

Daily Record

Obituaries

MABEL A. JOHNSON
METAIRIE, La. - Mabel A. Johnson, 96, a former Pampa resident, died Wednesday, April 12, 2000, at Kenner, La. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Survivors include a daughter, Patricia Hutchens of Metairie.

RAYMOND B. MADDOX
 Raymond B. Maddox, 78, of Pampa, died Wednesday, April 12, 2000. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Maddox was born May 9, 1921, at Miami. He married Bernice Jackson on Jan. 11, 1945, at Shelton, Wash. He had been a Pampa resident since 1954 and was a longtime Gray County farmer and rancher, actively working with Gray County Extension Service.

He served on the board of Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau for 28 years, of Grandview-Hopkins ISD for many years and of Lamar Christian Church, part of First Christian Church. He belonged to First Christian Church and was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice, of the home; a daughter, Sharon Conrad of Cleburne; a son, Stephen B. Maddox of San Antonio; a brother, Wayne Maddox of Miami; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 6-7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and requests memorials be to Raymond Maddox Scholarship Fund in care of Farm Bureau, 1132 S. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065; Scottish Rite Hospital, for Children in Dallas; American Cancer Society; American Heart Association; or a favorite charity.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls this week.

Sunday, April 9
 9:20 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of N. Dwight and transported one to Panhandle Regional Medical Center.

12:52 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported patient to PRMC.

2:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded 15 miles east of Pampa on Highway 152 on a motor vehicle accident and transported one to PRMC.

5:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported patient to BSA in Amarillo.

6:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported patient to a local nursing facility.

11:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of N. Hamilton and transported patient to PRMC.

Monday, April 10
 4:24 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Highway 60 east of Loop 171 and transported one to PRMC.

Tuesday, April 10
 7:03 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North Dwight and transported one to PRMC.

7:49 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West.

8:09 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West.

9:25 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to BSA-West and transported one to the 2400 block of Mary Ellen.

11:17 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to BSA-West.

3:05 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to BSA-West.

4:29 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to BSA-West.

Wednesday, April 12
 7:06 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:47 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a patient transport to University Medical Center in Lubbock.

1:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded 15 miles south of Pampa on Highway 70 and transported one to PRMC.

1:45 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a patient transport to a local nursing facility.

3:07 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to East Highway 60 and transported one to PRMC.

Thursday, April 13
 4:04 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Dwight and transported one to PRMC.

6:30 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Varnon and transported one patient to PRMC.

Police report

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

Wednesday, April 12
 A sexual assault that allegedly occurred in March between two juveniles was reported.

Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, April 12
 William D. Davis, 22, of Mississippi, was arrested on charges of burglary of a building.

Tashig Wilson, 21, of 1069 Prairie Drive, was arrested on warrants charging her with minor in possession and not having a valid driver's license.

Shelli Brittenham, 29, of 101 N. Faulkner, was arrested on bond forfeitures in Young County in connection with possession of controlled substance and fraud charges.

Charles Kane, 34, 936 N. Russell, was arrested

Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, April 12
 7:33 a.m. - A refuse fire was reported in the 500 block of Warren Street. One unit and two firefighters responded.

11:59 a.m. - A gas meter leak was reported in the 800 block of Campbell Street. One unit and two firefighters responded.

1:31 p.m. - Firefighters were called to a medical assist, 15 miles south of Pampa on Texas 70 and Maddox Road. One unit and two firefighters responded.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents:

Tuesday, April 11
 A 1994 black Chevrolet Blazer driven by Charles Henry Smiley, 82, of Lefors was west-bound about 1 p.m. Tuesday in the 1300 block of East Harvester when it swerved across the oncoming lanes of traffic, hit a Southwestern Bell Telephone junction box, a dumpster and a chain link fence.

Wednesday, April 12
 A 1994 white Ford F350 truck driven by Kevin Lee Davis, 37, of 2213 N. Dwight, was in collision with a parked 1986 blue Ford F150 pickup owned by Billy Clyde Cox of 733 Deane Drive about 3 p.m. Wednesday. Officers said Davis was turning off Kentucky onto Deane Drive when a clip board fell off the seat beside him. He apparently lost control of the truck as he reached for the clip board, officers said.

A 1997 white Chevrolet Venture mini-van, driven by Terry Joe Whiteley, 23, of 912 S. Sumner, was in collision with a 1992 tan Chevrolet Silverado pickup driven by Jimmy Dean Rex, 31, of 1520 Hamilton. Officers said Whiteley was northbound on North Hobart and turning left onto Kentucky at the time of the accident. Rex was southbound on Hobart.

Whiteley was cited for not wearing a seat belt.

Stocks

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

Coca-Cola	47 1/2	dn 1/2
Columbia/HCA	26 3/4	dn 1/4
Enron	71 15/16	up 1/16
Halliburton	41 1/16	up 1/4
IRI	9 1/4	dn 1/8
KMI	32	up 1 1/8
Kerr McGee	57 7/16	up 9/16
Limited	48 3/8	dn 1/8
McDonald's	35 3/16	dn 1/16
Exom Mobil	79 3/4	dn 3/16
New Atmos	16 7/16	NC
NCE	32 1/16	up 3/8
OKE	25 3/16	up 7/16
Penny's	14 15/16	dn 3/8
Phillips	48 5/8	up 11/16
Pioneer Nat.	9 11/16	NC
SLB	73 7/8	up 5/8
Teneco	9 1/8	up 1/16
Texasco	52 1/16	dn 5/8
Ultramar	24 7/8	up 1/16
Wal-Mart	61 7/16	dn 1
Williams	38 1/16	up 5/8

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Occidental	21 11/16	NC
Fidelity Magell	137.28	NC
Pantun	19.08	NC

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

Amoco	51 3/4	dn 3/8
Anso	83 7/8	dn 5/16
Cabot O&G	27 5/8	dn 1/8
Chevron	38 5/16	dn 11/16
New York Gold		281.50
Silver		5.12
West Texas Crude		24.72

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	1-888-Energas
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	1-800-750-2520
Water	669-5830

sonnel regarding sexual assault issues.

Tralee Crisis Center will also be working to publicize their services during the month, increase community support for their agency and increasing awareness of the healing potential for survivors.

Many citizens of Pampa are working to provide quality services and assistance to assault survivors. Volunteers help staff 24-hour hotlines, respond to emergency calls and offer support, comfort and advocacy during medical exams and criminal justice proceedings.

Winners in the essay/poetry contest will include \$50, \$30 and \$20. Also full car details, cologne, food and several gift certificates.

Information will be provided to the schools. Interested students should submit an essay or poem describing their view of a world without sexual assault or child abuse. The length of the entry is at each participant's discretion. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place winners.

CONTEST

the theme this year. It reflects the goal of Tralee Crisis Center and the Crisis Coordinating Council to create an awareness in the Texas Panhandle of the strength and determination needed to continue our struggle toward a society free of sexual assault.

It is also the goal to create the expectation that all local citizens, especially the children, be able to experience life without the emotional damage of sexual assault or the loss of personal freedom resulting from the threat of sexual violence.

At the present time the Tralee Center is providing peer counseling to 12 sexual assault victims locally through their center. The local agencies promote sexual assault awareness and avoidance by offering educational programs to schools, families and civic organizations, as well as professional training to medical, mental health, law enforcement, education and criminal justice per-

RECOUNT

As the Tuesday runoff was a Republican Party election, the Republican Party will canvass the results. The canvass of ballots will be at 7 tonight in the local Republican Party Headquarters office in the Combs-Worley Building in Pampa.

The local party will forward the results to the State Republican Party of Texas who will canvass the results next week, according to Gray County Republican Chairman Doug Ware.

All elections in the state are regulated by the Texas Election Code. The Secretary of State's office

is the state agency directing elections. As the candidate requesting the recount, Mann will be required to put the money up for the cost of recounting the ballots in the five counties in the 31st District Attorney's district. He will have to put up \$25.75 per polling place which will be recounted in all five counties.

If the vote count changes in the recount, the Secretary of State's office will reimburse Mann for the cost, according to media representative Ted Royer of the State Republican Party of Texas. If the count does not change after the recount Mann will not be reimbursed, said Royer.

ARCHIVES

case files did not appear to have been reviewed since.

"The Chief was here then as an officer," said Shanna Clark, one of the record clerks who scans the files.

As the reports are scanned, the original paper documents are digitized and stored on the hard disk of a computer. The computer files will eventually be transferred to a CD. At the same time, the scanner makes a microfilm copy of the file.

"The end result is that we'll have a record in three places," Morris said. "We'll have the original. We'll have it on film, and we'll have it in the computer."

While a civilian employee was initially hired to sort and scan the case files, when he started reviewing them in June, 1999, it wasn't long before officials realized the immensity of the task. Two police department employees from the record division, Clark and Lidy, were detailed to scan the files that were being archived.

"It is a time-consuming process," Morris said. "We went through the retention process first," said Tanya Lidy, Pampa Police Department administrative assistant who's involved in the project.

About 63,000 cases from 1976 through 1990 have

been reviewed. Not all will be scanned.

Records over the last 10 years were reviewed more closely and took the longest, officials said, because of the variance in the statutes of limitation. Records before 1990 were more likely to have had time limits that had expired.

"The only ones before that were the really big crimes," Morris said.

Of the ones that will be kept in the case file archive, 1,046 records have been scanned to date.

Officials hope to have the review process of the old cases completed by July. It could take the rest of the year to get them scanned.

At that point, officials hope that cases can be reviewed and scanned on a weekly basis.

"The scanning goes pretty fast," Clark said. As with all technology, there have been some problems. One of the biggest problems in scanning the records has been the variance in the size and thickness of the paper documents. Sorting during the retention process has helped reduce that problem and has expedited the process.

One of the advantages to computerizing the records is the index that will be available. The records can be retrieved more quickly and easily than in the past, but it holds no magic for the clerks that work with it.

"It's just a new filing system that saves time, effort and money," Clark shrugged.

SURVEY

April 17 meeting. The results will also be presented in Spanish at the meeting, Ladd said.

"On Monday we will start presenting survey results, explain the challenges of conducting the survey, why we're doing the survey and what we will do with the answers," Ladd said.

She said the proposed 2000 survey tool, consisting of approximately 100 questions, will also be given to parents for their comments and feedback.

"We want to be sure that it is appropriate to our community and to what parents feel is appropriate," Ladd said.

Approximately 1,900 students, grades 6 through 12, were surveyed last spring in order to establish a baseline of data revealing student attitudes

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toward sex, as well as measuring actual behavior.

Results of the anonymous survey were compared to a Texas A&M drug and alcohol survey, Ladd said, and findings were consistent within two to three percent. The surveys were geared to the age of the participants, she added.

According to the survey, a higher percentage of Pampa high school students were virgins than the national average. Of the approximately 900 Pampa High School students surveyed, 64 percent reported they had never had sex, compared to the national average of 52 percent.

Plans to contract with Baylor University for future surveys will also be discussed at the meeting Monday, Ladd said.

"We are excited to have Baylor's expertise. I talked with several universities about doing the surveys," she said. "Baylor was doing a similar program and was very interested in helping us. It was a good fit."

Ladd said she felt having Baylor University design, administer, process and evaluate future surveys will give the local chapter of Worth the Wait "protection and credibility." Also, she said Baylor agreed to do the work within WTW's budget of \$5,500, approximately 10 percent what such a survey would normally cost.

"The proposed new survey is more detailed than the previous survey and will give us more insight into student's attitudes," she said, adding that the survey will include a tool to measure media influence on students' sexual behavior and attitudes.

"The big challenge right now, I think, is to find out how much influence the media has, give the information to the parents and perhaps design a parent workshop to help them deal with these influences," she said.

For more information about Worth the Wait or the parent meeting April 17, contact Ladd at 669-6222.

Drug squad makes big 'coke' bust in S. Texas

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A drug raid by city, state and federal agents has netted one of the largest seizures of cocaine and cash in San Antonio in years.

Raids at two homes on the city's east side early Wednesday recovered 23 kilograms of cocaine, with a street value estimated at \$2.2 million, and about \$248,000 in cash.

The bust capped a two-week investigation by the San Antonio Police Department, Texas Department of Public Safety and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency.

Four men were arrested and charged with the federal crime of conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance.

Charged were Angel Alejandro Serrano-Serrano, 52, of Gretna, La.; and Juan Andrade, 31; Jorge Balderas, 46, and Jose Rodriguez, 40, all of San Antonio.

The raids were conducted at Andrade's and Balderas' homes. Law officers seized vehicles in addition to drugs and cash.

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Weather focus

PAMPA - Sunny today with a high of 80 and south winds from 10-20 mph. Mostly clear tonight with a low in the low 50s and south winds at 10-20 mph.

Tomorrow, partly sunny with a high of 85-90 with south winds at 15-25 mph and higher. Yesterday's high was 56; the overnight low 44.

STATEWIDE - As remnants of an upper-level low pressure system and its accompanying showers spun away from Texas, the state was poised for a warming trend to begin the weekend.

This morning, however, low clouds covered all of North Texas, except for the extreme

western parts of the region.

Fog also shrouded some areas in response to high humidity levels. Visibilities were reduced to a quarter-mile in parts of the Panhandle and South Plains.

Rainfall from the past two days has helped to increase humidity levels.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 40s to 60s. It was 47 degrees at Junction and 64 at McAllen and Corpus Christi Naval Air Station. Other readings were 39 at Marfa and 53 at Guadalupe Pass.

Most North Texas stations were still reporting in the low 50s, with a few locations along the Red River and in East Texas dropping into the upper 40s.

Winds were light and northeasterly at 5 to 10 mph.

A few showers occurred in deep South Texas and along the upper Texas coast.

Fog and low clouds caused overcast conditions east of a line from Amarillo to San Antonio.

Temperatures should range from the upper 30s in the West Texas mountains to near 60 degrees along the Gulf of Mexico.

The National Weather Service forecast called for morning showers along the coast, clearing from the west by afternoon.

Highs through Saturday will warm from mid- and upper 70s and into the 80s and 90s in deep South Texas and around 100 along the Rio Grande.

Lows overnight should range from the 30s in the Marfa Plateau to the 50s and 60s elsewhere.

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Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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

THEE PLACE

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

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

If interested in the ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

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. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

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.

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.

TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKERS

Gray County Historical Commission will host a dedication of National Register of Historic Places Markers for the Gray County Courthouse, City Hall, Central Fire Station, Combs-Worley Building and White Deer Land Office at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 15 in the court room, Gray County Courthouse. Activities will include a special tribute to John and Ted Gikas and a tour of the markers following the ceremony.

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.

FLAG CEREMONY

Lakeview ISD will host a special flag-raising ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. April 22 in honor of ex-students and all area veterans. Former news commentator Bob Izzard will serve as MC. Activities will include bagpipers, a wing of vintage World War II airplanes and a hamburger meal fund-raiser. The public is cordially invited to attend the special event.

INVESTMENT SERIES

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.

CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

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

LIFE AFTER LOSS

American Cancer Society and Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a four-week "Life After Loss"

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

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.

POETRY ANTHOLOGY

Sunshine Publishing is accepting poems for its "Whispers in the Wind" anthology to be published in July. All entries are free. Up to three poems, 25 lines or less, may be submitted and should include a SASE. Write: Sunshine Publishing, ATTN: Whispers, P.O. Box 413832, Kansas City, MO 64141-3832.

KENTON EASTER PAGEANT

The 49th Annual Kenton Easter Pageant will be at 6 p.m. (MST) April 22 and 23 at Kenton, Okla. Meals will be served at Camp Billy Joe following the two performances. Camper hookups are available at Kenton, Camp Billy Joe and Lake Etling. Supper and breakfast will be \$4.50, for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. For more information, call (580) 261-7479.

PPROA

Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association will hold its annual meeting May 2-4 at the Radisson Inn in Amarillo. Activities will include a Sporting Clays Tournament at Amarillo Gun Club and a PPROA Annual Golf Tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course. Just some topics to be covered are: "A Royalty Owner's Checklist," "Hedging Strategies for the Oil and Gas Producer," and "Oil Protectionism and the New Economy." For more information, call 1-800-658-6169.

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.

THEATRE WORKSHOPS

Circle in the Square Theatre School, a professional actor training program, will hold auditions May 5 in Dallas for its Professional Two Year Workshops (both acting and musical), seven-week Summer Workshops (acting and musical), and Super Intensive Musical Master Class Week. For more information, call (212) 307-0388 or write: Admissions, Circle of the Square Theatre School, 1633 Broadway, New York, NY, 10019-6795.

MS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

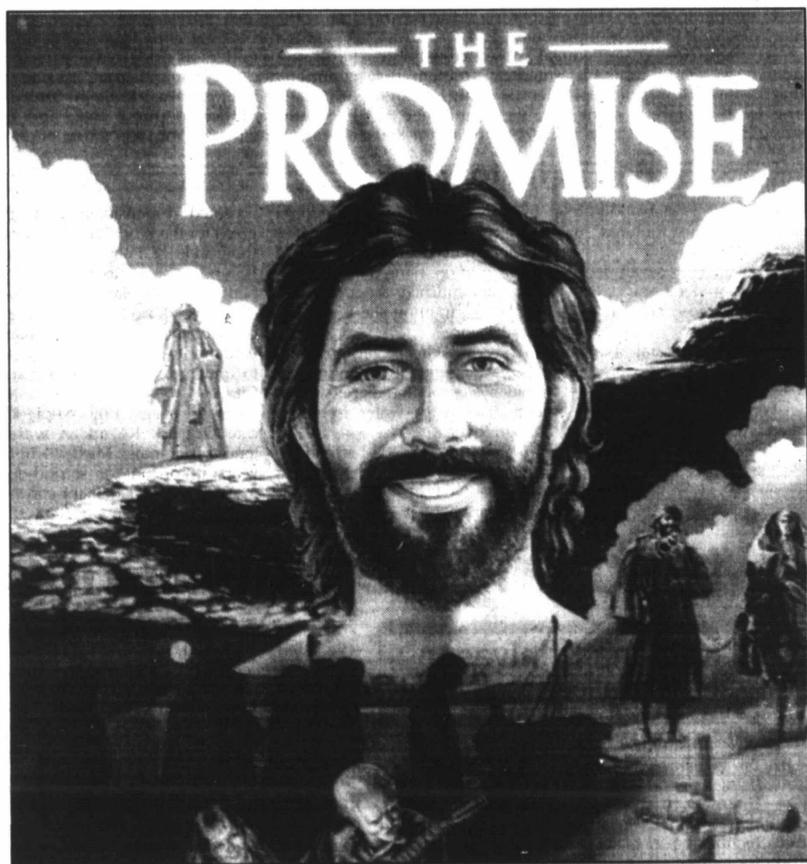
Multiple Sclerosis Association of America will conduct PROJECT: Learn MS 2000 national essay competition for high school juniors and seniors and freshmen and sophomore college students. Scholarships will be awarded to the winners. Participants must submit a 500-1,000 word essay on how MS affects a person or his or her family on a daily basis. Each entry must be typed and double spaced and can take the form of a traditional essay, personal narrative, open letter, feature or fiction story. All entries must be postmarked by June 2. For more information or for an official registration form, visit www.msaa.com, e-mail projlearn@msaa.com or call 1-800-LEARN MS.

CASE

Cultural Academic Student Exchange is seeking families of all types — retired couples, couples with children, single parent families and childless couples — to host a high school exchange student. For more information, call 877-846-5848.

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 cchaloun@texasforestry.org; or write P.O. Box 1488, Lufkin, TX 75902.



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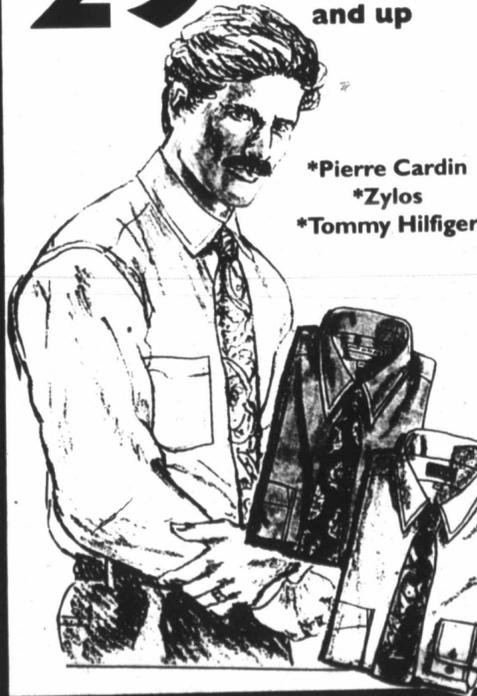
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Inside the Beltway
with
Sen. Hutchison

America needs to reclaim energy independence

We are truly blessed to live in an independent country. There are many in the world that cannot chart their own political and economic destiny free of outside coercion. But when it comes to the resources that fuel our economy, we need to regain our independence.

At the beginning of the Clinton Administration in 1993, we imported only 48 percent of our oil from foreign nations. Today, we import 55 percent. By comparison, during the energy crisis of the early 1970s, we imported only 36 percent of our oil.

We have watched U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson fly hat-in-hand from one foreign oil producing nation to another, asking them to increase oil production to keep U.S. gas prices from topping \$2 per gallon.

Scenes like this indicate we have no energy policy. That is not really accurate. The United States does have an energy policy: it is the wrong one. Our policy today is to discourage domestic exploration. And in those areas

where exploration is allowed, oil and gas producers struggle with punitive taxes and regulations.

These government-added costs make wells that pump less than 15 barrels a day — called "marginal wells" — unprofitable when oil prices drop, as they did during the 1997-98 price crash. When oil prices fell below \$10 per barrel more than 150,000

such wells were closed. At one time, these wells added 1.4 million barrels per day to America's energy independence — roughly the same amount of oil that we import from Saudi Arabia. But now, marginal wells are producing 300,000 fewer barrels per day.

We need a long-term solution.

I have introduced a bill in the Senate that would encourage producers to bring many of these low-volume wells back on line.

At the heart of my legislation is a \$3 per barrel tax credit when oil prices fall below \$14 per barrel. The credit would phase out once prices rise above \$17 per barrel. There is a corresponding price trigger for natural gas. This would apply only to low-volume "marginal" wells producing less than 15 barrels of oil or less than 90,000 cubic feet of natural gas. It is estimated that, if enacted, the bill would spur the short-term reopening of approximately 75,000 domestic oil wells able to produce 250,000 barrels of oil a day. More important, the bill would eliminate the boom-to-bust cycle in our domestic oil industry while also encouraging the development of hundreds of thousands of new wells.

Though prices are higher today, many independent producers are reluctant to incur the high costs associated with reopening low-volume wells. They need to be assured that they will not face additional financial losses if prices again fall below break-even levels.

You know, I have great empathy for the family farmer. So does Congress and so does the president. When prices are artificially low for agricultural products, we help them stay in business because they are the ones who fill America's bread basket. We've passed tax relief allowing farmers to spread profits and losses over several years to offset the impact of wild price swings in their market. We know it's in all of our interest to do this. But somehow, when small oil producers are facing a similar plight, people don't think of them in the same way — even though they are just as important as farmers. That must change.

We should regain control over our own economic destiny. An energy policy that requires us to go hat-in-hand to foreign oil producers is not a short-term cure — it is an embarrassment for a superpower.

It's time for a declaration of energy independence.

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Current war on drugs is not working

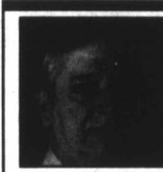
Suppose your son or daughter became addicted to crack cocaine. Suppose he or she committed some nonviolent crime to support the habit. Suppose he or she was arrested.

At this point, you might suppose that the police would notify you. It doesn't always happen that way. Sometimes cops, using prison sentences as a threat, will force a non-violent first offender to become a confidential informant.

In one case, a 19-year-old girl was wired, given \$85 to buy crack and instructed to go to a crack house and smoke dope with a man the cops suspected of murder and try to get him to talk about it. She failed, and the cops charged her with the original offense.

Her father, one of those World War II veterans not so easily intimidated by bureaucrats and politicians, was outraged. "Just what was Plan B?" he inquired of the cops. "What would you have done if this guy had discovered the wire and killed my daughter? I'll tell you what you would have done. You would have called her mother and me, and you would have said you found our daughter's body and it appears to be drug-related. And you would never have admitted her murder was your fault."

Outrage has led to a crusade to persuade the Florida Legislature to pass a law that would prohibit police officers from using addicts who are first-time, nonviolent offend-



Charley Reese

Syndicated columnist

ers as confidential informants. The father also wants a law that would send first-time, non-violent offenders who are addicts or mentally ill into a treatment program rather than a prison.

Harold P. Koenig's logic is irrefutable. But logic and common sense don't always work in politics. Law-enforcement types are opposed to his sensible ideas, but they are wrong, and he is right.

This so-called war on drugs, now more than 40 years and uncounted billions of dollars old, is a flat failure. There are more drugs available now than there were before. And, as everyone knows, the only answer is to cut the demand. You do that by treating addicts, not stacking them up in prisons.

Addiction to a chemical substance is an illness. Mental illness is a medical problem, not a law-enforcement problem. Koenig, though well past retirement age, went unarmed to several drug dealers in his county and asked

them, "Who are your customers?" He got virtually the same reply from all of them. Seventy-five percent are addicts released from prison or jail; 15 percent are addicts who haven't yet been caught.

"So there is 90 percent of their market, and if by mandatory treatment, you could cure 75 percent, you'd put these guys out of business," Koenig said. "That's a much better approach that interdicting supply, which is an obvious failure."

Koenig is going to need a lot of help if he is going to overcome the resistance of the law-enforcement bureaucracy, which gets millions of dollars to "fight the war on drugs." But his approach makes sense. Doing the same old, same old does not.

Koenig has formed an organization he calls H.E.A.R.T. — Help Early Addicts Receive Treatment. You can contact him at 341 Lanternback Island Drive, Satellite Beach, FL 32937. The phone number is (321) 773-0298.

Don't be misled: Koenig hates drugs and drugs dealers. He just has sense enough to realize that treating the addicts is a better way to put them out of business.

As for forbidding cops from using nonviolent first offenders as undercover informants, common decency demands that. It's one thing to force a career criminal to be an informant. It's quite another to put a sick, and often naive, young person into a position of danger.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, April 13, the 104th day of 2000. There are 262 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 13, 1970, "Apollo 13," four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank of liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts got home safely.)

On this date:

In 1742, Handel's "Messiah" was first performed publicly, in Dublin, Ireland.

In 1743, the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born.

In 1870, the Metropolitan Museum of Art was founded in New York.

In 1943, President Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial.

In 1958, Van Cliburn became the first American to win the Tchaikovsky International Piano Contest in Moscow.

In 1964, Sidney Pottier became the first black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award, for "Lilies of the Field."

In 1986, Pope John Paul II visited a Rome synagogue in the first recorded papal visit of its kind.

In 1981, Washington Post reporter Janet Cooke received a Pulitzer Prize for her feature about an 8-year-old heroin addict named "Jimmy." Cooke relinquished the prize two days later, admitting she had fabricated the story.

In 1992, the Great Chicago Flood took place as the city's century-old tunnel system and adjacent basements filled with water from the Chicago River.

In 1997, Tiger Woods became the youngest golfer to win the Masters Tournament.

Ten years ago: The Soviet Union

accepted responsibility and apologized for the World War II murder of thousands of Polish officers in the Katyn Forest, a massacre the Soviets had previously blamed on the Nazis.

Five years ago: A federal appeals court opened the way for Shannon Faulkner to become the first woman to undergo military training at The Citadel.

One year ago: Right-to-die advocate Dr. Jack Kevoorkian was sentenced in Pontiac, Mich., to 10 to 25 years in prison for second-degree murder in the lethal injection of a Lou Gehrig's disease patient.

Broadcasters reaching new audience

Kalpna Srinivasan
AP Special correspondent

When residents of Salina, Kan., travel far from home, they still can listen to their local high school's football games, catch the latest crime report and hear the newscasts they missed at noon.

Instead of turning the dial to KSAL 1150, they just log on.

"To me, it's not just about reaching people in your own backyard. It's people traveling all over the world," said Jerry Hinrikus, vice president and general manager of EBC Radio, which runs the AM news channel and five other stations that stream their programs on the World Wide Web.

Increasingly local broadcasters like Hinrikus — gathered here this week for their annual meeting — are harnessing the possibilities offered by the Internet, while capitalizing on their most valuable resource: local content.

"There is enormous opportunity if (broadcasters) can figure out how to make it another outlet for their property," said Robert McConochie, director of strategic research at The Arbitron Co. "I think the pie is going to expand for the entire media spectrum as long as business leaders are open to this evolution."

The trick is for broadcasters to deliver something valuable to their audiences — whether it's local programming that can be accessed anywhere in the world or information specific to that community. And consumers are looking for more than just pictures of their favorite disc jockeys when they go to a Web site, experts say.

"You've got to have a separate strategy for your Internet site," said Michael McPherson,

vice president of sales and marketing for broadcastamerica.com, a Web address that brings together hundreds of local radio and TV Internet sites from all over the world. The company provides local stations the software and technical gear to set up their sites, in exchange for getting some commercial time on the air.

A study released by Arbitron this week gives some inkling of what consumers want to see when they check out radio stations online. Some of the most popular were: lists of fun places to visit in the community; movie schedules for local theaters; links to the Web sites of area retailers; and advertisers' coupons that they can print out.

At the Los Angeles classic rock station KCBS Arrow93, a full-time staff updates the station's Web site constantly to give listeners snippets of their favorite tracks and let them play along to music trivia games.

"On the Internet, you can give more information than you can on maybe 10 seconds on the air," said Timothy Suing, online producer and Webmaster for the station, which established its Web site in 1995 and now gets 4 million hits a month.

Dave Van Dyke, general manager of the FM station, said audiences can get information about their favorite artists, tour dates and how to get in touch with the bands.

"That's something you just can't do as a passive listener," he said.

There are costs involved for the stations, whinternet sites was \$20,000, and monthly upkeep now costs about \$6,000.

But the sites already are providing added revenue and Hinrikus expects eventually to bill \$25,000 a month in advertising.

Some broadcasters still have their worries. Kenn Heinlein, general manager of two sports talk stations in Waukesha, Wis., that are just beginning to have a Web presence, fears that advertisers will simply shift their dollars from the on-air station to the site, rather than spend more.

But the Internet could offer new opportunities — like electronic commerce — for stations to attract audiences and make money.

GetMedia, a San Jose, Calif.-based company, provides radio broadcasters with a "Now Playing" music store so audiences can purchase songs as they listen to them on the station's Web page. Consumers don't have to leave the station's site to buy their music and the station gets a portion of the sales.

Aside from revenue, the Internet gives broadcasters a way to strengthen their connection to audiences.

"Until now, broadcasters lost touch with their viewers all day long. They had a hope that those viewers remembered to come back to them at some time," said Jon Klein, head of the FeedRoom, an online site debuting this fall that aggregates content from local, network and cable TV news. "Now broadcasters can stay in touch with their viewers all day."

Clarendon College to hold annual Storytelling Festival

CLARENDON — Clarendon College will hold its Fifth Annual Storytelling Festival at 7 p.m. April 27 in Bairfield Activity Center. The festival this year will feature Dan Gibson, Dallas storyteller and banjo player. CC oral interpretation students, a local mime group and several UIL winners will also be "telling."

Festival coordinator Charla Crump, who teaches speech at CC, explained how the event continues a fifth-year tie-in with West Texas A&M Storytelling Festival held annually on that campus. Each year, the featured storyteller at WT takes time out to tell on the CC campus. Crump then brings in local talent for an enjoyable evening.

Gibson has been involved in such events as the Annual Dallas/Fort Worth Tellabration and the Houston Liars Contest from which he is proud to say he took first place this year. He also does benefits and children's activities. His repertoire includes "original, tall tales, outright lies, outrageous cowboy poetry" and thought-provoking stories.

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PANHANDLE-PLAINS FEDERAL LAND BANK ASSOCIATION, FLCA

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It is time once again for the Annual Stockholder's Meeting of the Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association, FLCA. Our special entertainment this year is Kenneth Wyatt of Tulia.

In addition to Mr. Wyatt's program, there will be cash door prizes for some lucky stockholders. We will all enjoy the Ambassador's fabulous prime rib with all the extras and good company throughout the evening.

Registration begins at 5:15 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. The business meeting will consist of the director election, president's report, and chairman's report.

We hope to see you this year at the Ambassador Hotel, 3100 I-40 West in Amarillo on April 15, 2000.

Pride of Pampa Band



(Special photo)

Members of Pampa High School 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) Dori Edens, Michalla Mechler, Chris Shaffer, Susan Johnson and Teresa Reed, woodwind quintet.

Natural Resources Conservation Service announces deadline for 2000 EQIP program

The Natural Resources Conservation Service recently announced the ranking deadline for the 2000 Environmental Quality Program is May 5. Applications from individual landowners interested in participating in EQIP during the 2000 program year received before May 5 will be ranked for program eligibility for the 2000 year. It should be noted applications received after the May 5 deadline, as part of the EQIP continuous program sign-up provisions, will be held until the 2001 program year ranking period.

Private landowners should be aware EQIP provides technical, educational and financial assistance to eligible farmers and ranchers to address soil, water and related natural resource concerns on their land in an environmentally beneficial and cost-effective manner.

EQIP is a voluntary program and is designed to assist farmers and ranchers with implementing natural resource conservation practices on their property. Cost share assistance is provided to program participants to achieve the goals of a conservation plan designed with

the assistance of local NRCS staff. Contracts for eligible producers are made for a period of five to 10 years and include incentive payments to assist with implementation of land management practices. Program funds target water quantity activities on practices.

To learn more about EQIP or to

submit an EQIP contract application, contact your local NRCS field office at (806) 665-1751, ext. 3 in Pampa. Individuals with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600.

TxDOT releases 'Texas Highways' magazine's wildflower issue

AUSTIN — While this season's wildflower outlook may be in doubt because of the prolonged drought, Texas wildflowers are in abundance between the pages of "Texas Highways" April issue.

By far its most popular issue, the April magazine features a 16-page floral extravaganza filled with colorful images of bluebonnets and poppies in Fredericksburg, basket flowers in Dickens County and prickly-pear blossoms in Kerr County.

To complement the photographs, the feature includes writings by Texas' early pioneers describing the bountiful fields and prairies they encountered. The editor's "Up Front" column spotlights this year's predictions from botanists and a landscape expert.

Readers wanting more on flowers will enjoy "Bewitching Chandor Gardens," an article about a 1930's garden in Weatherford inspired by England and the Orient.

More Texas flavor abounds in the magazine with articles on Kilgore and its oil boom history; Hico, a town where some say Billy the Kid lived out his final days; and San Antonio's Southwest School of Art & Craft.

If the April issue puts you the mood to find fields of wildflowers near you, wildflower reports are available on TxDOT's travel information hotline, 1-800-452-9292. The weekly updates run through mid-May.

The April issue is now available at newsstands or can be ordered by calling "Texas Highways" at (512) 486-5887.

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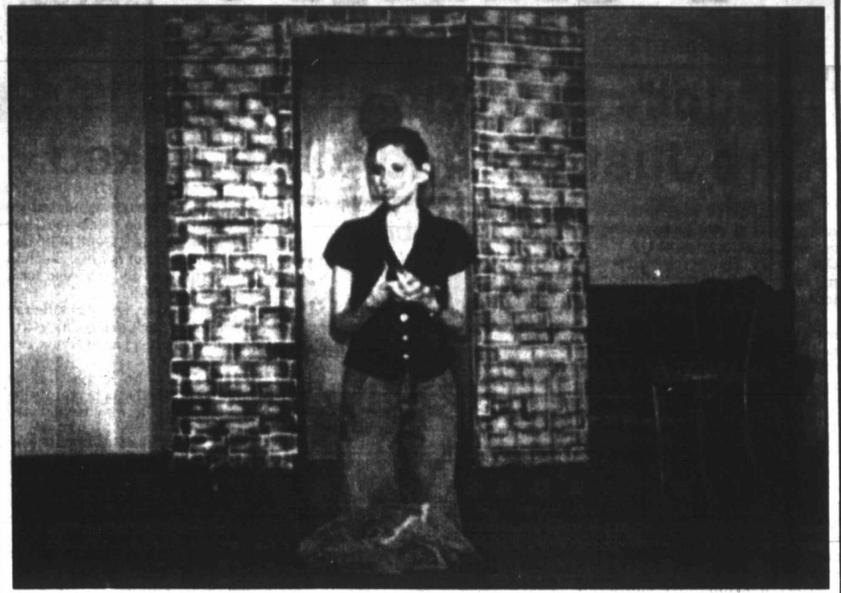
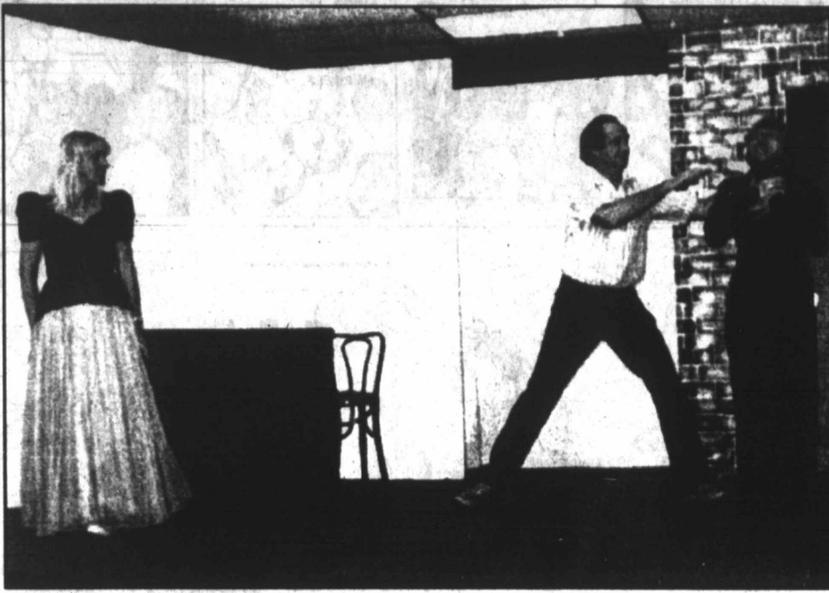


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Act I Community Theatre



(Community Camera photos)

Rehearsals are currently under way for Act I Theatre's upcoming presentation "An Evening of One Acts" slated at 7 p.m. April 13-15 at the theatre in Pampa Mall (west entrance). Above: (left) Widow Glob (Berinda Turcotte) is protected by Squire I.M. Rancid (Bill Hildebrandt) from Henry Mecken (Jimmy Lindsay) — the characters are performing scenes from "Unhand Her, You Villain"; (right) Joan of Arc, played by Mary

Fetter in "Forward to the Right," prays for guidance. 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.

Adopt-A-Manatee program in time for Easter

Move over chicks and bunnies! This year, why not make room for a manatee in your child's Easter basket? Adopting a manatee is a great way to introduce children to the environment, and a real "hands-off" way to get to know animals. Proceeds from Save the Manatee Club's Adopt-A-Manatee program go toward conservation programs to protect endangered manatees and their habitat.

For \$20 annually, "parents" of adopted manatees receive an adoption certificate, a photo of "their" manatee, the manatee's biography, and a 28-page membership handbook with educational information about manatees. School classes can adopt a manatee for a discounted rate of \$10 a year.

A coloring and activity book for young children can also be included in the adoption packet upon request. Members receive updates on their adopted manatee four times a year in the Save the Manatee Club Newsletter. As children follow the activities of "their" manatee, they learn a great deal about the life cycle of a manatee and about manatee conservation efforts.

Although they average 10 feet in length and weigh about 1,000 pounds, manatees are gentle animals. They are slow moving aquatic mammals who travel the rivers, estuaries, saltwater bays and coastal areas of the southeastern United States. Manatees are a migrating species and are concentrated primarily in Florida in the winter, but they are more widely dispersed during warm weather periods. Manatees can sometimes be found as far west as Louisiana and as far north as Virginia in the summer.

Twenty manatees who winter at Blue Spring State Park near Orange City, Fla., have been chosen as adoptees for one of Save the Manatee Club's three Adopt-A-Manatee programs. Blue Spring's natural spring maintains a constant temperature of 72 degrees and is an attractive winter refuge. Each of the manatees in the program is watched over carefully by Ranger Wayne Hartley who writes updates on them for the SMC Newsletter.

They include manatees like Howie, a real character who sneaks up under the research canoe and tips it — with the researchers in it; Phyllis, a frequent winner of the Blue Spring "attendance champion"

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award; Lily, who has visited Blue Spring since 1974; and Success who has survived several boat hits and is the proud mother of four offspring.

Another SMC adoption program is located at Homosassa Springs State Wildlife Park in Homosassa, Fla. The park is a rehabilitation facility for manatees who are recovering from injuries before being released back into the wild. Five female manatees who cannot be released into the wild due to life-threatening reasons (because of injuries, for example) currently call HSSWP their home. They include manatees such as Betsy, the "baby" at the park, although she is now as big (or bigger!) than her mother; Amanda, Betsy's mom who was rescued after sustaining a severe injury from a watercraft collision; Ariel, who likes to stick her head out of the water and give a big smile; Star, a sweet female who was named for the star-shaped birthmark on her head; and Rosie, a gentle manatee who likes to "baby-sit" the younger manatees in rehabilitation.

In addition, five manatees frequently seen in the Tampa Bay area and along the west coast of Florida are up for adoption. These manatees have been followed for years by researchers from the Florida Marine Research Institute, and several of them winter at the warm

water discharge area of Tampa Electric Company's power plant. Elsie, Jemp, Ragtail and Vector are all manatees who are frequently seen in the Tampa Bay area. Ginger frequents the west coast of Florida, south of Tampa Bay.

Manatees have no natural enemies and are harmful to none, yet currently their population numbers remain low and their mortality rate is high. Only about 2,400 manatees remain in the United States and they are listed as endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Many manatee mortalities are human-related. Because they are slow moving and need to surface to breathe air, manatees are often vulnerable to boat hits. Other causes of human-related manatee mortalities include the accidental ingestion of discarded fishing line, hooks, plastic six-pack holders and other debris left floating in waterways. Entanglement in crab trap lines and monofilament line also cause manatee injury or death. In addition, manatees can be crushed in floodgate and canal lock structures. Moreover, loss of habitat is a serious threat facing manatees today.

Funds from the Adopt-A-Manatee program go toward education and public awareness programs, manatee research and rescue and rehabilitation efforts, and lobbying and legal activities to help protect manatees and their habitat.

SMC is a national, nonprofit organization established in 1981 by U.S. Sen. Bob Graham and singer Jimmy Buffett, co-chairman of SMC. SMC was started so the general public could participate in conservation efforts to save manatees from extinction.

For more information about manatees or the Adopt-A-Manatee program, contact: Save the Manatee Club, 500 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland, FL 32751, 1-800-432-JOIN (5646). You can also visit the SMC web page on the Internet at: <http://www.savethemanatee.org>.

Lakeview ISD to host special flag-raising ceremony

LAKEVIEW — Lakeview ISD will host a United States Flag-Raising Ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. April 22 in honor of all ex-students and area veterans. The flag will stand on the site of the old Lakeview High School, destroyed by fire in 1994. Former news commentator Bob Izzard will MC and Lt. John Keith Wells of Abilene, a Lakeview High School graduate who commanded the flag-raising at Iwo Jima, will command the raising of a lighted U.S. flag.

During the program, a wing of vintage World War II airplanes will re-enact the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Fort Sill will bring its half-section consisting of horse cavalry maneuvers and artillery. In addition,

Cleatus Labow, a survivor of the U.S. Indianapolis, will be a guest speaker.

A hamburger meal will be sponsored by the community to raise funds for a veterans memorial to be placed at the site of the old high school.

Lakeview is located 10 miles west of Memphis on Texas Hwy 256. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Global Outreach Day in offing

HOPE for Kids, a program of HOPE Worldwide is sponsoring Global Outreach Day 2000. The event is part of National Volunteer Week and will kick-off at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 15.

The State of Texas recently passed legislation known as the Children's Health Insurance Program providing health insurance availability for a number of uninsured families. HOPE for Kids has partnered with TexCare to meet the needs of these families.

Over 2,000 HOPE for Kids volunteers in Texas will be taking action on this issue by educating families about the availability of this new program through neighborhood canvassing. The volunteers will gather at stated locations to participate in rallies where speakers will address the volunteers.

HOPE for Kids has partnered with area coalition on this issue also.

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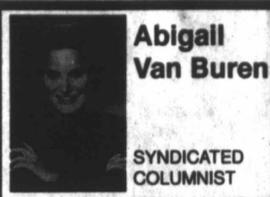
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Perhaps you could let your readers know that anyone, not just media celebrities, can get virtually any information through their local public library. In California (and many other states), if your local library can't find a piece of information, a published item, an old song, a definition, an address or repair manual — they have "second-level reference centers" to which they can refer the question. These second-level centers are staffed by professional reference librarians who will go to great lengths to track down whatever is needed.

They use not only the print resources of our host library and the World Wide Web, but they call and fax corporations and other organizations, e-mail all over the world, confer with colleagues in special-interest libraries, and appeal for assistance on librarians' e-mail lists — to name only a few of the sources. They also research questions in nearby libraries and farm out some questions to other centers with strengths in certain areas.

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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "John in Santa Monica," who agreed to host his 17-year-old cousin for a week. I am not very close with one of my sisters. However, one day last year, her 14-year-old daughter, Lee, called to ask if she could spend the spring break with me.

I had separated from my husband recently and was on an extremely modest budget. I didn't

have a lot of money to spend, but we didn't need it. The week that Lee spent with me turned out to be one of the best weeks of my life. Lee had so much fun that she returned for a week last summer.

In late October, Lee was killed in a house fire. I can't express how fortunate I feel to have spent those two weeks with her.

Please let John know that he should embrace the opportunity he has been given; he may never have it again.

DAWN IN BLACKSHEAR, GA.

DEAR DAWN: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your niece. You have written a powerful letter, and I'm sure that other readers besides John will appreciate the message you've conveyed so well.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Outraged," whose stepmother wanted to be buried between the woman's father and her birth mother, reminded me of the story about the man who remarried after his first wife died. He said when he died that he wanted to be buried between the two wives, "but tilt me toward Tillie."

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Horoscope

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 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)

*** Easy does it. You can't change anyone or anything right now. Plot your course accordingly. Clear your desk; do what makes you feel good about yourself. Schedule some exercise somewhere along the way. Explore a financial offer. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** You feel in control and that you can make a difference. Relax. Rome wasn't built in a day! With an easier pace, your imagination grows. You have a lot of fun ideas. Your personal life demands attention, and it is your pleasure to give it. Tonight: Help others enjoy their weekend, too!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** You are coming from a secure point of view. Make calls about property and real estate. An investment looks good; make sure it really is. Mellow out and don't feel compelled to make a decision just yet. Don't share every insight. Tonight: Mosey on home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Reach out for others. Let more fun and play into your life. Your perspective opens doors, but perhaps not immediately. Schedule meetings; get together with others. Do not waver from

your goals. Clear out your to-do list. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Take stock, with an eye to what you want and where you are heading. Review recent decisions about funds; look to creating more potential. Those in charge are highly responsive. Brainstorm. Be open to new ideas. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Beam in what you want. Be more willing to expand and risk. Schedule a workshop; take a class. Continue learning and growing. Someone at a distance could play a strong role in your life. Make calls; investigate and research. Tonight: Do something different.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Don't let the cat out of the bag. Keep a secret. Remain mellow, and direct. Reaffirm your sense of direction. Understand your limits in a public setting. Your sense of humor comes out with a partner who, if nothing else, is optimistic. Tonight: Mysterious is best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Bring others together to network or just socialize. Others respect your sense of humor and want to be closer to you. You have a specific focus or purpose. Let others know where you are coming from. Tonight: A flirtation could become more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Others look to you for advice. Take charge, though anything decided presently might have to be confirmed later. Organize an important project even though you might want to wait until Monday before delegating. Your ideas

are still formulating. Tonight: In the limelight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** With detachment, your sense of humor comes out. Get into the electronic age: Convert as much as you can to e-mail or get to know your computer even better. Check out fare prices for a dreamed-of trip. Anything is possible. Tonight: Escape from work ASAP.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Working as a team proves to be quite successful. You feel unusually comfortable with another. A decision you make is right on, especially if it involves a partnership and property. Be direct with a loved one, who is relieved by your clarity. Tonight: Be cozy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Others come toward you at a frenetic pace. Your way of handling another proves to be unusual. Popularity increases. You have many more options than you realize. Accept an offer that comes your way. The news gets better. Tonight: A force to behold.

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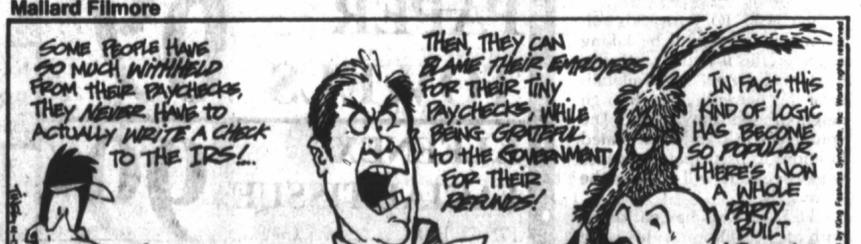
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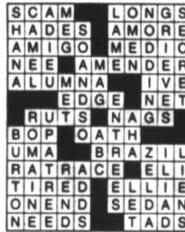
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SOFTBALL

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.

FOOTBALL

WACO, Texas — Former Robinson and Arena Football League star Clint Dolezel is hoping to make the Chicago Bears' roster next season. Kurt Warner's unbelievable rise from the Iowa Barnstormers to quarterbacking the St. Louis Rams in last year's Super Bowl earned him MVP honors. Hands-down, it was an easy call.

But it also opened the door for every arena ball wannabe and stock boy in America.

And to a certain extent, it made every general manager and player personnel guy in the league start looking for the next Kurt Warner. The year before, they were looking for the next Doug Flutie a 5-foot-9 refugee from the Canadian Football League.

"What he did, that's one in a million," said Clint Dolezel, an Arena Football League stand-out in his own right with the Houston ThunderBears. "I don't know if a quarterback will ever be in that situation again and do what he did."

Not even when he's alone with his thoughts does Dolezel dare to dream about matching Warner's made-for-TV performance. The 1989 Robinson High graduate has a much simpler goal. He just wants to make the Chicago Bears' roster as one of their top three quarterbacks.

"One thing we made clear was that I wasn't just coming in here to throw a little and give them another body in camp," said Dolezel, who gave up a coaching position in Waller, Texas and a guaranteed spot with the ThunderBears for a shot at the NFL.

"They told me I would have a chance, and I think they like me here. They feel like this is the type of offense that I can do well if I'm given a chance."

That's all Dolezel wanted when he signed a contract with the Bears. Six years ago, as a free agent with the old Cleveland Browns out of East Texas State, he was barely given a second look.

"I was with the Browns for a brief moment in their last year, and it just wasn't a very good situation," he said. "I was thinking about that when I was coming up here. I was like, 'What am I doing? I didn't like it the first time, so what makes me think it's going to be any different.' But the coaches and staff make you feel so relaxed. It wasn't that way in Cleveland. The players were all glaring at you, and it was all business."

But Dolezel, a former Super Centex pick in football, basketball and baseball, found new life in the Arena Football League. After backing up Todd Hammel for two years in Milwaukee, he has become a star the last three seasons with the ThunderBears.

Dolezel ranks ninth on the AFL's all-time list with 12,165 yards passing, seventh in touchdown passes (234) and second in completion percentage (65.0) and holds four of the top five single-game passing marks.

In the last two seasons alone, he has completed 717 of 1,114 passes for 8,554 yards and 161 TDs. With those kind of numbers, it's amazing that his right arm is still intact.

"I've been blessed," said Dolezel, who turned 30 last month. "I've never really had any serious injuries. Just a few little nicks. I feel like I've got a lot of years left in my body and my mind's still willing. I'll try to play as long as I can, or at least as long as I'm not embarrassing myself."

Jones would trade down in deep draft

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys, who hold a second-round pick in the NFL draft, would consider trading it in the first day of the event.

But owner Jerry Jones stopped short of saying he preferred to drop down into the third round and acquire an additional pick.

"The draft, in my mind, is deep," Jones told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions. "I think we're going to get a good player, or players, with the No. 2 pick. We will consider trading down with that pick. That's a very realistic possibility in

this draft."

Jones also said that Keyshawn Johnson, the former New York Jets receiver who was traded to Tampa Bay for two first-round draft picks, was the subject of considerable discussion at the Cowboys' Valley Ranch training complex in the Dallas suburb of Irving for the past two years.

Also, Jones knew that Johnson was an option when he acquired receiver Joey Galloway in February.

"We did know he might be available," Jones told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "I had visited with (former Jets coach) Bill Parcells about a

trade last year. But I had the sense that Keyshawn might have been available" for the Cowboys this year.

Galloway's speed was a factor in the decision, Jones said. To rebuild the Cowboys into a Super Bowl contender, he said, getting Galloway was a step. And that goal will continue through the draft.

With Deion Sanders' imminent departure and injury problems of Kevin Smith and Kevin Mathis, cornerback is one of Dallas' focuses.

Jones said that he believes there's enough quality in the draft to provide a good player with his second-round

pick. But he said he would also listen to trade offers to move down for acquisition of additional picks.

"I've been doing this long enough that you get some interesting opportunities on draft day," he said.

Astros turn back Cardinals

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros and St. Louis Cardinals looked like teams heading in different directions.

The Astros are off to their worst start in four years, while the Cardinals came up one win short of the best start in the 108-year history of the franchise after losing 7-5 Wednesday night.

The first-place Cardinals lead the league in runs scored and

home runs, and have the league's leading hitter in Jim Edmonds, while the Astros are hitting only .221 and have an ERA of 5.29, among the worst in the league.

"It was very important for us to get one win against these guys," first baseman Jeff Bagwell said after the Astros salvaged the three-game set. "It's only April, but you don't want to keep digging yourself a hole."

Pampa 7th grade places second at Borger track meet

BORGER — Pampa finished second behind Hereford in the 7th grade division at the Borger Middle School Boys Track Meet last weekend.

Mark Williams won three events to lead Pampa and teammate Seth Foster set a new school record in the 300 hurdles. Williams also claimed another first-place medal when he anchored the winning 400-meter relay team.

Foster also won the 110 hurdles and teammate Clayton Hall won the 1600.

In the 8th grade division, Andrew Curtis won two events for Pampa, the 100 and 200.

Pampa finished fourth in the team standings.

Randy Matson Field will be the site of the district middle school boys meet on Saturday. Field events begin at 10 a.m., followed by the running events at 1 p.m.

Borger Track Meet

8th Grade Division
Team totals: 1. Hereford 116; 2. Dumas 110; 3. Canyon 101; 4. Pampa 91; 5. Borger 87; 6. Valleyview 82.

Pampa results
Shot put: Jerrod Carruth, third place, 36-2.
Discus: Jerrod Carruth, fifth place, 108-5 1/4; Michael Shaw, sixth place, 104-3 1/4.

High jump: Cody Locknane, fourth place, 5-0.
Long jump: Jesse Tarango, fifth place, 15-11 1/2; Johnny Moore, sixth place, 15-7.

Triple jump: Mac Smith, second place, 34-1 1/2.
2400: Cody Locknane, fourth place, 9:04.00.

400 relay: Pampa, first place (Mac Smith, Johnny Moore, Derek Lewis and Andrew Lewis), 48.17.
110 hurdles: Dannie Meza, fifth place, 19.40.

100: Andrew Curtis, first place, 11.94; Derek Lewis, third place, 12.18; Jessie Hernandez, fourth place, 12.34.

400: Johnny Moore, sixth place, 1:03.06.

200: Andrew Curtis, first place, 25.29; Derek Lewis, second place, 25.32.

1600 relay: Pampa, sixth place (Kit Koop, Garrett Johnston, Johnny Story and Cody Locknane), 4:23.00.

7th Grade Division
Team totals: 1. Hereford 165; 2. Pampa 158; 3. Dumas 139; 4. Canyon 76; 5. Borger 29; 6. Westover 25.

Pampa results
Shot put: Tyrel Bolin, fifth place, 32-2.

Discus: Britten East, third place, 95-5 1/2; Tyrel Bolin, fifth place, 93-8.

High jump: Mark Williams, first place, 5-4; Seth Foster, second place, 5-2.

Long jump: Mark Williams, first place, 15-6; Seth Foster, sixth place, 14-4 1/2.

Triple jump: Shea Brown, third place, 31-10.

2400: Heath Miller, fifth place, 9:34.00; Shawn Brown, sixth place, 9:38.0.

400 relay: Pampa, first place (Seth Foster, Shea Brown, Janssen Eilenberger and Mark Williams), 50.58.

800: Dustin Langley, third place, 2:33.61.

110 hurdles: Seth Foster, first place, 18.47; Clayton Hall, third place, 19.68.

100: Mark Williams, first place, 11.96; Janssen Eilenberger, fifth place, 13.14.

400: Britten East, sixth place, 1:06.58.

800 relay: Pampa, third place (Clayton Hall, Shea Brown, Mateo Campos, Janssen Eilenberger) 1:53.35.

300 hurdles: Seth Foster, first place, 47.49 (new school record).
1600: Clayton Hall, first place, 5:40.35; Heath Miller, sixth place, 6:04.00.

1600 relay: Pampa, third place (Jamie Resendiz, Brittin East, Dustin Langley and Shawn Brown), 4:34.51.

Yankees win home opener

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees returned to Yankee Stadium for the first time since sweeping the World Series, raised their 25th championship flag and won their home opener.

More uplifting than all of that, however, was the sight of Mel Stottlemyre in uniform and in the dugout.

Tino Martinez's two-run triple in the seventh inning carried the Yankees over the Texas Rangers 8-6 Wednesday, one day after their pitching coach began treatment for cancer.

"It's always great to come back to Yankee Stadium, especially after winning the World Series and with Mel back," Paul O'Neill said. "We knew if we hung close we'd make something happen."

The Yankees, who held the Rangers to two runs in sweeping them out of the playoffs the past two seasons, rallied in the seventh inning after third baseman Wilson Delgado's throwing error put the Rangers ahead 6-5.

O'Neill and Bernie Williams, whose three-run homer gave the Yankees a 4-2 lead in the fifth, led off the seventh with singles off Mike Munoz (0-1). Martinez then hit a long drive to right-center for

his third hit of the game — all off left-handers.

"We know we are going to face a lot of left-handers this year, so it's important to do well," Martinez said. "Last year, we faced them so rarely that it was hard to get my timing down."

Jeff Nelson (2-0) pitched two scoreless innings for the win, and Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for his fourth save. Rivera has converted his last 26 save opportunities.

The pomp of this year's home opener, which included the raising of the Yankees' record 25th World Series flag, was overshadowed by Stottlemyre's announcement Sunday that he has bone marrow cancer.



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Regional qualifiers



The Pampa High tennis team qualified four athletes for the Class 4A regional tournament April 24-25 in San Angelo. They are (from left) Emily Curtis, Bryce Jordan, Michael Cornelison and Emily Waters. They are the District 3-4A doubles champions in both boys and girls divisions.

Thomas, Worthy nominated for hall

By TRUDY TYNAN
Associated Press Writer

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — With their open-court skills, Isiah Thomas and James Worthy quickened the pace of basketball and the pulse of fans. Now, they are both Basketball Hall of Fame nominees.

Worthy, who played for North Carolina, joined fellow Tar Heels Bobby Jones and Bob McAdoo on the list of 10 nominated players and coaches announced Wednesday.

Sidney Moncrief also was proposed as a player, while Lute Olsen of Arizona, Morgan Wootten of DeMatha High School and Jim Phelan of Mount St. Mary's were nominated as coaches.

Kentucky athletic director C.M. Newton and the late Junius Kellogg, a wheelchair basketball pioneer, were nominated as contributors.

To be elected, a nominee needs 18 votes from the 24-member Honors Committee. The inductees will be announced next month, with enshrinement ceremonies in October.

Thomas, who owns the Continental Basketball Association, led Indiana to the 1981 NCAA championship and the Detroit Pistons to consecutive NBA titles in 1989 and 1990.

In 1996, Thomas, selected to the NBA All-Star team in 12 of his 13 seasons in the league, was honored as one of the NBA's 50 greatest players.

He averaged 19.2 points and 9.3 assists during his career, ranking as Detroit's career leader in both categories. He is fourth in career assists and ninth in steals in the NBA.

Following his retirement as a player, Thomas became part owner and general manager of the Toronto Raptors. Last year, he acquired the CBA for \$10 million.

Worthy, now a broadcaster, was the quick, powerful, fast-break finisher, who led North Carolina to the 1982 NCAA championship before starting with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Also honored as one of the top 50 players in NBA history, the power forward played on three Lakers' championship teams (1985, '87 and '88) and was chosen to seven NBA All-Star teams.

McAdoo was a three-time scoring champion and two-time NBA champion with the Lakers. He is an assistant coach with the Miami Heat.

Jones was a defensive star in the ABA and NBA with the Denver Nuggets. Now, he is an assistant headmaster and basketball coach at the Christian School in Charlotte, N.C.

Moncrief starred at Arkansas and was a two-time NBA defensive player of the year with the Milwaukee Bucks. He is currently a coach at Arkansas-Little Rock.

Olsen led Arizona to the 1997 NCAA championship, and has a 715-240 record in 26 years at Long Beach City College, Long Beach State, Iowa and Arizona.

Phelan has an 808-462 record in 46 years at Mount St. Mary's. He led the Mountaineers to the 1962 Division II NCAA championship.

Wootten was the most successful high school coach with an 87 percent winning percentage (1,210-163) in 44 years at DeMatha in Washington, D.C.

Newton played on Kentucky's 1951 NCAA championship team, then coached at Transylvania, Alabama and Vanderbilt before returning to Kentucky as athletic director.

Kellogg, a former Manhattan player, helped launch the National Wheelchair Basketball Association after being injured in a 1954 auto accident. He died in 1998.

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PHS golfers left 3-4A foes in the rough

The way the District 3-4A golf season started out, it didn't look like the Pampa boys or girls teams were going to charge right through the competition with hardly a backwards glance.

Borger led by three strokes in the boys' division and by two in the girls' division after two of the five rounds had been played.

That's when Pampa made its move and the district championship race would end in a rout.

The Pampa boys won the district title by 19 strokes over Borger.

Daniel Heuston, just a sophomore, won medalist honors by seven strokes over teammate Matt Heasley, a senior.

The Pampa girls had an easier time of it, winning by 60 strokes.

Pampa didn't have the medalist, but Cortnie Allison was second, Maggie Cowan third and Stefanie Harwood sixth in the individual standings.

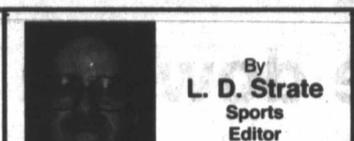
"We played our last two rounds like we should have been playing all along. Give Borger some credit, though. They played well the first two rounds," said Pampa coach Frank McCullough. "Borger hadn't beaten us all year until district."

Second-place Borger finished 181 strokes ahead of Caprock in the final team standings.

Borger's Afton Messenger claimed medalist honors with a five-round total of 419.

Allison, a senior, shot a 79 to lead the Lady Harvesters in the final round.

"Allison came back and shot a fairly good round, She's starting to put it all together,"



By L. D. Strate
Sports Editor

said McCullough.

For the Pampa boys, there were some doubts about their consistency when the season first teed off.

"I was concerned about the boys," McCullough confessed. "There were four teams (in the district) that were pretty equal. We were putting together some good individual rounds, but we just weren't shooting any solid team scores."

With Heuston anchoring the team, the Harvesters starting pulling away from the rest of the pack.

"Daniel has been solid all year and he's been pretty consistent within the group," McCullough said. "If the round is in the low 70s, he'll shoot in the low 70s. If the round is in the low 80s, he'll shoot in the low 80s."

Heuston's consistency garnered him medalist honors with a five-round total of 387.

Heasley struggled early in the season, but he came through with the day's low score of 73 in the final round at Pheasant Trails in Dumas.

Heasley finished as second-place medalist with a 394, beating out Borger's Cole Register and Jeremy West by one stroke.

Pampa's next stop is the regional tourna-

ment April 24-25 in San Angelo.

The boys meet will be at Brentwood, the girls at Riverside.

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Congratulations to Pampa senior Russell Robben, who won the Visa Charge award for the third consecutive season.

That award goes annually to the basketball player who takes the most charges in a season.

Robben is a rarity in this day and age, a three-sport athlete at the Class 4A level.

The last one at PHS was Quincy Williams, who played football, basketball and baseball in the late 1980s.

Robben plays the same three sports He didn't play football his senior year

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Speaking of basketball, Pampa senior Jordanna Young participated in the Golden Spread All-Star Games last weekend in Amarillo.

Young scored 14 points to help the East beat the North 75-71 for the girls' consolation championship.

Young is the sister of Texas Tech basketball star Rayford Young, who is looking toward the NBA draft.

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Competing in the junior varsity division at the Amarillo Girls Relays, Sara Blankenship of Pampa won first place in the shot put with a throw of 30 feet, 1 inch.

Beth Platt of Pampa placed third in the 400.

Canyon, Borger win titles at Pampa Girls Relays meet

PAMPA — Canyon and Borger were the team champions at the Pampa Girls Middle School Relays last weekend.

Pampa placed second in both 7th and 8th grade divisions.

Kori Dunn and Tara Jordan won two events each for the Pampa 8th graders.

Dunn won both the 800 and 400 while Jordan won the 2400 and 1600.

Other first-place ribbons were won by Neysha Rogers (long jump) and Keisha Childress (high jump).

In the 7th grade division, Missy Brown won both the 2400 and 1600 for Pampa.

Other first-place individuals for Pampa were Skye Niccum (shot), Wendi Miller (triple jump) and Jerica Timmons (100 hurdles).

The Pampa girls are entered in the Valleyview meet on Saturday.

Pampa Girls Relays 8th Grade Division

Team totals: 1. Canyon 155; 2. Pampa 143; 3. Borger 112; 4. Valleyview 91; 5. Hereford 48; 6. Dumas 44.

Pampa results
Shot: Haley Bowen, sixth place, 25-11.

Discus: Stacey Johnson, sixth place, 72-1.

Triple jump: Shelby Patton, fifth place, 28-2.

Long jump: Neysha Rogers, first place, 14-7 1/4; Ashley Winton, sixth place, 13-11 3/8.

High jump: Keisha Childress, first place, 4-10.

2400: Tara Jordan, first place, 9:28.40.

400 relay: Pampa, second place (Neysha Rogers, Nerissa Perry, Ashley Winton and Abbit Covalt), 56.13.

800: Kori Dunn, first place, 2:44.15.

100: Neysha Rogers, second place, 13:09; Ashley Winton, fifth place, 14:09.

400: Kori Dunn, first place, 1:10.50; Nerissa Perry, second place, 1:12.58; Tatum Brown, third place, 1:13.75.

800 relay: Pampa, fourth place

(Rogers, Winton, Brown and Katlin Passini), 2:02.71.

200: Nerissa Perry, sixth place, 29.47.

1600: Tara Jordan, first place, 6:06.21; Annabel Saldierna, sixth place, 6:50.62.

1600 relay: Pampa, second place (Brown, Johnson, Jordan and Dunn), 4:47.89.

7th Grade Division
Team totals: 1. Borger 177; 2. Pampa 152; 3. Hereford 88; 4. Canyon 75; 5. Westover 46; 6. Dumas 43.

Shot put: Skye Niccum, first place, 29.8; Page Dever, third place, 24.7.

High jump: Jaelyn Spearman, third place, 4-6.

Long jump: Wendi Miller, second place, 15-0 1/8; Kendall Stokes, third place, 13-11 3/4; Jennie Rogers, sixth place, 13-4.

Triple jump: Wendi Miller, first place, 30-4; Chera Chavedo, third place, 28-4 1/2.

2400: Missy Brown, first place, 9:53.03; Gina Guerrero, fourth place, 10:33.84.

400 relay: Pampa, fourth place (Chera Chavedo, Kay-Kay Grays, Jennie Rogers and Wendi Miller), 58.40.

800: Ruth Ann Schlewitz, second place, 2:45.75; Jaelyn Spearman, third place, 2:54.01.

100 hurdles: Jerica Timmons, first place, 18:18; Kendall Stokes, sixth place, 19:10.

100: Kay-Kay Grays, fourth place, 13:71; Ann Murtishaw, sixth place, 14:31.

400: Jaelyn Spearman, second place, 1:11.34.

800 relay: Pampa, third place (Chavedo, Grays, Murtishaw and Miller), 2:06.14.

300 hurdles: Jerica Timmons, sixth place, 1:00.26.

200: Wendi Miller, second place, 29.12.

1600: Missy Brown, first place, 6:30.25; Kara Shepard, second place, 6:35.95; Gina Guerrero, fifth place, 6:56.25.

1600 relay: Pampa, fifth place (Schlewitz, Brown, Spearman and Diana Resendiz), 4:57.34.

Bucs hope Johnson is final piece to puzzle

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Keyshawn Johnson won't have to demand the ball from his new team.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers made the two-time Pro Bowl selection the highest-paid receiver in the NFL on Wednesday, and intend to give him plenty of opportunities to make a difference in their offense.

"I welcome that because in this day and age, we all know that you

have to throw the football," Johnson said after signing an eight-year, \$56 million contract to complete a trade that sent a pair of first-round draft picks to the New York Jets.

"I think the organization knows that. That's why they went out and gave up two first-round picks to try to get somebody they can rely on to deliver that for them."

Johnson received a club-record

\$13 million signing bonus and immediately became the highest-profile offensive player in team history. He had two years remaining on the six-year contract he signed as the first pick in the 1996 draft, and unsuccessfully sought to renegotiate the deal with the Jets.

Fearing a holdout next season, New York opted to trade Johnson, receiving the 13th and 27th picks

in this weekend's draft. The Jets, who have an unprecedented four selections in the opening round, already owned the 16th and 18th picks.

"Money was an issue, yes it was. But it wasn't the only issue," Johnson said of leaving New York. "It never got to the point of talking to the Jets. They never asked what do you want or what could possibly satisfy you."

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East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Florida	5	4	.556	—
Montreal	5	4	.556	—
Atlanta	4	4	.500	1/2
Philadelphia	4	4	.500	1/2
New York	3	6	.333	2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
St. Louis	7	2	.778	—
Milwaukee	4	4	.500	2 1/2
Cincinnati	4	5	.444	3
Houston	4	5	.444	3
Chicago	4	6	.400	3 1/2
Pittsburgh	3	5	.375	3 1/2
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Arizona	6	3	.667	—
Los Angeles	4	3	.571	1
San Diego	5	4	.556	1
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New York	4	3	.571	1/2
Boston	4	4	.500	1
Toronto	4	6	.400	2
Tampa Bay	2	7	.222	3 1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cleveland	7	2	.778	—
Kansas City	3	3	.500	1/2
Chicago	6	3	.667	1
Minnesota	3	7	.300	4 1/2
Detroit	2	6	.250	4 1/2
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Edmonds, St. Louis	538	Vidro, Montreal	459	VGuerrero, Montreal	452
Reese, Cincinnati	433	Hidalgo, Houston	423	LCastillo, Florida	400
Gutierrez, Chicago	400	Bergeron, Montreal	11	Burnitz, Milwaukee	11
LCastillo, Florida	10	Lansing, Colorado	10	Hidalgo, Houston	9
Vina, St. Louis	9	AMartin, San Diego	9	SFinley, Arizona	9
RBI—Griffey Jr., Cincinnati	14	VGuerrero, Montreal	12	Andrews, Chicago	12
Galarraga, Atlanta	11	Lowell, Florida	10	Hidalgo, Houston	10
Tatis, St. Louis	10	LStevens, Montreal	10	LHarris, Arizona	10
HITS—Vidro, Montreal	17	Vina, St. Louis	16	Edmonds, St. Louis	15
VGuerrero, Montreal	14	EWYoung, Chicago	14	SFinley, Arizona	14
Larkin, Cincinnati	14	DOUBLES—Ciriello, Colorado	6	Larkin, Cincinnati	5
Vidro, Montreal	4	Edmonds, St. Louis	4	RBWhite, Montreal	4
EWYoung, Chicago	4	LGonzalez, Arizona	4	TRIPLES—Vina, St. Louis	4
Cedeno, Houston	2	Goodwin, Colorado	2	Grissom, Milwaukee	2
Sheffield, Los Angeles	2	28 are tied with 1.			
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CGuzman, Minnesota	10	Durham, Chicago	10	Randa, Kansas City	10
Thome, Cleveland	10	G Vaughn, Tampa Bay	10	RBI—CJohnson, Baltimore	14
JGJambi, Oakland	13	Fryman, Cleveland	13	Vizquel, Cleveland	13
CNLee, Chicago	11	Lawton, Minnesota	11	Durham, Chicago	11
HITS—Randa, Kansas City	18	Thomas, Chicago	18	Erstad, Anaheim	18
Konerko, Chicago	15	Jones, Minnesota	14	CNLee, Chicago	14
Dye, Kansas City	14	MJSweeney, Kansas City	14	DOUBLES—Quinn, Kansas City	5
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Canseco, Tampa Bay	5	10 are tied with 4.			
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Report: Police officers accused of beating, sexually torturing boy investigated five years ago

DESOTO, Texas (AP) — Five years before two police officers in this Dallas suburb were charged in a nephew's abuse, they were investigated by child welfare authorities who checked on the boy but could not substantiate the earlier complaint, records show.

Lt. William Homer Ransom and Sgt. Judith Corkran Ransom remained in Ellis County Jail today in lieu of \$100,000 bonds each on charges of beating and sexually assaulting the 13-year-old nephew who was in their care.

The boy and his 16-year-old sister, who says she also was physically abused, had been placed with the

former officer of the year and her husband after years of abuse by their parents, according to court documents.

In the 1995 investigation, Child Protective Services officers investigated a report that the boy had a black eye.

The boy's sister "said during this investigation, she and (the boy) both had covered for their mom, and nothing ever came of the investigation," Christi Campbell, a CPS caseworker, wrote in a Feb. 4 affidavit filed in Ellis County.

George Milner III, the Ransoms' attorney who

denied current accusations that the couple abused the boy, also questioned the earlier investigation which he called "completely unfounded." The CPS had dropped the inquiry for lack of evidence.

"The charges are false," Milner told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions. "And the question is, what motivated the girl to state what she did. The boy is almost retarded. I don't know if he has any recognition of what happened."

The police officers, who have each worked for the DeSoto Police Department for about 20 years, were indicted last week by an Ellis

County grand jury and arrested on Tuesday.

The latest investigation was prompted by a teacher who said the boy had a black eye, documents show.

Later examination and questioning revealed bruises on the boy's buttocks and a four-inch probe inserted into his body. The device was removed at a Waxahachie hospital, officials said.

The device had been given to the Ransoms by a doctor to help the nephew overcome incontinence that stemmed from earlier sexual abuse by his biological father, the boy's sister told authorities.



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House approve heating oil reserve for Northeast

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Northeast would be able to create a 2 million barrel home heating oil reserve to help it avoid sharp upswings in prices under energy legislation that has cleared the House.

The measure, which passed 416-8 Wednesday, also gives the government a way to keep small-scale oil drillers economically afloat during periods when oil prices drop too low to make production viable.

The two provisions were part of a larger bill that renews the president's authority, during an energy crisis, to withdraw oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, a 600 million barrel stockpile in Texas and Louisiana set aside by law for emergencies.

The Senate has acted to restore that authority, which expired when the House failed to act by March 31. The bill now goes back to the Senate for final approval.

Some members of Congress earlier this year urged President Clinton to tap the reserve to counter production cutbacks by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries that earlier in the year sent oil prices soaring in this country. OPEC has since increased production and administration officials have said they have no intention of using the emergency oil to manipulate prices.

The reserve was established in 1975 after the Arab oil embargo to counter oil supply interruptions, but has been used only once, by President Bush during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

The House also amended the legislation to give the energy secretary the discretion to purchase oil at \$15 a barrel from small-scale stripper wells when world oil prices drop below that level. Oil in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve must now be pur-

chased from foreign sources, and the average cost of oil in the reserve today is \$27 a barrel.

Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, chairman of the House Commerce energy subcommittee, said that if the provision had been in effect two years ago, when low prices were driving many small drillers out of business, the nation today might have up to 1 million barrels a day more in production.

Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., who led efforts to create the Northeast reserve, said it would "give the president the flexibility that he needs to release the heating oil from the reserve in the event we have a repetition of the type of severe price spikes or severe weather situations that we saw last winter."

Rep. Bernard Sanders, an independent from Vermont who also pushed for the reserve, called it "a major step forward in our efforts to make sure that people are not forced to suffer through large swings in heating oil prices during the winter."

Another New England Democrat, Rep. Robert Weygand of Rhode Island, said home heating oil in his state jumped from 99 cents to \$2.05 a gallon in a matter of weeks last winter.

Home heating oil inventory in the Northeast went from 4 million barrels in 1991 to 17 million barrels last year and then back to 4.5 million barrels this year, Weygand said.

Eight Republicans voted against the bill — John Duncan of Tennessee, John Hostettler of Indiana, Ron Paul of Texas, Ed Royce of California, Mark Sanford of South Carolina, James Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin and Pat Toomey and Joseph Pitts of Pennsylvania.

The bill number is H.R. 2884.

On the Net:
Sanders on heating oil issue:
<http://bernie.house.gov/legislation/heat/index.asp>

Elderly couple's bodies found; 6-year-old grandson missing

DALLAS (AP) — Police investigating the slayings of an elderly couple in their home are also looking today for a great-grandson who was in their care and a female boarder.

Corinthian Ransom, 6, remained missing. Police believed his great-grandparents — 77-year-old Manuel "Dusty" Gillens and 73-year-old Nellie Taylor — were the victims of a robbery.

Police found another great-grandchild a few hours later. But

the 3-year-old's brother, Corinthian James Ransom, had not been to school Tuesday and Wednesday.

The name of the second boy was unavailable.

Police said they found signs of a struggle at the home when the bodies were discovered Wednesday evening. Neighbors said the couple kept a large sum of money in the house.

Marzuq Abdul Jaami, the brother of the elderly woman, told The Dallas Morning News in today's

editions that his sister and brother-in-law often took strangers in who needed a place to stay.

"They got a good heart. Some of the people they tried to help weren't worth it," he said. "They always kept money to help people. Whoever pulled this off knew them well."

Investigators told the newspaper they are now looking for a female boarder who lived with the couple. The boarder was described to police as being in her 40s.

Pride of Pampa Band



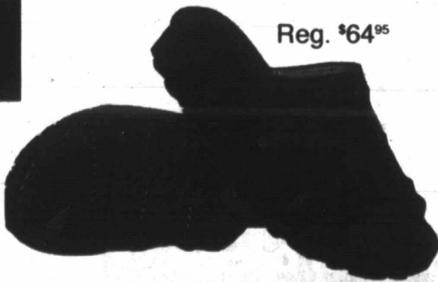
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