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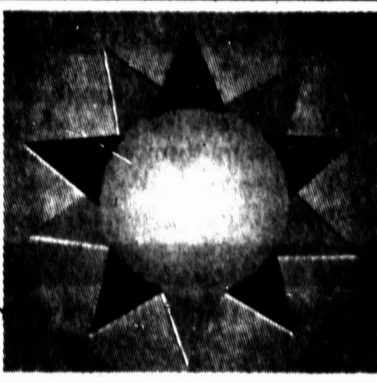
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## PAMPA

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be in Pampa Saturday for the 10th Annual Pampa M\*A\*S\*H Blood Drive. Hours for the blood drive will be 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Texas National Guard Armory. Susan Leary, spokesperson at the blood center, said it takes 500 units of blood to meet the needs of the people in the Texas Panhandle each week. That literally means 500 people need to donate a unit of blood each week. The goal for Pampa's Saturday blood drive is 100 units of blood, or one-fifth of the blood needed for the week. Each person donating blood Saturday will receive a M\*A\*S\*H T-shirt. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Leary at 1-800-658-6178.

## BEAUMONT (AP)

Sixteen volunteer firefighters from the southeast Texas town of Hamshire have been advised to seek treatment if they suffer any ill effects from a toxic blaze this week. A handful of Jefferson County jail inmates who helped firefighters at the blaze along Texas Highway 73 also were provided medical attention because of possible exposure. The Beaumont Enterprise reported Friday. An investigation is continuing into the storage shed fire on Tuesday. Drums stacked inside the structure ruptured during the fire. The owner initially told firefighters there were no toxic materials in the shed, said John Cascio, the county's emergency management coordinator.

- Reva Ellen Stover, 85, homemaker.
- Cheyenne Lacy Ward, infant daughter of Brandi and Chad Ward.

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## Water concerns include buying, selling or rights

By KEITH ANDERSON  
Staff Writer

In the year 2000, the 21 counties represented by the Panhandle Water Planning Group will consume 560 billion gallons of water enough to fill a football-field-sized pool 325 miles high, according to PWPG Chairman C.E. Williams.

The group held a public meeting at Pampa City Hall Thursday night to hear concerns and suggestions from area citizens and farmers.

New state laws, specifically, Senate Bill One, passed in 1997, divided Texas into 16 water-planning regions. The majority of the counties — 21 of the 26 — of the Panhandle were called Region 1.

Legislators will use the findings of the PWPG, and the other regional plans, to make a statewide water plan. Statewide droughts and water shortages in 1996 brought heightened concern over water. "Water is a fundamental resource, especially to us in the Panhandle," Panhandle Regional Planning Commission Executive Director Gary Pitner said.

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## Runoff early voting dates

Early voting will begin April 3 through April 7 in the Democrat and Republican runoff elections to be April 11. The early voting will be five days only and will be in the Gray County Courtroom.

The last day for the Gray County Clerk's office to receive an application by mail is April 4.

Polling places in the Republican runoff is Precinct 1, Lelors Fire Station, Lelors; Precincts 2, 10, and 13, Gray County Courthouse, Pampa; Precincts, 3, 7, 11 and 12, M. K. Brown Auditorium, Pampa; Precinct 4 and 5, McLean Senior Citizens Building, McLean; Precincts 8 and 9, Austin School, Pampa; and Precincts 14 and 15, Travis School, Pampa. Democratic polling places will be Precincts 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15 at the Lovett Memorial Library, Pampa and Precincts 4 and 5 at the McLean Library, McLean.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Travis Elementary Principal Doug Rapstine is sporting a green beard as well as green hair today in response to a promise he made the school's students. Rapstine told the elementary students several weeks ago if they raised \$75,000 in Homeland receipts he would dye his hair green. The amount was reached last week. Students gathered in an assembly before school began today to watch several teachers, including Shirley Moore, right, a teacher at Travis, spray Rapstine's hair green. Angel Munoz, one of the top students in the school's Accelerated Reader program, also took her turn at helping to turn Rapstine's hair green. The receipts are exchanged for equipment such as computers and other electronic devices.

## Queens Clinic tomorrow

It's not too late to become involved in Saturday's Top O' Texas Rodeo Association's Rodeo Queen and Teen Queen Clinic.

Young ladies from 13- to 23 years old are eligible to enter. Winners will receive many outstanding prizes.

The information clinic will be at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard from 10 a.m. until noon.

Admission is \$5 per person and much information will be given regarding the pageant. Make-up and modeling specialists will be available for consultation and pageant clothing from previous local and state pageants will be on display.

Past queen winners have gone on to compete in both state and national queen competitions.

Later, contestants will enjoy a Luncheon and



Wayne Stribling, owner of Wayne's Western Wear, and future queen contestant Karra admire a tiara worn by Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Jaimie Reed.

Style Show at the community building to be held on July 13. Reservations for that event can be made starting now by contacting rodeo secretary Jane Jacobs at the rodeo office at 669-0434.

## Prison guards could be on way to \$10,000 raise

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Prison guards who have been complaining about low salaries could be on their way to a \$10,000 raise soon, the chairman of the Texas prison board said Thursday.

"I think it's all now just a matter of working out some of the details," Mac Stringfellow said outside a meeting of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

"We've talked with the governor's office, the speakers' office, the lieutenant governor's office, the legislative leaders. They're all very supportive of it."

Stringfellow said several plans were under review, and he was optimistic some kind of interim pay boost could be in effect as soon as September.

Eventually, he said, prison guards would be elevated to the national average of \$35,000 to \$36,000. Top pay now in Texas is \$26,700.

"I would think certainly within a couple of years, maybe faster," he said.

Stringfellow made his comments while less than 100 guards and supporters were marching and holding a rally a mile or so away in downtown Huntsville.

"That would be really great," said Raymond Harrison, a corrections officer standing in the crowd. "We definitely need it. It gets more dangerous every day."

"That would be more than adequate, really awesome," said Jennifer Robbins, a seven-year guard who would be in line for a big raise. "I'd like to see them follow up on their words."

A career ladder also would make guards with greater seniority eligible for the raises before new recruits.

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## Hollywood Henderson says he's \$28 million winner

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys football player Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson says he's scored a really big win — a \$28 million lottery ticket.

Texas Lottery officials today said they're waiting to see him with the ticket. "He hasn't called in with an inquiry, so until that happens we're kind of at a standstill," lottery spokeswoman Kristina Childress said shortly before 9 a.m.

Henderson said he purchased the winning ticket in Wednesday night's Lotto Texas drawing at an Austin pharmacy. The former Cowboys linebacker, who played in three Super Bowls, says he already knows how he'll spend some of the money.

"I am just going to continue to do the charities that I do, take care of my children and buy my momma a Town Car," he told The Associated Press late Thursday.

Henderson has had his share of bad luck.

Earlier this year, he wanted to run for an Austin City Council seat but the secretary of state's office said he would be ineligible to run unless he received a pardon or his criminal record was otherwise cleared.

Henderson was arrested in 1983 after smoking crack cocaine with two teen-age girls. He served 28 months in prison and since then has spent most of his time helping others fight addictions and doing

community service in East Austin, where he grew up.

At lottery headquarters, Childress said Henderson would be treated like any other winner.

He must give the ticket with the right six numbers — 5, 8, 17, 35, 38 and 41 — to lottery security officials, who will verify it. "He'll go through the same thing that any of the other claimants go through," Childress said.

Henderson said he bought \$100 worth of lottery tickets earlier this week when he went to the drugstore to pick up some medicine.

Henderson, who played for the Cowboys from 1975 until 1979, said he doesn't normally play the lottery until the

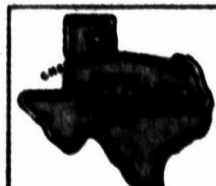
jackpot gets above \$20 million.

"I probably have spent several thousand dollars a year on lottery tickets," he told the Austin American-Statesman, adding that the amount totaled \$20,000 over 10 years.

Henderson has become well-known for his community activism in Austin. In 1997, he gained attention when he fasted in an effort to raise funds for a running track in low-income East Austin.

Henderson said he is going to spend money for improvements to the athletic field. The work will include adding hurdles, building a storage space and remodeling the fieldhouse.

"Nothing will change except that I will (See HOLLYWOOD, Page 2)



Any Non-Profit Organizations who would like to join us on the Parking Lot at our "Boat, Travel and Recreation Show" Please call the Chamber Office at 669-3241 and register. See you at the Show!!!





(Special photo)

Buckingham farm during at harvest time.

## Top O' Texas CattleWomen name Ag Family of the Year

Top O' Texas CattleWomen recently announced Billy and Carolyn Buckingham as its Ag Family of the Year. Each year Top O' Texas CattleWomen choose a family to honor during Ag Week. This honor is given in an effort to call attention to agriculture and the people who provide food and clothing for our nation. Presently in the United States 11 percent of consumers' net income is spent on food. In other countries it is two or three times that much and sometimes more.

The Buckingham farm and ranch in the Kelton area which is located near Shamrock and Wheeler.

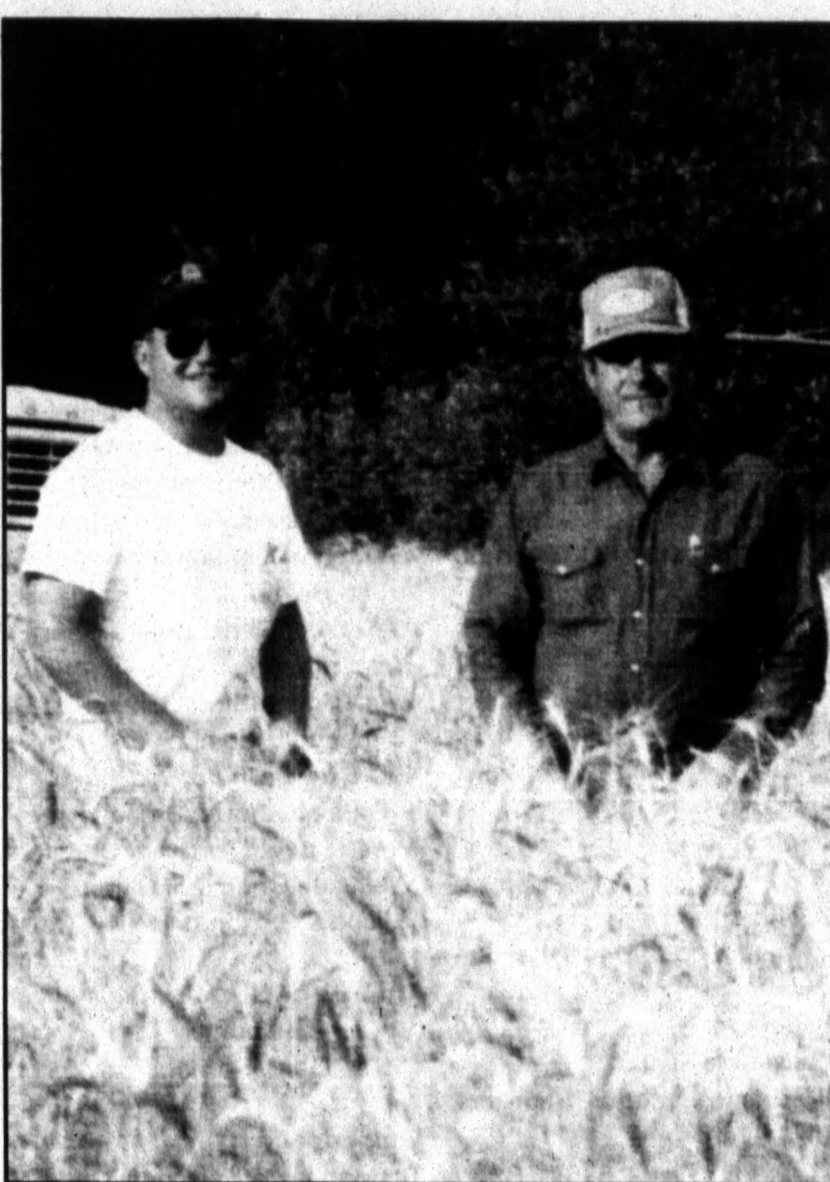
Billy Buckingham began farming in 1958 when he was a senior in high school with 320 acres of rented land which he still farms today. In 1964, he married Carolyn Ledbetter and thus began 36 years of loving the land, hard work, raising a family and receiving great satisfaction from meeting and overcoming some of the challenges of farm and ranch life.

For many years, cotton was their main source of income and continued to be until four or five years ago when two cool, wet summers and boll weevils elimi-

nated any profit in cotton. They turned to irrigated and dry land peanuts which grow well on much of their sandy loam soil. Peanuts have been their most profitable crop for the past four years as wheat prices fell to new lows and milo demand ceased due to cheap corn prices.

As times changed and profit margins became smaller, the Buckinghams, like many other farmers, had to increase their farming operation to survive. Today farming is similar to Wal-Mart — you have to farm a lot to make a little and the profit margin continues to get smaller as commodity prices decrease and the cost of everything goes up. In 1974, they built a home near Kelton. At that time, cotton prices were about 60 cents a pound and a pickup cost approximately \$5,500. Today cotton prices are 55 cents (maybe) and a pickup costs \$25,000.

With cheap commodity prices, cattle have become more important in their operation. They run a commercial cow herd of Herefords and breed them to Santa Gertrudis bulls. The steers go to feedlots and the heifers are usually sold as replacements.



(Special photo)

Brett Buckingham, left, and Billy Buckingham, right, during wheat harvest.

The cows start calving the first of January and most of them are through by April. Because of cheap wheat prices, they are grazing much of their wheat with stocker calves and also running stockers on land that has come out of CRP. Improved grasses, such as love grass and bluestem, provide grazing for stockers in the summer.

In the early years, all the land they farmed was either rented or leased. Presently they still lease and rent land but have been fortunate enough to buy some of it.

The couple have one daughter, Lacy, who married Jack Britten of Groom in 1998. Lacy and Jack live in Grapevine where Jack is employed in transportation and Lacy has a private law practice and is municipal judge of Euless, Texas. They also have a son, Brett who married Tara Irlbeck of Tulia and is presently farming and ranching in the Kelton area. Tara teaches fourth grade at Fort Elliott in Mobeetie.

Carolyn and Billy haven't

thought of retiring. Billy not only makes a living from farming and ranching, but gets his greatest enjoyment from working the land and tending to his cattle. Carolyn would prefer a little more travel but is very content in her role as helpmate, dispatcher, cook and errand runner. To get parts or repairs, their closest implement dealers are 45-50 miles away. During the busy planting or harvesting seasons, a lot of her time is spent on the road picking up parts. Cellular phones have become essential. The ability to communicate instantly saves them both time and money.

They presently have three employees: Ray Mora and wife Rebecca, who have just recently started working. Lonnie and Laura Green, who have worked for the operation for approximately 13 years, and Melvin and Donna Green who have been employed 30 years and both seem more like family than employees.

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Prospective business owners can take steps to make sure they're not taken in by fraudulent business opportunities. Before investing in any "biz opp," the FTC suggests that consumers:

—Get all earnings claims in writing. If the promoter hesitates or refuses to give the information in writing, find another business opportunity.

—Interview references provided by the promoter of the business opportunity. Talk to each prior purchaser in person, preferably where their business operates. This may help reduce your risk of being misled by "shills."

—Study the business opportunity's franchise disclosure document. It includes information about the company, including whether it has faced any lawsuits from prior purchasers or lawsuits alleging fraud.

—Ask the Attorney General's office, state or county consumer protection agency and Better Business Bureau in the area in which the business opportunity promoter is based and where you live whether the promoter has a history of unresolved complaints.

—If the business opportunity involves selling products from well-known companies, call the legal department of the company whose merchandise is being promoted. Find out whether the business opportunity and its promoter are affiliated with the company.

—Consult an attorney, accountant or other business advisor before you put any money down or sign any papers.

For more information about business opportunities or to make a complaint, call the FTC toll-free at 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-4357) or visit on-line at www.ftc.gov.

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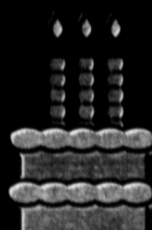
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# Calendar of events

**PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL**  
Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

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

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

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

**MACEDONIA CHURCH**  
Macedonia Church will host a monthly breakfast the third Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 441 Elm Street with the Rev. I.L. Patrick. Donations will be accepted and the public is invited.

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

**CCPC**  
Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer the following continuing education courses: "Bible as Literature," instructor Linda Haynes, 6-7 p.m., March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2 and 9; and "Microsoft Access '97," instructor Tex Buckhaults, 1-3 p.m., April 3, 10, 17 and 24. Cost for each course is \$25. For more information, call 665-8801.

**BROWN BAG LECTURES**  
Dr. Jerry Lane, Clarendon College-Pampa Center, will present a series of topics during the noon hour every Thursday through March 30. 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 30. The public is cordially invited to bring a lunch and attend one or more of the sessions.

**PAS DANCE**  
Pampa Area Singles will hold a potluck dinner and dance March 25 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the dance will be from 8-11 p.m. Entertainment will be Indian Summer. Cost is \$5 per person. The event will be alcohol and smoke free. For more information, call 665-7059.

**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.

**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. The event will include a variety of crafts, tasty treats, face painting and more. The public is cordially invited to attend. Admission is free. For more information or to inquire about booth space, call 665-5665.

**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.

**AHA ART GALA**  
The local chapter of the American Heart Association will hold its annual Art Gala and Auction fund-raiser at 7 p.m. April 8 at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

**BSA HOSPICE PROGRAM**  
BSA Hospice will offer a class for anyone interested in becoming a BSA Hospice volunteer from 1:30-4:30 p.m. every Monday and Thursday, March 20-April 13 at Amarillo BSA Hospice Building, 600 N. Tyler. The training is free and CEUs will be awarded by Amarillo College. To register, call Deborah

Andrews, LSW, (806) 212-8715.

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**PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIPS**

President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities is hosting three scholarship competitions for post-secondary students with disabilities for the 2000-01 academic year. Two competitions are open to candidates with disabilities seeking financial assistance for undergraduate study at a four-year college or university. The third competition is open to female candidates with disabilities seeking financial assistance for graduate study. For more information, visit the President's Committee website at [www.pcpd.gov](http://www.pcpd.gov) and click the "Scholarships" link on the home page.

**AMERICAN YOUTH ABROAD**

American Youth Abroad offers study abroad opportunities to high school students in the U.S. AYA is a not-for-profit program sponsored by American Institute of Foreign Study Foundation. To receive the AYA 2000 Brochure, call Andrea Baskinger at 1-800-322-4678, ext. 5164 or e-mail [abaskinger@aifs.com](mailto:abaskinger@aifs.com). The deadline is April 15.

**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.

**RRC announces top oil/gas producers**

**AUSTIN** — The final 1999 Railroad Commission statistics show Altura Energy LTD to be the top oil producer and Exxon Corp. as the top gas producer in Texas last year, according to RRC officials Michael Williams, Charles Matthews and Tony Garza.

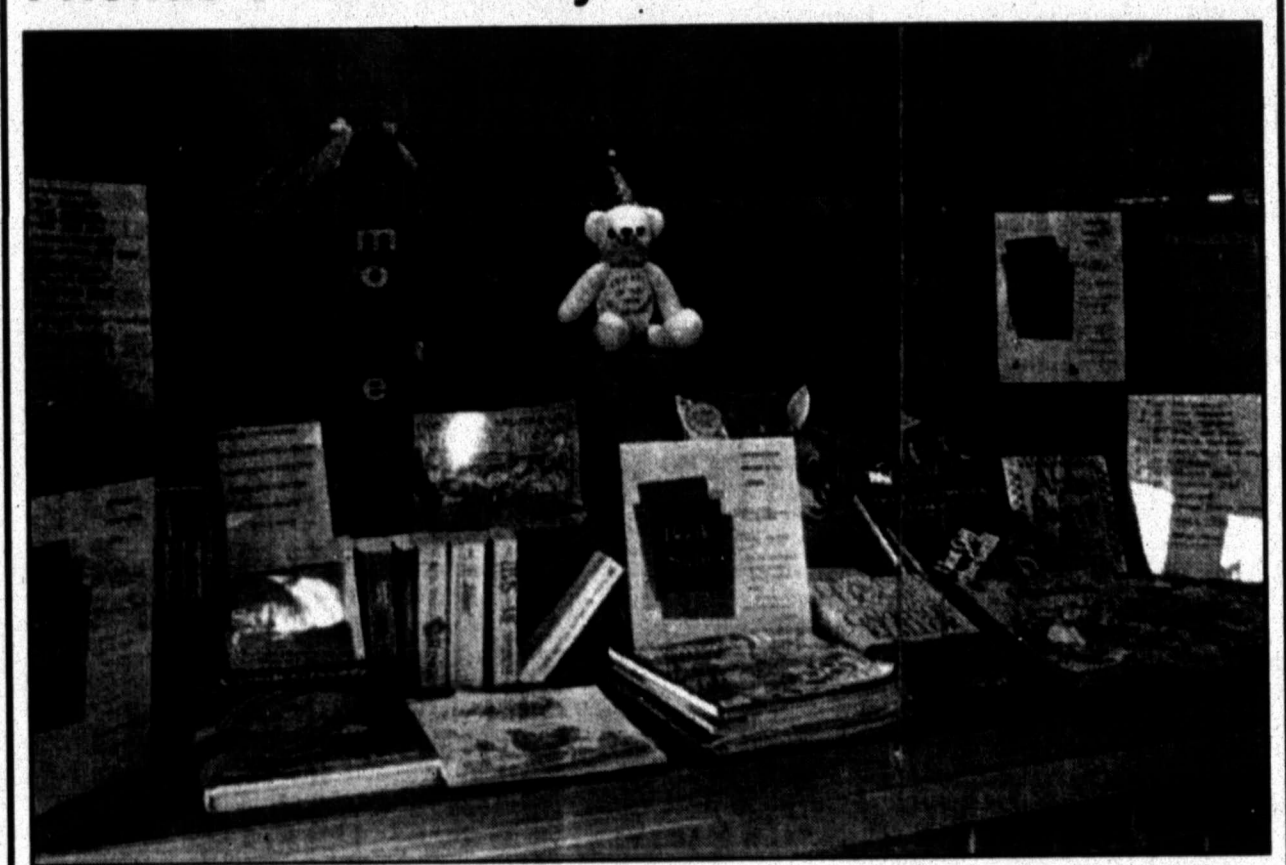
Altura Energy LTD led all oil producers for the period with an average daily production of 157,706 barrels, some 14.150 percent of all oil produced in the state. Exxon Corp. took second place with an average daily production rate of 62,918 barrels, some 5.645 percent of total state production.

Other companies in the top 10 included: Texaco E&P Inc., 44,290 barrels per day, third; Marathon Oil Co., 43,017 bpd, fourth; Mobil Producing TX.&N.M. Inc., 36,595 bpd, fifth; Amerada Hess Corp., 32,070 bpd, sixth; Chevron U.S.A. Inc., 31,501 bpd, seventh; Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc., 29,889 bpd, eighth; Union Oil Co. of California, 20,497 bpd, ninth; and Apache Corp., 19,552 bpd, 10th.

Exxon Corp. was the top Texas gas producer for the period, averaging 778,138 mcf per day which represented 6.094 percent of total state production. Conoco Inc. was second, averaging 764,621 mcf per day, or 5.989 percent of all gas produced in the state.

Other companies included: Union Pacific Resources Co., 644,757 mcf, third; Coastal Oil & Gas Corp., 512,727 mcf, fourth; EDG Resources, Inc., 406,123 mcf, fifth; Texaco E&P Inc., 359,162 mcf, sixth; Chevron U.S.A., Inc., 354,213 mcf, seventh; Phillips Petroleum Co., 336,182 mcf, eighth; Mobil Producing TX.&N.M. Inc. 312,832 mcf, ninth; and Shell Western E&P Inc., 303,900 mcf, 10th.

## Friends of the Library Book Sale



(Community Camera photo by Judy Elliott)

The display case at Lovett Memorial Library announces the upcoming Book Sale sponsored by Friends of the Library. The items are examples of what will be on sale in the library auditorium March 30-April 4. Sale hours will be from 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday, Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday and 2-6 p.m. Sunday.

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## 'Who Wants to Be a Millionaire' gets its third winner

NEW YORK (AP) — It took him nearly 15 minutes to get it right — but it was worth it.

Joe Trela, a 25-year-old customer service representative for a computer company, on Thursday became the third contestant to win the top prize on ABC's hit game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

The Cal Tech graduate was asked what insect shorted out an early supercomputer and inspired the term, "computer bug." Trela's choices? A moth, roach, fly or Japanese beetle. He correctly identified the moth as the culprit.

"I was lucky, which I guess was good enough," he said.

Trela certainly wasn't pressured into rushing his way through the game. He took nearly 15 minutes — although it was edited down for broadcast — to identify which baseball player appeared in the most World Series games.

"The producers were getting kind of cranky with me," he said.

By the time he had won \$32,000, Trela had used all three of his lifelines. That meant he had to answer the big-money questions without help from a friend or the audience.

Trela, from Gilroy, Calif., is the youngest person to win the game. The show now airs in 52 countries, and there's been only one top prize winner outside of the United States. A contestant in South Africa won earlier this month.

Trela, who is a bachelor, hopes to landscape his mother's backyard with the money, and maybe visit a friend in England. He won't say whether he plans to quit his job, but figures the money will give him the freedom to finish a science fiction screenplay he's been writing.

Since he promised on the broadcast to pay his brother's tuition at Notre Dame, Trela figures he better follow through.

And Alex Trebek will love this: Trela is a "Jeopardy" reject. He said he tried out for "Jeopardy" several times but was never invited on the show.

"Jeopardy" host Trebek recently mocked "Millionaire" for its easy questions, but reportedly declined an invitation to appear in a celebrity version of the game.

## More Mississippians fat; 25 percent of Texans have no health insurance

ATLANTA (AP) — Mississippians battle the bulge with less success than the rest of us — 22 percent of them are obese — while nearly 25 percent of Texans have no health insurance, and more than half of North Dakotans say they don't always wear a seat belt.

Which state has the most drinkers? Wisconsin, where residents also confessed to the most binge drinking.

The findings come from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which on Thursday released a survey of health behavior broken down by race and ethnic groups for each state and Puerto Rico.

The numbers, culled from 1997 telephone interviews with 134,000 people, highlight continuing disparities between whites and other racial groups when it comes to such factors as high blood pressure, obesity and lack of access to medical care.

The report, which contains data on 20 health topics, is the first time the CDC has collated such a wide range of information for each state on a comparative basis, said the report's author, Julie Bolen of the CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

The report is intended to help state health departments compare their prevention activities to those of other states and see which are successful.

"This is the first time we've put it all under one cover to compare states," she said. "It's a good chance for people across the country to see how they're doing."

The Clinton administration wants to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities by 2010 in six areas: cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, HIV and AIDS, immunization and infant mortality.

Bolen said the report is designed to further that goal, especially as non-whites are projected to make up nearly half the U.S. population by 2050.

The survey topics included Pap tests, seat belt use and cigarette smoking.

Texas led the nation in the percentage of uninsured residents mainly because of its large Hispanic population. Nearly half of the state's Hispanics — 44.9 percent — said they had no health insurance. By contrast, only 6.1 percent of Hawaiians said they had no insurance.

Women in Georgia reported the highest rate of having a Pap test within the preceding three years — 92 percent — while Puerto Ricans were the lowest at 71.8 percent.

Utah and Puerto Rico reported the least drinking, defined as having a drink in the past month. Only 6.3 percent of those in Maryland admitted to binge drinking, or having five or more drinks on a single occasion. That was the lowest binge-drinking rate in the nation.

The report found bad news concerning colorectal cancer screening. Fewer than a third of adults over 50 reported having completed a home blood stool test, with 18 percent the median response. Maine led the country in such screening, with 28.5 percent. Only 9.3 percent of Mississippi residents had performed such a test.

Georgians called themselves the most sedentary, with more than 51 percent reporting no leisure-time physical activity. Utah had the highest activity rate at 17.2 percent.

The CDC said socioeconomic factors and education levels are believed to be responsible for the differences between the groups. People with more education generally have higher-paying jobs and are then more likely to have health insurance and use the health care system.

The survey is obviously limited by how honest survey participants were. For example, obesity rates were calculated based on how tall and heavy people described themselves.

"I would guess that plenty of us minimize our weight. I doubt anybody's going to tell you they weigh more than they do," Bolen said, calling the obesity figures "conservative estimates."

The obesity rate was lowest in Colorado at 11.9 percent.

In North Dakota, 59.8 percent of survey participants said they don't always wear a seat belt. Californians buckled up the most — only 12.8 percent said they don't always put on the belt.

On the Net: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

## Former sheriff's lieutenant indicted

TYLER, Texas (AP) — A former Smith County sheriff's lieutenant has been indicted by a grand jury for attempting to buy \$60 worth of methamphetamine or crack cocaine from an undercover agent, and for destroying an arrest warrant intended for his sister-in-law.

The indictments against David Beddingfield were handed down Thursday. He faces a misdemeanor charge of attempting to possess a controlled substance and a felony count of hindering apprehension, the Tyler Morning Telegraph reported in today's editions.

The drug charge stems from a taped conversation he had with his sister-in-law, Tammi Winger, who was cooperating with police. In the recording, Beddingfield offered to pay her \$60 for methamphetamine or crack cocaine.

## Names in the news ...

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Forget the galaxy of stars, see-through gowns and the best-picture race. Annette Bening may provide the most dramatic Oscar moment.

The "American Beauty" star, who is nominated for a best-actress Academy Award, will have doctors on hand and her suitcase packed in case she goes into labor during Sunday's ceremony.

"Yes, my doctor, many doctors, will be surrounding me," said Bening, who is pregnant with her fourth child. "It would be very dramatic, wouldn't it?"

Bening was also scheduled to be a presenter but was forced to bow out Thursday, her publicist Nancy Seltzer said.

Bening's husband, Warren Beatty, will be receiving the prestigious Irving Thalberg trophy during the show and Bening said she "wouldn't miss that for the world."

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dolly Parton is taking her show on the road — but this gig isn't a musical act.

The country star announced Thursday she has raised \$7 million to help expand to a national level her children's reading program, Imagination Library.

Currently, the program offers

every child in her native Sevier County, Tenn., a book a month from birth until kindergarten.

It is funded through the singer's nonprofit Dollywood Foundation. The additional \$7 million comes from profits of the Dixie Stampede dinner theater, headquartered in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., said Parton, who co-owns the establishment.

Growing up in East Tennessee, Parton said, "Books were very special, but they were very scarce."

She said her father, who cannot read, told his 12 children not to bring books home. When they did, the pages were often torn out and turned into rolling paper for tobacco, she said.

NEW YORK (AP) — Mutual respect — and perhaps doing the dishes — is key in any marriage, according to Jane Fonda.

The actress was in town Thursday to help publicize a poll by Girls Inc., a nonprofit group whose aim is to empower girls.

"Don't get married until you really understand who you are and what you expect in a relationship," the actress and newly separated Mrs. Ted Turner advised young girls and teen-agers at a Manhattan hotel.

She also told them to make sure

their partners agreed to allow them to be seen, heard and respected. If they don't, she said, "then maybe you haven't found the right person."

After Fonda finished, 13-year-old Ebonie Hopkins of Syracuse leaned over and told the actress she had forgotten something.

"What's the thing I forgot, divorce?" Fonda asked.

"Men washing the dishes," the girl said loudly into the microphone.

"And try to find a man that will wash the dishes," Fonda deadpanned before laughing.

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP) — Diahann Carroll says that when she learned she had breast cancer two years ago she confided in a Hollywood friend who advised she keep it quiet because it could hurt her career.

The friend was "a woman in show business who we all know very well," the actress-singer told a crowd of more than 1,000 breast cancer survivors and their families and friends.

The woman told her that men in Hollywood think breasts are the most important part of a woman's attractiveness and that Carroll would no longer be seen as desirable. Carroll declined to name the

friend, but said she disregarded the advice.

She said mammograms should be provided free to all women who can't afford them and that more money is needed for breast cancer research.

"We all look forward to the day that mastectomies, chemotherapy and radiation are considered barbaric," Carroll said Wednesday.

She was the featured speaker at the sixth annual Runway for the Cure, a fund-raiser fashion show that included clothing for women with mastectomies.

WENATCHEE, Wash. (AP) — Comedian Tom Arnold hasn't had much luck finding Mrs. Right, but he's the Washington Apple Commission's top pick to help find the perfect Granny Smith.

Arnold will host a show May 6 to choose the winner of the commission's eighth annual search.

"I think he's going to be great," said Kristen Malott, a commission spokeswoman. "He's got a terrific sense of humor and a terrific stage presence."

The winner must be a grandmother but is not required to have the last name "Smith." She will travel across the country for the next year promoting Washington apples.



# SUNDAY SNAPSHOT

Anyone Can Do It ... And It's This Simple

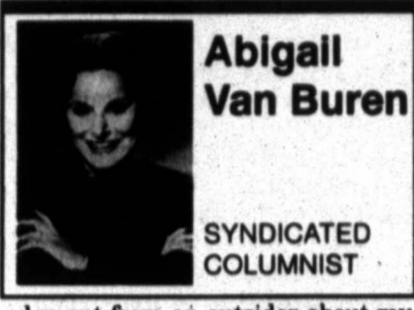
Just Fill Out The Following Questions (you do not have to answer all the questions to be a Sunday Snapshot) And Bring It To The Pampa News Office. We Can Take Your Picture In The Office Or You Can Bring A Favorite Photo With You.

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- Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Occupation/Activities: \_\_\_\_\_
- Birth Date & Place: \_\_\_\_\_
- Family: \_\_\_\_\_
- If I had a different job, I'd be a: "or" \_\_\_\_\_
- When I grow up I want to be: \_\_\_\_\_
- My personal hero: \_\_\_\_\_
- The best advice I ever got was: \_\_\_\_\_
- People who knew me in High School thought: "or" \_\_\_\_\_
- My classmates think of me as \_\_\_\_\_
- The best word or words to describe me: \_\_\_\_\_
- People will remember me as being: \_\_\_\_\_
- The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: \_\_\_\_\_
- My hobbies are: \_\_\_\_\_
- My favorite sports team is: \_\_\_\_\_
- My favorite author is: \_\_\_\_\_
- The last book I read was: \_\_\_\_\_
- My favorite possession is: \_\_\_\_\_
- The biggest honor I've ever received is: \_\_\_\_\_
- My favorite performer is: \_\_\_\_\_
- I wish I knew how to: \_\_\_\_\_
- My trademark cliché or expression is: \_\_\_\_\_
- My worst habit is: \_\_\_\_\_
- I would never: \_\_\_\_\_
- The last good movie I saw was: \_\_\_\_\_
- I stay home to watch: \_\_\_\_\_
- Nobody knows: \_\_\_\_\_
- I drive a: "or" \_\_\_\_\_
- Someday I want to drive a: \_\_\_\_\_
- My favorite junk food is: \_\_\_\_\_
- My favorite beverage: \_\_\_\_\_
- My favorite restaurant is: \_\_\_\_\_
- My favorite pet: \_\_\_\_\_
- For my last meal, I would choose: "or" \_\_\_\_\_
- My favorite meal is: \_\_\_\_\_
- I wish I could sing like: \_\_\_\_\_
- I'm happiest when I'm: \_\_\_\_\_
- I regret: \_\_\_\_\_
- I'm tired of: \_\_\_\_\_
- I have a phobia about: "or" \_\_\_\_\_
- My biggest fear is: \_\_\_\_\_
- The electrical device I couldn't live without is: \_\_\_\_\_
- My most embarrassing moment: \_\_\_\_\_
- The biggest waste of time is: \_\_\_\_\_
- If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: \_\_\_\_\_
- If I had three wishes they would be: \_\_\_\_\_
- If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: \_\_\_\_\_

# Mother's Heartlessness Is Not All in Daughters' Heads

**DEAR ABBY:** This letter is a late response to "Emotionally Bruised," whose mother was super-critical. My mother also says and does the most incredibly heartless things to us. When our father was alive, he used to cover for her as much as possible in order to keep peace in the family. Now that my father has passed away, my sister and I have had to deal with my mother's inappropriate behavior.



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Due to a family blowup just before Thanksgiving (the first holiday since my father's passing), we got Mother to attend two therapy sessions with my sister and me. Mother was her usual heartless, mean self in front of the therapist, so he was able to get a clear picture of what we had been dealing with. Later, in a private session, the therapist gave me some valuable information. He explained that my mother is extremely narcissistic. She is not, nor will she ever be, able to become empathetic or understanding of others.

It is always tough standing up to this woman, and the fallout afterward is difficult. However, I am not giving up. If I do, my children, who have witnessed their grandmother's heartless behavior for many years, will think that it's OK to allow someone to use you as a doormat.

**DESERVES TO BE RESPECTED,** SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

**DEAR DESERVES:** The money you and your sister invested in the therapist was obviously well spent. I find it admirable that the two of you are able to tolerate your mother's company after having suffered her verbal abuse for so many years — most victims wouldn't.

Since you have been advised that she is incapable of changing her behavior, it is essential that you "bullet-proof" your children if they are going to be exposed to her. They should not be led to believe that her behavior is something that should be expected from a mentally healthy person. Teach them that your mother suffers from a personality disorder, and they should not believe her when she says mean things.

## Horoscope

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 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) \*\*\*\*\* Let your imagination roam, since you might not be the epitome of high energy. Brainstorm or find armchair entertainment, which could be anything from a game of Scrabble to a movie. A friend motivates you if you let him. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* A boss or parent has a design or idea. You might not want to act on it, although a partner is receptive. Get together and chat with others. Spend quality time with a family member. Use your instincts. Tonight: Enjoy loved ones in your life.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* You might not always agree with a friend at a distance, but right now you see eye to eye. Listen to others who are full of suggestions. Don't be a slave to tradition. Try something different. Others talk; you should listen. Popularity soars. Tonight: Accept an invitation.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Slow down, take your time and relax. You might be overwhelmed by what is going on with a partner. Run an important errand. Do your best. Laugh and lighten up the mood. A partner appreciates you more than you know. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

This week: Partners approach you in an easygoing way, yet they clearly want your support. Nevertheless, when you give the green light, chaos develops!  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Let others know exactly where you are coming from. Your perceptions might be vague, but you are delighted with what you see. Allow spontaneity to become a bigger part of your life. Another needs more control. Tonight: Whooping it up.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Stay secure. Know what is important for you. Pace yourself, realizing that your energy isn't unlimited. Work with an idea that a partner helps you develop. It might add a lot to your professional and personal lives. Change plans if you want to stay home. Tonight: Order in.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* A dream might linger into your waking hours. Why not follow through on this? Share it with a partner. Reveal where you are coming from. You find a child unpredictable. If single, an attraction could take an odd turn. Tonight: Visit with a friend over a leisurely meal.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Another's idea of a good investment appeals to you. Talk about your long-term security needs and what you want from your home life. A family member reacts in an odd way. Give him the space to process an idea. Don't get possessive; let go. Tonight: Your treat.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Beam in what you often wish could happen. Your dreams and fantasies

provide tremendous inspiration. Share your thoughts more often with loved ones. You might not always be as open as this. Others clearly respond to you, for better or for worse. Tonight: Whatever pleases you.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* Take a back seat. Don't feel as if you must participate in today's happenings. You might need and want some daydreaming-time. You could hatch some interesting ideas that add to your security and well-being. Tonight: Catch up on some reading.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* Talk about dreams and long-term plans. Your quirky ways add to the excitement of the moment. Gather friends together; have fun just being. Others find your energy and enthusiasm irresistible. Share more of yourself. Tonight: So what if it is Sunday night?  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* Stay in the limelight. Know what is important to you. A lot floats through your mind. Simply note ideas; don't air them out just yet. A dream could have more significance than you think. Make a call to an older relative. Tonight: You're a strong force to behold.  
**BORN TODAY**  
 Singer Diana Ross (1944), actress Jennifer Grey (1960), actor Martin Short (1960)

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## Crossword Puzzle

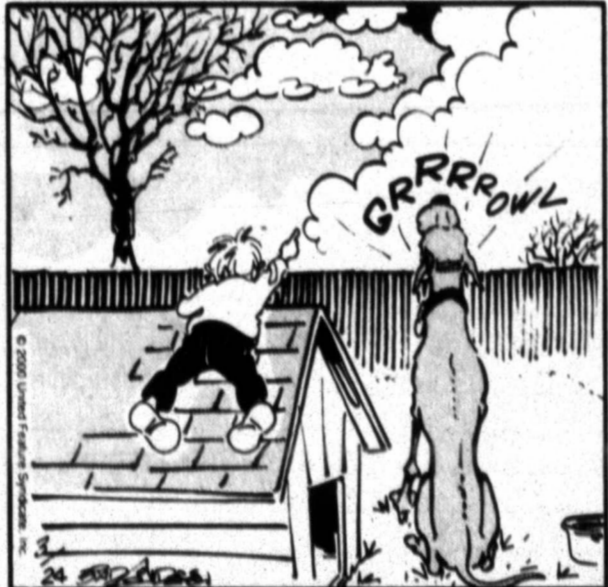
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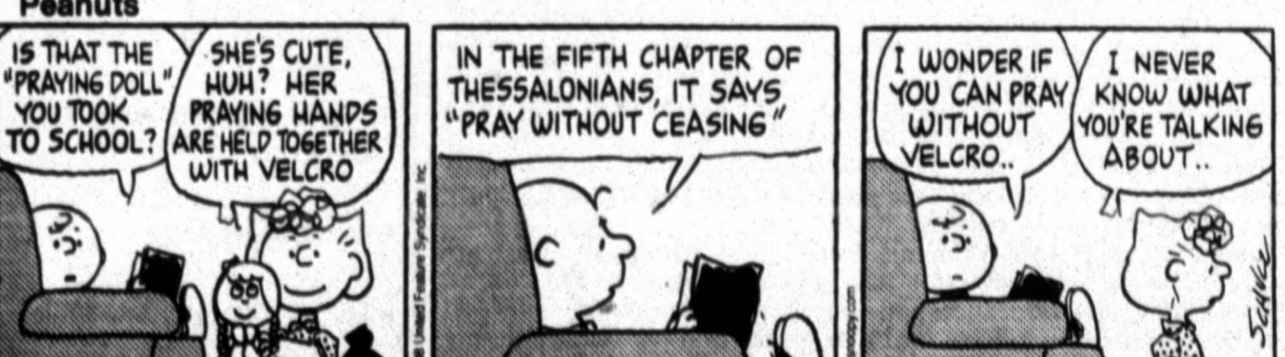
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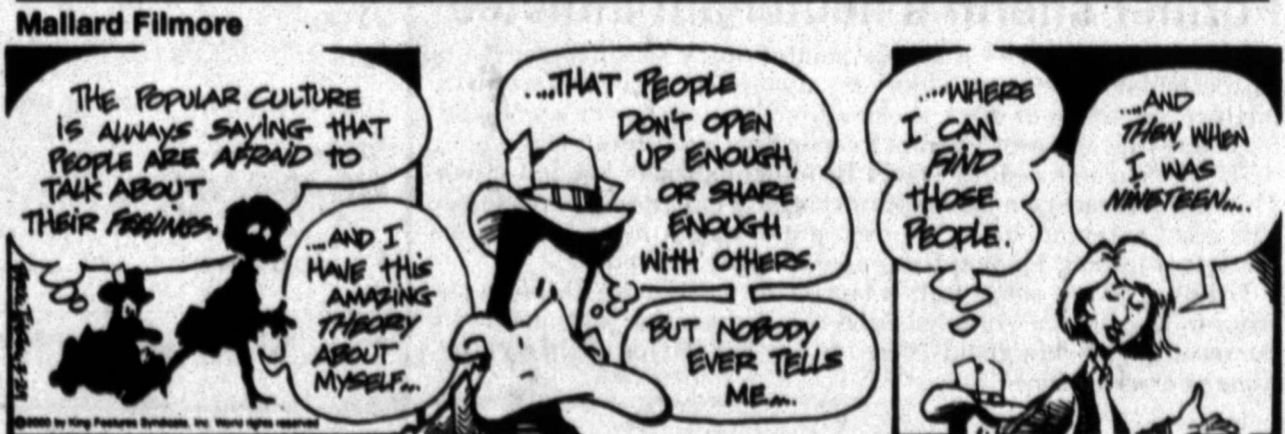
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# Amarillo Opera to present 'The Magic Flute'

AMARILLO — Amarillo Opera will present the musical fantasy "The Magic Flute" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 25 at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium, according to Amarillo Opera area representative Madeline Graves.

A delightful, whimsical tale of good and evil, "The Magic Flute" combines magical music and an enchanted dragon to tell the story of a handsome prince and a comical bird catcher as they set out to rescue a beautiful princess.

Using only a magic flute and magic bells for weapons, the duo meet a dragon, genies, a high priest and an evil queen during their quest.

This is the second time Amarillo Opera will offer "The Magic Flute" to the community. It was presented initially in 1994 and several of the current performers also acted in earlier version including Dale Elliott, who returns as "Papageno"; Katrina Elliott as the second genie; Joe Bolin, back as "Tamino"; and Dr. Sheryl William, a local internist, who play the ominous dragon.

"For MAGIC FLUTE 2000, we have added grand sets, creative staging, and the wonderful Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium," Founder and General Director Mila Gibson said. "New cast and crew members bring a marvelous combination of talent mixed with our treasured local, experienced players."

The previous performance "The Magic Flute" was more of a challenge with a smaller theatre, more performances and minimal space to build sets and rehearse. This performance promises the best of the best.

Gibson explained that "soft sets" are being painted in Italy, shipped to New York and flown to Amarillo. Ben Weber, Marshall Wilson and Jim Elliott will then combine these "soft sets" with the special props and "hard" pieces they are currently building.

Preparation for a performance the size of "The Magic Flute" begins a year in advance, Gibson said.

"The chorus starts rehearsals three months in advance," she added, "and costume design

and construction by Gene Murray, Joyce McBroom and Mary Mager begin two months ahead."

Told in English by a distinguished cast and crew of 100 players, "The Magic Flute" will feature an international performer, Heather Gay Alvarez, who plays the princess "Pamina" and national artist, Elizabeth Holloway, as the "Queen." Alvarez and Holloway began their careers as apprentices for Amarillo Opera.

New to the Amarillo Opera stage in 2000 is internationally recognized Leon P. Turner, a voice instructor at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, who will perform the role of "Sarastro," and Kassi Ellis, a young professional opera singer new to Amarillo as "Papagena."

Local professional musicians will be conducted by Amarillo Symphony Director Jim Setapen.

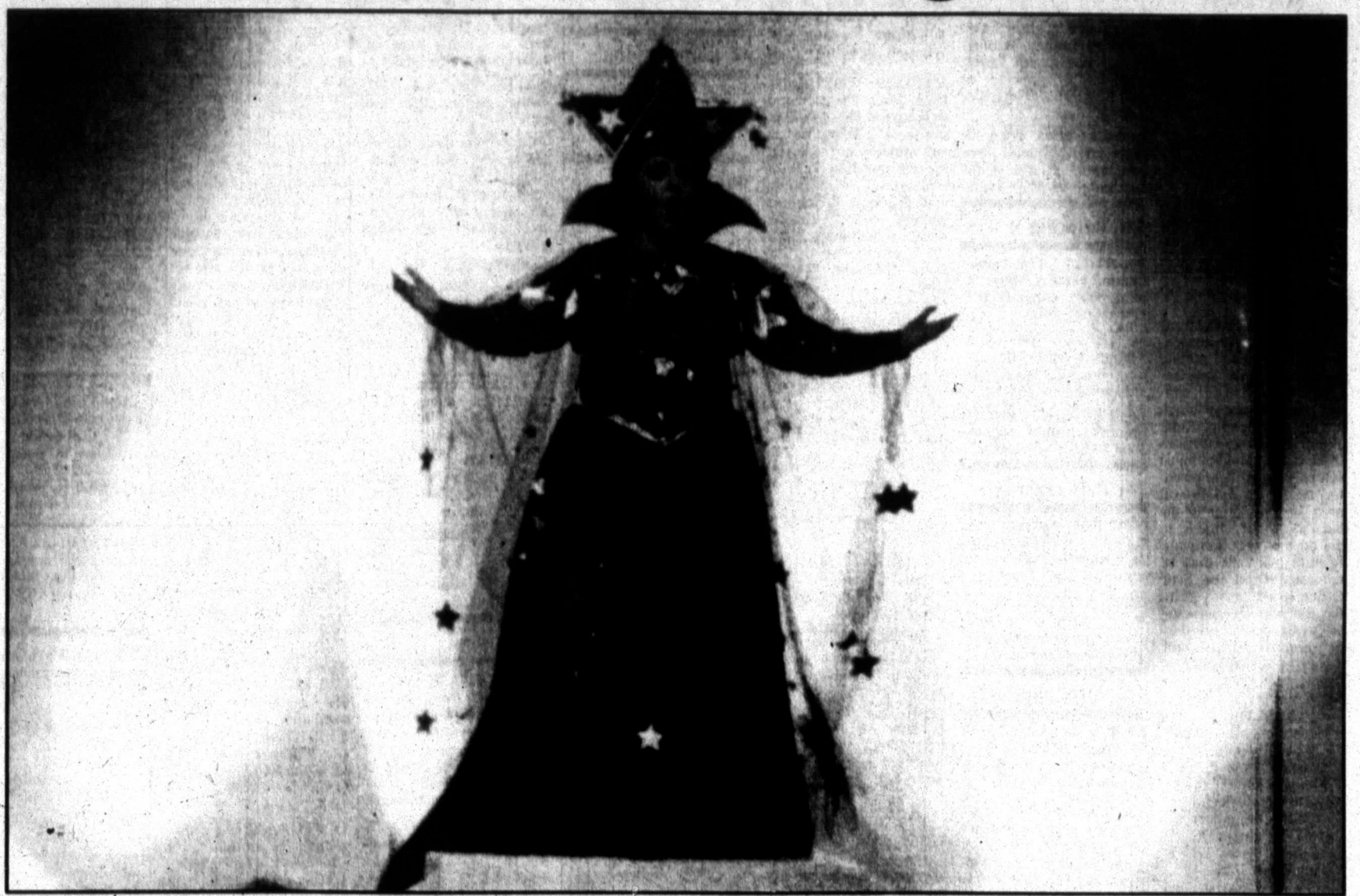
Amarillo Opera began in 1988 with its signature performance of Mila Gibson as "Madame Butterfly." Since its inception and under the direction of Gibson, the organization has presented over 25 main stage operas and musicals. It has been recognized by 19 state arts agencies including the Texas Commission on the Arts and the Texas Senate.

Amarillo Opera is one of 155 international opera companies designated by OPERA America with Professional Status. In 1998, it was awarded the prestigious OPERA America Campaign Success Award for education.

For more information on the Amarillo Opera, its performance schedule, "The Magic Flute" or how to become a member of its supporting organization, BRAVO, call (806) 372-7464.

A special section is reserved for high school and college students with the theme, "A Back Seat Celebration - Saluting Couples and Best Friends." Call the Opera office for more information.

Two complimentary educational lectures on "The Magic Flute" will be presented at noon on March 24 in Common



(Special photo)

Amarillo Opera will present Mozart's "The Magic Flute" at 7:30 p.m., March 25 at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. For tickets, call (806) 378-3096.

Lobby of the Fine Arts Complex (bring your brown bag lunch) or prior to "The Magic Flute" performance at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of the

Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. Sponsor for "The Magic Flute" is Bill Quackenbush. Co-sponsors are LEK and Mr. and Mrs. James Franklin. Additional funding is given by Bank of America, the Amos Molyneux Charitable Trust, Mr. and Mrs. Donald George, Cellular One, Texas Commission on the Arts and New Century Energies. For tickets to "The Magic Flute," call the Amarillo Civic Center Box Office at (806) 378-3096.

## RRC sets Texas gas production allowables for April

AUSTIN — Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams and Commissioners Charles R. Matthews and Tony Garza recently set the April natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 38,063,228 mcf (thousand cubic feet.)

For these fields, the April 2000 allowable represents an increase of 2,868,068 mcf when compared to actual production of 35,195,610 mcf in April 1999. In setting the April 2000 allowable, the RRC used historical production figures from April 1999 and producer forecasts for the April 2000 demand, then adjusted the figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc.

Texas natural gas in storage reported by the RRC for the month of February 2000 is 180,592,950 mcf compared to 244,192,530 mcf in

February 1999. The February 2000 gas storage estimate is 176,968,744 mcf. Commissioners reported crude oil and petroleum products imported into the U.S. averaged 10.46 million barrels per day for the month of February 2000.

Preliminary statewide production reported for January 2000 is 33,626,515 barrels of crude oil and 377,113,534 mcf of gas well gas. The RRC's estimated final production for this month can be obtained by multiplying these preliminary production totals by a production adjustment factor of 1.0243 for crude oil and 1.0641 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

The next statewide hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 25.

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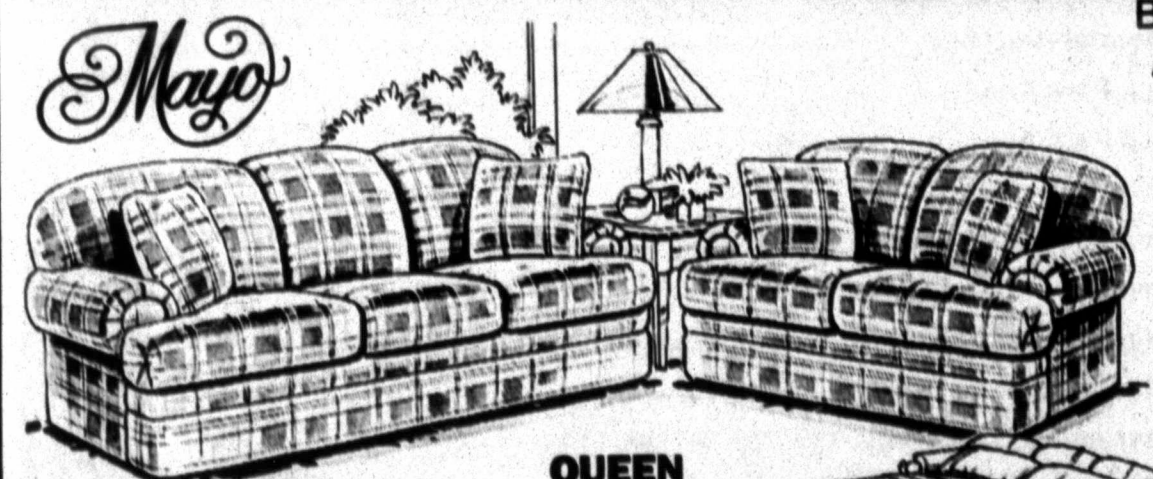
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