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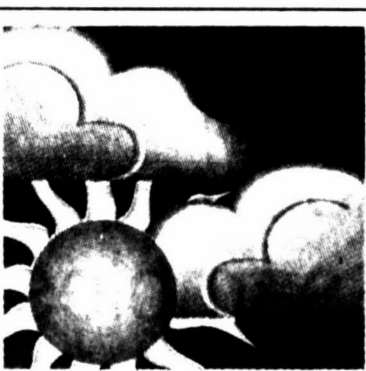
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PAMPA — Act 1 Theatre will present "An Evening of One Acts" at 7 p.m. April 13-15 at the theatre in Pampa Mall (west entrance). Dinner will be served prior to the performance at 6 p.m. Reservations are required. Cost of the meal is \$8. Tickets to 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.

PAMPA — A ceremony dedicating National and Texas historical markers to be placed at several historic Pampa buildings is set for 2 p.m., Saturday, April 15, at the Gray County Courthouse Court Room.

A special tribute honoring John and Ted Gikas, owners of the Coney Island Cafe, is also planned. (See related story this page) A tour of the markers is to be conducted after the ceremony.

National Register of Historic Places markers are to be dedicated for Gray County Courthouse, City Hall, Central Fire Station, Combs-Worley Building, and the White Deer Land Office. Texas Historical markers are to be dedicated for the Gray County Courthouse and Combs-Worley Building.

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Roach defeats Mann by six votes

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

While rumors were circulating this morning there will be a recount in Tuesday's five-county 31st District Attorney's race, incumbent John Mann told *The Pampa News* he has not decided if he will make a request.

Mann was edged out by Rick Roach by six votes in the election.

Mann said he is conferring with his attorney this afternoon to determine whether or not to seek a recount.

After the final vote count seemed back and forth several times this morning, it was determined there was a six-vote margin

instead of a one-vote victory for Roach.

The confusion was in the voting precinct box which consisted of precincts 3, 7, 11 and 12 in the Republican runoff, said Gray County Clerk Susan Winborne.

The discrepancy seemed to be in reading the vote count numbers submitted to Gray County Clerk Winborne. The precinct box count for Roach was first determined to be 95 in that box, but changed to 90 Tuesday evening. This morning it was determined the number in question was a 5 and the total changed back to 95.

At times today the final vote count was believed to be only one vote apart in the hotly con-

tested race. However, the last word from Winborne is six votes.

Rick Roach - 1, 263
John Mann - 1, 257

"We were telling all our supporters prior to the election that it would be close. We weren't lying," said the elated Roach this morning of the six-vote margin. He said he feels the people want a full-time DA. Roach has said the \$80,000 annual salary for a part-time DA equals 80 percent of a district judge's salary while the salary for a fulltime DA is the same as a district judge, \$101,000.

"I don't feel the people were aware of the number of pending cases in the DAs office," said Roach. He also learned many



Rick Roach

Gray County voters weren't aware the 31st District is comprised of four additional counties — Roberts, Wheeler,



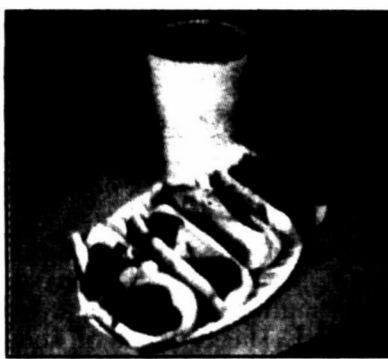
John Mann

Hemphill, Lipscomb — in addition to Gray.

Roach believes the DAs job is (See ROACH, Page 2)

Pampa tradition... Special tribute to Gikas brothers set for Saturday

By DARLENE BIRKES
For The News



marker dedication.

Many returning to Pampa never feel they have been home until they have been to the Coney. "When they come to a class reunion they always mention returning to the Coney," said former Pampa High School science teacher Elaine Ledbetter, who suggested the Pampa tribute.

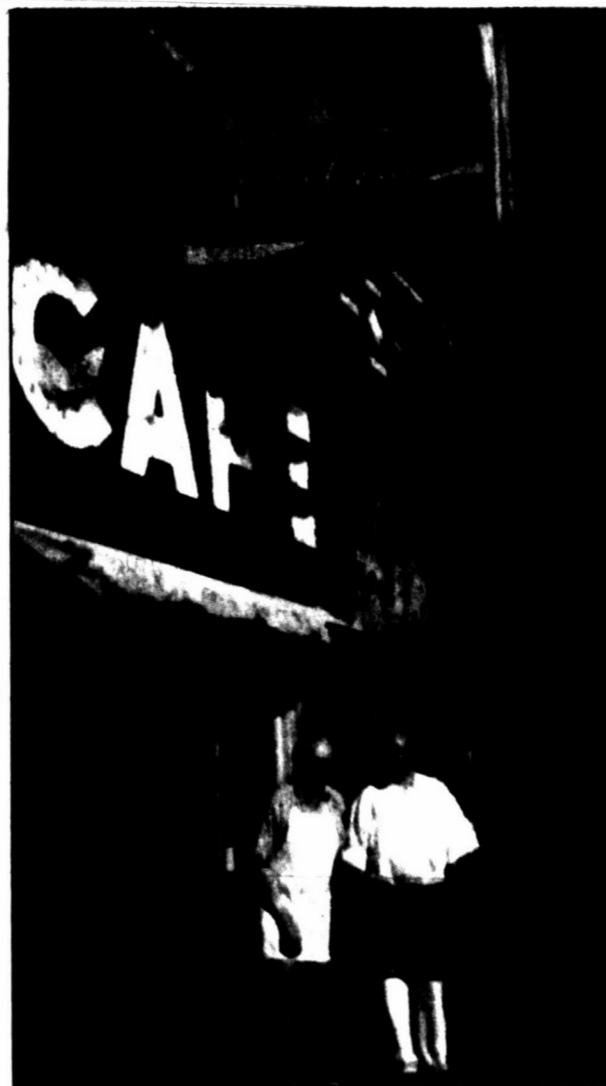
"Class and family reunions try to avoid our vacation dates, because a visit to the Coney is traditional," said John Gikas. Some warn that "Coney Island eating attacks" may occur if the Coney is closed.

In Pampa since 1933 and at 114 W. Foster since 1958, the Coney Island cafe has become a tradition. Part of a by-gone era, people stop by to enjoy the coney and tasty homemade pie, the delicious ham sandwiches and stew, and to visit old friends at a place that never changes. Perhaps that is part of the appeal in this fast changing world.

The waitresses still call out the orders in the same way; "three on one, heavy on the onions, and without"....on and on. "This saves 25% of the time over writing the order out," claims Ted Gikas.

During busy periods, dozens of hot dogs line the grill awaiting the Coney treatment: a spoon full of chili, a dash of mustard and chopped white onions over a grilled dog in a steamed bun. Hamburgers are frying and stew is simmering. In the evening, many of the orders are takeouts — men from work stopping by to pick up a sack of coney or some chili to take home.

One noticeable change is the absence of the old regulars. Most of the Coffee Gang, so famous for their practical jokes are gone. They included Warner Phillips, Hub Homer, Bill Ladd, Shirley Nichols, Homer Doggett, Haughty Doggett, Rufe Jordan, Paul Crossman, Ott Shewmaker and Ed Anderson. Fines were executed if one of the gang



John and Ted Gikas in front of the Coney Island Cafe, a Pampa tradition since 1933.

missed the coffee session, and the only legitimate excuse for being absent was one's demise, so everyone kept a check on the obituaries. Probably one of the most memorable events occurred when one of the members struck a match on another's jeans and caught the jeans on fire.

Occasionally a famous personality would appear at the Coney Island. The brothers remember Bob Wills in 1951 when he came in and went back to the kitchen to stand at the place where he had "Washed thousands of dishes" and then reminisced about where he had cut hair in the barber shop next door.

Woodie Guthrie penned "All Alone on a Saturday Night" — over coffee at the Coney (See TRADITION, Page 5)

Two Gray County constable winners in runoff contests

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Two incumbent Gray County Constables were returned to office following Tuesday's Republican runoff elections.

Chris Lockridge won over challenger Paul Sublett, 225-179, to stay in office another four years in the Precinct 2 position. He received 56 percent of the vote.

In the March 14 primary Lockridge lead the three-way race with 244 votes. Sublett received 229 while the third candidate, Robert Douglas, had 181 votes. Douglas was eliminated in the primary.

Constable, Precinct 1 & 3 James Lewis garnered 75 percent of Tuesday's runoff to retain his position. His vote totals were 676 to challenger Randy Stubblefield garnered 230 votes in the runoff.

Lewis lead a field of four candidates in the March 14 primary, but didn't have a majority of the vote so the Tuesday runoff was required.

Totals in the March primary were: Lewis, 813; Stubblefield, 401; Curtis Dalton, 298; and Michael Ray, 236.

In Roberts County, chief deputy sheriff Dana Miller will be the next sheriff. He defeated Gray County Deputy Lt. Dallas Hardin, 233-170. In the primary on March 14, Hardin lead the field with 180 votes while Miller was second with 175 votes. Gary Pettit was third with 23 votes.

Miller will succeed current Sheriff Bill Britain. Britain is retiring when his term ends in December. No candidates for the sheriff position were on the Democratic ballot in the General Election.

In the only other runoff race in the area, Wheeler County voters ousted incumbent Precinct 1 County Commissioner Kenneth Childress to choose Daryl G. Snelgroves, 250 to 183.

In the March 14 primary elections the vote total was Snelgroves, 185; Childress, 181; and Joe VanZandt, 168.

Lefors schools also plan health coverage change

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

LEFORS — Lefors Independent School District (ISD) board of trustees joined other school districts throughout the Panhandle in withdrawing from the Panhandle Schools Co-op, a health insurance cooperative, effective June 1.

During a regular meeting in the school library Tuesday, school board members voted unanimously to leave the co-op effective June 1, following the lead of other school district members such as Miami ISD and Highland Park ISD.

"If we get out right now, we're going to end up owing \$10,000 to \$12,000," said Superintendent Allen Law. "Basically what we're owing is for a car wreck that happened last year."

Lefors ISD entered the cooperative about 18 months ago, Law explained.

"The problem is, when we entered into the co-op, nobody put in any up-front money," he said.

Board members also unani-

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— Superintendent Allen Law

mostly approved Law's recommendation to accept a bid from a fully-funded provider, UNICARE Life and Health small group insurance. The plan, which was \$200 per month lower than any other bids, Law said, offers a six-month rate guarantee, \$500 annual deductible and \$20 copay for medical, \$100 deductible and \$10/\$20 copay for medications, life and dental benefits.

"It's basically the same policy we have now except it will pay 80-20 for major medical instead of the 90-10," the superintendent explained.

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Mark Your Calendars Now For The Dairy Festival!!
Business Expo, June 17, 2000!! More Details To Come!!

'One Big Happy Family'



Students at Travis Elementary School recently participated in the program "One Big Happy Family." Above, left, Shanna Keown, Emily Nicolas and Cali Gibson. On the right, Phillip and Braxton Reagan spend some time together.

(Special photos)

Calendar of events

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

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM
The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

CLARENDON COLLEGE
Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer GED testing on the fourth Monday and Tuesday of each month. Registration will be at 9 a.m. each day. Cost will be \$45 including a \$20 deposit. For more information, call 665-8801.

LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY
Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION
High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

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

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.

TRASH DAY
The first Lakeshore Cleanup of the 21st Century and the 17th Annual Lakeshore

Cleanup at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument will be from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15. Marked items will be placed among the real trash in cleanup areas and will be exchanged for door prizes. For more information, call Lakeshore Cleanup 2000 Coordinator Laura Illige at (806) 857-3151.

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

'BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S'
The Canadian Arts Alliance is bringing the classic movie "Breakfast at Tiffany's" to the Palace Theatre in Canadian at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20. Tickets — \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 — will be available at the door. The 1961 movie, based on a novel by Truman Capote, was directed by Blake Edwards and stars Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard.

PPOG
Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. April 27 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. The program will be a demonstration on making chenille. For more information, call (806) 779-2115. Visitors are welcome.

GARDENFEST 2000
Potter-Randall County Master Gardeners, a volunteer

network affiliated with the Extension Service's Texas Master Gardener Program, will hold its annual fund-raiser "Gardening with the Masters Gardenfest 2000" from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. May 6 at Texas A&M Research Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West. The event is being sponsored by PRMG in association with Amarillo Botanical Gardens. For more information, call Linda at (806) 355-6608 or Teresa at (806) 359-3036.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Advance Care Planning" April 5 and "Journal Writing" April 12 in the cancer center amphitheatre. For more information call The Quality of Life Project, (806) 354-5875, ext. 327 or 1-800-274-4673.

BSA HOSPICE PROGRAM
BSA Hospice will offer a class for anyone interested in becoming a BSA Hospice volunteer from 1:30-4:30 p.m. every Monday and Thursday, March 20-April 13 at Amarillo BSA Hospice Building, 600 N. Tyler. The training is free and CEUs will be awarded by Amarillo College. To register, call Deborah Andrews, LSW, (806) 212-8715.

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

ERGONOMICS CONFERENCE
American Society of Safety Engineers and Amarillo College will co-sponsor "Ergonomics Conference" April 28 at AC Business and Industry Center, 1314 S. Polk,

Amarillo. For more information or to register, call Bob Pearce at (806) 371-5207 or Rick Paris at (806) 355-9253.

OUTWARD BOUND COURSE
North Carolina Outward Bound is offering both a 21- and a 28-day "Classic Outward Bound Course" for teens interested in backpacking, rock climbing, rappelling and white-water canoeing through the wilds of the Southern Appalachian Mountains. For more information, call 1-877-77-NCOB, e-mail challenge@ncobs.org or log-on to <http://www.ncobs.org/summer.html>.

POWER WHEELCHAIRS
Miracle on Wheels is offering Power Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory senior citizens (65 years and up) usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit is required. The chairs are provided to those who cannot walk and

self-propel a manual wheelchair at their home or independent living quarters and who meet additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age. For more information, call 1-800-749-8778 or visit www.durablemedical.com on the World Wide Web.

MRS. TEXAS PAGEANT
Officials of the 2000 Mrs. Texas United States Pageant are seeking applicants for the competition to be held in April at the Holiday Inn Select in Dallas. The pageant is a preliminary to Mrs. United States to be held in July at Las Vegas. Contestants must be married, a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Judging will be based on personal interview, evening gown presentation and swimsuit. For more information, write JDY Productions, 2910 E. Perryton Dr., Dallas, TX 75224 or call (214) 339-4788.

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Crisis Center's founder sees dream become a reality

By DR. TRAVIS PLUMLEE

Recently my family was traveling through the Texas Panhandle along I-40. I persuaded them to take a quick detour through Pampa. I wanted to see the Tralee Crisis Center. I had no idea where the shelter or the offices were located. We just drove downtown and there it was! The offices and the resale shop of the center. This was the manifestation of a dream I had some 20 years ago. When I grabbed the door handle and walked into the offices, I touched a dream. When I shook hands with the volunteers and the staff, I touched a dream. When I picked up a brochure and looked at all the programs, I touched a dream.

Good things do still occur. There are people who care and do things for others. The city of Pampa should be so overjoyed with the services now being offered. It appears to be a wonderful place to help hurting people. But Pampa has always been that way. It is good to see some things don't change. There are so many agencies that help the hurting in this community. Pampa is a caring community.

How it all started

I was employed as the counselor at Coronado Community Hospital (now Pampa Regional Medical Center) in 1979. I was often times called to the emergency room to help out with all kinds of problems. There was one area that was very frustrating to me, however. When anyone came into the emergency room as a victim of family violence or rape, there was no safe haven for them to temporarily go and rest and recover. They were treated and released.

There was one case that finally broke the proverbial "camel's back." A woman had been brought into the hospital with horrible injuries sustained from her husband. He had beaten her with a guitar. When she tried to stand up, he grabbed a kitchen chair and broke it over her back. She was then beaten about the face. After treatment and crisis counseling from me, she was dismissed. She had no place to go. The law enforcement officer said that he was going to call her husband to come pick her up. I said, "Why are we going to call him now? He's the one that did this to her. I don't think it is in her best interest to be with him right now." The offi-



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Tralee Resale Shop volunteers, from left, Margie Moore and Kay Harris, pick out an Easter dress and Easter basket available from the shop's selection of children's clothing and toys. Moore and Harris each have four years experience as Tralee volunteers.

cer looked at me and said, "She has nowhere else to go, does she? She's married to him. She belongs to him." At that point, the husband came and picked her up.

I vowed that night that I would do something to make sure that any child or woman who had suffered from domestic violence or rape would have a safe refuge to temporarily get some help until decisions could be made about the future for the family. I lobbied the hospital to purchase a beeper for me. This was an unusual item back in 1979. They did. The emergency room staff was instructed to call me if there were any rape victims or family violence patients admitted to the hospital. Needless to say, there were an overwhelming number. It didn't take much more than two weeks for me to see this was bigger than a one-man job. I needed help. I

started trying to find volunteers.

I chose to go and speak to all the women's organizations, civic clubs and churches in Pampa. I was shocked to be met with resistance. The most common comment I heard back then was, "That was a good program, but we don't have that problem here in Pampa." I certainly knew that wasn't the truth.

I really felt there were certain cases, particularly rape cases, that because I was a man, I was not the best person to be talking to a woman immediately following such a crime. I needed some women to volunteer to help me. I continued on for about six months without any volunteers.

The first volunteers

I prayed fervently for the Lord to send me some volunteers. He did. In 1980, six women offered to

try and help me take the calls. I only remember their first names. They were Becky, Fran, Kathy, Lynn, Nancy and Sandy. I arranged for these six women to go to Amarillo and be trained as volunteer counselors from the Amarillo center. I worked many hours with these women to help them understand how to counsel these hurting people who came to us. We didn't have a shelter. We all took turns carrying the beeper. We went out day or night to the emergency room and counseled the people in my office at the hospital. If the person needed a safe place to stay, we had safe houses where they could spend two or three nights. This is how the shelter operated for a long time. Finally, toward the mid-1980s, we applied for official recognition as a shelter serving the eastern Panhandle. We were the only shelter in existence in the entire Panhandle except Amarillo.

We received our first grant that we worked so hard to

achieve. It was a day of celebration when we received a grant for \$12,000. We could actually start doing things now. We served all of the eastern Panhandle and western Oklahoma at that time. I was deeply honored when the named the shelter after me.

I have moved on now and started several other shelters in cities where I have lived. I currently serve on the board of directors for Have House - a home for abuse victims in Conway, Ark.

I still have my strong Christian conviction of reaching out and helping others. But no one will ever know the joy I felt in my heart when I drove down the main street of downtown Pampa and saw the Tralee Crisis Center. I got out and touched a dream!

Tralee Crisis Center salutes its volunteers



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Denise Taylor talks to a caller on the Tralee Crisis Hotline. Trained volunteers man the hotline number 24-hour per day to help victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Lavon Mackey talks with a victim of domestic violence. Mackey has worked as a Tralee Hotline volunteer for two years.

Program services expand as agency grows

Since its inception almost two decades ago, Tralee Crisis Center, a United Way agency, has steadily increased services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Following are some of the services now available through Tralee Crisis Center:

Emergency Shelter - An emergency shelter is available 24-hour per day for victims of sexual assault and battered women and their children. Advocacy and counseling is provided for both women and children, including a full range of needed information and referrals. Length of stay is determined on an individual basis, but no longer than 30 days after admission. Access is available through the hotline, shelter manager and face-to-face contact.

Crisis Hotline - Tralee's crisis hotline, (806)669-1788, is manned 24-hour a day by trained volunteers. The hotline provides immediate crisis counseling, information about services available, facts about family violence, sexual assault, and crime victim's compensation, in addition to referrals for battered women and other crime victims.

Legal Advocacy - Legal and personal advocacy services are available to all Tralee clients. Referrals are also given for battering intervention programs.

Justice Support - Tralee provides victims with information about the criminal justice system, explanation of court procedures and court accompaniment.

Counseling and Support Groups - In addition to immediate individual crisis counseling, Tralee offers short-term individual counseling, support group interaction and survival skills training, including job re-entry, stress management, interpersonal relationships, parenting skills and child

management, health and nutrition, personal advocacy, and money management.

Transitional Living Project - An opportunity for sheltered women to live in a transitional apartment, rent-free, up to one year, while learning to become self-sufficient.

Thrift Store - Tralee's Thrift Store provides clients with a limited amount of free clothing and household items, as well as job training and employment opportunities. Items received through community donations are also sold with the proceeds going back into the agency operations to help provide funding for the organization.

Community Education - Tralee's staff and volunteers present programs to help increase community awareness.

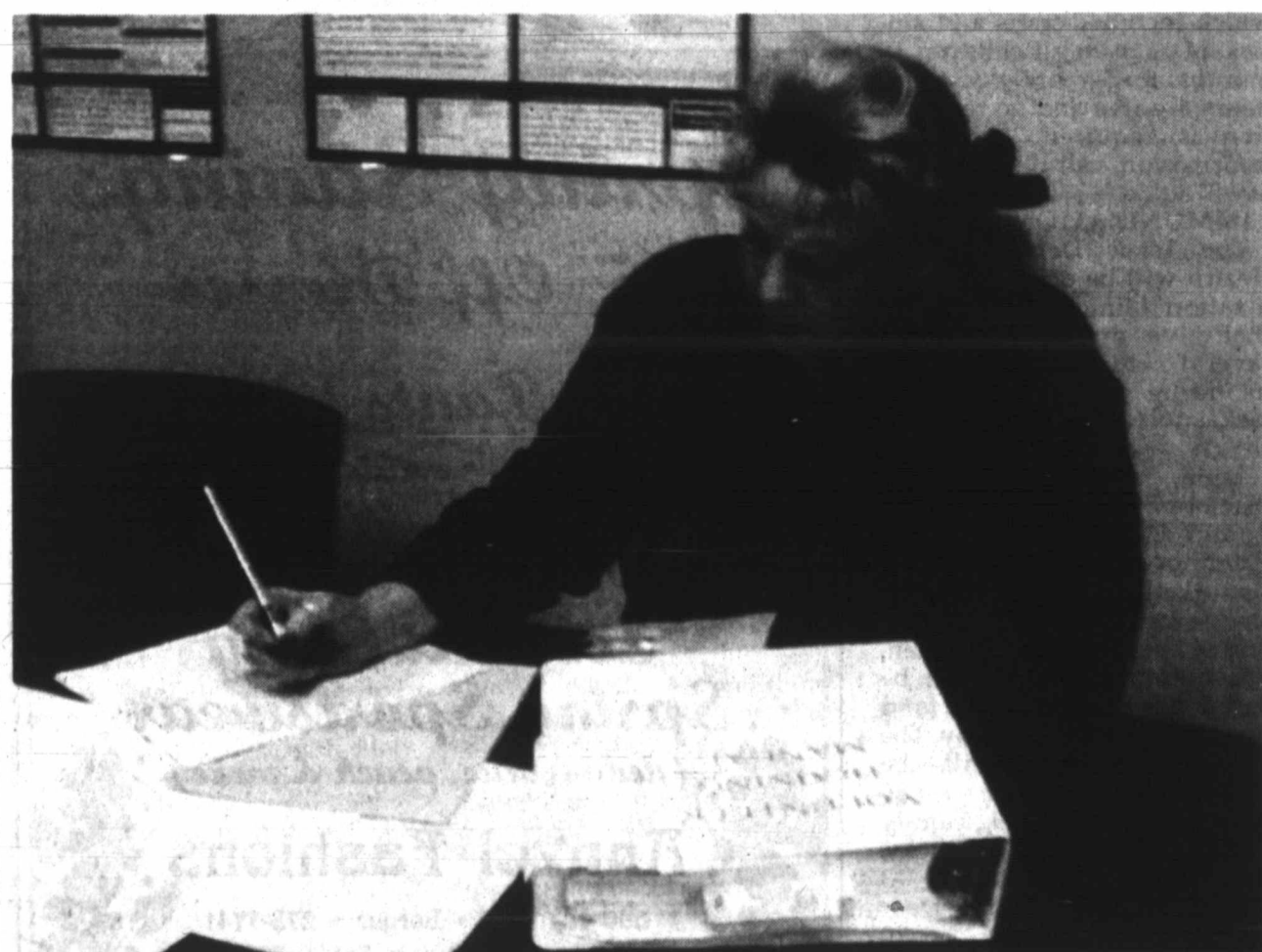
Volunteer Opportunities - Tralee provides a 10-week, 30-hour, volunteer training program. Volunteers will staff the crisis hotline, provide direct and indirect client services, and assist the agency in ensuring services are available to all victims of violent crime.

Educational Arrangements for Children - School-age children staying in the shelter are able to continue their education and are provided transportation to an educational facility if needed.

Emergency Medical Care - Assistance is given to shelter residents and non-residents who need emergency medical services.

Transportation - Transportation is available for victims throughout the seven-county service area, as well as providing local transportation for shelter residents.

Outreach - Staff members visit weekly with outreach clients and law enforcement agencies to provide information about available services.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Teresa Heckman studies information from the volunteer training class. Training topics include dynamics of family violence, understanding sexual assault and other crime victims, advocacy training and basic telephone hotline procedures.

Youth crimes declining but punishments on the rise, advocates say

By ANJETTA McQUEEN
AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alan Heitner says he'd like to believe that his children are safer because of zero-tolerance penalties for schoolchildren who carry weapons, start fights or make threats. But his son's two-week suspension hasn't convinced him. "I don't think anyone who is in a position of responsibility can be mindless," said Heitner, a physician in Madeira, Ohio, whose son Dana, 18, was punished last fall for school-election signs in a restroom that joked about a bomb in the toilet. "From a safety standpoint, this is really absurd."

Heitner is not alone in his concern. Two youth advocacy groups are issuing a report today that cautions school against reacting to high-profile shootings like the one at Columbine High School last year. Youth violence is falling, but punishing children is on the rise, the report says.

"We've got kids getting kicked out of school for saying 'bang-bang' to each other," said Vincent Schiraldi of the Justice Policy Institute, a youth advocacy think tank that co-authored the report. "It's no more fair to stereotype them all as school shooters than to stereotype all adults as Timothy

The report by the Justice Policy Institute, based in Washington and San Francisco, and the nonprofit legal aid Children's Law Center in Covington, Ky., recommends more school counseling, balanced media coverage of school shootings and tougher gun control laws. The groups gleaned data from federal and state agencies and nonprofit research centers.

McVeigh," who bombed the federal building in Oklahoma City.

The report — released a week before the first anniversary of the April 20 Columbine High School shooting that killed 14 — says the public isn't paying attention to overall youth-violence trends. Instead, shootings in Colorado, Arkansas, Oregon and most recently Michigan — where one first-grader shot and killed another youngster in class —

have driven schools to install more metal detectors, conduct more locker searches and impose more suspensions and expulsions for threats, Schiraldi said.

"Even though these are awful tragedies, we can't set public policy based on these events," Schiraldi said in an interview.

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The report findings include: —Seven in 10 Americans think a school shooting could happen in their communities, but a child has a 1 in 2 million chance of being killed in a U.S. school.

—Youth homicide arrests dropped 56 percent from 1993 to 1998, but two-thirds of 1,000 people polled by The Washington Post in November said they believed children were getting more violent.

—Citing Maryland as an example, suspensions for false alarms and bomb threats went up 44 per-

cent from the 1997-98 school year to the 1998-99 year. Although it was not known whether the alarms and threats themselves increased, the group said the significant increase in suspensions alone reflected a crackdown on such infractions.

"Kids have to know there are consequences to illegal activity," said Jim Pasco, executive director of the Fraternal Order of Police, the 285,000-member police union. "The real issue is how can they (officials) be tough without creating the perceptions that they are oppressing these kids."

Most of the punishments were for what the report called "petty acts." For example, a 17-year-old junior was expelled from his suburban Chicago high school in 1998 after the paper clip he shot with a rubber band struck a cafeteria worker, drawing a small amount of blood. He was also charged with disorderly conduct.

The crackdown hit minority children especially hard, the report said. In Phoenix, black students are suspended from school at 22 times the rate of white students; in Denver, San Francisco and Austin, they are suspended at least three times as often.

On the Net: The report will be available today: <http://www.cjg.org/schoolhouse/type/shh2.html>

Prison time possible for former Dallas councilman

DALLAS (AP) — Former Dallas City Councilman Al Lipscomb faces the prospect of prison time as punishment for taking bribes, despite an illness that required hospitalization.

A U.S. District Court judge will consider a range of punishment from three to five years in prison for the 74-year-old civil rights activist, those familiar with the federal court system told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions.

Lipscomb was expected to appear in court this afternoon to learn his punishment. He was convicted by an Amarillo jury in January on 65 counts of conspiracy and bribery.

He was hospitalized April 4 at St. Paul's Medical Center in Dallas, suffering from congestive heart failure and pneumonia.

But Marvin Collins, a former U.S. attorney in Dallas, said age and health are not considered to be valid reasons to deviate from sentencing guidelines.

"The average federal judge has less sentencing dis-

cretion than the average municipal judge," said David Lane, a Colorado criminal defense attorney who teaches law at the University of Denver.

Lipscomb initially was to be sentenced Monday, but his lawyers told Judge Joe Kendall that he was too sick to appear in court. The ex-councilman was hospitalized April 4 with pneumonia.

Today's court appearance was expected to be "a real strain on him," said Tom Melsheimer, one of Lipscomb's lawyers.

Defense attorneys planned to ask Kendall to consider a "downward departure" from federal sentencing guidelines in handing down punishment because of their client's age and failing health. Lipscomb has said he'd hoped for probation or home confinement.

Lipscomb was convicted on Jan. 25 on charges that he traded his votes for payments from Yellow Cab Co. owner Floyd Richards. Lipscomb, the first black to run for Dallas mayor and a city councilman for 14 of the past 16 years, resigned his seat Feb. 3.

Police officers accused of beating, sexually torturing 13-year-old boy

DALLAS (AP) — Two DeSoto police officers face criminal charges that they beat and sexually tortured a 13-year-old boy in their care.

Lt. William Homer Ransom, 53, and his wife, Sgt. Judith Corkran Ransom, 54, were indicted last week on a variety of charges. They remained late Tuesday at the Ellis County jail, with bail for each set at \$200,000, authorities told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions.

Their attorney, George Milner III, said the two officers "adamantly deny the allegation."

DeSoto Police Chief Mike Brodnax said the Ransoms have worked for his department for about 20 years. Last year, Sgt. Ransom was voted officer of the year, he said.

"They're exemplary employees," said Chief Brodnax told the newspaper. He added that he has known the couple for about three years. "This caught us completely off-guard," he said.

Milner said the boy and his older sister, who also lived with the couple, are Sgt. Ransom's nephew and niece.

Lt. Ransom was indicted on one count of aggravated sexu-

al assault of a child and nine counts of injury to a child. Sgt. Ransom faces one count of aggravated sexual assault of a child and three counts of injury to a child.

According to a probable cause affidavit filed in February, a CPS caseworker told Ellis County investigators that she saw and photographed bruises, a black eye and evidence that the boy had been sodomized with a cable or cord. A Waxahachie police officer took the boy to Baylor Medical Center in Waxahachie to have the 4-foot cord removed.

DeSoto police officials said the Ransoms have been placed on administrative leave without pay but can use vacation and sick time.

The department will do its own investigation, but it has not received information it needs from Ellis County authorities, Sgt. James Henrice told The Morning News.

CPS regional spokeswoman Marleigh Meisner said a tipster notified her agency about the allegations of abuse. The boy and his sister were removed from the home immediately, she said.

According to the affidavit, the boy told caseworker Christy Campbell that his injuries were inflicted by Sgt. Ransom as punishment for his conduct. He also said that he had been beaten regularly when he soiled himself and that he was not allowed to remove the cord without Sgt. Ransom's permission.

The boy also told Campbell that Lt. Ransom was present on occasions when Sgt. Ransom beat him for removing the cable and soiling himself, according to the affidavit.

Chief Brodnax said the 13-year-old has learning and physical disabilities and has to wear a diaper. The boy cannot control some of his muscle functions and has a device inserted into his rectum to help with bowel movements, he said.

Ellis County Investigator Marlena Pendley, however, has testified that the Ransoms used the cord and a probe to punish the boy and that Sgt. Ransom "regularly beats the child as punishment in a manner that amounts to physical abuse," according to documents obtained by the newspaper.

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Hutchinson County Museum to host 'Visions Along the Canadian' art show and reception

Ray was born and raised in the Texas Panhandle. His upbringing continues to influence the subjects of his artwork: western landscapes, historical paintings and bronze sculptures depicting southwestern life and culture. His early exposure to horses, ranching and real cowboys made a lifelong imprint and created a passion for depicting the scenes in oil and bronze.

BORGER — The Hutchinson County Historical Museum in Borger will host "Visions Along the Canadian," a western art and landscape show featuring the work of Clarendon native Don Ray, April 16-June 17. A public reception for the artist slated from 2-4 p.m. will open the show Sunday, April 16.

The show numbers 26 paintings and bronzes and provides scenic, historic views of the past. Views of the Comanchero traders, buffalo hunters and Comanches as they might have been seen along the Canadian River trace their story through bygone days. The familiar panoramas of the river are favorite subjects of Ray's. The paintings are selected from both private and public collections throughout the panhandle and is the largest showing of Ray's work in many years. The Hutchinson County Historical Museum will be the only venue for this important show.

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Some of the works that will be on display include these oil paintings: "XIT Cowboy," "End of the Longhorn Trail," "Bone Pickers," "Invitation to Trade" and "Cibolero." Some of Ray's beautiful bronze sculptures include "Longhorn," "Comanche Moon," "Comanchero Trader" and "Cow Camp Chorale."

Many other fascinating western artifacts that relate to the artis-

tic subjects from private collections will be included in the exhibit. An original 1838 Dragoon Pistol, an original Spanish Colonial Bowie Knife, with a set of Spurs ca. 1540, are just a few of the items you won't want to miss.

Ray has exhibited in many invitational and one man art shows which include the Hudson Valley Art Association, White Plains, N.Y.; Abercrombie and Fitch, New York, N.Y.; American Quarter Horse Heritage Center, Amarillo, as well as numerous gallery shows in the Southwest.

Ray's works are shown in the permanent collections of the XIT Museum in Dalhart, Haley Library and History Center in Midland, Mountain Oyster Club in Tucson, Ariz., the Phippen Museum of Western Art in Prescott, Ariz., Cherokee Strip Museum, Enid, Okla., the National Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock and many others. I-Es work is also held in the private collection of a New York investor, a prominent Lubbock, Texas collector and many others.

His work has appeared in the "National Cowboy Hall of Fame" magazine, "Persimmon Hill," as well as "The Western Horseman," "Southwest Art," "Accent West," "Grain Producers News" and "Scene," a magazine supplement to the "Dallas Morning News."

"This western art show is the culmination of almost a year's work in locating the art, negotiating for the loan of the items and preparing for the exhibit," said Edward Benz, museum director. "We are very excited to share this exhibit and bring to Borger, Don Ray's magnificent images of the southwest that we love."

The show has been generously underwritten by the Palo Duro Corral of the Westerners International and the Friends of the Hutchinson County Museum. Their generosity allows the museum to produce a poster, invitations and gallery guide. The Square House Museum and American Quarter Horse-Heritage Museum are also assisting with the loan of artworks.

Hutchinson County Museum hopes the public will come and enjoy the show. Special gallery tours for school and scouting groups may also be scheduled by calling the museum at (806) 273-0130.

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Pride of Pampa Band



(Special photo)

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.

Piano donation in memory of panhandle native

Miller's profession was medicine, but his passion was music. Thus his widow, Lydia Miller, believes a piano is the perfect memorial for her husband, who grew up in Canyon, graduated from the University in 1959 and spent the past 25 years as medical director for Shell Oil Co., in Houston.

CANYON — A ceremony is scheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday, April 15 at West Texas A&M University's Alumni Banquet Facility to dedicate a piano that has been donated to the University in memory of alumnus Dr. David E. Miller, who died in January. The piano, a Steinway, was donated to the University by Dr. Miller's long-time friend and medical school roommate, Dr. Malouf Abraham, Jr., of Canadian. It has been permanently placed in the Hazel Kelley Wilson Dining Hall in the Alumni Banquet Facility.

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"He started singing in the choir at the First Presbyterian Church in Canyon when he was 13, and he never quit singing no matter where we lived," Ms. Miller, who plans to attend the dedication ceremony, said. "The night before he died he went to choir rehearsal. It was more than a hobby; it was a passion. I think the piano is most appropriate because he loved music, he loved Canyon and never forgot his association with the University."

Dr. Abraham selected the gift for similar reasons. "I wanted to do something in Canyon," Abraham said. "I wanted it to be something with a sense of celebration, celebrating the joy of life. I like to think that nothing could be more celebratory than a Steinway grand piano because I know David would really be pleased knowing that it's helping the University fulfill its mission."

In conjunction with the dedication ceremony, the WTAMU Foundation will launch a campaign to establish a scholarship in Miller's name.

"The only way David could afford to attend medical school was through scholarships," Lydia Miller said. "That's why I think it's so important to have a scholarship in his name."

For more information about the dedication ceremony, the Dr. David E. Miller scholarship fund or other scholarships at WTAMU, contact the WTAMU Foundation at (806) 651-2065.

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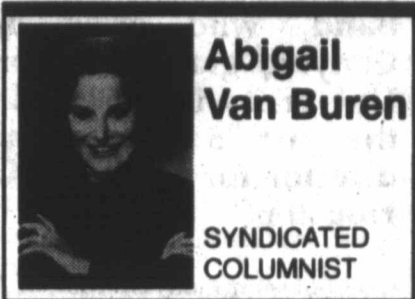
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Cleanliness Protects Hospital Workers and Patients Alike

DEAR ABBY: May I add a few thoughts regarding the letter from "Daughter of a Patient," who wrote to stress her concerns about health-care workers and hand-washing? I strongly confirm that health-care workers need to demonstrate frequent and proper hand-washing techniques. Gloves are required while performing invasive procedures such as starting an IV, drawing blood, changing a dressing, etc. But please do not assume that hand-washing did not occur if it was not done in the patient's visual field.

I have been an RN for more than 20 years. I wash my hands before and after patient contact — always, without fail. Our institution does not allow us to use a patient's bathroom for our routine hygiene (unless our hands become soiled while in contact with that patient). Nurses, physicians and other health-care personnel in direct contact with patients generally use a central hand-washing area, such as in a nurse's station. In this case, patients and their families may never actually observe personnel washing their hands — even though they have.

However, if a patient or family member actually sees a health-care worker going from one area to the next, one patient to the next and having direct skin contact with that patient, I suggest they report it immediately to the unit manager. A health-care worker is more likely to acquire an infectious disease from the public than the other way



Abigail Van Buren

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around. That's now twice the reason to observe good hand-washing techniques.
INFORMED AND HYGIENIC RN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR INFORMED RN: The majority of mail I have received from medical personnel corroborates your statements. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In response to the letter about hand-washing by medical personnel — yes, it probably could be better in some cases. I have been an RN for 12 years.

Just because a patient doesn't see me wash my hands, it doesn't mean I haven't done it just before I entered the room. I generally wash my hands at the nurses' station for several reasons. I don't believe a patient's room or bathroom is the most hygienic place for me to wash my hands before I assess the patient.

At my hospital, the soap kept in the nurses' station is a stronger germ killer than what is kept in the

patient rooms. Furthermore, I often follow hand-washing with an antibacterial spray or lotion of my own. With the dramatic rise in antibiotic-resistant bacteria these days, such precautions not only protect patients, but also protect me.

SUSAN KELLY, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

DEAR ABBY: Twenty-five years ago, a group of veterinarians developed and patented a hand-washing device that would give a surgical scrub in 30 seconds. A portable model that could be placed on a cart and moved from room to room was available. Prototype models were proved effective by bacteriologic testing. Though several companies expressed interest, we were never able to bring the device to market.

While there have been tremendous advances in the medical field in the last 25 years, the age-old problem of contaminated hands, first described by Semmelweis in the 19th century, still persists.

WILLIAM V. LUMB, DVM, PHD, FORT COLLINS, COLO.

DEAR DR. LUMB: Unfortunately, you're right. And hand-washing is still the single most effective method of disease prevention. To quote an old saying, "The more things change, the more they remain the same."

Gibraltar" turns in a new direction. Initiate discussions with a boss. Tonight: Fun doesn't mean expensive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** You might shock others as much as they jolt you. Stop and think about the message behind the words. Sensitivity opens doors; being bullheaded slams them shut. You have a unique opportunity to break a pattern. Why not? Tonight: Have a good time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Take a deep breath. Understand what is going on within you. We all need an occasional timeout, and you are no exception. Move forward. Refuse to be intimidated by a work-related situation. Tonight: Say yes to something new and different.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Making a decision tears you between friendship and love. Let another reveal more of his thoughts before you make a decision. Proceed in a new direction; make waves only where it counts. Bring others together. Tonight: Join a friend's activity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** If you feel you are in a pressure cooker, you are right! The planets pull and tug at you from different directions. Stay centered, knowing what will work. Dig into tasks. Accept a challenge. Take the lead and let others know who you are. Tonight: In the limelight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** You rush right in where others might not want to tread. Handle situations carefully and with a great deal of decorum. Consider others' reactions. Creativity and intuition intertwine, helping you make the right decision. Tonight:

Where the music is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** You might be upset by a money dilemma, but you can easily figure it out. Knowing what works helps you make the right decision. You might need to stop and explain the fundamentals to a partner before you take action. Ultimately, you get needed support. Tonight: Go for togetherness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** You are capable of surprises, but this behavior encourages others to behave in a similar manner toward you. Observe what is going on rather than reacting. Make calls; reach out for others. You quickly accomplish a lot. Tonight: Not alone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Your nerves have had enough. Stop; pull back; do what is necessary to regain your balance. You might need some time off — perhaps several days. Finances straighten out as soon as you feel better. Trust your judgment. Tonight: Put your feet up.

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** What starts as a jolt could easily be turned into a stroke of good luck. Your personality and imagination help you transform chaos into nirvana. Don't hesitate right now. Take action and move with the moment. Tonight: Zoom in on what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Realize that another means well, even if he manages to shake up your universe. You have your hands full, but go within, and you'll find good solutions to what seems impossible. Use your resourcefulness and energy. Tonight: Take it easy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Take a leap of faith, and you'll land on your feet. Choose to do nothing halfway right now. Information that comes forward might have you shaking your head. You know what works for you. Follow through accordingly. Tonight: Seek out a friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Stabilizing your finances takes skill and determination. A new issue is thrown into the mix, forcing you to think and evaluate carefully. Someone you once considered the "Rock of

Crossword Puzzle

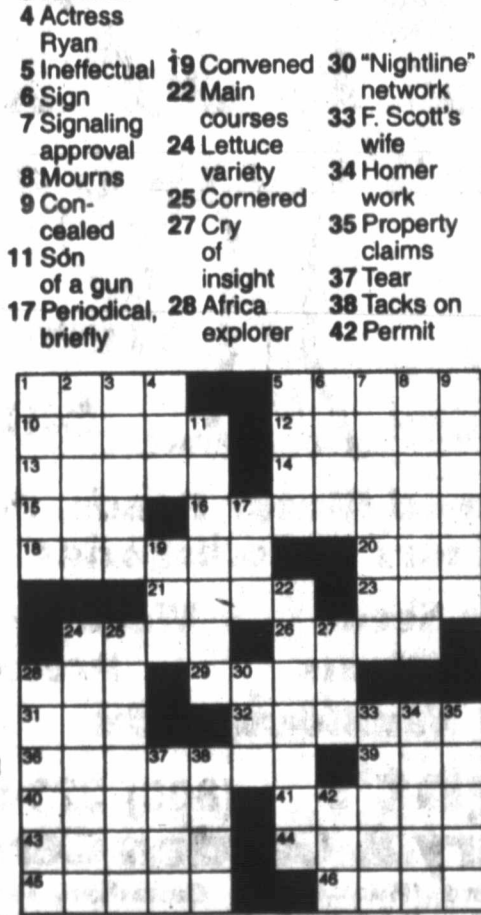
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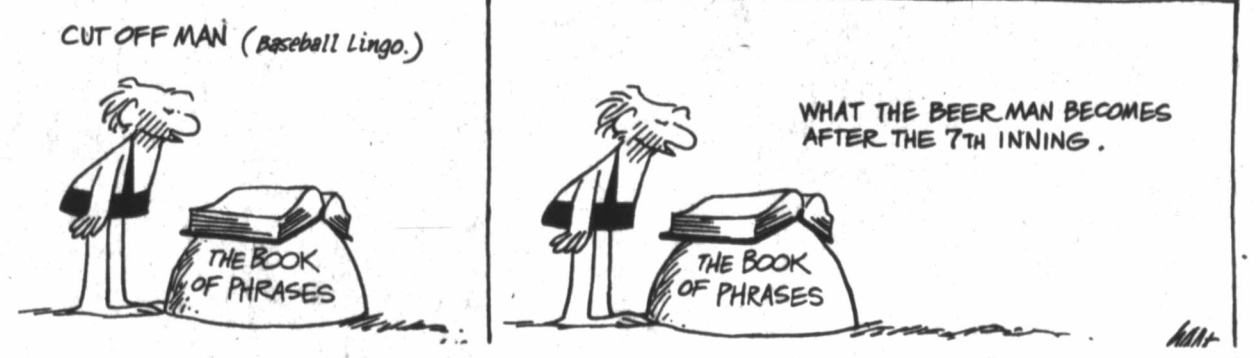
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SPORTS

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GENERAL

PAMPA — Rainy and cold conditions Tuesday forced postponement of Pampa baseball and softball games.

The Pampa-Palo Duro girls' softball game has been re-scheduled for 5:30 today in Caprock.

Pampa and Hereford are tied for second behind Dumas in the District 3-4A standings.

The Pampa-Borger baseball game will be played at 4:30 Thursday at Harvester Field. Pampa is atop the district standings with a 4-0 record while Borger is tied with Dumas and Caprock for second at 2-2.

TRACK

DUMAS — Reece Hartman of Pampa cleared 6-0 to take second in the high jump at the North Plains Relays last weekend in Dumas.

Joey Daniells of Dumas had the winning jump of 6-2.

District 3-1A Meet at Groom Girls

3200: Crowell, Groom, second place, 14:25.75; Britten, Groom, third place, 15:05.06; McMahon, Groom, fourth place, 15:20.93.

400 relay: Groom, first place, 53.50.

800: Barnett, Groom, first place, 2:50.63; Crowell, Groom, second place, 2:59.00.

100 hurdles: C. Davis, Groom, first place, 16.63; Trimble, Fort Elliott, second place, 17.94.

100: Conrad, Groom, second place, 13.75.

800 relay: Groom, first place, 2:02.12.

400: Trimble, Fort Elliott, second place, 66.68; Britten, Groom, third place, 67.94; Ray, Lefors, fourth place, 73.15.

300 hurdles: C. Davis, Groom, first place, 47.19; Burgin, Groom, fourth place, 61.53.

200: K. Davis, Groom, second place, 28.25; Bohr, Groom, third place, 28.75.

1600: Britten, Groom, second place, 7:01.63;

Daugherty, Lefors, third place, 7:03.56; McMahon, Groom, fourth place, 7:20.12.

1600 relay: Groom, first place, 4:47.81.

BASKETBALL

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana University officials are convinced of the authenticity of a tape showing basketball coach Bob Knight grabbing a player by the neck during a practice and pushing him backward.

"Clearly it's an important piece of information as we continue our review," university spokesman Christopher Simpson told The Associated Press.

Two university trustees are investigating the outspoken and controversial coach following recent reports from two former players that he physically abused team members.

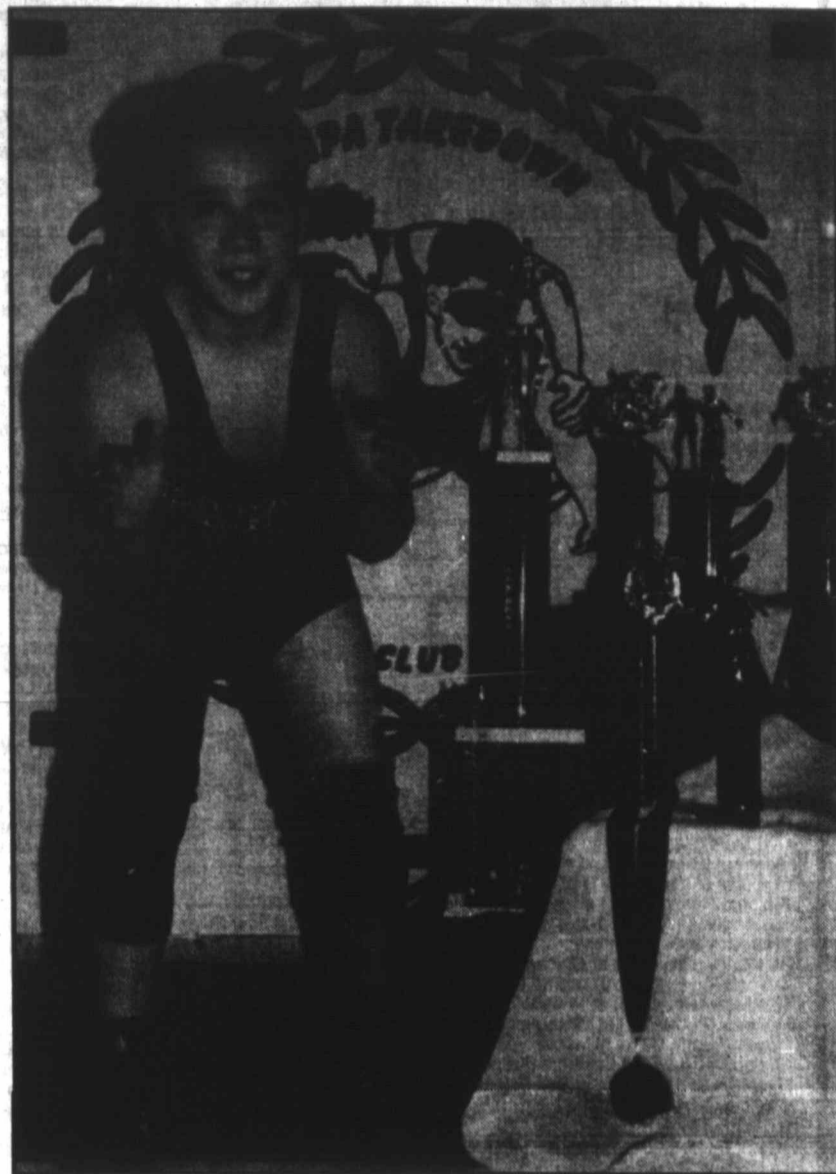
Last month, CNN/Sports Illustrated reported former player Neil Reed's allegation that Knight choked him during a 1997 practice. The videotape obtained by CNN/SI, and first aired Tuesday night, shows Knight grabbing a player by the neck, pushing him backward. The player's head appeared to snap backward.

Reed, who left Indiana in 1997, said he is the player on the videotape after watching it for the first time Tuesday.

"I don't need a tape to tell me what happened," he told CNN/SI.

Although Reed told CNN/SI in its March report that two assistant coaches had to separate him and Knight, the videotape reveals no such action.

Instead, it shows Knight releasing Reed and the two walking their separate ways. Reed told CNN/SI on Tuesday he still recalls the incident unfolding that way, even though the footage shows otherwise.



(Special photo)

Pampa's John Burns finished in the top eight at the World Wrestling Tournament.

Cardinals down Astros in home run explosion at Enron Field

HOUSTON (AP) — The home runs continue to fly out of Enron Field. Unfortunately for the Houston Astros, most are being hit by the opposing team.

Pinch-hitter Thomas Howard's first career grand slam highlighted the St. Louis Cardinals' 10-6 victory over Houston on Tuesday night.

The Cardinals and Astros combined for five home runs, after hitting eight in Monday's series opener. There have been 19 home runs hit in five games this season at the new ballpark, where Houston is 1-4.

"No lead is safe here," St. Louis

manager Tony La Russa said. "It's a different ballpark. When you have good hitters they are going to hit it out, and every team has good hitters."

Howard's seventh-inning grand slam highlighted a seven-run inning for the Cardinals, that included a three-run homer by Edgar Renteria.

"After I got mine, then Edgar came in and finished things off," Howard said. "I never really thought about it being my first grand slam until someone mentioned it. It feels good because it meant something and we got the win."

Howard's slam came off losing pitcher Chris Holt (0-2).

Houston manager Larry Dierker wanted to take Holt out in the seventh inning, but couldn't because of a rules technicality.

Holt had to throw at least one more pitch before Dierker could lift him. And Howard hit the first pitch he saw for the grand slam.

Dierker came out to talk to his right-hander after Holt loaded the bases on walks to Mark McGwire and Eric Davis around Jim Edmonds' single. Not until after Dierker returned to the dugout did he notice the switch-hitting Howard was pinch-hitting for

Mike Matheny.

Dierker attempted to return to the mound to pull Holt for a left-handed reliever, but was stopped by home-plate umpire Dan Iassogna. A brief conversation ensued because Dierker believed the switch to Howard came after he left the mound. But Iassogna said it was announced before that.

"I knew (Dierker) wanted to take (Holt) out," Howard said. "So I wanted to get to (Holt) early before they could take him out. So I got real anxious and real aggressive. He left one up and I jumped on it."

Dierker was stunned. "I did not

see when the umpire brought him into the game," Dierker said of Howard. "I wanted to bring a left-hander in. I was asking for a ruling on why I couldn't, but I couldn't very well contest it when they said Howard was already in."

The Cardinals' 7-1 record matches the 1986 club for the best start.

"We've been going about it the right way, we're playing hard, and the results are nice," La Russa said.

"Every night it's somebody new. That's the nice thing about this lineup, it's not just McGwire, it's seven or eight other guys too," reliever Dave Veres said.

Lions looking for life after Barry

By HARRY ATKINS
AP Sports Writer

Nearly a year after Barry Sanders shocked the football world by retiring, the Detroit Lions are still wondering what to do about it.

Maybe they'll find the answer in the NFL draft this weekend.

Running backs Greg Hill and Ron Rivers helped the Lions to an 8-8 finish and a wild-card playoff berth last season. But they were let go after the season and Jacksonville free agent James Stewart was signed for \$25 million.

Stewart is a decent runner. He rushed for 931 yards and 13 touchdowns on 249 carries for the Jaguars last season. But he doesn't have the big-play capability Sanders had — nobody does — and the Lions certainly don't want to place the load of a full season on Stewart's shoulders.

So, they'll likely draft another running back if one is still available when the Lions get their first pick. Still, because Detroit has the 20th pick in the first round, the best prospects might already be gone.

"This draft is not filled with dominating players," said Ron Hughes, the Lions' vice president of player personnel. "It's filled with a lot of good players."

The top prospects at running back are Thomas Jones of Virginia, Shaun Alexander of Alabama, Ron Dayne of Wisconsin and Jamal Lewis of Tennessee.

Baltimore is seeking a running back and chooses fifth.

Arizona (seventh), Chicago (ninth) and the New York Giants (11th) all select before the Lions and are interested in the position.

The Ravens pick again at No. 15. Kansas City, selecting one spot behind Detroit, is eager to get Dayne and might trade ahead of the Lions to do so.

If Dayne were still on the board, the Lions might very well take him. Detroit coach Bobby Ross has always liked big players, one reason he took Wisconsin offensive tackle Aaron Gibson in last year's draft. The 6-foot-4, 380-pound Gibson — who cleared the way for 259-pound Dayne in college — missed the 1999 NFL season with a shoulder injury, but he is expected to be ready for 2000.

If none of the top four running backs remain, the Lions might be interested in J.R. Redmond of Arizona State in a lower round. Detroit has the 19th pick in the second round, 19th in the third, but no pick in the fourth round.

Jones figures to be the first runner to go. The top four choices seem certain, although the order is not. Cleveland has the top spot and has narrowed its focus on Penn State defenders Courtney Brown and LaVar Arrington. Washington will take whichever Nittany Lions player doesn't go to the Browns, plus, it appears, tackle Chris Samuels of Alabama with the Nos. 2 and 3 selections.

Next up are the Bengals, and Peter Warrick should fall to them.

Running back is considered one of the stronger positions in the draft, so the Lions won't

have to search too hard in any round to find one.

Other possibilities, although not in the opening round, would be Miami (Ohio) tailback Travis Prentice, Arizona's Trung Canidate, Oregon's Reuben Droughns and James Madison's Curtis Keaton.

Pitching clinic is set for Saturday

PAMPA — There will be a pitching clinic held at the Optimist Club's girls' softball park from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Tommy Bolden a pitching coach from Amarillo, will be the instructor. The clinic is for girls' ages 10 and up.

Cost is \$15.
To sign up, call Layne Clark at 665-6604.

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.



(Special photo)

Youth bowler Cory West of Pampa received the Danny Hillier Award for having the high scratch series (639) at the Amarillo Area Bowling Tournament earlier this year. He had high scratch game (245) in the boys' division to place third.

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Burl Stubbs of McLean entered this photo of twins "Millie and Em" in the Images contest.



"Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to be Cowboys" was submitted in the Images contest by Seth Stout.



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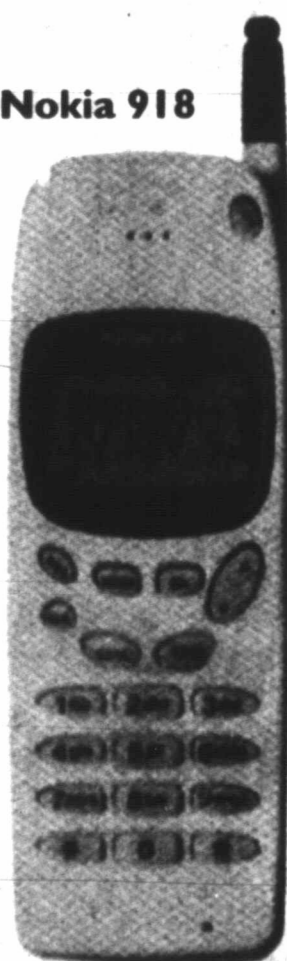
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