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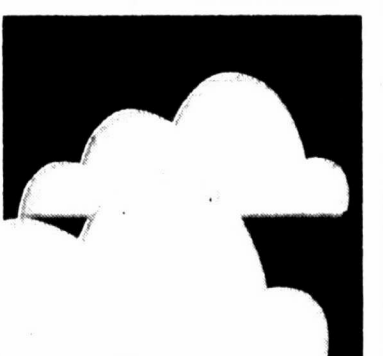
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PAMPA — Act 1 Theatre will present "An Evening of One Acts" at 7 p.m. April 13-15 at the theatre in Pampa Mall (west entrance). Dinner will be served prior to the performance at 6 p.m. Reservations are required. Cost of the meal is \$8. Tickets to the performance are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for students. The one-act performances will include "Unhand Her, You Villain" by Ray Hamby, "When God Comes for Breakfast You Don't Burn the Toast" by Gary Apple and "Forward to the Right" by Lily Ann Green.

SPEARMAN (AP) — No Democratic runoff is scheduled today in Hansford County, a rural Panhandle area that once was a Democratic stronghold. Spearman is the county seat. "That's because, for the first time in at least 20 years, the county had no Democratic primary. It's the only Texas county this year to have no Democratic primary, and one of seven without primaries for the two major parties. "It's really funny because over the last eight to 10 years it has become predominantly Republican," said Hansford County Clerk Kim Vera. "Everybody has switched to Republican..."

- **Roberta Dunson, 92**, former housekeeper.
- **David Robert Elder, 52**, factory worker, Allsup's cashier.
- **Floy S. Gobble, 85**, home-maker.
- **Janet Kay Panches McInturf, 53**, Red Cross volunteer, church worker.
- **Vernon R. 'Red' Reeves, 91**, former Exxon employee.
- **Claudine Cook Vail, 87**, art teacher, portrait painter.

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Mentoring program off to good start

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

A year after planting a "seed of hope," Pampa Community Mentoring Project organizers express high hopes for the success of the new program. An offshoot of the Community Partners program, a group of local citizens dedicated to stopping drugs and violence here, Pampa Community Mentoring Project is a combined effort between local volunteer mentors, Pampa Independent School District, Gray County Juvenile Probation Department, and Pampa Police Department. "I was so happy when so many came to the first meeting," said Lesley Gershmel, a counselor with the Pampa Independent

"Children must have at least one person who believes in them. It could be a counselor, a teacher, a preacher, or a friend. It could be you. You never know when a little love, a little support, will plant a small seed of hope."

— Marian Wright Edelman
The Measure of Success (1995)

School District. "It was interesting to see the kids that came to the first meeting, they were kind of scared, not knowing what to expect and by the second meeting they seemed real excited and happy to be there. "It's been a good coordination between the school, the police department and the probation department," she added.

"I personally have very high hopes this will be a successful program," said Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris. "I think it has great potential for success." "I think it's great for these kids to have someone they can look up to, a positive image," said Albert Nichols, Gray County juvenile probation officer. Morris explained the mentoring project

was developed through community meetings designed to address local social problems. The group determined a mentoring program would help keep at-risk teenagers out of crime and off of drugs. A grant for \$7,646 from the Criminal Justice Division of the Texas Governor's office funded the project. Eight volunteer mentors completed a six-phase training program before meeting with eight young people, called mentees, for the first time in late March. Leaders for the training, in addition to Gershmel, a licensed social worker and Morris, included Stacy Ladd of "Worth the Wait," David Alexander of the Texas Mental Health Authority (TMHA), and Jerry Lane, PhD. (See MENTORING, Page 2)

Calendar gives tax filers a break Monday, April 17 last day to file

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

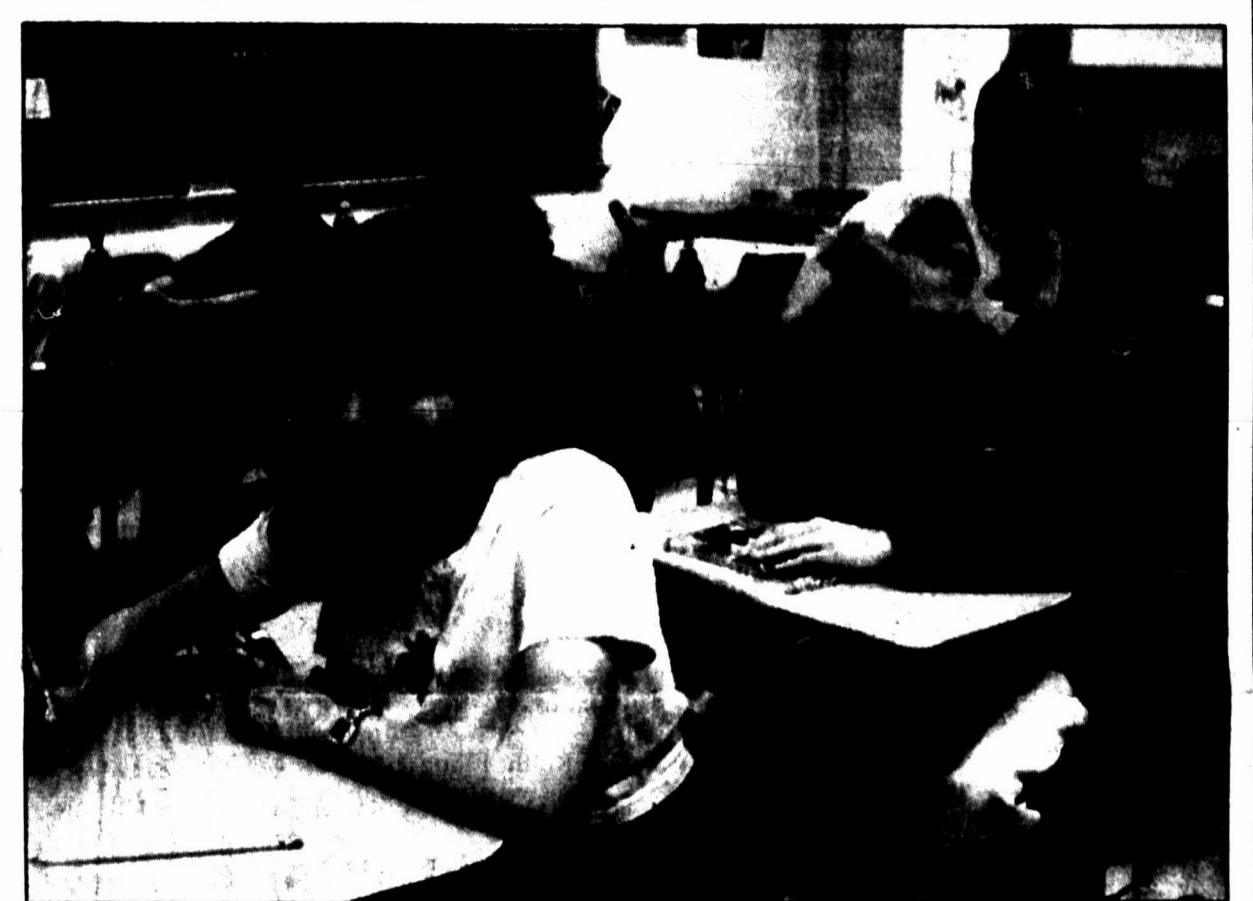
Procrastinators had better get busy this week to meet the income tax filing deadline but last-minute filers have two extra days this year. The traditional April 15 deadline falls on Saturday this year, so the last day to file is Monday, April 17. The law provides the deadline be moved to the next business day when the date falls on a week-end, said Tom Grantham, local CPA. He said tax returns must be postmarked April 17 to avoid late penalties. While automatic extensions are available to taxpayers, it does not relieve them from paying the taxes. "Getting an extension is not an extension from paying the tax," said Grantham. "They're not going to get out of paying." Grantham said tax filers are supposed to estimate what they think they will owe the U.S. Treasury when they file the automatic extension. (See TAX, Page 2)

Miami schools to change health coverage June 1

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

MIAMI — Miami Independent School District's board of trustees unanimously passed a resolution to withdraw from the Panhandle Schools Coop, a self-funded health insurance cooperative comprised of several local school districts, effective June 1. Dinsmore explained the school district had been a member of the cooperative for the past three years. "It's about to go broke and when it does, all health costs will be divided among the members," Dinsmore told the board. "If we withdraw before that happens, then we will only be responsible for our own claims." He said currently Miami ISD has approximately \$8,000 in claims, some dating from October 1999. (See MIAMI, Page 2)

TAAS testing today ...



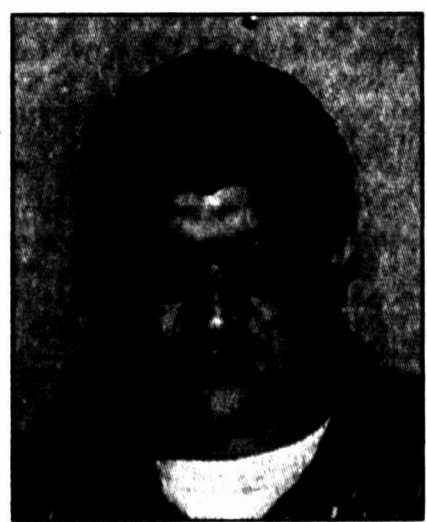
Pampa Middle School students Alma Gutierrez and Dusty Lenderman are among thousands of seventh grade students in Texas taking TAAS tests today. The students are taking the reading portion of the test today. (Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Domestic assault victim improves

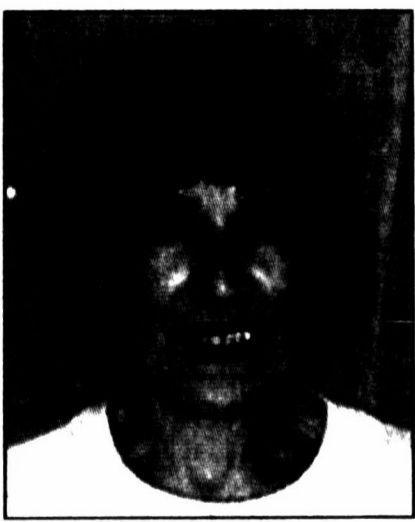
A Pampa woman, seriously injured in a domestic assault last week, shows signs of improvement, authorities said today. Northwest Texas Hospital officials upgraded the condition of Lenora Goldthrite, 33, from serious to stable, said Lt. Dallas W. Hardin of the Gray County Sheriff's office. Goldthrite, who was first thought to have a possible broken neck and perhaps be paralyzed, also reported being able to feel her toes, he said. The assault victim has been moved from the

intensive care unit to a general floor, he added. Goldthrite received injuries to her face and neck following a domestic quarrel at her home at 426 N. Cuyler on April 4. Rocky Carl Bynum, 40, 426 N. Cuyler, was arrested on April 5 on charges of aggravated assault - second degree. He remains in Gray County Jail after bond was denied. At the time of the assault, Bynum was reportedly free on bond in connection with an earlier assault on the victim's daughter.

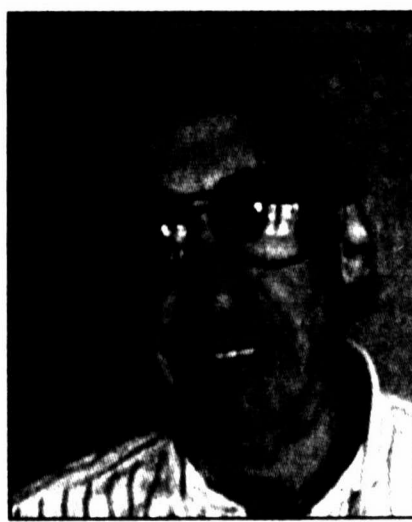
Quite frankly... What is your favorite television program?



"NBA games. I like to watch the Los Angeles Lakers."
— Paulin Soria



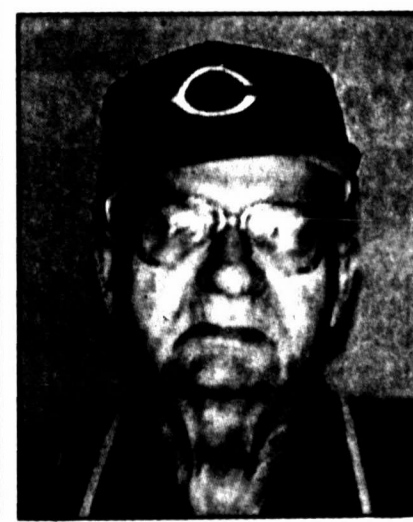
"Good Morning, America. It helps me keep up with what's going on."
— Madeline Graves



"Nash Bridges. I like the jocularly between Bridges and his partner. I like Don Johnson, anyway."
— Jim Lummus



"Monday Night Football. I like to watch football games."
— Pat James



"Jeopardy. It's kind of educational."
— E.W. Toty

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

DUNSON, Roberta — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Mausoleum, Pampa.
ELDER, David Robert — Graveside services, 12 noon, White Deer Cemetery, White Deer.
McINTURE, Janet Kay PUNCHES — Graveside services, 10 a.m., White Deer Cemetery, White Deer.

Obituaries

ROBERTA DUNSON
 Roberta Dunson, 92, of Pampa, died Sunday, April 9, 2000, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Memory Gardens Mausoleum with the Rev. Raymond McKeever officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Dunson was born May 29, 1907, at Jacksboro. She had been a Pampa resident since the mid-1950s. She married Thurmon Dunson on March 29, 1955, at Pampa; he died May 1, 1990. She worked as a domestic housekeeper for many years and belonged to St. Mark's CME Church.

Survivors include a nephew, Curtis McNeal of Houston.

DAVID ROBERT ELDER

WHITE DEER — David Robert Elder, 52, died Saturday, April 9, 2000, near Pampa. Graveside services will be at 12 noon Wednesday in White Deer Cemetery with the Rev. John Collis, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Elder was born Feb. 21, 1948. He attended Northwest State University at Alva, Okla., and was a motorcycle mechanic in Oklahoma for 10 years. He was employed at Central State Hospital at Norman, Okla., from 1994-96 and at Kornele Construction at Woodward, Okla. He had been a Pampa resident from 1995 until moving to White Deer in 1999. He worked at a mattress factory in Amarillo and later at Pampa Nursing Center. He was also a cashier at Allsup's.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his companion, Mary Wyant of White Deer.

FLOY S. GOBBLE

HOBBS, N.M. — Floy S. Gobble, 85, died Saturday, April 8, 2000, at Lea Regional Medical Center. Services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Chapel of Hope Funeral Home Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Gorton Smith officiating. Burial will be at 4 p.m. (CST) in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa. Arrangements are under the direction of Chapel of Hope Funeral Home of Hobbs.

Mrs. Gobble was born May 29, 1914, at Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School. She attended Texas Women's University at Denton and Texas Tech University at Lubbock. She married Earl Ross Gobble in 1936; he died July 29, 1975. She belonged to First United Methodist Church and Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by a son, Tom Gobble.

Survivors include a son, Michael Ross Gobble of Hobbs; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

JANET KAY PUNCHES McINTURE

WHITE DEER — Janet Kay PUNCHES McInture, 53, died Sunday, April 9, 2000, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in White Deer Cemetery with the Rev. John Collis, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. McInture was born Jan. 6, 1947, at Phillips, Texas, to Charles and Joan PUNCHES. She attended Pampa schools. She married Don Claybourne McInture in 1971 at Fairfax, Okla. She had been a White Deer resident since 1992 and volunteered as an office clerk at Gray County Red Cross office in Pampa for three years. In addition, she was a longtime baby-sitter and was a lifelong member of Assembly of God, working in the church nurseries.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1981; and by her mother, Joan Reece, in 1994.

Survivors include a son, Rocky Don McInture of White Deer; four sisters, Jodi Hill of Pampa, Sandy Davis of White Deer, Kristi Lou PUNCHES of Denver, Colo., and Dolly Cowan of Panhandle; two brothers, Gary PUNCHES of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Gerry PUNCHES of Denton; and her stepmother, Betty PUNCHES of White Deer.

The family will be at 812 Texas in White Deer.

VERNON R. 'RED' REEVES

ODESSA — Vernon R. "Red" Reeves, 91, died Sunday, March 26, 2000, at a nursing home in Odessa. Services were March 28 in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bill Heggemeier officiating. Graveside services were March 29 in Newport Cemetery at Newport, Texas. Burial was under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Mr. Reeves married Frances Forester on March 11, 1939, at Decatur. He had been an Odessa resident since the 1930s and worked for Humble Pipeline Company and later Exxon Oil Company for 38 years, holding several positions during his career including pipeliner, oiler, machinist, mechanical supervisor and senior mechanic.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving in the China-Burma-India Theater of World War II. He was an avid golfer and belonged to Left Handed Golfers Association and in May 1994 was named a lifetime member of TALG. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Frances; two sisters, Clara McGaha of Hobbs, N.M., and Joyce Ray of New Ulm; and three brothers, Louie E. Reeves of Hobbs, Clyde A. Reeves of Levelland and Henry B. Reeves of Hayward, Calif.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church or to a favorite charity.

CLAUDINE COOK VAIL

LUBBOCK — Claudine Cook Vail, 87, died recently at her home in Lubbock. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Resthaven's Abbey Chapel. Cremation is under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Vail was born April 29, 1911, at Spur, Texas. She received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of New Mexico in 1932 and a master's degree from the University of Arizona in 1968. She married Robert P. Vail on March 28, 1942, at Lubbock; he died Dec. 17, 1967. The couple lived in Pampa for 20 years while Mr. Vail worked as an engineer with Cabot Corporation. They relocated to Arizona in 1965 and she moved to Lubbock 30 years ago.

She belonged to various professional and social organizations and was an art teacher and professional portrait painter, receiving several commissions for portrait painting throughout the State of Texas.

Survivors include a daughter, Julia Vail Smith of Great Falls, Mont.; a son, Robert "Robin" Vail of Lubbock; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to: Robert P. Vail Memorial Library, University of Arizona, College of Aero-Space and Mechanical Engineering, Tucson, AZ 85721.

Police report

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

Saturday, April 8

Augustine Perez, 629 Yeager, reported a lost billfold.

Monday, April 10

Keith Elliot Young, 19, 118 W. Albert, was arrested on four outstanding warrants.

Sheriff's Office

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

Monday, April 10

Teresa G. Mundell, 26, Perryton, was arrested on 19 outstanding warrants.

Stocks

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

Wheat	1.96	Coca-Cola	46 1/16	up 1/16
Milo	3.02	Columbia/HCA	25 7/8	up 3/8
Com	3.45	Enron	69 15/16	dn 5/16
Soybeans	4.32	Halliburton	39 9/16	up 1/4
		IRI	30 3/8	dn 1/2
		Kerr-McGee	54 3/4	up 1 1/2
		Limited	49 1/16	up 1/4
		McDonald's	36 3/4	up 3/8
		Exxon Mobil	30 9/16	up 2 5/16
		New Atmos	15 1/2	up 1/8
		OKI	31 11/16	up 5/16
		OKI	24 5/8	dn 1/16
		Pennyc's	15 3/4	up 15/16
		Phillips	46 11/16	up 1
		Proncer Nat.	9 1/2	up 5/16
		SLB	79 9/16	up 2 1/4
		Tenneco	8 7/8	up 7/16
		Ultramar	52 7/16	up 1/16
		Wal-Mart	62 11/16	dn 7/8
		Williams	40 1/16	dn 11/16

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

Amoco	52 7/16	dn 1 5/16	New York Gold	282.00
Arco	34 15/16	up 3/16	Silver	5.13
Cabot	28 3/16	up 7/8	West Texas Crude	24.61
Cabot O&G	17 1/16	dn 3/16		
Chevron	37 3/8	up 1 5/16		

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TAX

People filing an automatic extension have until August 15 to file their 1999 return.

Another extension is available to taxpayers if they do not meet the Aug. 15 deadline, but a written request must be made to the Internal Revenue Service. If it is granted, tax filers will have until Oct. 15.

Grantham said even if taxpayers don't meet the April 17 deadline the penalties are still there. He urges as many people as possible to get their tax forms in the mail by the April 17 deadline.

Business is brisk this week at his office along with all other local tax preparers. CPAs and tax preparers are putting in many long hours this week and many are scheduling late appointments for procrastinators.

Local CPA Sharon Haynes said, "So many people wait until the last minute to file because they just can't stand to do their taxes." She said many, many local tax filers have put it off

until the last week.

A new requirement designed by the U.S. Government to make paying taxes somewhat more palatable doesn't seem to be making much difference, she said.

"Last year it was decided by the government that taxpayers should make their tax payments payable to the U.S. Treasury rather than the IRS," she said. She said it was their belief that it would cause taxpayers to feel better about paying their taxes.

"I have taken a poll of my clients to get their response, and the new requirement hasn't changed their feelings at all," she said.

Local tax payers trying to make the deadline Monday will have until 5 p.m. to put their return in the mail to the IRS for it to be postmarked April 17, according to local Postmaster Tim McNair. There will be no local extension of hours for Tax Day.

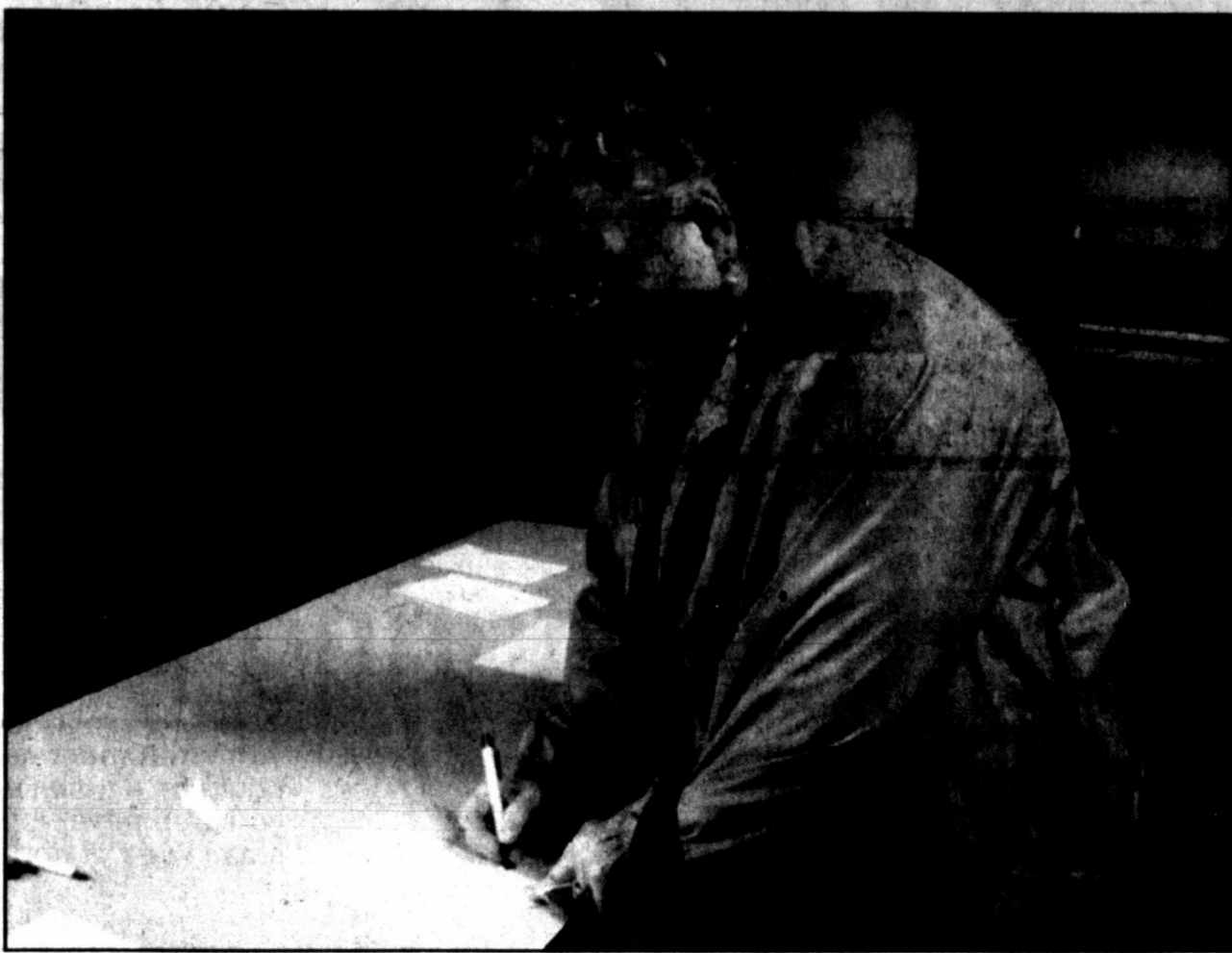
McNair said the Ross Street Post Office located at 2300 Ross St. in Amarillo will be extending

the hours to meet the midnight deadline. He said that as far as he knew it was the only post office in the area to offer that service on Monday.

He also reminded local taxpayers to be sure to obtain stamps for postage before the window at the local post office closes at 5 p.m. Monday.

On Monday, volunteers will be on hand at the Amarillo Senior Citizen Center, 1300 S. Polk in Amarillo from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. to prepare basic individual tax returns and answer general tax law questions. Another location which will be manned by volunteers to assist taxpayers will be at the Ross Street Post Office 5:30 p.m. — 12 midnight.

Taxpayers should take pertinent information to the assistance centers that will be useful in preparing returns which include W2s, 1099s, social security cards for all dependents, and receipts for deductible expenses. Receipts should include medical bills, contributions, real estate taxes and interest and any others.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Voting this morning at Lovett Memorial Library in the Democrat primary runoff was Augusta Brown. Early voters in runoff election in Gray County cast six ballots in the Democrat primary last week while 518 county voters voted in the Republican primary. Polls are open until 7 p.m. today.

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MENTORING

Organizers carefully matched the eight adult volunteers with the two girls and six boys selected to participate in the pilot program before introducing them at the first meeting.

"They began interacting from the first," Gershmel said. "We're expecting them to build the program. I told them we wanted to let them mold the program into what it will become."

Gershmel said after two meetings, the group has already suggested that the mentors/mentees meet monthly for a group activity and to bring feedback on how the program is working.

Pampa Community Mentoring is based on Baylor University's Community Mentoring for Adolescent Development, Morris said.

"The Baylor model has been very successful. There's been less absenteeism, less gang attendance and an increase in academic scores," he said.

"I saw that mentoring programs were really working in other parts of the state," Nichols said. "I heard of it doing so well in other places, that's why I wanted to have something like that here."

"We anticipate more teens will be needing this program. If people are interested in being a men-

tor, they can let us know," Gershmel said. "If enough people are interested, we can go ahead and do the training."

"It would be a great advantage to have a list of persons who are interested in being mentors," Morris added. "As the program progresses, as the kids start talking to each other about how much it has helped them, we expect it to grow. Right now it's kind of a mystery. It's never been done here before."

Any Pampan interested in investing time and energy to help a local teen may apply to be a volunteer mentor. Mentors will be asked to provide personal references and to undergo a criminal background check. Mentors must complete the training program and agree to commit one to two hours per week to mentoring for a minimum of six months.

"We're really excited about this program," Morris said. "Because of the Baylor model, we will have measurable results that can determine how successful it is. We're hoping that it survives and expands with time."

Persons interested in becoming a mentor can contact Gershmel at Pampa High School, 669-4800, or Chief Morris at 669-5700.

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MIAMI

"We would take responsibility for those claims and any others that occur between now and June 1," the superintendent said. He noted the school district will receive a \$32,000 reimbursement for an overpayment to the State of Texas that should cover any claims that may arise during that time.

"Is this the earliest we can get out?" asked Grantham. "It sounds like we don't want to be the last one out."

"We are running somewhat of a risk," Dinsmore replied.

Board members approved teacher budgets totaling more than \$138,000 for 2000-2001 at its regular meeting Monday.

"I think (the budgets) are pretty reasonable overall," commented Allan Dinsmore, Miami superintendent. "If you take out the band instruments, we would spend basically the same for instruction as we did last year."

Teacher budgets for the coming year total \$138,035. Instructional costs for the 1999-2000 school year was approximately \$129,000, pointed out Tom Grantham, board member.

Board members questioned a \$10,000 increase in the band budget. Dinsmore explained that the increase reflects the band director's request to purchase 10 instruments to help start a band program at the fourth grade level.

Also included in the budget increase was the purchase of two computers for the vocational/agriculture department.

David Locke, Miami Chamber of Commerce president, thanked the board for supporting the Chamber's annual dinner and guest speaker NASA astronaut Dr. James Newman.

"I would like to thank the board for the use of the facility and all the help," he said, "but it

was disappointing that the majority of the board did not show up."

Three of the seven board members said they did attend and enjoyed the event. One board member commented that he did not get home that night until 7:30 p.m.

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Weather focus

PAMPA-Rainy and breezy today with a high in the high 50s. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain and a low near 40. Winds will be from the northeast at 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday, mostly clear with light and variable winds and a high in the mid-60s. Monday's high was 75 and the low, 46.

STATEWIDE- Showers and thunderstorms moved across North Texas today and the precipitation was expected to spread elsewhere in the state, prompted by a cold front and upper-level disturbance.

Patchy light rain also fell over portions of Southeast Texas.

Skies were still mostly fair over West Texas.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 40s in the Panhandle to the 70s over the middle and lower Coastal Plains.

It was 69 degrees at El Paso, 75 at McAllen and 67 at Burnet, Huntsville, New Braunfels and Port Arthur.

The cold front extended from Southwest Texas to the northern Permian Basin. It was expected to move slowly through the state by Wednesday.

An upper-level disturbance now over northwestern New Mexico will move across West Texas by late Tuesday night, setting the stage for showers and thunderstorms across most of the region.

Ahead of the front, winds were generally southerly to southeasterly at 5 to 15 mph, except higher near thunderstorms and the coast. Behind the system, winds were northerly and northeasterly at 10 to 20 mph with occasional higher gusts.

The National Weather Service forecast called for continued showers and thunderstorms through Wednesday, with some storms possibly severe in the Concho Valley.

Daytime highs should range from the 50s in the Panhandle to 80s along the Rio Grande in far South Texas through Wednesday, with overnight lows from the 30s in the southwestern mountains to 50s in the Edwards Plateau and Concho Valley.

Calendar of events

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

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY
The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL
A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, has changed their meeting nights from the first and third Tuesdays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day - noon till 1 p.m. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Womens Support Group for Child Management offers parenting skills to assist parents and children in dealing with anger and behavioral issues resulting from peer pressure, sibling rivalry, family violence and/or sexual abuse from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tralee Crisis Center, 669-1131.

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.

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.

AMARILLO AREA PANAHELLENIC COUNCIL
Amarillo Area Panhellenic Council will hold a Rush Information Meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16 at 700 S. Avondale in Amarillo. All senior high women interested in going through Rush should attend the meeting to receive important information on Rush packets and deadlines. A short video and discussion will be presented. For more information, call Helen Benton, (806) 353-9139 or (806) 679-5808.

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Greg Brown and Richard Russell, A.G. Edwards and Sons, Inc., will present a series of investment topics during the noon hour each Thursday in April in Room #102 of Clarendon College-Pampa Center. The public is cordially invited to bring a lunch and attend the sessions. The series will cover: "Stock Market History and Trivia," April 6; "Mechanics of the Stock Market," April 13; "The Federal Reserve System and the Stock Market," April 20; and "Stock Analysis - Technical vs. Fundamental," April 27.

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

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IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Pneumococcal vaccines are also available. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m., April 6 and 19, Family Health Care, 600 W. Kentucky, Pampa; 10 a.m.-12 noon, 1-3 p.m., April 25, White Deer school, White Deer; 1-3:30 p.m., April 26, Skellytown school, Skellytown.

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

SKY CAMP
Crown of Texas Hospice Foundation will present the third season of "SKY Camp," a camp for grieving children, June 30-July 2 in Ceta Canyon Camp and Retreat Center, 40 miles southeast of Amarillo. The camp is free to all participants and will focus on children between 7-17 grieving the death of a loved one. For more information or to make application, call (806) 372-7696 or 1-800-6365. The deadline for application is May 15.

TEACHERS CONSERVATION INSTITUTE
Registration is currently under way for Texas Forestry Association's week-long Teacher's Conservation Institute summer workshop to be held June 25-30, July 9-14 and July 16-21. Teachers will receive a first-hand look at forestry in East Texas by touring forest product mills, a Tree Farm, a logging operation, a nursery and a seed orchard. They will also be trained in Project Learning Tree and Project WILD. The first session is currently full but spaces are still available for the other two sessions. Registration is \$75 and includes all food, lodging and materials for a week. For a free brochure or for more information, call TFA at (409) 632-TREE; e-mail ccalhoun@text-forestry.org; or write P.O. Box 1488, Lufkin, TX 75902.

MRS. TEXAS PAGEANT
The 2000 Mrs. Texas Pageant will be May 11-12 at the Holiday Inn Select in Dallas. The pageant is a preliminary to the Mrs. United States Pageant. For more information, call David Aguilar or Gary Young at (214) 339-4788; 2910 E. Perryton Dr., Dallas, TX 75224.

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Students accepted into the Texas Academy of Leadership in Humanities, a two-year residential honors program at Lamar University in Beaumont, are eligible for full tuition scholarships for up to 15 credit hours per semester. Enrollment is currently underway for the fall 2000 semester. For more information, call (409) 839-2995, fax (409) 839-2991 or e-mail TALH@hal.lamar.edu.

Pride of Pampa Band



Members of 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-right) Bradley Stucker, Don Shuck, Josh Ellis and Ryan Bradley, saxophone quartet.

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A special thank you to Tanner and his family for allowing us to do this for them. It showed our kids just how much they can do for someone else, it brought everyone who worked on the project together and it reminded all that along with competition comes responsibility. Two towns put all rivalry aside to rally around a special child!

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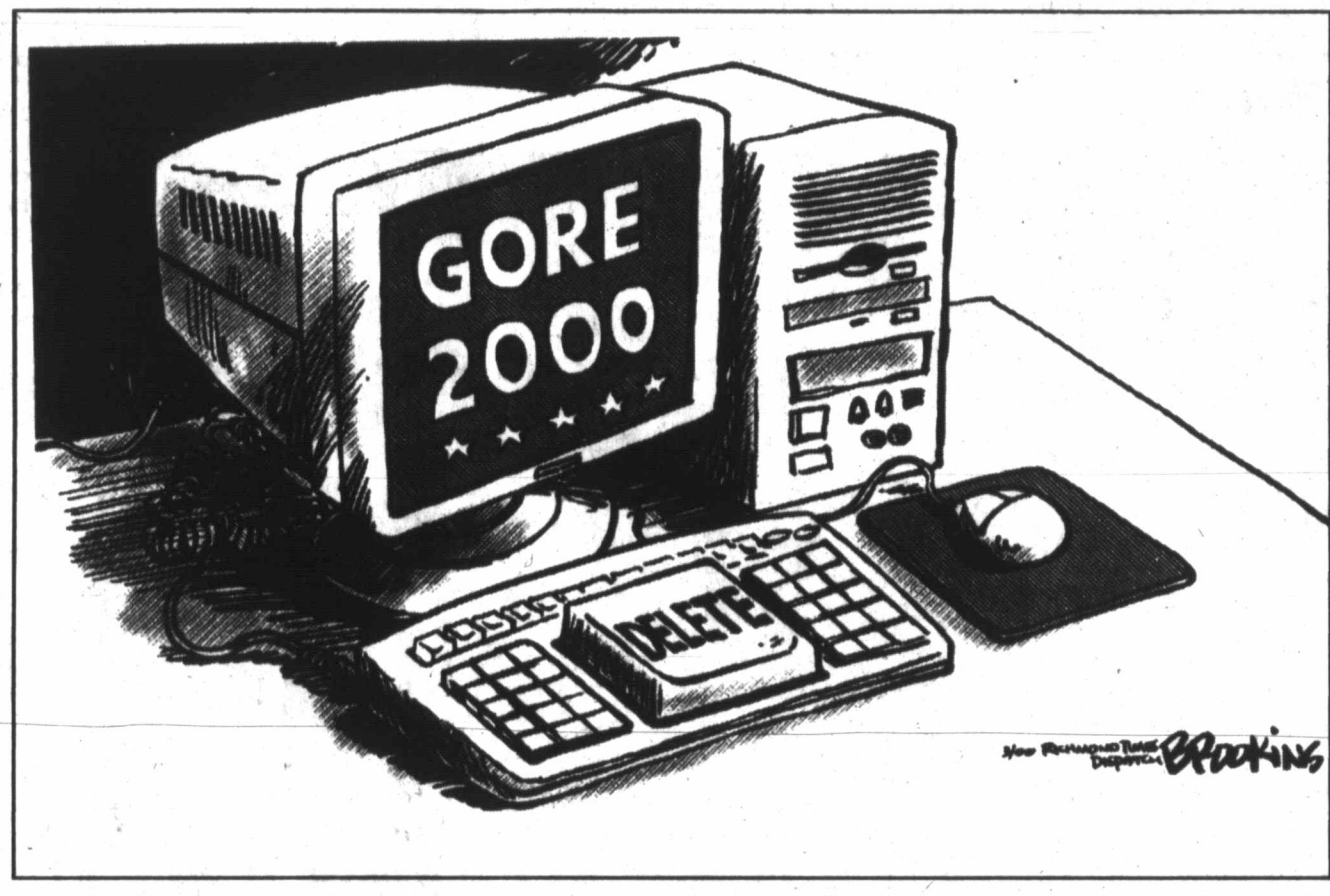
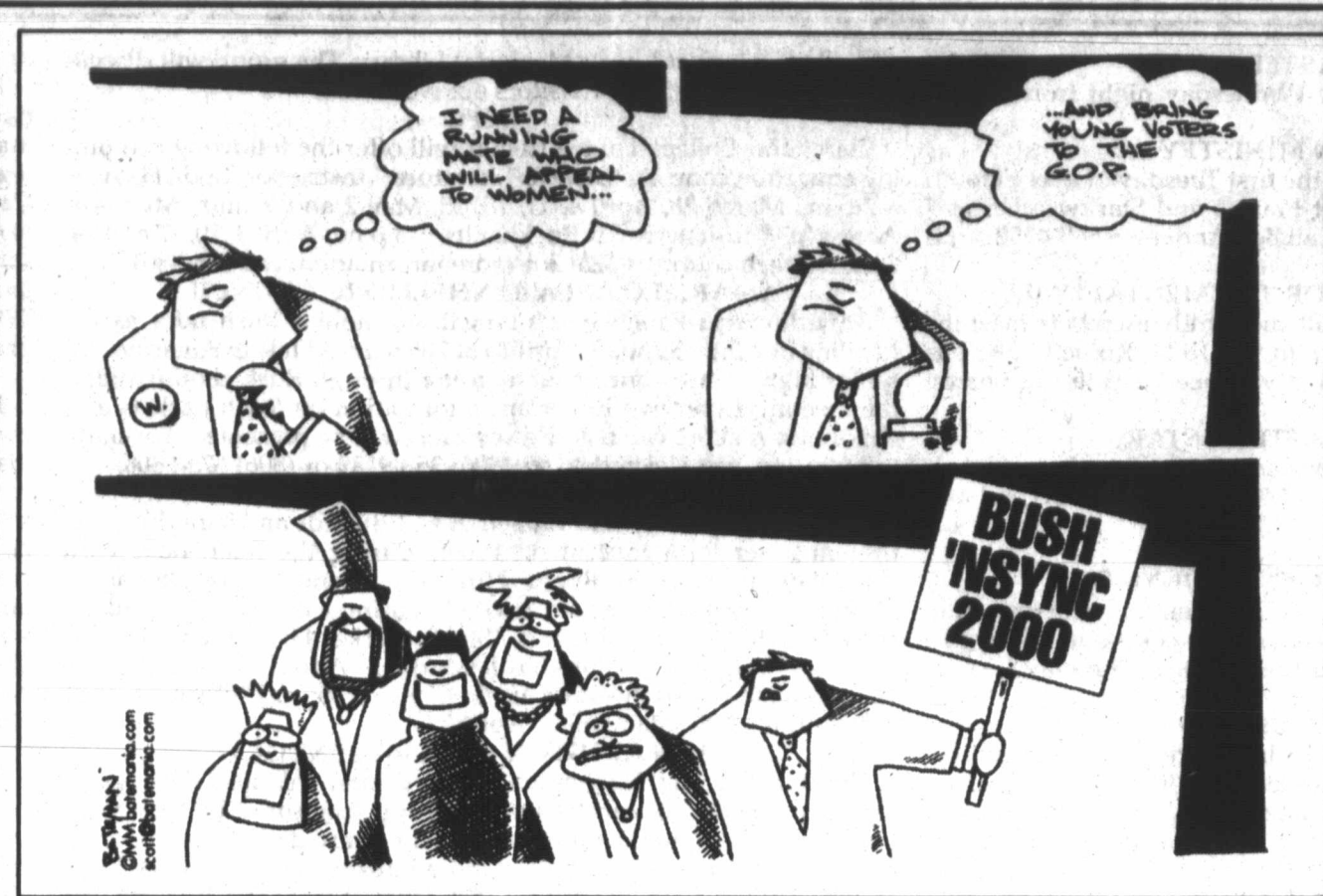
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Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 11, the 102nd day of 2000. There are 264 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 11, 1970, Apollo 13 blasted off on its ill-fated mission to the moon. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

On this date:

In 1689, William III and Mary II were crowned as joint sovereigns of Britain.

In 1814, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated as emperor of France and was banished to the island of Elba.

In 1898, President McKinley asked Congress for a declaration of war on Spain.

In 1899, the treaty ending the Spanish-American War was declared in effect.

In 1921, Iowa became the first state to impose a cigarette tax.

In 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated Buchenwald, the notorious concentration camp in Germany.

In 1951, President Truman relieved Gen. Douglas MacArthur of his commands in the Far East.

In 1968, President Johnson signed into law the Civil Rights Act of 1968, a week after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1979, Idi Amin was deposed as president of Uganda as rebels and exiles backed by Tanzanian forces seized control.

In 1980, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission issued regulations specifically prohibiting sexual harassment of workers by supervisors.

Ten years ago: Funeral services were held in Indianapolis for AIDS patient Ryan White, who had died three days earlier at age 18. Among the 1,500 mourners were first lady Barbara Bush and singers Elton John and Michael Jackson.

Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion from around Texas:

Abilene Reporter-News on Social Security shortfall: There's a new thesis in town. The thesis concerns Social Security, the town is Washington, D.C., and what some politicians are cheerfully saying is that the country's rip-roaring economy will keep the systems trust fund from going bottom up until 2034 and possibly later.

That is at least five years longer than previous predictions, and so, it is happily said in some quarters, the politicians can relax and not worry about fixing things in a hurry.

Sorry, but this reasoning is based on a premise of quicksand, namely that the trust fund is really a trust fund.

It is not. It is a legal fiction, an accounting device.

The politicians and bureaucrats seldom bother to explain it to the public, but there are no assets in the trust fund. All that surplus money from Social Security taxes has been spent. And if nothing is done in the meantime, the only way to "collect" from the fund when current taxes are no longer producing enough revenue to finance Social Security will be to borrow the money or to raise taxes.

So the year when the trust fund no longer has enough money on paper to meet the systems needs is not nearly as important as the year when Social Security taxes are no longer up to the task of providing the benefits promised to tens of millions of Americans.

According to the Clinton administrations 2001 budget estimate, "cash revenues will fall short of expenditures" after 2014. That fall-dead date may be moved back by new economic information, but probably no more than a year or two because, as the administration has previously explained, baby boomer retirements will subtract from the revenue side and add to the recipient side.

To dilly-dally is to court disaster. The longer Congress and the president put off restructuring the system, the more likely it is that taxes will eventually have to go up dramatically or that benefits will be unfairly cut or that the government will run deficits dangerous to the economy.

The conventional fix nudging up Social Security taxes to buy more years of breathing time will only perpetuate the cycle of needing still more conventional fixes. At some point, the tax rates would be unsustainable.

The intelligent solution is to add to the revenue stream and break the cycle by instituting individual retirement accounts. It is true that the system would then face so-called transition costs, but there is no restructuring proposal yet conceived that would not entail comparable expenditures. Yes, there's a new thesis in town, but it ought to be asked to take a hike.

Here I am again, older and wiser

On my desk is a little plaque that says, "O God of second chances and new beginnings, here I am again..."

Here I am again, older - and wiser, I hope.

After eight years, I return to *The Pampa News* to discover much has changed and much has stayed the same. Technology has changed without a doubt. A decade ago, full-color capability seemed to be the impossible dream for a small-town daily. Desktop publishing and computer-age innovations make the once-impossible a daily reality.

I once wrote about a black hole in the newsroom. It's still here. Somewhere inside the "black hole" resides Page 5 of the Sunday paper that I had sweated over most of Friday afternoon. If I find it, I may find Wally Simmons, former managing editor. He's been gone a long time now...

On my second day back, fellow reporter Dave Bowser let me tag along with him to get the police and sheriff's reports. The police department had been totally remodeled. The reports were in a different place and I'm ashamed to say I had forgotten that "DOC" means disorderly conduct and is not short for "doctor." It's a big change to go from a medical setting to law enforcement. Many familiar faces welcomed me back, however, making the transition a trifle easier. Seeing officers that were young enough to be - well, to be my children - made me realize how much time had passed.



Dee Dee Laramore
Staff writer

When I left the paper almost eight years ago, the new Gray County Jail and Sheriff's Office had not been completed. Memories of the countless jail-related stories I had written filled my mind as I toured the jail last Tuesday. Through the distance of time, I experienced the strange sensation of stepping from the idea into the reality.

At the courthouse, I observed only a few changes. New judges preside over the 223rd and 31st district courts. I remember the days of Judge Cain and Judge McIlhany. These venerated men still watch the court proceedings from their portraits in the third floor courtroom, though.

Margie Gray's portrait in the tax assessor/collector's office reminds me of the thoughtful little notes she'd send me whenever I won an award or achieved a triumph of some sort. Standing at the top of the second floor stair-

way, I could have sworn I felt the presence of Sheriff Rufe Jordan passing by me on his way up to the third floor. It seemed to say, "Bogorrah, Debbie. Glad you're back." (He was the few persons who remembered I had been called Debbie as a child.)

County Judge Richard Peet manages the county business one conducted by Judge Carl Kennedy. I could never imagine it happening, but County Clerk Wanda Carter is retired and District Clerk Helen Sprinkle has died. But it's comforting to know that life goes on. Susan Winborne and Gaye Honderich now capably fill the county clerk's and district clerk's positions. If you think that's easy work, go spend a day with them.

It's ironic to see former District Attorney Harold Comer and present District Attorney John Mann switch sides, Comer as a defense attorney and Mann as the prosecutor. At least they have a well-rounded perspective to bring to every case. I never dreamed they would be featured on national television in connection with a case involving dog hair DNA, of all things.

You have to admit, for being no larger than it is, Pampa has an uncanny way of entering the national limelight just often enough to be interesting.

Maybe that's why I'm glad to be back at *The Pampa News*. I can't wait to see what's going to happen next.

Book shows how far off government is

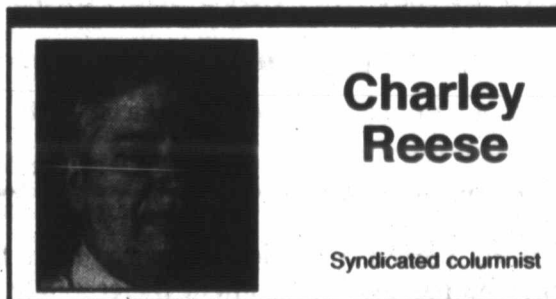
Martin L. Gross' new book, "The Government Racket 2000," is now out in paperback, and I recommend it. The publisher is Avon Books. Those familiar with government waste won't be surprised, but it is a fine reminder of how bad government is.

And by "bad" I mean inefficient, wasteful and basically dishonest. We have some military families on food stamps, but a third 18-hole golf course is built at Andrews Air Force Base because that's where Washington politicians and bureaucrats like to play.

There are more than 160 separate job-training programs. Between 1965 and the present, more than \$7 trillion in current dollars has been spent on a myriad of welfare programs. Yet there are as many poor people today as there were in 1965.

It's worthwhile to remind ourselves how far off the track of sensible government we've gone. And, of course, Gross explains why all this talk about a surplus is pure baloney. The federal government is still running a deficit, and the public debt is still increasing. In this case, politicians in both parties are just plain misleading folks with accounting tricks.

In keeping with the Clinton era, it depends on what you mean by surplus. In this case, it means taking \$857 billion from Social Security by fiscal 1999. Sen. Fritz Hollings, D-S.C., has exposed this budget-surplus fraud but has gotten virtually no attention from a



Charley Reese
Syndicated columnist

news media that has, frankly, become a government lap dog for the most part.

All Americans - Democrats, Republicans, independents, liberals or conservatives - agree that whatever government does it should do as efficiently as possible. Taxpayers should not be subsidizing the congressional barbershop to the tune of \$360,000 a year. Let the damned politicians get their haircuts at their own expense in a regular barbershop like everybody else.

Some people think I exaggerate when I refer to the federal government as the imperial government, but I don't. There is a very bad atmosphere in Washington that causes ordinary people, when they go there, to lose perspective and in some cases to lose touch with reality. It's as if the power and the perks and being surrounded by lackeys and flatterers poison their minds. They begin to see themselves as a sort of chosen people, better than everybody else. That reeks of

imperial, not republican government.

The change in the past 50 years has been enormous. If you ever get the chance, visit Warm Springs, Ga., and look at the little cottage where Franklin Roosevelt went for rest and therapy. Compare that most modest place with the palatial places where contemporary presidents unwind.

Can you imagine any contemporary president, after his term is over, catching a cab down to the train station to go home at his own expense? Harry Truman did that, and other than Dwight Eisenhower, there hasn't been a president since Truman who was one-tenth the man he was.

Mental and moral midgets who have delusions of grandeur are governing us.

But what does that say about us? There isn't one politician in Washington who wasn't elected. We are simply making bad choices, and I think in part it's because neither the people nor the politicians have any clear idea anymore about what government ought to do and not do.

Both voters and politicians seem to approach the idea of government from a purely selfish point of view - what can I get out of it, and what is it going to give me?

Well, if you're a politician or rich guy with a good lobbyist, the answer is a lot. If you're in the middle to the bottom rung of the ladder, the answer is nothing much. People have the power to change. Do they have the will?

Harpist's gentle music is sound massage to struggling newborns at Vanderbilt UMC

By DAVID FREY
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Gentle melodies strummed on a 6-foot tall harp lilt into nurseries where critically ill newborns cling to life at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

"It just puts them in a more restful state," says student musician Betty-Ashton Andrews, who is experimenting with using music to help the infants. "It makes it easier for them to grow and heal."

There's only budding scientific proof that such therapy helps newborns, but that doesn't dissuade Andrews, 19, from conducting her once-weekly concerts at the hospital's newborn intensive care unit.

Astride the gilded harp on the NICU's tile floor, Andrews coaxes lullabies, Disney tunes and classical music from its 52 strings, including requests that range from "Amazing Grace" to Lynard Skynard's "Freebird."

Her audience, usually 150 babies, is tucked into incubators and surrounded by nests of tubes and wires connected to respirators, heart monitors and intravenous fluids. Nurses and parents say they note subtle changes in the babies when Andrews plays and most welcome any

For the babies, it muffles the frightening sounds of machines and unusual voices, and soothes them to sleep when their mothers can't.

balm for a trying time.

Staff members say the music provides an antidote to the stress that comes with caring for, and sometimes losing, babies who are premature or fighting diseases.

For the babies, it muffles the frightening sounds of machines and unusual voices, and soothes them to sleep when their mothers can't.

NICU manager Diane Deslauriers said the babies' heart rates seem to go down and they seem to rely less on their respirators when they hear the harp music.

Christa Tuttle of Gallatin drove 50 miles round-trip each day to spend about 12 hours in the NICU with her daughter, Caitlin. Born three months early on Jan. 29, Caitlin relied on a respirator

the first three days to help her breathe.

Tuttle cannot say if Caitlin's health improved because of the music, but she says she responded to it.

"Probably the one and only way you can tell is her alertness and her calmness," Tuttle said when Caitlin was still in the NICU. "She's relaxed and able to look around and listen."

Caitlin went home on March 19, and "is doing great," her mother said recently.

Vanderbilt has not studied the effect of the music on the children, but Deslauriers said, "If I'm carrying a baby and she calms down, I don't need a research study."

Jayne Standley, professor of music therapy at Florida State University, has conducted several studies at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital's NICU and has found babies who listened to lullabies left the hospital earlier than those who didn't.

Standley said research was needed to determine whether harp music was comforting to premature babies. Even though it is apparently soothing stimulation, she said premature babies are highly sensitive and the sounds could be disturbing to them.

At Vanderbilt, most babies

dozed peacefully while Andrews played. Some were doted on by nurses and nervous mothers. Few showed signs of the restlessness sometimes exhibited by newborns hospitalized for the first weeks of their lives.

Andrews said she has had only a good response since first playing the harp for hospitalized newborns at Carilion Health System in her hometown of Roanoke, Va. Andrews, who is pursuing a degree in harp performance and considering one in music therapy, said she chose to attend Vanderbilt in part so she could lend her music to its NICU.

"I love to play the harp," she said, and "I get to use it in a way that other people will benefit from it."

Ron Price, who teaches harp and music education at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill., said the harp's magic is its acoustics. It mimics the sound of the human voice and affects babies like a lullaby.

"The music simply bathes them with healthy sounds," he said. "It's sort of like a sound massage."

On the Net: Healing Harps: <http://www.healingharps.org>
American Music Therapy Association: <http://www.musictherapy.org>

Man suspected in missionary slayings tries to flee Britain

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A man suspected of killing two Mormon missionaries in Texas in 1974 and currently awaiting sentencing in England on weapons charges was arrested after trying to flee the country, his biographer said.

In 1975, a Texas jury convicted Robert Elmer Kleasen, 67, of the grisly slaying of a missionary and sentenced him to death. An appeals court overturned that conviction in 1977, setting Kleasen free.

Last month, Kleasen pleaded guilty in Grimsby, England, to four counts of illegally possessing guns and ammunition. A sentencing date was set for April 17, and Kleasen was released on bail.

At 2 a.m. Monday, British police discovered Kleasen in a car with two German nationals, as well as an undisclosed number of weapons and ammunition, according to biographer Ken Driggs, whose book detailing Kleasen's saga is due out at the end of summer.

"A Humberside police detective called me this morning and told me they picked (Kleasen) up," Driggs told The Salt Lake Tribune. "I gather they have been keeping him under surveillance since his court appearance."

Humberside police and British prosecutors were unavailable for comment late Monday.

Kleasen's past includes shooting up a Buffalo, N.Y., emergency room in 1950; shooting a man in the foot in Palmyra, N.Y., in 1971; and battering a Danish woman, leading to his extradition from Denmark, in 1972.

By 1973 he had settled in Austin, Texas, and joined the Mormon church. However, church authorities began excommunication proceedings and he threatened Austin-area Mormon church leaders, according to Driggs.

On the afternoon of Oct. 28, 1974, two missionaries kept a dinner date with Kleasen in his trailer behind a rendering plant west of Austin. The missionaries — Mark Fischer, 19, of Milwaukee and Gary Darley, 20, of Simi Valley, Calif. — were never seen again. Police suspect the bodies were disposed of at the rendering plant.

Investigators searched Kleasen's trailer and found Fischer's bloody wristwatch and his missionary name tag, which was punctured with a bullet hole. He was convicted, but an appeals court invalidated the search warrant that uncovered the evidence. Prosecutors declined to reopen the case.

~ Business Review ~



Jason Allen, owner of Top Of Texas Quik Lube, provides complete mechanical service to vehicles at his local business.

Top O' Texas Quick Lube

Top O' Texas Quick Lube has a new owner.

28-year-old Jason Allen bought the Top O' Texas Quick Lube after managing the Classic Lube 'N' Wash Convenience Center at 2801 Perryton Pky for years.

Pampa-born Allen received an associates degree in Automotive and Automotive Electronics at Wyoming Tech Auto School in Laramie, Wyo. in 1991.

Allen said he brings years of experience to the Quick Lube business. He has worked in the automotive industry since June of 1994.

It took some work, but Allen has the Quick Lube up and humming.

"I got it picked back up. Did lots of cleaning — this Quick Lube has actually

been around since 1981. Business is picking up pretty good. I have one full time employee now, and I'll have to get more for summer," Allen said.

Allen bought the Top O' Texas Quick Lube on Alcock Oct. 1, 1999, and has taken a poorly-producing, leased business and made it a locally-owned success story.

Allen said that the Quick Lube does tire repair and minor detailing, as well as oil changes.

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Customer Jay Holt always uses the Top O' Texas Quick Lube.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter about nurses and doctors not washing their hands before touching a patient is so true. I got a severe cut on my hand, which required a trip to the emergency room. I was placed in a cubicle next to another patient, with only a drape in between. The doctor examined the person next to me and I heard him say, "Boy! That's some rash you have." When he was finished with him, he parted the curtain, came to me and said, "You need stitches."



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

I said, "Would you please wash your hands before you touch me?" He did. Abby, why did I have to tell him? Thank you for the article. I hope everyone reads it — especially doctors and hospital personnel.

have the wound opened, flushed and drained twice. The second time it could not be closed with stitches or staples.

One of the nurses who cared for me didn't wear a mask or use rubber gloves, and she constantly sneezed and coughed while changing the dressings.

ANNE IN PALM SPRINGS, CALIF.

DEAR MADELINE: People promptly responded to that letter, and some of their letters — like yours — were eyebrow-raising. Read on for a sample:

DEAR ABBY: On Nov. 5, 1999, I went into the hospital for an estimated four-day stay for surgery on my lower spine. Four months later I am still bed-bound due to a staph infection.

I was sent home with drainage so bad the dressings were soaked in about half an hour. Nurses come to my home daily to change the bandages. I needed four pints of blood to replace the blood I had lost. I've had to return to the hospital and

DEAR ABBY: While sitting by my father's hospital bedside, I was handed the phone by a gloved LVN who was in the process of checking the other patient in the room — a man covered with skin rashes.

Also, my friend recently refused to have her temperature taken by an LVN who had just changed the diaper of her roommate and was still wearing the same pair of gloves!

It makes me wonder what happens to sleeping or unconscious patients who do not have a friend or relative standing guard.

REPULSED IN SALINAS, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: Allow me to add my recent experience: In a dermatologist's office, the doctor's assistant put on gloves for a surgical procedure, then ducked out to answer the phone and do a few front-office procedures. Then she returned to the surgery room to assist the doctor — wearing the same gloves.

In a podiatrist's office, the doctor's assistant smoothed out the paper upon which the surgical instruments were to be placed using her bare, unwashed hands. All the surgical supplies were handled in the same way. After the surgery, another assistant wore gloves while cleaning up the bloody tray — and then while wearing the same gloves, proceeded to put away the leftover supplies to be used on the next patient.

HORRIFIED IN CINCINNATI

DEAR READERS: Tomorrow, I'll print what the medical personnel had to say. Stay tuned.

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Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 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) ***** Others find you inspired and ready to approach life in a different, more productive manner. You have a lot of irons in the fire. Though you are clear, another might not be. Keep talks flowing. Brainstorm. Know where you are heading. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Listen carefully, as a partner does when you speak. Family plays a big role in your decisions. Your mind could be working overtime. Quiet your inner thoughts. Take a walk. A family member chimes in with yet another point of view. Tonight: Order in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Friends have strong opinions, and you are going to hear them! Keep communication flowing. Negotiate what you want, knowing full well what that is. Your intuition is right on. Try to organize your thoughts. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Your finances need to be studied. Take charge, deal with another and find out more about what is happening at work. Ask questions; sign up for a class using new technology. Make meetings.

Schedule in a leisurely lunch if you can. Tonight: Pay bills.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Use your charisma and energy. Zoom in on and clear out problems with bosses, associates and close ties. Others seem unusually responsive to your efforts. Listen to a friend's message. Good news surrounds long-distance communication. Tonight: Another is only too happy to help you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Take your time when making a decision. Another might not see eye to eye with you. Feel free to make needed moves. Discuss a problem. One-on-one relating clears the air at home and at work. Willingly put yourself in another's shoes. Tonight: Take a night off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Aim for what you want. Listen to a friend, who means well. A partner opens up and is willing to reveal a whole new side. Popularity grows. You'll revise your thinking once you understand more about a loved one. Tonight: Make an important meeting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Take charge at work. You discover new ways of making money and enhancing your financial status. Realize your limits and understand more of what is going on with a boss. Co-workers contribute to your effectiveness. Listen to them! Tonight: Out and about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Reach out for others. Take advantage of a special opportunity that comes your way. Energy, combined with creativity, helps you break into new emotional and professional territory. Take an overview. Tonight: Check out a movie.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** A partner imparts another perspective. Don't hesitate to zero in on what is important to you. Choose not to do anything halfway. Another clearly supports your resourcefulness and ideas. Let your imagination speak. Tonight: Let down your hair.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Review recent decisions with a partner. What you might have hesitated to say is now perfectly OK. The coast is clear. Another is finally receptive and open. Don't hesitate to use your personal charm. Pursue an opportunity that will impact your home life. Tonight: Go along with another's idea.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** You accomplish a lot, but you might need to screen your calls. Stay on top of work. A boss finally works with you. Now you can brainstorm about funds or a different approach at work. Buy something just for you. Tonight: Off to the gym.

BORN TODAY
Actor David Cassidy (1950), TV host David Letterman (1947), actor Ed O'Neill (1946)

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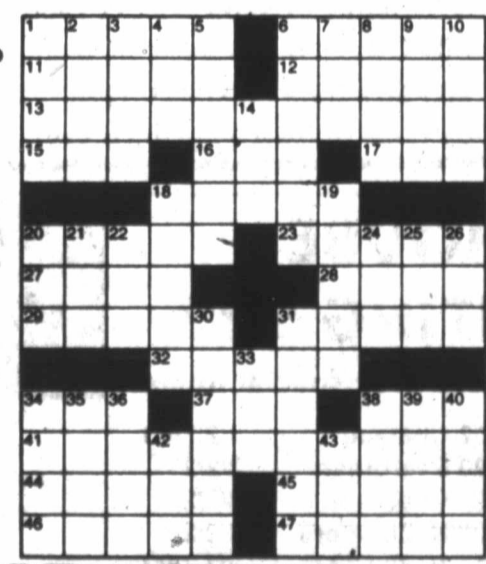
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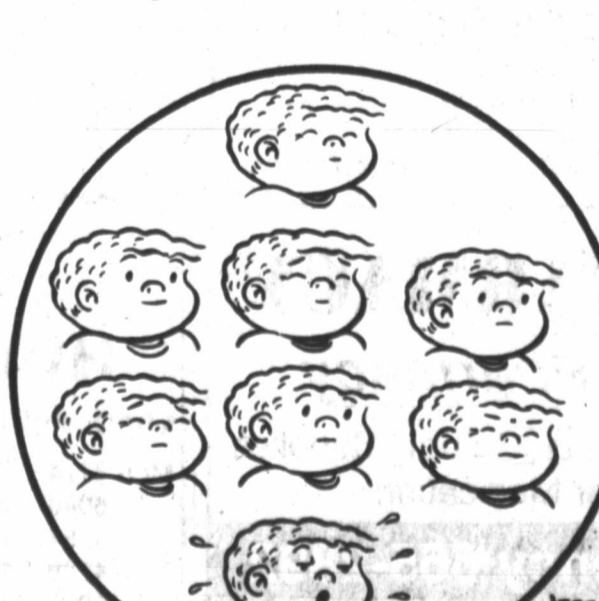
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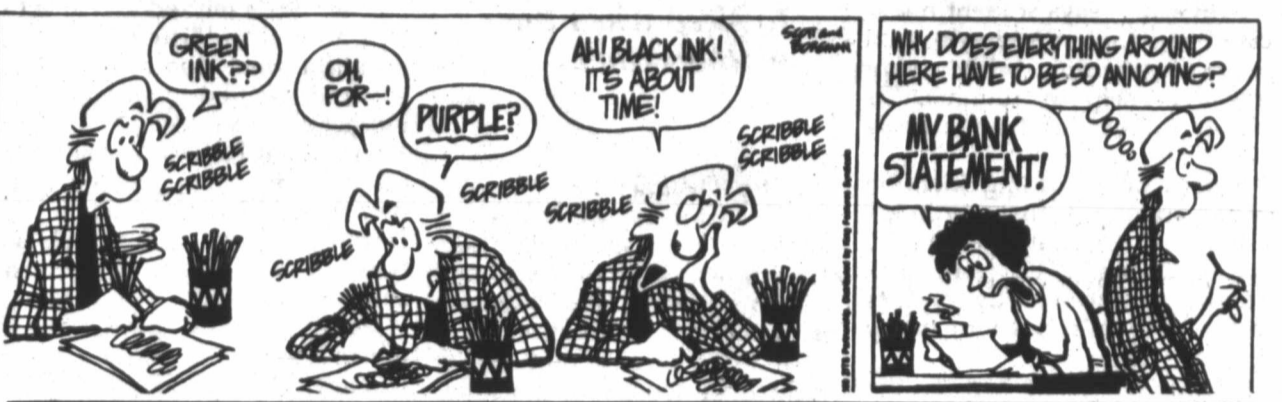


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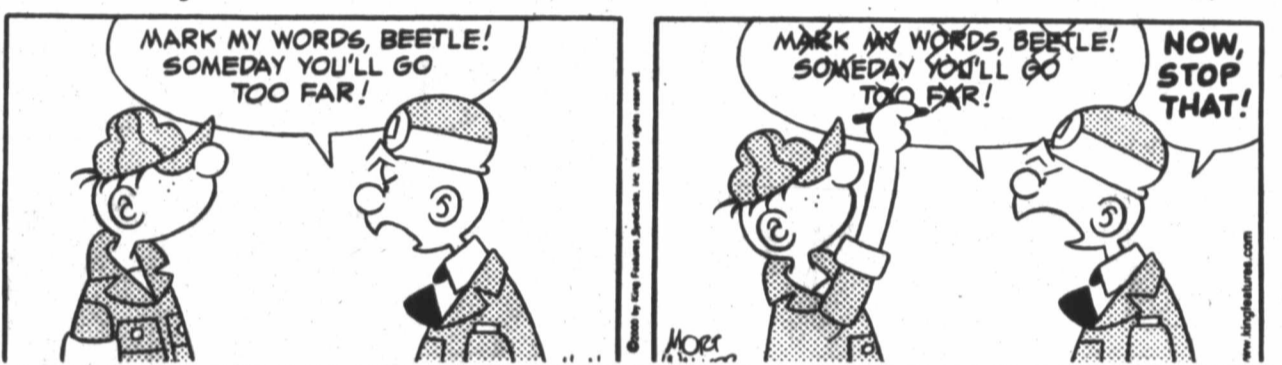
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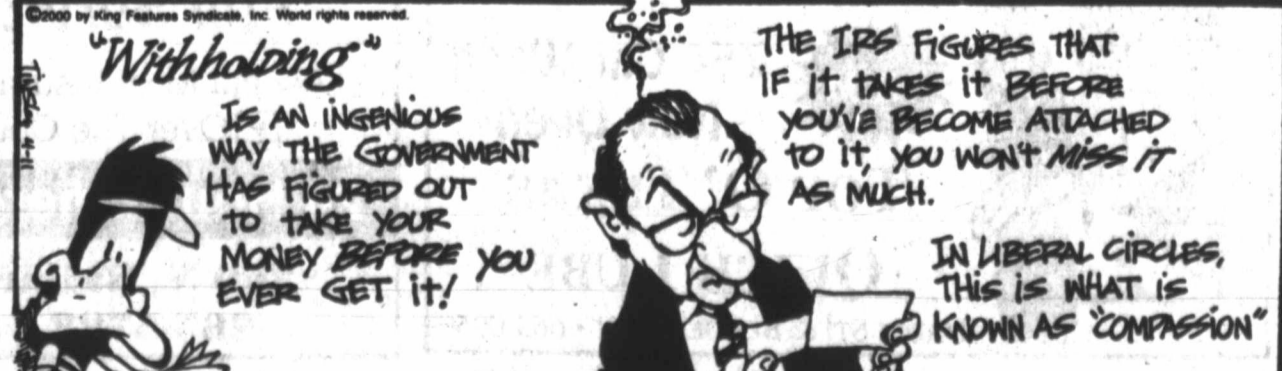
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SPORTS

Pampa wins team trophy at district tourney

Notebook

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — Pampa Optimist 13-15 girls' fastpitch softball tryouts are scheduled Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

All players new to the league must try out. Tryouts will be held at Optimist Park.

For further information, call Sherri Tice at 665-3505 or Jimmie Clark at 669-7782.

Note: Tryouts are for players who signed up April 4-6. Every player will be assigned to a team. One manager is still needed to complete coaching staffs in this division.

BASKETBALL

AMES, Iowa (AP) — When Marcus Fizer expressed relief at finally deciding to enter the NBA draft, he wasn't alone.

Anysha Ticer felt it, too.

Ticer, Fizer's fiancée, had watched first hand as he agonized over his future. So when Fizer stood before more than a dozen reporters on Monday to announce he would not return for his senior season at Iowa State, Ticer felt the pressure evaporate right along with him.

"There were nights that he was really, really tired," Ticer said. "There were times I didn't know what to say to him. I can't imagine and I still probably don't know how much stress he had to be under."

Now it's over. Fizer can concentrate on finishing the spring semester and getting himself in the best shape possible for the pre-draft camp and workouts with individual teams.

"Everybody wants to be one of the highest picks," Fizer said. "That's what playing college basketball is all about — to hear your name called up there by (NBA commissioner) David Stern to the team that is so interested in you."

"I played my last couple of seasons with the dream of getting to that point."

Fizer's announcement came as no surprise.

His NBA stock rose throughout the season as he followed one big game with another in leading Iowa State to the Big 12 regular season and tournament championships. The 6-foot-8, 265-pound forward is projected to be one of the top picks in the June 28 draft.

"The timing's right," Iowa State coach Larry Eustachy said. "He's certainly a lottery pick."

Fizer has not hired an agent and said he was leaving open the possibility of returning to Iowa State next season if he felt that would improve his position in the draft.

Eustachy was not counting on that happening.

"He's not coming back," Eustachy said. "It's just hard for him to tell everybody this is it."

Fizer averaged 22.8 points and 7.7 rebounds and shot 58 percent from the field as Iowa State set a school record for victories in finishing 32-5. The Cyclones' season ended with a 75-64 loss to eventual national champion Michigan State in the Midwest Regional final.

"I really think this is the time I can do all the things I've always wanted to do for my family," said Fizer, who has two children and a mother-in-law in Detroit he wants to help.

"I have a heart where everyone in my family is within it. It's going to be a comfortable feeling to know that I will have a chance to help all of them."

Eustachy said it became clear as the season progressed that Fizer was ready for the NBA. When the two met to discuss Fizer's options for next season, Eustachy said he encouraged his star to turn pro.

"Really at the beginning of the year I thought Marcus would be back," Eustachy said. "I didn't think he'd make so much progress."

AMARILLO — The Pampa Harvester tennis team captured the Team District Trophy in both boys' and girls' division in addition to qualifying two doubles teams for the regional tournament.

The Pampa girls won the team trophy outright while the Pampa boys tied Dumas with 10 points for first place.

Pampa seniors Emily Waters and Emily Curtis never lost a set this past weekend as they made their way to the District 3-4A championship at Austin Tennis Center.

"These ladies have tons of experience, having both played varsity since their freshman year. Both girls have been to regionals before and were all-district in the fall in Team Tennis. They were aggressive and confident this weekend, taking charge quickly in each match. This team has the ability and drive to do well in the coming weeks. It will be exciting to watch them," said Pampa coach Carolyn Quarles.

Pampa also won the boys' dou-

Tennis

bles division as juniors Michael Cornelison and Bryce Jordan won each round in straight sets.

"These guys have worked hard all year like they've been on a mission, continuing to improve. Coggins and Tebeest of Dumas were seeded No. 1 and for good reason. They are a very good team and beat Cornelison and Jordan three times in the fall," coach Quarles said. "I knew, however, there was huge chance for a different outcome if they met at district."

Quarles said Cornelison and Jordan were the most improved players on the team.

"They have developed what we call an 'in your face' doubles style, forcing the other team to hit up in defense. They too are headed to regionals with high hopes. Bryce won his 100th career victory this weekend to make the tournament even more special.

Pampa also placed other wrestlers in district competition.

Seniors Ryan Mills and Matt Rains finished third in boys' doubles after losing a heart-breaking semifinals match to Coggins and Tebeest (3-6, 6-4, 6-3). They came back strong to win the match for third by defeating Cody Crouch and Kozak of Dumas (6-0, 6-1).

Sophomore A.J. Smith had an outstanding tournament, almost upsetting the No. 1 seed in the semifinals (Nathan Miller, 6-2, 5-7, 6-3). Smith won the third-place match against Beville of Hereford, 6-4, 6-3.

Senior Helen Orr finished fourth and sophomore Michelle Lee and Ashley Stucki placed fourth in girls' doubles.

Senior Jennifer Muns lost in the second round to Carlile the eventual champion, 6-3, 7-5.

"Jennifer has improved tremendously this spring, playing her best tennis this weekend," Quarles added.

District 3-4A Tournament Pampa results
Boys Doubles
Michael Cornelison-Bryce

Jordan (first place): def. Jensen-Hughes, Borger, 6-0, 6-0; def. Kozak-Crouch, Dumas, 6-4, 6-1; def. Coggins-Tebeest, Dumas, 6-2, 6-3.

Matt Rains-Ryan Mills (third place): def. Isaacson-Alude, Caprock, 6-2, 6-1; lost to Coggins-Tebeest, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; def. Kozak-Crouch, 6-0, 6-1.

Girls Doubles
Emily Curtis-Emily Waters (first place): def. Commons-Culwell, Borger, 6-0, 6-0; def. Kayakone-Taanourth, Palo Duro, 6-1, 6-2; def. Aimes-Mitchell, Dumas, 6-3, 6-1.

Ashley Stucki-Michelle Lee (fourth place) def. Garcia-Penna, Caprock, 6-0, 6-1; lost to Aimes-Mitchell, Dumas, 6-0, 6-1; lost to Kayakone-Taanourth, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

Boys Singles
A.J. Smith (third place) def. Sameer Nanu, Caprock, 6-1, 7-5; lost to Nathan Milner, Borger, 2-6, 7-5, 3-6; def. Nelson Beville, Hereford, 6-4, 6-3.

Matt Cook def. Luke Dill, Borger, 6-3, 6-3; lost to Shelby

Mebane, Dumas, 6-1, 6-3.

Girls Singles
Helen Orr (fourth place): def. Alicia Schubert, Dumas, 6-2, 6-2; lost to Jennifer Massey, Caprock, 6-4, 6-4; lost to Jamille Poole, Dumas, 6-4, 6-3.

District 3-4A Winners

Boys Singles
1. Shelby Mebane, Dumas; 2. Nathan Milner, Borger; 3. A.J. Smith, Pampa.

Girls Singles
1. Elizabeth Carlile, Borger; 2. Jennifer Massey, Caprock; 3. Jamille Poole, Dumas; 4. Helen Orr, Pampa.

Boys Doubles
1. Michael Cornelison-Bryce Jordan, Pampa; 2. Matt Coggins-Ryan Tebeest, Dumas; 3. Ryan Mills-Matt Rains, Pampa.

Girls Doubles
1. Emily Curtis-Emily Waters, Pampa; 2. Jamie Aimes-Brittany Mitchell, Dumas; 3. Kayakone-Thourith, Palo Duro; 4. Ashley Stucki-Michelle Lee, Pampa.

Texas game re-scheduled

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees had an extra day to reflect on the news that cancer has hit their team again.

Anticipating bad weather, the Yankees postponed their home opener Monday, 18 hours before the game was scheduled to be played.

With rain and possibly some snow expected today, the game against the Texas Rangers was rescheduled for Wednesday.

A year ago, manager Joe Torre was recovering from prostate cancer surgery and missed opening day. Today, pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre will begin treatment for multiple myeloma, cancer of the bone marrow.

David Cone has New York's home opener pitching assignment for the fourth straight year, facing Darren Oliver and the Texas Rangers. But, forgive the Yankees if they're a bit distracted after Stottlemyre's announcement of his condition on Sunday.

Multiple myeloma is a type of cancer formed by malignant plasma cells. When normal plasma cells are produced at an abnormal rate, they can cause tumors, anemia and fatigue. Roger Neilson, coach of the NHL Philadelphia Flyers, is currently undergoing treatment for the same disease.

Stottlemyre, 58, was diagnosed a year ago but doctors decided treatment was not necessary at that time.

"This is the treatment that was discussed when I was originally diagnosed," he said. "Now is the time to attack this thing."

The pitching coach, whose 11-year-old son, Jason, died from leukemia in 1981, tried to stay optimistic.

"They have mentioned the word 'cure' to me," he said. "That's encouraging. This is a disease there's not a lot known about. My prognosis is good. I can't say much more than that. It is a cancer, and that's the ugly thing about it; that's the word everybody hates to hear."

It was the third time the Yankees have had to deal with that diagnosis during their run of two straight World Series triumphs and three in the last four years.

Before Torre was stricken, slugger Darryl Strawberry underwent colon cancer surgery in October, 1998. Hall of Famers Joe DiMaggio and Catfish Hunter died last year and three players, Paul O'Neill, Scott Brosius and Luis Sojo, lost their fathers during the season.

"It makes you think Yankee Stadium is cursed," pitcher Jeff Nelson said.

Texas may be beginning to think so. The Rangers have dropped nine straight postseason games to the Yankees, who will be raising their 25th World Series banner.

"Yankee Stadium is always a tough place to play," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "Celebrating another world championship ... this will be the first time being exposed to something like this for a lot of our players."

Individual leader



Pampa senior Cortnie Allison was the individual leader for the Lady Harvesters' golf team this season. She had a five-round total of 433 as Pampa won the district championship by 60 strokes.

Groom teams claim district track crowns

GROOM — Groom High School captured both boys and girls' team titles at last weekend's District 3-1A track and field meet.

Miami was second in the boys' division and Higgins was second in the girls' division.

District 3-1A Meet at Groom

Boys
Team totals: 1. Groom 152; 2. Miami 121; 3. Hedley 111; 4. Follett 63; 5. Lefors 55; 6. Allison 14; 7. Higgins 14; 8. McLean 9; Fort Elliott 8; 10. Samnorwood 0.

Area results
Shot put: Crump, Groom, first place, 46-7 1/2; McDowell, Miami, third place, 40-9.
Discus: Crump, Groom, second place, 139-8; McDowell, Miami, third place, 40-9; Rice, McLean, fourth place, 109-9.

Triple jump: Ritter, Groom, second place, 40-5.
High jump: Ritter, Groom, second place, 5-10; Walden, Miami, third place, 5-6; Thoms, Miami, second place, 29-6.

Pole vault: Walden, Miami, first place, 10-0; Evans, Miami, second place, 8-6; Hand, Fort Elliott, third place, 8-6.
3200: Conrad, Groom, first place, 12:17.38; Pavlovsky, Groom, second place, 12:18.81; Murray, Lefors, third place, 12:19.06.

400 relay: Miami, second place, 48.0; Lefors, third place, 48.19; Groom, fourth place, 49.18.
800: Scott, Groom, first place, 2:17.25; Britten, Groom, third place, 2:21.18.

110 hurdles: Babcock, Groom, first place, 16.50; Walden, Miami, second place, 16.56; Keiser, Lefors, third place, 21.0; Ollinger, Groom, fourth place, 21.21.
100: Manley, Miami, fourth place, 12.24.

400: Thoms, Miami, first place, 55.50; Cox, Miami, second place, 57.19; Ritter, Groom, third place, 57.75.

500 hurdles: Babcock, Groom, first place, 44.50; Walden, Miami, second place, 45.94; Steele, Lefors, third place, 46.75; Ollinger, Groom, fourth place, 54.15.
200: Baggerman, Miami, third place, 24.32.

1600: Scott, Groom, first place, 5:14.75; Murray, Lefors, second place, 5:36.63; Pavlovsky, Groom, third place, 5:37.38; Conrad, Groom, fourth place, 5:47.68.

1600 relay: Miami, first place, 3:48.75; Groom, second place, 3:59.46; Lefors, third place, 3:59.55.

Girls

Team totals: 1. Groom 249; 2. Higgins 50; 3. Allison 40; 4. Follett 31; 5. Miami 30; 6. Hedley 29; 7. Lefors 19; 8. Fort Elliott 16; 9. Samnorwood 5; 10. McLean 2.

Shot put: Noack, Groom, first place, 30-1 1/2; A. Black, Miami, second place, 15-4.

Discus: A. Black, Miami, first place, 93-10; Rice, Miami, second place, 89-1; Noark, Groom, third place, 86-7; K. Black, Miami, fourth place, 79-11.
Long jump: Conrad, Groom, first place, 15-5; K. Davis, Groom, second place, 15-4 1/2.

Triple jump: C. Davis, Groom, first place, 34-11; K. Davis, Groom, second place, 32-3; Conrad, Groom, third place, 32-2 1/2.

High jump: C. Davis, Groom, first place, 5-8; Bohr, Groom, second place, 4-10; Britten, Groom, third place, 4-8.

Note: More results will be published in Wednesday's edition of The Pampa News.

Bucks narrow gap for final playoff spot

By The Associated Press

The Milwaukee Bucks gained the tiebreaker edge against the Orlando Magic, and a serious dose of confidence.

Ray Allen hit the baskets and Sam Cassell provided the bravado Monday night as the Bucks played an unusually physical style and handled the Magic 104-87 to pull within one game of eighth-place Orlando in the Eastern Conference standings.

Cassell, who guaranteed the Bucks would win, loudly goaded the Magic all game on a night when shoves, stares and technical fouls were in abundance.

"It was something that we had to do," said Cassell, who had 18 points and eight assists. "It wasn't a bold statement that I made. I was just saying that we can't have any slip-ups now."

Allen scored 33 points on a string of jumpers.

"Tonight we just came out hitting," Allen said. "We know the hype, that has been around Orlando, and we wanted people to take notice of us."

Milwaukee (38-39) has won all three games against Orlando (39-38) this season, and they square off again next Monday at

Orlando.
The Magic shot just 35 percent from the field.

Tempers flared repeatedly. Cassell and referee Bennett Salvatore engaged in a shouting match, and both coaches worked the officials aggressively.

John Amaechi and Ervin Johnson exchanged angry words in the third quarter, as did Ben Wallace and Scott Williams. Cassell, Williams and Tim Thomas, who shoved Pat Garrity after the two tangled under the basket, all received technical fouls.

It wasn't the only NBA game Monday with referees in the spotlight.

In New York, Patrick Ewing redirected Larry Johnson's off-target 3-pointer into the basket with 21.7 seconds left on a play officials later admitted should have been ruled offensive goaltending as the Knicks beat the Eastern Conference-leading Indiana Pacers 83-81.

"I screwed the play up," lead official Joey Crawford said. "We just watched it. The tape doesn't lie."

And Minnesota's 102-100 victory over Detroit featured 60 fouls, three foul-outs, five technicals, one ejection — and a blocked free

throw, of all things.

Elsewhere Monday, Philadelphia beat Miami 96-80, Toronto downed Cleveland 112-103, Charlotte edged Washington 107-105, Portland held off Utah 90-86, the Los Angeles Lakers got past Seattle 106-103 in overtime, and Boston beat Atlanta 99-94.

At Milwaukee, the contentious atmosphere seemed to bring out the best in the Bucks, who shot 54 percent in the first half and had seven players with at least seven points.

"They have the tiebreaker now, but we're still in good shape," Garrity said. "Now is not the time to panic."

Orlando closes the season with games against Boston, New Jersey, Miami and Toronto in addition to the meeting with Milwaukee. The Bucks play Cleveland, Charlotte and have two games with Washington.

Knicks 83, Pacers 81

After the Johnson-Ewing 3-pointer, Indiana's Reggie Miller tied it 81-81 on two foul shots with 15.7 seconds left. Ewing then hit a fadeaway with two seconds left to win it.

"They're cheating us now," Miller said. "I don't know if it's being a small-market (team), but

we'll never get the benefit of the doubt like the big-market teams like New York and Los Angeles. That's just the league being the league. Enough is enough."

Ewing and Latrell Sprewell both finished with 20 points.

Timberwolves 102, Pistons 100

Host Minnesota lost its cool, its coach and a cushy lead, but recovered to win on Kevin Garnett's 10-foot jumper at the buzzer.

Garnett scored 25 points, and Torrell Brandon added 16.

When Minnesota coach Flip Saunders was ejected in the third quarter, he tossed his jacket into the seats, ran onto the court and unleashed a profanity-filled tirade.

Brandon said he smacked away a free throw by Detroit's Terry Mills because Minnesota forward Joe Smith hadn't left the court after picking up his sixth foul.

76ers 96, Heat 80

Allen Iverson's 33 points helped end visiting Miami's seven-game winning streak.

Raptors 112, Cavaliers 103

Vince Carter's first career triple-double — 31 points, 11 rebounds, 10 assists — helped Toronto end a four-game home losing streak and move within a win of its first playoff berth.

Scoreboard

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Atlanta	4	3	.571	—
Montreal	4	3	.571	—
Florida	4	4	.500	1/2
Philadelphia	3	4	.429	1
New York	3	5	.375	1 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	6	1	.857	—
Milwaukee	4	3	.571	2
Cincinnati	3	4	.429	3
Houston	3	4	.429	3
Pittsburgh	2	4	.333	3 1/2
Chicago	3	6	.333	4

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	6	1	.857	—
Los Angeles	3	3	.500	2 1/2
Colorado	3	4	.429	3
San Diego	3	4	.429	3
San Francisco	3	4	.429	3

Sunday's Games
 Florida 7, Colorado 6
 Los Angeles at N.Y. Mets, p.p.d., snow
 Atlanta 9, San Francisco 3
 Montreal 2, San Diego 1
 Cincinnati 8, Chicago Cubs 7, 11 innings
 St. Louis 11, Milwaukee 2
 Philadelphia 3, Houston 2
 Arizona 1, Pittsburgh 0

Monday's Games
 Milwaukee 4, Florida 3
 Chicago Cubs 4, Atlanta 3
 Colorado 7, Cincinnati 5
 Arizona 8, San Diego 4
 Philadelphia 9, N.Y. Mets 7
 St. Louis 8, Houston 7
 Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
 Los Angeles (Park 1-0) at San Francisco (Flueter 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
 Montreal (Vazquez 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Benson 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
 St. Louis (Stephenson 1-0) at Houston (Holt 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Wilson 1-0) at Colorado (Bohanon 0-0), 9:05 p.m.
 Arizona (Reynoso 0-0) at San Diego (Clement 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
 Only games scheduled

Wednesday's Games
 Atlanta (Muller 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Farnsworth 0-1), 2:20 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Harnisch 0-1) at Colorado (Yoshi 0-1), 3:05 p.m.
 Florida (Sanchez 0-0) at Milwaukee (Navarro 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Hampton 0-2) at Philadelphia (Person 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
 Montreal (Pavano 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
 St. Louis (Benes 0-1) at Houston (Dotel 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
 Arizona (Anderson 0-0) at San Diego (Meadows 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
 Los Angeles (Dreifort 0-1) at San Francisco (Nathan 0-0), 10:35 p.m.

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East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	5	1	.833	—
New York	3	3	.500	2
Toronto	3	3	.500	3
Boston	2	4	.333	3
Tampa Bay	2	5	.286	3 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	5	2	.714	—
Kansas City	5	3	.625	1/2
Chicago	4	3	.571	1
Minnesota	3	5	.375	2 1/2
Detroit	1	5	.167	3 1/2

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	2	2	.500	—
Anaheim	4	3	.571	1/2
Texas	4	3	.571	1/2
Oakland	3	4	.429	1 1/2

Sunday's Games
 Baltimore 11, Detroit 6
 Minnesota 13, Kansas City 7
 Texas 7, Toronto 5
 Oakland 14, Chicago White Sox 2
 Boston 5, Anaheim 2
 Seattle 9, N.Y. Yankees 3
 Cleveland 17, Tampa Bay 4

Monday's Games
 Kansas City 6, Minnesota 5
 Anaheim 8, Toronto 0
 Cleveland 9, Oakland 4
 Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
 Texas at N.Y. Yankees, p.p.d., weather
 Seattle (Garcia 1-0) at Detroit (Moehler 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
 Minnesota (Mays 0-0) at Boston (R. Martinez 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Parque 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Yan 0-0), 7:15 p.m.
 Baltimore (Porson 0-0) at Kansas City (Durban 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
 Cleveland (Nagy 0-1) at Oakland (Oliver 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
 Toronto (Escobar 0-1) at Anaheim (Ortiz 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
 Texas (Oliver 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
 Cleveland (Wright 1-0) at Oakland (Heredia 0-0), 3:35 p.m.
 Minnesota (Santana 0-0) at Boston (Fassero 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
 Seattle (Selle 0-0) at Detroit (Mick 0-1), 7:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Wheeler 0-0), 7:15 p.m.
 Baltimore (Rapp 1-0) at Kansas City (Suzuki 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
 Toronto (Castillo 0-1) at Anaheim (Fyhrle 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

Monday's Major League Lineups
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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Minnesota 01002 002 — 5 8 1
Kansas City 10101011 — 6 14 2

Bergman, Hawkins (6) and Lecroy; Rosado, Reichart (7), Sotolaco (9) and Bjorkson. W—Batallo 1-0. L—Hansen 0-1. HR—Minnesota, Jones (3). Kansas City, Darnon (1).

Toronto 000 000 000 — 0 3 0
Anaheim 002 000 40x — 6 7 1

Carpenter, Borbon (7), Quattrini (7) and ACastillo; Schoeneweis and BMolina. W—Schoeneweis 2-0. L—Carpenter 0-2. HR—Anahelm, Glaus (2).

Cleveland 300 100 302 — 9 14 0
Oakland 002 002 000 — 4 8 0

CFinley, Karnienlecki (6), Shuey (6), Karasay (9) and EADiaz; Hudson, Tam (6), Magnante (7), T.Matthews (6) and R.J.Hernandez. W—Karnienlecki 1-1. L—Tam 0-1. HR—Oakland, Chavez (2).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Atlanta 100 200 000 — 3 7 0
Chicago 000 000 004 — 4 10 0

Millwood, Remlinger (8), Ligtnerberg (9), LRivera (9) and J.Lopez; Lieber, Guthrie (9) and Girardi. W—Guthrie 1-1. L—Ligtnerberg 0-1. HR—Atlanta, C.Jones (1), Galaraga (4). Chicago, Andrews (3).

Florida 010 020 000 — 3 9 0
Milwaukee 013000 00x — 4 6 1

V.Nunez, Almanza (5), Bones (7), Darenbourg (7), Miceli (8) and Redmond, SMartinez (8); Haynes, Williams (7), Weathers (7), Wickman (9) and Blanco. W—Haynes 2-0. L—V.Nunez 0-1. Sv—Wickman (2). HR—Milwaukee, Jenkins (2).

Cincinnati 000 101 003 — 5 10 1
Colorado 010 040 20x — 7 13 1

Parris, Mercado (5), Sullivan (6), Aybar (8) and Taubensee; Arrojio, Tavarez (7), Jimenez (8), DELee (9), Belinda (9) and Wayne. W—Arrojio 1-0. L—Parris 0-2. Sv—Belinda (1). HRs—Cincinnati, Griffey Jr. (2), Cromer (1). Colorado, Lansing (3), Helton (2).

Arizona 001 231 100 — 8 19 0
San Diego 100 101 001 — 4 11 0

Stottmyre, Morgan (7) and Stinnett; WWilliams, Serafini (5), Cunnane (7), Whisenant (9) and WGonzalez. W—Stottmyre 2-0. L—WWilliams 1-1. Sv—Morgan (2). HRs—Arizona, J.Bell (3), Durazo (2), SFinley (3), Stinnett (1). San Diego, Nevin (3), Newhan (1).

New York 040 030 000 — 7 9 1
Philadelphia 05004000x — 9 9 1

B.Jones, Rodriguez (5), Wendell (6), Cook (8) and Piazza; Byrd, Telemaco (5), Bullinger (7), TDMiller (8), Gomes (8) and Lieberthal. W—Telemaco 1-0. L—Rodriguez 0-1. Sv—Gomes (3). HR—Philadelphia, Lieberthal (1).

St. Louis 203 000 030 — 8 13 0
Houston 010 001 140 — 7 7 1

Hentgen, Mohler (7), Slocumb (8), Veres (9) and Matheny; Lima, JosCabrera (8), JWPowell (9) and Meluskey. W—Hentgen 2-0. L—Lima 1-1. Sv—Veres (2). HRs—St. Louis, Renteria (2), Lankford (2), McGwire (3), Drew (4), Houston, Biggio (1), DiWard (3), Hidalgo (3).

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Charlotte 107, Washington 105
Philadelphia 96, Miami 80
Boston 99, Atlanta 84
New York 83, Indiana 81
Milwaukee 102, Detroit 100
Milwaukee 104, Orlando 87
Portland 99, Utah 85
L.A. Lakers 106, Seattle 103, OT

Tuesday's Games
 San Antonio at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
 Portland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 New Jersey at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 Houston at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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 Orlando at Boston, 7 p.m.
 Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
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 Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
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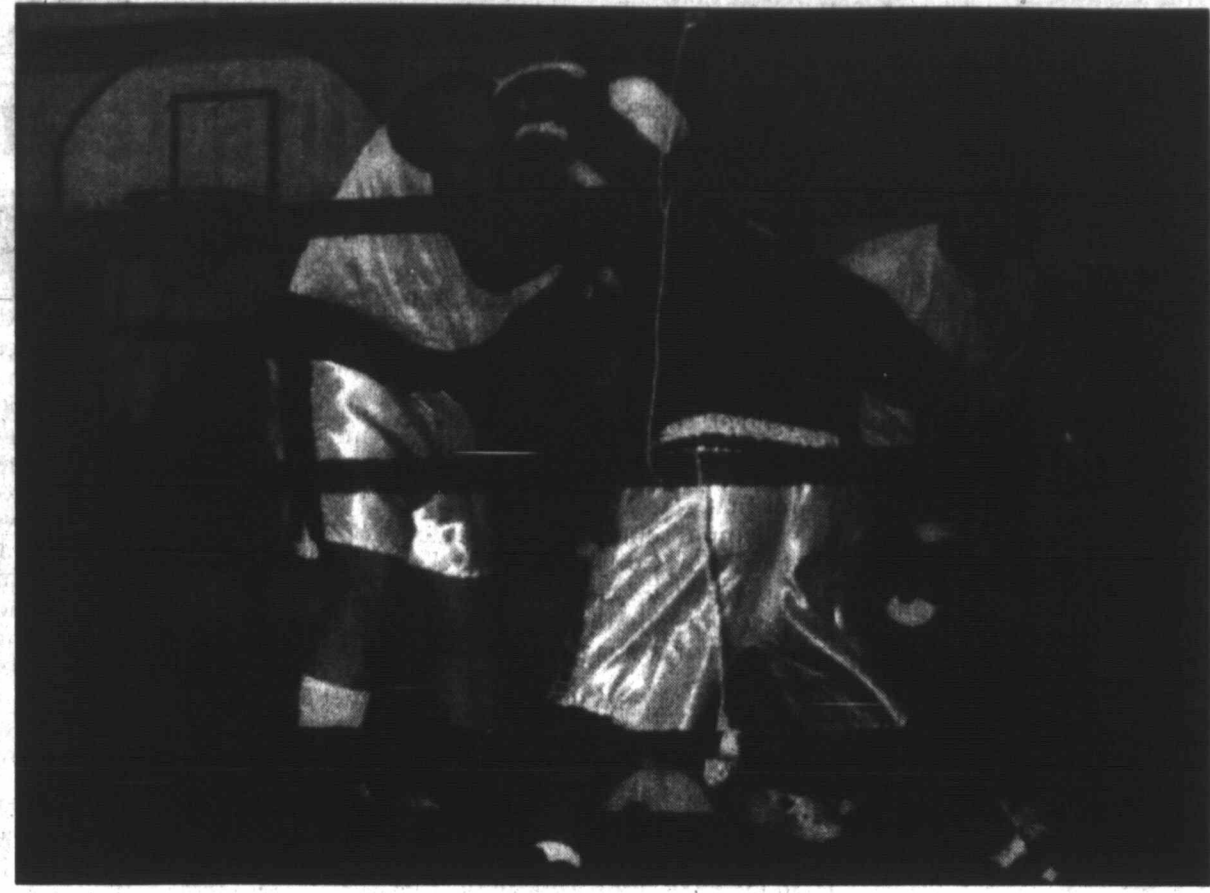
TRANSACTIONS
Monday's Sports Transactions
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BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Placed SS Gary DiSaracina on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 9. Activated RHP Ramon Ortiz from the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of INF Keith Johnson from Edmonton of the Pacific Coast League. Optioned RHP Mike Fyhrle to Edmonton. Transferred OF Mike Colangelo from the 15-day to the 60-day disabled list. **National League**
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with LHP Norm Charlton on a minor league contract and assigned him to Louisville of the International League. **COLORADO ROCKIES**—Placed OF Jeffrey Hammonds on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 4. **BASKETBALL**
National Basketball Association
PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Activated C Arvydas Sabonis from the injured list. Placed C Antonio Harvey on the injured list. **FOOTBALL**
National Football League
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Re-signed TE Damon Jones. **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS**—Signed OL Lance Scott. Terminated the contract of C-TE Kleinschmidt, trainer. **NEW YORK GIANTS**—Signed CB Dave Thomas. Re-signed C-G Derek Engler. **WASHINGTON REDSKINS**—Agreed to terms with QB Jeff George on a four-year contract. **HOCKEY**
National Hockey League
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Returned C Jesse Belanger to Quebec of the AHL.

WPHL Playoffs
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 By The Associated Press
Eastern Bracket
First Round
(Best-of-3)
Tuesday, March 28
 Tupelo 5, Lake Charles 4, 2OT
 Arkansas 5, Monroe 4, OT
Thursday, March 30
 Lake Charles 6, Tupelo 5
 Arkansas 2, Monroe 0, Arkansas wins series 2-0
Friday, March 31
 Lake Charles 5, Tupelo 3, Lake Charles wins series 2-1

Second Round
(Best-of-5)
Saturday, April 1
 Central Texas 6, Arkansas 3
Sunday, April 2
 Arkansas 7, Central Texas 6
 Shreveport 3, Lake Charles 2
Tuesday, April 4
 Shreveport 3, Lake Charles 0
Wednesday, April 5
 Shreveport 5, Lake Charles 0, Shreveport wins series 3-0
Thursday, April 6
 Central Texas 6, Arkansas 2
Friday, April 7
 Central Texas 9, Arkansas 1, Central Texas wins series 3-1
Western Bracket
First Round
(Best-of-3)
Tuesday, March 28
 Lubbock 8, Odessa 2
 Corpus Christi 6, El Paso 1
Thursday, March 30
 Lubbock 4, Odessa 2, Lubbock wins series 2-0
Friday, April 1
 Corpus Christi 4, New Mexico 6, OT
Saturday, April 2
 Lubbock 3, Austin 1
Monday, April 3
 New Mexico 6, Corpus Christi 1, Tuesday, April 4
 Austin 4, Lubbock 2
Thursday, April 6
 Corpus Christi 5, Corpus Christi 3
Friday, April 7
 New Mexico 4, Corpus Christi 3, New Mexico wins series 3-1
Saturday, April 8
 Lubbock 3, Austin 1
Sunday, April 9
 Lubbock 3, Austin 2, OT
Monday, April 10
 Austin 2, Lubbock 1, Austin wins series 2-2
Rest of Schedule TBA

Left hook



Middleweight Abel Rios of the Youth Survival Boxing Club of Pampa throws a left hook to his opponent's head at the Liberal Tournament earlier this month. The Pampa boxers brought back two trophies from the tournament. Rios, of Plainview, will be representing Pampa in future bouts.

Pampa junior varsity wins four of five games played last week

PAMPA — Pampa swept a doubleheader from Plainview in junior varsity baseball action last weekend.

Pampa edged Plainview 14-13 in the opener which went 9 innings.

Pampa had 16 hits, included a home run by Adam Wright, the team's first of the year. Kevin Schaub went 4 for 5 at the plate and Wright was 2 for 4.

Evan Miller and Jon Lambright had two hits each.

Pampa posted a 16-11 win the second game. Pampa had 14 hits with three each from Schaub and Wright. Shawn Strate, Tyler Ross and Charlie Craig had two hits each.

In another doubleheader last week, Pampa split a doubleheader with Perryton.

Pampa won the opener 9-4 with an 8-hit attack. Kevin Schaub had two doubles while Evan Miller, Wes Martin, Justin Waggoner, Jon Lambright, Kyle Keith and Shawn Strate each had one.

Schaub and Wright had Pampa's only two hits in a 6-2 loss the second game.

"The team played hard in both games," said Pampa coach Troy Owens. "They were not our best games and we should have won both."

On Saturday, Pampa defeated Palo Duro 9-2.

Kyle Keith led Pampa's 12-hit attack with three hits. Shawn Strate, Adam Wright and Jon Lambright had two hits each, Tyler Ross and Adam Jones had one hit each while Evan Miller had a home run.

Adam Jones pitched a three-hitter with 13 strikeouts and two walks.

"After playing five games in three days the team really had to dig deep inside to play as hard as they did. Jon Lambright, Shawn Strate and Kevin Schaub had to pitch both Thursday and Friday. Justin Waggoner was unreal as he caught seven innings Thursday, 14 Friday and seven Saturday. I was so proud of all of them," Owens said.

McGwire homers in 35th park

By The Associated Press

Mark McGwire has a chance to set a different kind of home-run record this year.

The single-season record holder with 70 two years ago, McGwire is still 230 short of Hank Aaron's career record. But he can set a record for major league ballparks homered in.

After homering Monday night in the St. Louis Cardinals' 8-7 win over the Houston Astros at Enron Field, McGwire had connected in 35 big league ballparks.

That's one short of the record held by Tampa Bay's Fred McGriff, and McGwire has visits to the two ballparks that were to open today — Pacific Bell Park in San Francisco and Comerica Park in Detroit.

McGriff goes to Detroit this weekend, but the Devil Rays don't play at San Francisco.

McGwire didn't want to

1 Public Notice

NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF TEXAS VS. GRAY COUNTY BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE DATED MARCH 30, 2000 and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the herein after numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on March 30, 2000, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in May, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the East Door of the Court-house of said County, in the City of Pampa, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 10:00 A.M., proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suits and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Gray and the State of Texas, to-wit:

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Marines think they'll have Osprey crash cause soon

WASHINGTON (AP) — The deadly crash of a Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey aircraft in Arizona last weekend was recorded on infrared tape by a fighter jet that was overhead at the time, Marine Corps officials said.

That recording, combined with extensive technical details expected to be revealed on the Osprey's flight data recorder,

should enable the Marines to determine the accident's cause fairly quickly, Lt. Gen. Fred McCorkle, head of Marine Corps aviation, told reporters Monday at the Pentagon.

"I think within a week we'll have a pretty good idea" of the cause, McCorkle said.

As of Monday afternoon, the flight data recorder had not been

recovered. The crash Saturday night was the deadliest air disaster for the Marines since 22 died in a helicopter crash in South Korea in 1989. The last crash of an Osprey was in 1992, when a prototype version crashed into the Potomac River near Quantico, Va., and killed seven people.

In Saturday's incident, the

crew chief of a second Osprey, landing at the same airfield just ahead of the crash, saw the Osprey nose into the ground, McCorkle said. There was no distress signal from the plane and no other sign of trouble, he said. McCorkle said the weather did not appear a factor. Winds were calm at the time, and visibility was 20 miles.

Four Ospreys were involved in the mission, plus the F-18 circling overhead. The F-18 was equipped with a Forward Looking Infrared system that enables the pilot to "see" targets through darkness. The infrared camera system was operating as a matter of course, McCorkle said. The film has not been examined.

Both the Osprey's co-pilots had extensive flying experience. Maj. John A. Brow had logged 97 hours in the Osprey, Maj. Brooks S. Gruber 86 hours. Brow had 3,777 total flight hours in various aircraft; Gruber had 2,117 hours.

The Osprey is unique in its ability to take off like a helicopter, rotate its propellers 95 degrees and fly like an airplane. It was attempting to land at an airfield in Marana, Ariz., about 30 miles northwest of Tucson, when it crashed, burned and killed the four crew members and 15 others on board. They were participating in a test of how the aircraft would perform in a simulated "noncombatant

The aircraft that crashed was constructed in Amarillo

evacuation," a carefully choreographed rescue of civilians from a hostile environment.

McCorkle said it was unclear whether the Osprey had completed the transition from airplane mode to helicopter mode for landing.

Marine Corps spokesman Maj. Dave LaPan said it was possible but unlikely the crash could disrupt the timetable for moving the Osprey from its final testing phase into actual deployment with Marine squadrons. He said no firm judgment could be made until the crash investigation is complete.

The current phase of "operational evaluation," in which Marines fly four production-model Ospreys in realistic training missions, began last October and is to be finished in June. McCorkle stressed the purpose of this training is to evaluate, not test, the aircraft and to adjust tactics.

The Marine Corps commandant, Gen. James Jones, called a temporary halt to flying Ospreys. "More than anything else it's out of respect for the families" of the victims, rather than a need to reinspect the remaining planes,

McCorkle said. He said it was likely that flying would resume "in the next couple of days."

McCorkle, who has flown the Osprey and is proficient in both helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft, described the MV-22 as "the most stable and easiest aircraft I've flown." He said the plane has been flown for 3,600 hours since testing began.

"We're confident in the program because of the amount of testing we've done and the number of hours we've flown it," spokesman LaPan said. "We've really put this aircraft through its paces."

The Osprey, named for a diving bird of prey, is manufactured by Boeing Co. and Bell Helicopter Textron. A decision is due in October on moving from "operational evaluation" or field testing, to full-scale production. The current plan is for the Marines to buy 360 Ospreys, the Navy 48 and the Air Force 50.

The Marines are counting on the Osprey to replace its aging fleet of CH-46 Sea Knight helicopters for troop transport and sea-to-shore insertion of assault troops.

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High school student questions ethics of others raising hogs for competition

TYLER, Texas (AP) — A high school student is questioning the ethics of students who pay to have their show livestock raised for them and then walk away with top honors after presenting the animals at Future Farmers of America competitions.

Winona High School student Laura Eckeberger, 15, said she became aware of the practice when an unidentified student from Bullard High School approached her at a recent Smith County Junior Livestock Show.

The boy told Eckeberger that the night before

the livestock show was the first time he had seen his show hog.

Eckeberger told the Tyler Morning Telegraph in Tuesday's editions that under 4-H rules, members are required to keep their animals at their homes and to raise the animals for show on their own.

But FFA rules apparently do not ban the practice of ghost raising hogs, she said.

The Bullard Independent School District board of trustees listened to a letter Eckeberger read aloud at a meeting Monday night. The letter is addressed to the Texas FFA Association in Austin.

Search warrant says Texas trucker offered his daughter, 7, for sex if he could watch

HIGH POINT, N.C. (AP) — A Texas trucker jailed on eight felony sex charges admitted to investigators that he had traded child pornography over the Internet, according to search warrants.

Angel Rivera Vasquez, 30, of Lubbock, Texas, was arrested last month and charged with indecent liberties with a child after police said he offered his 7-year-old daughter for sex if he was allowed to watch.

The girl was placed in the custody of the Guilford Department of Social Services after the arrest. Vasquez was being held in the Guilford County Detention Center in High Point under a \$1 million bond.

Both Vasquez and his wife, Gloria Sue Vasquez, 26, were charged with seven felony counts of child exploitation after investigators found computer

images in their truck that depicted minors having sex.

The images included children as young as 6 engaged in sexual acts, according to court documents.

Investigators searching Vasquez's truck recovered two computer disks, one which was labeled child porn, according to the search warrant. Investigators also recovered a laptop computer, undeveloped film and pornographic magazines and videos.

The charges against Gloria Vasquez were related to the child pornography. She was not charged in connection with the sexual offer. She is being held under a \$50,000 bond.

Angel Vasquez's next court appearance is scheduled for May 3.

Miami relatives prepare to return Elian to father

MIAMI (AP) — Nearly five months after Elian Gonzalez was rescued at sea, his Miami relatives are finally taking tentative, reluctant steps toward returning the 6-year-old boy to his father.

Elian's great-uncle Lazaro Gonzalez met for an hour Monday with two psychiatrists and a psychologist sent by the government to arrange Elian's smooth transfer to his father.

The doctors, who met with Elian's father in Washington, D.C., on Sunday, were expected to discuss the situation again today with federal officials.

Although the family still hopes for a reprieve from a federal appeals court, many in Miami's Cuban exile community acknowledge that the chances are slim.

Ninoska Perez, a spokeswoman for the Cuban American National Foundation, said of Elian: "People feel that his time is probably running out, and a lot of people are desperate."

Thousands of people in Little Havana wistfully marched to Lazaro Gonzalez's house Monday night, carrying Cuban flags, singing the Cuban national anthem and praying for Elian. At its peak, police estimated, the crowd reached 15,000.

Police closed about 30 city blocks and reported no problems. The atmosphere at times resembled a street fair. Many people brought children in strollers; some ate food bought from vendors.

"This is all we have left, is to do these peaceful demonstrations," said Carlos Rodriguez, 36. "We're not the aggressive Mafia that they're portraying us as."

Even so, demonstrators still promise to form a human chain around the house if necessary to prevent immigration agents from removing the boy.

"If they take him, Miami is going to be hot," said Mary Riverson, 38. "Everybody will be on the street."

Attorney General Janet Reno had described Monday's meeting as an important step toward reuniting Elian and his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez. The elder Gonzalez remained in Bethesda, Md., where he has been staying with Cuban diplomats since coming to America on Thursday.

Neither the family nor the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which was represented at the talks, would comment on what happened during the meeting. Ed Rosasco, president of Mercy Hospital,

where the meeting took place, said it was cordial.

The Miami relatives had made it clear they were unhappy that the psychiatrists would not evaluate Elian. The relatives said such an examination would conclude he should not be returned to his father.

The government did make one accommodation to the Miami family, moving the meeting to the hospital after Lazaro Gonzalez said he could not leave his 21-year-old daughter, Marisleysis. She is admitted there.

"This is another instance of the government bending over backwards ... for Elian's well-being," INS spokeswoman Maria Cardona said.

Marisleysis, who has been hospitalized several times for stress and exhaustion, has styled herself as a mother figure to Elian. She did not attend the meeting.

Justice Department officials said they would settle on a transfer plan for when and how the Miami relatives would relinquish custody after their meeting today with the psychiatrists and psychologist.

Among the options under consideration, according to a Justice Department official who spoke on condition of anonymity: bringing Elian to a neutral site in Florida to be turned over to Juan Miguel Gonzalez, if he will go there, or to a third party who would bring the boy to his father in Maryland. The Miami relatives could also bring Elian to Maryland, a more remote possibility.

On CBS' "The Early Show" today, Gregory Craig, a lawyer for Juan Gonzalez, was asked if he expects the Miami relatives to hand Elian over. "Everything they've done to date leads you to think they won't do this voluntarily," he replied.

Said Kendall Coffey, a lawyer for the Miami relatives, on ABC's "Good Morning America": "We will of course comply with legal obligations. ... Ultimately, once we get the letter (from federal officials) and look at the law we will do what is both lawful and what is best for the child, based on our own feelings, our own psychological evidence and what we believe is best for this little boy."

Reno planned to meet today with Miami-Dade Mayor Alex Penelas, Miami Mayor Joe Carollo and possibly Lazaro or Delfin Gonzalez, another of Elian's great-uncles, the Justice official said.