECTIVE AND REGULATORY SERVICE Child Protective Services Specialist II-IV C-01-00-175

Investigates reports of child abuse/neglect and provides on-going protective services to children and families in their quarters county or within paging distance. Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. CPS Specialist III; Employed as a CPS Specialist II for at least one year following Basic Skills Development (BSD) training and successful completion of the CPS Certification Training. CPS Specialist IV; Employed as a CPS Specialist III for at least two years and successful completion of the CPS Certification Training. Monthly Salary \$2,295.00 - \$2,589.00.

For a copy of the complete job announcement or an employment application you may visit our web site at www.tdpro.state.tx.us or call (512) 719-6135.

Interested applicant should submit a State of Texas Application for Employment to the address below or fax the application to (512) 719-6180.

The Texas Department of Protective & Regulatory Services Human Resources Office, Suite 450 8100 Cameron Road, Austin, TX 78754

PAMPA Regional Medical Center is currently seeking people for the following positions:

Staff Accountant Radiology Tech II RN OBI, D/Nray RNL/VN Geront-Psych CNA-Nights PBX/Admitting Clerk-PT Unit Secretary-PT Housekeeping Tech

Pampa Regional Medical Center offers a competitive compensation and benefits package. For consideration, qualified candidates should forward their resumes to: Pampa Regional Medical Center, Attn: Debi Walte, Director of Human Resources, One Medical Plaza, Pampa, TX 79065; or FAX: (806) 665-5222; EOE.

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EXPERIENCED CAT mechanic needed. Verifiable CAT equipment repair a must. For more information please call personnel director at 806-274-7187.

POSTAL jobs to \$27.19/hr. Wildlife jobs to \$28.40/hr. Application & Exam info. Call 1-800-883-0318 ext. E437, Sunday-Friday 9 a.m.-9 p.m. EST. Limited positions available.

SALES - Fundraising, part time, telemarketing from home or in person to schools, etc. Comm. no expense. Call (800) 544-7616.

MCLEAN Care Center is hiring: LVN, nurse aide, beautician - part time, 705 W. 7th, McLean, 779-2469.

MORE MILES, MORE MONEY GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT OUR LONGEST PAY INCREASE EVER!

Plus 6¢ for all miles over 15,000 in a month

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69a Garage Sales

532 Powell: Furniture, toys, "old" Avon Bottles, tools, antiques, etc. Sat. 9 a.m., Sun. 1 p.m.

70 Musical PIANOS FOR RENT New and used pianos. Starting at \$40 per month. Up to 9 months of rent will apply to purchase. It's all right here in Pampa at Tarpley Music. 665-1251.

75 Feeds/Seeds SQUARE BALES Grass Hay \$2.50. Delivered. 779-2877.

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PET Patch, 866 W. Foster, 665-5504. Grooming by Mona, fresh, salt fish, sm. animals, supplies. Beef 'N' More dog & cat food.

ABOUT Town Dog Grooming. Pick up & Delivery Service. Kelly Culver, 665-5959

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FREE male kitten to good home litter box trained. 6 wks old. Med. length hair. Orange tabby. 669-0877.

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102 Bus. Rent. Prop.

OFFICE Space for rent, 3 months free rent. 669-6841.

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OWNER will carry 2 bd. dbl. gar., att. gar., steel siding, f. backyard. 2128 Hamilton. 669-6881 or 665-8250. Will consider rent.

OWNER will carry note. 415 Wynne, 3 bedroom, unattached garage. Call 669-6615.

1998 C&M 3 horse slant B/P. Front Track Room, 14 yr. old Gelding horse Play Day. Call 883-3961

112 Farms/Ranches 10 1/2 ft. R.D. camper, ref. air, heater, water-pump, mono. toilet, jack. 323 S. Starkweather.

Bill's Custom Campers 930 S. Hobart Pampa, Tx. 79065 806-665-4315

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116 Mobile Homes BY owner older home 14X76, 3 bdr., 2 bath. Cent. h/a., In Groover. \$8,500. 817-579-5965.

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Letters to the editor

America needs one universal language

To the editor:
I was recently annoyed to get a letter from the Census Bureau — I suppose everybody got one — that was printed in a half-dozen languages, most of which I couldn't even identify. A final note in the letter said that the information would be provided in 40 other languages on request.
This is appalling. People who emigrate to this country cannot become functional residents, much less citizens, without at least a rudimentary knowledge of English, and our government is dead wrong to encourage their isolation.
English has been the language of this country since it was founded, and should continue to be. People from all over the world have come here for over 200 years, learned our language (or located a bilingual colleague) and enabled themselves to deal with the government and the public. Our government is dead wrong to encourage foreigners to live outside the mainstream.
Bilingual teaching has the same effect, and should be stopped. Most Hispanic residents want

their children fluent in English. In several states, official business is done in both English and Spanish. A mistake. Look at the mess Canada is in, where everything is done in two languages. We don't want to go down that road. It is particularly infuriating to me that in Texas the ballot itself is printed in two languages. Only citizens can vote, and a citizen should be able to use the language of his country.
We need laws at both state and federal levels, establishing English as the official language of the country. Please, everybody, write or phone your Congressman and both senators.
D.W. Dingus
Pampa

TDCJ: If it ain't broke then don't break it

To the editor,
The Jordan Unit's attempt at implementing a Huntsville-mandated ingress/egress policy has taxed the ability of unit security to the point that they're physically unable to properly monitor and supervise offenders. Ingress/egress stipulates that

cell doors remain locked at all times. Corrections officers are tasked with running ins and outs for offenders once an hour and for mass movements (i.e. chow, laundry, exchange, recreation, school, work, craft shop, etc.)
This is in addition to the officers' regular duties, monitoring offender activity in cells and day rooms, conducting shakedown (searches) of at least nine cells per shift per day, supervising commissary calls, handing out mail and lay-ins, supervising hourly channel checks, writing disciplinary cases for any rule infractions and filling out confiscation papers for seized contraband.
On just the second day of ingress/egress, two offenders got into a slugfest in plain sight of the in-building observation picket. It was a classic fist fight, complete with busted lips and a crowd, yet it went unnoticed by officials. The picket officer's attention was consumed with watching for signals from the officers running in/outs in the next wing. Those officers had all their attention focused on their Timex's trying to insure that no one cell door remains open past the allotted two minutes.
This policy has raised stress and tension to intolerable levels and turned our day rooms into forums of competition, severely raising the stakes for activities as mundane as getting laundry or making commissary. It has unnecessarily created a hostile and unsafe living environment on what is supposed to be a minimum security facility.
Our dorms are rapidly becoming cauldrons of illegal activities. Smokers no longer bother to hide in their cells, it's more convenient and safer for them to conduct their business in the day room where their visibility is better. Male lovers and tatoers and their clients simply lock themselves in cells together during non-count lock downs. There's nothing for either of them to fear because there is little or no security. Corrections officers movements can be easily monitored.
Ingress/egress begins a quarter after the hour, channel checks on the hour, mail call after six o'clock. The only time we're likely to see a CO on the wing these days is when they're performing a planned procedure. In short, we know when to expect them. At this rate, how far can this unit be from offender/offender harassment, forced paid protection, unreported gang banging, sex for hire or any number of the horrible problems that plague larger more violent units?
Another side-effect of ingress/egress is something called staging. For mass movements entire pods, up to 84 offenders, are locked out of their cells in day rooms designed to seat 74 people. This is a rare occurrence. When offenders are allowed free and easy access to their cells the vast majority are in-cell at any given time. When mass movements are announced they're only in the day room long enough to make an exit.
Other unit services and requirements have been hampered by this and other policy changes encouraged by this administration. Since the unit opened in 1992 it has been standing operating procedure to have a head count at least seven times a day. As a

rule, count clears in under 30 minutes, but under so many administrative changes that have made simple jobs harder as well as added extra duties, officers are so confused and frustrated that it routinely takes as long as two hours and sometimes several re-counts to clear count.
Sometimes it takes so long that some services have to be canceled, others have to be delayed to the point that they're not feasible. There is no population movement during count so offenders are stuck where ever they happen to be at the beginning of count. On March 9, my mail was not delivered until midnight. Still others were trying to collect their's at breakfast.
I've spoken to prison official about my concerns. He says that a regional memorandum is to blame for ingress/egress and that his hands are tied. But he does agree that the Jordan Unit lacks the manpower needed to properly implement such a plan. My question is that since the plan has been implemented here, what does that say about the operation of the unit?
The general consensus of this administration is that Jordan Unit offenders will conform to any and all policy changes or else. That may be well and good (in most minds we're here to be punished.) But what about the CO's and support staff who have to deal with the controversial changes and their side-effects, one being the extra work? What are they being punished for?
The official I talked with claims that the people of Pampa don't care about the problems of the Jordan Unit offenders. "They don't care if it takes you all day to get your laundry or if you ever get it, or ever make commissary, or that you're aggravated when it's all said and done. They're only concerned with the amount of tax money they have to waste to keep you here."
I don't believe this to be true, but even if it were, not only are your tax dollars being wasted in buckets by unnecessary policies but there's one issue that cannot be ignored — the security and integrity of the prison in your community.
Ingress/egress in and of itself is not the problem. It is a valuable security tool much needed on some TDCJ units. But on a unit with a history of minimal security and behavioral problems it has a decidedly negative effect. The problem is this administration's inability to operate the procedure effectively. There are simply not enough officers on this unit to do the job and monitor population activity.
The official I spoke with does say that the unit's ingress/egress procedures are not set in stone. To my complaint that no two shifts are doing it the same way, he said, "We will keep working on it until we get all the bugs out. Until then everyone will just have to show a little patience."
I guess until then we can all just hope that things don't deteriorate too badly during this experimentation.
If I sound cynical, it's because I was raised to believe the old adage if it ain't broke, don't break it.
Richard Douglas
Jordan Unit

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MEXICO

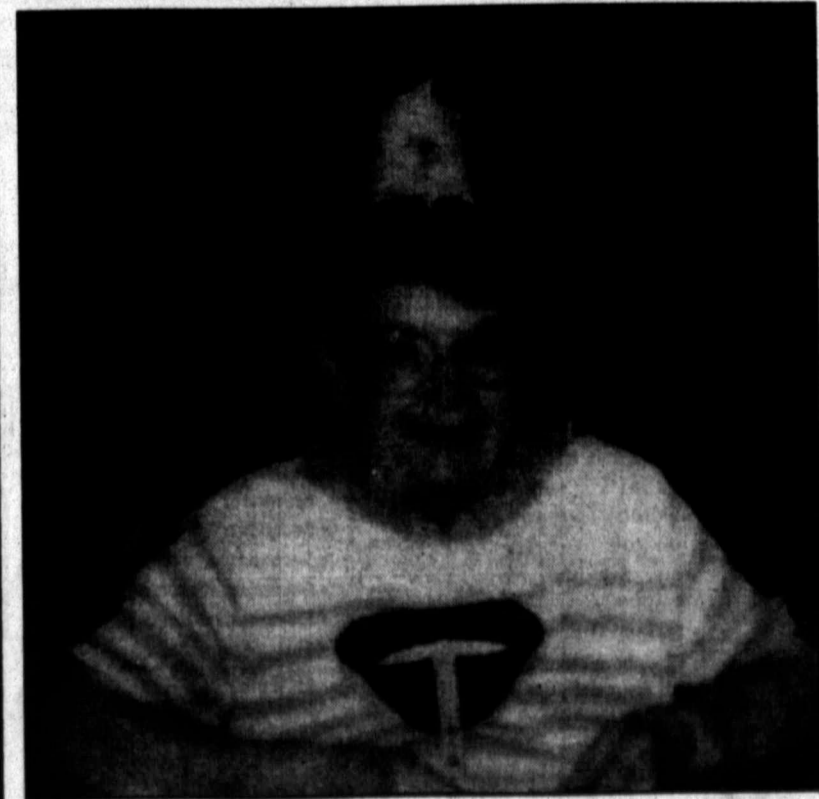
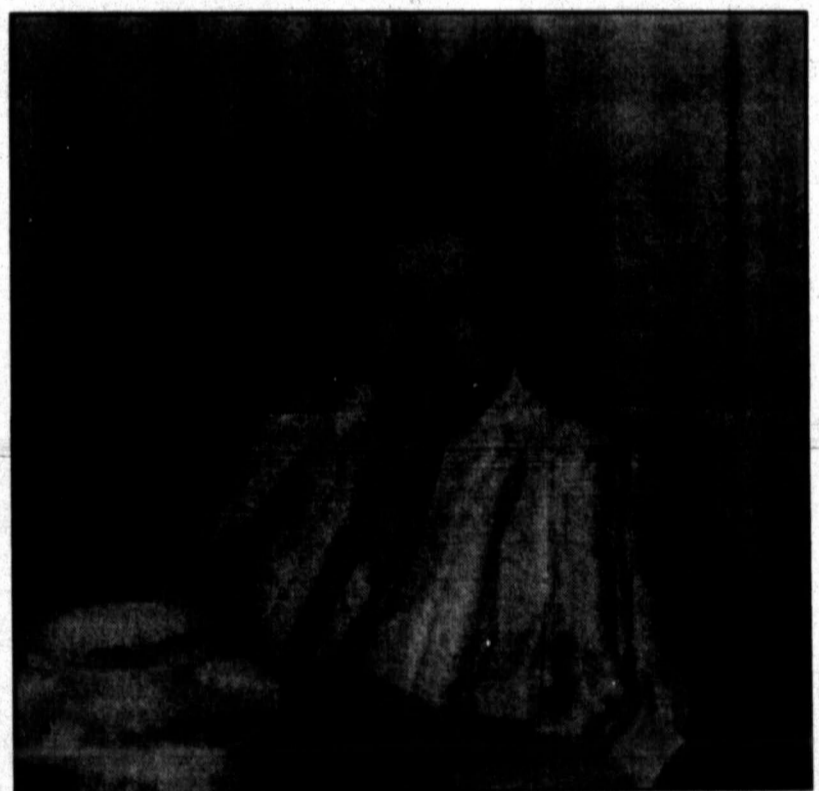
We placed our food into the crock pots in the morning, turned them on and essentially had very little to prepare in the evening. Good thing, too. A couple of evenings we were really tired. While the Mexican church was having an evening children's service in the kitchen, we ate turkey and some of the trimmings. What a difference from the traditional dinner this was for us!
For the next two days we continued work on our house with the walls going up, the roof going on and wiring the inside with electricity. We did everything you would do to build a house from the ground up outside to inside, including stuccoing the exterior walls. Wow, what a job that was!
We had two accidents on our job site. Our team leaders were very disappointed for us to have received any injuries at all, but anytime you give so many people that many hammers you almost always have a smashed thumb. We had one smashed thumb and one gash in the back of the head from a falling piece of lumber.
Fortunately, neither were bad enough to require extensive medical attention. Since we had no doctor or nurse, the nurse from the orphanage across from us assisted in caring for the head wound. Since she had no needle or thread to sew stitches in the skin, she simply took tiny strands of the young lady's hair, tying them together to hold the wound closed. It is amazing how innovative you can become when you need to be.
The team leaders shared with us the Mexicans' amazement at how we continue to work even when we injure ourselves. They cannot comprehend how

we could care so much that we raise the money for their house and then sacrifice to build it for them.
The end of the second day was time for a baby shower. We had all brought gifts for the new baby. One thing is universal; the sounds a new mother makes as she opens the gifts for her new baby along with the tears of joy she sheds to think that others want to share in the new life she is bringing into this world. Language may have been a barrier, but hugs and kisses are universal as she thanked each one of us for those gifts.
On the third day, when we finished the last touches on the stucco, we dedicated the house and gave the family a Spanish Bible which we had each signed. It was an incredibly moving moment as we asked God to bless this family and their new home. Rojelio kept saying, "It's a good house." He is right, it is a good house. One built with love. Each one of us is different today because of that experience. I believe that we are better people and our hearts have grown some because we allowed God to stretch them to encompass new friends in another country. Surely, there will be future outreaches of this type. Maybe next year we will have enough volunteers and money to do two houses and, working with Casas Por Cristo, give someone a new home and hope for the future.
Members of the team were Mike and Melba Wolfe, Ann, Mark, Bryan, Nicole and Laura Heersema, David, Lynn and Brett Ferrell, Jerry, Deborah and Misty Ferrell, Don, Cindy, Carrie, Will and Daniel Zumstein, Dan and Luke Long, Jason Scott, Marilyn McClure, Casey, Brendon and Teri Beth Dunham, Bonner and Pamela Green, Kim Horan, Raeanna Cowan, Jeremy Lyman, and Jabob McKean.

Worth the Wait, an abstinence education organization serving Pampa ISD, will sponsor recording artist and motivational speaker Jeffrey Dean of Nashville, Tenn., March 20 and 21. Dean's topic "Wait on Love" is designed to challenge teens to attain their goals and dreams as well as dealing with abstinence, love, dating, relationships and peer pressure. Dean has presented this program to over 150,000 students in more than 300 public and private schools and has appeared in "Teen Quest" and "CCM" magazines.
Schedule of "Wait on Love" presentations:
• March 20.
—8:15-9:10 a.m., Pampa Learning Center, 212 W. Cook.
—10:45-11:40 a.m., Allison High School gym, Allison, grades 6-12.
—1:30-2:30 p.m., Canadian High School Auditorium, 621 South 5th, Canadian, grades 6-12.
• March 21.
—9:20-10:20 a.m., Pampa High School gym, 111 E. Harvester.
—12-12:55 p.m., Pampa Middle School Auditorium, 2401 Charles, sixth grade.
—1:20-2:15 p.m., PMS Auditorium, seventh grade.
Worth the Wait also serves Gray, Wheeler and Hemphill Counties. The organization receives funding via a Texas Department of Health grant as well as individual and foundation donations.
For more information, call Stacey Ladd or Nancy Hasskarl, (806) 669-6222, (806) 662-6117 or 662-6118.

Worth the Wait to present motivational speaker

Meredith House



Meredith House tenants Aulsie Scott, top, and Margaret Dial, bottom, recently celebrated birthdays. (Special photo)

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Texas Gun & Knife Show in offing

AMARILLO — Texas Gun and Knife Association recently announced the Amarillo Gun & Knife Show will be held from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 25 and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, March 26 in the Amarillo Civic Center. The public is invited to come buy, sell, trade or just browse. Children under 12 free.
Collectors and exhibitors from throughout the Amarillo area will be on hand to buy, sell and trade some of the most extraordinary guns, knives and accessories ever made.
"These items you simply can't find every day," explains Don Hill, president of the association. Hill will be available to visit with the public during the event.
As in every Texas Gun & Knife Show, guns and knives are just part of the picture at the Amarillo show. There will also be a great selection of wildlife art, historical artifacts, "Texana" items and Native American and military memorabilia, and for the ladies, superior displays of gold and silver jewelry.