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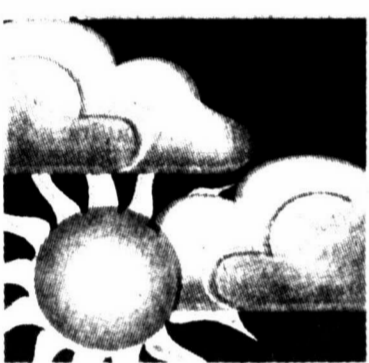
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AUSTIN (AP) — There was no winner in Saturday's \$17 million Lotto Texas and the Wednesday jackpot will be an estimated \$23 million. The numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery were 9, 33, 38, 39, 41, 48.

DALLAS (AP) — A sentencing hearing for former Dallas City Councilman Al Lipscomb has been rescheduled because Lipscomb was too sick to appear in court.

Lipscomb, 74, has been scheduled for sentencing this morning by U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall on a federal bribery and conspiracy conviction. But his attorney Scottie Allen said Lipscomb is suffering from congestive heart failure and pneumonia. He was scheduled to undergo more tests at St. Paul Medical Center this morning.

Lipscomb's sentencing hearing has been rescheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday.

In January, an Amarillo jury convicted Lipscomb of 65 counts of bribery and conspiracy. The civil rights leader, who continues to profess his innocence, resigned from the council in February and plans to appeal the jury's verdict.

He faces a sentence ranging from probation to a maximum 645 years in prison and a \$16.25 million fine for accepting monthly cash payments from former Yellow Cab Co. owner Floyd Richards.

- Odus Leon Cochran, 74, retired from Pampa Fire Department.
- Nelda Joyce Cooper, 70, former Pampa resident.
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Truck-train collision fatal to man

White Deer man victim

By KATE B. DICKSON
Staff Writer

Just why a White Deer man remained in his pickup truck as a freight train bore down on it remains a mystery today.

David Elders, 53, died about 1:25 p.m. Saturday when his truck was hit by a BNSF train that was hauling 42 cars, said Department of Public Safety Trooper David O'Brien.

The impact knocked the 1987 green Chevrolet pickup 300 feet west of the intersection of the tracks and Gray I, O'Brien said. Elders died instantly and was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Kurt Curtman.

Gray I is west of Celanese and about one mile east of the Carson County line.

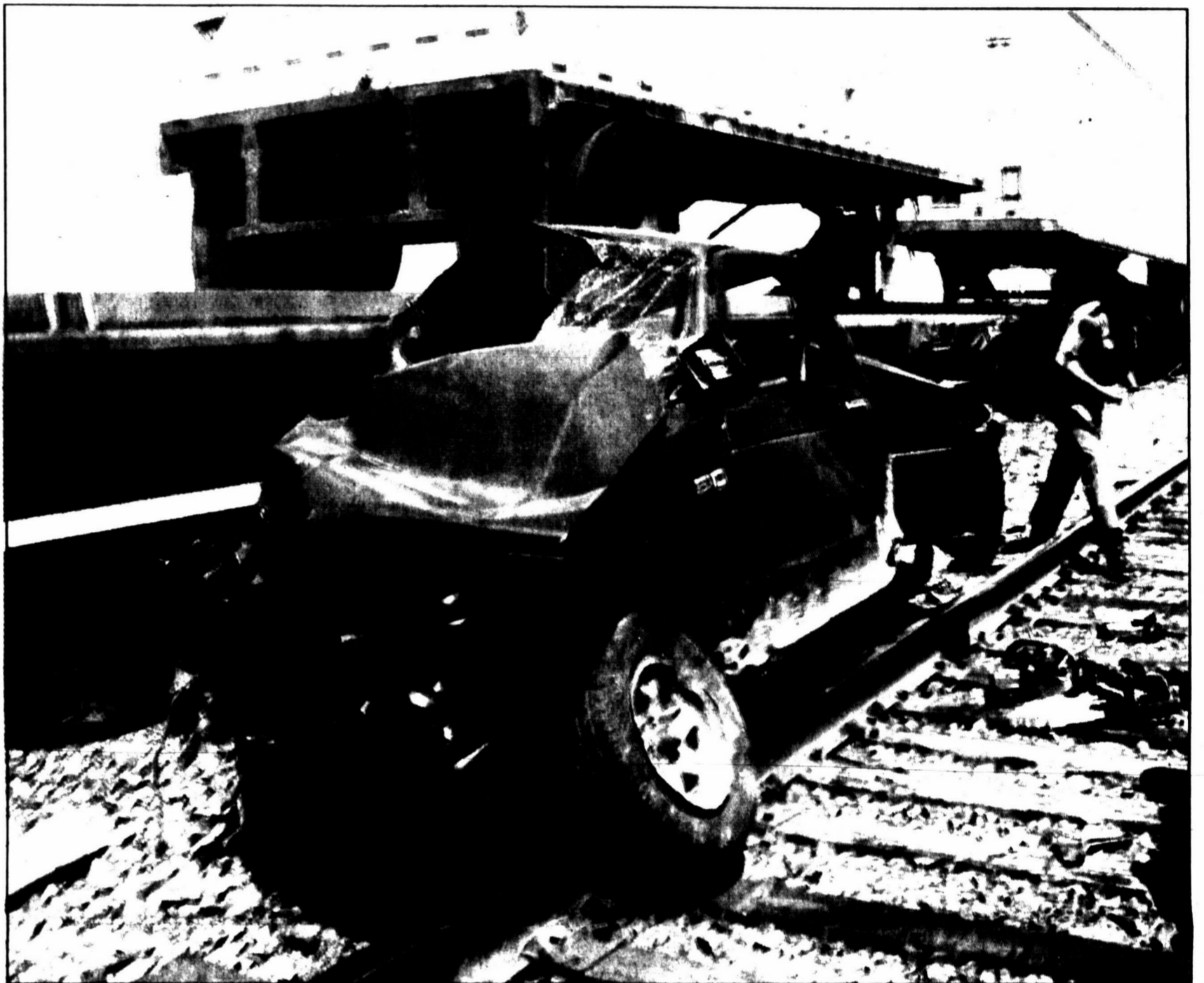
According to O'Brien's investigation, Elders' truck was either hung on the tracks or was stopped there when the train stuck.

O'Brien said the truck was off the actual roadway portion of the crossing at the time of impact.

"We don't know if the truck was hung up or if he was just sitting there," the trooper said. "There was no evidence at the scene to indicate either way."

O'Brien said the crossing has lights, bells and crossing arms, all of which were working properly at the double-track crossing at the time of the accident.

Elders' pickup was sitting on the tracks before the crossing. (See COLLISION, Page 2)



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)
DPS Trooper David O'Brien investigates at the scene of Saturday's fatal accident which claimed the life of David Elders, 53, of White Deer.

Kidnapping suspect captured after high-speed 2-state chase

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

SHAMROCK— Texas and Oklahoma authorities began their day Saturday in a hurry.

A 17-year-old Indiana man is in Wheeler County Jail today awaiting extradition on kidnapping charges along with stolen vehicle charges out of Boone County, Ind., following a high-speed chase which began early Saturday morning and involved Texas and Oklahoma law enforcement agencies.

John James Verile, 17, Lebanon, Ind., was arrested following the chase which began in Oklahoma and reached speeds as high as 115 mile per hour. He is also facing charges related to car theft in Indiana in connection with the incident.

Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Gary Davis said he received a call about 5 a.m. Saturday that the Verile vehicle was at the 17-mile

marker in Oklahoma exceeding speeds of 115 mile per hour with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol in pursuit.

OHP began the high-speed chase at the 35 mile marker in Oklahoma as they pursued the speeding vehicle which crossed the Oklahoma-Texas state line. Shamrock Police Department was also in pursuit.

Trooper Davis said he set up his THP unit at the Texas 167 mile marker where he threw out Stinger spikes on the highway in an attempt to stop the speeding vehicle.

He said the green minivan traveled approximately four miles after encountering the spikes, slowing to speeds of 65 to 70 mph. At that point Wheeler County Deputy Rick Walden shot out the tires bringing the utility vehicle to a halt. Texas Ranger Gary Henderson of Pampa also was involved in the pursuit.

(See CHASE, Page 2)

Students sharpen pencils for TASS Testing starts tomorrow

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

After months of preparation, Pampa students will be joining all Texas students as they are tested in the Texas Assessment Academic Skills test.

Students have been holding a daily 10 minute TAAS Focus since the first day of school to prepare for the test, said Pampa Middle School Principal Tim Powers. The 10-minute TAAS Focus has emphasized reading, English and math.

Middle school and elementary students in all four public elementary schools—Austin, Travis, Lamar and Wilson— will test Tuesday in math skills and Wednesday the reading skills will be tested.

Eighth grade students at PMS will also test on Thursday in social studies and Friday in science.

Elementary students in grades third through fifth will also participate in the Tuesday and Wednesday testing in the math and reading subjects.

(See TAAS, Page 2)

Don't forget to vote Tuesday!

County Clerk Susan Winborne (right) cast her early voting ballot after she was signed in by Deputy Clerk Carolyn Law.

Election day is tomorrow for the runoff. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Gray voters have six voting locations. Precinct 1 is at Lefors Fire Station, 115 N. Main in Lefors. Precinct 2, 10 and 13 is at the courthouse. Precinct voters in 3, 7, 11 & 12 vote at M.K. Brown Auditorium, 1200 N. Sumner.

Precinct 4 and 5 voters vote at McLean Senior Citizens Center, 1900 N. Duncan. Austin Elementary School is the location for precinct 8 and 9. Travis Elementary, 2300 Monroe, will be the voting location for precinct 14 and 15.

Two Democratic runoff polling places have been designated. Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston, will be the official polling place for precincts 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15. Precincts 4 and 5 will cast ballots at the McLean Library.

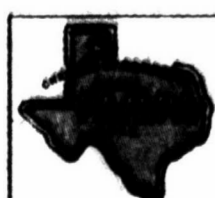


Lefors school meet Tuesday

Lefors School Board is to meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 11, at Lefors Elementary School library, 160 Sixth St.

Items for consideration include the following:

- open forum
- reading of the minutes from the previous meeting
- finance matters: current billings, cash position of the district, and tax collection report.
- date to canvass election votes
- personnel matters, teacher aide positions and letters of assurance, and hire of non-contract personnel
- insurance
- amend substitute teacher list
- calendar
- executive session
- superintendent reports



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Business Expo, June 17, 2000!! More Details To Come!!

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.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON

Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-3988.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER

Tralee Crisis Center will offer Volunteer Training for people interested in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. For more information, call Diane Wells at 669-1131 or 1-800-658-2796.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is extending clinic hours in Pampa. The clinic is now open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A. Special evening hours until 6 p.m. are available by appointment. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Lovett Memorial Library's Spring Story Hours will be at 10 a.m. every Tuesday from Jan. 11-May 16. The program, which includes crafts and stories, is open to all children 18 months to 5-years-old. Story hours are free and no registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

PAMPA BOOK CLUB

Pampa Book Club will meet at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 12 in the conference room of Lovett Memorial Library. The group will discuss books by Fulton J. Sheen. Visitors are welcome.

WORTH THE WAIT

Worth the Wait will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, April 17 in Pampa Middle School Library. Last year's survey results will be discussed as well as a proposed new survey tool to be administered to students in May. The meeting is open to the general public, most especially parents of sixth-12th grade students. The information will be presented in both English and Spanish. For more information, contact Worth the Wait at 669-6222.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following breast cancer screening clinics: April 10, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, Pampa; April 12, Parkview Hospital, 901 S. Sweetwater, Wheeler; April 24, Shephard's Crook, 919 N. Crest, Pampa, and Hemphill County Hospital, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Amarillo Mayor Kel Seliger and the Panhandle Association for the Education of Young Children will honor over 100 people who work to make the lives of young children healthy, safe and enriched with a breakfast at 8 a.m. Thursday, April 13 in the Oak Acorn Room of the College Union Building on Amarillo College's Washington Street campus. The event is being held in conjunction with Week of the Young Child "Early Years are Learning Years — Kids: The Right Stuff." Other events will include a ribbon cutting at 3 p.m. April 9 at Thompson Park Zoo; a PAEYC Award Banquet at 6:30 p.m., April 10 at AC; a Mayor's Proclamation at 2 p.m., April 11 at City Hall; and a Child Fest from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., April 15 at Western Plaza for children ages 2-8.

CMBC ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo will hold a special anniversary luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Thursday, April 13 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. Cost is \$15 per person and \$150 for a table of 10. During the event, National awards from America's Blood Centers will be presented and Mary Lyn Halley of KGNC radio will emcee the program. For reservations or more information, contact Linda Guthrie at (806) 358-4563.

SUPPORTIVE CARE 2000

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will present "Supportive Care 2000," the 20th annual conference addressing current issues for oncology professionals from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Friday, April 14 at the Amarillo College Business and Industry Center, 1314 S. Polk. The conference is worth 8.7 contact hours for nursing professionals. Continuing education units for social workers and LPCs is also available. Advanced registration (lunch provided) is \$59 and \$20 for full-time students. The deadline for pre-registration is April 10. The cost per individual the day of the conference is \$80. For more information or to register, contact Gerry Kelly, director of Supportive Care, at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 235.

CATCH THE COLORS

Amarillo Botanical Gardens will hold "Catch the Colors" at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 19 in Northwest Texas Healthcare System Pavilion Auditorium in Amarillo. Cost of the event is \$20 per person. To reserve a seat or for more information, call (806) 352-6513.

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

Wheeler Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a "Citywide Garage Sale and Car Show" fund-raising/community project Saturday, May 6. For more information, contact the Chamber at (806) 826-3408.

WTAMU 'e CAMP'

West Texas A&M University's "e Camp" for youngsters will explore the radio, television and film industry. For more information, write, call or e-mail the following: Dr. Leigh Browning, e Camp director, WTAMU Box 60747, Canyon, TX 79016-0207; (806) 651-2412; lbrowning@wtamu.edu.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is seeking volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsman program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsman program. For more information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Shirley Sheldon, Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.

SCHOOL TO CAREER PROGRAM

Texas AFL-CIO has announced the "School to Careers" project for high school students interested in union apprenticeship programs. To learn more about the benefits of union-sponsored apprenticeship training programs, contact the local Texas Workforce Commission or call (512) 470-0918.

AISE

American Intercultural Student Exchange is a non-profit educational foundation seeking local host families for high school foreign exchange

students for the 2000-01 school year. The students, which come from 25 countries throughout the world, live with American families and attend local high schools during their 10 month exchange. Host families provide the students with a place to sleep, meals and a family atmosphere. For more information, call 1-800-SIBLING or visit AISE website, www.aise.com.

Destination Imagination



(Community Camera photo)

The 2000 Destination Imagination Team at Austin Elementary School recently entered "Fruit Roller Coaster Challenge" and participated in regional competition held recently in Lubbock. The roller coaster the students designed and built received a Spirit Award, one of only three awarded at the contest. Above: (front row, left-right) Mitch Kelley, Joe Whiteley, Greg Wariner, (back row, l-r) Kay Harvey, PAAS teacher, Tyler Rhoades, Morgan Ketchersid, Matthew Smith and Katie Holmes.

Wilson Elementary honor roll

Wilson Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the fourth six weeks grading period of the 1999-00 school year.

SECOND GRADE

Amanda Brasier, Brittany Bennett, Matricia Davis, Angie Galaviz, Lariat Lowrey, Daisy Perez, Cristal Silva, Tyler Wilbanks, Zackery Cheater, Meghan Asencio, Kolton Boaz, Jordann Hughes, Ryan Jimenez, Phoenix Keeter, Lindsey Ma, Leonal Madrid, Ariel Mercado.

Lauren Roberts, Summer Roberts, Daniel Valenzuela, Sam Newman, Micaela Anguiano, Canyon Dougherty, Aleah Noble, Kylee Reel, Cody Starks, Bethney Mosteller, Dylna Hendrix, Crystal Collis, Israel Casanova, Erik Ramirez, Justin Carlton.

THIRD GRADE

Chance Almanza, Martin Avila, Stephanie Castellanos, David Gutierrez, Randon Parks, Norman Rodgers, Bernardo Casanova, Scottie Dabbs, Cassi Denton, Raeghan Jenkins, Cody Newton, Keah Reel, Natalie Santacruz, Tatiana Soto, Jonathna Valdez, Jered Chamberlin, Senecia Cruz.

FOURTH GRADE

Carrie Angel, Ashley Bowers, Evelin Castillo, Ashlie Cox, Solomon Cruz, Dakota Gowin, Jacob Jenkins, Whitney Jenkins, Chris McKenzie, Jerid Oxley, Krystal Rameriz, Isela Recendiz, Samantha Sutterfield, Manuel Villagrana, Jamie Welch, Heather Addington, Crystal Blanco, Lilly Calixto, Amy Silva.

Erica Delgado, Andy Dunn, Jeremy Martinez, Angelica Pena, Joshua Pryor, Carla Romero, Adriana Saldierna, Brittany Balay, Kris Boyd, Nick Day, Anna Hillman, Chelsea Ma, Kaci Maddox, Brenda Murrufo, Trevor Phillips, Cody Ponder, Ryan Rivera, Lidia Salazar, Krissa Whitley.

FIFTH GRADE
Jonathan Edwards, Shaunna Gray, Cassy Tice, Matthew Trusty, Megan Addington, Bobby

Fowler, Alicia Laycock, Kaley Maddox, Ashley Martinez, Ashton Ray, Alex Torres, Lucy Villagrana, Abby Weaver, Geneva

Wildcat, Johnny Carver, Francisco Conde, Kenzi Nickell, Joe Hays, Alex Perez, John Ulloa, Amber Williams.

YOU DESERVE TO KNOW THE TRUTH!!!

Our current part-time DA says that he is highly sought after as a special prosecutor in other districts because of his trial ability and that is why he spends so much time away from our district. Below are the results of the most recent cases our DA has accepted to prosecute outside our district.

Briscoe County - John Mann agrees to 5 years probation for murder of restaurant owner from Quitaque.

Wichita County - Jury finds defendant not guilty on murder charges - *murder defendant acquitted.*

Randall County - John Mann recommends 4 years probation, no restitution for \$15,000,000.00 theft - defendant stole \$15,000,000.00 by selling bogus bonds to churches and church members.

Potter County - John Mann recommends dismissal of 5 felony charges (including indecency with a child and kidnaping) again Amarillo millionaire in exchange for misdemeanor plea - *no jail time.*

As of Feb. 2000, the District had a backlog of 295 felony cases, some over 8 years old!

County	# of pending cases
Gray	161 - drug offenses (50); indecency with child (3); felony DWI (9); attempted murder (11); burglary (11) - <i>some over 6 years old.</i>
Wheeler	71 - drug offenses (16); indecency with child (1); felony DWI (4) - <i>some over 7 years old.</i>
Hemphill	42 - sexual assaults (2); burglaries (6), thefts (11); felony DWI (1) - <i>some over 8 years old.</i>
Roberts	4 - theft (2); felony DWI (1) - <i>some over 6 years old.</i>
Lipscomb	17 - indecency with child (3); drug offenses (2); felony DWI (1) - <i>13 to be presented to grand jury.</i>
Total	295

Our part-time DA blames this situation on the antics of various defense attorneys, law enforcement officials, or our District Judges when in fact the responsibility for prosecution is his and his alone. We need a full-time district attorney who is available and committed to our district!!

Even if you didn't vote in the primary, you can still vote in the run-off on April 11.

If you are serious about law enforcement, please take the time to vote for a full-time felony prosecutor!!

On April 11 cast your vote **Richard J. "Rick" Roach** as your Full-Time District Attorney - Your vote is very important!!

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MEDICAL

New diagnostic tool promising for heart patients

By LINDA A. JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

Doctors could do a far better job predicting who is at high risk of a heart attack or other cardiovascular problems by testing for a certain protein in a simple, inexpensive blood test, researchers reported.

Experts say doctors may adopt the test and use it along with

cholesterol screening to identify people who run a high risk of a heart attack, stroke, bypass surgery or death from heart disease.

Researchers at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and elsewhere used a highly sensitive version of the decades-old blood test for a substance called C-reactive protein. The protein indicates

arteries are inflamed.

Scientists believe that while high cholesterol causes fatty buildups in the blood vessels, heart attacks are triggered when inflammation causes the deposits to break off and clog an artery.

The research was reported in the New England Journal of Medicine, along with a second study suggesting that MRI scans

could help doctors detect heart disease in women at a very early stage. Often, women complain of chest pain, but conventional tests see no sign of trouble.

In the first study, Harvard Medical School cardiologist Dr. Paul Ridker and colleagues tested blood, taken from apparently healthy postmenopausal women participating in the hospital's Women's Health Study, for lev-

els of C-reactive protein, or CRP, and 11 other substances.

After three years, researchers identified 122 women who had heart attacks or other cardiovascular troubles and compared them with 244 participants who were fine.

The one-fourth with the highest CRP levels were 4.4 times more likely to have had a heart attack or other cardiovascular trouble than the one-fourth with the lowest CRP levels.

The substance was the best predictor of heart attack risk — almost twice as good as LDL, the "bad cholesterol" that is the current gold standard in cardiac diagnosis. Cholesterol and CRP screenings both cost around \$20 on average.

"Half of all heart attacks in the U.S. occur in people with normal cholesterol levels," so combining cholesterol screening with testing for CRP is a big improvement, Ridker said.

His research found women with the highest levels of both substances were six times more likely to suffer a heart attack or other problem than those with the lowest levels.

The study involved only women, who have generally been excluded from cardiac research even though heart disease kills one of every two women. Doctors said there is no reason to believe the findings wouldn't apply to men as well.

Dr. Daniel Shindler of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in New Brunswick said CRP levels could help cardiologists diagnose patients more accurately and lead to better drug therapies.

"If I find C-reactive protein elevated, I will be more aggressive" in encouraging women to stop smoking, exercise more, eat a healthier diet and control their diabetes, Shindler said.

Former American Heart Association president Dr. Sidney

Smith said other research shows that giving drugs called statins to reduce CRP levels helps prevent heart attacks in patients who have already had one.

A separate study by researchers at the University of Alabama at Birmingham may have solved part of the mystery of why half of the women hospitalized for chest pain appear to have healthy, unclogged arteries when they undergo an angiogram, a standard cardiac X-ray.

Researchers used a \$900 MRI heart scan on 35 such women and found that 20 percent of them had an abnormality in the relative levels of two heart substances that give the heart muscle energy.

Dr. Gerald Pohost theorized the scans are detecting ischemia, or inadequate blood flow to the heart, that was occurring not because of clogs in the major arteries but because many arteries too small for an angiogram to spot were narrowed and did not expand normally.

He said the technique eventually could help doctors detect heart disease in women long before major arteries are significantly clogged.

"It's going to need some further validation" before routine use, said Robert Balaban, scientific director of laboratory research programs at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

On the Net: American Heart Association site: <http://www.americanheart.org>

American Academy of Family Physicians site: <http://www.familydoctor.org/handouts/287.html>

National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute's Healthy Heart Handbook for Women: <http://rover.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/heart/other/hhw/in dex.htm>

Prozac's reign as top antidepressant ending

NEW YORK (AP) — Prozac, perhaps the most widely known prescription antidepressant of all time, is losing some of its lift.

Demand has declined as newer drugs promise greater effectiveness, fewer side effects and the ability to treat additional ailments.

In January, for the first time in years, doctors wrote more new prescriptions for a competing drug, Zoloft. While Prozac remained slightly ahead in total prescriptions, the statistics illustrate its peak is past.

"Prozac has had its day, or more accurately, had its decade," said Christine Hollidge, an analyst with Datamonitor in London.

Introduced in 1988, Prozac quickly became a metaphor for society's obsession for quick fixes to problems. The pills not only helped the depressed, but became known for simply making people feel good.

They also helped ease the stigma surrounding mental illness, proving to many that depression is a biological problem, not one caused by a weak character or poor parenting.

"It changed my whole life," said Elizabeth Wurtzel, 32, author of "Prozac Nation," which described her struggle with depression and experience with Prozac and other drugs — and exposed the collective bad mood of Generation X'ers.

"I realized it was possible to not be depressed. It was like putting glasses on and seeing the world in a different way."

Laura Miller, spokeswoman for Prozac maker Eli Lilly & Co., said: "Prozac showed people there is a safe and effective treatment for depression, allowing more people to seek help."

Prozac was the first of a new generation of anti-depression drugs called SSRIs (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors) that were as effective as older depression drugs, but did not have many of the nasty side effects such as constipation, memory loss or high blood pressure. SSRIs work by correcting the imbalance of serotonin in the body, a natural chemical that's believed to affect one's mood.

The chance of overdosing on Prozac was significantly less than older medications, a key benefit in treating depression.

These advantages led more patients to continue their medication and more doctors to order it.

"By 1990, Prozac had become the fastest selling new mental illness drug ever, a sort of Viagra of its time."

"Prozac seemed to give social confidence to the habitually timid, to make the sensitive brash, to lend the introvert the social skills of a salesman," Dr. Peter Kramer wrote in his 1993 book "Listening to Prozac," one of several best sellers on the drug.

In all, about 17 million Americans have taken Prozac.

The drug, however, has been attacked by critics and faced intense scrutiny. Some have questioned whether the drug makes patients act more violently.

In 1989, a man who had used Prozac killed eight people and injured 12 others before taking his own life in Louisville, Ky. The victims' families sued Lilly, but a jury found Prozac wasn't responsible.

In scores of court cases on the issue, Lilly has successfully argued that when violence occurs, it is a symptom of the illness rather than of the medication prescribed to treat it.

Its falling market share is seen as a natural part of the product's life cycle. Few prescription drugs stay at the top of their class for more than five or six years because of competition from other brands and generics.

New drugs such as Zoloft, Paxil and Celexa have been launched with strong marketing pitches that promised less of the weariness and reduced libido that some patients felt from Prozac.

About 840,000 new Prozac prescriptions were written in January — 7,000 fewer than Zoloft, according to market data firm IMS Health. In all, nearly 2 million total prescriptions were written for each drug that month.

Prozac sales are expected to decline steadily in the next three years, as its patent expires and cheaper generics become available.

On the Net: <http://www.prozac.com>.

Study: Gene boosts risk of heart disease in smokers

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Smokers who carry a gene already linked to smoking-related illnesses face roughly twice the risk of heart disease than smokers who don't carry it, new research suggests.

The findings, which appear in

the April issue of Atherosclerosis, involved 1,290 people in Forsyth County, the suburbs of Minneapolis, Washington County, Md., and Jackson, Miss. Four hundred of the subjects had suffered heart attacks or were newly diag-

nosed with heart disease, while 890 served as controls.

Individuals without the gene GSTT1 had about a 60 percent greater risk of heart problems if they smoked while those with the gene had about a 180 percent

greater risk, said study co-author James Pankow, a professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"Among people who don't smoke, the gene seems to make no difference in heart disease," he said.

Researchers found the gene present in four-fifths of the subjects.

The results were somewhat surprising, said Dr. Richey Sharrett, senior scientific advisor for the epidemiology and biometry program at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute in Washington, D.C.

Sharrett said Wednesday that similar studies focusing on the gene's role in smoking and cancer showed more varied results, but said the heart disease research's methodology was valid.

"If it were replicated, I think that it would provide ... important clues" to the link between smoking and heart disease, he said.

The GSTT1 gene is considered an integral link in how the body processes the chemicals found in tobacco smoke. Pankow said the gene already has been linked to other smoking-related illnesses, such as bladder cancer.

A bitter find in taste bud research could make pill easier to swallow

By RICK CALLAHAN
Associated Press Writer

Scientists have found gene clusters responsible for allowing humans to taste bitter substances, a finding that could help in masking the unappealing flavors of medicine and certain healthful foods.

The findings were reported in a recent issue of the journal Nature, just two weeks after another team of researchers found basically the same family of genes through a different approach.

The teams worked independently but are both affiliated with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Their work suggests that humans have evolved a complex system for detecting the wide array of bitter-tasting compounds. And for good reason, since failing to detect toxic substances could be fatal.

How the brain processes the taste perceptions — including sweet, sour, bitter and salty — sent from the tongue's array of sensors is still cloaked in mystery, said Sue Kinnamon, a neuroscientist at Colorado State University.

"We have no idea how taste is


coded in the central nervous system, whether there is any kind of a topographic map of tastes in the brain," said Kinnamon, who wasn't involved in the research. "These findings give us the potential to now label bitter pathways so we can look at how they target in the brain."

In an accompanying Nature commentary, Stuart Firestein of Columbia University said the research could eventually lead to better-tasting medicines and ways to tweak foods that are good for you so they also taste good.

"The taste field has had quite a start to the millennium," Firestein wrote.

Both Howard Hughes teams were seeking out genes involving specific taste receptors by focusing on chromosome regions known to be involved in taste impairments in mice and humans.

They delved into the vast online database of the Human Genome Project, a government-funded effort to create a blueprint of human DNA, and also an online database that allowed them to compare the human and mouse chromosome structure.



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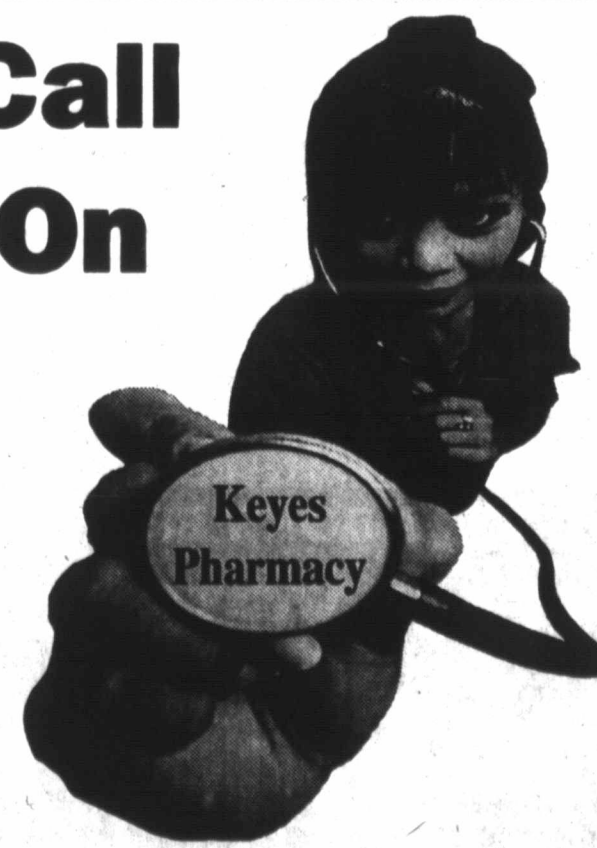
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Odds and ends ...

By The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — It's Kick the Habit 101. Some San Francisco Bay area schools offer class credit for smoking cessation programs, the latest among several aggressive steps educators are taking to keep students away from cigarettes.

"You need to involve kids during the day and provide incentives for them," said Margo Leathers Sidener, executive director of the American Lung Association of Santa Clara-San Benito counties. "A lot of schools just focus on prevention and ignore the kids who already smoke."

At Westmoor High School in Daly City, the association launched its "Not on Tobacco" program last week. A dozen student smokers will attend seven in-school classes about how to stop smoking — for school credit.

When the program was tested in Santa Barbara last year, 21 percent of the teens stopped smoking after 2 1/2 months. Schools in San Joaquin give teens the patch and offer in-school, for-credit cessation programs.

Sometimes, even the best intentions can't stop teen-agers from lighting up. The San Jose Unified School District recently dropped its "Smokeless Saturday" program because not enough students were coming. The sessions were voluntary.

SEQUIM, Wash. (AP) — Knitting sweaters for penguins?

It's no joke, say members of the North Olympic Shuttle and Spindle Guild, who are cranking out tiny wool sweaters as part of an international relief effort for penguins affected by an Australian oil spill.

The spill soiled the penguins' home on Phillip Island, southeast of Melbourne, in early January. The oil is believed to have been dumped by an unidentified ship at sea, the Australian government said.

The oil has rendered ineffective the fairy penguins' natural insulation. In addition, they are ingesting toxic material as they preen, making the sweaters useful for both warmth and protection from poisoning.

The birds stand only about a foot tall — less than half the size of their emperor penguin cousins — and the sweaters are only about 9 or 10 inches long and about 4 1/4 inches wide. Each sweater has openings for the birds' flippers and head.

"They look so cute," said guild member Pat Gallup, who heard the call for knitters to help the penguins on a radio station and researched the issue on the Internet before enlisting the help of guild members.

"You can just see their heads and little flippers sticking out," she said Sunday.

PHILMONT, N.Y. (AP) — It's yelping in stereo, three-hour feeding shifts, and a dining room-tugged nursery for 16 piebald pups, believed to be the second largest puppy litter in recorded history.

"It's absolutely fantastic," said Renee Wendover, part of a husband-and-wife breeding team and owner of King Triton's Ariel, the proud Saint Bernard mother responsible for the brood.

"They're noisy and squirming, and I swear to God you can see where they're getting bigger," Wendover said Sunday.

It took Ariel 12 1/2 hours to give birth to 17 puppies Friday. One puppy died shortly after birth, leaving 10 males and six females. All now nestle in a kiddy wading pool, except during feeding.

"Eight and eight," Wendover explained of the nursing regimen. "You got to separate them to make sure the bigger ones don't weasel their way in front."

The 16-pack stands second in total living litters to only the birth of 23 American foxhounds in Ambler, Pa., on June 19, 1944, according to the latest available Guinness Book of Records. And it ties the second place record of 16 Great Danes born in June 1987 in Little Hall, England.

"Ariel looked like a cow," said co-owner Greg Howard.

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — Hold the phone: That person in prison orange may not be a jail escapee, just a teen-ager in the latest fashion.

A pair of Jonesboro stores have been selling orange jail-style clothes, down to stenciled phrases "County Inmate," "Correctional Facility," and "Escaped Convict."

The shirts look so much like real prison garb in Craighead County that authorities have received several calls over the past few weeks about escapees roaming the city.

Last week, police spent 30 minutes searching a neighborhood after a report of a county inmate jumping fences. Inside the county jail, guards counted heads to make sure they still had everyone.

"Apparently, the person was wearing one of the shirts sold at the mall," said Craighead County Deputy Eric Erwin. "We wasted about 30 minutes. It was something we had to check out, though."

There's a difference between county-issue clothes and those sold at the mall. The county's clothes are more durable.

But even though there's a difference, Erwin said it is unwise for someone to wear the look-alike clothing.

"It might be the 'in' thing to do, but it upset the citizens who called us and it's not a good 'in' thing," Erwin said Sunday.



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Names in the news

LEXINGTON, N.C. (AP) — The woman whose court case helped legalize abortion in 1973 came to North Carolina to raise money for a group that encourages women not to have abortions.

Norma McCorvey, the "Jane Roe" at the center of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision, spoke Friday at the annual spring fund-raising banquet of Alpha Pregnancy Support.

McCorvey, who has since become a Christian, said her life changed when the anti-abortion organization Operation Rescue opened an office next to the abortion clinic where she worked.

Against the odds, McCorvey found herself making friends with the people who ran Operation Rescue, including a little girl whose mother had almost decided to have an abortion.

"I was afraid to go around children," McCorvey said. "I was hugging this 7-year-old child who was almost aborted herself."

NEW YORK (AP) — It turns out Tom Jones is a fan of the Backstreet Boys.

The crooner whose hits include "It's Not Unusual" and "What's New Pussycat?" said he wants to find out more about how the Backstreet Boys "get their incredible sound."

"I've got both their albums and I would love to cover one of their songs," he told TV Guide for its April 15 issue.

The 59-year-old singer said that as a sex symbol of the 1960s and '70s, he can identify with the popular boy band, which has similarly devoted female followers.

"When I'm singing a ballad and

a pair of underwear lands on my head. I hate that. It really kills the mood," he joked.

NEW YORK (AP) — Folk singer Joni Mitchell says she began playing music to fulfill a need: She wanted to make money to buy cigarettes.

"I never wanted to be a star. If anything, I've been trying to get out since I got in," Mitchell told TV Guide for its April 15 issue. "I'm not addicted to the roar of the crowd and don't understand why the show must go on."

She said the lyrics from Frank Sinatra's "My Way," are similar to her philosophy on life.

"I learned early on that I couldn't trust anybody's judgment but my own and even that only sometimes," Mitchell said.

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia isn't fond of legal scholars who believe the U.S. Constitution is open to interpretation.

Scalia said Saturday the legal profession is finding ways around the document, instead of using it as it was written.

"It's very perplexing," he said in a speech at the annual Criminal Justice Awards Banquet at the University of Southern Mississippi. Forty years ago, following the original intent was orthodox, he said, but not anymore.

"It's easy to understand what has happened because it is very seductive to interpret the Constitution the way you want to."

Scalia, appointed to the court by President Reagan in 1986, said

advocates of interpreting the Constitution have been doing "an end run around the law."

"If you don't like the law, there is a process to change," he said. "But you should have to convince your neighbors that it should be done."

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Critics argue naturalism conference conceals creationist agenda

WACO (AP) — A naturalism conference at Baylor University that boasts two Nobel Prize winners has a hidden agenda to legitimize discussion of creationism in classrooms, critics say.

The Baylor conference Wednesday through Saturday will feature Nobel Prize winners Steven Weinberg, a physics professor at the University of Texas at Austin, and Christian de Duve, the founder of the Christian de Duve Institute of Cellular Pathology.

Sessions will explore naturalism — the belief that all phenomena can be explained in terms of natural laws.

But several faculty members contend that the Michael Polanyi Center, a think tank created last year by Baylor's administration to bridge the gap between religion and science, has a hidden agenda of legitimizing the discussion of creationism in classrooms.

"These people are creationists," Richard Duhrkopf, an associate biology professor, told the Waco Tribune-Herald. "They define that as someone who takes a literal interpretation of Genesis. We define it as someone who invokes nonscientific explanations for natural processes."

Bruce Gordon, the associate director of the Polanyi Center, said faculty members misunderstand the nature of the conference and the facility.

SENIOR SCENES

Doctors may be biased against women on hip and knee replacement operations, study says

Canadian women with severe arthritis were three times less likely than men to get the hip or knee replacements they needed, and researchers say family doctors' preconceptions may deserve some of the blame.

"We think what is going on here is barriers exist for women that don't exist for men," said Dr. Gillian Hawker, an associate professor of medicine at the University of Toronto who led the study, published in Thursday's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

One explanation "may be that the family doc maybe sees the problem as less significant than for men, because men are out there working, or a retired man is out there golfing, and women are predominantly housekeeping," Hawker said.

"Maybe the woman is less demanding, or less often bringing up the issue that her joint hurts her. And maybe if it is brought up or suggested as a topic of conversation, she is putting an end to it because there is no way she could

handle it, because she is concerned about who would take care of her after she gets home."

The study of Toronto-area men and women age 55 and older found that women are three times more likely than men to need joint replacement but undergo the operation at about the same rate as men.

"We have a procedure that provides fairly consistent and long-lasting relief in pain and disability, and apparently we are not doing enough of them," said Dr. James Wright, associate professor of surgery at the University of Toronto.

The results probably hold true for the United States as well, the researchers said. Osteoarthritis is the most common cause of disability in both the United States and Canada.

Dr. John Klippel, medical director for the Arthritis Foundation, found the results surprising, because osteoarthritis is so common and women are twice as likely to suffer from it.

"Part of this may be just a lack of understanding on the part of the general public of the commonness of arthritis and what can actually be done about it," he said.

According to the Arthritis Foundation, 20.7 million Americans suffer from osteoarthritis. Out of 124,000 hip replacements in the United States in 1994, 49,000 were men and 75,000 women, the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons said. Of the 209,000 knee replacements, 78,000 were men and 130,000 women.

In the Canadian study, researchers used tax records to contact 48,218 older people and find those with hip or knee problems. From there, they identified 990 prime candidates for hip or knee replacement.

Of those, just 32.5 percent of the women and 41.8 percent of the men reported ever discussing joint replacement with a doctor. The researchers found that 12.7 percent of the women and 8.8 percent of the men were "definitely willing" to go through with it.

Researchers found 5.3 women out of very 1,000 in the original survey group merited joint replacement, compared with 1.6 men out of 1,000. The rates of joint replacement were about the same for both men and women, at 0.7 per 1,000.

In an accompanying editorial, Dr. Mary Charlson, a professor at Weill Medical College in New York, and John Allegrante, professor of clinical public health at Columbia University in New York, suggested that the discrepancy between men and women may be tied to their circles of friends.

People tend to go to a doctor asking for a joint replacement after talking to a friend who had one that worked out, Charlson said.

On the Net:
Arthritis Foundation: www.arthritis.org
American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons: <http://www.aaos.org>



Goldie Roberts and Naomah Story were winners in a St. Patrick's Day contest at The Meredith House.

Couric's on-air TV checkup sends patients scrambling for colon testing

Barbara Roddy kept putting off a colon cancer exam until she and 6.7 million other viewers got a personal reminder from Katie Couric.

The "Today" show host's month-long public-awareness campaign — during which she underwent a colonoscopy on the air — is sending extraordinary numbers of people to the doctor for colon cancer checkups and casting light on a widespread killer that many are too embarrassed to talk about.

"I probably would have waited until the end of the year," said Roddy, 64, of Indianapolis, a few minutes after her test this week. "It's one of those things you want to put off and put off. It's embarrassing, but the alternative is worse." Her news was good.

It is the strongest wave of public interest since 1985, when President Reagan underwent surgery to remove a suspi-

cious polyp from his colon. Two feet of the intestine was removed, and tests days later revealed that the growth was cancerous but had not spread far.

Doctors are reporting a crush of patients seeking the already common test, many of them for the first time.

"A lot of patients who were reluctant have seen the Katie Couric thing and now say, 'Yeah, this is the thing to do!'" said Roddy's physician, Dr. Douglas Rex of the Indiana University Medical Center.

Dr. John Popp Jr. at the University of South Carolina said: "I've had people who literally said, 'I'm here because of Katie Couric.'"

NBC's "Today" broadcast Couric's test during her week-long series last month on colorectal cancer. The test, which is done with a long fiber-optic tube, showed images from inside Couric's colon, or large intestine.

Couric's husband, TV legal analyst Jay Monahan, died two years ago from the disease, which was discovered too late.

"My message all along has been: 'Talk to your doctor, talk to your doctor, talk to your doctor.' And that's obviously what people are doing," Couric said in an interview. "I couldn't be happier."

Even researchers got a boost. Two study groups seeking patients got about 5,500 calls after their telephone numbers were broadcast on the show.

"I'll guess that 99 percent of the calls were due to that broadcast," said Susan Booker, an administrator at one of the research programs at Johns Hopkins University.

About 130,000 colon and rectal cancer cases were diagnosed last year in the United States. About 56,600 people died from the disease, which is second only to lung cancer in causing cancer deaths.

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SENIOR SCENES

CDC: Hip fractures on the increase

ATLANTA (AP) — Hip fractures among women 65 and older climbed 40 percent between 1988 and 1996 and fully one-third of older Americans suffer serious falls each year, according to government research.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention attributed the increase in part to a growing number of people 85 and older.

People are living longer because of advances against such killers as heart disease, stroke and cancer. But older people run a higher risk of falls because they are generally more sedentary, have weaker muscles and poorer balance, and take more medication that can make them dizzy. More adults 65 and older die

from fall-related injuries each year than from any other kind of injury. The CDC said 9,000 such deaths occurred in 1997.

According to the CDC, 340,000 people 65 or older were hospitalized in 1996 with a broken hip. Of those, 80 percent were women.

The report found that one in three older adults requires hospitalization for a fall each year, with a broken hip the most common and serious injury. Half of those who break a hip do not regain their former level of mobility or independence, ending up in a nursing home or moving in with relatives, the CDC said.

"Hip fractures can really mark the beginning of the end for seniors," said Judy Stevens, a CDC epidemiologist.

"It can lead quickly to decline and death."

Older adults are hospitalized for fall-related injuries five times more often than for other injuries, and women are nearly three times more likely

than men to be hospitalized for falls, the CDC said.

The CDC suggests older people remove clutter and throw rugs from their homes, and exercise to increase muscle strength and balance.



Family night was a big success at Meredith House. From left, Sue Hall, Cherry McCarthy, Wanda Watson and Geraldine Christian. Behind them is director Cinda Jennings.

Senior snapshot



Name: Lyndelle Smith
Hatcher.
Birth Date & Place: Dec. 16, 1922, in Stephens County, near Ranger.
Family: Homer and Pearl Smith.
Favorite Childhood Memory: Seeing Charles Lindbergh at a parade in Abilene following his famous flight.

When I Grew Up I Wanted To Be: A teacher.
My Best Friend was: Ruth Wyche.
People Remember Me As Being: Friendly.
My Favorite Toy: A Kiddy-Kar.
My Favorite Game: Monopoly.
My Favorite Radio Show: Let's Pretend.
The First Movie I Ever Saw & The Cost: Tom Mix and Rin Tin Tin - 5 cents.
The First Phone I Ever Used Belonged To: My parents.
The Person That Most Influenced My Life: My mother.
The Historical Event That Most Affected My Life & Why: Dec. 7, 1941. The National Guard boys in my high school graduating class went from camp right on to war. Many were in the Death

March.
The Thing I Remember Most About The Depression Was: Using water on dry cereal when we didn't have milk.
The Biggest Honor I've Ever Received Is: Membership in Daughters of the Republic of Texas.
If I Could Change One Thing About My Past It Would Be: I "grew up" on roller skates. I always wanted to learn to ice skate.
My Whole Family Enjoyed: Going to town on Saturday night and watching the shoppers.
The Person From My Childhood I Wish I Could Visit With Today Is: The Rev. W.C. Ashford, my pastor for 20 years who helped me grow as a Christian.
My First Job Was: Part-time clerk at McClellan's Variety Store.

Year & Make of The First Vehicle I Drove: 1936 Chevrolet.
Cost of Gasoline When I First Drove: About 11 cents a gallon.
On My First Date I Went To: Abilene High School Band Banquet.
My Favorite Hang Out Spot Was: Abilene Fair Park and Zoo.
The Fashion Trend Was: Hand-made or altered "hand-me-downs."
My Favorite Saying Was: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
My Favorite Song Was: "Indian Love Call."
Another Memory I Want To Share Is: That my great-great-paternal grandfather, John W. Smith, who carried the last message from Travis at the Alamo, was first elected mayor of San Antonio.

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Joyce Session, Activities Coordinator, over-see the daily activities of the Alzheimer's Unit. She has worked at Pampa Nursing Center for ten years. Joyce believes her job is an act of love. Joyce enjoys fixing the women's hair and applying a little makeup to help them feel better about themselves. Joyce has three adult children and a son, Devine, who is an athlete at PHS.

Suzzie Sawyer, LVN, began working at Pampa Nursing Center as soon as she completed her nursing degree with Frank Phillips College five years ago. Suzzie doesn't consider this her job, but rather a calling from God. Suzzie loves her patients with dementia because they are very loving and accepting in return. Suzzie is married to Barney they have a son, Bradley, age 17 and a daughter, Sarai, age 14.

Lyna Bolin, Activities Aid, began working at Pampa Nursing Center after caring for her own mother who suffered with Alzheimer's disease. Lyna adapts activities for the residents; with a goal of improving the quality of life for each resident. Lyna says she loves hearing the residents tell stories. Many of them can remember their childhood in great detail and their stories are fascinating. She has worked in the Secure Unit for five years. Lyna lives with her husband Wendell and has three adult

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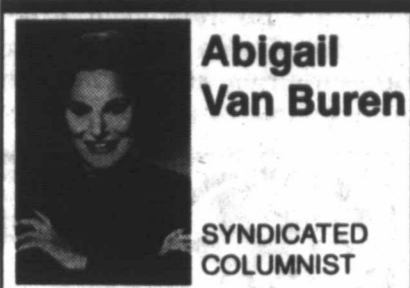
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Teen Drivers Must Know How To Act If Stopped by Police

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are the parents of three college-age children, all of whom drive their own cars. We are law-abiding citizens who have no trouble with the law. The town we live in has been designated a high-crime area by the county police, so it is not uncommon to see cars pulled over, not only for minor traffic violations, but also for "suspicious" behavior.



Abigail Van Buren
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My concern as a parent is that most young people don't know how to act if they are stopped by police. Of course, they are expected to answer all questions respectfully. However, do they know that if they reach into their pockets for a license or identification, they might be perceived as reaching for a weapon? Shouldn't they learn this in school as part of a health and safety course?

Recently my children and a few friends were relating experiences of being stopped by the police. I was appalled to hear about some of the encounters these kids have had. My sons and their friends were grabbed from a vehicle, thrown up against the car and searched, just because the driver had started to reach for his wallet. My daughter was yelled at and ridiculed because she began trembling, and then was told she was in "no condition" to drive and must contact a parent.

By the way, we are not part of a minority group, so this was not racial profiling — and my children dress conservatively. I have always taught them respect for authority,

including the police, but I expect that same respect from police in return.
GAIL FROM BRENTWOOD, N.Y.

DEAR GAIL: I, too, was taught as a child that "the policeman is our friend"; it's a lesson I passed on to my children. While that is still true in most cases today, the availability of illegal weapons has made the job of policing more dangerous than it was a generation or two ago. Call it self-protection or paranoia — police now fear for their lives when they make routine traffic stops.

I agree that young people should know exactly how to respond if they are pulled over by police. Their parents should instruct them: One's hands should be in plain sight at all times. If there is a need to reach into a pocket or purse, or to open a glove compartment or trunk, the officer should be asked for permission first. You mentioned that your

children's experience was not the result of racial profiling. In many cases it is. The American Civil Liberties Union has mounted a campaign to bring attention to this problem, and thanks to the activism of people of color who have come forward with their stories, politicians and law enforcement officers are beginning to take notice.

Hundreds of law enforcement agencies have agreed to collect data on the race and ethnicity of the people they stop, which is the first step in dealing with the problem. Bills requiring police to collect data on traffic stops have passed in several states and are on their way to becoming law in others. It's a welcome step in the right direction.

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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) *** Pressure mounts. You could express frustration and then wish you had said nothing. Aim for what you want. Don't stand on ceremony. Your imagination and integrity draw others. Brainstorm, then share your ideas. Tonight: Catch up on mail and calls.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Reach out for another. There is nothing wrong with expressing your insecurity. Your vision of what is possible could change with discussion. A boss could be vague, but you seem to read between the lines. Negotiations bring results. Tonight: Where the gang is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Your sixth sense kicks in with office gossip and information you seek. Know your needs. Don't discount a friend's moneymaking tip, even though it might not make sense. Check it out anyway. Your ability to take charge and do what is needed proves to be your strong suit. Tonight: Indulge.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Make that additional effort, even with a sour boss. You don't always need to say what you think. Diplomacy can go a long way in achieving your

long-term goals. Do research; supply your own information. Don't leave anything to chance. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Say little right now. Another seems mixed up or seems to be giving you faulty information. Listen carefully to one version, then dig out your own facts. A partner contributes ideas to a money venture. Feelings run high. Tonight: Relax, then decide.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Assume that more is going on with a cantankerous associate, and you won't be far from wrong. Realize your limits with this person. Get into work. Develop a better understanding. Your nurturing and caring touch a chord in another. Tonight: Join friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Take charge when another backs off. Your courage and willingness to stand up for what you believe in makes a big difference. Ideas flourish at work. Relax and brainstorm. You don't have to make an immediate decision. Tonight: Indulge a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** You are challenged not to get upset by a work- or health-related matter. Look at the big picture, and you'll soar. Talk to children and a loved one. Ideas surround you. You come out way ahead. Dare to dream about the future. Tonight: To the movies.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Others are clearly inspired. Someone might have stronger feelings than you realize. Discuss what is going on at home. A family member needs to feel more a part of activities. Try to keep

talks low-key. Maintain eye contact. Tonight: Talk about vacation plans.

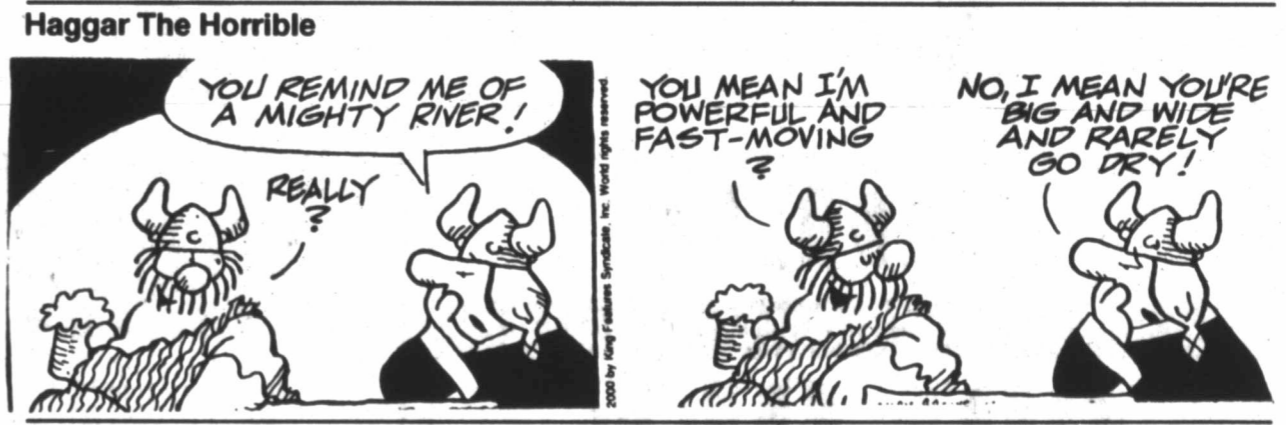
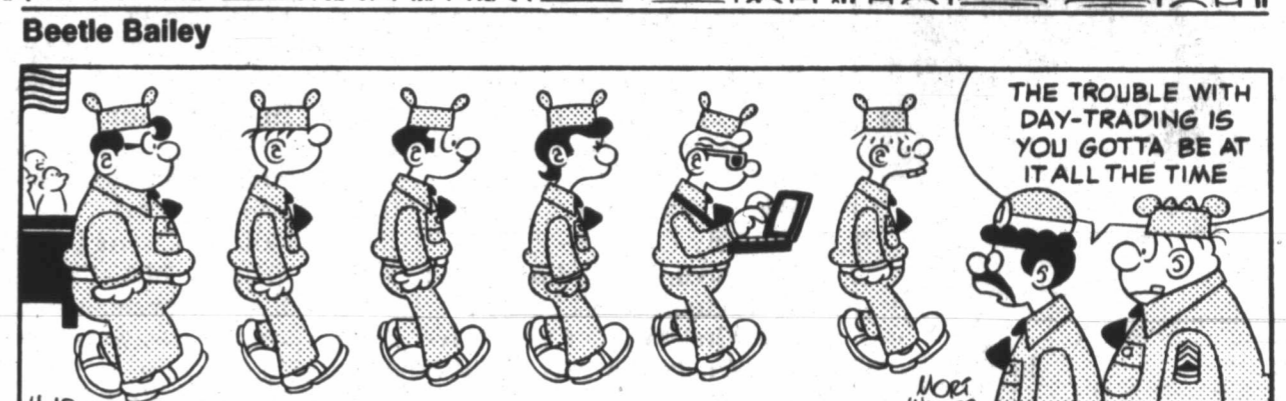
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** A partner clearly shares what is on his mind, but there could be a problem elsewhere on the homefront. You might feel helpless when dealing with others who appear willful. Play it cool and diplomatic. Tonight: Say yes to another.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Dig into work, and you'll accomplish a lot. Your imagination takes you in different directions. Others seek your feedback on money, funds and investments. Keep in mind what you expect when you give advice. Don't formalize any plans until the evening. Tonight: Take a nap first.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Your imagination veers out of control today. Others find you distracted, but you don't care. You might be better off doing quiet work than actively engaging in conversations or being on the phone while your mind could be wandering. Tonight: Opt for some fun.

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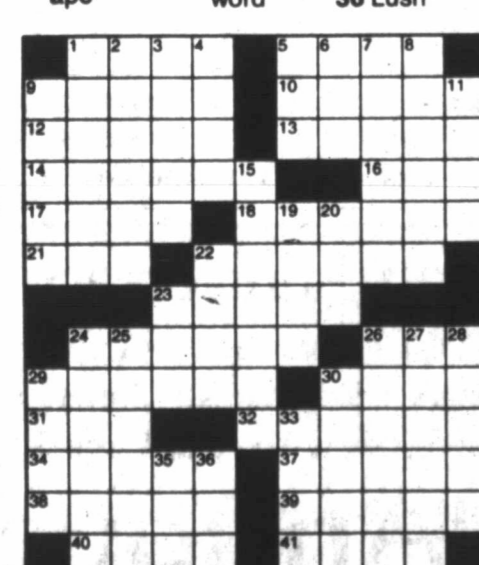
Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS** 41 Blunders
1 Arrests
5 Genesis name
9 Varnish ingredient
10 —
11 Marner
12 Madonna movie
13 Church topper
14 Snake in the grass
16 Martini base
17 March time
18 Triton
21 —
22 Kapital
23 Holiday ring
23 Like monsoon season
24 Moon mission
26 Saloon
29 Amble
30 Gait
31 Pub brew
32 Brazilian river
34 Sounds of surprise
37 Eye-boggling designs
38 The Jetsons' dog
39 Inclines
40 Horn sound
- DOWN**
1 California neighbor
2 Stage comments
3 Mosquito attacks
4 River hazard
5 Burro
6 Party staple
7 Step down
8 Singer Carey
9 Bridge action
11 Transmitted
15 African ape
19 Carson's successor
20 Calendar box
22 Mural setting
23 Friend of Piglet
24 Finally pest
25 Magician's word
26 Market
27 Future oaks
28 Leases
29 Long story
30 Copier need
33 Lawn pest
35 Paid player
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Pride of Pampa Band



(Special photos)

Members of PHS Pride of Pampa Band competed in UIL Solo and Ensemble contests held recently at West Texas A&M University. Fifty-two students received First Division awards. Above: Ensembles earning First Division awards included: (left, left-right) Chuck Patrick, Ben Williams and Mathew Gomez, trumpet trio; (right, l-r) Jeff Davis, Wesley Warren and A.J. Swope, trombone trio.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander's Texas IT Academy recruiting applicants

AUSTIN — As part of her e-Texas initiative, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander is looking for Texans interested in high-tech careers to take part in an innovative public-private partnership called the Texas IT Academy.

"E-Texas' goal is to help state government meet the challenges of the Internet Age," Comptroller Rylander said. "One of our biggest challenges is to make sure we have enough highly trained state workers who have high-tech skills."

"The Texas IT Academy is going to be the state's 'farm system' for supplying highly trained, hightech workers," she said.

The Texas Information Technology Academy is recruiting applicants — from recent college graduates to professionals looking for a career change — to train to fill IT jobs. Currently in Texas, about 34,000 IT jobs are unfilled; 800 of them are in state government.

Texas IT Academy participants will earn an entry-level salary, and upon completion of

Technology companies, including Dell Computer Corp., Compaq Computer Corp., Sun Microsystems, Sybase, Keane and IBM Corp., are working closely with the Comptroller's Office and a number of other state agencies on the project. The agencies and the technology companies will provide staff and expertise for the academy.

their studies, will work for the State of Texas for at least two years. For priority consideration, applications must be received by April 28.

The 12-week program, beginning this sum-

mer, will be based in Austin and will cover application development, analysis/administration, e-business and systems administration.

"There is high demand for highly skilled, technical workers — and that demand is growing in state government," Comptroller Rylander said. "The state must be prepared to fill those positions, because in the not too distant future, e-government will be government."

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Texas IT Academy applications are available on-line at www.texasitacademy.org, by calling 1-800-252-1390 or at college and university career centers across Texas.

Community Calendar

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

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.

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.

15 - MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH "Revival Fund-Raising" will be from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Howard Compressors on Price Road.

17 - WORTH THE WAIT will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. in Pampa Middle School Library. The purpose of the meeting is to inform parents of last year's survey results as well as to present a proposed new survey tool to be administered to students in May. This meeting is for all parents of sixth-12th grade students and other interested individuals. The information will be presented in both English and Spanish. For more information, contact Worth the Wait at 669-6222.

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.

18 - THE GREATER PAMPA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Luncheon will be held in the M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The sponsor will be Bank of America. The event will be catered by Hoagie's.

18 - PAMPA SOCCER ASSOCIATION will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, call 669-1273 and leave a message on the answering machine.

19 - MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH, 441 Elm, and Pastor I.L. Patrick invite the public to "New Wave 2000 Revival" at 7 p.m. nightly. Come experience the presence of God and anointing to "Break Forth into Kingdom Vision; Breaking Forth to Take Dominion." Ministers will include Patrick and Mike Stevens of Shreveport, La. Also, come and enjoy God's praises with Tonya Stevens ministering in music along with Macedonia Praise Team.

20 - PFAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. For more information, call 665-0343.

20-22 - ACT I COMMUNITY THEATRE will present "A Night of One Acts" directed by Eric DeMar and Debra Hartman. For more information, call Berinda at 665-9369 or Shelia at 665-3291.

29 - TOP O' TEXAS CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER - Pregnancy Support Center will hold its "Walk for Life" at 9 a.m. at the Pampa High School Track. For more information, call 669-2229.

Letters to the editor

Our nation needs people who will set good examples

To the editor,
The "Pampa Pride, Special Edition" of *The Pampa News* was helpful in promoting our community. Or was it? Theme featured on one complete page were those that ran our PEDC. Even though, as reported by this paper on two front page stories, these individuals have broken our state's open meetings laws.

I believe the PEDC on this paper, or both, who ever put this ad together and had it run should have just as well slapped every taxpayer and resident of Pampa in the face. I fail to comprehend or understand how Pampa can promote itself by featuring and "promoting" law-breakers! I read and hear over and over from those who want prayer back in our public schools and school functions (football

games etc.). Some want the Ten Commandments posted on the other public properties.

What for? How better can we serve our children than by example? It won't do us or the country any good in God's eyes to holler "Amen! Amen!" and yet we disregard God's teachings and commandments and our laws! Clearly, it's easy now to see the dangers of one political party (Christian Conservatives) gaining control of most of this state's public offices. Our laws will be applied to those who are not of their political affiliation, while they can choose to ignore or break or laws as they see fit. No, prayers at football games nor the posting of the Ten Commandments in public places will please God or help our children live by and obey laws. We as adults carry a moral obligation to show our children, by good examples.

Ray Velasquez
Pampa

County can only afford so many miscalculations

Letter to editor,
Once again, it looks like the Gray County Judge is trying to shift blame from himself to someone else. Looks like he made another bad decision.

Judge Peet says, according to an article in the Pampa Daily News on Monday, April 3, 2000, and I quote, "It's not the Employees' fault and it's not the County's fault." I do agree that it is not the employees' fault and is not the health providers' fault.

Folks, we are talking about \$100,000 of Gray County's money and still growing. It lies directly on the shoulders of Judge Peet. This is another example of Judge Peet's bad decisions. How many bad decisions can the county afford? What about the commissioners? They vote also, don't they?

Ernest Wilkinson
Gray County taxpayer

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