

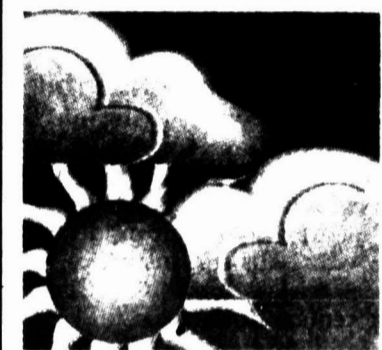
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**AMARILLO** — Panhandle Area Women in Criminal Justice, a newly formed organization of professionals involved in the criminal justice system, will host its "First Conference for Women in Criminal Justice" April 12 at Amarillo College Business and Industry Center, 1314 S. Polk. The event, open to both men and women, will include three keynote speakers and several break-out sessions exploring practical lessons in specialized law enforcement. For more information, contact Rebecca King, 47th District Attorney, at (806) 379-2325.

**Lipscomb trail ride rescheduled**

The Lipscomb trail ride to benefit Kelly Butler has been rescheduled due to the anticipation of inclement weather. The ride, for a \$25 donation, will be Saturday, March 24 starting at 9 a.m. Butler was paralyzed in a horseback riding accident.

- Bob Andersen, 77, retired insurance agent.
- Donna Elizabeth Fitzer, 38, services pending.

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## Martinez pick to fill JP post

Appointment effective April 1

By NANCY YOUNG  
 Managing Editor

Joe Martinez, a former Pampa banker, has been named to serve as Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace, effective April 1.

Gray County Commission Thursday selected Martinez from a field of five applicants to complete the unexpired term of current JP Bob Muns who is retiring. The term ends Dec. 31, 2002.



Joe Martinez

Other applicants were Lee Cornelison, Margie Prestidge, Billy Morris and Gene Gee. The job pays \$24,522 annually. "This is a new road to take," Martinez enthusiastically said of his change in profession. "I am very excited about this opportunity."

He said he is anxious to get started in the Justice of the Peace position and begin his career change. "This was an opportunity which just spoke to me," he said. "Pampa is our home."

A native of El Paso, Martinez, 52, has lived in Pampa since 1980. He is a graduate of the University of Texas with a degree in Business Administration. He had been involved in the banking industry in Pampa since 1981.

Martinez has been active in several civic and local organizations through the years. He is a United Way volunteer and a member of the Gayden Foundation. The foundation is

## Tools stolen from water tower job site

### Teen faces auto theft charges

City police investigated two major thefts during the past 24 hours, solving one and continuing to search for suspects in another.

The first theft involved almost \$4,000 in construction tools stolen from the Northcrest water tower renovation site some time Wednesday night or early Thursday morning.

Ben Davis, an employee of Luckinbill Inc., Frid, Okla., reported that someone climbed the chain link fence surrounding the water tower in the 900 block of Cinderella and broke into a large tool box sometime between 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, and 7:30 a.m., Thursday.

A variety of tools valued at approximately \$3,700 was taken from the tool box, Davis said, including two large aluminum pipe wrenches, two heat guns, an 18-volt drill and saw, a 100-piece socket set, a welder tool bag, a cutting torch, and five safety harnesses.

Deputy Chief Jerry Young said today that there were no suspects and that officers are continuing to search for the missing tools.

Anyone with information regarding the theft can contact the

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## Getting ready for sale ...



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Ed Marshall is sorting through the many books, records and tapes recently donated for the upcoming Friends of the Library Book Sale. Chairman of the book sale, Marshall said the group is accepting donations for the event to be held March 29-April 1 at Lovett Memorial Library.

## Friends of the Library seek donations for sale

By NANCY YOUNG  
 Managing Editor

Community support — that is the key to maintaining such an active group of supporters at the local public library. And the Pampa community is exceptionally supportive of the Lovett Memorial Library.

The Friends of the Library is preparing for its annual book sale with proceeds going to the library and its programs. Donations for the annual four-day sale are being accepted at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 North Houston Street. The annual event will be held March 29 through April 1.

While the book sale certainly will have books for sale, there will also be videos, tapes, dress patterns, a few pictures, computer programs

and a large selection of records. And donations are still coming in.

Ed Marshall, volunteer in charge of the book sale, said anyone wanting to donate items to the book sale may take them to the library. No large items are being accepted due to lack of space.

As space is cleared when books and items are sold during the four day book sale, new items will be displayed and offered for sale, Marshall said there will be new items for sale daily.

Summer reading and adult literacy are among the programs which receive assistance from the Friends of the Library organization. The group continues to recognize the importance of a strong library system as an important factor in a community by strongly supporting.

(See FRIENDS, Page 4)



Bryson Paronto urges on sister Ashlyn Paronto's effort to get the word out about the Junior Service League sponsored Crime Stoppers Garage Sale on March 24 at the VFW building at Cuyler and Foster. The sale starts at 8 a.m. and all proceeds benefit Crime Stoppers. To make the sale a success, donations of items are needed. Donated items can be dropped off at the police department or pick up can be arranged by calling 662-1022 from 4-9 p.m. Cash contributions are welcome as well.

## Pampa woman dies in head-on collision

A head-on collision that blocked traffic for hours Thursday on Texas 152, west of Pampa, claimed the life of a Pampa woman.

Redonna Donna Elizabeth Fitzer, 38 of Pampa was pronounced dead at the scene shortly before 11 a.m. Thursday by Justice of the Peace Kurt Curtman. An autopsy by Texas Tech medical examiners was to take place this morning in Lubbock, Curtman said.

According to Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) reports the wreck occurred at about 10:30 a.m. Thursday. Fitzer was driving a 2000 Chevrolet pickup west on Texas 152, approximately six miles west of Pampa, when DPS records state, the pickup drifted into the path of an eastbound 1981 GMC flatbed truck driven by Jerry Lance Hards, no age given, of Pampa.

The two vehicles crashed head-on and then slid into the bar ditch north of the highway. Fitzer, the only occupant of the pickup, died.

(See COLLISION, Page 4)

## Raid nets drugs, arrests

Local law enforcement officers, serving a search warrant in the 200 block of West Craven, found crack cocaine and marijuana and arrested two persons living at the residence.

At about 11:30 a.m. Thursday officers of the Pampa Police Department and the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force served a search warrant at 205 E. W. Craven, according to a press release from the police department.

During the search, approximately four grams of crack cocaine, a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia were discovered, police said. Complaints from the public prompted the raid.

Officers arrested Desmond Deron Johnson, 26, and Rita Lynn Rodgers, 21, both of the residence, and charged each with possession of a controlled substance, cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Johnson was also charged with possession of marijuana, records show.

Both Johnson and Rodgers remained in Gray County Jail at press time today.

Monthly Chamber of Commerce Luncheon - Tuesday, March 20th At 11:45 a.m.  
 Speaker: Joe Kyle Reeve, Dean Of Clarendon College; Caterer: Clint And Sons Smoke House;  
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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

ANDERSEN, Bob — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.  
 HUFFHINES, Alberta M. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

## Obituaries

### BOB ANDERSEN

Bob Andersen, 77, of Pampa, died Wednesday, March 14, 2001. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Randy White, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Masonic graveside rites courtesy of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Andersen, an independent insurance agent for many years, was born Jan. 11, 1924, at Pawcatuck, Conn. He married Edith "Edie" Parker on Nov. 16, 1974, at Marietta, Okla.; she died Nov. 26, 1993. He served as coordinator of Pampa Prison Ministry for seven years and was an avid woodworker.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, receiving the Purple Heart while serving during World War II, and was a member of First Baptist Church, Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM and Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Thomas Ellis Andersen in 1989 and Robert Austin Andersen, Jr., in 1991.

Survivors include three daughters, Candy Neasbitt and Jane Maynard, both of Sadler, and Penny Johnson of Taylors, S.C.; a sister, Adelaide MaQuera of Jewett City, Conn.; a brother, Eric Andersen of Stockton, Calif.; 16 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

### DONNA ELIZABETH FITZER

Donna Elizabeth Fitzter, 38, of Pampa, died Thursday, March 15, 2001. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of Pampa.		Columbia/HCA	
Wheat	2.65	Enron	65.25 dn 0.46
Milo	3.14	Haltburton	39.75 dn 0.24
Corn	3.50	KMI	53.85 dn 0.01
Soybeans	3.61	Kerr McGee	67.40 dn 0.03
		Limited	15.84 dn 0.21
		McDonald's	26.95 dn 0.29
		Exxon Mobil	81.91 dn 1.04
		New Alamos	23.05 dn 0.56
		XCFL	28.02 dn 0.07
		NOI	37.78 up 0.78
		OKE	42.36 up 0.56
		Pennex	16.43 dn 0.56
		Phillips	54.72 dn 0.33
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Occidental	24.00 up 0.12
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The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.	
BP Amoco	49.10 dn 0.40
Celanese	17.75 NC
Cabot	31.34 up 0.24
Cabot O&G	29.65 up 0.40
Chevron	87.51 dn 1.19
Coca-Cola	47.53 dn 0.12
New York Gold	260.65
Silver	4.36
West Texas Crude	26.39

## Accidents

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

### Thursday, March 15

9:19 p.m. — A white Cadillac driven by an unknown person struck a 1982 Toyota Corolla driven by Ernest Bradley Fletcher, 73, 2200 Dogwood, in the intersection of Hobart and Kentucky streets. The white Cadillac then left the scene. No injuries were reported. No citations were listed in the accident report.

10:20 p.m. — A white Ford crew cab pickup driven by an unknown person struck a 2000 Dodge Dakota pickup, belonging to Mickey Ray Hogg, Lyons, Kan., which was parked in a parking lot at 2831 Perryton Parkway. The pickup then left the scene. No citations were listed in the report.

## Police report

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

### Thursday, March 15

Desmond D. Johnson, 26, 205 1/2 W. Craven, was arrested in the 200 block of West Craven for possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Rita Lynn Rodgers, 21, 205 1/2 W. Craven, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Pamela Jane Howe, 23, 317 Buckler, was arrested on warrants for expired motor vehicle registration and failure to appear.

A domestic assault without injuries was reported in the 500 block of Elm Street.

A representative of Service Liquor, 800 W. Foster, reported burglary of the business. Seven bottles of Crown Royal were stolen and a front window, valued at \$400, was damaged.

Burglary of a residence was reported in the 1900 block of North Faulkner. A .410 shotgun was reported stolen.

Domestic violence and simple assault was reported in the 400 block of South Pitts.

Theft of construction equipment valued at approximately \$3,700 was reported in the 900 block of North Cinderella.

Criminal mischief was reported at Hoagies, 1201 N. Hobart.

A representative of the City of Pampa reported theft of a lighted clover display valued at \$80.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic. A window valued at \$200 was broken.

### Friday, March 16

Stephanie Ann Price, 17, 1044 S. Hobart, was arrested on a capias pro fine for disorderly conduct - language, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, no driver's license and driving without headlights.

A representative of Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart, reported theft of gasoline valued at \$16.12.

Threats were reported in the 400 block of West Browning.

A stolen vehicle was recovered in the 1100 block of south Banks. One person was arrested.

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## Sheriff's Office

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

### Friday, March 16

James Turlington, 30, 520 N. Faulkner, was arrested on a capias pro fine for simple assault.

## Fires

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

### Thursday, March 15

8:25 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a downed cable line in the 600 block of Carr. No fire hazard was found.

8:36 a.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to a report of a sign falling due to high winds at Pet Patch, 866 W. Foster. Firefighters removed the sign so it wouldn't fall.

10:32 a.m. — Two units and seven firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision west of Pampa on Texas 152.

5:31 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a report of sparks from electrical lines in the 700 block of North Hobart. No hazards were found.

10:39 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in the 200 block of North Nelson.

# Texas round up

## Space station's first crew to spend one more day on orbiting complex

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The international space station's first commander doesn't mind that his return trip to Earth has been delayed by a day because it gives him more time to prepare the orbiting outpost's second crew.

"It gives us a little more relaxed timeline to do that," astronaut Bill Shepherd said early Friday. "We've been very busy on our expedition and we're kind of enjoying a somewhat slower pace. We're happy to stay one more day."

Shepherd and his two Russian crewmates, Yuri Gidzenko and Sergei Krikalev, have been on space station Alpha for more than four months. They are set to leave the station aboard space shuttle Discovery on Sunday and return to Earth on Wednesday, a day later than originally planned.

NASA added an extra day to Discovery's mission to finish packing an Italian-made module with more than a ton of trash and unnecessary equipment from Alpha. It took longer than expected to refill the module.

## Human remains identified as those of missing atheist, family

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — More than five years after Madalyn Murray O'Hair and two relatives mysteriously disappeared, forensic tests have confirmed that human remains found in January in a shallow grave are those of the missing trio.

O'Hair, 76, her son Jon Garth Murray, 40, and Robin Murray O'Hair, 30, her granddaughter, vanished from San Antonio in 1995 along with \$500,000 in gold coins.

At first, some speculated the ailing O'Hair — America's best-known atheist — had gone off somewhere to die so that Christians would not pray over her.

But investigators believed they were kidnapped, robbed and killed, and their bodies dismembered and dumped on a ranch near Camp Wood, about 125 miles from San Antonio.

Exhaustive searches of the ranch by federal agents had failed to uncover any bodies until this year, when the bones were unearthed.

Forensic scientists used medical and dental records to identify the remains. A stainless-steel artificial hip that was pulled from the ground was among the evidence used to identify the elder

O'Hair, who had hip replacement surgery in 1988. "This certainly gives us some closure," Roderick Beverly, agent in charge of the FBI's San Antonio office, said Thursday.

## Federal report finds racial bias in 1999 rape investigation

HOUSTON (AP) — The Harris County Sheriff's Department showed racial bias and discriminated against black deputies during a 1999 rape investigation, according to a report by the Equal Employment and Opportunity Commission.

The finding stems from a June 1999 report by an inmate in the county jail that a female friend had been raped by a black deputy in a restroom.

Sixteen black jailers were rounded up and photographed as possible criminal suspects.

The EEOC said it found inconsistencies in the department's investigation of black deputies when photographing them as possible suspects in the rape investigation.

The agency said the department disregarded the woman's specific description of her assailant, instead, photographing deputies of different sizes, weights, ages and complexions, some of whom were not assigned to the shift or floor where the alleged incident occurred.

Findings of the investigation also contradict the department's contention that the woman's description of her assailant was vague.

## Rental property owners could offer rental insurance under bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Sparks were flying on the Senate floor when Sen. John Carona, a Dallas businessman, brought out his bill that would allow rental property owners and property management firms to sell renters' insurance to their residents.

Sen. Carlos Truan, who sells life insurance, said that if the bill passes, renters would be "silently coerced" into buying renters' insurance.

"There are many landlords that are scoundrels and will do whatever they can to try to get the most they can from the people they are renting to," Truan, D-Corpus Christi, said Thursday. "I am just telling you that no profession is free of abuse and this is true of landlords as well."

The bill would allow rental property owners and property management firms to apply for specialty licenses to sell the insurance.

# People in the news ...

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Steve Martin? Fine art? Las Vegas?

As Martin might say, "Well, excuseuuuuse me!"

The comedian, actor, author, banjo player, singer — who'll add Academy Awards host to his resume on March 25 — is going to show the public yet another facet when he displays his collection of modern and contemporary art April 7 at the Bellagio hotel-casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

Why a Las Vegas casino?

"The real reason," Martin says in a catalog to be sold at his first-ever show, is "it sounds like fun."

Martin's show of 28 pieces will include works by Georges Seurat, Roy Lichtenstein, Pablo Picasso, David Hockney, Edward Hopper and others. Two works by David Park and Neil Jenney that Martin previously donated to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art will also be shown.

"The juxtaposition of great art in Las Vegas seems almost like an oxymoron," acknowledged Alan Feldman, spokesman for Bellagio.

The upscale resort and The Venetian Resort-Hotel-Casino are among those trying to change the city's neon-lit, velvet painting, home-of-boxing image by promoting museum-quality art galleries.

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP) — When Dyan Cannon was approached to play the mother of the disparate Bernstein-Flynn siblings on the NBC sitcom "Three Sisters," she was hesitant about doing a weekly show.

Cannon wasn't available when the pilot was shot. She was tied up on Fox's "Ally McBeal" with her recurring role as the sexy, smart Judge Jennifer "Whipper" Cone.

When the series was ordered, Cannon was again approached. "I was available and I said, 'I don't know,'" Cannon told The Associated Press. It took several meetings and phone calls before she agreed to take the part of Honey Bernstein-Flynn, mom to married Bess, divorced Nora and single Annie.

Is she the same sort of mother in real life — her daughter is actress Jennifer Grant — as vivacious Honey, a yoga and meditation enthusiast and a die-hard Los Angeles Lakers fan?

"Very similar" she said.

NEW YORK (AP) — Full-figured and vivacious, Aida Turturro would do just about anything for HBO's "The Sopranos," except slim down for the part of Tony Soprano's gold-digging sister Janice.

"I would never do that for Hollywood," Turturro, 38, told People magazine in its March 19 issue. "If anybody said anything to me, I don't care who it is, I wouldn't stand for it."

The HBO drama, which stars James Gandolfini, doesn't focus on physical perfection.

"That's not how our show works," the actress said. "It's not about how you look. Look at the guys!"

NEW YORK (AP) — "Dark Angel" star Jessica Alba has "broken ribs doing harness jumps" and "messed up my ribs doing kicks," but the 19-year-old actress says it's been worth it.

"I'm less scared," Alba told Entertainment Weekly in its

March 16 issue. "When I walk around I know that if someone attacked me, at least I'd be able to defend myself. I could probably take out an eyeball."

She plays Max, a genetically engineered, smart-mouthed superbabie who has escaped her military handlers and is on the lam in 21st century America.

To prepare for her role, Alba lifted weights and did cardio training, gymnastics and kung fu training.

"She wasn't particularly physically fit," co-creator James Cameron ("Titanic") told the magazine. "But there was something about her — an attitude, a sass — that made me keep thinking of her."

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jazz saxophonist Branford Marsalis joined Bob McGrath, a longtime star of "Sesame Street," on Capitol Hill to talk up support for arts education programs.

Marsalis and McGrath, joined by VHI President John Sykes and Brown University researcher Martin Gardiner, stalked the halls of Congress on Thursday.

# City Briefs

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## Weather focus

STATEWIDE — Cooler temperatures were expected to sweep across Texas on Friday, as high winds continue to buffet the state.

Windy and dusty conditions in North Texas should continue through early Friday morning, forecasters said. Highs should be in the 50s but the wind will make it feel colder.

Lows early Saturday should be in the 30s and 40s.

In West Texas, there will be a chance of showers and thunder-

storms. Daytime highs should mostly be in the 50s.

Clouds will be moving across South Texas skies on Friday, forecasters said. Temperatures are expected to be in the 60s and 70s, with highs peaking into the 80s in Deep South Texas.

There's also a chance for highs in the mid-80s along the Rio Grande.

The forecast for Saturday calls for cloudy skies with a chance of showers and highs in the 50s to near 60 along the Rio Grande.

# Winners claim record jackpot

AUSTIN (AP) — An Austin police officer and his wife are the winners of Lotto Texas' record \$85 million jackpot and are planning to make a public appearance Friday.

Robert and Beverly Chody claimed their winnings Thursday, a check for \$51.2 million, sources told The Associated Press. The couple chose the cash-option payment so they received a smaller share of the winnings in a lump sum.

Beverly Chody purchased the winning ticket at Shopper's Mart in north Austin for the March 7 lottery drawing.

The prize money was issued to a partnership, RBH CNC Ltd., which records show includes a

company called RBH Rags-to-Riches Inc., lottery officials said.

Attempts to reach the Chodys before their planned news conference Friday were unsuccessful.

The retailer that sold the ticket is eligible to receive a 1 percent bonus up to \$500,000.

The winning numbers were 10-31-36-37-45-51. The winning ticket was a Quick Pick selection in which a computer selects the numbers at random.

The largest jackpot prior to the March 7 drawing was \$75 million. It was shared by five winning-ticket holders.

# Surgeon who left towel in man agrees to pay \$400,000

HOUSTON (AP) — A man suffering from colon cancer received \$400,000 in a lawsuit settlement with a doctor who stitched him up after surgery but left a towel festering in his abdomen.

William R. Miller Jr. complained of pain after the operation at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in 1999. Doctors waited 73 days before they performed exploratory surgery and found the towel wrapped around his small intestine.

Miller, 70, a retired Shell Oil accountant, settled the medical malpractice suit against Dr. John Skibber before it went to trial this week.

Ben Martin, a Dallas lawyer representing Miller,

said he felt the \$400,000 settlement was fair because a section of Miller's small intestine was damaged by the towel and had to be removed during the exploratory surgery.

"It was a very unfortunate mistake," Frank Doyle, Skibber's lawyer, said in Friday's editions of the Houston Chronicle. "Dr. Skibber was very apologetic."

The towel was left in when Skibber removed a cancerous section of Miller's colon May 18, 1999.

As a standard procedure, the towel had been wrapped around the small intestine to keep it away from the colon during surgery.

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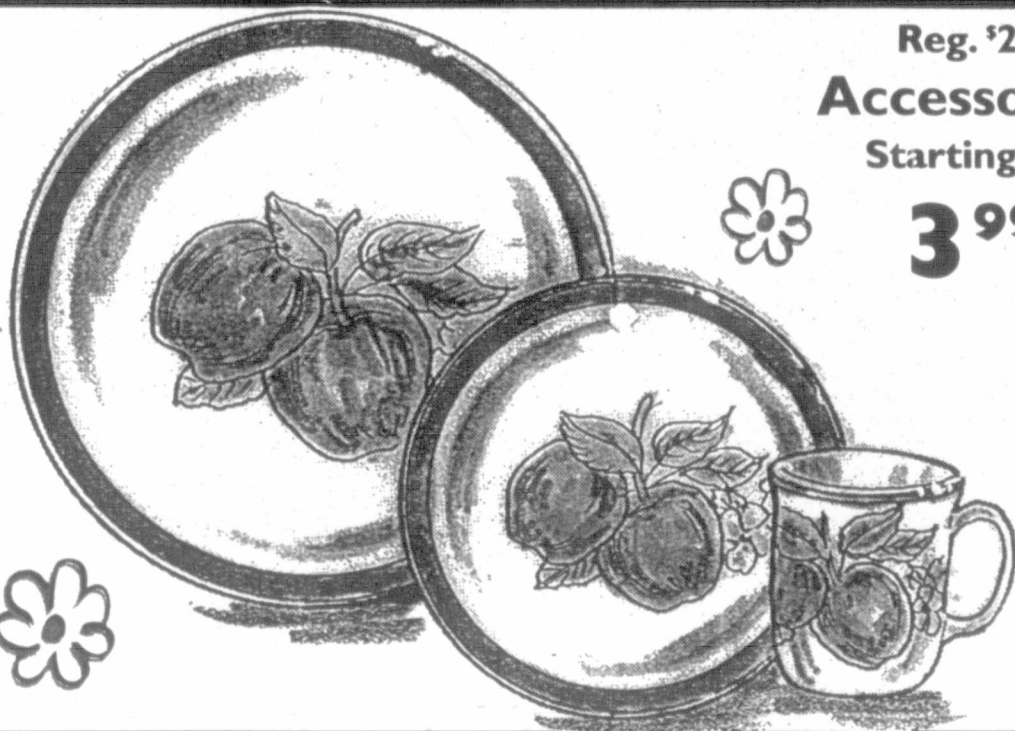


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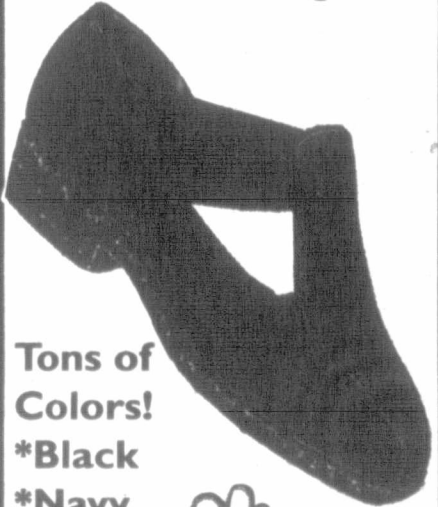
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## MARTINEZ

an organization which assists in financially supporting St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School. He is also active in the local Army National Guard where he is 1st Sgt. for Company B 2/142 mechanized infantry.

Martinez and his wife, Lori, are the parents of two daughters: Amanda of the home and Aimee Corley who is married and lives in Pampa. Aimee and her husband, Jimmy Don Corley, are the parents of a

son, Jimmy Don Corley, III and a daughter, Chainea Raighlynn.

The Justice of Peace position is an elected office. It will be on the ballot in November, 2002, in the regular General Election.

The Gray County Commissioners selected Martinez by individually ranking all five of the applicants on a scale of 1-5 for the position. County Clerk Susan Winborne tabulated the five commissioners court members rankings and announced Martinez was the choice.

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## FRIENDS

the entire library system as it has for many, many years.

Friends of the Library organization is a very active group in Pampa as the membership exceeds 1,000 members, according to membership chairman Vera Plunk. The annual membership drive is currently under way as letters concerning the current drive were recently mailed out.

Understanding the importance of a quality

library system, the large group takes pride in assisting with the support of the many programs of the Lovett Memorial Library.

Plunk said the group built a new kitchen in the library and contributed a refrigerator. Also, the tables and chairs in the auditorium were donated by the library group.

Memberships for the organization are very affordable. They are available for individuals, \$1; businesses, \$10; and lifetime, \$100. Residents interested in becoming members may take their membership fees by the local library.

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## TOOLS

Pampa Police Department at 669-5700.

Meanwhile, high winds tore away plastic from around the tower that was to be heated to shrink wrap the scaffolding causing crews to lose between one and two days work there, said Public Works Director Richard Morris.

Early this morning, Officer Stormy McCullough observed someone in a vehicle near the intersection of Crawford and Banks streets flashing the car's lights on and off. McCullough said in her report that she followed the vehicle, a red 1993 Ford, until it stopped at a driveway in the 1100 block of South Banks.

When the police officer asked the driver to show

a driver's license, the woman responded that she didn't have one, police said. When a check for warrants indicated the driver was wanted on a municipal warrant for disorderly conduct - language, McCullough arrested her.

According to police records, the woman then told the police officer that the red car was stolen and directed the officer to the address where the car belonged in the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

When police contacted the car's owner, she didn't know the car had been stolen.

Stephanie Price, 17, 1044 S. Hobart, was arrested on the outstanding disorderly conduct warrant, and also charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, no driver's license and driving without headlights. She remained in Gray County Jail at press time today.

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## COLLISION

at the scene. Tim Clark, also of Borger, was treated and released from Pampa Regional Medical Center emergency room for injuries he suffered in the wreck, hospital officials said today.

Judge Curfman said the Chevrolet pickup belonged to J.M. Huber Corporation of Amarillo.

Gray County and Carson County Sheriff's deputies rerouted the heavy Pampa - Borger traffic that travels the state highway across county roads CC and DD to U.S. 60 for approximately four hours as Pampa firefighters and state highway department officials cleaned a large diesel spill from the

roadway.

Emergency personnel battled winds estimated as high as 50 miles an hour as they investigated the wreck, extricated the victims, and cleared the highway.

"I don't know officially, but I feel like the wind had a lot to do with what happened," Curfman commented.

Opening of the highway was also delayed for a time, he said, after a state highway crew with a load of sand to spread on the spill took the sand six miles west of Borger instead of six miles west of Pampa.

Services for Fitzer are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

## Paper, Earnhardt lawyers meet for second day

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Lawyers for Dale Earnhardt's widow and the Orlando Sentinel negotiated behind closed doors Friday, their second day of talks over whether to make public autopsy photos of the racing legend.

The attorneys resumed discussions after more than 11 hours of talks Thursday with no resolution.

If no agreement is reached by Monday, Volusia County Circuit Judge Joseph Will will hold a hearing to decide whether more than a dozen autopsy photos should be made public. Earnhardt's widow, Teresa, and son, Dale Jr., are scheduled to testify at the hearing. Earnhardt was killed Feb. 18 during a crash at the Daytona 500.

Under Florida law, the autopsy photos are public

records. Teresa Earnhardt sued to stop their release, arguing that it would violate her privacy. The judge agreed to temporarily block their release.

Sentinel executives said they do not intend to publish the photos but want a medical expert to review them for a probe into NASCAR safety.

Teresa Earnhardt's attorneys argue that if the Sentinel is granted permission, other news organizations will have access, "opening a Pandora's box."

The president of a Web site who joined a lawsuit seeking access to the photos was not invited to Friday's negotiations. Michael Uribe of websitecity.com has promised to fight for unfettered access to the photos, even if the Sentinel and Teresa Earnhardt reach a settlement.

## Legislative highlights ...

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate Finance Committee unanimously approved \$563 million Thursday to fund pay and benefit raises for state employees in the coming two years. Another \$224 million in federal funding would go toward salary increases.

The plan includes a 5 percent across-the-board pay raise for all state workers. The employees must receive a minimum raise of \$100 per month.

Correctional and juvenile correctional officers would receive an extra \$6 per month per year of service in each of the next two years.

"We couldn't come up with enough but it's certainly a substantial increase over what we did in better economic times," said Senate Finance Chairman Rodney Ellis, D-Houston.

### Banning booze

Riding around with a beer in your hand wouldn't be allowed any longer in Texas under a bill approved by the Senate. All open containers of alcohol would be banned in passenger compartments of vehicles.

Currently, only the driver can be ticketed for having an open container of alcohol, and that's only if a law officer sees the driver consuming the container's contents.

If it becomes law, the open container law will allow Texas to recoup some \$43 million annually in federal highway money, said the bill's sponsor, Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound. More importantly, she said, it will save lives.

"I am horrified that Texas is number one in alcohol-related traffic deaths and I think if we pass this legislation it will certainly save lives," Nelson said.

The legislation also requires people convicted of a second drunken driving offense within a five-year period to have an alcohol breath monitor installed in their cars.

### You speed, you pay

Speeding tickets for drivers going 95 mph or faster could cost even more under a bill approved by the Senate. The bill would increase the range of fines given out for driving that speed to between \$200 and \$500. The current range for fines is between \$1 and \$200.

### Insurance gripes

Sparks flew on the Senate floor when Sen. John Carona, a Dallas businessman, explained his bill that would allow rental property owners and property management firms to sell renters insurance to their residents.

Sen. Carlos Truan, an insurance agent, said that if the bill passes, renters would be "silently coerced" into buying renters insurance from their landlords.

"There are many landlords that are scoundrels and will do whatever they can to try to get the most they can from the people they are renting to," said Truan, D-Corpus Christi. "I am just telling you that no profession is free of abuse and this is true of landlords as well."

Carona, R-Dallas, said the legislation would relieve landlords of liability for negligence but will alleviate worries when there is "an unfortunate loss."

Under the legislation, the Texas Department of Insurance would not regulate the rate landlords could charge for the insurance, Carona's office said. Truan said that would cause a major insurance group to monopolize the industry without state oversight.

Carona withdrew the bill from floor debate and said he will bring it up next week.

### Privacy

The government would be prohibited from giving out citizens' Social Security numbers, bank or credit card numbers, computer passwords or computer network locations without an attorney general opinion, under a bill approved by the Senate.

The bill by Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, also sets up principles for handling sensitive information, directs the Department of Information Resources to establish minimum privacy standards for all government Web sites and requires government entities to establish and publish a privacy policy.

### Texas tornado

Lawmakers honored the late musician Doug Sahm with a memorial resolution as his family members stood at the front of the Senate chamber.

Sahm, a main figure in the Tex-Mex supergroup Texas Tornados and the lead in the Sir Douglas Quintet, died in November 1999.

Born in San Antonio, he became a master of many different musical styles — rock, country, blues and Tex-Mex.

### Quote of the day

"President Bush called me and I had to take that call," Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, joking as he was caught off guard when acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff recognized him to speak while he talked on a phone at his Senate desk.

## Army's beret battle with Rangers settled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Color matters. After months of wrangling with Army brass in the Pentagon, the elite Rangers have won approval to switch the color of their berets from black to tan.

Col. P.K. Keen, commander of the 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning, Ga., said Thursday that the Army's senior leaders approved the Rangers' request to make the change.

Normally a fashion fuss inside the Army would not draw much outside attention. But this is no ordinary fuss.

The Rangers raised a ruckus when the Army chief of staff, Gen. Eric Shinseki, announced in

October that the black beret the Rangers wear proudly as an exclusive badge of honor would become standard-issue headgear for everyone from Army cooks and clerks to colonels and generals.

The Rangers considered it a slap in the face, a cheapening of their hard-won right to wear an exclusive hat. They managed to stir interest in their cause on Capitol Hill and even at the White House. On Thursday they declared victory, although their initial efforts had been aimed, unsuccessfully, at retaining the black beret instead of switching colors.

"The Ranger tan beret will represent for the Ranger of the 21st century what the black beret represented — a unit that leads the way in our conventional and special operations forces," Keen said.

The change doesn't sit well with some veterans. David Nielsen, a former Ranger who walked 700 miles from Fort Benning to Washington to protest the beret issue, said in an interview Friday that he is deeply disappointed that the Rangers will no longer have their exclusive black berets.

"It's a shame," he said, adding that he believed Keen "did what he thought was the right thing."

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## Destination Imagination



(Special photo)

The Destination Imagination team from Lamar Elementary School recently placed third in Dynamic Improv and received the Davinci Award during competition at Borger. Above: (front row) Tristin Reeves; (second row) Erin Hall, Scotty Brown; (third row) Kambra Jimenez, David Soto; (back row) Richelle Olsen, Kay Harvey, teacher, and Misty Jimenez, team coach. Not pictured is LaJona Reeves, team coach. The team's challenge was to research and study important facts and information from a list of world landmarks, cultural performers and famous innovators. For the competition, the group performed a skit of randomly selected subject matter from each category.

## Calendar of events

### PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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

### ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP

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

**ST. MARK CME CHURCH**  
St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

**MACEDONIA CHURCH**  
Macedonia Church will host a monthly breakfast the third Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 441 Elm Street with the Rev. I.L. Patrick. Donations will be accepted and the public is invited.

### THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS

The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

### PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION

Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building.

### GED TESTING

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will conduct GED testing at 9 a.m. Feb. 26 and March 26. Test-takers must bring a government-issued picture ID such as a driver's license and a Social Security card. Pre-registration is not required. Cost is \$45 or \$10 for each re-test.

### SHRINE CLUB

Pampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 7 p.m. every third Friday of each month at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes.

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this spring beginning Jan. 9. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

### CPF

Cerebral Palsy Foundation is seeking families with children (birth to age 12) affected by cerebral palsy in an effort to establish a chapter in the area. CPF offers financial and emotional support as well as many free services. For more information, call 1-888-872-7966 toll-free.

### CLASS OF 1961

Pampa High School Class of 1961 will hold its 40th class reunion this year. Anyone interested in helping plan and organize the event should contact Zip Swaney at 665-5532.

### PANTEX MEETING

Todd Martin, technical advisor and overseer of Department of Energy

"Baseline Risk Assessment for Pantex" review, will discuss his initial findings and answer questions during a meeting scheduled from 5-7 p.m., Monday, March 19, at Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle. The meeting is open and free to the public. For more information call STAND, at (806) 358-2622.

**GENEALOGY WORKSHOP**  
In lieu of the March meeting of the Gray County Genealogical Society, there will be a computer workshop from 2-3:30 p.m., March 28 at Lovett Memorial Library. Pre-registration is required. If you have not previously been contacted, call 669-5780 to register.

### PAS DANCE

Pampa Area Singles will hold a dance from 8-11 p.m., March 17 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Entertainment will be by Mike Porter. Cost is \$6 per person. The event will be alcohol and smoke free. Participants are encouraged to bring a snack. For more information, call 665-7059.

### PPQG MEETING

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. March 22 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (806) 779-2115.

### PAMPA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Pampa Retired Teachers Association will meet at 2 p.m., Monday, March 19, at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

### PAMPA AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Pampa Area Cancer Support Group for individuals, families and

friends who have been touched by cancer will meet at 7 p.m. March 15 in the cafeteria of the Pampa Regional Medical Center, One Medical Plaza. Program for this month's meeting will be the tape "The Gift of Listening" by Doug Manning. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. The public is invited. For more information, call 665-4742 or 665-2654. For a ride, call Betty Whitson after 5 p.m. at 669-2198 or Linda Norris at 665-2654. In case of inclement weather, call ahead in case meeting is canceled.

**WDHS CLASS REUNIONS**  
White Deer High School Class of 1991 and Class of 1992 reunion committee will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m., March 21 at 707 Daffodil in White Deer. A combined class reunion will be held July 27. For more information, contact Hope Stephens, 883-2185; Stephanie Harrah, 537-4153; Stacey Haiduk, 883-2505; or Lori Bichsel, 883-2152.

### TOP O' TEXAS CATTLEWOMEN

Top O' Texas CattleWomen Scholarship application forms are currently available at area schools. A scholarship in the amount of \$500 and two in the amount of \$250 will be awarded. Students in the following counties are eligible to apply: Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler. The application deadline is April 27. Applications must be returned to Sandra Christner by that time. Christner's address is: P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096. For more information, call (806) 826-3572 or (806) 826-5719.

## WTAMU conference to look at brief therapy

CANYON — "Brief Therapy: An Ericksonian Approach to Depression and Anxiety" will be the focus of the 16th Annual Ken Waugh Counseling Conference scheduled for Friday, March 23 at West Texas A&M University. Dr. Jeffrey K. Zeig, a recognized leader of the Ericksonian approach, will be the featured speaker.

Zeig, a clinical psychologist in private practice and consulting, is founder and director of the Board of Directors of the Milton H. Erickson Foundation in Phoenix, Ariz. He has conducted workshops on Ericksonian techniques in more than 30 countries and has edited, co-edited or authored numerous books and monographs on Ericksonian psychotherapy, hypnosis, brief therapy and eclectic psychotherapy.

The Ericksonian approach, named for Dr. Milton H. Erickson (1901-80), utilizes the power of hypnosis to enhance therapy. The one-day program will focus on the key concepts of Ericksonian strategic psychotherapy and offer improvisational training methods to develop innate tools. Zeig will close out the day with a demonstration of the Ericksonian approach with a volunteer from the audience.

The program begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 4:30 p.m. It is designed for school counselors, licensed professional counselors, psychologists, psychiatrists, masters of social work, family therapists and graduate students. It has been approved for six continuing education units by the National Board of Professional Counselors, the National Board for Certified Counselors and the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners.

Preregistration deadline is March 19. Cost is \$75 with discounts available for Amarillo Independent School District counselors and WTAMU students and faculty. For more information or to register, call 806-651-2626.

This annual conference helps raise funds for the Kenneth Waugh Scholarship fund and honors Dr. Kenneth W. Waugh, professor emeritus of education at WTAMU.

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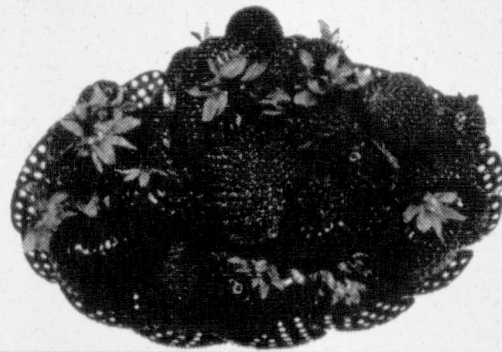
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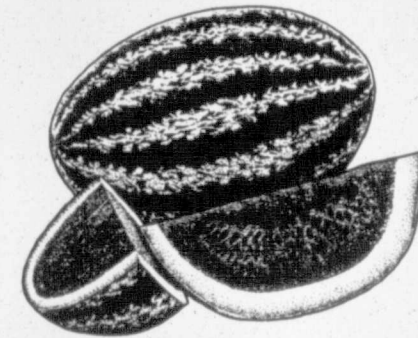
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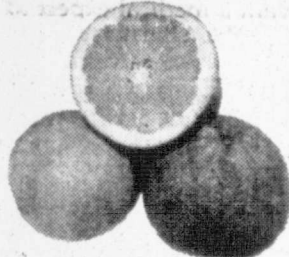
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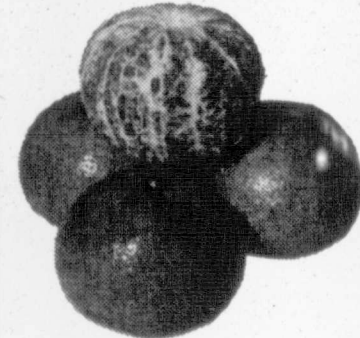


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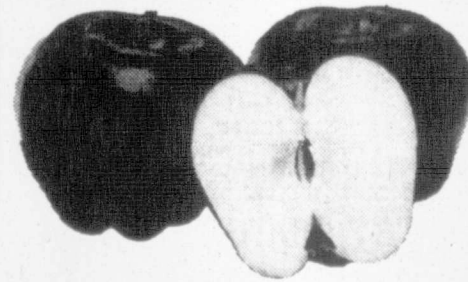
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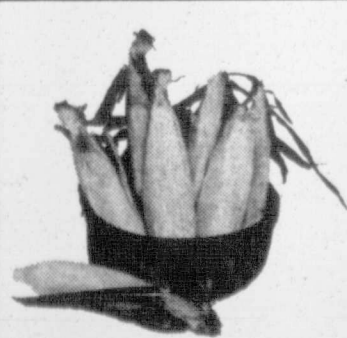
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HEBREWS 13:8

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# RELIGION

## Minister's musing ...

Recently in our Wednesday night journey through the book of Acts, we spent the evening on Acts 5, the story of Ananias & Sapphira.

In preparation for the evening's lesson, I re-examined some quotes that I had discovered several years earlier on this text. The quotes were from Alexander MacLaren. What a mighty man of God he was.

You'll probably remember that Ananias and Sapphira were the couple who, like Barnabas, sold a piece of land in order to help the needy in Jerusalem. The problem was that when they gave the money from the sale, unlike Barnabas, they only gave part of it and lied and said that it was all of the money.

They wanted to be thought of as Barnabas, but didn't want to give it all. Because of their lie God struck them both dead.

Commenting on Ananias & Sapphira as pretenders in the church MacLaren says, "There is always danger, in times of spiritual intensity, that mere imitators shall catch up the externals of sanctity and devotion. ... A fervent Church will always draw a crowd of pretenders. The Ananiases will seem to out give the Barnabases. The tendency to copy actions without possessing the true motive for them infects us all; and we need to guard against picking the outside signs of consecra-



By Rev. Mike Sublett  
Hi-Land Christian Church

tion whilst the inner crucifixion of self is unaccomplished."

Concerning the motive of their sin he said, "The guild of the deed is stated presently by the Apostle; but we may here ask what were its motives, and we shall not go wrong if we point to two strong passions, which are bad enough when working separately, but incomparably worse when joined together, 1- the desire to be reputed saintly, and 2- avarice (excessive desire for wealth). Either are enough to sweep a man away; but when the two unite, they run like a winter torrent in flood, and carry away all defenses in a wild rush."

Concerning their temptation MacLaren commented, "The double source of the sin is

strikingly set forth in the two questions, 'Why hath Satan filled thine heart?' and 'Why hast thou laid up this in thine heart?' Ananias, then, had furnished the occasion of Satan's work, or the first question would have been without meaning. But Satan had gone in at the open door, and then the man had welcomed the temptation, and laid it in the secret innermost of his being. Ananias tempted the devil, and then the devil tempted Ananias, and he yielded. Satan in the second place, but the man in the first and third. No man can lay the blame of his sin upon any supernatural tempter. The condemning question is always; 'Why did you let him in; and why, when he was in, did you usher him and his lies into the secret chambers of your heart?'"

Conclusion: May we seek always to be genuine in our faith, not a pretender. May we desire to be well thought of only by our Father in heaven, not necessarily by people. May our attitude toward wealth always be like God's. May we never leave the door to our heart open to the devil. But if we do leave it open and he enters, may we by the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus order him to get out. May there be no Ananiases or Sapphiras in our churches; lest the Lord return to strike dead the liars.

## Religion briefs...

**St. Mark hosts Fish Fry Saturday**  
St. Mark C.M.E. Church, 406 Elm Street, Pampa, will be having a Fish Fry on Saturday March 17. Serving will begin at 11 a.m. The admission will be \$6.

**Bishop Ortiz to speak at Redeeming Grace Mission**  
Bishop Hector Ortiz is scheduled to speak at the Redeeming Grace Mission, 422 N. West St., on Saturday, March 17, 2001 at 3 p.m. Hector, presently, oversees all the work of the COGP churches in the State of Texas, and has served in many countries as well. He and his wife, Dolly, have demonstrated a life of love and compassion. The public is welcome to hear this special speaker. Refreshments will follow.

## St. Matthews sets Holy Week schedule

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 West Browning, will be starting Holy Week on Sunday, April 8 with events counting throughout the week.

- **Wednesday, April 11th**  
7 p.m. Tenebrae
- **Thursday, April 12th**  
7 p.m. Maudy Thursday Service
- **Friday, April 13th**  
12 noon Good Friday Service
- **Saturday, April 14th**  
10 a.m. Liturgy for Holy Saturday
- **Sunday, April 15th**  
7 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter
- **Sunday, April 15th**  
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- **Sunday, April 15th**  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

## Mormon church to distribute excess spuds

BLACKFOOT, Idaho (AP) — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints says it will help Idaho potato growers distribute 16 million pounds of surplus tubers to needy people in the United States and abroad.

The church will use its packing facilities near Idaho Falls to receive, wash and sort potatoes donated by Potato Management Co. growers. Church members also will purchase dehydrated potatoes for use worldwide.

"This is a joint effort by potato growers from Idaho and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to place this burdensome supply of potatoes in the hands of those whose lives would be extremely blessed by the receipt of the mere essentials of life," said Joseph Wirthlin, Area Director of Welfare Services for the church.

Volunteers will sort, wash and pack 4.5 million pounds of potatoes to be shipped to food banks and homeless shelters throughout the United States. The remaining 12 million pounds will be processed at five dehydration facilities in eastern Idaho to be stored for humanitarian efforts.

## For Protestants, turning point on gay issues

NEW YORK (AP) — It's possible that someday U.S. mainline Protestants will look back upon mid-March of 2001 as a turning point in their seemingly insoluble dispute over homosexual behavior.

At a strictly guarded secret conclave last week near Hendersonville, N.C., 34 top world leaders of Anglican Christianity agreed to utter no complaint and take no steps to block increasing tolerance in America's Episcopal Church. That appeared to remove the last obstacle to U.S. dioceses that ordain actively gay clergy and allow blessing rituals for same-sex couples.

Then on Wednesday, liberals in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) won a parallel triumph, defeating a ban on same-sex blessings. They will now work to repeal a four-year-old prohibition on actively homosexual clergy and lay officers at the nationwide church assembly in June.

For the moment, at least, uneasy compromises have been reached: Both denominations still officially uphold Christianity's traditional teaching against same-sex relations. While the Episcopal church takes that formal stand, it lets dioceses do what they wish. Presbyterian conservatives won a 1997 ban on actively homosexual clergy, but now liberals have gained the right to bless same-sex couples.

Last May, the United Methodist Church decisively reaffirmed bans on both rituals and clergy, although dissenters plan to continue same-sex ceremonies.

Can this inherently unstable situation persist? These three closely related denominations, with 14.3 million members and 54,215 local congregations among them, have struggled with this quandary for a quarter-century.

Elsewhere in U.S. Protestantism, the United Church of Christ has long followed an open policy on homosexual practice. Most other denominations are opposed.

While the Anglican leaders handled the dilemma at their North Carolina gathering with closed talks, arched eyebrows and ambiguous communiques, Presbyterian delegates have engaged in public debate.

Last year's Presbyterian assembly passed the ban on rituals and sent it to 173 regional legislatures, or presbyteries, for ratification. By Wednesday, 87 had voted no, killing the measure.

Conservatives needed the measure to overturn a ruling from the Presbyterians' highest church court. That ruling allows clergy to perform same-sex union services so long as they are not confused with marriage.

A survey by the denomination shows 57 percent of members at large and 61 percent of lay elders support a law against clergy giving same-sex blessings, but only 50 percent of pastors.

The Rev. Laird Stuart, a San Francisco pastor and co-leader of the victorious Covenant Network, says the voting on same-sex rituals has significance for the separate issue of actively gay office-holders, currently banned. The vote, he says, indicates that a change to let presbyteries and congregations reconsider that matter "would be very attractive."

"The quiet middle is beginning to speak up," Harris says. "In a nutshell, people are getting tired of intolerance."

On the opposite side, the Rev. Joe Rightmyer of Presbyterians for Renewal in Louisville, Ky., thinks the June assembly will keep the ban on office-holders. And if it passes a repeal measure, conservatives will prevail when the presbyteries vote.

But Rightmyer sees the long-term scenario as troublesome. "Our denomination is sorely divided, and apart from supernatural intervention we are headed for destruction or schism." He considers Presbyterian disagreements over the Bible's authority irreconcilable.

Rightmyer is urging fellow conservatives to stick with the denom-

ination despite the loss on same-sex rituals. Harris expects a conservative schism if his side wins on office-holders, but thinks it will be small.

In the Episcopal Church, conservatives still harbor hopes that the international leaders will eventually step in, even though they didn't last week. But they're obviously on the defensive, saying that at least the international meeting approved special visiting bishops to serve parishioners who conscientiously oppose their regular bishop's liberal policies on gay issues.

However, an aide to the head of the U.S. church said that's not what the international leaders intended.

The president of Integrity, the Episcopal gay caucus, the Rev. Michael Hopkins of Glenn Dale, Md., observes of the international meeting, "Maybe if they had said something more definitive it would have slowed the process down," but Episcopal change would have proceeded anyway.

At the 1998 Lambeth Conference, 82 percent of all Anglican bishops in the world voted against homosexual practice. But Hopkins thinks international events prove that conservative strength has waned since then.

Within the United States, Hopkins is confident the next Episcopal Church convention in 2003 will move beyond the current laissez-faire situation and formally approve same-sex rituals.

As for clergy ordinations, Hopkins says, "We don't see the need for any legislation... It's a done deal." He estimates that a quarter to a third of Episcopal dioceses already allow openly gay and lesbian priests.

Canon David Anderson, president of the conservative American Anglican Council, acknowledges that changing the direction of the Episcopal Church "is a formidable task, but with God all things are possible." He says that as a parish priest in Newport Beach, Calif., "I see things weekly that sure look like miracles."

On the Net:  
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# Parents' Public Scoldings Send Kids Wrong Message

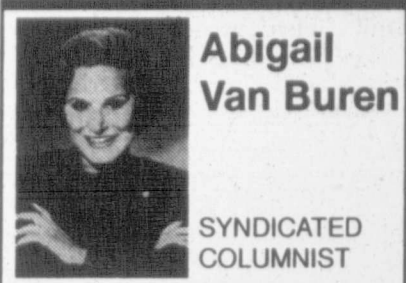
**DEAR ABBY:** Do you think it's right for parents to yell at their kids in front of company? It's always over trivial things. I suspect that our friends feel they must show us they're "on the job" as parents.

The problem with these driven, overly critical parents is that their yelling not only embarrasses the children, but also makes us, the visitors, feel awkward. It sends a message to the children that their parents' disciplinary skills are weak, because they use company as witnesses to humiliate them.

I've been tempted to tell our friends, "How about praising your kids once in a while?" Am I right to keep silent?

NOT-SO-HONORED GUEST

**DEAR NOT:** No. Remind them of the admirable qualities you see in their children and urge them to praise them as well as criticize.



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

**If parents must discipline children, it should be done privately. For a parent to yell at a child in front of guests carries the same message as a boss who publicly reprimands an employee. It shows a lack of respect and that the person's feelings don't matter — hardly a recipe for harmony in business or family.**

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother has been widowed for five years. Less than a year ago, her cousin "Betty"

passed away. Mom has become close to Betty's husband, "Boyd." She is trying to keep her feelings a secret, but it is becoming apparent that she is more involved with him than she wants to let on.

I am uncomfortable with the relationship because she and Betty were so close when they were growing up. They were like sisters.

Mom said she didn't want to tell me how close she was to Boyd, because she knew I would not approve of the relationship. I don't. She insists that although it is sad when someone passes on, life goes on.

Abby, am I nuts? How should I feel about this situation?

UNCOMFORTABLE DAUGHTER

**DEAR DAUGHTER:** Your mother is absolutely right. You should be happy for her and her new love. They are hurting no one. Please don't rain on their parade any further.

## Horoscope

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2001

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)

\*\*\*\* Your ideas might not be acceptable to others. Don't go to war over them. Develop a closeness with those you love by being congenial. A relative might get just what you are looking for. When you remain calm, you draw people like a magnet. Tonight: Dream a little.

This week: Keep your sense of commitment, and you'll bloom. Express your pioneer spirit. You make things happen.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\* Opportunities can come from surprising sources. Socialize with compatible people rather than putting yourself in difficult situations. Find ways to build your confidence if you feel inadequate or shy. Defend only important issues. Some things do not deserve attention. Tonight: Avoid lashing out at others.

This week: Sitting back on your haunches really won't work. Take a stand, but don't keep pressing the same issue over and over. Do some soul-searching.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* Relax. How about meditating to clear your mind? Just be ready for what comes into it. You might be surprised. Tonight: Allow your emotions to gently surface.

This week: Your vision can become a reality. From Tuesday on, emphasize what you want to happen. You will succeed in the next month.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\* Everyone must have a do-nothing day once in a while. Energy flows when you allow life to unfold without pressuring yourself to do something. You need a rest from all the recent activity with other people. Planning to do less might bring a surprise that otherwise would have been overlooked. Tonight: Relax with a good book.

This week: Work with a partner toward the common good. Teamwork in all realms pays off. Know that others are observing.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* Spend a little time on what needs to be healed. You might have to swallow your pride. Though you usually want the limelight, give it to someone else now. Keep your cool, especially with the opposite sex. Save a little time for a creative project. Tonight: Be a couch potato. This week: Others present different possibilities. Value each suggestion and weigh its viability. Use your creativity, and you'll make a breakthrough.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\* Let your mind wander. Consider the impractical. Your mental pace lags, but welcome the change. Music might be a good way to get the most out of the day. Avoid rock 'n' roll; choose classical or easy listening. Don't force yourself to be with others if you prefer solitude. Tonight: Bubbles in the tub.

This week: Deal with work and those around you with a great deal of exclusivity and one-on-one contact. The key to your success this week is eye contact.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* Pay attention to relationship problems that you have ignored. Mistakes might come back to haunt you. If possible, spend time with someone you have not seen lately. You might have to do a little work, but your efforts will enhance your compatibility. Tonight: Organize your thoughts.

This week: The planets encourage you to let your imagination rock and roll. You find answers where you least expect. Give another credit.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\* Physical activity releases anxiety. You can win, even when you hold back a little. Being less competitive can bring unforeseen benefits. If an argument should occur, keep an open mind and closed lips. If you can't keep most of your opinions to yourself, walk away. Tonight: Vent to a trusted friend.

This week: Don't get distracted. Stay with fundamentals at work and at home.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* You might have to eat some words you recently expressed. Be your usual generous self. Develop patience with your ambitions. Know that everything comes to those who wait. Refine your ideas for presentation in the near future. Tonight: Broaden your mind.

This week: Speak your mind this week.

Sometimes what you say might be very wild. Your ingenuity becomes a factor in your success.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\* A significant dream can stir you to action. Progress occurs when you accept a leadership role graciously. Pushy behavior infuriates the sensitive. Look for help from the more experienced. You don't need to fight so hard. Tasks can be completed with ease. Tonight: Arguments take a back seat. This week: Build your financial security. You might be considering a real estate investment or a change. Think about money. Think possibilities.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\* You can make a change with little opposition. Be alert. The right focus for your dreams includes helping others. Your projects might require modification, but not abandonment. Tonight: Quiet time refreshes you.

This week: Your personality warms many this week, and your sense of humor helps others who might be far more tense. Others seek you out.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\* Put your creativity to practical use. Ask a friend for help. Someone else can see things in a different light. Additional work does not bother you when good results seem possible. Ambition reigns. Dreams can become reality. Tonight: Try something a little different.

This week: Gather information until Thursday, when the moon makes you the lead player. You will need hard-core facts.

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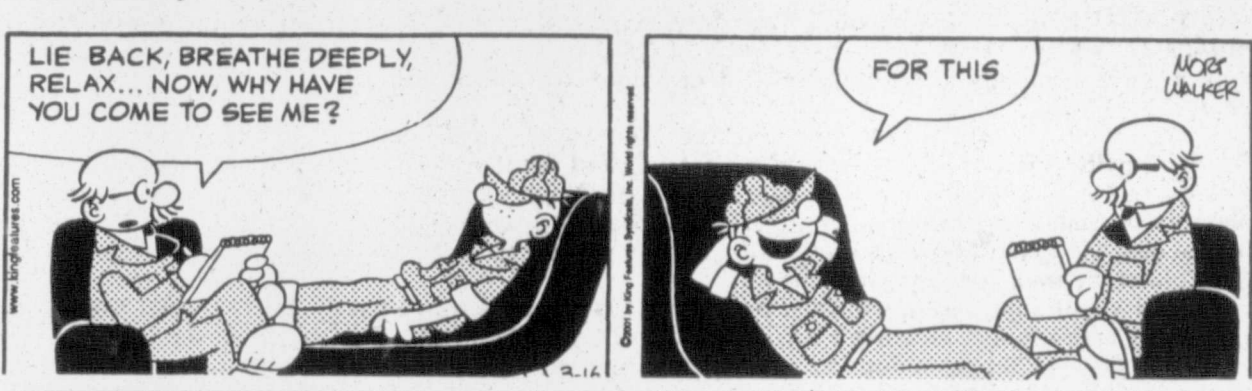
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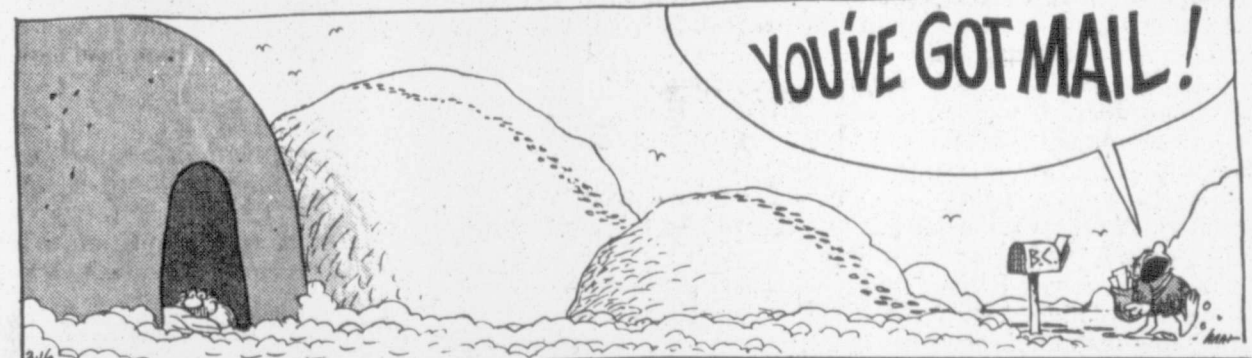
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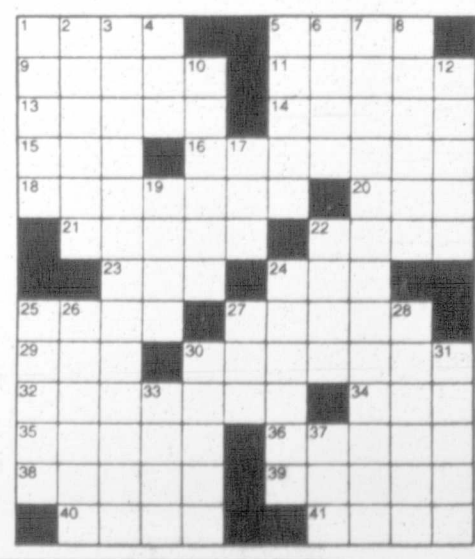
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- Bakery buy
- Rotisserie
- Knitting stitches
- Take the trophy
- Breakfast choices
- Bring to life
- Garden aid
- Green Party candidate
- Flange
- Kiosk
- Trifled
- Tacks on
- Bridge utterance

### DOWN

- Valentine gifts
- Bobbing goals
- Welterweight champ of the 1990s
- Numerical prefix
- Earth layer
- Budget amount
- Welterweight champ of the 1990s
- Lost freshness
- Graceful swimmers
- Poor
- Pass receiver, at times
- Stretched
- Emerald Isle
- Least tainted
- Graceful swimmers
- Target at parties
- Favorite
- Skiing spots
- Deck makeup
- Garden starters
- Fix
- Member of the force



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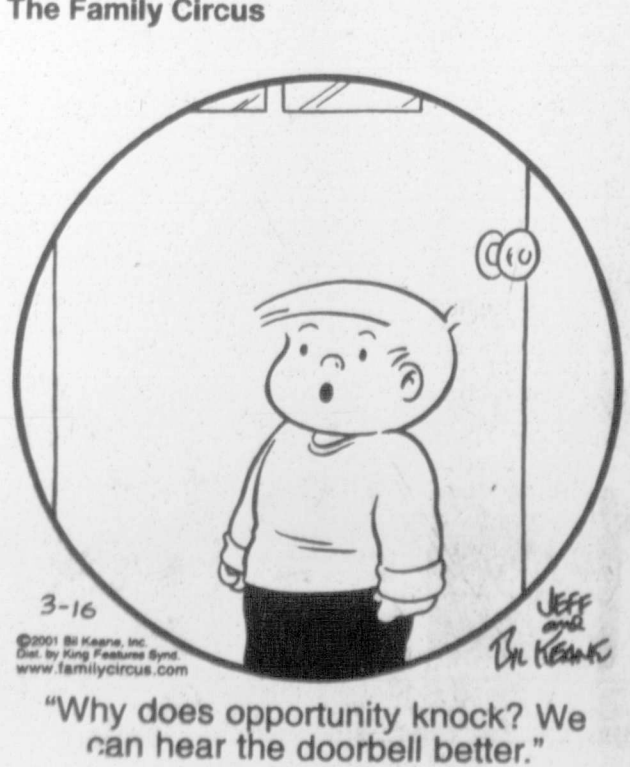
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### Marmaduke



"Let go of my car."

### The Family Circus



"Why does opportunity knock? We can hear the doorbell better."

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### BASEBALL

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### BASKETBALL

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PAMPA slow-pitch ment of the at Recrea Saturday, M The 16th Early Bird offer Mens C-D Divisio This tourifier and 5 berths will Entry fee tioned team non-sanctio Entry d 21 at 5 p.m Spring S deadline). Contact Office at 66

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