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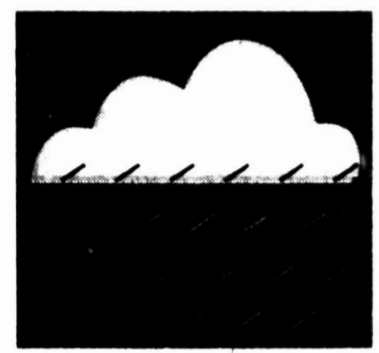
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**No Lotto winner, jackpot's growing**  
No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an estimated \$6 million. The numbers drawn were: 18-26-32-45-49-54. Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$10 million.

**Thieves take birth certificates**  
AUSTIN (AP) — Thousands of missing Texas birth certificate forms are a potential problem for law officers who are looking for phony documents to start showing up at drivers' license offices and embassies. The U.S. State Department has sent an alert to all its embassies about the blank birth certificates, which were taken from a locked safe.

- Ronald Ray Browning, 54, Vietnam War veteran.
- Telitha Hand Jones, 84, former grocery store employee.

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## Redistricting ... Panhandle lawmakers to cover more ground

By **NANCY YOUNG**  
Managing Editor

Temperatures are beginning to flare in Austin as rural Texas legislators are concerned about how redistricting is going to have its affect on their districts. Rural counties are going to be the losers due to the drastic population decline in those small counties.

Pampa's State Representative Warren Chisum doesn't know yet just who he will be representing after the current session

of the legislature is completed. He does know the 88th District will be changed.

Chisum said he and fellow Panhandle Republicans John Smithce and David Swinford aren't going to be deterred.

"We're not going to give up our seats just to satisfy the Houston and Dallas Republicans," said a determined Chisum in a phone interview Monday as he was on the floor of the House of Representatives in Austin. "They (downstate Republicans) packed

this to get them another seat in the metropolitan areas."

The declining population of the Texas Panhandle is definitely affecting the area Chisum will represent. His district will encompass more counties due to people moving to metropolitan areas.

At least five house seats are estimated to be lost in rural Texas counties. The redistricting is based on the Census 2000 figures released in March.

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**"We're not going to give up our seats just to satisfy the Houston and Dallas Republicans. They packed this to get them another seat in metropolitan areas."**

— State Rep. Warren Chisum



Horse owners across the area are getting their horses vaccinated for rabies following several confirmed cases recently in Pampa along with Gray and Wheeler counties. Bear, who is owned by Skyler Fulton of Pampa, received his rabies shot this week along with his Coggins test from Dr. Brian Gordzelik, DVM. All three local veterinarians will conduct the 31st Annual Rabies Drive Friday, Saturday and Monday at their office locations.

## Patient death increase in Nocona sparks order to exhume 12 bodies

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — A Montague County justice of the peace signed an order Wednesday that clears the way for the exhuming of at least 12 bodies in the investigation of patient deaths at Nocona General Hospital.

The order signed by Justice of the Peace Roger Russle allows authorities to look for traces of mivacurium chloride in the bodies.

District Attorney Tim Cole said the exhumations will be conducted within the next 30 days. The Texas Rangers and FBI also are investigating.

Cole had previously said he would seek court

orders if relatives oppose the exhumations, although many families already have given consent.

A twofold increase in patient deaths in December and January prompted the investigation by local, state and federal authorities.

They are investigating whether more than 20 patients were given lethal doses of Mivacron, or mivacurium chloride, which is used to temporarily stop the natural breathing process in order to insert a breathing tube.

(See PATIENT, Page 3)

## Lawmakers drafting tightest budget in a decade

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers drafting the tightest state budget in a decade are looking to Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander to make their job a little easier.

But Rylander has already warned budget writers not to count on a big increase Thursday when she updates the amount of tax revenue available to spend in the 2002-03 cycle, which begins Sept. 1.

"There's not going to be Christmas in May," Rylander told a Senate committee earlier this session.

That's bad news for lawmakers pinching pennies in a session where several high-dollar, high-profile priorities have emerged and where health care costs and other factors have absorbed the hopes of a surplus.

In January, Rylander said state taxes and fees would generate \$5.1 billion more than what lawmakers spent in the 2000-01 budget of \$98.1 billion.

Initial estimates are typically conserva-

tive and adjusted upward in May. Last session, when then-Gov. George W. Bush was pushing for his eventually successful tax cuts, Rylander increased the estimate by \$807 million. She upped it by \$45 million more last fall, at the height of Bush's presidential campaign.

Budget leaders this year have said they never expected Rylander to greatly increase the estimate in a slowing economy that's holding down state tax revenue.

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## Mayor's race tops Saturday's ballot

WDISD board race hot contest

By **NANCY YOUNG**  
Managing Editor

Pampa voters will decide Saturday who will lead the community as mayor for the next two years.

And, if early voting is an accurate indicator, the number of voters is likely to be a record turnout. Early voting ended Tuesday, and 780 voters cast ballots in the mayor's race before it closed.

The mayoral race is the only contested position on the ballot locally, and has generated significant voter interest. Incumbent Mayor Bob Neslage, owner of a cable advertising company, is seeking his fourth term. He is being challenged by Lonny Robbins, a local minister.

Incumbent city aldermen, Jeff McCormick and Bob Dixon, are unopposed in their bid for re-election to the local city commission. According to the state election, code unopposed candidates are automatically declared as winners without an election.

Incumbent Pampa School Board Trustees Joe Martinez and Bill Jones are also unopposed and have been declared victors.

Voters in school and municipal elections throughout the area will also go to the polls in many contested races.

(See MAYOR'S, Page 2)

## Bill would give indigent quicker access to lawyers

From staff and wire service reports

Court-appointed attorneys in Texas would have to be appointed within a week and meet minimum statewide standards under a bill approved by the state Senate.

The Texas Fair Defense Act would also for the first time set aside up to \$19 million to help counties pay for the legal representation of poor defendants.

"I think it's a good bill," commented District Attorney Rick Roach. "I think it was enacted initially because in certain parts of the state it is a critical need. It doesn't apply to this area, though. I think (poor defendants) are getting excellent representation here."

Texas is one of only four states that contribute no state funding to indigent defense. Texas ranks 49th in the nation in per capita.

(See BILL, Page 3)

## Teacher's insurance How health coverage plan works in PISD

By **KATE B. DICKSON**  
Associate Publisher

Teachers and school staff in Pampa as in the rest of the state have their eyes on the Legislature in anticipation of what health insurance plan will come out of the current session.

PISD has been self-insured for the last 15 years and provides several packages of coverage from which employees can choose for either single or dependent coverage, said Mark McVay, district business manager. The plans include dental and prescription drug coverage.

No matter what the coverage, PISD pays \$140 per employee

per month, McVay said in a telephone interview today. With 500 employees that costs the district \$840,000 in a year.

For a \$250 deductible plan, the monthly employee-only premium is \$215, he said. Subtract the \$140 the district pays and the employee pays \$75 a month. For family coverage, the monthly premium is \$515. Subtracting the \$140, that leaves the employee paying \$375 a month for family coverage.

Even at \$515 a month, McVay said that premium is "probably low because it is not uncommon to see \$600 and \$700 premiums for family coverage.

What school employees want to see come out of the (See TEACHER'S, Page 2)

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**BILL**

ta spending on indigent criminal defense, spending less than \$5 per capita on counsel for the poor.

"I like the fact that (the proposed law) is going to help counties with the cost of legal defense," Roach said. "All in all that's going to help the counties."

Gray County spent more than \$100,000 last year for indigent legal defense costs — \$25,086.79 in 31st District Court, \$80,558.93 in 223rd District court, and \$2,219 in county court, according to County Auditor Elaine Morris.

Morris explained that the court costs fluctuate from year to year according to the cases presented in each court. A large amount of "in the interest of children" cases led to the higher 223rd District court costs, she said.

"In a capital murder case, this would make a very big difference," she said.

"I think it's needed," Harold Comer, a Pampa attorney and former DA, said of the proposed legislation. "It's perhaps long overdue."

"The county is going to have to be compensated for some of the costs that are incident, particularly to capital murder cases," Comer said. "I'm glad to see that's proposed in the bill."

Both the Texas and U.S. Constitution guarantee an individual the right to be represented by counsel, the veteran Pampa lawyer said.

"I think the Constitutions recognize, too," Comer said, "that they want to put a person who is indigent on the same parity with a person who has the funds to select a counsel of their choice."

That necessarily implies, Comer said, effective counsel.

"Overall, it's good," said John Mann, a Pampa attorney and former DA. "The bill apparently attempts to correct two main weaknesses in the system. Number one is the appointment of competent counsel and, number two, speedy appointment of counsel so as to protect every person's rights under the Constitution and the Bill of Rights."

The proposed legislation comes after Texas' tough-on-crime reputation came under the national spotlight of President Bush's campaign.

Texas does not have a uniform system for representing indigent defendants. Court-appointed lawyers are chosen by a myriad of local rules. Critics of the system have called it a national embarrassment.

"This gives judges the flexibility to determine who to appoint," Roach said. "Right now, judges are obligated to appoint people who really don't care one way or another. This would make way for people to specialize in these type cases."

"I think if we look at it statewide, there is a need to have minimum standards for those who are appointed by the trial

court to represent indigents, particularly in felony cases," Comer said.

That is especially true in capital murder cases, he said.

"I think we've gone a long way in making sure that counsel who are appointed in capital murder cases now are qualified," Comer said.

There is a program now where attorneys can be qualified to represent defendants in cases where the penalty is death.

The administrative judge in each region selects a committee composed of four people, including the administrative judge and at least one member of the state bar, to select counsel in that region that are qualified to represent defendants in capital murder cases.

"The qualifications are that you have to have had at least been a second chair in a capital murder case for at least one trial before you can even go on the list," Comer said.

Then the counsel has to be approved by the trial judges in that region.

"They have made an effort at least to make sure that counsel in capital murder cases are competent, are qualified to represent someone," Comer said.

That program has been in place for about two years, Comer said. There is a list posted in the District Clerk's office showing those attorneys that are "death" qualified. Among those in Pampa on the list are Comer, Mann and Ken Fields.

"In Gray County," Comer said, "our judges, the way they do it in cases other than capital cases, they tailor a counsel to the particular type of case that's involved."

Comer said if it is a serious crime or a violent crime, the district judges in Gray County, Judge Lee Waters and Judge Steve Emmert, will appoint counsel that they feel are most qualified to handle those types of cases. He says the judges in Pampa will select experienced lawyers in those cases.

"I don't know whether that's true statewide," Comer said. "I don't think it is."

He said he's lived in other parts of the state where it wasn't. Comer says Pampa has much to be proud of in its judiciary.

"That's not necessarily the case in some of these large urban areas," Comer says. "Judge Emmert and Judge Waters both make sure that the counsel they appoint can handle a particular type of case."

It is a point with which Mann agreed. Pampa is very lucky with the quality of counsel that is available, Mann said.

"Frankly, we should be appreciative of our judges here who make the appointments," Mann said.

He said the two district judges do everything they can to see that an indigent defendant receives the best counsel possible.

To the extent that the bill tends

to correct the weakness of incompetent counsel, that is not a problem in this district, Mann said, although other parts of the state, particularly in heavily populated areas, it is a serious problem.

"As for speedy appointment of counsel, the police don't want it because it wouldn't give them as long to have their way with the case, many times in violations of a defendant's right," Mann said.

"As many people as we're seeing who are in prison who turn out to be innocent are a testimonial to the fact that when the locomotive getting to rolling with the steam of the state, they can roll over anybody they want to. That makes it all the more necessary for somebody to be appointed early to see that the locomotive never gets up that head of steam."

Mann said the only drawback in Pampa is that counsel is not appointed soon enough.

The Associated Press reported that a private study of the indigent defense system last year found that some poor defendants wait months before they get a lawyer.

In 1999, Bush vetoed a bill that would have required attorneys be appointed within 20 days of arrest. County judges objected that it limited their appointment powers.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, sponsor of the bill approved by the Senate, said under the current system some poor defendants are appointed lawyers who are negligent.

"As much as I like to say the state doesn't make mistakes there's always the possibility," Ellis said.

"I'm convinced that there are people in jail today because their lawyers ought to be in jail," Mann said.

In cases other than capital murder, Comer said, there is still a need that appointed counsel meet minimum standards.

"I think this bill sets up some minimum standards," Comer said.

"The Texas Fair Defense Act is a significant step toward creating a criminal justice system that is both tough and fair," Ellis said.

"The other side of that coin is, this bill ought to go a step further and try to prevent people who have the financial wherewithal to make bail, it ought to prevent them from getting a free court-appointed attorney," Mann said.

The bill has not yet been voted on by the Texas House of Representatives.

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**REDISTRICTING**

counties in the Panhandle, Chisum said that number will increase to 20 or 25 counties, depending on which plan is passed by the legislature.

Chisum referred to one plan approved in committee Monday to redistrict the areas across the state. Rep. Delwin Jones, chairman of the House Redistricting Committee, was the only Republican on the committee approving the plan which had an 8-4 vote.

If Jones' plan passes, incumbents in nine districts would be pitted against each other.

He said under that plan he would lose Hartley County constituents, but gain Wilbarger, Motley, Briscoe, Cottle and Hardeman counties.

Another plan, Chisum said, would take his district as far east as Vernon and down south to encompass Swisher and Farmer counties.

It appears the redistricting plans are causing political party in-fighting in the Republican Party,

and also between the Republicans and Democrats.

Redistricting occurs every 10 years after new census figures are released. The Texas Legislature creates boundaries not only for its two chambers, but also for the Texas congressional delegation and the State Board of Education.

Chisum currently represents residents of Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, Sherman and Wheeler counties.

U.S. Representative Mac Thornberry's 13th District has lost over 54,000 residents according to Census 2000. The area his district represents will also be increased due to the decline in population.

The Texas Senate is also working on a redistricting plan for its 31-member district. State Senator Teel Bivins' district also is certain to increase due to the population shrinkage in the Panhandle.

The 150 members of the House are expected to debate the issue on the House floor in the next few days.

**Father charged in two daughters' fatal shootings at loft apartment**

DALLAS (AP) — An accountant was charged Thursday with shooting his two young daughters to death as he argued on the telephone with his ex-wife.

John David Battaglia, 45, was booked into Lew Sterrett Justice Center on two counts of capital murder, Dallas County sheriff's officers said. He was being held on \$1 million bond.

Liberty Battaglia, 6, and Faith Battaglia, 9, were found slain in a pool of blood inside the man's downtown-area loft. Police who had sought Battaglia for questioning in the fatal shootings also detained an unidentified female friend early Thursday.

Lt. Bill Walsh said he could not comment on whether the crime was premeditated. "It just seems maybe more than a coincidence that he wouldn't have had the children yesterday, called his wife to get them and then several hours later he murders them," he said.

Police said the case began unfolding Wednesday, when Battaglia contacted his former mother-in-law, saying he needed to reach his ex-wife.

Mary Jean Pearle, the girls' mother, began arguing with Battaglia by telephone from her home in the North Dallas suburb of Highland Park.

"He put the oldest daughter on the phone who was visibly upset," Walsh said. "She ... asked her mother, 'Why are you trying to have Daddy arrested and have him put in jail?' Before the mother could respond, she heard the girl

screaming, 'No, Daddy! No!' And then she heard several gunshots."

Highland Park police tipped Dallas officers, who broke into Battaglia's loft apartment Wednesday night and found the girls slain amid half-unpacked boxes and numerous handguns, shotguns and rifles.

Witnesses told police that Battaglia was seen leaving the complex in a black extended-cab pickup truck. Douglas Cartmel said he saw the pickup leave and later saw the mother arrive.

"She was crying and freaking out," Cartmel said. "She looked in really bad shape."

Officers staking out nightclubs in the Deep Ellum entertainment district several blocks from the lofts spotted a truck that matched the description of Battaglia's vehicle shortly after 1 a.m. Thursday. Battaglia, who had been at a tattoo parlor, returned to the vehicle for cigarettes and was apprehended after a short struggle, Walsh said.

"I would consider this strange," Sgt. David Graham said. "It's sur-

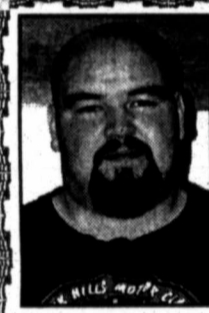
prising that he would have been located so close to the crime scene."

The children had lived in Highland Park with their mother following a divorce in August.

Battaglia has a previous criminal history, according to Dallas County records. He was charged with two counts of assault for a Christmas Day 1999 incident involving his wife, receiving a sentence of two years' probation and a \$1,000 fine on one count, according to court records.

Dorrace Pearle, Mary Jean Pearle's mother, said her daughter was so afraid of her husband after the reported attack that she tried to limit contact with him.

The younger daughters were described as good students at Bradford Elementary School in Highland Park. The grandmother said Liberty was involved in ballet, while Faith played the violin. "They were beautiful, perfect little children," Dorrace Pearle told The Dallas Morning News. "We're just heartbroken."



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Several vials of the drug were reported missing from the 38-bed hospital in late January. No one has been arrested, but authorities say they have a suspect who likely acted alone.

Nocona General Hospital is the only medical facility and the second largest employer in Nocona, an agriculture and oil town of

about 3,100 people about 50 miles east of Wichita Falls.

In 1999, the hospital was named one of the top 100 in the country in its category, fewer than 50 beds, by HCIA-Sachs. The health data company is now known as Solucient after a merger last year.

Nocona General treats 1,000 to 1,100 patients with about 50 to 55 deaths each year, said Charles E. Norris, hospital administrator.

**FBI charges scientists in trade secrets case**

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Federal authorities Thursday charged two Lucent Technologies scientists and a third person with stealing and giving company technology to a Chinese firm.

The three men were arrested by the FBI today and were sched-

uled to appear in federal court for a hearing in the afternoon, the U.S. attorney's office said. Arrested at their homes were Hai Lin of Scotch Plains and Kai Xu of Somerset, the Lucent scientists, and Yong Qing Cheng of East Brunswick, the FBI said.

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

**OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

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

**LAS PAMPAS WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY**  
Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at First Landmark Building in the Pampa Mall. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Loyd Waters 665-6466.

**MONTHLY GOSPEL SINGING**  
First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

**AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION**  
American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at Chaney's Restaurant.

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD**  
Planned Parenthood hosts "Dose of Reality" at 6 p.m. the second of Monday of each month in Suite 173A of the Hughes Building. The program is open to teens 13 to 19 years of age.

**MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

**PAMPA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE**  
Pampa Area Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month. Location changes monthly.

**GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter through the north door of the jail building.) For membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at 669-6294.

**BEEF AMBASSADOR CONTEST**  
Top O' Texas CattleWomen is seeking youth between the ages of 15-19 to compete for the Beef Ambassador Award. For more information, contact Amy Brainard at (806) 323-6397.

**ACS LOOK GOOD ... FEEL BETTER**  
The American Cancer Society will present the program "Look Good ... Feel Better" from 1-3 p.m. May 5 at the ACS office at 3915 Bell Street in Amarillo. The program is aimed at helping cancer patients cope with the unpleasant side effects of cancer treatments. Cosmetology professionals will demonstrate techniques how to compensate for hair loss through the use of turbans and scarves. To register or for more information, call the ACS at (806) 353-4306.

**QUICK TASP**  
Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky, will conduct a Quick TASP exam at 9 a.m., Monday, May 14 at CCPC. Cost of the exam is \$29 (check or money-order). Participants must provide two forms of identification. For more information, contact the college at 665-8801.

**3D PROGRAM**  
Free weekly classes for the Christ-centered 3D program featuring the three Ds — Diet, Discipline and Discipleship — will begin soon. The program will tailor an eating plan to suit the individual tastes and lifestyles of each participant. For more information, contact Judith Loyd, 665-6127; Jamee McCarty, 669-7869; or Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-3713.

**OUTWARD BOUND**  
North Carolina Outward Bound will offer three paddling adventures for teens during the 2001 summer break. In addition to outdoor activity skills, NCOB courses provide instruction for navigation, basic first aid, wilderness safety, camping techniques and environmental stewardship as well as teamwork and leadership. For more information on these courses or other NCOB summer offerings, call 1-877-77-NCOBS, e-mail challenge@ncobs.org, or visit <http://www.ncobs.org/summer.html> on the Internet.

**CGC GRANT FUND**  
Consumer Guidance Corp. has established a grant fund to help people in financial difficulty due to high energy costs. The program is funded by private donations from corporations and private citizens who receive a tax exemption because of the organization's 501(c)3 non-profit status granted by IRS. To receive a grant application or for more information, call (202) 595-1035 or visit [www.ConsumerGuidance.org](http://www.ConsumerGuidance.org) on the Internet. To contribute to the fund, send tax deductible donations to: Consumer Guidance, P.O. Box 96051, Washington, DC 20090-6051.

**IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**  
The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., May 16, Harvest House, 736 Cuyler, Pampa; and 12 noon-4 p.m., City Hall, 6th and Main, Canadian.

**HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER**  
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics:

May 21, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, and May 22, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, Pampa; April 4 and 18, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; April 11, Family Care Center, Shamrock; and April 16, Parkview Hospital, Wheeler. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

**SCIENCE SPECTRUM**  
The Science Spectrum and Omnimax Theatre in Lubbock have announced upcoming events throughout the month. Omnimax Theater will offer the following presentations: "Journey into Amazing Caves," featuring spelunkers Nancy Aulenbach and Dr. Hazel Barton; "Island of Sharks," featuring underwater shots of the Cocos and surrounding islands; and "Gold Fever," featuring abandoned mines from the Klondike to the Gold Coast of Africa. Science Spectrum will offer: Funhouse of Imagination, a collection of engineering displays and experiments; and Ramar Adventures, an informative clinic to update parents and youth about summer programs and camps, slated from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., April 7.

**MRS. TEXAS AMERICA**  
Mrs. Texas America Pageant officials are seeking participants for the Mrs. Texas America 2001 Pageant slated July 6-8 at the Doubletree Post Oak Hilton in Houston. Contestants will compete in Evening Gown, Swimsuit and Personal Interview. The winner will go on to compete in the nationally-televised Mrs. America Pageant to be held in September in Honolulu. For more information, contact Bonnie Productions at (480) 563-4216 or visit [www.mrstexasamerica.net](http://www.mrstexasamerica.net) on the World Wide Web.

**HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL**  
First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, is currently accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds will benefit Heifer Project International, an Arkansas-based service organization which provides livestock (chickens, pigs, sheep, cattle) along with training and support services to families and communities worldwide. For a limited time, donations will be matched 3-1 by a private foundation. HPI is a non-denominational not-for-profit agency. For more information, call the church office at 665-1031. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Friday and before 10:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information about HPI, call 1-800-422-0474 or visit <http://www.heifer.org> on the Internet.

**BOY SCOUTS**  
The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

**CASE**  
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**PRESCRIPTION DRUG BOOKLET**  
The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, D.C., recently published a 32-page booklet, "Free & Low Cost Prescription Drugs." The revised third edition provides information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Prescription Drug Booklet # PDF-370, P.O. Box 462, Elmira, NY 14902-0462. The information is also available at [www.institute-dc.org](http://www.institute-dc.org).

**FEI DIRECTORY**  
The Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., is offering the booklet "Directory of Micro Loan Sources." The booklet includes information on how and where to get micro loans of up to \$25,000. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Free Enterprise Institute, Micro Loan Sources - Dept. DMLS-0313, P.O. Box 96071, Washington, DC 20090-6071; by calling (202) 595-1032; or by visiting [www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org](http://www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org) on the World Wide Web.

**FEI BOOKLET**  
The Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., is offering the booklet "The 100 Most Popular Government Giveaway Programs." The booklet includes information on how and where to take advantage of the most popular government giveaway programs. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Free Enterprise Institute, 100 Government Giveaways - Dept. 100GG-0110, P.O. Box 96071, Washington, DC 20090-6071; by calling (202) 595-1031; or by visiting [www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org](http://www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org) on the World Wide Web.

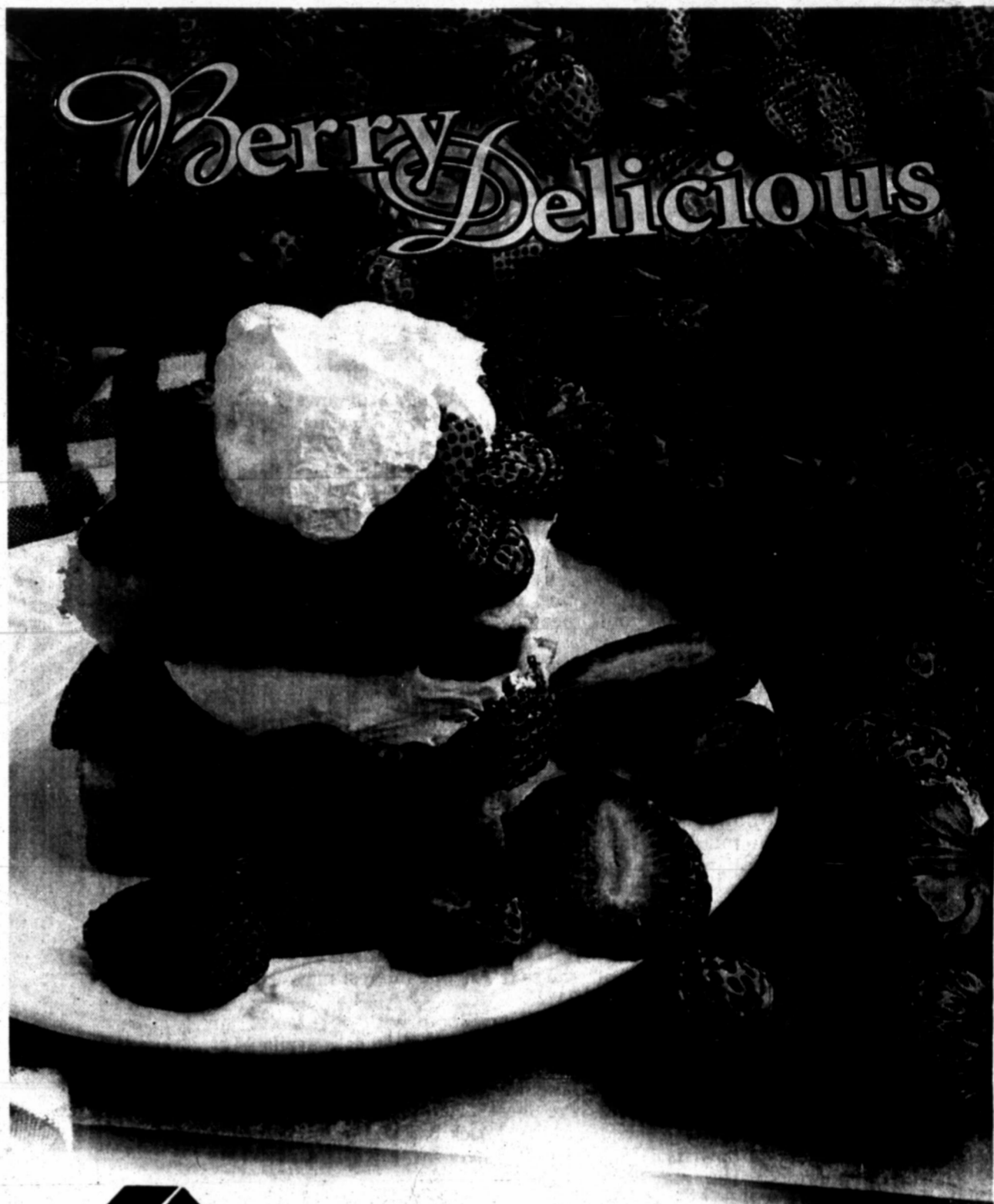
**FHRC BOOKLET**  
The Family Health Research Council is offering a free booklet "Getting the Sleep You Need" with information about sleep and suggestions on how to cure insomnia. To receive a copy, consumers should send \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Regional Fulfillment Center, Sleep Booklet #143, P.O. Box 692634, Boston MA 02269-2634. The information is also available at the Council's website at [www.family-healthresearch.org](http://www.family-healthresearch.org).

**T.O.P.S. #149**  
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

**T.O.P.S. #41**  
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

**AL-ANON**  
Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

**VFW CHARITY BINGO**  
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## Harvester Lanes Family Fun Center

One of the busiest places to be in Pampa is Harvester Lanes Family Fun Center.

Enthusiasm and positive attitudes are contagious among the staff and owners at the Family Fun Center. Upon arriving at the center, customers become friends as they enter the friendly atmosphere.

"Bowling is the number one family sport," said Joann West, co-owner with husband, Ralph. "Everyone in the family plays. This is not a bench-warmer sport."

Open seven days a week, the center for family fun has entertainment for all ages. "You are never too young or too old to bowl," she said. "We start them bowling as young as 3 years of age."

A summer "Kids Club" allows the younger generation to bowl all summer long for a minimal amount. A one-time fee of \$15 is charges for membership. The fee includes free shoes and allows members to play a game for \$1.

"For \$5, the children can play videos, bowl three games and also have a soft drink," said West. "You can't beat that price for entertainment."

She also said they have lightweight equipment as well as small shoes, ball ramps and bumpers to fill the gutters so the children will not get gutter balls.

Kids Club goes through Aug. 31, and children may still join.

A Junior program for bowlers is held on Saturday mornings. They may bowl three games for \$5, and included is the shoe rental and money for a trophy fund, said West. She added that certi-

fied bowling coaches are always on site to help the young bowlers with the games.

Rock 200 began about a year ago. It is enjoyed by the teen crowd on Saturday nights. High-tech laser lights are on while the bowlers bowl. "We've had really good response to it," said West.

Christian Rock is available from 7-9 p.m. on Sunday nights for the young people.

"Fund-raising packages and bowl-athons are also available for groups," she said. "The birthday party packs are also available for parents."

"Parents supply the kids and the cake, and we provide the rest," said West. "One and one-half hours of bowling, use of bowling shoes and balls, party favors, a reserved table adjacent to the bowling lane with a complete Birthday Party setup and a personalized bowling pin with a balloon bouquet for the Birthday Child are included in the package. Just call us to set it up!"

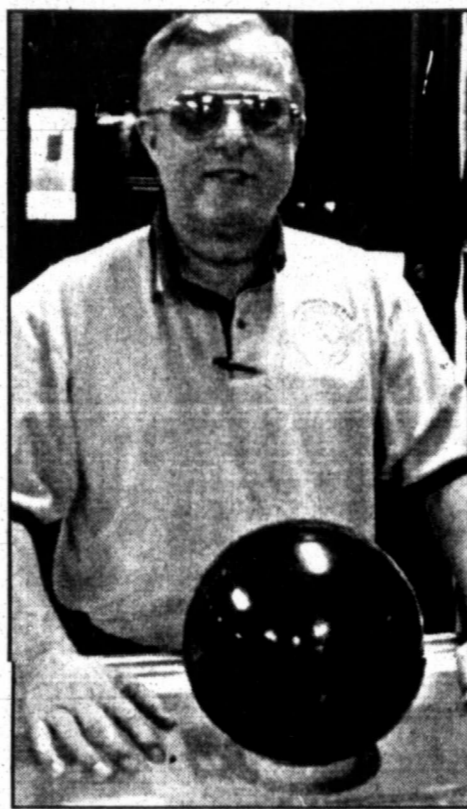
Summer leagues are now forming, she said. Anyone interested may call 665-3422.

A Game Room with pool tables, air hockey and video games is available at the Family Fun Center. The latest in bowling equipment is available in the Pro Shop.

"Our Snack Bar features some of the best burgers in town," said West. "Come join us."

Summer hours for the Harvester Lanes Family Fun Center will be Wednesday through Sunday, said West.

The couple is proud to be in Pampa. "Come see us. We have a lot to do here," said West. The center is located at 1401 S. Hobart.



Red Mills is manager of the Pro Shop at the Family Fun Center.



Serving and cooking for customers at the Snack Bar are Jennifer Hulsley and Sharon Cook.



Joann West, co-owner of Harvester Lanes Family Fun Center, and Dusty Nelson, assist bowlers at the desk.

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## Planned Parenthood announces area-wide changes in operations

*Planned Parenthood of the Texas Panhandle undergoing restructuring and consolidation to cut costs*

Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle has restructured and consolidated its region-wide operation to cut costs and to increase the variety of services it offers. Services at the Amarillo clinic, located at 6300 I-40 West, have been consolidated with the Downtown Planned Parenthood clinic. Services at the Shamrock clinic, located at 204 S. Wall, have been consolidated with the Pampa Clinic located at 408 W. Kingsmill.

On May 1, clinics in Dalhart, Clarendon and Perryton closed. Nine sites will remain active in Amarillo, Borger, Canyon, Childress, Dumas, Hereford, Memphis, Pampa and Tulia.

"Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle will discontinue services at five clinic locations in the Panhandle in order to cut costs and to expand services at the remaining nine clinics. Pediatric, mid-life, and male services will be added in remaining locations in addition to traditional family planning services," said Claudia Stravato, CEO, in a prepared statement. "It was a very hard decision to make because Planned Parenthood has provided clinical, educational and patient advocacy services throughout the Texas Panhandle

for over 30 years. However, Congress has not increased funding for family planning services for over 10 years while utility and pharmaceutical costs have increased exponentially making it impossible to support the same size operation in 2001 that we did in 1990."

"We have served the families of the Texas Panhandle for over 30 years and we will be serving them for years to come," Dennis Dougherty, PPATP Board president, said. "We have taken care to see that similar services are available within a reasonable distance of the closed clinics. Patients in Perryton can receive family planning services at the Title V Clinic operated by the Perryton Hospital. ... Clarendon patients can receive services in either Memphis or Childress, and West Amarillo patients will be seen at the Downtown Amarillo or the Canyon clinics," Dougherty explained.

"The closing of these clinics will make it difficult for the uninsured of the Texas Panhandle to receive timely and preventive healthcare," Stravato said, "but it was necessary to insure our future presence in the Panhandle."

PPATP sees over 30,000 patient visits per year. Its clinical services currently include family

planning and contraceptive services, screening for sexually transmitted diseases, cancer and cardiovascular disease, pediatric well-child services and mid-life services. Education programs include middle and high school programs in addition to parent training programs. Advocacy issues include contraceptive equity in group insurance plans and federal funding for uninsured women's health care.

Texas Tech Health Science Center of Amarillo provides gynecological, pediatric, clinical and pharmaceutical supervision for medical services provided by Planned Parenthood.

For information about transferring medical records, or appointments, patients may call 1-800-999-3107.

## State PRS launches campaign to prevent elder abuse

AUSTIN — As the population ages, more and more adults are at risk of abuse, neglect and exploitation, according to the state agency charged with protecting elderly and adults with disabilities. The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services has launched "Not Forgotten," a statewide, multimedia campaign to kick-off Elder Abuse Prevention Month in May.

Longtime champion for the protection of elders and people with disabilities, Senate Health and Human Services Committee Chair Mike Moncrief (D-Fort Worth) urged Texans to remember our state's precious resources during May and every month. "These Texas treasures, our state's elders, deserve all of our efforts to make sure they are able to live healthy and independent lives for as long as possible," Moncrief said.

"Most of us have heard about the issues surrounding child abuse and neglect. But children are not the only Texans victimized by abuse," commented Jim Hine, executive director of PRS. "Adult abuse is just as real as child abuse. Adult abuse — especially neglect, can be difficult to detect because it's easy to think that our elders can take care of themselves. These Texans

deserve better. They deserve to be remembered." Remembering the community around us is the focus of PRS' first-ever statewide multimedia public awareness campaign designed to prevent adult abuse. Television ads depict a World War II veteran who recently lost his wife and is now facing life alone.

"Isolation can make the elderly and people with disabilities vulnerable to abuse, neglect and exploitation," said Bettye Mitchell, director of Adult Protective Services division of PRS. "Experts project that the number of elderly people in Texas will more than double in the next 25 years. We have to show vulnerable elders now that they are 'not forgotten.'"

To find out more about this campaign, visit [www.notforgotten.org](http://www.notforgotten.org) on the Internet. This website is full of information and resources on discovering and preventing adult abuse. The site contains warning signs of abuse, ways to help, volunteering opportunities and statewide and local resources available for adults in need.

The website also contains facts about adult abuse. APS confirmed more than 35,000 cases of abuse, neglect or exploitation last year. Most often, family members, such as adult children, spouses or grandchildren, are the perpetrators.

**Is this "Separation of Church and State?"**  
Lonny Robbins wrote about his opinion of this the other day in the Pampa News.

Now for the rest of the story:

Hi-Land Christian Church

March 3, 1998

To Our Fellow Pastors:

Just moments ago, I was asked by several of my fellow pastors, to draft a letter sharing with you an emergency situation that has raised its head here in Gray County. The pastors who made this request were; Darrell Evans, Lyndon Glaesman, Lynn Hancock, Lonny Robbins, Mike Sublett and Doug Yates.

Pro-life officials and those who strongly support pro-life concerns are being attacked by a highly organized, abundantly financed group of pro-abortion (pro-choice) activists who reside right here in Gray County. The battleground that has been selected is the upcoming Republican primary county elections. The current Republican leadership is boldly, outspokenly "PRO-LIFE" and we thank God for that. However, each of us who were in attendance at the luncheon today are full of concern for the impact that the pro-abortion individuals could have on the moral fiber of Gray County.

Therefore we feel compelled to share several things with you; pastor to pastor. First, we have included a list of those Republican candidates that we personally know to be "strongly, outspokenly pro-life". This does not mean that we are saying that everyone else is pro-abortion. It just means that we want you to know those candidates for whom we can speak with confidence regarding their pro-life convictions. We would encourage you to share this list your members. What an opportunity for each of us as pastors to mightily serve our congregations.

Second, we have included a list of the various precinct voting sites around the county for next Tuesday's primary elections so that you can strongly motivate your members to be a "pro-life" activist by voting on March 10.

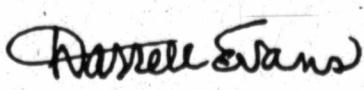
Third, we want you to understand that there is a back-up plan by the pro-abortionists to dominate the precinct meetings which will be held on election night at the the voting sites at 7:15 pm. At those precinct meetings the precinct delegates will be selected who will then by their vote determine whether "pro-life" or "pro-abortion" will be part of the Gray County platform. What this means is that everyone who is strongly concerned over pro-life matters and the moral direction of Gray County needs to be at their precinct meeting. Please encourage the members of your church to be at these precinct meetings. If pro-life candidates win the election, but then pro-abortion supporters dominate the precinct delegate selections later that evening, the platform will be "pro-abortion". Candidates do not determine the platform; the precinct delegates do. Therefore, we must not only be concerned about the election, but the precinct delegate selections as well.


If you feel you need any further information, please feel free to call either Lonny Robbins (665-3255) or Mike Sublett (669-6700). May God bless us all as we stand on holy ground with our weapons drawn ready for the fight.

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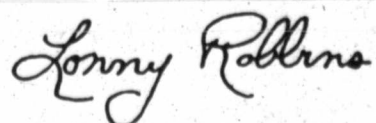
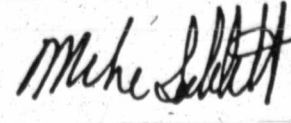
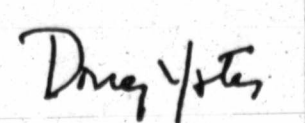




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Please keep in mind that an unorganized majority can be defeated by an organized minority anytime. Get out and vote your convictions on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

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## AIYS program seeking students, host families

The American International Youth Student Exchange Program is a non-profit high school foreign exchange program in the United States, Europe, and other parts of the world. AIYSEP believes a greater international understanding is accomplished among people and countries through cultural and home stay programs. It offers qualified students a chance to spend a summer, semester or school year with a host family in America or abroad.

At present, American host families are being sought for 25 students from high schools in Europe and other foreign countries for the coming school year. Students will arrive in the United States in late August, attend the local school and return home in late June next year. The students, all fluent in English, have been screened by their school counselors in their home country and will receive medical insurance and spending money.

American families with small children are welcome to participate in the program. All families hosting a student for the year can deduct \$50 a month for income tax purposes.

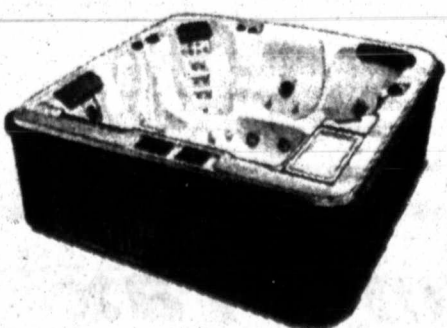
AIYSEP is also seeking American High School Students, ages 15-19, who would like to spend a high school semester or year with a European family or to participate in a 4 or 6 week family stay abroad in the summer. Students are screened by AIYSEP school counselors and educators in the local schools. Candidates who have evidence of maturity, superior character and knowledge of English and a foreign language can be finalists and become AIYSEP students.

Interested students and families are asked to please contact the AIYSEP International Headquarters: Office of the Director, 200 Round Hill Road, Tiburon, CA 94920; 1-800-347-7575. You may also visit our website: [www.aiysep.com](http://www.aiysep.com) or email [aiysep@aol.com](mailto:aiysep@aol.com).

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# TDH reminds consumers to stop using recalled items

AUSTIN — The bread slides out of the under-the-counter toaster at just the right shade and texture. But along with turning the wheat slices a golden brown, this particular brand of toaster is scorching cabinets and — all too often — causing fires.

Black & Decker Toaster Model T1000 TY1 was recalled in 1997 because of a potential fire hazard. Although approximately 234,000 toasters were sold, only about 19,000 consumers responded in the first six months after the recall, a fact that illustrates the problem of getting consumer attention.

"Removing recalled products from major retail outlets before they are sold usually is not difficult," said Annabelle Dillard of the Product Safety Division at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "But getting consumers to give them up later can be a challenge."

Despite recall notices and public warnings, many old hazardous products are still found in homes, flea markets, resale shops and garage sales. Even years later, recalled items such as toys, household appliances, heaters, lamps or children's furnishings can be dangerous if they are still in circulation.

"People, especially children, have been injured or killed by unknowingly using items that have been recalled. These products just keep resurfacing," Dillard said. "There is no such thing as an old recall. If it is still being used, it's still a danger."

One week each spring, TDH product safety inspectors visit resale shops to remind owners and managers about potential hazards associated with recalled products. Many small resale shops do not get information on recalled products directly from the manufacturer, so TDH product safety inspectors work year around with shop owners and managers to keep them up to date.

"Our visits also help remind consumers that recalled items could still be in circulation and still be dangerous to use," Dillard said. "Recalled items are hard to track once they are in use because they may be resold or given away by unsuspecting consumers," she said.

TDH works with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to handle about 300 recalls of defective or dangerous products annually.

When a recall is first issued, retail outlets are notified to remove the item from store shelves. Consumers are asked to stop using the product immediately and return it to the store where it was purchased for repair or replacement.

Consumers can learn about a recall from the retailer who originally sold the item, notices in the media or directly from the manufacturer by mail.

"It's important for consumers to fill out and return the registration card that comes with a new product," Dillard said. "These cards help manufacturers keep track of buyers and let them know about any recall."

Both TDH and CPSC have complete information on recalled items including specific problems and suggested remedies. 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 check the TDH website at [www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/ps/index.htm](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/ps/index.htm).

Information also is available from CPSC's toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-2772, on the CPSC website at [www.cpsc.gov](http://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 in [info@cpsc.gov](mailto:info@cpsc.gov). For a list of major recalls, send a postcard to Recall List, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

But even without specific recall information, Dillard urges consumers to check toys, furniture, appliances and equipment for safety hazards. "You may just suspect that an item is not working correctly or may be causing problems," she said. "At that point, just stop using the item."

Selected Items for 2001 Recall Round-Up:

- Wellmax extension cords with SPT-2 18AWGX2C 60 C imprinted in black on the cord. Cords have undersized wires and reverse polarity receptacles that allow plugs to be incorrectly inserted, presenting fire, shock and electrocution hazards. Sold from March 1997 to November 1998.

- Tools Exchange Inc. blue outdoor extension cords, 10 and 50 feet long, with 3/C 300V. OUT-DOOR (6) imprinted on the cord. Cords have undersized wires, lack overcurrent protection and have reverse polarity receptacles that allow plugs to be incorrectly inserted, presenting fire, shock and electrocution hazards. Sold from August 1998 to January 1999.

- Empire Industries children's battery-powered riding vehicles, marketed as "Power Drivers" or "Buddy L." Battery chargers can overheat, presenting fire and injury hazards to children. Sold from July 1995 to December 1997.

- Tek Nek Toys children's battery-powered riding vehicles with model names "Prowler," "Dodge Ram," "Corvette," "PSC Motorcycle" and "Honda." Battery charger or wires can overheat, presenting fire and injury hazards to children. Sold from July 1998 to April 2000.

- Fisher Price children's battery-powered Power Wheels ride-on cars and trucks. Electrical components can overheat and cause fires. Also wiring problems can prevent the vehicles from stopping. Sold before October 1998.

- Gerry Baby Products Clear Choice rechargeable baby monitor Model 618. When an electrical short occurs, the rechargeable battery can cause the monitor's unit to smoke and flame.

- All halogen torchiere floor lamps for in-home consumer repair manufactured before Feb. 5, 1997. Halogen bulbs in these lamps can cause fires.

- Welbilt toaster Oven With Rotisserie and Griddle, Model TR660. The oven's heating elements can break, causing the glass door to shatter.

Toasters could short circuit, causing electrical shocks and fires.

- Black & Decker Spacemaker Optima horizontal toaster, Model T1000, Type 1. The toasters allow food to catch on fire, and when the toaster door automatically opens and the food rack extends beyond the door, flames from the food can escape and expose kitchen cabinets to fire.

- Holmes Products Corp. wide-angle portable heaters, manufactured in 1998, Model HPH-297. Thermostats in some of these heaters are improperly positioned, which can cause them to overheat, posing a fire hazard.

- Older model hand-held hair dryers that do not protect against electrocution if they fall into water with the switch in either the "on" or "off" position. When buying a hair dryer, look for a larger rectangular-shaped plug at the end of the cord and a certification mark of a recognized testing laboratory.

Information also is available from CPSC's toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-2772, on the CPSC website at [www.cpsc.gov](http://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 in [info@cpsc.gov](mailto:info@cpsc.gov). For a list of major recalls, send a postcard to Recall List, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

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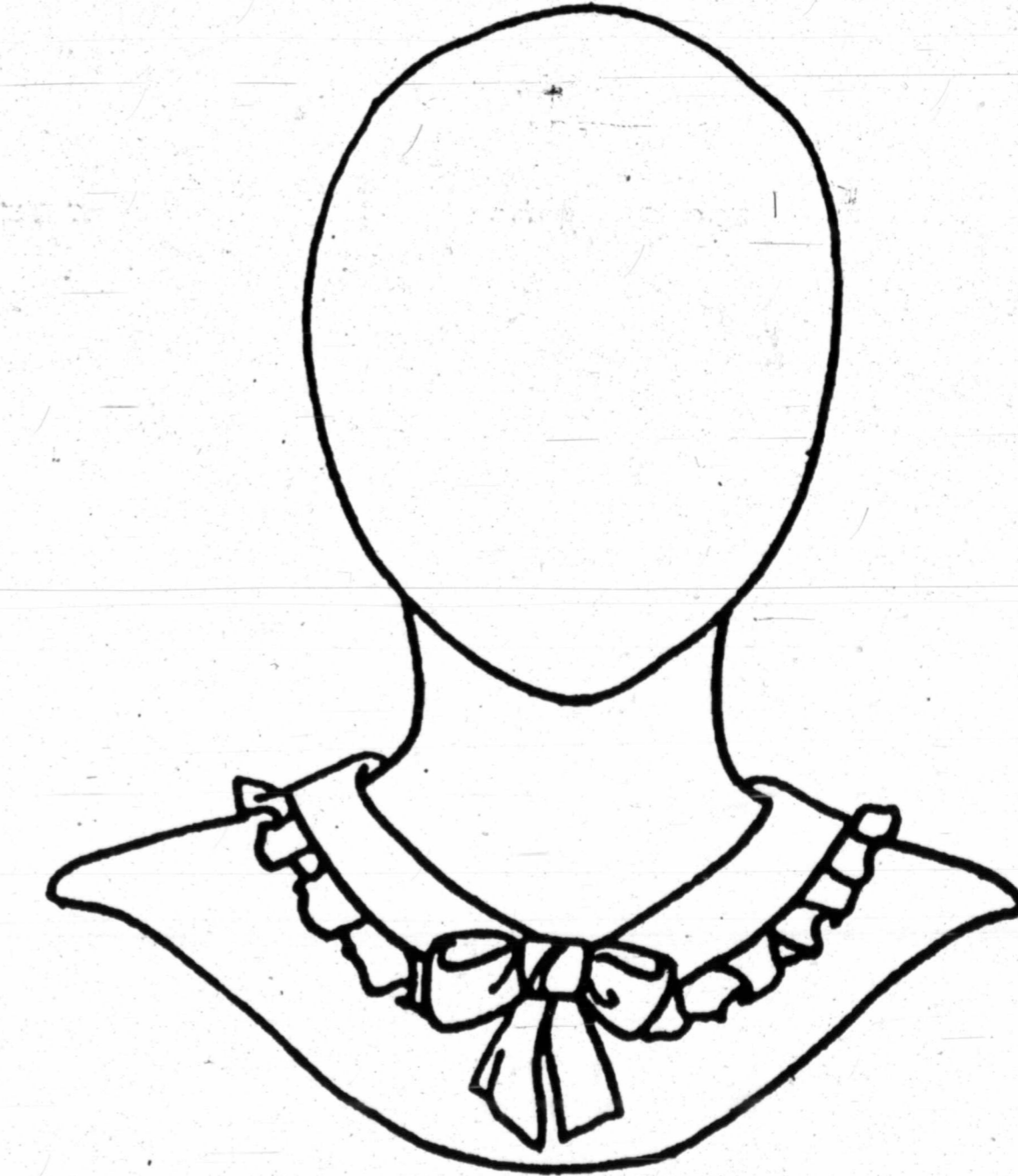
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# West Texas A&M University briefs ...

**Student recitals.** Four students in the Department of Music and Dance at West Texas A&M University will close out their spring semester with recitals in Northern Recital Hall on the WTAMU campus.

Ryan Thrasher-bass, a senior performance major from Abilene, will perform his senior recital at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 3. Laura Anderson-piano, a senior music major from Canyon, will perform at 6 p.m. Friday, May 4.

On Saturday, May 5, Emily Starnes, a graduate music student from Canyon, will present her recital at 1 p.m. Tim King-clarinet, a senior music major from San Antonio, will present his senior recital at 3 p.m.

Student recitals are part of the degree-completion requirements for music, music composition, music education, music therapy and performance majors. For more information, call (806) 651-2840.

**WT Women.** More than \$1,900 was raised at the annual WT Women Scholarship/Tasting Party April 21 at the home of Arlie and Barbara Petty. The money will benefit the WT Women Scholarship Fund for faculty, staff or children of WTAMU faculty and staff members attending or planning to attend WTAMU.

**Poster presentations.** Cody Drager, a WTAMU graduate student in agriculture/animal science from Clovis, N.M., earned a fourth-place award and cash prize for his poster "Effect of Feed Intake Restriction on Animal Performance and Carcass Characteristics of Finishing Beef Steers" in graduate student poster competition at the Plains Nutrition Council Conference April 5-6 in San Antonio.

Michael Jeter, a graduate student in agriculture/animal science from Friona, also presented a poster titled "Drinking Water Intake by Finishing Yearling Beef Steers." Both students are advised by

Dr. Mike Brown, assistant professor of agriculture. Cancer screening. West Texas A&M University, in cooperation with The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System, will offer a breast cancer screening clinic from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, May 9 in Old Main, Rooms 314 and 317. For more information, call (806) 356-1905.

**Farm and Ranch Safety Camp.** More than 700 area fourth-graders will participate in the Progressive Farmer Farm and Ranch Safety Day Camp set for 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Thursday, May 10 at West Texas A&M University. Local volunteers will address 13 different areas of safety. The camp is sponsored by the WTAMU Division of Nursing, the Randall County Extension Service and the Safe Kids Coalition of Potter and Randall counties. For more information, call (806) 651-2648.

**Intersession classes.** West Texas A&M University will offer undergraduate and graduate courses May 14-31 during intersession between the spring semester and the first summer session. A complete listing of intersession class offerings is available in the Schedule of Classes available on the WTAMU campus and at <http://www.wtamu.edu/administrative/vpa/reg/schedule/sched.htm>. For more information, call (806) 651-2022.

**Summer hours.** West Texas A&M University will begin observing its summer schedule on Monday, May 14 through Friday, Aug. 17. The University's summer hours will be from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7:30-11:30 a.m. on Fridays. WTAMU classes will meet Monday through Thursday as listed in the WTAMU Summer Schedule of Classes.

**Library hours.** The Cornette Library at West

Texas A&M University will be closed May 12-13. On Monday, May 14 through Aug. 15, the library will observe its summer hours schedule-7:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30-11:30 a.m. on Fridays. The library will be closed on Saturdays during the summer months, but will open from 1:30-5:30 p.m. on Sundays.

WTAMU will offer two sessions of Camp Tatanka-May 29-July 5 and July 9-Aug. 16 from 8:15 a.m.-noon for children who have completed kindergarten through sixth grade. Cost for the first session is \$84 per child and cost for the second ses-

sion is \$91 per child.

For more information about Camp Tatanka, contact Bill Craddock at (806) 651-2400.

**Calf scramble.** Students Assisting 'N' Good Endeavors (SAGE), a new community service organization at West Texas A&M University, will sponsor a Calf Scramble and dance beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, May 4 at the University Horse Center. All proceeds from the event will benefit the American Cancer Society. For more information, call (806) 651-3601.

## Internet offers new slant on field trips

**CANYON** — "CLICK HERE TO ENTER." That's all it takes to discover a whole new way of teaching and learning about the state of Texas via the Internet and the Virtual Field Trip Network (VFTN).

VFTN is an on-line technology-rich curriculum and resource program that allows primary and secondary school students to visit various sites across the state of Texas without ever leaving the classroom. The program is funded through a Texas Education Agency grant with collaborative support from West Texas A&M University (WTAMU), Texas A&M University-Texarkana, various state agencies, the Liberty-Eylau Independent School District and the Cypress Valley Alliance.

By fall 2001, students from across the state of Texas will be able to visit the VFTN at [www.vftn.org](http://www.vftn.org) and click into 80 different locations to learn about Texas historical sites, parks, museums, laboratories and more. Students living in south Texas can experience the sites of the Panhandle, or those in the Panhandle can visit the USS Texas Battleship in Houston all thanks to the VFTN.

"Everyone is very passionate about their site —

that's what makes it so exciting," Dr. Kathy Burleson, assistant professor in education at WTAMU, said. Burleson is one of several from across the state to receive grant monies to develop a field trip as a professional intern for VFTN. She recently completed a week's worth of training at the Cypress Valley Alliance in Jefferson, and is ready to create a field trip through the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum.

Although she explored several choices from around this area, Burleson settled on the museum because of its rich history, detailed exhibits and possibilities for curriculum material. Her role as developer of a field trip is two-fold.

"The first part is creating the field trip complete with pictures and text. In addition, I will develop curriculum materials that are aligned to TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills)," she said. Her field trip to the museum will be designed for fourth- and fifth-grade students and the curriculum will align to their texts in social studies, language arts and technology. The curriculum will promote the development of projects related to various exhibits in the museum.

(See, FIELD TRIPS, Page 10)

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## House committee rebuffs President on abortion

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House committee has voted to overturn President Bush's ban on giving foreign aid to organizations that discuss abortion with their clients or advocate abortion rights.

The House International Relations Committee on Wednesday also voted to reverse Bush's decision to end the annual assessment of Taiwan's military equipment needs. A third vote urged the president not to scrap a global warming treaty that mandated pollution reductions to curb heat-trapping greenhouse emissions.

However, the committee's actions on the \$8.2 billion State Department authorization bill face a long legislative road before final passage — separate House and Senate floor action and a likely conference committee compromise that would have to go back to both houses.

If the abortion provision survives all that, the committee chairman predicted Bush would veto the bill.

But on Wednesday, three Republicans sided with unanimous Democrats on the 26-22 vote dealing with aid to foreign organizations engaged in abortion-related activities.

The provision — which would nullify the order Bush imposed as his first act after taking office — was added to the authorization bill, which was then approved by voice vote.

"This issue, in our view, is a freedom of speech issue, not an abortion issue," Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif., the committee's top Democrat. The committee chairman, GOP Rep. Henry Hyde of Illinois, a long-time abortion opponent, said before the vote: "If this amendment prevails, the bill will be vetoed."

Other amendments approved would:

—Urge the administration to continue participating in international negotiations to complete the global warming treaty.

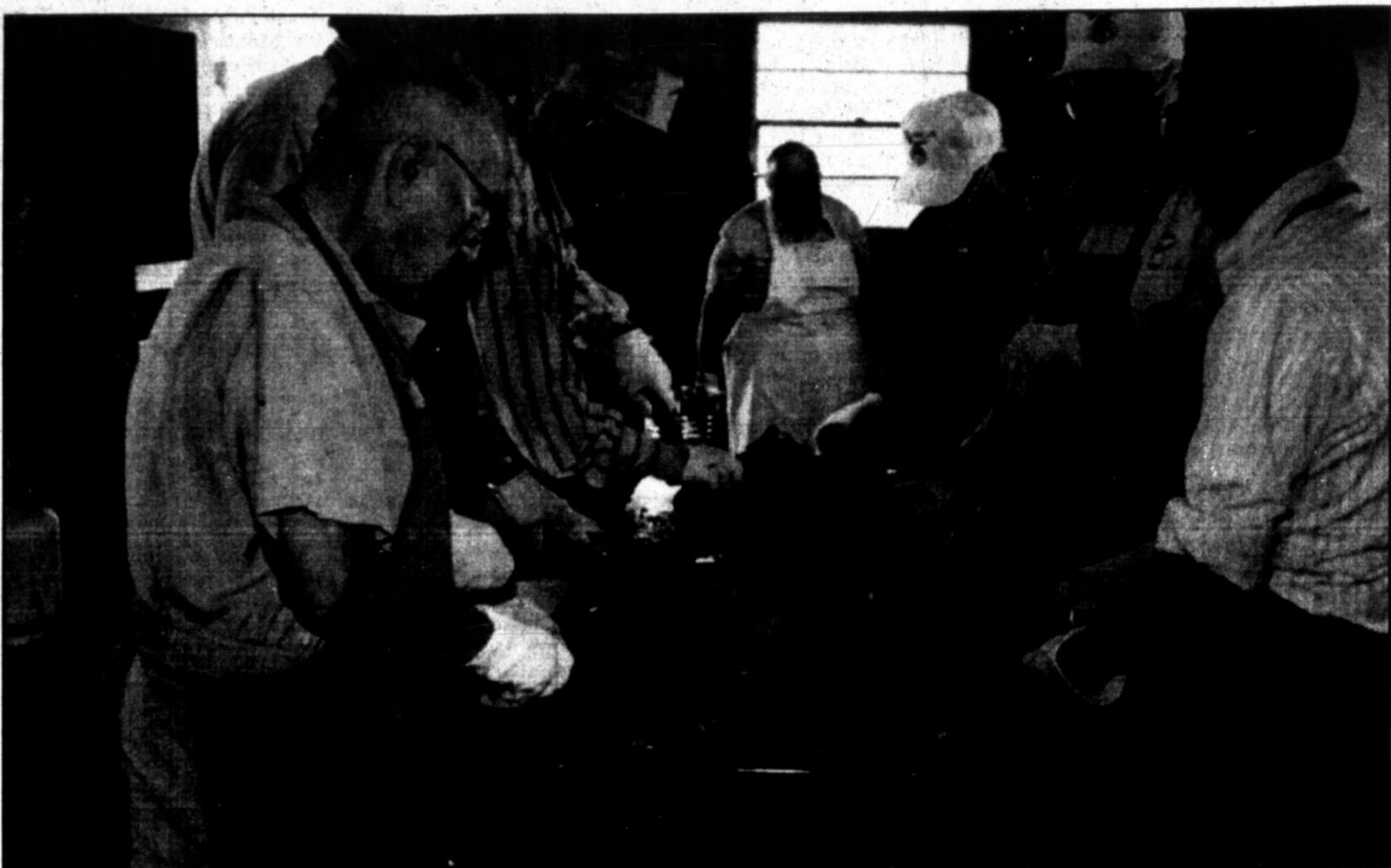
—Require the president to consult with Taiwan and Congress at least once a year regarding what weapons the island needs, in line with U.S. policy since 1982. Bush said last week the administration would consider arms sales on an "as-needed basis."

—Urge the president to rejoin the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, which the United States quit in 1984 over concerns about political polarization.

The restrictions on support for foreign organizations involved with abortion activities are called the "Mexico City policy." President Reagan first announced his plans to implement the strategy at a 1984 population conference there.

The first President Bush continued it, but President Clinton overturned it, except when he allowed it to become law for a year as a compromise to gain passage of a bill that included money for some U.N. dues the United States owed.

## Shrine Club Barbecue



(Special photo)

The annual Shriner barbecue is in the offing from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, May 6 at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes. Above, left-right: The late Ford Herring, John Newhouse, B.B. Beardin, James Washington, Don Deaham, Al Soukup and Max Louvier.

## BRIEFS

### Pentagon will review, but not suspend, contacts with China

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon further complicated an already tense relationship with China by first stating that Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld had suspended all contacts with the Chinese military and then retracting the statement, which it called a misunderstanding. An official memorandum from Rumsfeld's office Monday to senior military and civilian officials in the Pentagon said he had directed "the suspension of all Department of Defense programs, contacts and activities with the People's Republic of China until further notice." Hours after the memo leaked on Wednesday and was reported worldwide by U.S. news organizations, a spokesman for Rumsfeld, Rear Adm. Craig Quigley, said the

memo was a mistake. In the interim, Quigley and other officials had struggled to explain the move, which also appeared to catch the White House by surprise.

### GOP ready to push 2002 budget through Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are poised to shove a 2002 budget through Congress with most of the big tax cut President Bush proposed and more spending for prescription drugs and other programs that he wants. GOP leaders planned to muscle a compromise House-Senate fiscal blueprint through both chambers on Thursday. Congressional passage and a triumph for Bush's budget goals seemed assured, they said, thanks to concessions Bush made to Senate moderates to temper the tax reductions and his calls for spending restraint. The bud-

get would permit a \$1.35 trillion tax cut over the next 11 years — down from the \$1.6 trillion, 10-year reduction that has been Bush's marquee issue since his fight for the GOP presidential nomination. Spending for many programs would grow next year by 5 percent, exceeding the 4 percent increase Bush had insisted was enough.

### One killed, seven injured as hijacked LA transit bus crashes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A shooting suspect hijacked a public bus and held a gun to the driver's head during a police chase that ended when the bus slammed into a minivan at an intersection, killing the van's driver and injuring seven people. Officers shot at the suspect Wednesday but missed as he ran from the bus, which had pushed the minivan into a parked

United Parcel Service truck and then crashed into a downtown parking lot filled with cars. The suspect, whose name was not released, was arrested as he tried to get into a stopped car and was booked for investigation of murder. The bus driver, five passengers and the UPS driver were injured. The minivan driver, who died at the scene, was a woman in her 30s, police said.

### Death toll rises to 65 in Chinese landslide

BEIJING (AP) — Rescuers have found 65 bodies in the wreckage of a nine-story apartment building buried by a landslide in southwestern China, the official Xinhua News Agency said Thursday. Only seven people of an estimated 76 people in the building are known to have escaped the disaster Tuesday evening in the city of Chongqing, Xinhua said. Hundreds of police and soldiers had cleared away about two-thirds of the rubble by early Thursday and unearthed 65 bodies, it said. There was no indication of anyone found alive in the wreckage.

### Identity Theft Seminar slated

AMARILLO — The Golden Spread Postal Customer Council in cooperation with the United States Postal Service, the Better Business Bureau, the Amarillo Police Department and Amarillo National Bank will host an Identity Theft Seminar at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 8 at San Jacinto Baptist Church, 801 Tascosa Road, Amarillo.

Inspector Alan T. Holmes, USPS Fort Worth District Office, will be the featured speaker. A panel of experts including victims of identity theft will be present to address questions from the audience.

Attendees will learn what identity theft is, how to avoid becoming a victim and what steps to take if they have been a victim of identity theft. Identity theft, much like other scams, knows no boundaries. Anyone can become a victim.

"Over 500,000 people were victims of identity theft in the year 2000," said Janna Kiehl, executive director of BBB. "This is a problem that needs to be addressed, before any more money is lost to this crime. Protecting your personal information is more important than ever."

The seminar will offer answers to questions such as: "How do they get my name?" or "How can I stop getting all those credit card offers?" or "Should I really be shredding mail with personal information on it before putting it in the trash?"

The panel will include representatives from the FBI, Social Security Administration, Attorney General's office, Amarillo PD, Amarillo National Bank, BBB and Arnet, Inc.

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"I plan to set up the curriculum so that when students tour the transportation exhibit, for example, I will have them pick a vehicle from that exhibit and write a history about it."

Burleson first heard about VFTN from Dr. Christine Purkiss, assistant professor of education at WTAMU, who serves on the executive board of VFTN.

"This is a great opportunity for collaboration between school districts, junior colleges, universities, museums and state agencies. Teachers work with an intern and an outside agency or local museum. Together they create a virtual field trip of an area, or place of interest which students across the state will get to visit, virtually. Many of these kids will never get the opportunity to actually visit

these places. I think the benefits to the school children of Texas are enormous," Purkiss said.

Burleson and her student intern, Julie Ann Moore, a junior education/mathematics major from Amarillo, will work together on the project. Burleson is excited about creating the design and is working with the museum to see what images the facility has to offer. Moore will do some research and work on the technology side of it. Burleson also plans to incorporate her own classroom curriculum into the project to pull WTAMU education students in and make them aware of VFTN and what it has to offer.

Every aspect of the project must come together quickly. Burleson is scheduled to travel back to Jefferson in July with a workable demonstration of her field trip. She will join others from across the state to share their "final" product.

But even after the final touches are given, Burleson will remain tied to the project. The museum is currently undergoing major renovation and Burleson will continue to update the field trip to reflect those changes at the museum. She will also be responsible for updating the field trip on exhibits that rotate in and out of the museum.

WTAMU and the Panhandle are not limited to just one field trip, Burleson said. If a subject can align itself to TEKS, it is considered a field trip. The Panhandle area is well represented so far on the VFTN. Besides the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, students will be able to visit such Panhandle sites as the Lubbock Lake Landmark and the Ailabates Flint Quarries and Lake Meredith. But this area is rich with possibilities and Burleson hopes others will become creators of field trips for VFTN.

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HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #1070 Meek, 660' from North & East line, Sec. 70,M-1,H&GN, PD 12000'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd., Partnership, #9072 Howell, 2200' from South & 750' from West line, Sec. 72,A-2,H&GN, PD 11500'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd., Partnership, #7-73 Thorne, 2520' from North & 700' from East line, Sec. 73,A-2, H&GN, PD 11500'.

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #46 W.A. Carver, 330' from North & West line Lot 14,7, J.J. Hall (1872' from North & 3820' from East line Hall Survey) PD 3600'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Sidwell Oil & Gas, Inc., #1028 Holland, 467' from South & 1216' from West line, Sec. 28,M-2,H&GN, PD 4800'.

### Application to Deepen (below casing)

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Hy-Tech, Inc., #3 A.T. Shepherd, 330' from North & West line, Sec. 188,B-2,H&GN, PD 3400'. To Deepen & Reclassify from Gas to Oil

### Amended Intentions to Drill

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #16 Crosby & Hatcher 'A', 1050' from South & 1372' from West line, Sec. 5,M-24,TCRR, PD 3600'. Amended to change well location

### Gas Well Completions

CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Gas Well Operators, #3 Rosa, 2210' from South & 330' from West line, Sec. 89,7,I&GN, spud 12-9-00, drlg. compl 12-14-00, tested 4-20-01, potential 193 MCF, TD 2992'

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## Congress moving quickly on education bills

By GREG TOPPO  
AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's education package is gaining momentum, but without a voucher plan that would let low-income students in poorly performing schools use federal funds for private school tuition.

The House Education Committee voted Wednesday to strip private school vouchers from Bush's education legislation in a setback for conservatives that, nonetheless, likely will boost the bill's chances for wider support.

"I think that winning the voucher vote is a very, very important step toward a positive, bipartisan bill," said Rep. David Wu, D-Ore.

Even as the voucher plan was going down to defeat, Congressional leaders picked up the pace on the president's education package with agreements on school testing and help for students in failing schools.

Education debate has stalled for weeks in the Senate as lawmakers discussed details of how student test scores should be weighed. GOP and Democratic senators were expected to announce an agreement on testing Thursday.

Meanwhile, the House and Senate were intensifying work on their own versions of a major education funding bill, which has provisions designed to improve student performance while giving more freedom to schools to spend federal funds.

The two bills are similar at their core. Each would require that students be tested annually on reading and math from the third grade until the eighth. School districts would be granted greater flexibility in their use of federal funds, a provision designed to give local officials the ability to direct resources to their greatest needs — higher teacher salaries, for example, or improved classroom technology.

The committee vote to remove the voucher provision was 27-20, with five Republicans siding with all the panel's Democrats.

As it stands, low-income students in failing schools would still

be allowed to transfer to another public school and use federal funds for tutoring.

Conservatives registered their displeasure at the vote.

"If this provision is eliminated, we have lost most of the president's vision for education reform because the only thing this bill will do is empower the bureaucrats in Washington," said Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich.

Critics argued that vouchers would drain needed resources away from public schools.

"Vouchers aren't as popular as this administration would have you believe," said Rep. Hilda Solis,

D-Calif. She said Congress should invest more in school construction, saying she was disappointed that a construction amendment was defeated.

"A lot of my kids, they go to school in portables," she said.

Bush conceded in advance the voucher provision was doomed to defeat, but Education Department spokeswoman Lindsey Kozberg said Bush still supports "parental choice" and looks forward to floor amendments reintroducing vouchers in both the House and Senate.

Kozberg also predicted that the main elements of his package would clear Congress.

## Panhandle-Plains FLBA earns top rating

Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association, FLCA, recently received the Farm Credit Bank of Texas Pacesetter Award for achieving the bank's highest possible rating in 2000. The award recognizes outstanding performance in the areas of growth and financial operations.

Panhandle-Plains was one of 17 rural financing cooperatives honored during the 10th Farm Credit District Annual Stockholders Meeting in San Antonio. Award recipients included eight Agricultural Credit Associations (ACAs), eight Federal Land Credit Associations (FLCAs) and one Production Credit Association (PCA).

"The recipients of this Pacesetter Award exceeded a rigid set of growth and financial performance standards set by the bank," said Arnold Henson, FCBT chief executive officer. "They are

setting the pace in the 10th Farm Credit District as exemplary lending institutions."

Henson noted the number of Pacesetter Award recipients has increased each year since the award was established in the mid-1990s, indicating the outstanding performance of the 10th District lending network as a whole.

The district is composed of the bank, 10 ACAs, 10 FLCAs and three PCAs in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas. Together, these co-op lenders have more than \$5.2 billion in mortgage and production loans outstanding to agricultural producers, rural residents and agribusiness operations.

Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association is headquartered in Amarillo with offices in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton and Plainview.

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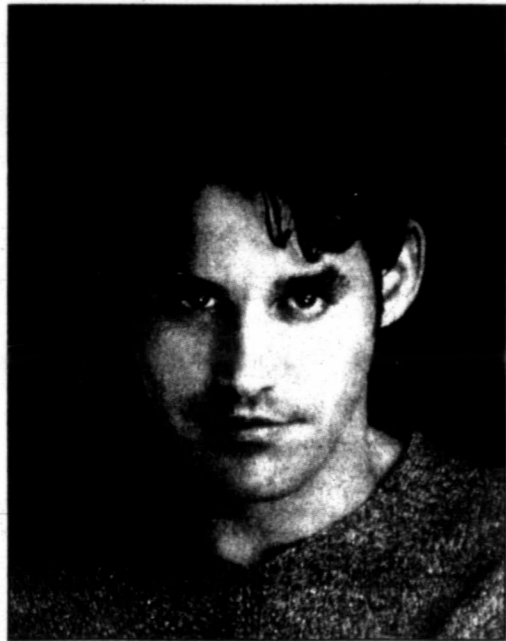
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## Pennies From Heaven Give Comfort to Many on Earth

**DEAR ABBY:** This letter is in response to "Daughter of a Frugal Mom," who received a birthday card from her mother containing a penny. Two years ago my father passed away, leaving his wallet with six pennies inside. There are six children in our family, and the conclusion we reached was that he left one for each of us.

When she heard about it, our aunt (Dad's sister) presented us with the following: "I am like a penny. Not a bad one, a very bright one. Remember, I'll always turn up wherever you find a penny anywhere. In the years to come, you'll pick one up and say, 'There's Dad!' In time you'll have a thousand reminders of how much you're loved."

Abby, countless times since that day, we have been reminded in the most unusual and spontaneous ways that our dad is still very much a part of our lives.

**KEEPING PENNIES IN MINNESOTA**

**DEAR KEEPING:** What a charming and comforting story. That letter generated a flurry of mail. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** My grandfather told me that when an angel misses you, he or she will toss a penny down to tell you so. I believe it.

Right after the start of the new millennium, I unexpectedly lost my life partner, Greg, from acute pancreatitis. He started feeling poorly on Jan. 2 and died a week later — 18 days before what would have been our 20th anniversary.

Greg's mother passed on only four months earlier. As he and his sister were sorting through her

### Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

belongings, they were surprised to find some pennies in a very unlikely place. His sister recalled how years before, their father — long deceased — would sing "Pennies From Heaven," so they took it as a sign that both of their parents were watching over them.

During the days that Greg was dying, I kept finding pennies in strange places. Once, in the parking lot, I looked down at what I thought was a shiny bracelet. It was six newly minted pennies lying in a perfect row — one for his sister, her husband, three children and myself. I found one in the hospital corridor the day he died. It was in the center of a key chain someone had twisted into the shape of a heart.

I continue to find pennies often — especially when I'm feeling blue. So, maybe the mother of "Daughter of a Frugal Mom" had a premonition.

TERRY IN GILBERT, ARIZ.

**DEAR TERRY:** Perhaps. Please accept my sympathy for the unexpected loss of your life partner. What a bittersweet story. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** The writer who inquired about the meaning of a penny her mother sent her before she died may not have gotten it "for luck."

It seems more likely that the seemingly insignificant token was a "penny for her thoughts," rather than the good luck charm you suggested.

My mother sent me such a penny during my busiest college days. I took the hint, and ever since have made sharing my busy adult life with her a top priority.

I hope "Daughter" didn't wait until it was too late to stop being frugal with the contact her mom wanted.

LINDA'S DAUGHTER,  
TULSA, OKLA.

**DEAR DAUGHTER:** While that "hint" is a little too subtle for me, several other people also mentioned it. I'll leave it up to my readers to decide which explanation they prefer.

### Have A Story Idea...

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#### Wildwood

**GOD'S MESSAGE IS ONE OF ENDURING LOVE AND WISDOM FROM WHICH ALL CAN CHOOSE TO BENEFIT.**

**THEN HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN WAR AND SUFFERING?**

**SHUT UP, YOU IDIOT! HE'S DOING FINE!**

**SHOULDN'T YOU BREAK THAT UP??**

**I WOULD, BUT I'M NOT SURE IT ISN'T THEOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT...**

### Crossword Puzzle

By **THOMAS JOSEPH**

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                | <b>DOWN</b>                       |
| 1 Juicer byproduct           | 1 Paris — de la Villette          |
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| 11 "Calm down!"              | 4 Scroll material of "Be-dazzled" |
| 12 Rough file                | 5 "Learn by doing" club           |
| 13 Elizabeth of "Be-dazzled" | 6 Composer Ned                    |
| 14 Land mine type            | 7 Everyone                        |
| 16 1998 Bill Murray film     | 8 Draw                            |
| 20 Crafty                    | 9 Hog holder                      |
| 23 Has permission to         | 11 Opted                          |
| 24 World-weary               | 15 Unspeak-                       |
| 25 Baseball's Satchel        | 17 Leave out                      |
| 27 Presidential nickname     | 26 Wind-flower                    |
| 28 Sought                    | 18 Fury                           |
| 29 Spreading tree            |                                   |
| 32 13th president            |                                   |
| 36 Soda fountain order       |                                   |
| 39 Finished                  |                                   |
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Yesterday's answer

#### Marmaduke

"He majored in sitting at obedience school."

#### The Family Circus

"My balloon is out of breath and fell down."

#### For Better or For Worse

I LIE AWAKE AT NIGHT, IRIS—AND I TALK TO MARIAN.

I LIE AWAKE AND TALK TO GEORGE.

I'VE TOLD HER THAT NOBODY WILL EVER REPLACE HER, BUT...

I'VE TOLD GEORGE ABOUT YOU, TOO.

WHEN HE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL, HE TOLD ME TO GO ON WITH MY LIFE... THAT AFTER HE DIED I WOULD LOVE AGAIN.

WE LOST GOOD PARTNERS, DIDN'T WE?

MAYBE IT'S POSSIBLE TO FIND GOOD PARTNERS AGAIN.

#### Zits

IRONING IS SUCH A PAIN.

#### Garfield

A WHAT?... ON YOUR WHAT?!

YES, MRS. FEENEY, I'LL LOOK INTO IT.

DEAD GERBIL ON HER GLIDER?!

NOT MY WORK, WAH! TOO OBVIOUS.

#### Beetle Bailey

LIFE IS SHORT, ZERO. YOU HAVE TO STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES.

WHERE ARE THE ROSES?

THAT'S A SAYING. IT MEANS TO KNOCK OFF AND GRAB SOME HAPPINESS.

WHERE IS THE HAPPINESS?

#### Marvin

THAT PUBLISHER WANTS ME TO TURN MY HISTORICAL LOVE STORY INTO A COLLECTION OF EVERY CLICHE IN POPULAR FICTION BOOKS TODAY!

WELL, AT LEAST HE DIDN'T REQUEST ANY MYSTIC OR MAGIC STUFF LIKE THOSE CHILDREN'S BEST-SELLERS.

OH, YEAH? HE WANTS MY FEMALE CHARACTER TO WORK AT A PSYCHIC HOTLINE!

#### B.C.

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FIFTEEN TONS OF GOOSE FEATHERS PURCHASED FROM THE INTERNET.

#### Haggar The Horrible

DID YOU GO SEE DR. ZOOK?

YES.

WHAT WAS HIS DIAGNOSIS?

"HE SAID I HAD 'HACKER'S COUGH'."

Cough cough cough.

#### Peanuts

I HAVE TO WRITE A REPORT ON WHY WE'RE HERE..

WHO KNOWS?

GOOD.. THAT WAS EASIER THAN I THOUGHT..

#### Blondie

IT'S POURING OUTSIDE, DON'T FORGET YOUR GALOSHES THIS MORNING.

OKAY, SKNXX-X, SURE, HONEY, SKNXX-X.

I'M SURE HE WAS TOO SLEEPY TO HEAR ME MENTION GALOSHES.

OMIGODNESS! HE DID HEAR ME!

#### Mallard Filmore

OKAY, OKAY... SO I ANCHOR THE CBS EVENING NEWS... AND I SPOKE AT A DEMOCRATIC PARTY FUND-RAISER!

IT'S NOT LIKE I DID SOMETHING HORRIBLE OR EVIL OR DEMONIC...

LIKE SPEAK AT A REPUBLICAN FUND-RAISER...

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### GOLF

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# SPORTS

## Oklahoma draws High Plains Bass Anglers

### Notebook

#### GENERAL

**PAMPA** — Coaches or scorekeepers in the Optimist baseball and softball leagues can pick up scoresheets at The Pampa News sports department.

Call 669-2525 or 669-2527 if more information is needed.

#### GOLF

**AMARILLO** — Mark Walker of Arlington shot a first-round four-under-par 67 to take the lead Wednesday in the Amarillo Open at LaPaloma Golf Club.

Walker had a 32 on the front nine, followed by a 35 on the back nine.

Jeb Stuart of Dallas and Jeff Leach of North Richland Hills are tied for second at 68. John Sosa of Austin is by himself at 69.

Pampa native Cory Stone shot 73 and is tied for 16th place with 11 others.

There were 112 golfers who teed off Wednesday. The 54-hole tournament ends on Friday.

#### BASKETBALL

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — Trading for Dikembe Mutombo doesn't look like so much of a risk anymore.

Philadelphia went only 15-12 in the regular season after acquiring Mutombo from Atlanta in February, but the NBA's defensive player of the year gave the 76ers everything they needed to beat the Indiana Pacers in the first round of the playoffs.

"Everybody knew what he was going to bring to this team. The deal was great for us, but that guy's proved what he can do year after year after year. He's just a presence down there," said Allen Iverson, who had 33 points in Philadelphia's 88-85 victory Wednesday night.

Philadelphia won the series 3-1 to advance to the Eastern Conference semifinals against either New York or Toronto. The Raptors beat the Knicks 100-93 to force a deciding fifth game Friday night.

Elsewhere Wednesday night, Sacramento beat Phoenix 89-82 to win their series 3-1.

On Thursday, Dallas is at Utah for the decisive fifth game of that series.

Mutombo, who had 16 points, 11 rebounds and five blocked shots on Wednesday, averaged 10.3 points, 14.8 rebounds and 4.5 blocks against the Pacers.

A 3-point basket by Travis Best gave Indiana an 85-82 lead with just over two minutes to go, but Aaron McKie's basket pulled the 76ers within one. Then Mutombo blocked a shot by Derrick McKie and put Philadelphia in front for good on a hook shot with 1:09 remaining.

After an exchange of possessions, Reggie Miller missed a 3-pointer, and McKie pulled down the rebound with 5.8 seconds to go. He was immediately fouled and hit both free throws. Jalen Rose then missed a 3-pointer for Indiana as the game ended.

"The only way we win this game is with great defense," said Mutombo, who was named defensive player of the year by the league for the fourth time in his 10-year NBA career.

"I knew time was running out. I didn't have a choice," he said of his go-ahead basket. "I took a great hook and it went in. There's nothing more you can ask. I never thought this year was going to end up the way it has."

#### Flashback

**1984:** Jennifer Roden of Pampa competed in the Texas Special Olympics in Austin. She scored a 9.45 out of a possible 10 in the Class Three Gymnastics Division.

Jennifer, 14, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joey Roden.

### Outdoors

**WEATHERFORD, Okla.** — The High Plains Bass Anglers held a tournament at Lake Crowder near Weatherford, Okla. on April 21-22.

Seventeen anglers were greeted with very high winds on both days.

Doug Youree came away with the win and had the Big Bass on Saturday. Matt Hinton was second and Tyson Paronto third.

Dicky McCam had Big Bass on Sunday.

The next tournament will be held May 5-6 at Baylor Lake. The club meets at 7:30 the first Tuesday of the month at Topographic Land Surveyors.

For more information, go to the web at [www.geocities.com/kick-inbass2000/bass.html](http://www.geocities.com/kick-inbass2000/bass.html)

**CANADIAN** — Landowners interested in developing habitat for the lesser prairie chicken and other rare Panhandle wildlife now have some new tools at their disposal.

According to John Hughes, a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in Canadian, private landowners may now take advantage of a voluntary incentive program aimed at rare special conservation.

"The High Plains Partnership for Species at Risk is a program designed to assist private

landowners with habitat development and enhancement for declining wildlife such as the lesser prairie chicken, swift fox and burrowing owl.

While these species are not listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act, the USFWS wishes to provide technical assistance for landowners interested in developing habitat for these species," Hughes said. "We feel that a non-regulatory, incentive-based approach is the best way to ensure the continued survival of these species."

Hughes said incentives come in the form of cost-share payments for rangeland habitat improvements, such as cross-fencing, water development, prescribed burning, brush management and native prairie restoration.

"Landowners can also receive written assurances that they will not be subject to future governmental regulations if they agree to maintain or improve habitat. We want to assist landowners in managing for rare species while eliminating their fears of future restrictions on land use," he said.

Hughes said private property rights are of paramount importance to the USFWS.

"We believe we can protect

those rights and still keep rare species from becoming threatened or endangered," he said.

Interested landowners may contact Hughes at 806-323-6636.

**SANFORD** — The Meredith Gun Club is hosting a Rattle Battle on Sunday, starting at 1 p.m. at the rifle range, located just south of Antelope Creek between Borger and Sanford on SR# 1319.

It will be a .22 rifle, open class competition with five rounds fired at each distance (20 rounds) in two minutes. All sight adjustment and reloading are included.

Entry fee is six dollars per contestant.

Individual and team events will follow for interested persons.

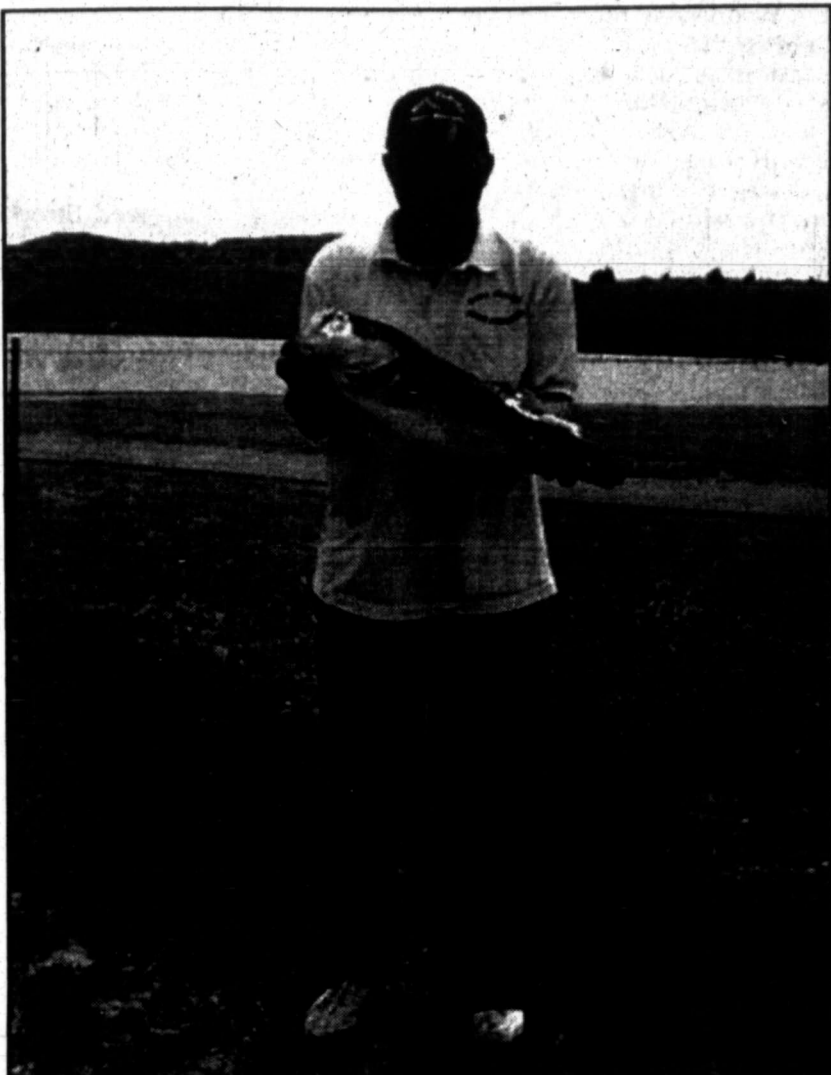
For more details, call 806-865-3695 or 806-865-3602.

**AMARILLO** — There will be a course on responsible boating from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (with lunch break at noon) May 12 at Palo Duro Masonic Lodge, 1701 S. Polk St.

The course is sponsored by Flotilla 52 of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

There is no charge for the course, but a \$13 fee can earn a Texas Boater Education Card.

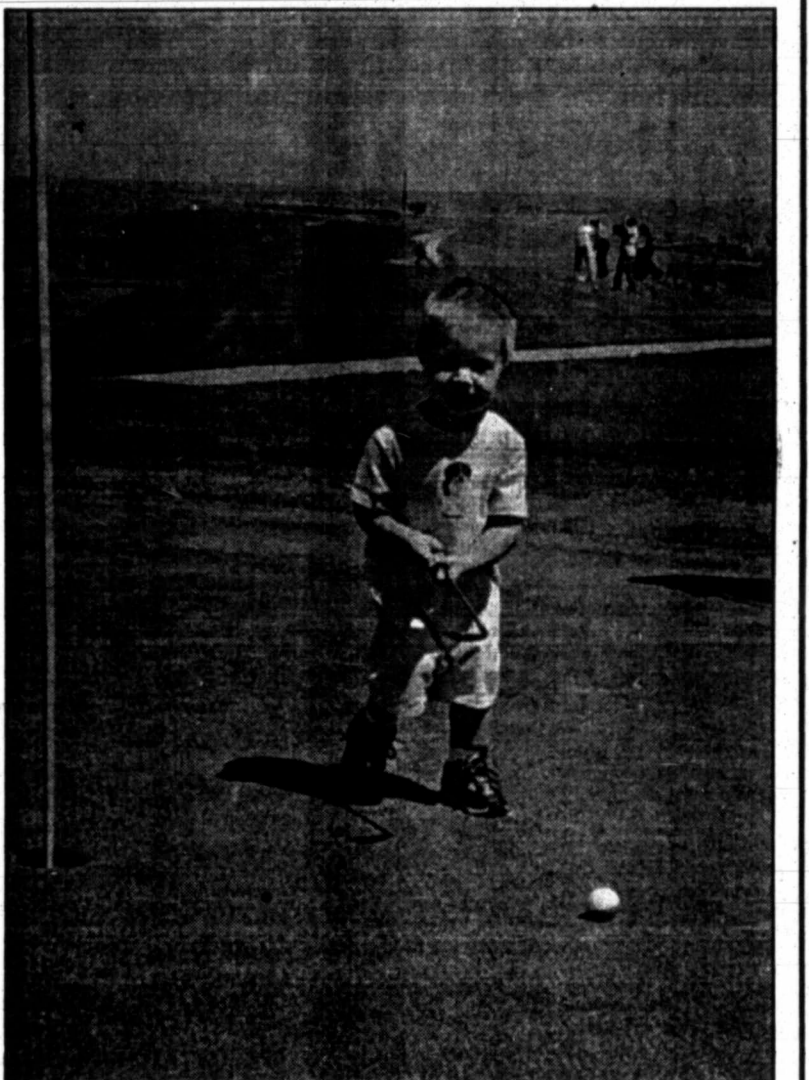
To register, call 806-374-0219.



(Special photo)

Doug Youree with Saturday's 6.93-pound Big Bass.

### Young Golfer



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Golfers start young at Hidden Hills as 21-month-old Karsten Harrison gets in some putting practice at the public golf course north of Pampa. Karsten started his career when he was 10 months, according to his father J.K. Harrison, Hidden Hills Superintendent. "He would get a golf club and just swing it around, hitting my shins. I decided it was time he learned how to play."

## Detroit hurler beats his hometown

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** — Detroit starter Chris Holt grew up cheering for the Texas Rangers. On Wednesday night, he beat his hometown team.

Holt (3-2), a Dallas native, pitched six-plus innings to win in his first appearance against Texas as the Tigers scored the first seven runs and won 8-3.

"It was nice to come back and beat these guys, and a team I've rooted for my whole life," said Holt, in his fifth major league season. "This is a good win for me, but it wasn't all me. I wasn't really at my best. Scoring runs early definitely helps."

Juan Encarnacion and Dean Palmer each hit two-run doubles as the Tigers jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the second inning against Darren Oliver (4-1).

After Roger Cedeno led off the game with a single and a stolen base, the Tigers went on to score four runs in the first. Bobby Higginson and Deivi Cruz had RBI singles before Encarnacion's double.

Tony Clark hit an RBI single before Palmer's two-run double made it 7-0 in the second. Those three unearned runs came right after a catcher's interference call against Doug Mirabelli, on a play that Higginson had apparently made the third out with a liner that Oliver caught.

"We're not pitching terrible," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "The numbers are hideous, but it seems like we're always one pitch or one play away from getting out of an inning."

Oliver pitched just 2 1-3 innings, the shortest outing by a Texas starter this season. Eight of the nine Detroit starters had hits before he left.

Holt left after walking

Mirabelli, the No. 9 hitter, to lead off the seventh. Holt scattered six hits and three runs — on two homers — while striking out three and walking five.

"I didn't feel like he was sharp. He didn't locate like we've seen him locate," Tigers manager Phil Garner said. "But he got outs when he needed them and he made the pitches."

Holt, who still lives in the Dallas area during the offseason, had 65-to-70 family members and friends in the stands.

"It was a little bit different. I running around at home and doing a lot of stuff today," Holt said. "I was able to keep my mind off of it until I got to the park."

Matt Anderson allowed one run in three innings for his first save in three opportunities.

Mirabelli was filling in for All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez, who was placed on the 15-day disabled list because of a bruised left heel. Mirabelli was 0-for-1

with two walks, and Detroit was 2-for-3 in stolen bases against him.

Gabe Kapler led off the second with his second homer, and is hitting .393 (11-for-28) with hits in seven of the eight games since coming off the disabled list.

After Alex Rodriguez reached on a two-out double in the third, Rafael Palmeiro hit his sixth homer to make it 7-3.

Detroit added another run in the seventh when Damion Easley, the first batter faced by Mark Petkovsek, hit an RBI single. Cruz had reached on a two-out double against R.A. Dickey, who replaced Oliver in the third.

Rusty Greer had an RBI double in the ninth to make it 8-4.

Oliver gave up eight hits and seven runs, just four earned, raising his ERA from 6.49 to 7.22.

The Rangers scored 33 runs in Oliver's first four starts. Oliver didn't get a decision last week at Cleveland after he gave up seven runs in four innings in a game the Rangers won 11-9.

## FPC signs all-state cager

**BORGER** — Justin Collins from Airline High School in Bossier City, La. has signed a national letter of intent to continue his basketball playing career at Frank Phillips College.

He is the first signee of the spring period for FPC coach Steve Payne, who begins his second year as coach of the Plainsmen this fall.

Collins, a 5-11, 170-pound, Class 5A honorable mention all-state guard, averaged 18.1 points and 6.2 assists per game as a senior. He led the Airline Vikings to a 24-10 record last season. The All-City (Bossier

City) selection also shot 40 percent from the three-point line.

"We're incredibly excited to have Justin as part of our basketball family," Payne said. "He gives us a true point guard on the floor and has the potential to a very effective contributor at that position next year in this league. I feel confident that's he's up to the task. Justin has all the qualities on the court, off the court and in the classroom that I want in a Frank Phillips Plainsman. He fits our style of play and will be a tremendous asset for the next two years."

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# Army aims for environmentally friendly — not people friendly — ammo

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. military is trying to go green, and not just with berets or fatigues.

In a multimillion dollar project, the Army has come up with a new bullet said to be just as deadly as the old lead-based one but cleaner for the Earth.

"We want to be good stewards of the environment," said Army spokeswoman Karen Baker.

The military says using "green ammunition" cuts soil contamination caused by the millions of slugs fired year after year at its practice ranges. In the new bullet, a less toxic tungsten composite replaces the lead.

It's just one of the Pentagon's efforts to keep troops trained for combat while protecting the environment on military land. Critics say the armed forces have a long way to go on that score.

In a program it says has cost about \$12 million so far, the Army in 1994 started researching ways to make a more environmentally friendly 5.56 mm bullet. It's used in the M-16 rifle, a weapon issued to every Army infantry soldier, and an estimated 200 million rounds are shot a year.

Researchers studied different combinations of metal to design a slug that would perform the same as the old one, have the same density, ballistic quality and so on, said Michael Dette of the Army Environmental Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

They settled on a tungsten composite slug and kept the old copper casing to produce a bullet Dette says actually turned out to be more accurate and causes less barrel erosion. Soldiers won't notice a difference, he said.

The Army, which produces ammunition for all the services, started limited use of the new version in 1999 and is producing 50 million rounds this year for practice at a new range in Alaska and an old contaminated one in Massachusetts.

Officials hope the switch to lead-free slugs will be complete in 2005.

The new bullets cost about 8 cents each compared with a half cent for the old ones. Dette said they'll cost less in full production and when officials consider the savings of millions of dollars that would otherwise go for cleaning contaminated ranges.

The 5.56 mm bullet accounts for half the small caliber ammunition used annually — troops shoot another 200 million rounds of 7.62 mm and 9 mm bullets, not to mention mortars, artillery and other large ammunition.

The lead slug is not the only noxious part of the bullet. Chemicals used for sealing, waterproofing and painting the bullet as well as for propelling the slug also are being studied — and some of their ingredients have been changed, too. But officials don't know when ammunition might be completely green.

In 1997, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ordered the Army's Massachusetts Military Reservation to stop all live-fire training after a study showed lead and other toxins seeping into Cape Cod's underground water supply. Troops started using the new ammunition there in October 1999.

But critics recently urged an end to training in small weapons at the reservation's Camp Edwards after a new National Guard study said soil had illegally high amounts of an ingredient from the ammunition's propellant.

Baker said the Army is working on its own study.

"It doesn't matter what you make the bullet out of if the propellant

is nasty stuff," said Joel Feigenbaum, a local activist. "Then it's not green."

Activists are pressing for widespread improvements in munitions and want something done about the chemical runoff from solvents that troops use to wash machinery.

"If they eventually get the lead out of everything and all the other hazards out of everything, this could be an important step," said Steven Taylor of the advocacy group Military Toxics Project based in Lewiston, Maine.

"But if it's taken ... years to get this far, it doesn't speak well for how long it might take to get the rest of the way," he said.

Taylor said the \$4.3 billion the Pentagon will spend on environmental activities this year is too tiny a fraction of its \$296 billion budget.

Pentagon officials say keeping forces ready for combat is getting to be a challenge when they have to deal with environmental laws and urban sprawl that has brought civilians to the fence line of once-isolated military facilities.

## Austin Elementary



(Special photo)

Austin Elementary students dressed-up as famous people recently. Above: Students participating included (front row, left-right) Mitchell Killgo, Tye Powell, Michael Adams; (middle row) Cheyanne Jones, Mary McKay, Ashley Williams, Emilie Troxell, Hannah White, Allison Pfizner, Kelsey Wallum; (back row) Mrs. Vinson, teacher, Eric Lewis, Sarah Tatum, Caitlin Walker, Ryan Conner and Travis Hagerman.

## Keeping an Eye on Texas

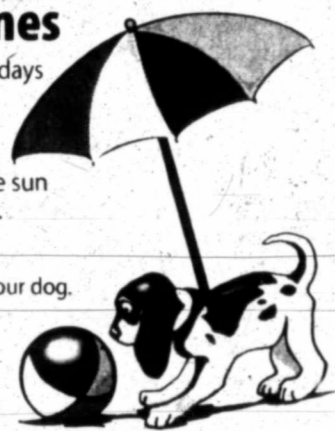
### Hot Tips for Cool Canines

The sizzling temperatures of Texas' summer days are just around the corner. Some hot spots around the state may reach higher than 100 degrees. This summer remember to protect your dog as well as yourself from the sun while traveling or vacationing with your pet.

#### Beach Basics:

- Provide plenty of fresh water and shade for your dog.
- Apply sunblock to your dog's ears and nose 30 minutes prior to going outside, and limit your dog's exposure to the sun, especially during the hottest part of the day.
- Check with a lifeguard for daily water conditions. Dogs are easy targets for jellyfish and sea lice.
- Rinse your dog's coat before leaving the beach. Salt and other minerals found in the ocean can damage it.
- Prevent your dog from drinking too much salt water. Salt in the water will make the dog sick.
- Limit your dog's exercise. Running on a beach is strenuous exercise and a dog that is out of shape can easily pull a tendon or ligament.

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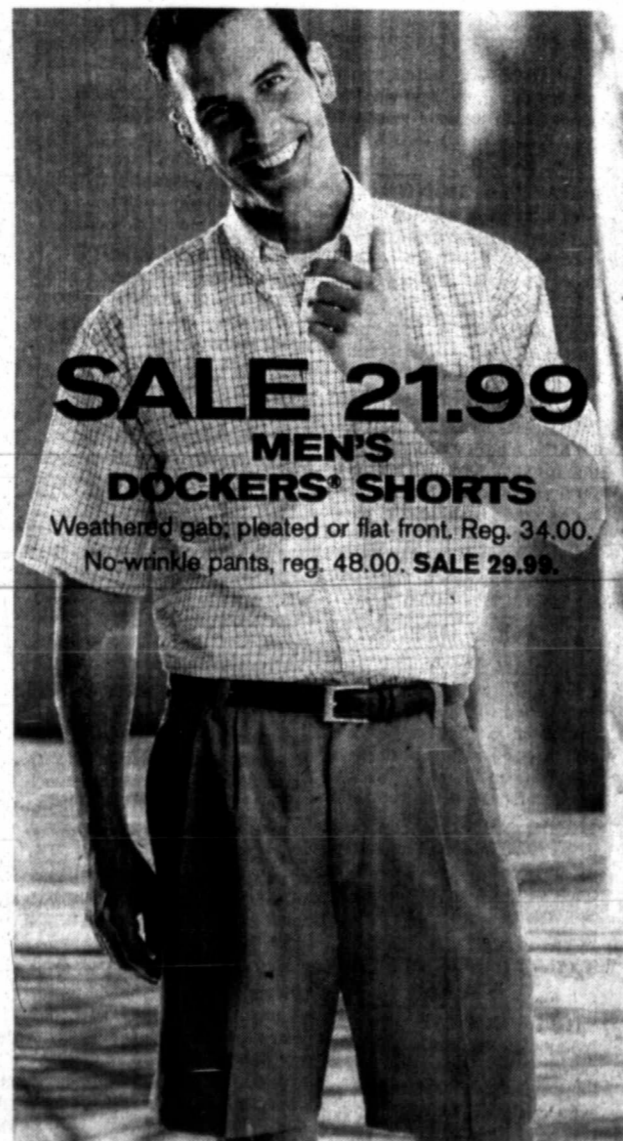
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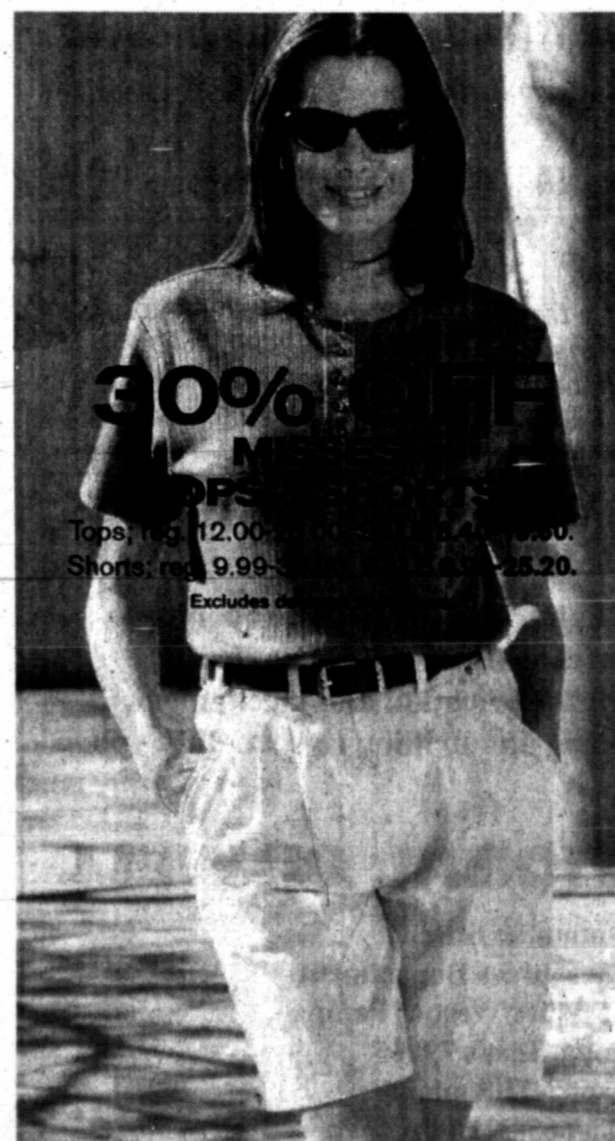
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