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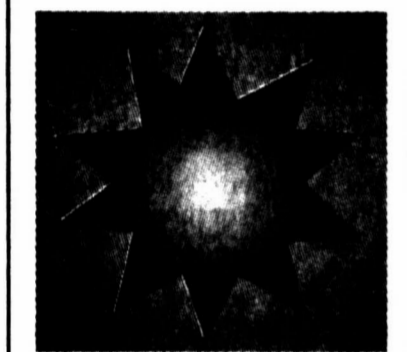
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PAMPA — The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross recently released is schedule of upcoming classes. The following three courses will be offered from 6-10 p.m.: May 8, Adult CPR; May 9, First Aid; and May 11, Infant and Child CPR. The cost of each course will be \$20. To preregister or for more information, contact the local Red Cross at 669-7121.

PAMPA — The National Association of Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Service, Pampa United Way, and the AFL-CIO will be collecting nonperishable food items on Saturday, May 13 for distribution to the Salvation Army, Good Samaritan Christian Services, Tralee Crisis Center, and Genesis House in our community. Please place a food donation by your mailbox on Saturday, May 13. Your letter carrier will pick it up and deliver it to the Chamber of Commerce where the food will be weighed, boxed, and divided evenly between the above mentioned agencies. Help us help our community.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A judge has granted a \$30,000 bond to a former high school basketball player who already has served three months in jail on an aggravated assault charge.

A district judge granted the bond to former South San Antonio High School basketball player Tony Limon while his lawyers appeal the case.

Limon, 18, was sentenced to five years in prison for elbowing East Central guard Brent Holmes in the face, knocking him to the ground and breaking his nose.

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County gets \$3.8 million state grant for courthouse restoration

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Gray County is Number One! Named to receive \$3.8 million in grant money, Gray County is the recipient of the largest amount of grant monies awarded last week. The Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program announced the 19 winners at the quarterly THC commission meeting. Matching grants totaling more than \$42 million were awarded to 19 counties to restore and preserve their historic county courthouses.

Gray County Courthouse was the youngest courthouse of the top 19 to receive a grant. Most of the Texas courthouses receiving grant awards were built before 1900. Only three of the county structures were built after the turn of the century.

County Judge Richard Peet was surprised the local county ranked so highly in the distribution of the state funds. Hoping Gray County would be a winner, he flew to Austin to be at the meeting for the Thursday THC announcement. However, due to a delayed flight, the disappointed county judge did not arrive in time for the award announcement.

He said 74 counties submitted

master plans for the grant program, and 58 were approved for the application process of the program in Round I.

Architexas, an architectural planning and historic preservation firm, was hired by the county commission several months ago to follow in the preservation of the 70-year-old structure.

Following an inspection of the facility by the architects, Jay Firsching and Larry Irsik, recommendations of new wiring as well as mechanical and plumbing improvements were at the top of the list of items given to the commission.

One recommendation is that courthouse offices be relocated during the period of time to make the improvements in wiring, mechanical and plumbing. Plumbing replacements are needed to meet the American Disabilities Act requirements, said the architects.

Peet said he has spoken with PISD Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr about the possibility of courthouse staff using the now-empty Baker School. He also said the building formerly utilized by Clarendon College was also a possibility.

"If the courthouse employees are out of the building the work (See GRANT, Page 2)



Architects are recommending the trees in front of the courthouse be replaced with more appropriate landscaping so the view of the building is not blocked.

Buck, Stowers top grads at Pampa High

Jeremy Buck has been named Valedictorian for the Pampa High School graduating Class of 2000. His grade point average is 4.333. Sean Stowers was named Salutatorian with an average of 4.323.

The announcement was made by Dr. Dawson Orr, superintendent of the Pampa Independent School District and John Kendall, principal of Pampa High School.

A Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Ambassador, Jeremy was also recipient of the Biology II AP and American Studies AP awards. He also served as PHS student body chaplain during the 1999-2000 school year.

He is a member of the National Honor Society, D-FY-IT Advisory Board, student council, baseball team and serves as an English tutor.

Jeremy participated in ready writing and literary criticism in the UIL academics. He is also a



Valedictorian Jeremy Buck (left) is the son of Mike and Shirley Buck. Salutatorian Sean Stowers (right) is the son of Richard and Janet Stowers.



licensed minister through the First Baptist Church of Pampa. He plans to attend Oklahoma Baptist University and major in cross-cultural ministry in connection with foreign missions. He is the son of Mike and Shirley Buck.

Sean was an International Business National finalist in the Business Professionals of America and was also a state Torch Award winner in the organization. He has been named to Who's Who among American high school students, an All-

Cash for Trash City to pay citizens for some junk items

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Want to make some extra money? Get busy this weekend gathering those items you've wanted to get off your property, and the City of Pampa will pay you cash for the approved items.

The city sanitation department will begin accepting the cash-for-trash items on Saturday, May 13.

Cash for Trash—that's exactly what the City of Pampa is offering to its citizens. Pampa is the first town in the Texas Panhandle to offer the program to its residents.

Jim Bennett with Pampa's Sanitation Department said the program is based upon one begun by the City of Corpus Christi.

Just prior to the annual influx of college students for the annual Spring Break to the coastal city a couple of months ago, Corpus Christi held the buy-back program to allow local residents to get rid of unsightly items.

Paying cash-for-trash was deemed very successful in Corpus Christi, and several other communities across the state are getting in on the program to pay cash-for-trash, said Bennett.

The City of Dumas and Moore County are also planning to offer (See CASH, Page 2)

Jim Bennett of the Sanitation Department said local officials are hoping the program will give an incentive to local residents to stop putting items in alleys. "We are trying to eliminate the illegal dumping, too," he said.

Sunday snapshot



Name: Misty Calfy.
Occupation/activities: Soccer.

Birth date and place: Aug. 16, 1989, Pampa.
Family: Stepmother, dad, brother, sisters.
When I grow up I want to be: A hair dresser.
My personal hero: My dad, Doug.
The best advice I ever got was: Cleaning my room!
My classmates think of me as: A nice person.
The best word or words to describe me: I'd rather be poor and happy than rich and miserable.
People will remember me as being: Myself.
The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: Brandy

and Backstreet Boys.
My hobbies are: Soccer, styling hair and watching TV.
My favorite sports team is: Denver Broncos.
My favorite author is: Dave and Pat Sargent.
The last book I read was: "Beauty."
My favorite possession is: My dolls.
The biggest honor I've ever received is: Soccer trophy.
My favorite performer is: Backstreet Boys, Brandy and 'N Sync.
I wish I knew how to: Sing.
My trademark cliché or expression is: "Love you."
My worst habit is: Sitting

Indian-style.
I would never: Hurt animals.
The last good movie I saw was: "Tarzan."
I stay home to watch: TV.
Nobody knows: What my diary says.
Someday I want to drive a: Slug bug.
My favorite junk food is: Pizza.
My favorite beverage: Sprite.
My favorite restaurant is: Peggy's Place.
My favorite pet: Dogs.
My favorite meal is: Pizza.
I wish I could sing like: Brandy.
I'm happiest when I'm: Complimented.

I'm tired of: Cruelty to animals.
I have a phobia about: Spiders.
The electrical device I couldn't live without is: TV.
My most embarrassing moment: I was pushed down.
The biggest waste of time is: Chores.
If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: Buy clothes.
If I had three wishes they would be: 1) stay happy; 2) stay well and 3) three more wishes.
If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: Have more things children could do.

"CASH FOR TRASH" City Of Pampa Kicks-Offs Its "LARGE WASTE" Buy Back Program On Saturday May 13, 2000 8:00 A.M. To 6:00 P.M.

Odds and ends ...

Had a treasure and didn't know it

TROY, N.Y. (AP) — A small college in upstate New York had been sitting on a treasure for more than 40 years and didn't know it.

A painting that hung with little attention in a dormitory lounge at Russell Sage College sold this week for \$335,750.

The work, "Pensive Mood," painted in 1919 by British artist John William Godward, was auctioned at Sotheby's in New York City to an unidentified American private collector.

The piece depicts a young woman dressed in a golden shawl and Roman costume as she rests against a marble wall. It had been bequeathed by local businessman Elmer Schacht in 1957, but its value was overlooked by school officials until a recent appraisal.

College officials say they'll use the money to renovate and expand the school's fine arts center named after the painting's donor.

Arkansas woman up a tree

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Betty Lou Doss was teed off, so to speak. That's no excuse for robbing a post office customer using a golf club as a weapon, a judge has decided.

Doss, 34, of Green Forest pleaded guilty to robbery and was sentenced Wednesday to 10 years in prison. Two years of her sentence were suspended.

Doss says her outburst was due to alcohol. "This is a story about me, drinking and my No. 3 driver," Doss told Washington County Circuit Judge William Storey.

The Johnson post office had just closed when Doss arrived and found the door locked one day last month. Doss said she then returned to her station wagon and retrieved a golf club, hitting the window of the post office door six or seven times.

She reached through the shattered window to unlock the door, then threatened a female customer and clerk with her club. Police said she took the customer's purse as she fled.

Attack of the fowlest degree

SONOMA, Calif. (AP) — Bye bye birdies.

A dozen boisterous roosters got booted this week from Sonoma Plaza after the rancorous fowls attacked at least five children. And the City Council has voted to move the rest of the birds out of the park next week.

"Sonoma has survived with chickens and without chickens," Mayor Larry Barnett said. "It will be the same lovely town either way."

The hens and cocks will be taken to a ranch near Sonoma, city officials said.

The parents of at least two children allegedly attacked by the birds have lodged official protests with the city.

Nikki and Robert Austen say their 3-year-old son was pecked or clawed on the face, ear and neck. Monica Garcia, 24, complained that her 16-month-old son was pecked in the forehead, ear, neck and back.

"This has got to stop because innocent children are being attacked," Garcia said.

Bugging parents pays off

CINCINNATI (AP) — Emily Eagen started whistling to bug her parents. Now she's a world champion.

"Sometimes my parents would say, 'Please stop singing,' and we'd start humming. And they'd say, 'Please stop humming,' so we'd start whistling," Eagen said. "We just found all the ways to make possible noise that you couldn't be told not to do."

The 24-year-old won the title of International Female Grand Champion last month at the 27th annual International Whistlers Convention in Louisburg, N.C.

Eagen accompanies herself on guitar when she gets jobs as a folk singer. On the theater stage, she's a lyric mezzo soprano with a master's degree in singing. She whistles for fun — first prize at the competition was \$300 — and incorporates whistling into her folk repertoire.

She is the first competitor to win on her first try at the whistlers' convention.

"There's sort of a charm about whistling. It's kind of a lost art," Eagen said. "I used to just do it to annoy people and it turned out to be an asset."

Texas border DAs plan to stop taking checkpoint drug cases

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — For many years, drug arrests at checkpoints on the U.S.-Mexico border have worked this way: Federal agents make the busts, then hand off the smaller cases — usually those involving less than 50 pounds of marijuana — to local district attorneys to prosecute.

Now some district attorneys are backing out of the arrangement because the soaring number of drug arrests is proving too big a burden.

At least four of the eight district attorneys in Texas counties along the Mexican border say they will no longer take such cases as of July 1. A fifth district attorney, in Laredo, stopped accepting such cases in 1997.

"We wanted to do our share of fighting the war on drugs," said Rene Guerra, district attorney for Hidalgo County. "But now it's too much."

The local prosecutors say the federal government will not reimburse their counties for jail expenses, public defenders' fees or investigation and court costs.

Drug arrests at border checkpoints are made by agents from the U.S. Customs Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The number of arrests has skyrocketed since 1994 as the result of a border crackdown.

The district attorneys contend the border clearly is a federal responsibility.

"It surprises me that the federal government would think some of the poorest counties in the country would have the resources if they don't have the resources," said Jaime Esparza, district attorney in El Paso.

Justice Department officials discussed the matter at a meeting Thursday in Washington, and "a number of ideas were kicked around," department spokesman John Russell said.

Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder "will bring these to the attorney general's attention and hopes that we can have a resolution of this issue in a few weeks," Russell said.

The local prosecutors could not provide exact numbers for cases handled or dollars spent. Esparza, whose district is the busiest of the four, said he takes at least 500 drug cases handed over by the feds each year, and the number continues to rise.

District attorneys along the border in New Mexico, Arizona and California are not planning to join their Texas counterparts in refusing such cases.

If the Texas prosecutors go through with their threat, the drug cases will be handled by the two U.S. attorneys' offices that serve the Texas border or will be dropped altogether.

Those offices already are swamped. The number of criminal cases filed in federal courts in Texas' western district has jumped 182 percent since 1995, and in Texas' southern district, 145 percent. The five federal court districts that serve the U.S.-Mexico border region now handle one-fourth of all federal court criminal filings in the country.

William Blagg, U.S. attorney for the western district, said he may need to send prosecutors from other parts of the state to El Paso to work the additional cases.

"We don't have a choice," he said. "We can't just let the people go."

Doctors told to pay more attention to higher blood pressure number

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many doctors are failing to adequately treat patients with high blood pressure because they still believe the top number in a person's blood pressure reading is less important than the lower figure, the National Institutes of Health says.

In an advisory to physicians Thursday, the federal health officials said a high systolic reading is a major underemphasized threat, particularly for older people, even if their diastolic pressure, the bottom number, is normal.

"Unfortunately, many physicians have not yet become aggressive in treating such patients," said Dr. Daniel Levy, director of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute's massive Framingham Heart Study and co-author of the advisory.

An estimated 50 million Americans have high blood pressure, often called the "silent killer" because it may not cause symptoms until the patient has suffered serious damage. It raises the risk of heart attacks, strokes, congestive heart failure, kidney damage, blindness and dementia.

Blood pressure is measured as two values. Systolic, the first or top number, is the pressure inside arteries when the heart beats. Diastolic, the last number, is the pressure between beats when the heart relaxes.

Ideal blood pressure is 120 over 80, or lower. High blood pressure is above 140 over 90.

But even if your bottom number is normal or low, you need to get your systolic pressure below 140, said Dr. Daniel W. Jones of the American Heart Association.

Only one-fourth of hypertension sufferers have their condition adequately controlled. Inadequate control of systolic pressure is the biggest problem, says the NIH advisory, which updates previous federal hypertension guidelines and marks the start of an Internet-run education campaign for doctors and consumers.

The address: <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov>.

Millions don't know they have high blood pressure. Others don't properly take their daily medication.

But another reason: For decades, doctors thought diastolic pressure was the only important measurement, and that it was normal for systolic pressure to rise as people aged, said Jones, hypertension chief at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Now scientists know that's wrong. Younger people may have hypertension where just the bottom number, the diastolic pressure, is too high — and that is a disease that needs treating.

But usually both numbers rise or — most common after age 60 — just the systolic pressure is high while the diastolic is normal or even falls, says Thursday's advisory by the NIH heart institute.

So if your pressure is, say, 170 over 70, that's called "isolated systolic hypertension" and it needs treatment, Levy said.

In one recent study, patients properly treated for isolated systolic hypertension cut their risk of heart failure by more than 50 percent and the risk of stroke and heart attacks by a third. "That's a pretty dramatic lowering of risk," Levy said.

Another example: Say your pressure is 160 over 100, and a first attempt at medication drops it to 148 over 86. Sometimes doctors figure the bottom number is low enough to stop treatment, but "you need to press on until you get the systolic to less than 140," Jones said.

Some people need even more stringent blood pressure control. The NIH advisory recommends that diabetics, who already are at risk for heart disease, keep blood pressure below 130 over 85.

Hypertension treatment is the same regardless of whether the problem is systolic or diastolic or both. Diet and exercise may be enough for some people. Others may need one or more medications.

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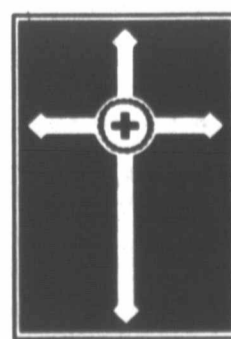
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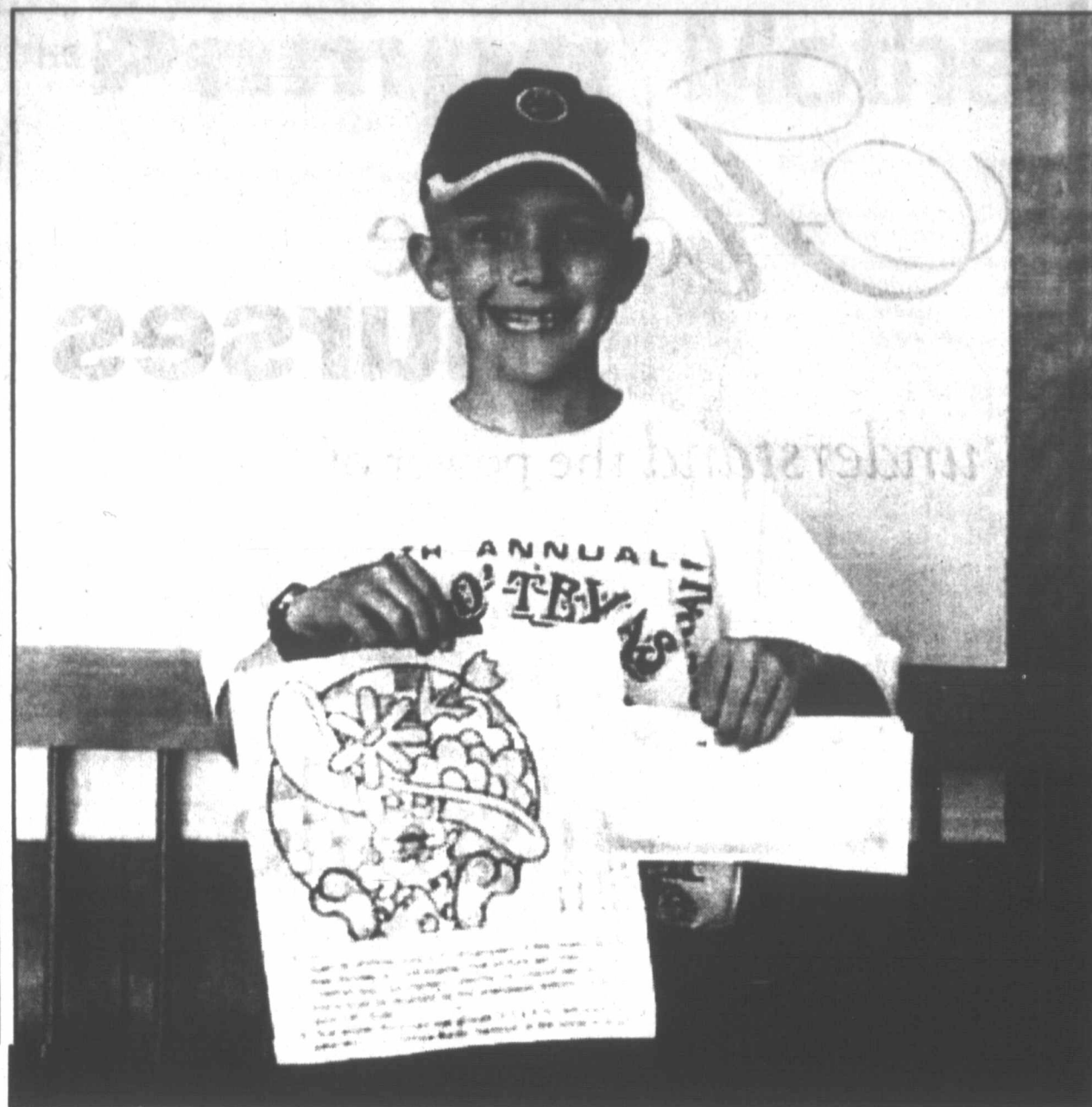


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Coloring contest



(Special photos)

The Pampa News recently sponsored a coloring contest. Participants could use markers, crayons or colored pencils. Twenty-five dollars in Pampa Bucks was awarded in each category. Above are (left) Tanner Dyson, winner of the 8-10 age division; and (right) Paige Hargus, winner of the 5-7 age division.

TDH: Recalls still out there in resale stores

AUSTIN — It can be frustrating when the hand-me-down clothes don't fit your child, your grandmother's antique cradle does not match the sleek Scandinavian look in the rest of the house or the lamp you found at the neighborhood thrift shop does not work. It's devastating when such special finds lead to injuries or even death.

Shopping resale stores can be a real bargain. After all, it's spring and people tend to clean out closets, garages and storerooms, getting rid of things they no longer use. But what you find in resale

or thrift shops may not necessarily be safe to use. Some items may have been recalled, even years earlier.

"Recalled items are hazardous products," said Charles Branton, director of the Product Safety Division at Texas Department of Health. "People, especially children, have been injured or killed using them. But they keep resurfacing." Items such as toys, children's furniture, household appliances, decorative items, clothing, sports equipment or fun-type gadgets may be defective.

On average, one consumer item is recalled every business day of the year. TDH works with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to handle about 300 recalls of defective or dangerous products annually. When a recall is first issued, the item comes off store shelves while the public is urged to return the item to the store where they were purchased. Branton said that consumers can learn about a recall from:

- The retailer who originally sold the item;
- Notices carried by the media;
- The Internet at TDH's website at www.tdh.state.tx.us;
- A subscription to the CPSC Fax-on-Demand Service; and
- The manufacturer directly by mail.

"Registration cards that come with a new product are an important way for manufacturers to keep track of buyers and let them know about any recall," Branton said.

More difficult to track are recalled items after they are in use.

Unfortunately, according to Branton, these products may eventually be resold by unwary consumers — again and again — to thrift stores or at flea markets and garage sales. Many small resale shops do not get the information on recalled products directly from the manufacturer, so TDH's product safety inspectors work year round with shop owners and managers to keep them informed about items that are dangerous and have been recalled.

"One week a year, during Recall Round-Up, we make a special effort to raise the awareness of resale shop owners and managers," Branton said. This year, the round-up was in April. "The Round-Up also serves to remind the public to be safety conscious. If recalled products are still in use anywhere, they are still dangerous," he said.

This year's focus is on items such as infant car seats, swimming pool dive sticks, television carts, cribs, play yards, halogen torchiere floor lamps, cedar chests, infant swings, toy basketball nets, bunk beds, hair dryers and old chest freezers with heavy lids that latch. Hazards range from falls, strangulation, entrapment and suffocation to fires, burns and electrocution.

Branton suggested that consumers check items at home for safety hazards. "You may not remember a specific recall, but you may suspect that an item is not working correctly or may be causing problems. That's when people should stop using items. We hope through education that we can get these products both off store shelves and out of homes," he said.

For help identifying recalled products or to report an unsafe consumer product or product-related injury, contact the TDH Product Safety Division at (512) 834-6773 or visit the TDH website at www.tdh.state.tx.us under Toy/Child Product Safety.

Information also is available from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-2772, on the CPSC website at www.cpsc.gov or by fax 24 hours a day by subscription. Fax-on-Demand Service may be ordered by calling (301) 504-0051. Information for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-638-8720. Consumers also can report product hazards to info@cpsc.gov. For a list of major recalls, send a postcard to Recall List, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

If an item is recalled, consumers should stop using it immediately and return it to the store where it was purchased for either repair or replacement.

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Universities in Iowa ask: Should campus officers have guns?

By GREG SMITH
Associated Press Writer

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Professors go to class with briefcase and books. The football coach would be lost without a whistle. Then why must officers at Iowa's three state universities go to work without guns?

Public safety officials at the University of Iowa, Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa say their officers sometimes feel overmatched, making traffic stops and arrests armed with just a nightstick and a can of pepper spray.

"Being an armed agency would provide another level of service for the people we serve," insists Loras Jaeger, director of the Department of Public Safety at Iowa State.

"Those officers could be thrust into a situation in which they are inappropriately equipped, and that's wrong," says John King, president of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators. He is director of public safety at Tufts University, whose 40 officers are armed.

The association, King says, has about 1,400 members at about 950 schools nationwide — about half with armed public safety officers.

Jaeger notes that Iowa State officers are able, and certified. They attend the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and receive the same training — weapons included — as police officers.

Nearly all are highly educated. Iowa State boasts a lawyer, a clinical psychologist and an aerospace engineer among its 34 public safety officers. "I don't believe competence is an issue," Jaeger says.

But university presidents and the Iowa Board of Regents, which oversees the state schools, balk at arming officers on campus.

"The campus is, in fact, enhanced by not having security officers armed," says Iowa State President Martin Jischke. "It has an effect on the atmosphere of the campus and the relationship of those security officers to students."

Ann Rhodes, vice president

of university relations at Iowa, says armed officers might be too tempted. "There's concern that if people have guns or firearms, they would move to use those firearms fairly quickly without trying to use alternative ways of handling problems," she says.

Regents have felt the same way for years, approving in 1969 a no-firearm policy unless authorized by the president "in assignments of extreme danger."

And "that has never been done to my knowledge," says Frank Stork, executive secretary to the regents.

Though the issue surfaces once or twice a year, Stork says the board has never had to cast a vote in the past decade.

Not even in 1991 when graduate student Gang Lu fatally shot five people on campus and wounded a sixth before killing himself.

"We have the local municipal police in all three cities that can be there within a minute's notice and can handle situations. We rely on them to do that," says Owne Newlin, president of the Board of Regents. "I'm in concurrence with our current policy."

Security officials, however, say today's world is more dangerous than ever. Earlier this year, unarmed officers at Iowa encountered a student running from an apartment in a building owned by the university.

He told police of a roommate armed with shotgun, assault rifle, semiautomatic pistol and a couple of knives. "He apparently wanted to kill himself by 'suicide-by-cop,'" recalls Chuck Green, safety director there.

Iowa City Police handled the call.

"You can have a myriad of near-misses like that," says Green. "One of those times, one of those officers is going to get unnecessarily harmed or, because we're not fully equipped, we won't be able to aid one of our constituents."

Nick Arnold, student body president at Northern Iowa, sees no reason why security officers should not be armed.

"If we're going to be introducing guns into a situation anyway with police officers, then why not arm our security

officers? They can respond quicker than police and hopefully stop it," he says.

The student senate at UNI went on record last fall, voting 31-5-1 to ask the regents to change its policy.

"It really came down to the safety of the students," Arnold says. "It's not what we know would happen, it's what we don't know is going to happen."

Lana Zak, Arnold's counterpart at Iowa, opposes arming officers, saying it would turn campuses into police states.

"The Iowa City Police Department does a good job. Although the University of Iowa public safety officers are real officers, I don't think they need to be carrying guns in order to prove that," she says.

"The idea of having somebody with a gun walking past your living space or walking through your buildings and office spaces is uncomfortable."

Iowa students, however, offer a mix of opinions.

"I have two friends going through counseling because they have been raped. That might not have happened if people knew public safety officers here could carry guns," says freshman Kyle Hunter of Iowa City. "I also think it's a good idea for the officers so that they can protect themselves if they have to."

Scott Mullen, a junior and quarterback for the Iowa football team, disagrees.

"Public safety is there to help police," he says. "They don't need to have guns. There are too many guns in this town as it is."



(Special photo)

The "Howdy from Pampa" booth was set up at the Amarillo Civic Center for the Texas Travel Fair Exhibit held recently. Pampa representatives were (left-right) Linda C. Daniels, Paulette Hinkle-Kirksey, Kathleen Chaney and Becky Epps.

Tourism Committee participates in Travel Fair, 'arrest' welcome

Pampa Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee has announced the "arrest" welcoming of the Texas Travel Council buses recently was a great success and a great beginning.

Pampa set up a booth at the Amarillo Civic Center for the Travel Fair. The booth followed the western theme of "Howdy from Pampa" with a chuck wagon filled with tin cups and coffee mix and a lighted Texas sign with the Pampa star flashing.

Many Pampa merchants, Realtors, schools and clubs furnished items for the goodie bags. M&H Leasing and Celebration of Lights provided the

much appreciated T-shirts. Pampa is alive and well!

If you want to be a part of the new spirit, call the Chamber of Commerce or any of the Tourism members. Many upcoming events are in the offing and the Chamber is excited.

The 2000 Texas Travel Fair is held in conjunction with the Texas Travel Counselors Conference. Last year it was held in Corpus Christi and next year it will be held in El Paso. The Travel Fair is a place where Chamber officials can provide specific information about Pampa — its history, sights to see and its friendly people.

Letters to the editor

People in Miami resorted to mob-like activities

To the editor,
Apparently, Dee Dee Laramore was not able to watch, as I did, almost all the developments in the Elian Gonzales saga.

If she had, she would not be blaming the U.S. government for the manner in which this little boy was extricated from his Miami relatives' home in which he was being held hostage.

The Miami relatives had ample time and opportunity to return this child to the only one that has custody (legal) of him — his father!

No one, not I, you or anyone else, has any right to keep a child from its surviving parent just because we are mad at Fidel Castro or any one else!

Why should a 6-year-old be kept from its parent based on purely political reasoning?

And not every parent in this world is willing to let their children live in a foreign country, perhaps never to see them or discharge their parental responsibilities and love.

The U.S. government acted on its responsibility to reunite this child with his father when the Miami relatives balked at turning him over.

The mayor of Miami threatened the U.S. government not to expect help from its police force if and when anyone came to retrieve Elian.

Elian's female cousin echoed threats as did his uncle and those in the crowd in front of the house.

Republican politicians on Capitol Hill didn't help matters by siding with Elian's relatives.

To me, it became clear that the Miami relatives were exploiting Elian. No one in the home is working. His cousin was until TV cameras began giving almost total daily coverage. The house was too small for the number of people staying there.

Elian complained to his father that he couldn't hear him because of the constant noise when they tried to communicate by telephone.

One uncle of his had at least three DWI convictions and the other has his driving license suspended due to DWIs, it's been reported. No denials.

The Miami relatives of Elian without a doubt cared for him and wanted to help him. But everything was to be on their terms where it concerned Elian's return to his father.

The hatred of Castro is no excuse for mob violence and threats being made by those in Miami against U.S. laws and their enforcement.

The blame for the manner in which Elian Gonzales was rescued lies squarely with the radical people in Miami who refused to obey a legal lawful order of the U.S. government and our courts.

Ray Velasquez

Pampa

Festive use of lights add warmth, friendliness to city

To the editor:
I don't know whose idea it was to put out lights for each holiday, but I have really enjoyed them. I think it was a really neat idea, and adds warmth and friendliness to our city.

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Sensory overload: Smell, taste could soon be common Internet features

By JUSTIN BACHMAN
AP Business Writer

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — First came scratch and sniff marketing. So is it any wonder that in this era of regular technology upgrades, Ellwood Ivey Jr. wants you to click and smell or, if you're so inclined, click and taste.

Ivey's company, TriSensx, has obtained a patent for technology that uses a desktop printer-like device to produce smells based on data programmed into a Web page — essentially allowing a user to download a smell or taste from the Internet.

The scent technology, which several companies have been developing in various permutations, works by mixing several base chemicals that emit the desired smell. The result: A rose is a rose, even when its scent is a digitalized simulation delivered through the Net.

Like an overachieving science

fair entrant, Ivey relishes the opportunity to demonstrate. TriSensx's chairman and chief executive leaps to his computer and launches the Windows-based application. He loads the company's Web page — "Get ready, because the future is so close you can taste it" — and clicks to the demo section.

First up, a strawberry. A sheet of gold adhesive paper slides into the FirstSENX machine and emerges with the imprimatur of a strawberry.

"Here you go. Smell this," he offers.

It smells like a strawberry. He prints another and licks it. Tastes like it, too, he says. Next he prints a cup of cappuccino, which he says tastes like the real thing, and then a perfume that has a rather harsh aroma.

The smells are adhered to a fiber cardstock paper and, in coming months, to a communion-like wafer that would allow peo-

ple to taste a particular flavor.

Ivey, a Hollywood, Fla., native who was raised in Savannah, anticipates a day when smells become as common as the audio already found on innumerable personal and commercial Web pages.

It wasn't that long ago when naysayers had plenty of criticisms concerning sound on the Web, Ivey said. Not everyone is so sure the audio analogy works.

"Unless they can drive the cost down to where it comes bundled with your new computer, then it might become popular," said Ullas Naik, an e-commerce analyst with FAC Equities in Boston. "But if it's going to be a couple of hundred bucks I'd be hard-pressed to see who's going to go out and buy a smell generator."

For the longer term, five years or more, online scent could become popular if Web designers and computer makers push it, Naik said.

TriSensx's smells come from water-based chemicals, and all are generic, "to keep it simple," Ivey says. The device can simulate the interior odor of a brand new car. But it cannot reproduce the precise aroma of, for example, a 2000 Nissan Altima.

"We think that will run into a problem later when it comes to proprietary issues, and it gets expensive," he said.

TriSensx's \$398 FirstSENX device was being shipped the last week of April. Ivey said the company has received about 50 orders so far.

Several other firms hope to develop the field of online smell into the next big thing.

DigiScents Inc., based in Oakland, Calif., is working on a smell box it calls iSmell, a device which reads a digital scent file from a Web site, creates a smell from a "palette" of 128 chemicals stored in a cartridge, and then wafts into the air with a small fan.

"People almost expect technology to take us to this next immersive level," DigiScents spokesman David Libby said.

Libby says the company anticipates a not-too-distant day when watching a movie comes with not only theater-quality sound but smells distinct to the scenes.

"Imagine watching 'The Wizard of Oz' and you smell the poppies as they're walking through the poppy field," he said.

AromaJet.com, a suburban Dallas company, has a device called Pinoke that dispenses smells coinciding with a player's action in a video game. A South Korean enterprise has also launched a product that enables smell for video games.

Internet smells catch many by surprise, with plenty more who doubt such technology exists.

PR Newswire, which distributes corporate news to media outlets and other clients, demanded proof before it would file a release about the company's patent in February, Ivey said.

"We had to send them a videotape," he recalled gleefully.

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Outstanding service award



(Special photo)

Sean Cook of Pampa recently received the Korean and Lee Hemphill Outstanding Service Award at Hardin-Simmons University's School of Business Awards Banquet. Cook is a computer science major.

Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.

Pampa Garden Club

Pampa Garden Club met April 10 at the home of Alice Gray with President Thelma Bray presiding.

After the business session, members embarked on a field trip to Childress, visiting places of interest and shopping at antique and gift shops.

The following officers will be installed at the next meeting: Clara Quarry, president; Cynthia Mann, vice president; Gray, secretary; Ruth Barrett, treasurer; and Bray, parliamentarian. Gardner of the Year Award will be presented by Mary Ann Bailey.

Christine Campaigne, assisted by Barrett, served as hostess of the meeting. The next meeting will be at 12

noon May 9 at Pampa Country Club.

CattleWomen

Top O' Texas CattleWomen recently provided salad and desserts for a luncheon promoted by Wheeler County Extension Agent Kenny Brdecko with assistance from Texas Beef Council spokesman Mike McCravy, Rob Maddox, a Ph.D. student in Meat Science at Texas A&M, and Ted McCollum of Amarillo, Beef Cattle Specialist of District I Extension Service.

During the luncheon, CattleWomen gave away three \$10 Beef Gift Certificates as door prizes and four Top O' Texas CattleWomen cookbooks.

The luncheon showcased prepackaged, ready-to-serve beef entrees.

The club met for its regular meeting in April with President Amy Brainard presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—The CattleWomen discussed cookbooks, developed by the Texas Beef Council, that will be given to all area seniors at graduation. These cookbooks will be distributed by the local CattleWomen.

—The State Beef Ambassador Contest will be held June 5 and 6 in San Antonio.

—Young Rancher's Scholarship Applications are available at various veterinary clinics in Wheeler, Canadian and Wellington. For more information, contact Sandra Christner at (806) 826-3572.

—Marty McElhane, CattleWomen Legislative chairman, presented an overview of House Bill H.R. 701. According to McElhane, H.R. 701 provides \$1 billion a year to be spent on land acquisition for wildlife refuges and various park schemes thus increasing the amount of government-owned land. For more information, contact Tom Delay, R-TX, (202) 225-5951.

The next meeting will be May 8.

Postal Service to discontinue cancer stamp

The United States Postal Service recently announced it will discontinue its Breast Cancer Research Stamp July 29. This first-ever postage stamp — issued to raise money for breast cancer research — was introduced in July 1998. The stamp's purpose is to encourage voluntary support of medical research for breast cancer and sells for 40-cents with 7-cents per stamp donated to breast cancer research, according to Amarillo Postmaster Dave Sanderson.

To date, the Postal Service has raised \$10.9 million in an attempt to fund research for the devastating disease that threatens the lives of thousands of women (and men) each year.

From now until May 19, the Postal Service will participate in a nationwide promotion to raise awareness of the Breast Cancer Research Stamp by promoting a Mother's Day campaign. The effort is designed to motivate Americans to purchase the stamps to give as a gift or for the use of mailing Mother's Day cards.

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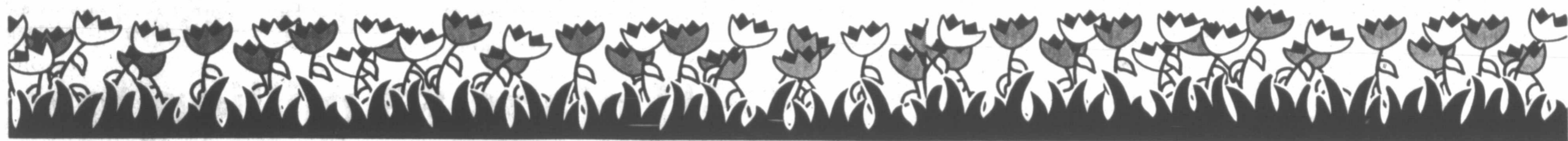
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Drought fear putting farmers on edge

By JEFF TUCKER
Associated Press Writer

MULBERRY, Ind. (AP) — Mike Beard's trowel poked through the moist topsoil of his farm, reaching the parched dirt underneath and uncovering the painful memories of 1988.

A drought that year had sliced corn yields by a third for Beard and other Clinton County growers. And it's those memories of 1988 — which produced this nation's third worst drought of the 20th century — that haunt farmers as they plant this year's crops. "All we really could do was pray for rain, and of course, it never came," Beard said. "That's the worst I've ever seen. It definitely was financially stressful. For us, because we had below-average yields for many of the years after 1988, it took five, six or seven years to work out of that hole."

Dry conditions choke the Midwest again this year, leaving a severe drought that covers much of the northern two-thirds of Indiana and parts of Illinois, Iowa and Missouri.

The obvious solution poses its own perils for farmers, though. With spring planting in full swing, the heavy rains needed to replenish the parched subsoils might wash away their emerging crops.

"You're in a Catch-22," said Al Shipe, a water expert with the National Weather Service in Indianapolis. "If you get too much moisture in the soil, you're going to drown out the crops until they're big enough."

When April ended, 55 percent of Indiana did not have adequate subsoil moisture, said Ralph Gann, a statistician for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The subsoil is in much better shape in southern Indiana than northern and central Indiana because

of heavier snowfall last winter and more rainfall, he said.

"The soil dries out a little more slowly in that part of the state. So they're looking for a good planting opportunity," Gann said.

Data released Saturday by the federal government's Climate Prediction Center showed five of nine regions in Indiana in a severe drought. Long-range forecasts, meanwhile, predict above-normal temperatures and below-normal rainfall across Indiana.

BALTIMORE (AP) — While most of Maryland's farmers are recovering from the severe drought that cut crop production, agriculture officials predict that 2000 will bring low grain prices and reduced farm income.

High fuel costs, another possible drought and

sluggish exports could also seriously affect the production of Maryland's farmers.

"In a word, the outlook for agriculture this year is terrible," said Bruce L. Gardner, an agriculture economist with the University of Maryland and former assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"Looking at two of the main sectors of farming in the state — grain and dairy — the prices are low, and I don't see any real, solid event on the horizon that would give farmers confidence that they will improve," Gardner said.

Despite the poor outlook, farmers are going ahead with plans to maintain crop levels, a trend that will result in a low price, he said.

"It looks as if we are going to produce as much this year as last and the supply is already large," Gardner said.

Poland meeting up with Texas cuisine

This spring, Poland's food service industry will order a wider variety of underutilized U.S. beef cuts than ever before thanks to a four-way beef marketing partnership partly funded by beef checkoff dollars.

Joining forces to promote U.S. beef exports to Poland this spring were the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF), the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), the Texas Beef Council (TBC) and Elkopol, Poland's primary U.S. beef importing company.

The partnership conducted U.S. beef trainings for Poland's food service trade from March 28-April 4 in five Polish cities—Warsaw, Gdansk, Wroclaw, Poznan and Krakow. Overall, the trainings taught 280 Eastern European chefs how to prepare U.S. brisket, short ribs, chuck-eye roll, steamship round and other cuts.

The focus was on teaching the food service trade how to prepare these cuts using Texas cuisine methods. Texas cuisine involves cooking large pieces of underutilized beef cuts such as brisket for long periods of time over low heat. This process makes these cuts tender and delicious.

The Polish chefs easily can adapt the Texas beef recipes to the spices and flavors familiar to their culture while still calling it barbecue, chili or other names associated with Texas cuisine. This means they also can benefit from the cowboy mystique that many Eastern Europeans consider synonymous with Texas.

All the featured cuts come from chuck and round primals, which beef producer have seen fall more than 20 percent in value since 1992. At the same time, they are the most affordable U.S. cuts for the Polish consumer.

Poland is a major purchaser of U.S. beef tripe, the primary ingredient in that country's national dish. But USMEF has steadily introduced various muscle meats to the Polish food service and retail trade through its American Beef Club concept.

How successful these muscle meats become in Poland relies on whether Polish food professionals can handle and prepare U.S. beef properly. That's why USMEF, TDA, TBC, and Elkopol con-

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ducted the chefs' training.

"Poland has the strongest economy in Central and Eastern Europe," said beef producer Jon Means of Van Horn, chairman of TBC's export market development committee. "The Polish people now want to spend additional income to improve their diet. That makes this the ideal time for USMEF, TDA and TBC to join forces and teach Poland's food service industry how to prepare these cuts."

Strategically, Poland is important to U.S. beef marketing goals, said Richard Ali, USMEF's director for Europe, Russia and the Middle East. Although Poland may become a member of the European Union in the future, it is not subject today to the EU ban against U.S. beef treated with growth promotants.

Poland also can be a gateway to introduce U.S. beef to other Central and Eastern European countries including Hungary and Russia, Ali said.

The training sessions' primary instructor was Chef Peter Rosenberg of Kingwood, Texas, chef and owner of DELICATEXAS. He taught the Polish chefs how U.S. underutilized cuts can provide restaurant profits even when purchased at a higher price than domestic beef supplies.

USMEF and TBC provided export development activities funds for this program through the beef checkoff program. Additional funds came from the Go Texan Partnership Program (GOTEP) administered by TDA. Elkopol also provided financial assistance.

OSU plans \$3 million low odor hog research facility

WARNER, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma State University officials say a planned high-tech, \$3 million hog research facility won't smell — at least not much.

"We have a very high confidence level that the center can do what we say it will do, which is remove 90 percent of the odors that commonly come with high concentrations of hogs," said Monty Karns, OSU facilities engineer.

Karns said the 800-hog OSU Swine Teaching and Research Center will use microbe remediation and "biofilters" made of hay to eliminate most offensive odors coming from the center.

"When it's complete, there won't be anything else like it in the world," Karns said. "It will contain the latest features in odor elimination and groundwater protection."

The center borrows stench-control technology from the University of Minnesota and Iowa State University, Karns said.

Bill Barfield, head of OSU's biosystems and agricultural engineering department, said the building will be so odor-free that most people won't even know it's there.

In a few weeks, the university is expected to seek bids for the experimental facility, said Harry Birdwell, vice president of business and external relations.

From there, Birdwell said he plans to get permission from OSU regents in June to pick a contractor for the project. He said he thinks construction could begin in August and finish a year later.

OSU officials agreed to move their 90-year-old swine operation in February 1999 after complaints about its smell from real estate agents and city officials in Stillwater. The school's current swine barn is west of town, next to a motel.

School officials had considered simply doing odor-control projects on the current facility but dropped that idea.

The proposed facility would be about a mile north and a mile west of the existing one — well away from retail and residential areas, said OSU spokeswoman Natalea Watkins.

The facility would provide instruction, research and ongoing odor-control development.

Dennis Howard, an OSU regent and commissioner of the state Agriculture Department, said the center will be the next generation of swine facilities.

"In the future, I predict this is the kind of facility that the Environmental Protection Agency is going to require corporate hog operations to build," Howard said. "The EPA is going to say that municipalities have done it to eliminate odors from city sewage systems. So can the hog industry."

Bundling can save money but practice has its critics

HARLAN, Iowa (AP) — Depending on one's point of view, the agricultural practice of "bundling" is either the equivalent of one-stop shopping for farmers or another step toward consolidation.

Farm Service Cooperative in Harlan, Iowa, for instance, offers package deals on seed and fertilizer to the growers, who also earn premiums for their crops. Farmers save money up front and earn more in the fall. The cooperative

sells more product per transaction, and the buyers of the crops get the commodities they need.

Many farmers and agricultural companies like the trend because it streamlines sales transactions and generates savings and boosts income for farmers and suppliers.

"Every piece of a bundle has to add value, or the farmer will take it apart. Why wouldn't he? ... It's simple economics and the farmer drives it," said Dave Knau, director of sales support for Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc.

But bundling is drawing criticism from opponents to consolidation in agriculture — a hot button issue in rural communities across the country.

Critics contend bundling is yet one more step toward a food system controlled by a few large corporations. Some, including Neil Harl, an Iowa State University economist, believe the practice will encourage development of monopolies.

Harl equates it to buying a new Ford car and having to buy oil and other automotive supplies from the automaker.

Larry Kallem, executive director of the Iowa Institute for Cooperatives, said as long as there is competition for the goods or services being bundled, monopoly power is not an issue.

"But it sure could approach that," he added.

Pioneer's Knau dismisses

monopoly concerns. His company, the No. 1 North American seed corn supplier, does not "dictate to our customers what they buy," he said.

"I don't think anybody's got that much clout in the marketplace. You have to keep bringing value to the farmer, and when you stop, someone else is going to fill that void," he said.

CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP) — With the danger of frost past, the biggest threat to a solid summer peach crop in southern Illinois is hail, growers say.

If conditions hold, it would be the third successful peach crop in a row for the region's growers, who make their money in pick-your-own, roadside stand and wholesale operations for the Midwestern market.

Conditions were so mild this winter and spring that growers and their employees will have to spend laborious hours hand-thinning buds to give fruit more room and energy to grow. That work will begin in the coming weeks. Illinois peaches won't hit the market until July or August.

While conditions have been nearly perfect for peaches, the region's apple crop may be a little lower than last year because of drier conditions, poor pollination and the apple tree's natural tendency to take a breather with fewer and smaller fruit.

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Congregation attacks AIDS problem with zeal

By LEIGH HOPPER
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — The two women were taking the Lord's work to the streets, handing out mint-flavored condoms and offering tests for the AIDS virus to anyone who paused to listen.

They roved the low-rent apartment complexes of south Houston, preaching the dangers of unprotected sex to unemployed men and single mothers lingering in stairwells and doorways.

"Excuse me!" sang out Krystal McAlister, 21, without a twinge of shyness. "Excuse me! Y'all want any free condoms?"

McAlister and Reader White, 28, cajoled, joked and made smart-aleck remarks until the cautious faces brightened and residents accepted packets of condoms with a word of thanks.

While many congregations avoid the topic of AIDS — or condemn it as the fruits of sin — the faithful at New Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church attack the problem with zeal. They are spurred by disheartening statistics that show AIDS is taking its heaviest toll in predom-

inantly black neighborhoods like theirs.

African-Americans now make up 60 percent of the 1,177 reported HIV cases in Harris County. AIDS is now the nation's top killer of black men and women ages 25-44.

"I may not be like other pastors in the neighborhood," said the Rev. Melvin Lewis Sr., pastor of New Bethlehem. "But I tell you what, God is doing his work here!"

Lewis was moved to join the fray by the death of several friends from AIDS in the late 1980s. Other tragic deaths have spurred him on since that time, such as that of a young woman whose orphaned children were sent into foster care.

In 1993, he founded The B.L.O.C.K., an acronym for "Building Lives and Offering Community Knowledge." He enlisted the help of McAlister and White and his son Melvin Jr. for outreach work; his niece Tamika, to be in charge of grant-writing; Joanne Craig, program director; and Shirley Johnson, administrator of an assistance program that helps people find housing and pay bills.

Today, the ambitious effort includes distribution of thousands of condoms, assistance in obtaining social services and widespread HIV testing. An oral HIV test

designed to detect HIV antibodies in the cheek cells has made it possible to offer on-the-spot screening and give results a week later.

The B.L.O.C.K.'s prime coverage area includes Sunnyside and South Park, chronically underserved communities located south of downtown and east of Texas 288.

Last year, The B.L.O.C.K. performed 800 to 1,000 HIV tests. Craig estimates that about a fourth of those were positive.

"There's some major denial around here," said Johnson, a 26-year-old mother of two who was infected with HIV eight years ago while a student at San Jacinto Junior College. "They don't think it's gonna happen to them. There's a lot of unprotected sex going on, and they don't care."

Funding and supplies are cobbled together from a variety of sources: HIV drug manufacturer Bristol-Myers Squibb, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, the Brown Foundation and the Houston Endowment. The Houston Department of Health and Human Services is assisting through a program that helps fledgling organizations get the experience they need to win grant money.

"He has, very quietly from behind the scenes, been making a tremendous impact," said Sara Speer Selber, executive director of AIDS Foundation Houston. "Sometimes it's frustrating to hear 'nothing is being done in the African-American community' because it negates the effort of men like Melvin Lewis, who found whatever resources he could to fill that void in his community."

Lewis, a Baptist minister for 27 years, is something of an anomaly. Just inside the front door of his church, a cavernous, unfinished metal building at 12707 Cullen, is a Texas Department of Health poster for an anonymous AIDS information line.

Many preachers stay far away from the subject of HIV and the factors that contribute to its spread, such as unprotected sex, multiple sex partners, male-to-male sex and intravenous drug use. It's often easier to preach the virtues of abstinence until marriage, rather than the use of condoms.

But Lewis, 49, believes "all things people do can be addressed from the pulpit."

"The pulpit must be sensitive to all people. There is correction, there's reproof and there is grace for those in captivity, whatever physical habit they may have."

On a recent Sunday, in front of a small congregation made up of all ages, Lewis spoke about the need to "press on" in the face of adversity. Bouncing on the balls of his feet like a boxer, he cried, "When a man presses, he makes an impact! Folks ... have felt The B.L.O.C.K.'s impact!"

"If it takes a condom to protect your life, you must use it if you can't abstain!" he thundered from the pulpit. "Can I have a witness here?"

After Sunday school, congregant Vivian Fielder spoke glowingly of Lewis' plain-spoken approach. Fielder, retired from University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and now a volunteer in patient registration, remembers when the center treated the first scattered AIDS cases.

"I was right there when they saw the first men who had AIDS. You wonder what went wrong," she said. "Some people hide because they think it's just a gay disease. Little children now have it. Pastor Lewis just says it like it is."

The B.L.O.C.K. operates out of a building at 4310 Mallow in Sunnyside, an incongruously named neigh-

borhood bounded by Texas 288, Martin Luther King, Old Spanish Trail and Alameda-Genoa.

In one way, it resembles a relaxed, rural town. Cows and horses graze in vacant lots. The downtown skyline is hazy and distant to the north. Clapboard churches dot nearly every block. Small businesses with names like Family Liquor and Bud's House of Meats line main thoroughfares.

But many residents are locked in a desperate struggle with drugs and poverty. At Sunnyside Elementary School, 89 percent of children live at or below the federal poverty level, according to the Houston Independent School District.

"In simple words: the ghetto," said McAlister. "They'd rather sell drugs than work. It's some, you can't say all of them. There's some here that want to get out of here, so they're working."

Craig, who grew up in Sunnyside, said 90 percent of families with two or more children are headed by single women, many of whom engage in sex for money to support their families. The parents who work leave their teen-age children unsupervised and at risk for engaging in sex at an early age, Craig said.

That's why The B.L.O.C.K. supplies a convenience store located across the street from Evan E. Worthing Senior High with free condoms. The condoms are kept in plain sight, in a bowl atop the counter. The store owner calls for a refill every three weeks, as do the participating motels, drug stores and beauty and barber shops in the area.

But it's the opportunity for face-to-face education that McAlister and White seek. Usually, they cover an area on foot, looking for small groups of men and women. Sometimes they ride the bus and educate their captive audience. As they drive from one apartment complex to another, people yell, "There go the condom ladies!"

On a recent foray, they approached a group of five wary-looking young men.

"We're not over here to bother you, we just want to know if y'all want any free condoms," McAlister said. "When's the last time y'all took an HIV test?"

"We're testing your antibodies, your antibodies to HIV in your cheek cells," she continued, cheerfully offering more information before anyone could interrupt her. "Just like they do with DNA testing. We're not drawing your blood or anything. All this is doing is picking up parts of your cells in your cheek. And it's 99.9 accurate."

"I'll take one!" said an 18-year-old. "I'm scared. (It's) infested out here. I wanna know what's going on."

"Make sure you use those rubbers you have," White said.

For the most part, McAlister and White are greeted warmly wherever they go. They get recognized in stores. McAlister recalls handing out condoms and performing two HIV tests while she was at the beauty shop getting her hair done.

But not everyone is receptive to their gospel.

On a recent outing, one man turned down the condoms and the test, saying he has a wife, and he took an HIV test at the end of a four-year jail term. McAlister has heard every excuse, and has a comeback for each one.

"How long were you in jail? You think she waited on you?" McAlister said. "I'm just asking."

"Everybody's gonna die one day," he said.

"Yeah," McAlister replied, "but why make it go faster?"

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SWOSU Orientation



(Special photo)

Thirty-five Southwestern Oklahoma State University students at Weatherford are serving as orientation leaders for the 2000 fall freshman class at SWOSU. The students were selected through an application and interview process and are responsible for a large part of the freshman orientation sessions which began in April and continue through August. Among those selected were Kayla Williams, left, of Arnett and Deanna Dreher of Pampa.

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Special Olympian Taisey Phillips (far right) was one of the participants at last year's bowling tournament while Warden Glenn Smith (far left) visits with a spectator at Harvester Lanes.

Jordan-Baten Units to host Special Olympics Bowling Tournament

PAMPA — The Jordan and Baten Units will be hosting its second annual Texas Special Olympics Bowling Tournament on Saturday, May 13, starting at 2 p.m. at Harvester Lanes.

Entry fee is \$15 dollars per person, which includes three games of bowling and lunch. There will be a silent auction with all proceeds going to the Special Olympics. Merchants

from Pampa, White Deer, McLean and Amarillo have generously donated over 100 items to this silent auction, said Judy Riley of the Jordan Unit.

Rangers overcome eight-run deficit

A five-run deficit meant nothing to Texas. And an eight-run lead wasn't good enough for Oakland.

Anaheim 6, Seattle 5. There were 119 runs, nine short of the AL record set May 30, 1932.

Tigers 10, Twins 8. Detroit scored five runs in the seventh at Minnesota after rookie catcher Matt LeCroy was called for catcher's interference for the second straight game.

The A's and Rangers combined for six homers, six doubles and 37 hits in the majors' highest-scoring game of the season.

Yankees 12, Orioles 10. Jorge Posada hit a three-run homer off B.J. Ryan (1-2) in the ninth at Yankee Stadium.

Red Sox 5, Devil Rays 3. Brian Daubach doubled twice and Carl Everett hit his ninth homer for Boston.

Pinch-hitter Mike Lamb, batting .182, singled home the winning run off Jeff Tam (0-2) in the bottom of the ninth.

Baltimore relievers allowed seven runs in the final three innings, spoiling Scott Erickson's first start this season.

Ramón Martínez (2-2), staked to a 5-1 lead after four innings at Fenway Park, allowed three runs and eight hits in five-plus innings, and Derek Lowe got six outs for his sixth save.

Now you will believe me when I say no lead is safe in this day and age," Oakland manager Art Howe said.

Darrin Fletcher had a game-winning single in the bottom of the ninth for Toronto, sending Cleveland to its sixth straight loss.

Dave Eiland (1-1) gave up five runs and eight hits in 3 1/3 innings. Royals 5, White Sox 1.

It was fun," Lamb said. "Balls flying all over the place, a lot of runs being scored. It was nerve-racking."

Jose Cruz's two-run homer off Tom Martin in the sixth, his 11th of the season, put Toronto ahead 9-8, but Jim Thome regained the lead with a two-run homer in the seventh off Lance Painter.

Joe Randa had three hits and two RBIs, and Mike Sweeney doubled, homered and drove in two runs for Kansas City, which raised its home record to a league-best 12-4.

I've stood here in front of this dugout many, many times listening to the national anthem and seeing the American flag up there, and I was always saying at that time, 'Thank God I was born in the greatest country in the world.'

He was expected to get the Olympic post, and he said Ted Williams spoke to him recently, asking what he could do to make sure Lasorda got the job.

Cal Eldred (2-1) allowed five runs and 10 hits in 6 1/3 innings.

Lasorda: Team USA will be motivated

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tommy Lasorda, already in baseball's Hall of Fame as a manager, seemed slightly overwhelmed when he was named to lead the U.S. Olympic baseball team.

should have that same feeling," The U.S. Olympic baseball committee will pick a squad of 24 players for the Games on Sept. 17-27 in Australia. The team will be announced in August.

Series champions and other great teams, but this means more because this time I'll do so on behalf of my country. I think it will cap what I've done all these years," said the 72-year-old Lasorda, who guided the Dodgers to four National League pennants and two World Series titles.

"To be able to represent our country, 'Wow, that is great,'" Lasorda said Friday at Dodger Stadium.

Asked if he might provide a bit of motivation when he first speaks to the assembled team, Lasorda grinned and said, "Rest assured I'll fire them up."

Bob Watson, co-chairman of the U.S. Olympic baseball steering committee, said in a statement: "Tommy Lasorda is one of the most accomplished managers in baseball history, and we are very fortunate to have him managing the 2000 Olympic baseball team."

Scoreboard

Scoreboard table containing baseball, basketball, and hockey results. Includes columns for team names, scores, and game details. Sub-sections include 'BASEBALL National League At A Glance', 'BASEBALL National Basketball Association Playoff Daily Glance', and 'HOCKEY National Hockey League NHL Day-By-Day Playoff Glance'.

Giants' hurlers combine to shut out Rockies

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Joe Nathan combined with two relievers on a three-hitter and J.T. Snow homered Friday night to give the San Francisco Giants a 5-0 win over the Colorado Rockies.

liner to left in the second off Masato Yoshi (1-3), who allowed two hits in seven innings, retiring his last 15 batters.

Nathan, clinging to a one-run lead, had walked the bases loaded with two out in the seventh and went to a 3-1 count on Neifi Perez, but Perez flied out to center on the next pitch.

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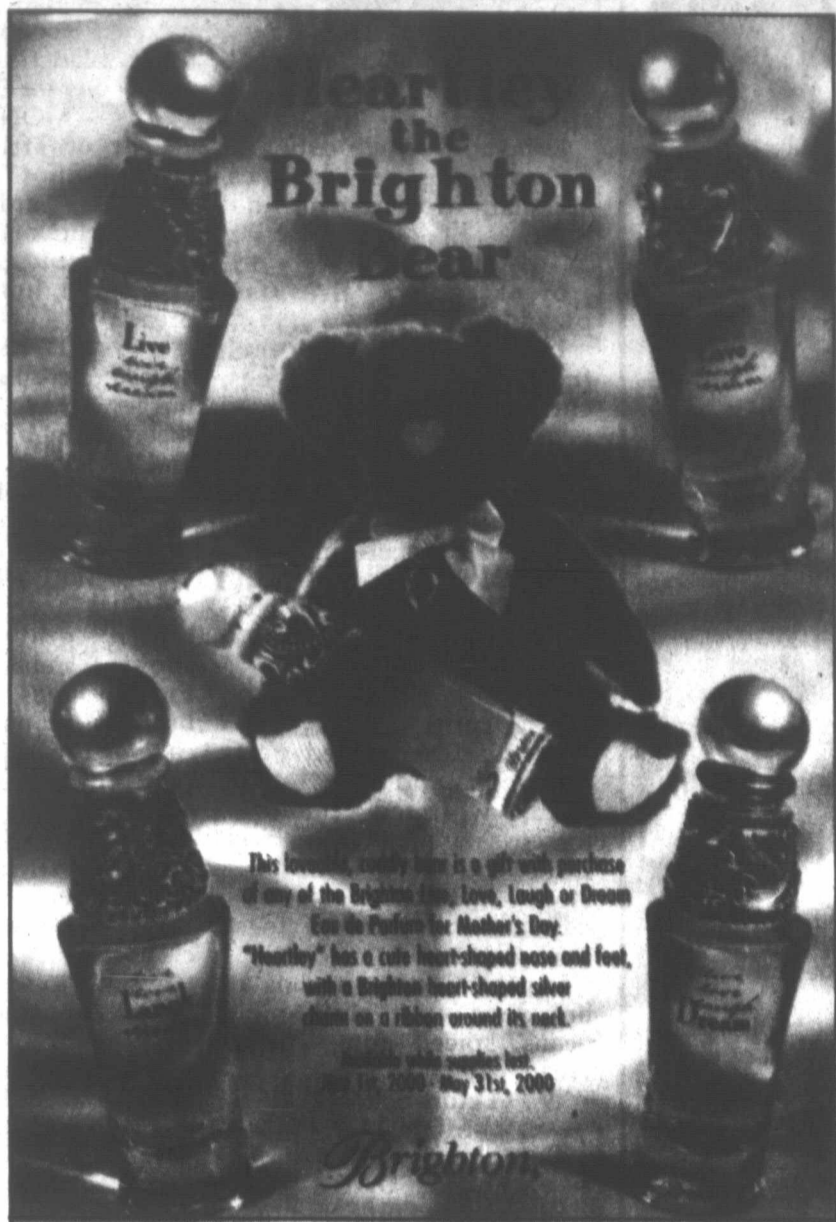
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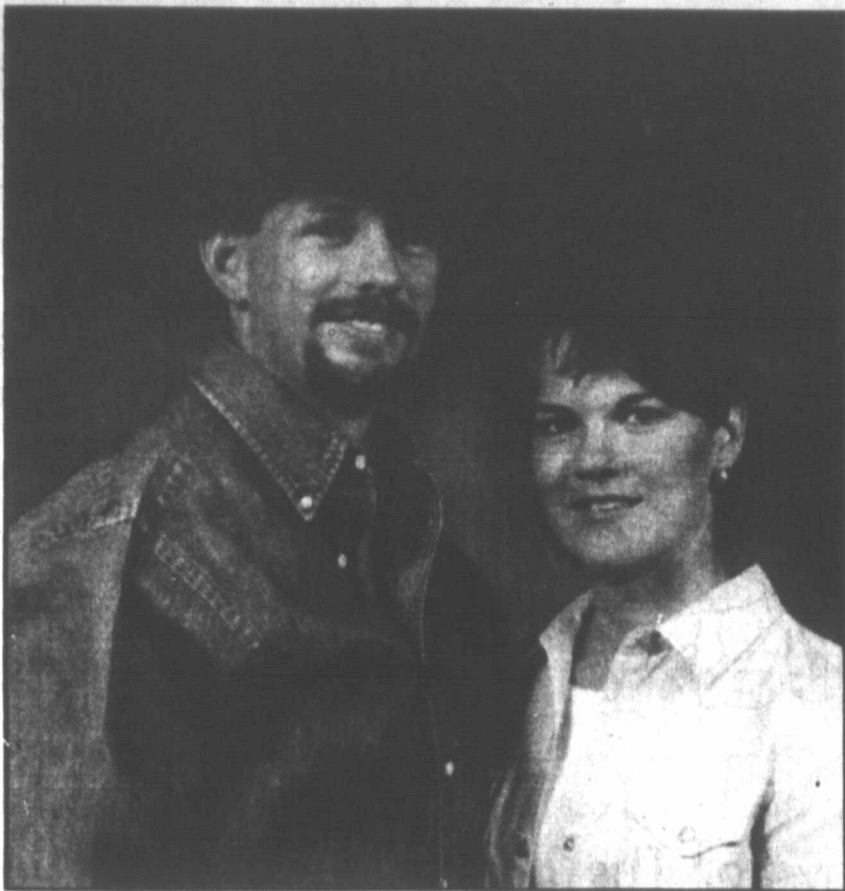
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**Jennifer Elaine Moore of Lefors and Monte Tra Harmon
Moore-Harmon**

Jennifer Elaine Moore of Lefors and Monte Tra Harmon of Pampa were wed May 28 in The Wedding Chapel in Amarillo.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Fran Moore of Lefors. She is currently employed as a teacher with Lefors Independent School District.

The groom is the son of Aljean Harmon and the late M.T. Harmon of Pampa. He is self-employed.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Hawaii and intend to make their home in Pampa.



**Catherine Danette Hoover and Ruben Rivera
Hoover-Rivera**

Catherine Danette Hoover of Fort Worth and Ruben Rivera of Weatherford, Okla., plan to wed Aug. 12 in First Baptist Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Hoover of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Peppers of Guyton, Okla. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1995 and from Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford in 1999, receiving a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She attended SWOSU on a softball scholarship, playing with the Lady Bulldogs. She is currently a second grade teacher at Carter Park Elementary School in Fort Worth.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Lopez of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1994 and from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1999, receiving a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He is currently pursuing his master's degree and is employed at T-Bone Steakhouse in Weatherford.



**Leilani Lynn Broaddus and Mathew James O'Loughlin
Broaddus-O'Loughlin**

Leilani Lynn Broaddus and Mathew James O'Loughlin, both of Miami, were wed April 22 in Central Baptist Church of Pampa with Rick Parnell, of the church, officiating.

The matron of honor was Christy White of Miami. The bridesmaids were Shauna Broaddus, sister of the bride, and Hallie O'Loughlin, daughter of the groom, both of Pampa. The flower girl was Shelby Broaddus, cousin of the bride of Pampa.

The best man was Jake White of Miami. The groomsmen were Ricky Brewer and Bradley O'Loughlin, son of the groom, both of Pampa. The ring bearer was Jason Pike, cousin of the bride of Shamrock.

Aaron Broaddus, brother of the bride of Pampa, and the groomsmen served as ushers. The candlelighters were Aaron Broaddus and Ricky Brewer.

Registering the guests was Kirby Broaddus, cousin of the bride of Pampa. Music was provided by vocalist Paul Searl, cousin of the bride of Pampa.

A reception was held following the service in the parlor of the church with Jackie Broaddus, aunt of the bride, and Junia Horton, both of Pampa, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of David and Terri Broaddus of Pampa. She is currently employed as a receptionist at Nickles Industrial Manufacturing Corporation.

The groom is the son of Tom and Beverly O'Loughlin of Miami. He is currently employed as a service technician at Waukesha Pearce Industries and is engaged in the operation of the O'Loughlin Ranch in Miami.

The couple intend to make their home in Miami.



**Stephanie Ann Green and Adam Paul Clinton
Green-Clinton**

Stephanie Ann Green and Adam Paul Clinton, both of West Hollywood, Calif., plan to wed Sept. 16 at the home of the bride's parents in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Kathryn and Wesley Green of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1994 and from the University of Oklahoma in May 1999 with a bachelor of musical arts degree. She belongs to Sigma Alpha Tota sorority and Golden Key National Honor Society.

The prospective groom is the son of Pam and Gary Clinton of Norman, Okla. He graduated from Norman High School in 1993 and from the University of Oklahoma in May 1998 with a bachelor's degree in communications. He belongs to Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Menus

May 8-12

<p>Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: French toast sticks, syrup. Lunch: Breaded cutlet or pizza, whipped potatoes, spinach, applesauce, hot rolls.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Breakfast pizza. Lunch: Turkey French fryz or steak fingers, cheesy potatoes, blackeyed peas, peaches, hot rolls.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, sausage patty. Lunch: Ribecue on a bun or Taco Bell burrito, corn, tossed salad, gelatin cup, chips.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, sausage patty. Lunch: Charbroiled patty or bologna and cheese sandwich, whipped potatoes, tossed salad, hot rolls, fresh fruit.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage patty. Lunch: Cheese nachos or hot dogs with chili, pinto beans, spiced apples, cornbread.</p> <p>Lefors Schools MONDAY No school.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: French toast sticks, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Mini burritos, chili, cheese, beans, salad, fruit, milk.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Ham and eggs, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken pot pie, spinach, rolls, fruit, milk.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Barbecue wieners, green beans, salad, rolls, fruit, milk.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, toast, cereal, juice, milk.</p>	<p>Lunch: Hot dogs, chili, cheese, beans, salad, fruit, milk.</p> <p>Senior Citizens MONDAY Chicken fried steak or chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, beans, chocolate fudge cake or lemon pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>TUESDAY Lasagna rollups or hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, macaroni and tomatoes, beans, carrot cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, English peas, baby carrots, butter beans, strawberry cake or bread pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>THURSDAY Chicken strips or beef enchiladas, cheese grits, Spanish rice, pinto beans, chocolate chip cake or coconut creme pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>FRIDAY Fried cod fish or beef stew, potato wedges, California blend, beans, red velvet cake or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, garlic toast or cornbread.</p> <p>Meals On Wheels MONDAY Sausage/gravy, hash browns, green beans, cookies.</p> <p>TUESDAY Chicken and dressing, gravy, English peas, cranberry sauce, pumpkin bars.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Hamburgers, tater tots, applesauce.</p> <p>THURSDAY Hamloaf, hominy casserole, mixed vegetables, pears.</p> <p>FRIDAY Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, Italian blends, sliced apples.</p>
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**Mika Autumn Clark and Daniel John Smith
Clark-Smith**

Mika Autumn Clark of Pampa and Daniel John Smith of Amarillo plan to wed May 27 in First Christian Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mike and Sandy Clark of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1994 and attended Texas Tech University. She is currently employed as a substitute teacher with Pampa Independent School District.

The prospective groom is the son of Mike and Jennifer Smith of Borger. He graduated from Borger High School in 1995 and is currently employed as a route salesman with Plains Dairy.

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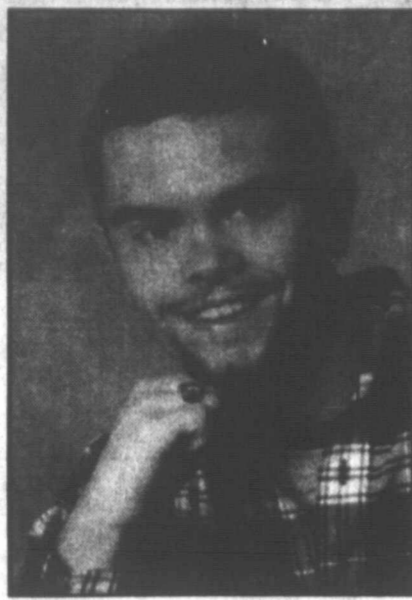
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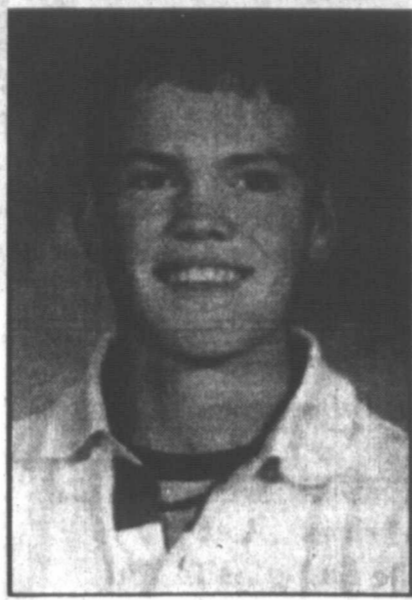
News-makers



Megan Davis



Jesse Francis



Kyle Francis



Ryan Chambers

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced Megan Davis, Charley Jo Hill, Jesse and Kyle Francis, Ryan Chambers, Sammie Jo Parsley, Brian Watts, Lindsay Tidwell, and Annie and Kira Chumbley, all Pampa High School students, were named United States National Award Winners in Honor Roll. Hill was also named an award-winner in Art and Kira in Leadership.

The Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students. Davis, Jesse, Kyle, Chambers, Parsley, Watts, Tidwell, and Annie and Kira were nominated for the award by Starla Kindle, a counselor at PHS. Hill was nominated by counselor Karla Howell and teacher June Dirickson. All will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners based upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability.

Davis is the daughter of Tony and Melody Davis of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Evelyn Balay of Amarillo and Earlene Davis of Pampa.

Hill is the daughter of Jodie and Charles Hill of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Betty Jo Panches of White Deer and Veora Hill of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Jesse and Kyle Francis are the sons of Dale and Cindy Francis of Pampa and are the grandsons of W.F. and Donna Moreland of Skellytown and Cecil Francis of Pampa.

Chambers, a junior at PHS, is the son of Jan and Bob Chambers of Pampa and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. David Gilkeson of St. Paul, Minn.

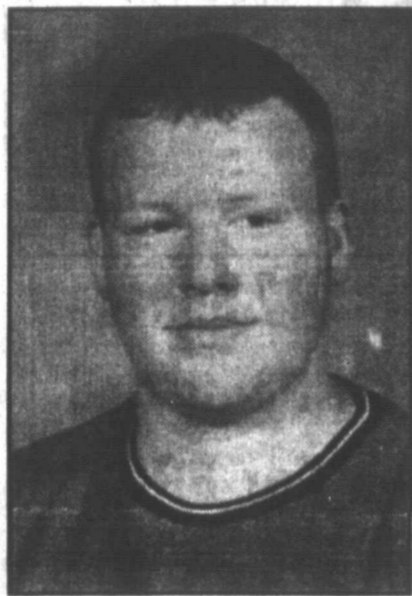
Parsley is the daughter of Robin Parsley and the late Sammy Parsley of Pampa.

Watts is the son of Frankie and Janet Watts of Pampa and is the grandson of Joe and Sue Hall and Orval Watts, all of Pampa.

Tidwell is the daughter of Alan



Sammie Jo Parsley



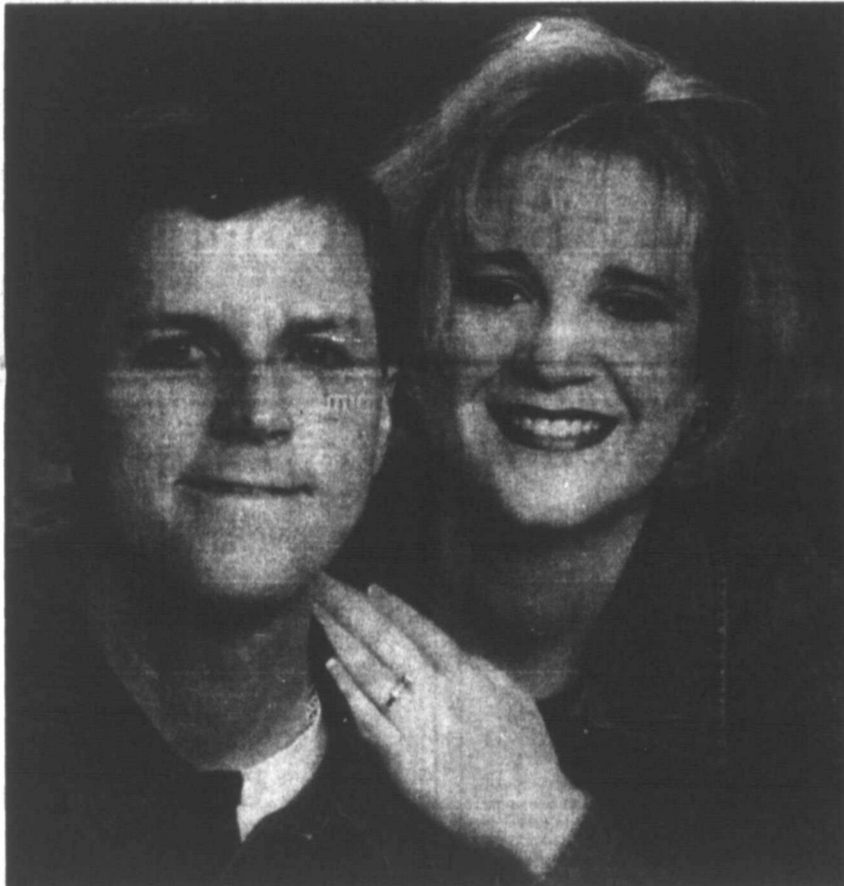
Brian Watts

and Cathy Tidwell of Pampa and is the granddaughter of T.J. and Betty Rogers and Clyde and Gwen Tidwell, all of Pampa.

Annie and Kira are the daughters of Terry and Dana Chumbley of Pampa and are the grand-

daughters of Bill and Pat Kindle and Tom and Reta Chumbley, all of Pampa.

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced Pampa High School students



Sharla Kaye Ryan and James Jeffrey Long

Ryan-Long

Sharla Kaye Ryan of Houston and James Jeffrey Long of Pearland plan to wed June 3 in Sagemont Church of Houston.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Sherryl (Baxter) and Richard Ryan of Houston and is the granddaughter of Mrs. Jimmie Baxter and the late Ralph Baxter. She graduated from Clear Brook High School in 1992 and from the University of Houston-Clear Lake in 1997, receiving a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She is currently employed with Pearland Independent School District.

The prospective groom is the son of Betsy and David Long of Buffalo, Texas. He graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School in 1989 and from the University of Texas at Austin in 1994, receiving a bachelor of science degree in chemistry. He is currently employed with Baker Hughes Inc.



Lindsay Tidwell



Annie Chumbley



Kira Chumbley

Charley Jo Hill, Kira Chumbley and Curtis L. Nunn were named All-American Scholars.

USAA established the All-American Scholar program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The be eligible for the honor, students must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted.

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Leslie Richelle Stiles and Sammy Shackelford

Stiles-Shackelford

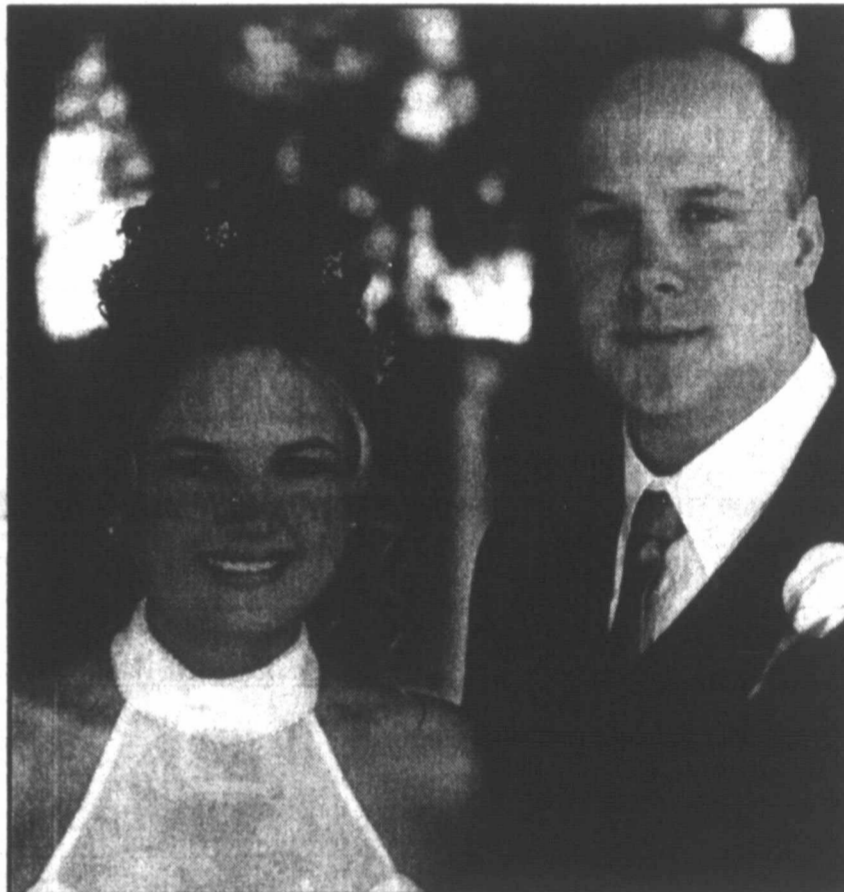
Leslie Richelle Stiles and Sammy Shackelford, both of Thornton, Colo., were wed April 10 in a private oceanside ceremony at Sandals Royal Jamaican Montego Bay, Jamaica, with the Rev. Terrence N. Gordon of Montego Bay officiating.

A reception is planned May 27 in White Deer.

The bride is the daughter of Sharon Stiles and P.R. Stiles, both of White Deer. She graduated from White Deer High School in 1988 and from Frank Phillips College and Texas Tech University. She is currently employed with Guy's Floor Service, Inc., in Denver, Colo.

The groom is the son of Sam and Jowannah Shackelford of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1989 and from Clarendon College and Amarillo College. He is currently employed with Complete Communications of Denver.

The couple honeymooned in Montego Bay and intend to make their home in Thornton.



Alicia Siruta of Midland and Justin L. Johnson

Siruta-Johnson

Alicia Siruta of Midland and Justin L. Johnson were wed March 11 at the home of the bride's parents in Midland with Eddie Norris, of Alamo Heights Baptist Church of Midland, officiating.

The maid of honor was Sara Siruta of Lubbock.

The best man was Jason Johnson of Frisco.

A reception was held following the service at the residence with Amanda Siruta, sister-in-law of the bride, and Sara Siruta, sister of the bride, both of Lubbock, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of William and Marilyn Siruta of Midland. She holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She is currently employed at Midland Memorial Hospital and plans to work at Swedish Medical Center in Denver, Colo.

The groom is the son of Paul and Sherla Johnson of Rogers, Ark., and is the grandson of Maynard and Georgia Johnson, Betty and Howard Buckingham and Jack and Joyce Seals, all of Pampa. He plans to graduate from Texas Tech University this spring with a degree in environmental-conservation of natural resources with a specialization in land management.

The couple planned a honeymoon in Colorado and intend to make their home in Denver.

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For I heard my father pray.
My hand slipped from the doorknob,
I quietly went and prayed;
I asked God to send more fathers,
Who will close the door and pray.

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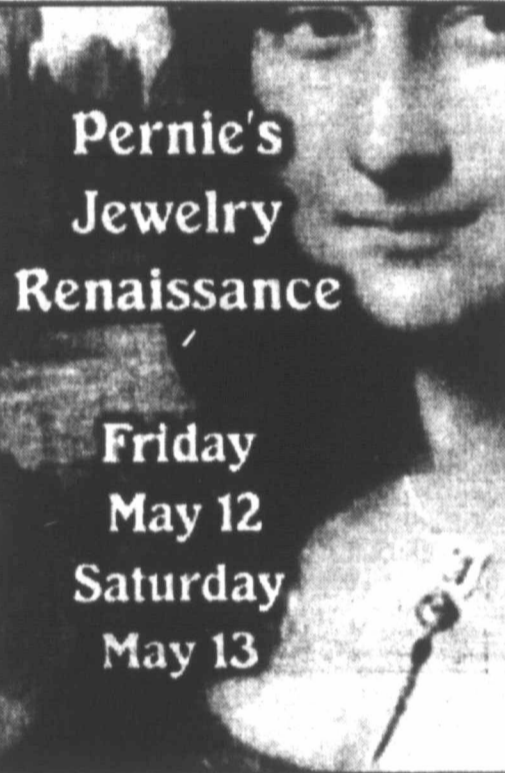
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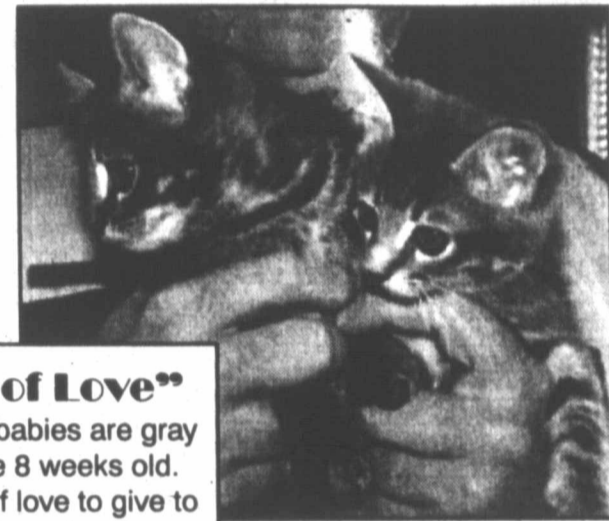
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SUNDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING MAY 7, 2000. Table with columns for time slots (12pm to 11:30pm) and rows for various TV channels (KACV, KAMR, KVVU, etc.) listing programs and their descriptions.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

Table of TV schedules for Thursday Afternoon/Evening, listing channels, times, and program titles.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

Table of TV schedules for Friday Afternoon/Evening, listing channels, times, and program titles.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

Table of TV schedules for Saturday Afternoon/Evening, listing channels, times, and program titles.

Community Calendar

Text listing various community events, organizations, and services such as the Freedom Museum, Lovett Memorial Library, and various church services.

ENTERTAINMENT

Billboard music charts

By The Associated Press
Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

Billboard Hot 100: Top 10
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Maria Maria," Santana (feat. The Product G&B). Arista. (Platinum)
2. "He Wasn't Man Enough," Toni Braxton. LaFace.
3. "Breathe," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Nashville)
4. "Thong Song," Sisqo. Dragon/Def Soul.
5. "Say My Name," Destiny's Child. Columbia. (Gold)
6. "I Try," Macy Gray. Epic.
7. "Bye Bye Bye," 'N Sync. Jive.
8. "Everything You Want," Vertical Horizon. RCA.
9. "Be With You," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
10. "Amazed," Lonestar. BNA. (Gold)

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The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "No Strings Attached," 'N Sync. Jive. (Platinum)
2. "The Heat," Toni Braxton. LaFace.
3. "My Name Is Joe," Joe. Jive.
4. "Unleash The Dragon," Sisqo. Dragon. (Platinum)
5. "Skull & Bones," Cypress Hill. Columbia.
6. "Supernatural," Santana. Arista. (Platinum)
7. "The Writing's On The Wall," Destiny's Child. (Platinum)
8. "Human Clay," Creed. Wind-up. (Platinum)
9. "Dr. Dre — 2001," Dr. Dre. Aftermath. (Platinum)
10. "...And Then There Was X," DMX. Ruff Ryders. (Platinum)

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Hot Adult Contemporary
(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Breathe," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.

2. "Amazed," Lonestar. BNA. (Gold)
3. "I Knew I Loved You," Savage Garden. Columbia. (Gold)
4. "Show Me The Meaning Of Being Lonely," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
5. "That's The Way It Is," Celine Dion. 550 Music.
6. "Someday Out Of The Blue," Elton John. DreamWorks.
7. "Back At One," Brian McKnight. Motown.
8. "You Sang To Me," Marc Anthony. Columbia.
9. "I Need You," LeAnn Rimes. Sparrow/Capitol/Curb.
10. "You'll Be In My Heart," Phil Collins. Walt Disney.

Mainstream Rock Tracks
(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Kryptonite," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
2. "Otherside," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.
3. "I Disappear," Metallica. Hollywood.
4. "Nothing As It Seems," Pearl Jam. Epic.
5. "With Arms Wide Open," Creed. Wind-up.
6. "Stiff Upper Lip," AC/DC. EastWest.
7. "Voodoo," Godsmack. Republic.
8. "Leader Of Men," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
9. "Pardon Me," Incubus. Immortal.
10. "Judith," A Perfect Circle. Virgin.

Modern Rock Tracks
(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Otherside," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.
2. "Adam's Song," Blink-182. MCA.
3. "Kryptonite," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
4. "Pardon Me," Incubus. Immortal.
5. "With Arms Wide Open,"

6. "Voodoo," Godsmack. Republic.
7. "Miserable," Lit. RCA.
8. "Sour Girl," Stone Temple Pilots. Atlantic.
9. "Make Me Bad," Korn. Immortal.
10. "Nothing As It Seems," Pearl Jam. Epic.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks
(Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Buy Me A Rose," Kenny Rogers (w/Alison Krauss & Billy Dean). Dreamcatcher.
2. "The Best Day," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
3. "The Way You Love Me," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
4. "She's More," Andy Griggs. RCA.
5. "Carlene," Phil Vassar. Arista Nashville.
6. "How Do You Like Me Now?!", Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
7. "The Chain of Love," Clay Walker. Giant.
8. "Been There," Clint Black (w/Steve Wariner). RCA.
9. "Couldn't Last A Moment," Collin Raye. Epic.
10. "Yes!" Chad Brock. Warner Bros.

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Top Country Albums
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Fly," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
2. "Breathe," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
3. "Latest Greatest Straitest Hits," George Strait. MCA Nashville. (Platinum)
4. "Come On Over," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Platinum)
5. "Lonely Grill," Lonestar. BNA. (Platinum)
6. "Let's Make Sure We Kiss Goodbye," Vince Gill. MCA Nashville.
7. "Wide Open Spaces," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)

8. "A Place In The Sun," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
9. "Real Live Woman," Trisha Yearwood. MCA Nashville.
10. "She Rides Wild Horses," Kenny Rogers. Dreamcatcher.

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Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Singles and Tracks
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)

1. "He Wasn't Man Enough," Toni Braxton. LaFace.
2. "I Wish," Carl Thomas. Bad Boy.
3. "Wobble Wobble," 504 Boyz. No Limit.
4. "Separated," Avant. Magic Johnson.
5. "Maria Maria," Santana (feat. The Product G&B). Arista. (Platinum)
6. "I Wanna Know," Joe. Jive.
7. "Try Again," Aaliyah. Blackground.
8. "Where I Wanna Be," Donell Jones. Untouchables/LaFace.
9. "Thong Song," Sisqo. Dragon/Def Soul.
10. "Party Up (Up In Here)," DMX. Ruff Ryders/Def Jam.

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Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "The Heat," Toni Braxton. LaFace.
2. "My Name Is Joe," Joe. Jive.
3. "Emotional," Carl Thomas. Bad Boy.
4. "Skull & Bones," Cypress Hill. Columbia.
5. Soundtrack: "Romeo Must Die." Blackground. (Platinum)
6. "Unrestricted," Da Brat. So So Def/Columbia.
7. "Fear Of Flying," Mya. University.
8. "Unleash The Dragon," Sisqo. Dragon. (Platinum)
9. "...And Then There Was X," DMX. Ruff Ryders. (Platinum)
10. "Vol. 3... The Life And

Times Of S. Carter," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam. (Platinum)

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Hot Rap Singles
(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled, and Provided by SoundScan)

1. "Wobble Wobble," 504 Boyz. No Limit.
2. "Whistle While You Twurk," Ying Yang Twins. ColliPark.
3. "(Hot St) Country Grammar," Nelly. Fo' Real.
4. "Bounce," Miracle. Sound Of Atlanta.
5. "I Like Dem," Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz. Short.
6. "Hot Boyz," Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliot (feat. NAS, Eve & Q-Tip) The Gold Mind. (Platinum)
7. "One Four Love Pt. 1," Hip Hop For Respect. Rawkus.
8. "Whoa!" Black Rob. Bad Boy.
9. "Anything/Big Pimpin'," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam.
10. "Got Your Money," Ol' Dirty Bastard (feat. Kelis). Elektra.

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Hot Dance Music — Club Play
(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)

1. "If It Don't Fit," Abigail. Groovilicious.
2. "I'm In Love," Veronica. Jellybean.
3. "I Will Love You Again," Lara Fabian. Columbia.
4. "Release," Afro Celt Sound System. Real World.
5. "Share My Joy," GTS (feat. Loleatta Holloway). Avex.
6. "I Don't Know What You Want But I Can't Give It Anymore," Pet Shop Boys. Sire.
7. "Better Off Alone," Alice Deejay. Republic.
8. "Be With You," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
9. "Feelin' So Good," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Big Pun & Fat Joe). Work.
10. "Missing You," Kim English. Nervous.

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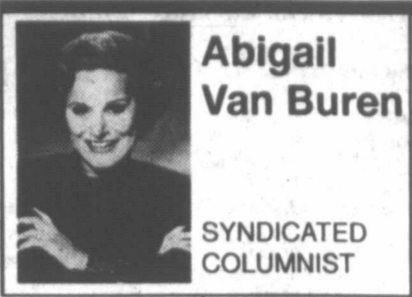
DEAR ABBY: I'd like to comment on a letter you reprinted from a mother who taught her 13-year-old daughter about sex, sexually transmitted diseases and the various forms of birth control. As a result, perhaps she helped her daughter prevent an unwanted pregnancy or disease. Your response was that "every daughter should have a mother like you!"

I couldn't agree more. I work in the Children's Court in Los Angeles and often deal with the consequences when children, those who are underage and those who may have attained majority but are still immature, have children.

However, I wish you had added that "every son should have a mother like you." When a child is conceived, it has both a mother and a father. When diseases are transmitted, it takes two to accomplish the transmission. Parents of all children should do exactly what "North Dakota Mom" did: Educate their children so that they can make informed choices.

ROSEANN HERMAN, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, LOS ANGELES

DEAR ROSEANN: I agree with you that it's vital to educate young people so they can make informed choices. However, not all parents agree with us. I'm sorry to say that I received mail from parents who felt that explaining to the girl about contraception was tanta-



Abigail Van Buren
 SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

mount to condoning premarital sex. I couldn't disagree more with that philosophy, which I fear is a recipe for disaster. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter in your column about the mother who talked to her 13-year-old daughter about sex. I, too, talked to my daughter, Lucy, about sex — and she listened. I did not want her to place herself in danger of getting a sexually transmitted disease, or of having a baby she was too young and too poor to care for.

My daughter was in special education all through elementary and high school. Some of our relatives would call her "slow" behind her back, but she listened to me when I talked to her about bad choices when it came to sex.

My daughter is now 29 years old and does not have any children as yet. Out of our family — myself, my sister and two adult nieces — Lucy, "the slow one," is the only one who graduated from high school without

having a baby. She is the only one who did not have to rely on food stamps or AFDC for a child she couldn't afford. I tell her she is a treasure for any man, even though some of our relatives have had the gall to say to her that if she doesn't "use it, she will lose it."

When I became pregnant at 16, I was very ignorant about sexual matters. My mother expected my sister and me to learn what we needed to know from friends. When it was time for me to be examined by a doctor for prenatal treatment, I had no idea I would have to remove my underwear. I can still hear the nurse snapping at me that I was wasting the doctor's time because I hadn't already done so.

My two children suffered because I couldn't get a well-paying job with only a high school diploma and no child support. Parents need to talk to their children about sex and not assume that someone else will do it. Don't leave them in the dark. Not only do their lives depend on it, so does a newborn child's. Neither my son nor my daughter has had children out of wedlock or is dependent on government handouts. SHERRY IN GLENDALE, ARIZ.

DEAR SHERRY: If your letter doesn't convince parents that it's wise to give their children early and thorough sex education, nothing will.

You may have gotten an early start at motherhood, but you are a caring and conscientious parent.

schedule meetings; let another hear your ideas. Others pave the way for you. The only answer is yes! Tonight: Zoom in and make what you want happen. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Push career interests while the going is good. Read between the lines. Another doesn't see eye to eye with you, but he will go along anyway. Use care when structuring financial agreements. A boss or someone you really care about expresses his approval. Tonight: Go for what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Friends and associates openly receive your proposals. Make sure you fully understand another. Make plans to get together; schedule a work meeting over lunch. Others respond well to this break in pace. Tonight: Your wish can come true.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Others applaud you for a job well done. Stay focused, and you'll make headway. Find time to brainstorm. Listen to the whispers. Follow through on a money venture that is certainly tempting. New professional beginnings occur. Tonight: Make a must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Others respond to your energy, and vice versa. People feel good with you, wanting to get closer and share more. Take an overview. Start planning a trip. A career change benefits you. Let others share their ideas. Tonight: Receive a favor graciously.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Talk about feelings. Get to the root of a problem. Another has great money suggestions — listen. Together you make quite a team. Your follow-

through can make a big difference. A loved one cannot do enough for you. Tonight: Schedule a massage. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Others run with the ball and get a lot done very quickly. Think through a decision involving a loved one. Discussions are caring. Your imagination adds to your self-expression. You can express a lot. Tonight: Let another decide where and when.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You have a heartfelt point of view. Somehow, it carries through to others, who are highly responsive. Don't push a co-worker away because of a pre-conceived notion. If you talk it through, you'll get to the root of a problem. Tonight: Mellow out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Others hear you loud and clear. Brainstorm, share and be open to suggestions. Good will marks your decisions and actions. Creativity flows from one area of your life to another. Another can barely find the words to thank you. Tonight: Do what comes naturally.

BORN TODAY Actress Melissa Gilbert (1964), singer Toni Tenille (1943), author Peter Benchley (1940) ...

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Horoscope

MONDAY, MAY 8, 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) ***** New beginnings are possible in a friendship. Release what is bothering you. Family and security blend. A winning investment is now possible. Discussions are animated, especially those about money and possessions. Indulge, or make that purchase. Tonight: Mosey on home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Dynamic energy and success earmark this special day. Your impact will be felt, as others go along with your ideas. Another clearly cares. Express your feelings in a meaningful way. Make calls; clear your desk; share ideas. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Expenses go way beyond what you had planned for or thought they would be. Your instincts are right on when dealing with another at a distance. Keep good news to yourself for the moment. You understand a lot. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** You are capable of accomplishing the incredible. Don't hem and haw — just do it! Another helps you turn a money wish into a reality. Network.

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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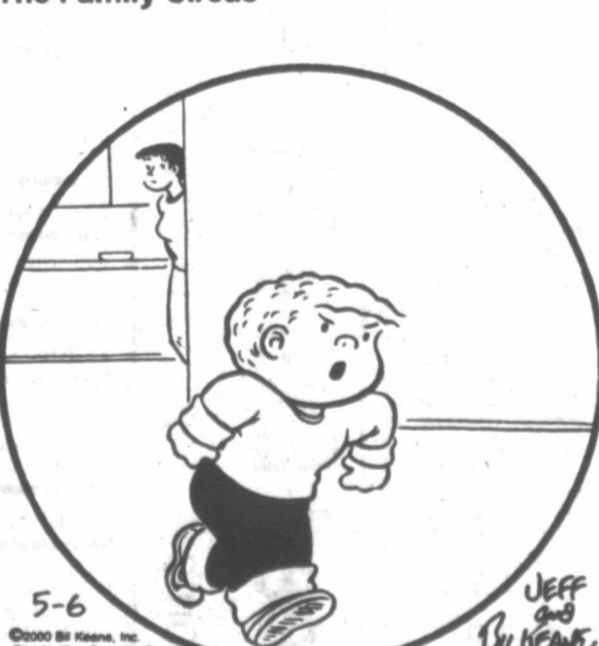
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Marmaduke



"Shoo, doggy. I'm afraid the bus might not stop with you here."

The Family Circus



"Learnin' to talk right is too complicated."

For Better or For Worse



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Class of 2000 Home School Prom



(Special photo)

The Class of 2000 Home School graduates held their senior prom recently. Above are (left-right) Summer Ferguson, Britany Kempf, Angie Edmondson, Bree Ann Dennis and Aaron Wagner.



Deanna Dreher



Cami Stone

NEWSMAKERS

Hill was nominated for the award by Linda Crook and Chumbley by PHS counselor Starla Kindle. All will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, published nationally.

Hill is the daughter of Jodie and Charles Hill of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Betty Jo Panches of White Deer and Veora Hill of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Chumbley is the daughter of Terry and Dana Chumbley of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Bill and Pat Kindle and Tom and Reta Chumbley, all of Pampa.

Nunn is the son of Raymond and Rebekah Nunn of Pampa and is the grandson of Ed and Marilynn Black of Cambria, Calif., and Ruth A. Black of Pampa.



Rainy Hopson

WEATHERFORD, Okla. — Recipient of Farmers Insurance Scholarship, Deanna Dreher of Pampa, was recently honored during Southwestern Oklahoma State University's School of Business annual awards banquet.

LUBBOCK — Cami Stone, daughter of Robert and Cara Morris of Pampa, was recently accepted into the Communication Disorders Undergraduate Program class of 2000, School of Allied Health, Texas Tech Health Science Center.

Stone is a junior at TTU and will begin the two-year program in the fall.

Rainy Hopson, daughter of Nathan and Janey Hopson, recently graduated from Pampa Academy of Christian Education, receiving the ACE Honors Diploma. To achieve ACE Honors, a student must complete a minimum of 26 credits; earn a 94 percent average and a composite reading rate of 600 words per minute as measured on the read master program; score a 12.9 or higher on the CAT; and memorize a selected portion of the Bible.

Hopson's honors, activities and accomplishments include: Volleyball, three years; Most Valuable Player 1999; Basketball T-CAL Regional and State All-Tournament Team; HPCAA and T-CAL All-Star Team 2000; ACE Regional Competition (first in art, drama and music - 1997, 1998, 1999); ACE International Competition (second in art, 1997); Christian Character Award, 1997-99; Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99; HOSTS volunteer; and Meals on Wheels volunteer.

She currently attends Hiland

Church and is active in both Hiland Church and Trinity Fellowship Church youth groups. She is employed at The Donut Stop and plans to pursue a degree in psychology at Southwestern Assembly of God University where she will be eligible for a presidential scholarship based upon academic achievement.

CANYON — The T. Boone Pickens College of Business at West Texas A&M University recognized outstanding graduates and announced scholarship recipients for the 2000-01 school year during its Spring Convocation recently.

The following students were awarded scholarships for the 2000-01 academic year: Jamison Hancock, junior management major, WTAMU Investment Series Scholarship; Carrie Lamberth, graduate student in accounting, Institute of Management Accountants Scholarship; and Jereme Stone, graduate student in accounting, Ocie Chism Memorial Scholarship, all of Pampa; Monty Long, junior finance major, David and Myrt Wilder Scholarship, of Wheeler; and Peggy Chaney, senior general business major, Ocie Chism Memorial Scholarship, of White Deer.

STEPHENVILLE — A group of Computer Information Systems students from Tarleton State University made a strong showing in the COBOL competition at the National Collegiate Conference for the Association of Information Technology held recently at Tampa, Fla.

Among the five Tarleton teams placing among the top 10 finishers in the COBOL competition was the team of Pampan Amy Leamons' team placed second.

DURHAM, N.C. — TIP, the Duke University Talent Identification Program, is sponsoring a series of recognition ceremonies to honor some of the most talented seventh-graders in the United States. This year more than 21,100 students have been invited to attend State Recognition Ceremonies.

TIP sponsors both State Recognition Ceremonies and a Grand Recognition Ceremony, for the very highest scoring students. Students invited to the Grand Recognition Ceremony earned a math or verbal score on the Scholastic Assessment Test or the American College Testing Assessment higher than 90 percent of college-bound high school seniors as part of TIP's 19th annual Talent Search. Of the 87,034 students who participated in the 1999-2000 Talent Search, 1,2887 qualified for this honor. These students also qualify for state recognition.

In addition to the Grand Recognition Ceremony, many Talent Search participants are also honored at ceremonies in their home states. Working with host academic institutions, TIP sponsors 31 different state ceremonies in its 16-state Talent Search region. Speakers at the state ceremonies include university administrators and professors, state and government officials, and more.

Students named to the program include Kendall Wheeler of White Deer.

WT Speech, Language, Hearing and Voice Clinic offering screenings

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's Speech, Language, Hearing and Voice Clinic offers information to parents, family members or caregivers about possible speech or language delays in children.

Speech and language skills are normally acquired through social interaction and environmental stimulation, according to Trina Harvey-Brown, WTAMU instructor of speech disorders. Through repetition, observation and practice, children learn how to speak, listen, understand and communicate.

"The critical period for language development is from 0-3 years of age and many children are not identified as having a speech or language delay until age 3," Harvey-Brown said. "Because of this, some children miss out on valuable input from speech-language pathologists who could aide in the development of speech and language skills."

Speech-language pathologists are specialists in both speech and language development and its accompanying disorders. They work side by side with the family and the child to develop strategies to solve the communication problems.

"Early detection is the key to successful intervention," Harvey-Brown said. "As a parent, caregiver or family friend, it is important to be aware

of what the warning signs are so that a possible delay can be recognized at a young age."

A few signs of possible speech or language delays are listed below according to age.

—6 Months. The child does not make any noises and/or does not respond to sound.

—7-12 Months. The child does not babble and/or does not attempt to say words.

—12-18 Months. The child's communication attempts are limited and/or he/she does not understand simple directions.

—18 months-2nd Birthday. The child uses more gestures than words to communicate and/or he/she does not talk very much.

—2nd-3rd Birthday. The child does not put words together and/or gets frustrated when trying to talk.

—3rd-4th Birthday. The child is difficult to understand and/or he/she cannot describe past events.

—4th-5th Birthday. The child does not talk in complete sentences and/or cannot follow directions.

For additional information about communication delays, contact the WTAMU Speech, Language, Hearing and Voice Clinic.

The clinic's services include initial screenings, assessments and individual or group therapy sessions.

The clinic, located in Room 221 of the Classroom Center, accepts individual inquiries as well as referrals from physicians, physical therapists, occupational therapists and other professionals.

Evaluation and therapy are carried out by graduate clinicians supervised by licensed speech-language pathologists, who are certified by the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association.

Cost of the therapy is \$30 for an assessment and \$20 per therapy session. WTAMU students, staff, faculty and their families can receive treatment at a reduced rate. Insurance is accepted and reduced fees are available in cases of financial hardship.

For more information, contact the clinic at (806) 651-5100.

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