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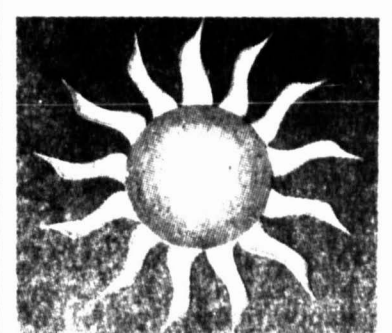
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PMS choirs to perform spring concert tonight

Tonight, May 15, Pampa Middle School choirs will present their final concert of the 2000-2001 school year at 7 p.m. in the PMS Auditorium. This spring concert of the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade choirs traditionally features music from movies, Broadway shows, and pop hits both past and present. Some numbers are student-choreographed, along with a number of solos and ensembles to add to the night's entertainment. Each year, the 8th graders wind up their years at PMS by singing "Friends." The public is invited.

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Judge Cain to hang up robe after long service



Senior District Judge Don Cain has retired from the bench.

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

After more than a half century of public service, Senior District Judge Don Cain has decided to hang up his judicial robes and enjoy retirement with his wife Betty.

Judge Cain notified Judge Tom Phillips, chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court, that he would step down from his position on May 1 after a slow recovery from back surgery kept him from getting the 16 hours of continuing education required to remain a senior district judge.

"At 79 years of age, it has been my honor to serve Gray County as county attorney, as county judge, as 223rd District Judge and as a senior district judge of the State of Texas," Cain said in his resignation letter. "It is, regrettably, time for me to step aside."

Cain explained that his decision stemmed from an extension (See JUDGE, Page 3)

Help sought to nab thieves

Gray County Sheriff's deputies believe someone must have seen \$4,000 worth of welding equipment and tools stolen from a construction company located at one of Pampa's busiest intersections.

Sometime between 2 p.m. Sunday, May 13, and 9 a.m., Monday, May 14, someone backed a vehicle through an iron gate at Howard Construction Co., 1921 N. Hobart, and hitched it to a white trailer containing a gray Lincoln welder, oxygen bottles and various tools, then drove away, according to sheriff's office reports.

Total value of the stolen items is estimated at \$4,000, officials said. A heavy padlock on the gate had been cut, possibly with bolt cutters.

Sheriff's reports indicate the business is located in a high traffic area on Pampa's main business street, North Hobart, where it intersects with 21st Street. An Allsup's convenience store stands directly across from the business, and Mc's Car Wash is next door.

"There's so much traffic there, I can't believe somebody didn't see a car or a pickup back in there, hitch it to the trailer and then leave," according to Sheriff Don Copeland.

Anyone having information regarding the theft can contact Gray County Sheriff's Office at 669-8022. Those reporting information can remain anonymous, the sheriff said.

State employees to get 4 percent boost under plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Most state employees would get a 4 percent pay raise or a minimum \$100 monthly boost under a plan adopted late Monday by a Senate-House committee drafting the next state budget.

The pay raise would apply to all state employees except for a few in areas that would get targeted salary increases, including the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Texas Youth Commission and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

The increases would cost at least \$456 million in 2003. Because specific amounts are still being worked out for

TDCJ employees and others, that number is likely to rise.

The committee unanimously agreed to fund the raises for the first year of the upcoming biennium. A second year of increases would be funded if lawmakers can afford it, said House Appropriations Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo.

The Senate had proposed a 5 percent across-the-board salary increase or \$100 monthly minimum for all employees. The plan had a \$586 million state price tag. The House wanted to spend \$130 million for targeted raises.

Senate Finance Chairman Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said he was pleased

with the compromise.

"Recognizing the budgetary constraints that we operate under...I think that 4 percent is reasonable," Ellis said.

The employee pay raise has emerged as one of the session's top priorities.

State agency heads repeatedly told state budget writers this session that their employee turnover rates were too high and that they were losing skilled workers to businesses that pay better wages.

Employee groups had called for an 8.25 percent pay raise for all state workers, which would have cost about \$1 billion.

"We feel like given the tight budget that they're dealing with this year that this is pretty good," said Andy Homer, director of government relations for the Texas Public Employees Association.

The across-the-board percentage raise was a positive, he said.

"We're glad that everybody is getting something because initially that was one of the concerns we had," Homer said.

A state audit released in December showed the turnover rate for state employees was nearly 3 percent, up from 17.6 percent in 1999. Some state agencies turnover rates higher than 30 percent.

Skunk, cow test negative

More test results awaited

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Pampa's Animal Control Director Sandy Burns said Tuesday morning the dog sent for rabies testing last week did not have the disease, according to the Texas Department of Health laboratory in Austin.

Burns expressed relief the animal tested negative for rabies. She also said a cow sent last week for testing was not rabid. If the cow had tested positive, several people would have had to undergo the rabies shots, said Burns.

"We have been very fortunate we have not had human exposure to the disease," said Burns. "Rabies is fatal to humans, and it is so simple to prevent."

Burns continues to urge local residents to get their animals vaccinated against rabies.

"Family pets can become infected by coming in contact with the wild animals such as skunks," said Burns. "If that family pet, dog or cat, contracts the disease they can pass it on to children in the family, or adults. It is fatal, and can be prevented by immunizing your pets."

(See SKUNK, Page 3)

American Legion Post forming here

Work is under way to charter an American Legion Post in Pampa and representatives of the organization will be in town today and tomorrow meeting with area veterans.

One of the representatives, Paul Loftis, told *The Pampa News* there is a "core group" of about 30 veterans in Pampa and Gray County who belong to the American Legion on a national basis. Having a local post, he said, will give these veterans a chance to participate in more Legion activities.

American Legion Department Commander Jim C. Young, Department of Texas recently announced plans for the new post.

Loftis said all veterans should be aware of the services The American Legion provides for the veteran, their family and the children and youth of the community. The American Legion in Texas supports 52 Scouting units, 53 Junior Shooting Sports Teams and 100 Baseball Teams. Some of the famous baseball players to take part in this program are Roger Clemens, Pudge Rodriguez, Rick Helling, Ken Caminiti, and Alex Rodriguez.

The Department of Texas also had the National High School Oratorical Contest winner, who received an \$18,000 scholarship. (See LEGION, Page 3)

Quite frankly... What question would you like to see asked in this column?



"I would ask what people think about all the teenage pregnancy in this town."
 — Cecillia Rodriguez



"What can be done to create more jobs?"
 — Ed Echols



"Why is gasoline so much higher in Pampa and cheaper in towns in the surrounding area?"
 — Jerry Isbell



"I would like to ask why the city complains about the economy and they seem so negative about everything."
 — Stanley Martinez



"I would like to see the question: 'What is the PEDC doing for Pampa?'"
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JUDGE

since back surgery performed in April 2000.

"I haven't healed as fast as I'd like to," he said. "Each senior district judge has to have 16 hours of continuing education each year. It's a good rule, otherwise people get old and cantankerous and don't do what they're supposed to."

He said the education helps senior district judges keep up with new laws and with recent Supreme Court decisions that could affect cases they might hear.

"I haven't kept up because I've been trying to get well," Cain said. "The people have honored me with a lifetime of work and I think they should know."

Cain came to Pampa in 1951 as a young attorney fresh from serving in the Korean Conflict as a U.S. Navy lieutenant. He went into practice with Pampa lawyer, Jimmy Thompson, and married Betty Culbertson.

He entered public office when he was elected county attorney in 1954, a position he held for 14 years. A bid for district attorney in the 1968 elections failed, he said.

Then in 1970, Cain was elected as Gray County Judge.

"I served as county judge until I was appointed 223rd District Judge by Gov. Dolph Briscoe (in 1977)," he said.

In 1991, Cain retired "for the first time" as district judge but soon was asked to serve as a senior district judge, filling in for other district judges throughout the state.

As a district judge, Cain shared judicial responsibilities with 31st District Judge Grainger McIlhany.

"When I became judge, because of the two (overlapping) districts, Judge McIlhany and I each took half the criminal cases. I took basically all the civil cases," he said.

While McIlhany heard two capital cases during the time Cain served as district judge, Cain said he never judged a case involving the death penalty.

"I heard a lot of divorce cases — that was really a sad thing. And I remember some custody cases that were pretty tough. Then we had some cases in oil and gas and adoptions," he said.

"In a criminal case, sometimes you had to send someone to prison when you felt — because of what the defense presented — the fellow could probably make probation, but, you had to send him to prison," Cain said. "I realized it had to be up to the parole board instead of me."

"There were some I felt pretty sorry for, but because of the law, you have to go ahead and send them to prison," he added.

Cain believes a good judge must have these qualities: "The ability to listen and reason. You have to be patient and you have to hear both sides and you must be interested at arriving at fair and just decisions."

The use of DNA as a forensic tool was in its infancy when Cain stepped down as district judge.

"I never had anything to do with DNA. It wasn't going on during my time, but I think it will probably settle some criminal cases," he said.

Cain doesn't believe that DNA evidence is as foolproof as many experts say. "Look at fingerprints. They were once considered conclusive, but now fingerprints aren't considered as fall proof evidence."

"Perhaps DNA isn't absolutely foolproof either," he said. "A lot of that depends on the expertise of the persons doing the testing. It's a good point of evidence now, but not the complete answer any more than fingerprints."

"It's not completely foolproof but it's still a good test to settle a case," he added.

"I have really enjoyed being district judge," Cain said. "I believe I have fairly served the people of Gray County and this area."

"I owe a lot to my wife and children being understanding of all the time it took," he said.

He and Betty are parents to four children: State Rep. David Cain of Dallas; Don Cain Jr., an executive with SBC Corp. in Washington D.C.; daughter Dale Husen who holds a masters degree in education and whose husband is an attorney in Levelland; and Randy Cain, an Austin lawyer.

Cain was awarded the Order of the Arrow for his work as a Boy Scout leader and as president of the local Boy Scout council. Two of his sons were Eagle Scouts and one earned a Life Scout honor, he said.

"I'm really proud of my work in that," he said.

Cain is also an active member of First Baptist Church and is a member and past president of the Pampa Rotary Club.

His retirement plans include a trip with Betty to Washington, D.C. to visit his son's family. He hopes to take more trips, he said, as well as stay around his home and enjoy his wife's flowers and the birds they attract.

It's a far cry from the excitement of being a district judge, but Cain said he's now ready to retire — really — this time.

20th Century Club



(Community Camera photo by Dorothy Stowers)

Twentieth Century Club recently installed the following officers for the upcoming club year: Pat Terry, president; Louise Bailey, vice president; Rue Park, secretary; Phyllis White, treasurer; Evelyn Warner, reporter; and Vonna Wolf, parliamentarian.

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LEGION

American Legion Service Officers assist in the recovery of \$100's of millions in aid and services annually for Americas' veterans. Department of Texas Service Officers have assisted in filing over 7,300 claims in the past year.

The National Emergency Fund is a prime example of veterans helping veterans and their families in the event of National Disaster. A good example: In 1999, Nationwide over \$300,000 was awarded in grants to assist veterans who fell into this category.

The American Legion awards more than 1 million in college scholarships annually. Scholarship and financial aid programs are designed to help prepare Americas' youth for the 21st Century.

The American Legion has many money saving discounts programs designed to save the member \$100's of dollars annually.

American Legion members receive a monthly award winning "The American Legion" magazine designed to keep them informed of veteran benefits articles of interest and reunion information.

If you are a veteran of know of veterans with an interest in the future of veteran benefits, and the future of your community, please contact: Conrad Roberson (915) 553-7758 or Paul Loftis (317) 213-5694, for additional information on American Legion programs and membership.

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Officers investigate burglary; \$1,700 worth of items stolen

Pampa police officers were investigating a burglary in the 1300 block of Charles in which almost \$1,700 worth of items was taken.

Authorities said that sometime between Tuesday, May 8, and 10:30 a.m., Monday, May 14, some one broke into the home of Travis Ross Guess, 26, at 1332 Charles, and reportedly took about \$1,500 in jewelry and about \$200 in household items.

Officers said burglars broke into the home through an unlocked window and stole a diamond engagement ring valued at \$500, a wedding ring valued at \$500, a class ring valued at \$200 and a flower-shaped ring valued at \$300.

Burglars also took a compact disc player valued at \$150. Officers said burglars also stole an oak table and two oak end tables valued at \$40.

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SKUNK

Six of the 12 skunks found in the City of Pampa have tested positive for rabies. The latest results came back Friday.

Three of the rabid skunks have been found in the southeast section of Pampa, and another suspicious skunk was found in that area of town Monday night.

Burns said a suspicious acting skunk was located Monday night at the intersection of Bruno and Tignor. The animal was euthanized and its head will be mailed to the Austin lab today for testing. Results should be back Thursday.

She said the skunk was out during daylight hours, which is uncharacteristic for healthy skunks. All animals that have been confirmed as rabid in the city limits have been out during the day.

Residents are urged to contact the Animal Control Department if they see an animal acting suspiciously. If an individual does kill a suspicious acting animal, Burns requests her department be notified.

The recent rabies outbreak is the largest local animal workers can remember in the area, and the first in 11 years.

The last was a bat on Nov. 15, 1990. The other case was a coyote on Sept. 7, 1989, according to

Lawmakers may revise worker's comp rules

HOUSTON (AP) — Lawmakers this week are expected to review a proposal to improve Texas' workers' compensation system, improving benefits and provisions for medical treatment after on-the-job injuries.


The measure, which would provide lifetime income benefits for seriously burned employees and encourage employers to provide "light duty" so workers can return to work faster, is getting widespread support from the Texas Medical Association and the AFL-CIO.

Burns who has been in animal control for 21 years.

Anyone seeking information may contact the Pampa Animal Control, 669-5775.

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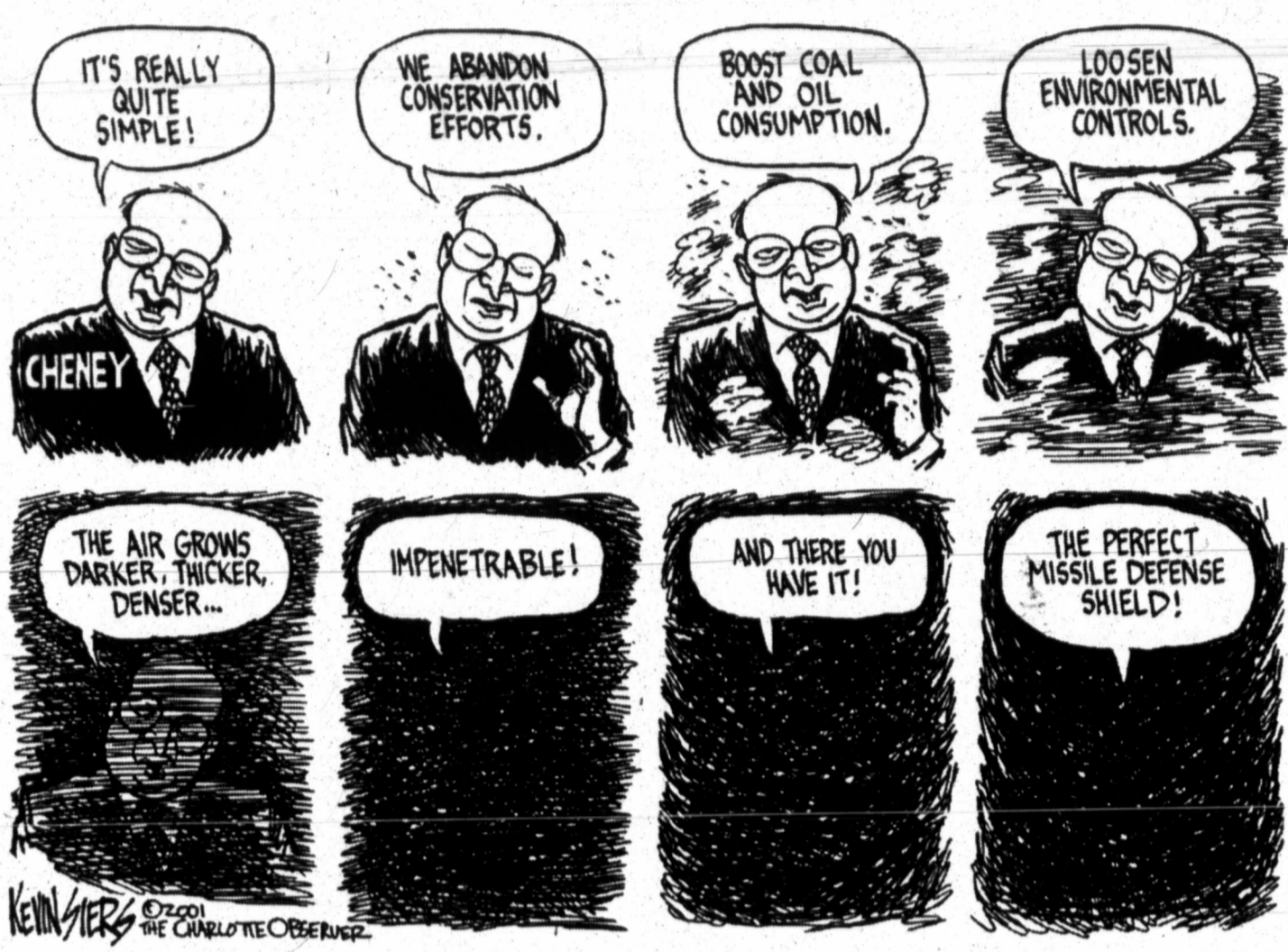
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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas: Odessa American on Peruvian casualties reflect badly on drug war:

Wars produce casualties from what is euphemistically called "friendly fire" or "collateral damage."

In the war on drugs, two more people became casualties a week ago today, this time directly from military fire. Although facts still are being sorted out, what seems to be clear is that a CIA plane notified the military of Peru that a private Cessna 185 airplane was suspected of carrying drugs. The Peruvian Air Force then shot down the plane. Two American missionaries were killed, Roni Bowers and her baby daughter, Charity. Roni Bowers husband, son and the pilot survived.

The CIA is insisting that it didn't order the plane shot down. And Peru's Air Force rejected "suggestions from the White House that it failed to follow the rules of engagement before opening fire on a plane carrying American missionaries that was mistaken for a drug flight," according to Associated Press reports.

The Peruvians said they ordered the plane to land. But "the pilot was in radio contact with the tower at the time the shooting began. The tower people heard that and were aware of what was going on over the radio," Michael Loftis told ABC News; he's president of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, with which Roni Bowers was associated.

A proper flight plan had been filled out and was on file at the flight tower where the plane was landing; a copy of the flight plan is on the ABWE Web site. The ABWE site also says that the pilot was in contact with the Peruvian control tower.

Such indiscriminate shooting down of alleged drug planes "is a policy we dare not conduct in the United States," according to Ian Vasquez, director of the Project on Global Economic Liberty at the Cato Institute. Vasquez was born in Peru.

He also pointed out that the U.S. government "supposedly is trying to help advance civil society" in Peru through aiding such democratic institutions as the legislature and free markets. But such military assaults, as well as "pervasive corruption from the drug war," have the opposite result. "This is the result of the drug war. The result is corruption and violence, not a reduction in drugs going to the United States."

News was made this time because the victims were American citizens. "But typically the victims of the drug war in Latin America are peasants, so they're not noticed," he said. The peasants often are caught in the crossfire between "the military and drug-financed groups."

The killing of Roni Bowers and Charity should wake up all Americans to the deadly realities of the war on drugs and hasten a reassessment of government policy. Unfortunately, last year Congress approved \$1.3 billion for stepping up the "war" on drugs in Colombia, which borders Peru.

More and more, citizens are coming to realize that drug abuse primarily is a medical problem, one that should more frequently be remedied with medical-based solutions, not law enforcement responses, such as jail terms, seizures at homes and military force abroad.

Dreams can come true in America



J.B. Horton
Guest columnist

Are questions important? Where would we be without questions? I have been told the difference between successful people and not-so successful people are the questions we ask ourselves. But maybe it's not just the questions we ask, it's how we answer them. The old, powerful, wise Bible verse "ask, and you shall receive, seek and ye shall find," is so very, very true.

Recently, I found myself revisiting some questions I had in my life around this time last year. Questions like: What career plans did I want to make? Where did I want to go? Why did I want to go there? Who would I go with? What are my dreams? How was I going to pay for it? Questions, I dare say, we all ask.

Sometimes, life is a roller coaster. Or is that an answer to a question? Maybe if you don't like roller coasters, a better answer would be life is a gift — a gift in which we should enjoy and receive with a gracious heart. For me, life has been a gift and a roller coaster this past year.

Last May, I felt lost. I had very little direction

in my life. I had no career goals set. No steady job. And I was turned down many times for different opportunities. It seemed like the only positive thing in my life was the support of my family and their continuous encouragement. I even remember hearing my dad say one time, "When a door shuts, a widow may open." So, I learned to keep my eyes open for new light and fresh air for that window that might open. Well, a window did open for me.

Today, I work for the President of the United States. On Feb. 23, 2001, I was appointed by President George W. Bush to work in the Small

Business Administration (SBA). My role at the SBA is to help promote U.S. Small business exports all around the world. Studying international business in college and then living in Mexico for a short time, brings my classroom experience to life in this new job. With a \$300 billion small business export market in the U.S., the SBA keeps me busy.

The question remains, can dreams come true? Answer: They can in America. In one year's time, my life is completely different. With this new experience, like any new experience, I will learn a great amount. The questions I ask myself will be a little different than a year ago, but the answers I give will still determine the outcome of success. In this new job, I get to serve the greatest people on earth. Dreams can come true. After a lot of hard work, and a little luck, I feel very fortunate to have seen the light from the window that created this new position, without question.

—J.B. Horton is a Pampa native and a Presidential appointee with the Bush Administration in Washington, D.C.

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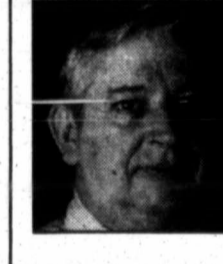
By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, May 15, the 135th day of 2001. There are 230 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On May 15, 1911, the Supreme Court ordered the dissolution of Standard Oil Co., ruling it was in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act.
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In 1602, Cape Cod was discovered by English navigator Bartholomew Gosnold.
In 1886, poet Emily Dickinson died in Amherst, Mass.

In 1918, U.S. airmail began service between Washington, Philadelphia and New York.
In 1930, Ellen Church, the first airline stewardess, went on duty aboard a United Airlines flight between San Francisco and Cheyenne, Wyo.
In 1940, nylon stockings went on general sale for the first time in the United States.
In 1942, gasoline rationing went into effect in 17 states, limiting sales to three gallons a week for non-essential vehicles.
In 1963, U.S. astronaut L.

Gordon Cooper blasted off aboard "Faith Seven" on the final mission of the Project Mercury space program.
In 1969, Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas resigned amid a controversy over his past legal fees.
In 1970, Phillip Lafayette Gibbs and James Earl Green, two black students at Jackson State University in Mississippi, were killed when police opened fire during student protests.
In 1972, George C. Wallace was shot by Arthur Bremer and left paralyzed while campaigning in

Laurel, Md., for the Democratic presidential nomination.
Ten years ago: President Bush took Britain's Queen Elizabeth II to a baseball game between the Baltimore Orioles and the Oakland Athletics (the queen left after two innings). French President Francois Mitterrand appointed Edith Cresson to be France's first female premier.
Five years ago: Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole announced he was leaving the Senate after 27 years to challenge President Clinton full-time.

Bush needs to call a spade a spade



Charley Reese
Syndicated columnist

One test coming soon for President Bush will be when he speaks about Armenia. Will he have the stuff to refer to what happened to the Armenians from 1894 to 1915 as genocide? If he does, Turkey, a NATO ally, will be greatly upset. It might even toss Americans out of its air bases from which we routinely bomb Iraq. The Turkish government has made a great effort in recent years to dismiss the Armenian deaths as casualties of a civil war.

It doesn't seem so. The Ottoman Turks, an ally of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and Germany during World War I, distrusted Armenians, even though they had pledged their loyalty. Therefore, the Ottoman Turks decided to transport forcibly 2 million Armenians to Syria and Mesopotamia. As many as 1.5 million Armenians died. Seems like genocide to me. And there were other massacres after that.

In my more naive days, I once chided then-Sen. Bob "The Viagra Pitchman" Dole for proposing a resolution commemorating Armenian genocide. I argued: Why stick our nose into a controversy that really does not concern us? I got angry mail from more Armenians than I knew even existed.

Since then, I've repented, though not because of the angry mail. If the United States is going to be the moralistic policeman of the universe, then, by God, let's not let diplomacy stand in the way of calling a spade a spade. If you're moving 2 million people and you lose 75 percent, I'd say you lost them on purpose.

So the president should speak out about the Armenian genocide, and, if the Turks don't like it, tough beans. He should not let the fact that they allow the use of their air bases or the prospects of an oil pipeline from the Caspian Sea area influence his moral judgment. He's a Christian, and Christians are supposed to cherish the truth.

It's bad enough that we've been silent all the

a hard temptation to resist. Getting back to Bush and his at-this-point confusing foreign policy, there are really two choices. We can play hardball, imperial politics in which we define right as what is in our interests at the moment and wrong as what ain't. Or we can take the moral high ground and support human rights and decline to associate with those who do not respect them.

The latter is by far the most difficult. If we followed it strictly, we could probably reduce the number of U.S. embassies abroad by about two-thirds. Contact with many so-called allies would have to be cut off. Human rights get a lot of lip service but very little practice in most parts of the world. Our own record would not stand a close scrutiny.

The other style is not that easy either, because what the government at any given moment decides is "in our interests" is frequently kept secret and has nothing whatsoever to do with the American people. Nor does it have anything to do with the publicly stated reasons.

Turkey is at least bluntly honest. It is not, for example, a good place to try a hunger strike. So far 17 people have died protesting prison conditions with hunger strikes, and the government had made it plain that it doesn't care if all of them die.

Turkey has never been a "friend" of the United States. It was just that during the Cold War we had the same enemy. But today we don't. Our mutually shared enemy, the Soviet Union, no longer exists. Therefore, no reason exists for either Turkey or the United States to do each other any favors.

Turkey is experiencing very hard times at the moment, and I would say is politically unstable. Now would be a good time to dig out old "Viagra" Bob's resolution commemorating the Armenian genocide. Let's see if President Bush has the backbone to speak in favor of it.

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~ Business Review ~

Busy describes Pampa Communications

A promise of no raise in rates for at least one and one-half years has a definite appeal to it. Customers of Pampa Communications Satellite are guaranteed their monthly programming cost will not be increased before 2003, said Pam Hathcoat, manager of the local business.

She said the rapidly growing business has been quite busy in recent months. A special offer of \$49.99 for two televisions and remotes along with installation costs and one month programming costs has generated considerable business among their old customers as well as new ones, she said.

Business has been growing rapidly, said Hathcoat. She said the local business wanted to offer their customers something different when they began the satellite business one and one-half years ago. She said not only does Pampa Communications Satellite sell satellite dishes, but the business also installs and provides service to them.

Cellular accessories have recently been added to the business, including covers in a wide assortment of colors and designs. Strawberry, sunflowers and leopard are among the many designs and colors.

Customers get over 500 channels, she said. A wide customer base has been developed by the business. It now extends all over the Texas Panhandle and into Oklahoma.

The business is constantly expanding outside the immediate area. Service is provided to customers in Miami, Canadian, Dumas, Perryton, Stinnett, Wheeler and Ardmore, Okla.

The third-generation family member has been working at the business 11 years. Her grandmother began the business, and Pam is enjoying continuing the service through the years.

"I have met all kinds of people, and I've made many good friends," she said.

She has raised her children at the business, and her customers have become acquainted with the family. Her two older sons, Roper and Rodee, accompanied her to work until the went to school. Now, her youngest son, Rylan, accompanies her to the business. The toddler has recently begun walking, and is finding all the hidden nooks at the local business.

Pam's grandparents, Dorothy and E. C. Fulton, opened Answering Services of Pampa in April, 1960, at 111 S. Ballard. In 1966 the business relocated to

641 N. Hobart and renamed Pampa Communications. Her grandfather died that year and Dorothy continued to run the business until she retired in 1991.

At that time her daughter, and Pam's mother, took over. Beverly continues to manage the Pampa Communications part of the business. It has served as an answering service, a two-way radio communications business and a two-way repair shop. They sell cellular phones and rent/sell pagers.

Office personnel of the local business are Jane Chapman, Tina Renner, Tanya Gasaway,

Beth Young, Jo Jernigan, and Helen Griffin. Installers are Kory Tice and Glen Smith.

The answering service is maintained 24-hours a day.

The customer-base includes medical personnel, Hoover Fire Department, residences, industrial businesses and oil-field related businesses.

A communication needs have changed and expanded, Pampa Communications and Pampa Communications Satellite have grown steadily to meet their customers' needs and interests. The business plans to keep right on growing.



(Pampa News photos by Nancy Young)

Pam Hathcoat, manager of Pampa Communications Satellite, welcomes any inquiries about the local business. She displays the latest in cellular covers available at the local business. At left, from right, Pam and her son, Rylan, welcome back her mom, Beverly Snider, who reports she is back at work from her fishing trip.



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Lessons of Etiquette Should Be Elementary for All Kids

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Perplexed in Virginia," about the snubbing her first-grade son received from classmates throwing birthday parties, resonated with me, as I'm sure it did with many other parents.

My 7-year-old granddaughter has recently been hurt twice when girls in her class invited her for their parties, but did not invite her to stay for the sleep-over afterward. Boasting on the part of the girls who got to stay made it even sadder for the few who had to leave when the actual party was over.

Abby, perhaps you should open the door for letters about other birthday abuses — like reacting negatively after opening a gift. Perhaps some young parents never learned to be sensitive, and you could launch a crusade to spare the feelings of youngsters.

SADDENED GRANNY

DEAR GRANNY: I'm pleased to oblige. Children cannot learn what they haven't been taught — and there's no better way to raise awareness than reading first-person accounts of painful experience. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have children in a small private school. Some of the students always invite the entire class to their birthday parties. My children do not. I want my children to be empathetic and respectful, but I also want them to grow up learning appropriate limits and boundaries. We invite one child for every year of age — at a fifth birthday party: five guests.

I offer my do's and don'ts for children's birthday parties:

Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

(1) Don't hand out invitations at school unless you plan to invite the entire class. Mail them instead.

(2) Don't schedule the party immediately after school. The partygoers should not arrive at the party en masse off the school bus.

(3) Don't discuss the party on the playground or in the lunchroom or classroom. If one of your guests mentions the party, simply say you're glad he or she can come. School is not the place to go into party details.

(4) Do ask your child to consider the mix of his or her guests. Are there two children on the list who don't get along? Is there a guest from the neighborhood who will feel out of place not knowing the guests from the school? Does every guest know at least one other guest — someone besides your child?

Etiquette isn't meant to entangle us, but to provide guidelines. I hope my children won't doggedly adhere to

strict rules of etiquette, but embrace a hospitality that considers the needs of others. Forcing the unrealistic expectation that we will be friends with everyone diminishes the child's ability to make wise choices and create healthy boundaries.

Our children do not have to be friends with every child in their classroom. But our children do have to be respectful of all.

MINNEAPOLIS MOM

DEAR MOM: I agree that the feelings of others must be respected, and you're never too young to learn that lesson. Limiting the size of birthday parties for your child makes sense. The problems arise when almost an entire class is invited to the party and just a few are excluded. Not every child is popular. However, that reality should not be magnified by his or her obvious exclusion. Make no mistake about it, those painful traumas last a lifetime.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips. For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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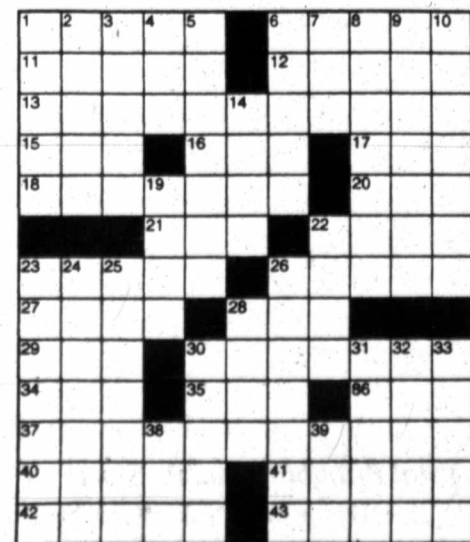
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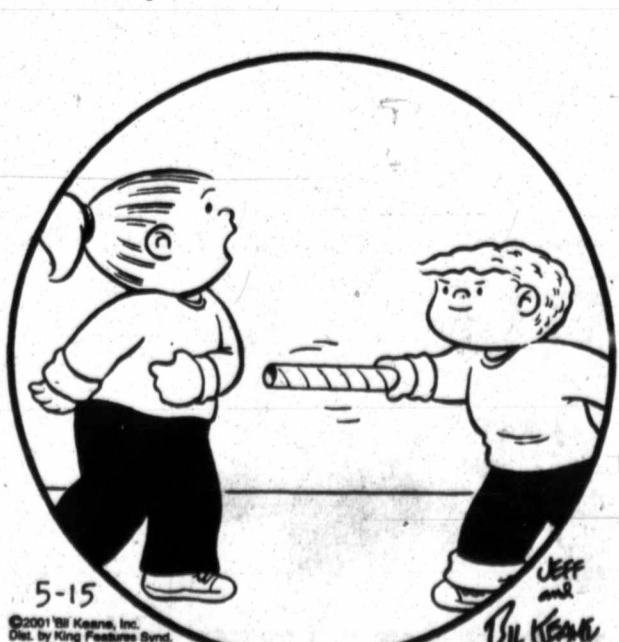
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SPORTS

Rotary hands Glo-Valve setback in 11-12 League

PAMPA — A usually solid Glo-Valve Service defense fell apart, committing nine errors and handing Rotary Club 16 unearned runs and a 17-4 win Saturday in an Opening Day game in the Optimist Cal Ripken 11-12 League.

Mark Stone allowed just two hits in pitching a complete-game victory for Rotary.

He surrendered 10 walks, hit a batter and struck out nine. Brett Ferrell started for Glo-Valve and struck out five of the six hitters he faced. R

obbie Dixon was the victim of Glo-Valve's poor fielding, allowing one earned run and five hits.

He walked three and hit a batter. Aaron Carr finished up for Glo-Valve and gave up no earned runs. He allowed one hit, a walk and one hit batter.

Glo-Valve led 1-0 after two innings on a walk to LeKeith Towles, a stolen base and

two wild pitches. Glo-Valve had its chances in the first two innings, but had a runner thrown out at home on an outstanding play from catcher Colton Barton to Stone, and left five on base in the two innings.

Six unearned runs gave Rotary the lead in the third. With one out, Barton was safe on an error. He went to second on a passed ball and to third on an infield out. He scored the tying run when Rusty Snider was safe on an error. Michael Robinson singled, Stone walked, Robert Butler was safe on an error, and Marcos Campos doubled and later scored to give Rotary a 6-1 lead.

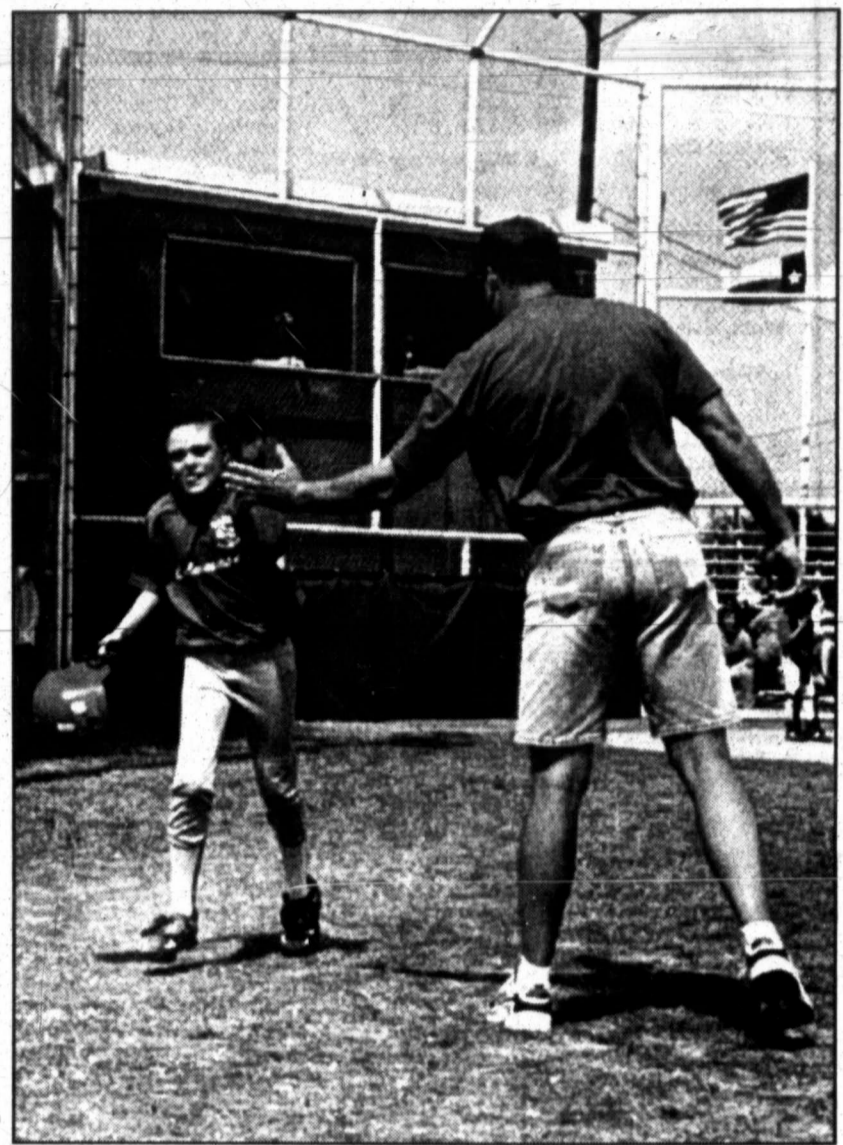
In Rotary's half of the fourth inning, Daniel Valdez walked and took second on a passed ball. Jonathan Carr made a sensational play on a short hop to nab Barton, but Valdez was moved to third. Daniel Heare singled him home and Snider forced Heare at second. Robinson was safe on a fielder's choice

throw which went into right field. Stone tripled in two runs and scored when Butler was safe on an error. Campos got his second hit of the game. An attempted pickoff of Butler at third went into left field allowing him to score. Kenny Hightower lofted a fly ball to center, which was dropped. Batting for the second time in the inning, Valdez was hit by a pitch.

Aaron Carr came on to pitch. Barton was safe on still another error. Heare walked and Snider was hit by a pitch. Robinson brought both runners in with a solid double to left field to make the score 17-1.

Glo-Valve gamely tried to come back in the bottom of the fourth, scoring three runs on five walks and an RBI single by Craig Crowell to account for the final margin.

Rotary improved to 4-1-1 and Glo-Valve's season record is 4-2. The first half of play ends next week.



(Pampa News photo)

Craig Conner of the Celanese team receives a hand slap from coach Tim Conner after scoring a run in an Optimist 9-10 year-old game last weekend. Celanese was competing against Kiwanis Club.

Notebook

GENERAL

PAMPA — The Youth Survival Club of Pampa will have a car wash at the Advance Auto Parts store on North Hobart from 10 to 5 Saturday.

All proceeds from the car wash will go to benefit the club.

BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — The Astros are close to signing free agent Vinny Castilla, according to a broadcast report.

Houston television station KRIV quoted unidentified sources Monday night as saying Castilla could be in a Houston Astros uniform as early as Tuesday night.

The Tampa Bay Devil Rays placed Castilla on waivers Thursday. He was on the disabled list three times last year and had only 93 at bats this season.

He played two years for the Atlanta Braves and seven for the Colorado Rockies.

HOCKEY

DENVER (AP) — Ray Bourque and Adam Foote scored as Colorado took control of the Western Conference finals with a 4-2 victory over St. Louis. Shjon Podein added what proved to be the game-winning goal in the third period to help the Avalanche take a 2-0 series lead. Patrick Roy, who has allowed just six goals in the last six games, finished with 28 saves for Colorado.

Also, Avalanche forward Peter Forsberg was released from the hospital, four days after having emergency surgery to remove his ruptured spleen.

AUTO RACING

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Davey Hamilton's position in the Indianapolis 500 lineup isn't guaranteed, yet.

He's far enough down the bump list, however, that he's confident he'll keep not only that spot but also his unique place in the Indy Racing League record book.

Over the six seasons since the IRL split from the established Championship Auto Racing Teams, Hamilton is the only driver to start each of the new series' 46 races.

"Thank God the streak is still alive," he said.

Hamilton has never won an IRL race or even started from the pole. But his durability has kept him on the various tracks a league-record 7,571 laps, or more than 200 laps more than his closest challenger, former Indy and IRL champion Buddy Lazier.

His streak was in jeopardy when he started the season without a ride. But his friendship with Sam Schmidt, a former driver who started his own team after he was paralyzed in a racing accident two years ago, kept the streak going.

"I just lucked out," Hamilton said. "Sam had a lot of drivers available. We've been friends, we both live in Las Vegas, and it just kind of worked out. ... Sam's a racer from the word go, and he can't do it as a driver so this is a great opportunity for him to be involved as an owner."

Hamilton's best finish in the three races so far this season was 12th in the opener at Phoenix, and he's 15th in the series standings.

The 38-year-old driver, the IRL runner-up in 1997 and 1998, qualified for his sixth Indianapolis 500 at 221.696 mph, tentatively putting him 31st in the lineup on the inside of the 11th and final row.

But there is still one more spot to fill in the 33-car lineup. And seven others who qualified at slower speeds than Hamilton would have to be bumped in the final round of qualifications on Sunday in order to keep Hamilton out.

Spurs, Lakers looking to settle their differences

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — David Robinson probably won't invite Shaquille O'Neal over for dinner. Gregg Popovich isn't likely to take Phil Jackson on a tour of the Alamo.

After nearly a year of verbal warfare, the San Antonio Spurs and Los Angeles Lakers will get the chance to settle their differences in the Western Conference finals.

The 1999 NBA champion Spurs earned the right to play the defending champs for a spot in this year's NBA Finals by beating the Dallas Mavericks 105-87 Monday night, ending a

second-round series in five games.

The showdown, which starts Saturday in San Antonio, will be the first conference finals pitting the two previous NBA champions since 1985. It's only the fifth such matchup in league history.

This one comes with some baggage. O'Neal called the Spurs a WNBA team last summer and Jackson has said San Antonio's title deserves an asterisk because it came in the lock-out-shortened season.

"It's a good series to hype up, isn't it?" said Robinson, the target of some harsh words in

O'Neal's recent book. "They've been playing great basketball, their best of the year, and our level of basketball has been extremely high. This is exciting. No question this is a big series."

The Spurs are on a nice roll. Six of their seven playoff wins have been by at least 13 points; their average margin over Dallas was 15.5.

San Antonio also has won all five home games and has home-court advantage against the Lakers. The Alamodome crowd already was looking forward to the next round by chanting "Beat LA!" in the final minutes

against the Mavericks.

"This is the series everybody wanted," said Tim Duncan, who led the Spurs with 32 points and 20 rebounds. "I don't know if we wanted it."

The Lakers are on an even better roll, having won 15 in a row. They just became the fifth team to sweep the first two rounds since the current playoff format was adopted in 1984.

"They are obviously the hottest team in the league," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "They are a really good defensive club, a heck of an offensive club and play

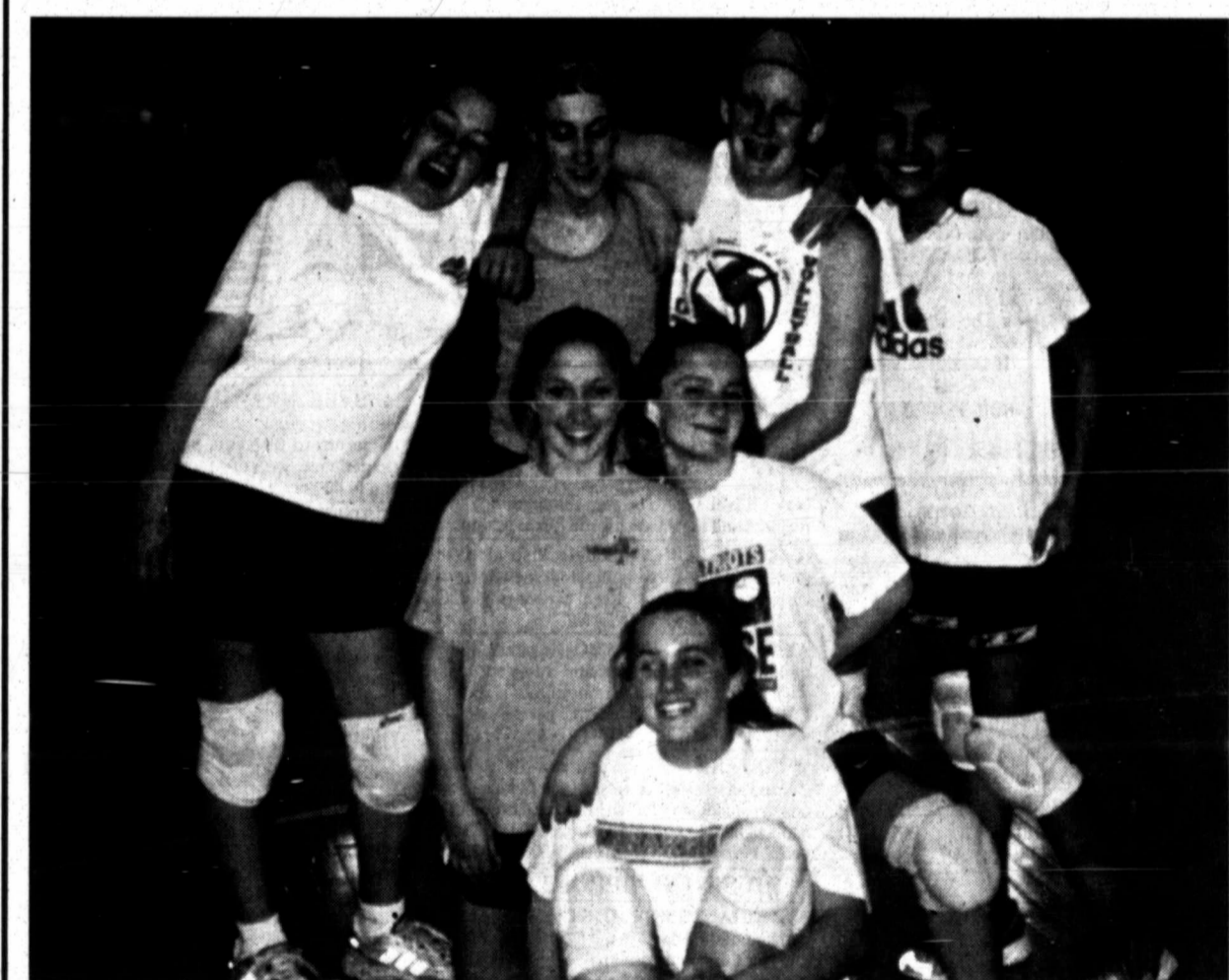
unselfishly. It's going to be a heck of a challenge for us."

Charlotte travels to Milwaukee for Game 5 of the Eastern Conference semifinal Tuesday night. The series is tied 2-2.

After blowing a chance for a sweep Saturday in Dallas, San Antonio wasted no time taking charge on Monday night.

Duncan and Robinson threw down early dunks and a 3-pointer by Danny Ferry put the Spurs up by double digits within eight minutes. The Spurs hit 15 of their first 20 shots and led by at least 11 for the final three quarters.

Pampa Patriots



(Special photo)

The Pampa Patriots, an Under 14 volleyball team, competed in the High Plains Volleyball Association this winter in Amarillo. Team members are Payton Baird (seated); kneeling (l-r) Lauren Boles and Jennie Rogers; standing (l-r) Teryn Garner, Alyssa Bromwell, Lindsey Ammons and Diana Resendiz. Not pictured is Jaclyn Spearman. Some of the Pampa sponsors were Curtis Well Service, Clifton Supply and G & W Services.

County 4-H rifle team competes at district

COLLEGE STATION — The Gray County 4-H team competed recently in the District 4-H Rifle Contest.

District 4-H Rifle Contest

Gray County results
2nd high team overall (state qualifier)

Coy Devoll - 6th high individual overall; 2nd high individual in prone position; 7th high individual in standing position, 6th high individual in kneeling position.

Junior Division
5th high team overall - Team members include Elizabeth Thomas, Rebeeka Lawrence,

Tom Davenport - 7th high individual overall; 10th high individual in prone position; 8th high individual in standing position; 2nd high individual in kneeling position.

Bobby Brummett - 8th high individual in prone position; 9th high individual in kneeling position.

Amanda Lawrence and Matt Daugherty.

Matt Daugherty - 9th high individual overall; 5th high individual in prone position; 2nd high individual in kneeling position.

Dirk Swope - 11th high individual overall; 5th high individual in standing position.

Amanda Lawrence - 8th high individual in prone position.

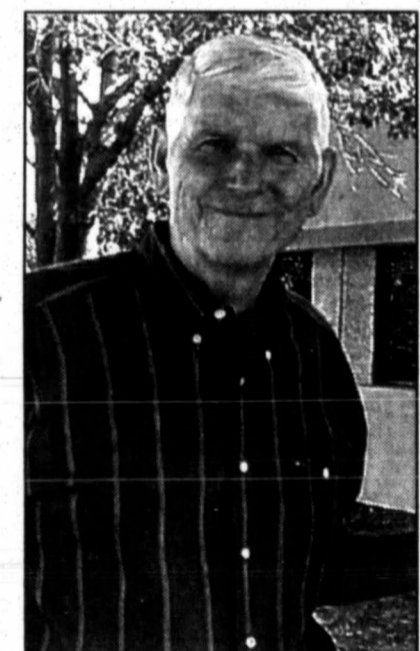
Coaches were Lee Cox and Doug Abbott.

Carver coming to Pampa

PAMPA — Texas author John Carver will be in Pampa on Friday to sign copies of his new book, *Hardball Fever*. Carver will be at Hastings Books and Music, 1500 North Hobart, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Hardball Fever is the fictional story of Rick Mason, a down-and-out baseball player. It's the tale of an ambitious young man's struggle to find his niche, and the choices he's forced to make between right and wrong. His rich, spoiled wife has filed for divorce. He's flat broke and on the verge of becoming an alcoholic. Then Mason's sinister father-in-law offers him a job managing a minor league club in the Texas Big State League. That's when Rick's troubles really begin. Rick's dream of making it back to the big leagues as manager quickly evolves into a nightmare as he plunges head-first into a world of greed and murder.

Carver is a graduate of Southern Methodist University. He is a licensed professional engineer, operating his Dallas consulting firm since 1970.



John Carver

Carver's first novel, *Winning*, was endorsed by more than 30 well-known Texas football coaches. Tarleton State University in Stephenville recently selected *Winning* as curriculum for freshman reading classes.

Astros rally for win over Reds

CINCINNATI (AP) — When the Houston Astros fell behind and a steady rain started to fall, manager Larry Dierker began to fret.

"The thing I was afraid of was that it would come down harder and the game would be stopped before we'd have a chance to come back," Dierker said.

No worries. The visiting team at Cinergy Field almost always gets what it needs to pull out a win.

The heavy rain stayed just to the north and the Astros got their comeback Monday night. Moises Alou's bases-loaded double in the seventh inning rallied the Astros to a 6-4 victory over the Cincinnati Reds, the NL's most accommodating home team.

In the only other National

League game, the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 11-8.

It was a soggy night of breakthroughs for the Astros, who took three of four in the series and have won eight of their last 11 games.

Alou's three-run double off Chris Reitsma (2-3) gave the Astros' struggling offense a rare clutch hit. Roy Oswalt, part of the U.S. Olympic team's rotation that won the gold medal last year in Sydney, got his first major league win by pitching 2 2-3 innings in relief.

Closer Billy Wagner got his third save in three days, another indication he's recovered from major elbow surgery last year.

"It's been a long time since I've been able to go (three in a row) and be successful," he said.

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Calendar of events

PAMPA PRISON MINISTRY

The Pampa Prison Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month at Central Baptist Church located at Francis and Starkweather at 7 p.m. sharp. For further information call Bob Andersen 665-4252 or J.B. Walker at 669-2266.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride all Sharon King, 665-2818.

TOP O' TEXAS RODEO ASSOCIATION

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month in the Nona S. Payne Room of Pampa Community Building.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST

Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, conducts prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. daily for the citizens of Pampa — the churches, the schools, etc. All are cordially invited to come and pray. For more information, call 665-4926.

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. no smoking, and Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m. call 665-9702 for information.

BOY SCOUTS

Pampa Boy Scouts meet at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Caprock Apartments Clubhouse.

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.

PAMPA ROTARY CLUB

Pampa Rotary Club meets at 12 noon every Wednesday at Pampa Country Club.

PAMPA CITIZENS

PATROL ASSOCIATION

Pampa Citizens Patrol Association meets at 8 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at 1224 E. Francis.

NOTICE TO ALL VETERANS

To recognize the contributions Texas veterans have made to the liberty we enjoy, Memory Gardens Cemetery is assigning grave spaces to honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. If you are a veteran, you may be qualified for free burial space. However, you must register to obtain the free plot and you must show proof of honorable discharge. A number of veterans' spaces are available. Certificates will be issued on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, call (806) 665-8921.

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.

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.

PAMPA AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Pampa Area Cancer Support Group for individuals, families and friends who have been touched by cancer will meet at 7 p.m. May 17 in the cafeteria of the Pampa Regional Medical Center, One Medical Plaza. Program for this month's meeting will be "Be Your Own Health Care Advocate" to be presented by Stan McKeever, member of Supportive Care Team at Harrington Cancer Center. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. The public is invited. For more information, call 665-4742 or 665-2654. For a ride, call Betty Whitson after 5 p.m. at 669-2198 or Linda Norris at 665-2654. In case of inclement weather, call ahead in case meeting is canceled.

PAMPA PARTNERSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament will be May 19-20 at Hidden Hills Golf Course and Pampa Country Club. For more information, contact David Teichman at Hidden Hills or Mickey Piersall at Pampa Country Club.

ERICK CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

Erick, Okla., will be the site of a city-wide garage sale Saturday, June 2. Erick is combining its usual two sales per year into one, big annual sale. Visitors are cordially invited to attend.

ARC SWIM LESSONS

Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor swim lessons June 4 through Aug. 3 at M.K. Brown Outdoor Pool. The classes will include Levels I, II, III, IV and V and will be offered in four sessions: June 4-15, June 18-29, July 9-20 and July 23-Aug. 3. Cost is \$35 and all fees are due prior to the session. Participants are encouraged to register now. For more information or to enroll, contact the local ARC office, 108 N. Russell, at 669-7121.

TRUE HERO CONTEST

YourTrueHero Website is sponsoring an essay competition, open to high school and college students, for the best story of a true hero. The grand prize will be a \$1,000 scholarship. The essays should be between 500 and 1,250 words, preferably detailing a non-famous hero (independently verifiable) and must not contain pornographic, obscene or hateful comments or passages. **Entry deadline is June 15, 2001.** For more information, write "Your True Hero," P.O. Box 4048, Amity Station, New Haven, CT 06525, call (203) 735-8117 or visit <http://www.yourtruehero.org> on the Internet or e-mail gary@www.yourtruehero.org on the World Wide Web.

HCC DIALOGUE

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:30 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

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 and June 11, 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.

Scholarship recipient



(Community Camera by Janet Abbe)

Jeanna Miller recently presented Megan Dyer with the Kenneth P. Walters Scholarship during the Pampa Classroom Teachers Banquet.

Pampa Rotary Club to sponsor camper

Each summer, District 573 of Rotary International offers a local camp for children with diabetes in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. The one-week camp is an effort to provide a camp close to home for children with diabetes ages 7 through 14 to attend.

The camp provides fun and friendship with other children along with short courses in diabetes control and management taught by medical school faculty. The children are encouraged and supported in an effort to develop

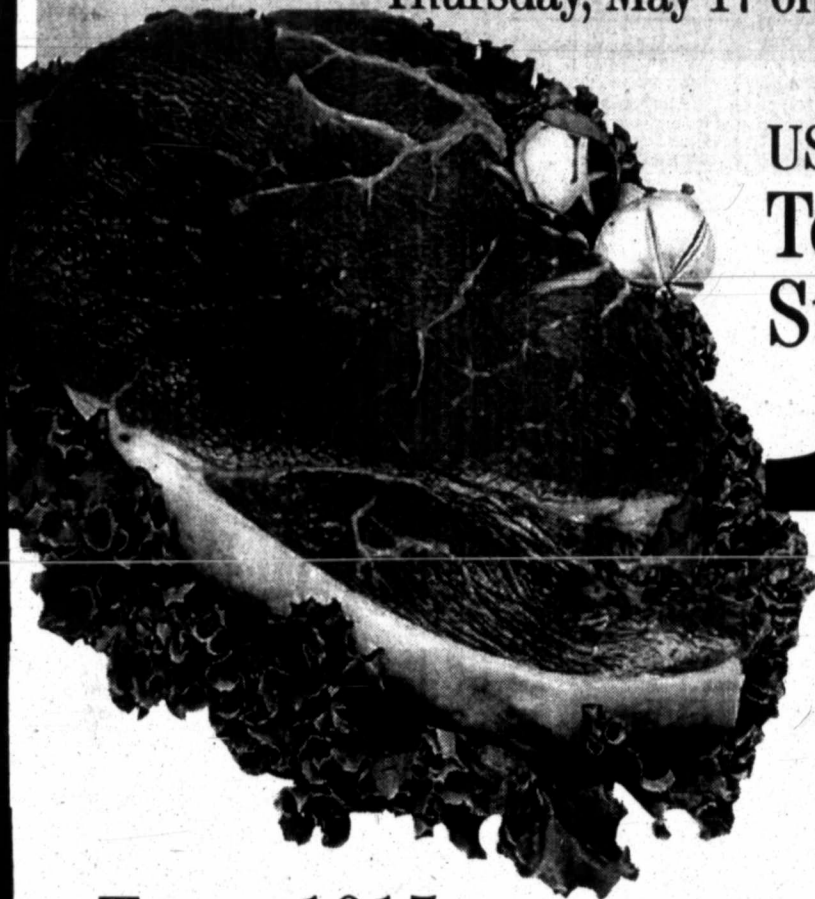
self-confidence in caring for themselves. This year's camp is scheduled June 11-16 at Ceta Glen Christian Camp in Happy, Texas. Counselors plan and direct a selection of games, sports and crafts for every age and skill level. Meals and snacks will be planned and supervised by a registered dietician.

The Pampa Rotary Club has committed the \$400 necessary to sponsor a camper from the Pampa area. Anyone interested should contact Lee Waters at 669-8014 or Bill Bridges at 669-3333.

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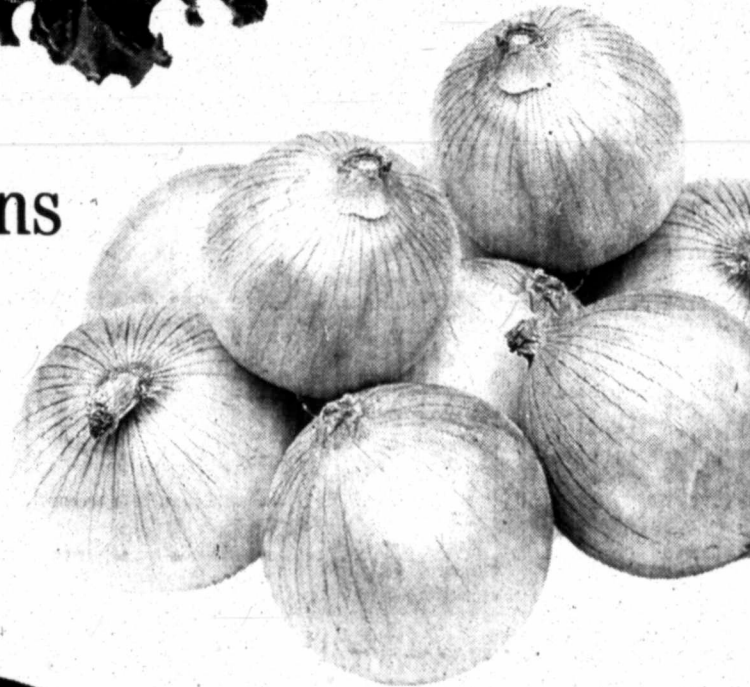


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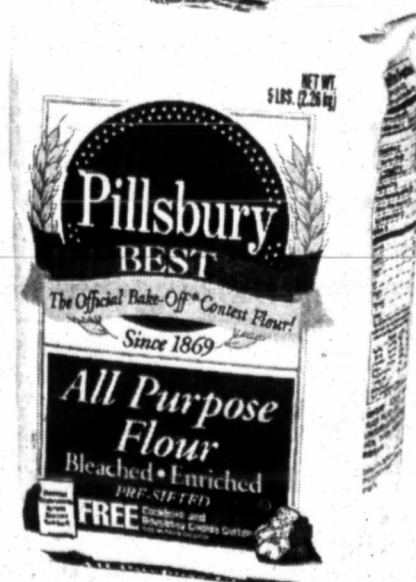


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