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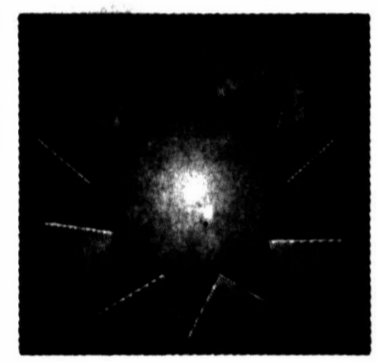
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PAMPA — The National Association of Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Service, Pampa United Way, and the AFL-CIO will be collecting nonperishable food items on Saturday, May 13 for distribution to the The Salvation Army, Good Samaritan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

Zero tickets matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The numbers drawn Wednesday night were: 23-35-38-33-18-19. Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$9 million.

GRAPEVINE (AP) — A three-day boycott by taxi drivers at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport is suspended as officials agree to discuss their complaints about working conditions and low fares.

On Monday, hundreds of drivers began boycotting the airport to protest regulations calling for newer cabs, daily inspections, proven English and map-reading skills and acceptance of major credit cards.

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Greenhouse Effect not bad thing Panhandle Producers told at meet

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

AMARILLO — A spokesman for the coal industry told Texas Panhandle oil and gas producers that the Greenhouse Effect is alive and well, but there's nothing wrong with that.

Ned Leonard with the Western Fuels Association and the Greening Earth Society told oil and gas producers this week at the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association convention here that the Greenhouse Effect is not necessarily bad, but that environmentalists are using it as an issue to eliminate the use of fossil fuels, including coal and natural gas, in power production in favor of renewable resources such as solar and wind power.

Today, about 57 percent of all electricity is generated by burning coal, Leonard said. Natural gas provides about 10 percent of the electricity generated in the country. Renewable resources account only for about two percent.

"They have eliminated hydro electric power," Leonard said. "They have eliminated nuclear power. Coal is next."

While some natural gas producers see an advantage to this,

Leonard warns that environmentalists are referring to natural gas a fuel that will bridge the change from fossil fuels to the renewable fuels of the future.

"That's a bridge they'll burn down as soon as coal is out of the way," Leonard said.

Leonard said the Clinton Administration, led by Vice President Al Gore, is spearheading the change.

"The Vice President is very fond of going around and saying that there is no scientific debate, the Greenhouse Effect is real," Leonard says, "and he's right."

Leonard said that's like saying the sun comes up in the morning and sets at night.

"If the Greenhouse Effect were not real, life would not be possible on planet Earth," Leonard said.

He says the Greenhouse Effect is real. What isn't real is the global warming apocalyptic scenario.

Leonard says the apocalyptic scenario used by environmentalists is an indictment of the way Americans live.

"We have too many people and we're living too well," Leonard said. "We can do one of two things. We can make a lot of people live less well, or we can have fewer people."

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George Arrington of Canadian and Ned Leonard with the Western Fuels Association discuss the future of natural gas and coal during the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association meeting in Amarillo this week.

Area rabies threat of serious concern

Annual vaccination drive this week

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

The threat of rabies is becoming a serious concern locally and across the Panhandle as reported cases of the deadly disease are on the increase.

Pampa veterinarians will hold their annual rabies vaccine clinic for local pets this week-end, and area officials are urging pet owners to get their animals vaccinated.

While there have been no reported cases of rabies in Pampa, local Animal Control supervisor Sandy Burns urges all local residents to get their animals vaccinated because rabies can be contracted by wild animals coming into town and transmitting the disease to domestic pets.

"Possum and skunks are the two animals we trap the most," said Burns. "We've seen a big increase in skunks, and they are in all parts of town." She said she has learned the increase in skunks is throughout the area, not just locally.

Burns said if anyone is having a problem with skunks, or any other wild animals, to contact her office for someone to set up a trap. "The only way we know someone is having a problem is if someone contacts us," she said.

Burns said wild animals that come into town carrying the disease usually go back to the country to die, and rarely do local residents know. She said that is an important factor to consider in having domestic pets vaccinated.

"We saw a big increase in the fox population since about the time of the Pampa Tornado in 1995. Their shelter east of town was destroyed in the tornado and my theory is they moved to town then. It's not scientific, but it seems logical."

— Animal Control Supervisor Sandy Burns

While possum and skunks are the most predominant wild animals likely to be carrying the disease, the local animal control will occasionally see a coon in the community.

She also related there are many foxes running around Pampa. "We saw a big increase in the fox population since about the time of the Pampa Tornado in 1995," said Burns. "Their shelter east of town was destroyed in the tornado and my theory is they moved to town then," said Burns. "It's not scientific, but it seems logical."

She urges parents to impress upon children not to mess with the foxes, or any other wildlife coming into town.

"Quite a few of the foxes run around town and seem quite tame because many have been born in the community," she said. "But don't fool with them."

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MV-22 Osprey gets ok to fly

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Marine Corps' top general is ready to give the go-ahead to resume flying the MV-22 Osprey aircraft, nearly one month after one crashed in Arizona, killing 19 Marines, an official said Wednesday. The aircrafts are manufactured in Amarillo.

The Marines planned to announced today that Gen. James Jones, commandant of the Marine Corps, has cleared the fleet of Osprey hybrid helicopter-airplanes to return to the air, according to a defense official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The April 8 crash remains under investigation, the official said. It was the Marines' deadliest air crash since 1989.

The aircraft's flight data recorder was recovered intact several days after the crash.

Flights of the four remaining production-model Ospreys were temporarily halted immediately after the accident at Marana, Ariz., as a gesture of sympathy for the families of the 19 Marines killed.

Jones decided to allow the Ospreys to resume flying because crash investigators have ruled out the failure of any of the aircraft's major mechanical systems, the official said. The exact cause of the crash remains unknown.

County court agrees to sell two vehicles

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Gray County commissioners court unanimously agreed to sell two county vehicles to the highest bidders during its Monday morning meeting while rejecting all bids on a snow plow.

Troy Jones of Elk City, Okla., was high bidder with \$30,100 for a 140 G maintainer which had been advertised for sale.

Other bids on the maintainer were Amarillo Machinery, \$29,800; Yellowhouse, \$28,000; Bee Equipment of Lubbock, \$23,000; and Nick Thomas of Canadian, \$21,500.

Five bids were opened for a Galion dumped. High bidder was Bill Carter with \$3,600.

Other bids were Nick Thomas, \$3,000; Donald Hinson, \$2,020; Ashton Enterprises, \$1,615; and Billy Joe Skipper, \$1,057.

At the suggestion of Precinct 2 Commissioner Jim Greene, the commission agreed to reject both bids on the snow plow.

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Be on the look out, police ask

TULSA, Okla. — Law enforcement officers in four states were on the look out for an armed man in connection with a car-jacking and shooting today near here.

Two people were pulled from a forest green 1997 Chevrolet Blazer about 5:20 a.m. today, stripped naked, shot and left for dead in rural Wagner County, Okla., southeast of Tulsa. The

shooting victims were reported in critical condition at a local hospital today.

Officials described the suspected assailant only as a black man armed with a .380 automatic pistol.

The Blazer has Oklahoma license plates, chrome wheels and smiley faces on its antenna. Oklahoma authorities said today.

Two PHS grads to be honored Friday

Two Pampa High School graduates will be inducted into the Harvester Hall of Fame Friday morning at Pampa High School.

Senator David Cain, Class of 1966, and C. E. "Doc" Cornutt, Class of 1967, have been named

as two outstanding PHS alumni who have contributed significantly to the betterment of Texas and its citizens.

The public induction ceremony will be held at 9:50 a.m. in the Pampa High School Auditorium.

Asbestos removal on agenda

Pampa Independent School District (PISD) board of education is to meet in special session, at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 9, in the board conference room at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

Newly-elected board members will be administered the oath of office, followed by the organization of the board and election of officers.

Board members will then consider bids for asbestos removal, floor tile and stair treads.



Harvester Hall Of Fame Luncheon - Friday, May 5th, 2000 - Noon
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Daily Record

Obituaries

VANETA SMITH
PADUCAH — Vaneta Joyce Smith, 68, died Monday, May 1, 2000. Services were to be at 11:15 a.m. today in First Christian Church with Dr. Tilden Armstrong, retired minister from Paducah, officiating. Burial will be in Paducah Garden of Memories under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.
 Mrs. Smith was born at Paducah and had been a lifelong Paducah resident, graduating from Paducah High School in 1948. She was a homemaker and a duplicate bridge player. She belonged to First Christian Church and volunteered with Meals on Wheels.
 Survivors include a daughter, Teresa Shulte of Dalhart; three brothers, B.L. Smith and Marvin Smith, both of Paducah, and Dr. Mike Smith of Wheeler; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church.

BILLY JOE STEVENS
 Billy Joe Stevens, 72, of Pampa, died Tuesday, May 2, 2000, at Amarillo. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mr. Stevens was born June 4, 1927, at Memphis, Texas, to Deward and Lillie Mae Stevens. He served as chief of police at Winters from 1962-75 and was a pipefitter, holding membership in the Pipefitters Union.
 He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, joining Aug. 1, 1945, and serving as sergeant in the 4th Air Depot Supply Squadron prior to being honorably discharged on Feb. 1, 1947. He received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the World War II Medal and the Philippines Independence Ribbon.
 Survivors include a daughter, Vicki Suit of Fritch; four sons, Rodney of Muldrow, Okla., Randy of Midland and Ronnie and Roger, both of San Angelo; two sisters, Wanda Hutchison of Avarada, Colo., and Linda Rainey of Amarillo; a brother, Gayle N. Stevens of Phoenix, Ariz.; and 12 grandchildren.
 The family will be at 800 N. Christy in Pampa.

Ambulance
 Rural/Metro made the following runs during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Wednesday, May 3
 1:25 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Medical Center and transported two to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.
 3:49 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Yeager and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
 3:55 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.
 5:38 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to BSA-W.

April Divorces
 The District Clerk's office reported the following divorces were finalized during the month of April.
 Marceline M. Rogers and Doyle Edward Rogers
 Rick F. Lemons and Terry R. Lemons
 William Elmer Robinson and Alma Jean Robinson
 Kimberly Lucille Peppard and Joseph Michael Peppard
 Angela Joye Staton and Walter Elton Staton, Jr.
 Linda Gay Mears and Jackey Lee Mears

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Wednesday, May 3
 A bicycle was reported taken from the 1200 block of North Charles between 4:45 p.m. Monday and 4:45 a.m. Tuesday.
 A burglary about was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive.
 A domestic quarrel was reported in the 400 block of Graham about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.
 A simple assault was reported in the 100 block of South Sumner about 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Wednesday, May 3
 Raul Rodriguez, 24, 128 S. Faulkner, was arrested shortly before midnight by Gray County Deputies on charges of not having a driver's license and making alcohol available to a minor.

Hoover Fire Dept.

The Hoover Volunteer Fire Department made the following runs during April.
Wednesday, April 19 — Two units and five personnel responded to a grass and tree fire on North Price Road and County Road 29. Hoover personnel assisted both the Skellytown Fire Department and the Miami Fire Department in containing and extinguishing the fire.
Friday, April 21 — One rescue unit and 11 personnel responded to a two-vehicle accident on Highway 152 East at the 374 mile marker. Hoover personnel assisted in aiding the injured and assisted Rural/Metro with their transportation. Also on scene were personnel from the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Pampa Fire Department.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department received no fire calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.25	IBR	8 3/16	up 1/8
Milo	3.32	KMI	30 1/16	up 1/2
Corn	3.76	Kerr McGee	53 7/16	up 9/16
Soybeans	4.72	Limited	45 7/16	up 15/16
		McDonald's	36 1/8	dn 1/32
		Exxon Mobil	79	up 1 1/2
		New Atmos	15 3/4	up 1/8
		NCE	33 1/4	dn 3/8
		OKI	25 7/16	up 1/8
		Penney's	15 5/8	dn 1/4
		Phillips	48 1/8	dn 1/8
		Pioneer Nat.	10 15/16	up 7/16
		SLB	76 5/16	up 15/16
		Tenneco	8 3/8	dn 1/16
		Texas	50 1/2	up 1
		Ultramar	25 9/16	up 9/16
		Wal-Mart	50 15/16	dn 2 1/2
		Williams	37	dn 3/8
		Amco	77 3/4	NC
		Arco	27 1/2	up 1/8
		Cabot O&G	18 3/8	dn 1/16
		Chevron	87 15/16	up 1/2

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

Amco	51 11/16	dn 1/16
Arco	27 3/4	NC
Cabot	18 3/8	dn 1/16
Chevron	87 15/16	up 1/2
New York Gold	278.25	
Silver	5.02	
West Texas Crude	27.76	

Emergency numbers

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Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	1-888-Energas
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700

Attorney says feds offered probation in 1963 bomb case

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Federal authorities offered probation to a former Ku Klux Klansman if he would plead guilty to a reduced charge in a 1963 church bombing that killed four black girls, his lawyer says.
 The ex-Klansman, Bobby Frank Cherry of Mabank, Texas, refused the plea deal and is now awaiting a return to Alabama to face unrelated charges of sexual abuse.
 U.S. Attorney Doug Jones and FBI agents tried to get Cherry to plead guilty to transporting explosives across state lines by telling him he could otherwise be prosecuted in the deadly explosion itself, Cherry attorney Don Smith said Wednesday.
 Cherry, 69, has been publicly identified since the 1960s as a prime suspect in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, in which a lone Klansman was convicted 23 years ago.
 The blast, which occurred on a Sunday morning, demonstrated to the nation the depth of racial hatred in the South during the civil rights struggle of the early '60s.
 "The FBI had pretty much promised him he would be on probation for the rest of his life just to get this over with," Smith said. "The FBI told Mr. Cherry that would satisfy (Attorney General Janet) Reno to close it."
 But Cherry turned down the

offer, which Smith said was made during a meeting about six months ago at the office of another Texas lawyer who represented Cherry.
 "They had the plea papers ready for him to sign," Smith said. "He came in and talked to me and said, 'I don't want to U.S. Attorney Doug Jones and FBI agents tried to get Cherry to plead guilty to transporting explosives across state lines by telling him he could otherwise be prosecuted in the deadly explosion itself, Cherry attorney Don Smith said Wednesday.
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GREENHOUSE

He says that when nature puts carbon dioxide and water vapor into the air, two of the ingredients for the Greenhouse Effect, it is natural. When man does it, it's unnatural.
 "We are somehow upsetting the very delicate balance," Leonard says. "What that balance is nobody on God's green earth can tell you. How much is too much, nobody has a clue, but it's clear that mankind has put this cancer on the planet."
 The two main ways that man generates carbon dioxide is by making electricity from coal or natural gas and by driving a car.
 Environmentalists talk about their computer models showing terrible things happening if extreme changes are made.
 "What we've found at the Greening Earth Society is if you go in and look at what's been predicted versus what's been observed, it isn't even close," Leonard said.
 He says there is a very modest warming of the land.
 "Yeah, the growing season is getting longer," he says. "Is that bad?"
 Most of the warming, Leonard says, is taking place in Siberia and in Canada during the winter.
 "It's averaging, instead of 34 below zero, it's averaging 32.8 degrees below zero," Leonard said. Leonard insists there's no evidence that sum-

mers are getting hotter or that droughts are becoming more frequent.
 "Observations tell us that if you put more carbon dioxide into the air, plants love it," Leonard said.
 Every grade school student, he says, knows that carbon dioxide is to plants what oxygen is to humans. Plants are at the bottom of the food chain, everything on earth lives on plants or live on things that live on plants.
 "Is it a bad thing to put something up in the air that's going to make plants more productive?" Leonard asked.
 The federal government thinks so, he added. The Environmental Protection Agency told the U.S. Congress that carbon dioxide is a pollutant and should be regulated under the Clean Air Act.
 "Congress so far isn't buying that," Leonard said, "but that's what the EPA is trying to do, regulate carbon dioxide as a pollutant. There is not a business in this country. There is not a household in this country, there is not an industry in this country that could not be regulated by the EPA under the Clean Air Act if carbon dioxide is a pollutant."
 Leonard called on oil and gas interests to stand up for their industry.
 "Fossil fuels are what made this country, have made the world economy, and we're doing very well, not despite them," Leonard said. "We're doing very well because of them."

RABIES

Burns said she has been told the rabies situation has gotten to the point that most cattle and horses are now being vaccinated against the disease.
 "No documented rabies cases have been reported in Pampa recently, but the disease is all around us," said Burns.
 Local veterinarians are offering the vaccinations at reduced prices during the city's annual rabies vaccination drive this week. Rabies shots along are \$10 for all animals. Reduced rates for

puppies and kittens under three months will be offered. Vaccinations will also be offered for parvo and distemper. The shots for dogs will be \$24.50 on Friday and Saturday.
 Cats can receive rabies, distemper and leukemia shots for \$34.50 on Monday.
 Local veterinarian offices offering the reduced rates are Easley Animal Hospital, N. Loop 171 and Texas 70; Gray County Veterinary Clinic, 1329 S. Hobart; and Roysse Animal Hospital, 1939 N. Hobart.
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COUNTY

American Machinery of Amarillo bid \$500 while Bee Equipment of Lubbock's bid was \$100.
 Dover Elevator Co. of Amarillo will provide service to elevators in three county owned buildings: county jail, museum and courthouse during the next year. The fee will be \$150 a month per facility and a year-to-year contract.
 The fee will provide for monthly maintenance and the yearly inspection requirement.
 Judge Richard Peet said the commission will need to approve a budget amendment at the next meeting as the sheriff's department did not have enough funds allowed in the budget to cover the \$150 monthly expense.

Both the museum and courthouse have enough funds in the budget to cover the expense, he said.
 Peet said the company wanted a five-year contract. He said he told them the county could not enter into a contract but a year-to-year type. The contract can be discontinued by either party with a 90-day notice.
 Approval was also authorized Sheriff Don Copeland to enter into a contract with U. S. Forest for summer patrolling at Lake McClellan. The contract states the amount to be paid Gray County for deputies to patrol the area is \$2,800.
 The commission approved payment of payroll in the amount of \$186,775.86 and bills in the amount of \$127,076.71.
 Approval was granted District Clerk Gaye Honderich to replace an employee in her office.

Mexican player may still face deportation

HOUSTON (AP) — The waiting is not yet over for a 20-year-old soccer player who has avoided prosecution for allegedly assaulting another player but could still face deportation back to his native Mexico.
 Prosecutors on Wednesday dropped the assault charges against Oscar Peralta in return for 80 hours of community service and a promise to avoid problems with the law for 11 months. And unless he's compliant, the deal would make Peralta liable for misdemeanor assault for swinging at an opposing player in a soccer match near Houston last December.
 On Wednesday, Peralta's attorneys said the player is satisfied with the resolution of the case. But the negotiations with

the state do nothing to resolve his problems with federal immigration authorities, who are considering deporting the illegal immigrant.
 "He is emotionally worn down," defense attorney Brett Podolsky told the Houston Chronicle. "He wants this to be over."
 A spokeswoman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service said Peralta's deportation case would be considered today.
 Even if he is deported, prosecutors say, they don't think Peralta would have any problem completing his 80 hours community service in Mexico.
 Peralta exchanged blows during a soccer match between his Rio Grande Valley team and West University Place club. He was charged in February and jailed for nine weeks awaiting trial, which ended in a hung jury last week.
 A video of the Dec. 11 state semifinals match shows Peralta dribbling the ball, when opponent Keith Martin comes racing from the side, slamming into Peralta and knocking him in the head. Peralta then responds with a swift backward swing of his arm at the opponent's head.
 Martin had four of his top front teeth knocked out. A month after the incident, a doctor diagnosed Peralta with a ruptured eardrum.
 After Wednesday's agreement was handed down, a representative of the Mexican consulate in Houston said the office was "satisfied with the decision."

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Weather focus

PAMPA — Sunny and warmer today with a high of 84 and south winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight, clear and cool with a low of 50 and southeast winds at 5-10 mph. Tomorrow, sunny and 88.
STATEWIDE — Strong storms, some packing large hail, rumbled across North Texas overnight but law officers reported no tornadic activity. Hail up to golfball- and base-

bal-size fell in Rockwall County. Meanwhile, fog shrouded South and Southeast Texas early today. Foggy conditions also developed in the Rolling Plains.
 Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 40s to the 70s.
 Extremes ranged from 48 degrees at Dalhart to 72 degrees at San Angelo. Other readings were 68 at New Braunfels and 76 at Del Rio and Port Isabel.
 Winds were light and variable to southerly at 5 to 15 mph and gusty around thunderstorms.
 More thunderstorms are expected in central and eastern parts of North and South Texas through Friday. Fog was possible in East Texas.
 Afternoon highs should range from the mid-70s to upper 90s in the deep south, with 100 to 105 along the Rio Grande. Overnight lows were expected from the upper 50s to middle 70s.
 Areas of morning low clouds and patchy fog were possible across eastern sections of West Texas on Friday morning, along with a slight chance for showers and thunderstorms over the Southeast Texas Panhandle and eastern South Plains.

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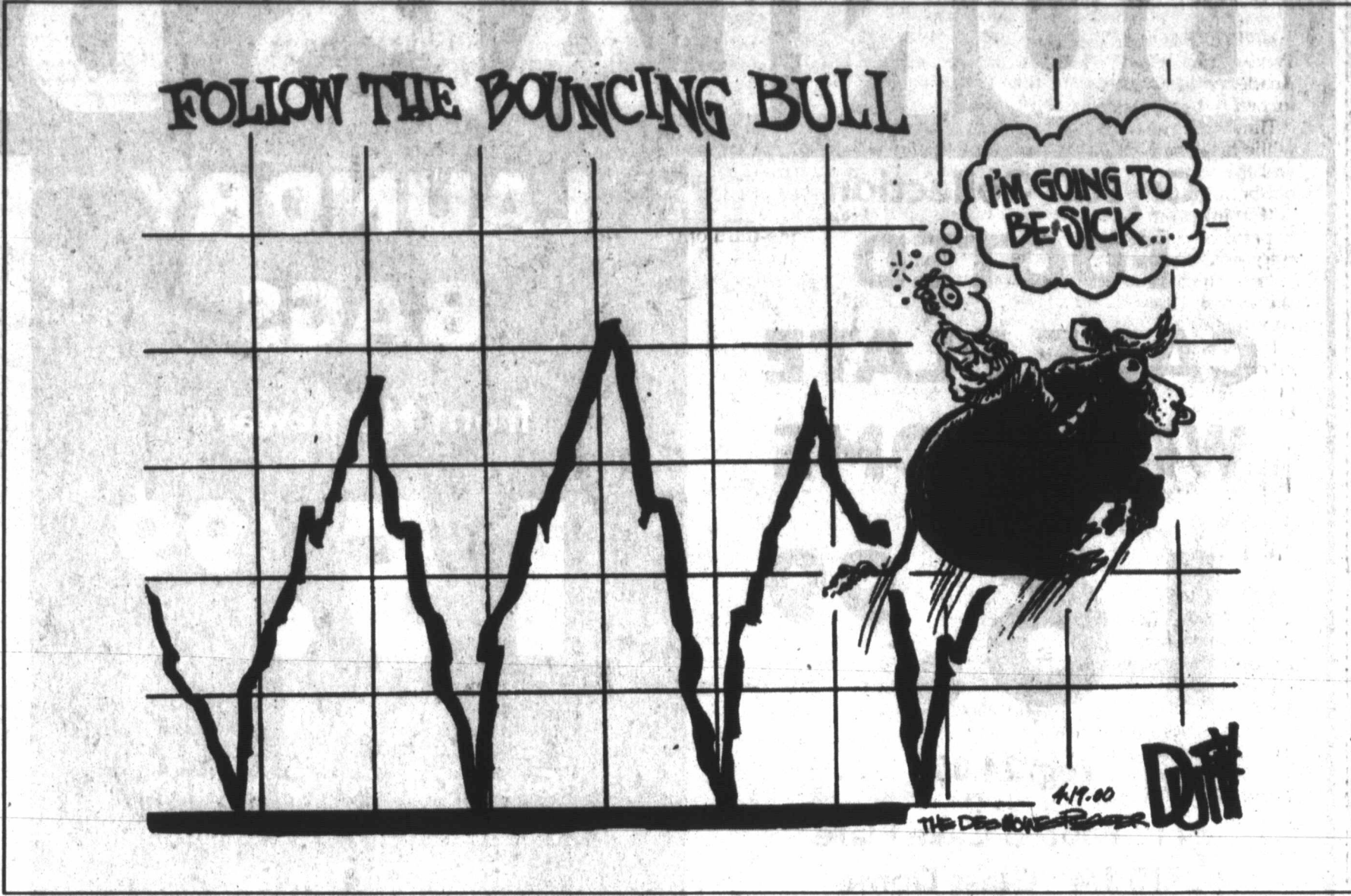
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Texas Editorials

By The Associated Press
 A sampling of editorial opinion from around Texas:

Houston Chronicle on Archer under fire:
 William "Reyn" Archer, a physician and the Texas commissioner of health, occasionally voices controversial opinions regarding blacks and Hispanics and their respective cultures. Once again under fire after stating that Hispanics were relatively accepting of teen pregnancy, Archer might as well take this opportunity to explain his views on race, ethnicity and culture and state how those assumptions guide and influence the conduct of his office.

What effect do poverty, poor education and clerical bans on birth control - factors not peculiar to Hispanic culture - have on teen pregnancies? Archer, who sees himself as something of an anthropologist, should be able to weigh these variables against what he thinks are Hispanic social traits.

Two years ago Archer alleged that blacks, as a group, were insufficiently appreciative of the institution of marriage, placed racial loyalty above honesty and, by some measures of public health, were better off under segregation. Archer later denied that he meant to impugn blacks' honesty and said he didn't know what he meant by his remark that blacks don't "buy" marriage. Texas Health Department officials, the keepers of all marriage and divorce statistics in the state, could produce no figures to support their boss's claim about blacks' attitude toward marriage.

Since Gov. George W. Bush appointed him health commissioner, Archer has tried to focus his department on discovering why children smoke their first cigarette, why teens get pregnant and why Texans abuse alcohol and drugs, overeat and engage in other unhealthy behavior. Archer has said repeatedly that he suspects the overarching cause is spiritual alienation and loneliness rooted in a society in which family and community relationships have eroded and popular culture encourages destructive behavior.

There is nothing wrong with investigating and speculating about societal and psychological causes of disease and self-destruction. Archer's mistake is to single out black and Hispanic cultures for disparagement when the problems are common to all communities.

Some societal ills - the abuse of illegal drugs, for one - often are more prevalent among affluent whites than among poor minority members, yet in all his speeches and essays posted on Texas Health Department's Web site, Archer never blames white or Anglo-Saxon culture for its contributions to society's shortcomings. In a speech last year, Archer criticized "Beavis and Butthead" and Jerry Springer for their part in coarsening American life, without finding it necessary to point out the race of those responsible for TV's pervasive vulgarity.

Reacting to the controversy over Archer's remarks, Gov. Bush's office released this statement: "Dr. Archer believes we need to work together to understand the complex reasons for the rise in out-of-wedlock births in every community." A spokesman for the governor later acknowledged that the statement was not based on current data, which reveal that out-of-wedlock births actually are falling among blacks and Hispanics while rising among whites.

Most of the black and Hispanic leaders who take offense at Archer's remarks will admit that their communities face severe problems caused by or producing poverty, illiteracy, chemical dependency and family breakdown. But since these societal ills observe no racial or cultural boundaries, blacks and Hispanics understandably resent being singled out for official criticism - especially by officials from whom public criticism of white cultural failings would be all but inconceivable.

Although Texas reflects many cultural influences, it has only a single, highly integrated and mutually dependent society. This state's public health challenges affect and must be shared by all its inhabitants, regardless of race, ethnicity or cultural leanings.

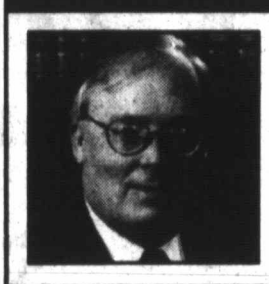
Stamping out a monopoly

You have to hand it to the U.S. Postal Service: With its Elvis stamps and rock 'n' roll television commercials ("I want to fly like an eagle ..."), it may be the hippest government agency in the country.

It may also be the most ruthless. The only reason the U.S. Postal Service has fashioned a new image is to help it compete with companies like FedEx and United Parcel Service (UPS) in the express-mail delivery business.

Make that *destroy* FedEx and UPS. Testifying before Congress a few years ago, Postmaster General Marvin Runyon actually bragged about his agency's prowess at running small delivery companies out of business. Now the Postal Service wants to go after the big boys of speedy delivery. And why not? As a government agency, it has a killer advantage: It can never go out of business. The federal government will be there to prop it up if it loses money - as it did for 208 years until 1983.

Think about this: The Postal Service spent about \$265 million on advertising in 1998, mostly to convince consumers that its express-mail service is just as good as that offered by FedEx and UPS. Yet the agency, facing a lawsuit, had to drop the ad campaign. It seems the Postal Service forgot to mention that under fed-



Edwin Feulner
 Syndicated columnist

eral law - Code of Federal Regulations, Title 39, Chapter 1, Sec. 320.6, paragraph (c), to be specific - its competitors are required to charge twice as much for the same enhanced services. "Yes, the Postal Service actually sets our rates," says UPS spokesman Tad Segal. Meanwhile, the cost of a first-class stamp, now 33 cents, edges up a penny or two every year or two and may go to 37 cents before the decade is through (anybody remember the five-cent stamp?). This from an agency that had a net income of \$1 billion from 1995 to 1998. One would expect these profits to be passed down to the consumer, but stamp rates have gone up and the mail arrives no faster than it did in 1970. The fact is, the U.S. Postal Service could raise stamp prices to \$10 and get away with it

because we have no choice - and choice, as anyone who's had Economics 101 can tell you, is an essential component of a truly competitive business environment.

The Postal Service enjoys other advantages that make the playing field about as level as Mt. Everest. For example, private companies have to pay property taxes; the Postal Service does not. And the Postal Service is exempt from parking tickets, a business expense that FedEx and UPS must budget for each year. American companies shouldn't have to compete against their own government - especially when the government has all the advantages.

At the very least, the government should be consistent. If Washington broke up AT&T in the name of fair competition and free markets, and is threatening to do the same to Microsoft, then surely the Postal Service's monopoly deserves to be eliminated.

It's understandable why the U.S. Postal Service wants to compete against FedEx and UPS in the lucrative express-delivery business. But at the same time, these private companies ought to be allowed to compete against the Postal Service in delivering first-class mail. Fair is fair, and monopolies are supposed to be illegal, no matter how hip they try to be.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
 Today is Thursday, May 4, the 125th day of 2000. There are 241 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History:
 On May 4, 1970, National Guardsmen opened fire on anti-war protesters at Kent State University, Ohio, killing four students and wounding nine others.
 On this date:
 In 1626, Dutch explorer Peter Minuit landed on present-day Manhattan Island.
 In 1776, Rhode Island declared its freedom from England, two months before the Declaration of Independence was adopted.
 In 1886, at Haymarket Square in Chicago, a labor demonstration for an eight-hour work day turned into a riot when a bomb exploded.
 In 1927, the Academy of Motion

Picture Arts and Sciences was founded.
 In 1932, mobster Al Capone, convicted of income-tax evasion, entered the federal penitentiary in Atlanta.
 In 1942, the Battle of the Coral Sea, the first naval clash fought entirely with carrier aircraft, began during World War II.
 In 1945, during World War II, German forces in the Netherlands, Denmark and northwest Germany agreed to surrender.
 In 1961, a group of "Freedom Riders" left Washington for New Orleans to challenge racial segregation in interstate buses and bus terminals.
 In 1980, Marshal Josip Broz Tito, president of Yugoslavia, died three days before his 88th birthday.
 In 1994, Israeli Prime Minister

Yitzhak Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat signed a historic accord on Palestinian autonomy that granted self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.
 Ten years ago: The South African government and the African National Congress concluded historic talks in Cape Town with a joint statement agreeing on a "common commitment toward the resolution of the existing climate of violence."
 Five years ago: An Iranian nuclear official said spent fuel from Iran's Russian-made reactors, potential raw material for nuclear bombs, would be returned to Russia for safeguarding.
 One year ago: Work crews struggled to restore electricity across Serbia after NATO strikes on major power grids left Belgrade and

other cities in the dark. Five New York police officers went on trial for the torture of Haitian immigrant Abner Louima. (One officer later pleaded guilty; a second was convicted; three were acquitted.)
 Tornadoes roared across the Plains for a second straight day.
 Today's Birthdays: Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is 72. Jazz musician Maynard Ferguson is 72. Opera singer Roberta Peters is 70. Jazz musician Ron Carter is 63. Rock musician Dick Dale is 63. Singer Tyrone Davis is 62. Singer-songwriter Nick Ashford is 58. Actor Paul Gleason is 56. Pop singer Peggy Santiglia (The Angels) is 56. Country singer Stella Parton is 51. Actor-turned-clergyman Hilly Hicks is 50. Singer Jackie Jackson (The Jacksons) is 49. Country singer Randy Travis is 41.

Most American youths are pampered

I couldn't help but laugh. One of the demonstrators arrested in Washington, D.C., told National Public Radio in an outraged and indignant voice that the only food offered to them by the cops was a baloney sandwich, and "most of us are vegetarians!" Wow, what heinous treatment.

I have one word of advice for this kid: Don't ever, ever leave the United States. Anybody whose idea of cruel and unusual punishment is a baloney sandwich does not want to know what it's like to be arrested in most countries.

One night in a Tijuana jail would, I think, convince this kid that the jail in Washington was heaven, the cops were angels, and the baloney sandwich was ambrosia from the gods. And there are lots and lots of worse places to be arrested than Tijuana.

Now, by and large, I agree with the demonstrators that the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank serve the cause of multinational corporations, but I point out the young man's protest as an example of how soft and naive a lot of young Americans have become.

They seem to be exceedingly short on life experiences. That's one argument for bringing back the draft and making it a no-exceptions, universal, military-training program. A few weeks of basic training, even in today's effeminate forces, would probably be enough to teach appreciation of a baloney sandwich.



Charley Reese
 Syndicated columnist

I don't recall exactly when my moment of truth came, but I believe it was when I was crawling under barbed wire after a heavy rain during gas-warfare training at Fort Jackson, S.C. The muddy water was about a half an inch below my mouth and nose, and the tear gas was burning the heck out of the part of my face that wasn't submerged. This was in the late 1950s.

"These (expletives deleted)," I muttered to myself, "Don't give a flying (expletive deleted) whether I live or die. They are totally indifferent to my fate, much less to my comfort."

Now that is a moment of truth every young American boy should reach - the sooner the better. American kids, if they are halfway lucky, tend to live comfortable lives surrounded by people who care about them. They need desperately to know that that is not a universal condition in the world at large. And few people are better qualified to teach them that lesson than a drill instructor or basic-training platoon sergeant.

Having seen all those Hollywood films in which there is a moment of reconciliation between the recruits and their DI, I kept waiting for mine during the dark hours at Fort Jackson as we waited to board buses for our next duty stations.

The moment never came. The last words from the first sergeant boomed across the mess hall: "If you aren't putting food in it, keep your (expletive deleted) mouth shut." The cadre was glad to see us go. We were glad to see them stay behind. They despised us. We returned the feeling. So much for Hollywood bravo sierra. But they had done their jobs. They had decivilianized us. We had become aggressive. We'd fight at the drop of a word or a wrong look.

And people who plan to go head to head with police need to know that they can expect a tap on the head or a stick in the gut. That's the way the game is played. No hard feelings, but if you plan to be a lawbreaker, then do not expect law enforcers to treat you like a kindergarten.

That's probably why uppermiddle-class American kids don't make good revolutionaries. It never occurs to them that whomever or whatever they are opposing has the right to self-defense. They seem genuinely shocked to discover that if you get in somebody's face, that person is likely to put a fist in your face. Or worse, give you a baloney sandwich.

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Couples steal the show at country awards

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP) — With Shania Twain and Garth Brooks no-shows at the Academy of Country Music Awards, attention turned to two pairs of country sweethearts.

Tim McGraw won the top male vocalist prize while his wife Faith Hill won top female vocalist and the video trophy for "Breathe." Twain beat out both for the top entertainer honor.

"I think Tim deserves that award and I am hopeful he will get it sometime," Hill said backstage Wednesday night.

"You can't take anything away from Shania," she added. "But it's now time for my husband to win that award."

It was also a big night for another couple: Clint Black and actress-wife Lisa Hartman Black, whose duet "When I Said I Do" won the vocal event of the year.

"I've been telling her for a month it's not going to be us so don't worry," Black said, adding it "was a true awards show moment" for him to see his wife's face when their names were called.

The Dixie Chicks repeated their Grammy feat earlier this year and won the country album award for "Fly" as well as the best group prize. It was their second consecutive album award.

"We're ready to cook again," said Martie Seidel, one-third of the popular trio that includes Natalie Maines and Emily Robison. Their "Wide Open Spaces" won last year.

Lonestar's riveting love song "Amazed" was voted best song and single by the 3,000-member academy.

The 35th annual awards show was hosted by Dolly Parton, who kept up a patter of bawdy

jokes on the Universal Amphitheatre stage. "We're both 35 years old. Well, parts of me are anyway," said Parton, decked out in a sequined gown. She later cracked that she would never graduate from collagen."

Taking a major country music controversy head on, George Strait and Alan Jackson led off the night's performances with "Murder on Music Row," the "someone killed country music" ditty that asserts traditional country sound has been drowned out by money-grubbing pop leanings.

The show's performances had a traditional flair that included songs by George Jones, Asleep at the Wheel and a banjo-picking blue grass tune by Parton.

The new male vocalist winner was Brad Paisley and top new female singer was Jessica Andrews.

The new duo or group trophy went to Montgomery Gentry.

Perennial country favorite Brooks was not a factor for the first time in recent memory. Declared the country music artist of the decade last year, he didn't get any nominations this year.

The show also featured presentation of the Pioneer Award to Tammy Wynette, the first time the academy has given the award posthumously. Trisha Yearwood called Wynette "the original country music diva."

Parton, Patty Loveless, Martina McBride and Naomi Judd and daughter Wynonna sang Wynette's signature song "Stand By Your Man."

On the Net: Academy of Country Music: <http://www.acmcountry.com>

No deliberations again today in trial of former Louisiana governor

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Deliberations in former Gov. Edwin Edwards' federal racketeering trial were delayed again today while the judge and attorneys met privately.

Jurors did not deliberate either Tuesday or Wednesday because of similar meetings.

U.S. District Judge Frank Polozola has not discussed publicly what is hanging up the case, and nothing is available in the court record about it. Attorneys, who all are under a gag order, will not talk, either.

The judge spent all day Tuesday interviewing each of the jurors.

According to published reports, the problem involves a man on the jury who favors acquittal for all seven defendants and refuses to participate in deliberations. Throwing a juror off the case amid deliberations would be highly unusual, and would be grounds for appeal of any conviction.

The jury could resume deliberations if the judge removes one juror, leaving 11 to sort out the long verdict form. An alternate juror must be called up

if two jurors are removed.

The jurors must vote on 91 individual counts. Edwards is accused on 26 counts.

"I know this is an aggravation, but I can't avoid the circumstances," Polozola told jurors when he dismissed them Wednesday.

Edwards, a colorful politician who served four terms as governor; his son Stephen; state Sen. Greg Tarver; and four others are accused in a series of extortion schemes to manipulate the licensing of Louisiana riverboat casinos from 1991 through 1997. If convicted on all counts, Edwards, 72, faces more than 300 years in prison.

Polozola has held private meetings with attorneys and defendants in the courtroom and in his chambers daily since Monday, and on one occasion barred news reporters from the courthouse.

The trial began Jan. 10. Jurors got the case April 24, but have spent very few days actually deliberating. Either they have asked to be excused early or they have been waiting for the judge to answer their questions about the case.

Dismembered landlady; student arrested

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A 27-year-old college student allegedly told police that he killed his landlady, dismembered her body and discarded the parts throughout the city.

Vadim Mieseges was arrested at a San Francisco-area mall after he tried to hit security guards with a wooden dowel, police said. Later, he "suddenly blurted out" that he had killed the woman with whom he shares an apartment, police Deputy Chief Richard Holder said.

Mieseges, a computer science student at San Francisco State University, was booked for inves-

tigation of murder and was being held in the San Francisco County jail.

Police said he led investigators to at least three locations, including Golden Gate Park, where a human torso was found Wednesday. Police did not disclose whether other body parts were found.

Forensic tests will determine whether the torso belonged to Ella Wong, 47, from whom Mieseges sublets a room in a four-unit apartment house, police said. A family member of Wong's reported her missing April 30.

Ag Credit of Texas, PCA holds annual meeting in six sessions

Lance D. Morris of Crosbyton, Ted Rankin of Miami, Thomas R. Helton of Wheeler, Nolan Niehues of San Angelo and Dr. Paul Weyerts of Alpine were chosen by stockholders as Directors of Ag Credit of Texas, PCA during a recent meeting held in six sessions at El Paso, Stamford, Marathon, San Angelo, Canadian and Childress.

Other board members are Chairman Garon Tidwell of Munday; Bob Beagle of Perryton; Keith Corzine of Stamford; Dan Henard, Jr. of Wellington; Don A. Jones of Fluvanna; Jack Reese of Abilene; Robert Rieck of Menard; Garner Schoenhals of Canadian; Dean Turner of Matador; Arlie Weatherman of Fort Stockton; and Jim Wright of Menard.

Dr. Paul Weyerts gave the Board Report at the El Paso and Marathon sessions. Chairman Tidwell handled this duty at the San Angelo, Canadian and Childress meetings. Director Corzine presented the report in the Stamford session. The Association's Board of Directors declared a \$1,050,000 patronage distribution to members. Paid 100 percent in cash, this dividend effectively reduced the interest rate by one percent.

CEO Terry D. Dane offered the Report of Management in all six sessions. Stockholders were updated on the progress of Ag Credit of Texas, PCA's joint management ventures with Wichita Falls and El Campo PCAs and First Ag Credit, FCS and the anticipated formation of the umbrella "First Ag Credit, FCS, ACA Holding Co.," pending stockholders' approval. If granted, the entity will maintain 44 offices, serve 121 counties and offer

both mortgage and operating credit at all locations. The resulting entity will have a diversified territory and be the largest association in the five-state district with an anticipated loan volume of \$670-700 million and a strong capital base of \$135-140 million.

The Nominating Committee Report was presented as follows: El Paso - Craig Miller of Ft. Hancock; Marathon - John S. Rike III, Association President and Chief Operating Officer; San Angelo - Carl Kothmann of Menard; Canadian - Warren Rivers of Canadian; Childress - Bruce Inman of Childress; and Stamford - Ronnie Richmond of Anson.

Receiving special recognition as 50-year members were: Marathon - Ben and Mary Martha Gearhart; San Angelo - Buster and Mildred Haggard; and Stamford - Allen Overton, Windell and Mary Jo Egger, A. J. and Joyce Cook, Lura Hardy, Don and Nelva Jones and Johnnie Wheeler Wickham.

Employee tenure awards were presented to Linda Jurado of Marfa, Gene Bruce of Childress, Suzie Anderson of Canadian and Fred Goad of Wheeler. Directors receiving service awards were Dean Turner of Matador, Nolan Niehues of San Angelo, Dan Henard of Wellington and Garon Tidwell of Munday.

Cash prizes were awarded at each session in a drawing from PCA stockholders in attendance. "Just Friends" of Snyder provided entertainment for the evening sessions in San Angelo and Canadian. "The Cooper Fiddlers" of Abilene brought the program in Childress and Stamford.

Kent State remembered

KENT, Ohio (AP) — Students wounded 30 years ago during a Vietnam War protest at Kent State University gathered today for solemn remembrance and said they are still searching for the reason the Ohio National Guard opened fire.

"We don't know why this happened to us. We don't know who said 'Shoot.' We don't know when they said it or why," said Joseph Lewis, 48. Four students were killed and nine wounded in the May 4, 1970, shootings that stunned the nation and galvanized the anti-war movement.

Seven of the nine wounded appeared at a news conference today that was part of ceremonies marking the 30th anniversary of the shootings. The two other survivors also were on campus for the anniversary, marking the first time all nine were reunited.

The remembrance also included the tolling of a bell at the exact minute the shots rang out: 12:24 p.m. Thousands of people gathered on the grassy hill overlooking the Victory Bell as it rang out 15 times, for each of the 13 students killed or wounded at Kent State and for the two students killed at Jackson State University in Mississippi 10 days later.

The shootings occurred following days of student protests and the burning of the campus

Army ROTC building. The National Guard was sent in to quell the protest.

"They're my blood brothers," Alan Canfora, another of the students, said earlier. "We all shed the blood here and lived to tell the story."

The former students also planned to meet with the mothers of three of the four students who were killed that day.

"It'll be very emotional this year, particularly around the mothers," said Kent State sociology professor Jerry M. Lewis, who was 20 yards from one of the students killed by gunfire.

Wednesday night, hundreds of students marched around the campus before gathering at a parking lot for the start of an annual overnight candlelight vigil.

Senior Mary Sima said the vigil was "a chance to look inside myself and think about peace for everybody."

At least one shooting survivor, Robby Stamps, said he was unhappy about plans to play a taped speech by Mumia Abu-Jamal during this afternoon's commemoration.

Abu-Jamal is on death row in Pennsylvania for killing a police officer in 1981 but maintains his innocence. Stamps, who was shot in the lower back, said he is afraid that the 3 1/2-minute speech will shift the focus of the commemoration away from events at Kent State.

Letters to the Editor are welcomed. The weekly deadline is noon Wednesdays.

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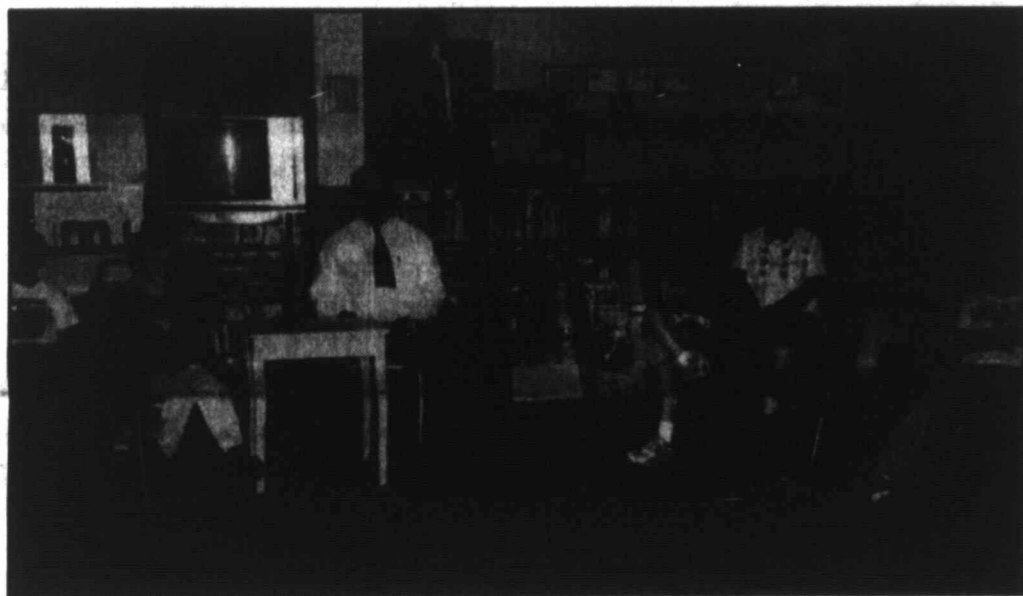
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Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 will hold Master Masons Degree at 6:30 p.m. May 6. A meal will be provided.

TEAM PENNING

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association will sponsor the Fourth Annual Team Penning beginning at 11 a.m., Sunday, May 7, at the Rodeo Arena in Recreation Park. Books will open at 10 a.m. and will close at the start of each class. Youth division teams consist of youth 16 years and under and may include one adult rider who may not enter the herd. Novice division teams consist of riders who are rated Novice by PTPA or beginner/non-rated riders. Each rider is limited to five rides and must change one rider per team. Practice at the rodeo arena is set for 11 a.m., Saturday, May 6. For classes and entry fee information, call Top O' Texas Rodeo office at 806-669-0434.

MAYFEST

Mayfest, a Festival of Mind, Body and Spirit, will be held from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. May 6 in Amarillo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4901 Cornell, Amarillo. Activities will include workshops, entertainment, readers and vendors. Admission is \$3 per person. A percentage of the proceeds will benefit Martha's Home. For more information, contact Sherri Lebow at (806) 463-5533.

PRMC VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Sign-up for the summer Junior Volunteer Program at Pampa Regional Medical Center is currently under way this month after school at the Volunteer Front Lobby desk at PRMC. Students must be 13 or older. An application must be completed and returned to Nancy Paronto, coordinator of volunteers at the hospital, complete with parents' or guardian's written permission on form. Participants will be notified of all-day orientation in June. Normal schedules during the summer are four to eight hours per week. Learn about health care, accounting, business office, human resource office, dietary department, material management, medical surgical unit, skilled bed unit, information services desk and outpatient desk. Older students may want to try emergency department, surgery department and pharmacy department. For more information, call 663-5577.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following breast cancer screening clinics: May 8, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster; May 22, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, Pampa; May 16, Parkview Hospital, 901 S. Sweetwater, Wheeler; and May 3 and 17, Hemphill County Hospital, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian; May 23, Family Care Center, 1010 S. Main, Shamrock. 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.

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.

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

Wheeler Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a "Citywide Garage Sale and Car Show" fund-raising/community project Saturday, May 6. For more information, contact the Chamber at (806) 826-3408.

POETRY ANTHOLOGY

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

PPROA

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

SKY CAMP

Crown of Texas Hospice Foundation will present the third season of "SKY Camp," a camp for grieving children, June 30-July 2 in Ceta Canyon Camp and Retreat Center, 40 miles southeast of Amarillo. The camp is free to all participants and will focus on children between 7-17 grieving the death of a loved one. For more information or to make application, call (806) 372-7696 or 1-800-6365. The deadline for application is May 15.

THEATRE WORKSHOPS

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

MS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

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

CASE

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

TEACHERS CONSERVATION INSTITUTE

Registration is currently under way for Texas Forestry Association's week-long Teacher's Conservation Institute summer workshop to be held June 25-30, July 9-14 and July 16-21. Teachers will receive a first-hand look at forestry in East Texas by touring forest product mills, a Tree Farm, a logging operation, a nursery and a seed orchard. They will also be trained in Project Learning Tree and Project WILD. The first session is currently full but spaces are still available for the other two sessions. Registration is \$75 and includes all food, lodging and materials for a week. For a free brochure or for more information, call TFA at (409) 632-TREE; e-mail calhoun@tex-forestry.org; or write P.O. Box 1488, Lufkin, TX 75902.

Don't forget the 4-H sale ...



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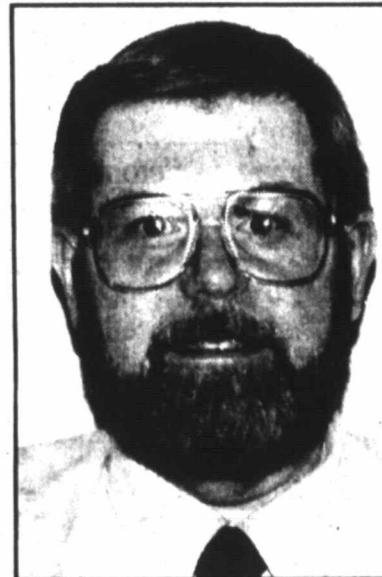
Gray County 4-Hers are gearing up for the annual 4-H Geranium Sale fund-raiser slated at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 6, in Coronado Center parking lot. The sale will continue until all flowers are sold. Above are: (front row) Misty Pairsh, Meagan Crawford, Ashley Price, Drake Jackson, Amanda Lawrence, Emily Jackson, Rebecca Lawrence, Gabriel Miller; (back row) Sarah Schwab, Cory Jackson, Emily Elliott, Alan Parker, Courtney Crawford, Lindsey Price, Nicholas Miller, Matt Daugherty and Dustin Forsyth. For more information, call the Gray County Extension Service, 669-8033.

Judge JP attends seminar

Judge Kurt R. Curfman was certified at the recent Twenty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held recently in Corpus Christi. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Southwest Texas State University, with offices in Austin.

The seminar is one of five held for elected justices of the peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code.

The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, New Legislation, Traffic Laws, Inquests, Family Violence, Country Courts, Deferred Disposition, Landlord Tenant Issues, Hot Checks, Probable Cause Search and Arrest Warrants, Juvenile Law: School and Criminal Issues and Legal Research.



Judge Kurt R. Curfman

Lamar Elementary honor roll

Lamar Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the fifth six weeks grading period of the 1999-00 school year.

SECOND GRADE

A Honor Roll
Mikaela Flores, J'Lynne James, Jessica Ramirez, Fabiola Soria, Christopher Wood, Stormy Free, Alexis Johnson, Lorena Sieber, Tessa Walker.

AB Honor Roll

Jessica Brown, Margarita Cervantes, Amanda Estes, Katzen Hernandez, Lacie Johnston, Laura McGrath, Andrew Regalado, Tracy Torres, Breanna Bump, Kristie Davis, Cristina Garcia, Marticka Jackson, A.J. Ledbetter, Amisha

Mitchell, Delissa Salazar.

THIRD GRADE

A Honor Roll
Eric Freelen, Andrew Hatcher, Codi Guthrie, Michael Taylor.

AB Honor Roll

Karly Bookout, Amber Chavarria, Celeste Gonzales, Jennifer Jones, Tristin Reeves, Heath Skinner, Heather Bryan, Danielle Frazier, Christopher Jackson, Callie Preston, Kelsie Serrato, Tom Williams.

FOURTH GRADE

A Honor Roll
Erin Hall, Jamaica Walker, Veronica Solorzano.

AB Honor Roll

George Albear, Mayah Cash, Kambra Jimenez, Sonia

Martinez, April Newsome, Cristina Perez, Jarett Towles, Elizabeth Wade, Scotty Brown, Shane Davis, Lex LaRue, Elizabeth McGrath, Jesse Nunez, David Soto, Daniel Valdez.

FIFTH GRADE

A Honor Roll
Shon Freelen, Michael Robinson, Andrew Lowrance,

Phillip Rodriguez.

AB Honor Roll

Erica Arreola, Jamie Gonzales, Kali Jimenez, Robert McLean, Karim Molinar, Halei Skinner, Julia Solis, Marco Valles, Marcos Campos, Lizbeth Herrera, Derek Lowrie, Lensey Mixon, Eric Morales, Cody Snow, Jon-Nathan Stewart, Charlene Wright.

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CRHI seeking applicants for grants

AUSTIN — The Center for Rural Health Initiatives, the Texas State Office of Rural Health, is looking for applicants to take advantage of its \$250,000 Medically Underserved Community-State Matching Incentive Program. The purpose of the program is to enhance the abilities of underserved communities to attract and retain primary care physicians by providing matching funds to cover certain costs of establishing a primary care physician's practice site.

Rural communities struggling with losses of access to health care providers are encouraged to take advantage of the invaluable MUC-SMIP program.

"It's a very unique opportunity for rural folks to attract and keep health care providers in their communities," said Sam Tessen, executive director of CRHI.

The state grants funds from \$15,000-\$25,000 per applicant. The community must provide matching funds of the same amount, and the contracted physician must agree to practice in the community for at least two years.

The matching grant is available to communities located in rural Texas counties that are designated as either a Medically Underserved Community or a Health Professional Shortage Area. To determine the status of your county, contact the Health Professions Resource Center at (512) 458-7261 or e-mail them at hprc@tdh.state.tx.us.

If you have questions or would like an application, contact Marty Darnell at CRHI at (512) 479-8891, toll free at (877) 839-2744, or by e-mail at darnell@crhi.state.tx.us. Applications for this year's funding must be received by July 31, 2000.

The Center for Rural Health Initiatives is the State Office of Rural Health. Established in 1989, it provides leadership in encouraging innovative responses to rural health care needs. The center advocates a number of programs and services designed to help rural health providers and communities proactively address the health care needs of rural Texans.

The top facility within each of three categories — determined by the number of plant workers — is recognized as "Excellence in Caring for Texas. Facilities earning this distinction included: Celanese, Pampa, Clear Lake (both Class II division), and Bishop plants, (Class III); and Phillips Chemical Co. of Borger (Class II).

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'Walk Across Texas' campaign can help Texans get healthy

Joan Gray
Extension Agent

Most people know they should increase their activity level by walking or aerobics classes. In fact, many of you probably made a New Year's resolution this year to start on Jan. 1 and have already given up: Is there hope?

The answer is yes. Changing any habit requires several tries and a great deal of effort for most people. Increasing your activity level can have a great impact on your health both now and later in life.

A recent article in the "Archives of Internal Medicine" reported on a study where 100 middle-aged women were encouraged to walk for exercise while another 100 were not encouraged to walk. Ten years later, women in the walking group had significantly less health problems than the non-walking group of women. The women in the walking group were walking seven miles more each week than those in the other group. Only 2 percent of the walking group were diagnosed with heart disease whereas almost 13 percent of the non-walkers had a diagnosis of heart disease. Walkers also had fewer hospitalizations, surgeries and

falls. Participating in the short-term walking program 10 years earlier was the main difference between these two groups!

So, trying again is important. Studies have shown that walking with others and engaging in a program long enough to make walking a habit promote success. If you would like to get started now, call the county Extension office at 669-8033 and ask Joan Gray, County Extension agent, about Walk Across Texas.

This is a free, fun, group physical activity program. All you need is a group of eight friends, family members or co-workers who want to keep track of the amount they walk for eight weeks. You can encourage one another to keep going and see if

your team reaches your destination first before the other groups participating do.

The second annual Walk Across Texas starts on Sunday, May 7 and will end on Saturday, July 1. We will have our "Kick-Off" on Sunday, May 7 at 2:30 p.m. at the High School Track. Team and Individual Registrations forms will be available at the "Kick-Off" and the county Extension office.

This year we have added a weight loss program. If you want to lose weight, let us know. We will either hold support group classes or do a mail-out series, depending on the interest.

Getting started is the hard part, but starting and keeping going is much easier with the support of others!

TVMA announces National Pet Week in offing

AUSTIN — "Pets bring companionship and joy into owners' lives, especially if people are truly committed to responsible pet ownership," says Dr. L.D. Eckermann, Houston veterinarian and chairman of the Companion Animal Committee of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association. His comments were made in announcing the May 7-13, National Pet Week campaign.

"Most owners consider their pets as part of the family," Dr. Eckermann notes. "However caring properly for a pet means an owner must commit time and money, and thus the decision to acquire a pet must be thought out."

Before getting a pet, Dr. Eckermann suggests you consider these questions:

Who will care for the animal? Will someone be home to housebreak a puppy? If not, a cat or a bird might be the best choice.

Do you have enough space for the animal to exercise? How big will the animal be when it grows up? Cats are usually content with indoor living and small breeds of dogs don't need as much space. If you are considering a Great Dane, for example, make sure there is enough room to romp and play.

Can you afford a pet? Besides supplying love and attention, you'll need to provide food, vaccinations and health care, a license and accessories such as a leash, collar, name tag, toys and feeding dishes.

Do you have enough time to properly train the pet? It takes time and training to teach a dog good manners, and the animal becomes a better companion for years to come.

If you feel that a pet belongs in your household, congratulations! You've joined the company of millions. For more information on pet ownership, contact a local veterinarian during National Pet Week.



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Name: _____

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Birth Date & Place: _____

Family: _____

If I had a different job, I'd be a: "or" _____
When I grow up I want to be: _____

My personal hero: _____

The best advice I ever got was: _____

People who knew me in High School thought: "or" _____
My classmates think of me as: _____

The best word or words to describe me: _____

People will remember me as being: _____

The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: _____

My hobbies are: _____

My favorite sports team is: _____

My favorite author is: _____

The last book I read was: _____

My favorite possession is: _____

The biggest honor I've ever received is: _____

My favorite performer is: _____

I wish I knew how to: _____

My trademark cliché or expression is: _____

My worst habit is: _____

I would never: _____

The last good movie I saw was: _____

I stay home to watch: _____

Nobody knows: _____

I drive a: "or" _____
Some day I want to drive a: _____

My favorite junk food is: _____

My favorite beverage: _____

My favorite restaurant is: _____

My favorite pet: _____

For my last meal, I would choose: "or" _____
My favorite meal is: _____

I wish I could sing like: _____

I'm happiest when I'm: _____

I regret: _____

I'm tired of: _____

I have a phobia about: "or" _____
My biggest fear is: _____

The electrical device I couldn't live without is: _____

My most embarrassing moment: _____

The biggest waste of time is: _____

If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: _____

If I had three wishes they would be: _____

If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: _____

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Hospice Helps Protect Patients From Too Much Intrusive Care

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for reprinting "Let Me Go" and discussing the durable power of attorney for health care. The state of Ohio has recently enacted a do-not-resuscitate comfort-care law that further protects patients who wish to be "protected" from "heroic measures." I hope other states are doing the same. However, this still may not be enough.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

When our elderly aunt was a patient in a local nursing home, she made her wishes clear — no heroic measures. She had serious asthma and a failing heart. Even though she had a durable power of attorney for health care and a DNR order, the nursing home would ship her off to the hospital every time she had a problem breathing. She would then be subjected to tubes, needles and tests — none of which she wanted.

Finally, we convinced her to contact hospice. The hospice staff was able to educate the nursing home staff on specific ways to ease her breathing and avoid emergency hospital trips. Hospice did nothing to hasten her death. They did supplement her nursing home care, kept her comfortable, and gave the family much peace of mind. To my thinking, hospice served as her line of defense against these well-intentioned but unwelcome measures. She recently died, at the nursing home, peacefully in her sleep.

PEGGY IN OHIO

DEAR PEGGY: I'm pleased to say that as our population ages,

end-of-life issues are being given increasing attention. After the poem "Let Me Go" appeared in my column, I received dozens of letters from families who had used hospice, praising the efforts of "their" hospice team, which comprises doctors, nurses, social workers, counselors, home health aides, clergy, therapists — and loyal and devoted volunteers. Each provides assistance based on his or her area of expertise.

In addition, hospices help provide medications, supplies, equipment, hospital services and additional helpers in the home if and when needed.

I was pleased to learn that hospice coverage is widely available. It is provided by Medicare nationwide, by Medicaid in 33 states, and by most private health insurance policies. And if the patient is not covered by Medicare or other health insurance, hospice will assist families in finding out whether the patient is eligible

for any coverage they might not be aware of. For anyone who cannot pay, many hospices will still make their services available using money raised from the community or from memorial or foundation gifts.

Most physicians know about hospice. For physicians who don't, information is available from the Academy of Hospice Physicians, state hospice organizations, medical societies or the National Hospice Helpline, 1-800-658-8888.

Readers who are interested in learning more about hospice may write: The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, 1700 Diagonal Road, Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314. The Web site is: www.nhpco.org.

DEAR READERS: From "Marketing Resources," Issue No. 8, 1995: Sign in Acapulco, Mexico, hotel lobby: "The manager has personally passed all the water served here."

Sign in religious artifacts stores: "If you're interested in life after death, try robbing this store."

Sign in Norwegian cocktail lounge: "Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar."

Sign in Bangkok dry cleaners: "Drop your pants here."

make plans that work for you. An associate proves to be helpful. Tonight: Do your own thing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Aim for what you want. Be goal-driven. You can succeed beyond your wildest dreams. You might be seeing another with rose-colored glasses. Understand your limits, especially with a child or loved one. Tonight: TGIF in style.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Take charge. Others look to you for answers. You are in a unique position to make what you want happen. Allow another to give you feedback before you charge ahead with a key project. Listen to your sixth sense with a co-worker. Tonight: Prepare for a late night.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Build on existing agreements, even though you might want to implement a new concept. Be creative about how you integrate your idea. Others will appreciate your ingenuity if approached properly. Don't take another's comment personally. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Relating on a one-on-one level makes a huge difference in how another reacts. Be aware that you might need a financial overhaul. Don't resist the inevitable. Brainstorm with someone who has more fiscal savvy than you. Tonight: Keep up the duo theme.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Others are in control. You could give another a lot of flak or make decisions that might not work. Try to work as a team, even though it might be hard for you. You know what to do, but

you might not be totally willing. Be honest with yourself. Tonight: Be a social butterfly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Dig into work. You can get a lot done if you calm your mind. You could easily get triggered by another's feedback. Emphasis is on work and accomplishment. You have high energy. Cut through red tape. Watch where you are heading. Tonight: Do errands.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** You have an answer to almost everything. Think and speak carefully, or you could push away a dear friend. Be sensitive; don't just express everything you are thinking. Empathize. Walk in another's shoes. Tonight: Naughty you!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Pressure builds and, even though you think you have everything under control, a surprise or two lurks. You cannot coast along without considering some basic issues. Be attentive to a roommate or family member. Tonight: Working late.

BORN TODAY

Actor Lance Henriksen (1943), actor Michael Palin (1943), actress Tina Yothers (1973) ...

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Horoscope

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** You know what you want today. Others respond to your special requests. Keep a high visibility at work. Make plans for a social weekend as well. Others want and need to hear from you. Don't hesitate to make that call. Tonight: Breeze out the door.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Expenses could be adding up. Eye a career venture carefully. For some, this could involve an image change. Become something you have always wanted to be. Trust a partner, even if he doesn't always agree with you. Intensity marks your relationship. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** You are a pistol, somewhat out of control. High energy takes you in new directions. Trust what is happening. Be creative when dealing with a stubborn partner. You know when enough is enough. Head your own way; make your own call. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Take a back seat. Remain sure of yourself. Say what you think. You could make yourself ill if you hold your feelings in. Reschedule daily activities and

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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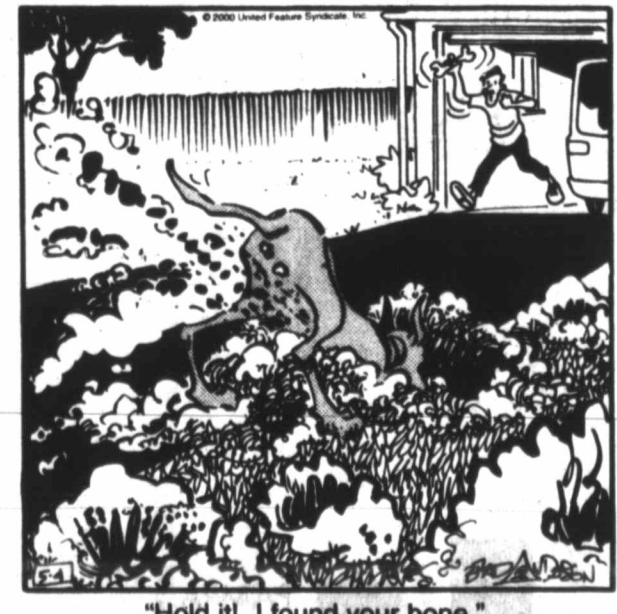
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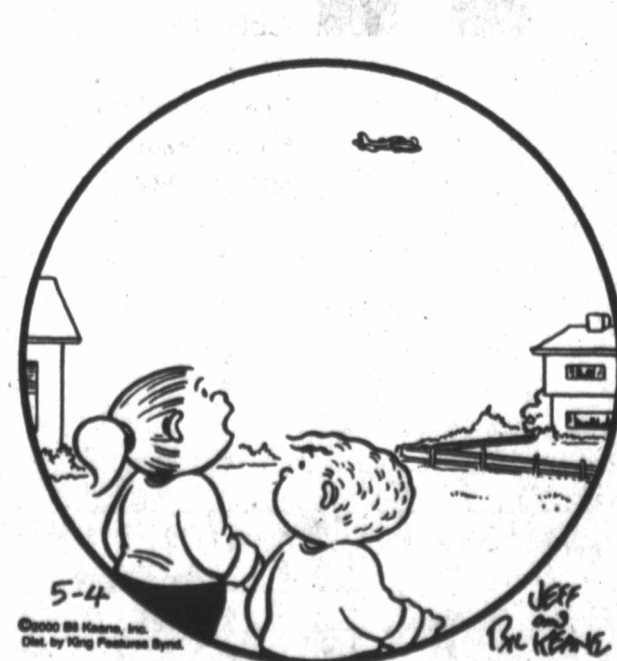
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"Hold it! I found your bone."

The Family Circus



"That's not a jet. It's just a plain plane."

For Better or For Worse



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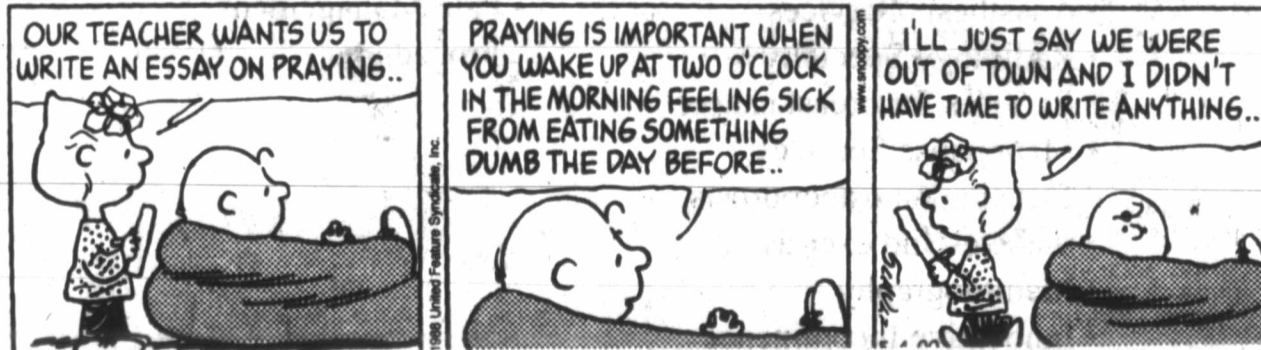
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Peanuts



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Mallard Filmore



SPORTS

Notebook

FOOTBALL

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys signed free agent linebacker Joe Bowden, who had 81 tackles, 3 1/2 sacks, three fumble recoveries, three forced fumbles and an interception for Tennessee last season.

MIAMI (AP) — Rick Spielman, the Chicago Bears' director of pro personnel since 1997, is rejoining coach Dave Wannstedt with the Miami Dolphins.

Spielman, the older brother of former NFL linebacker Chris Spielman, will become the Dolphins' vice president for player personnel, Wannstedt said.

CORRECTION

LEVELLAND — Miami's golf scores from the Class 1A regional tournament at Levelland were incorrectly reported.

The Miami boys finished in 8th place instead of 11th as was reported. Lance Patterson's scores were incorrectly reported.

Miami scores were Lance Patterson 81-169; Zach McDowell 85-172; Trey Rogers 90-184; Chris Rice 104-199; Ryan Manly 103-215. Team total was 724.

HORSE RACING

LOUISVILLE, Ky (AP) — With the 12th selection in the post position draw, Neil Drysdale tried to find a safe place for his frisky favorite in the \$1 million Kentucky Derby.

So the Hall of Fame trainer put Fusaichi Pegasus in the auxiliary gate — in the No. 16 post — as a full field of 20 3-year-olds was entered for Saturday's 126th Derby.

"I thought we'd leave him on the outside to stay out of trouble," Drysdale said Wednesday night in explaining why he passed up posts 1, 2, 11 and 12 in regular loading gate when his turn to pick came around. "I didn't want him to stay in the gate too long. It's a very big field."

The No. 16 post has been a lucky one lately. D. Wayne Lukas won last year with Charismatic and in '95 with Thunder Gulch from the 16 hole. Lukas won the '96 Derby with Grindstone from the No. 15 spot.

Fusaichi Pegasus, the "playful" \$4 million dollar colt owned by Fusao Sekiguchi, is the 9-5 morning-line favorite. The Deputy, trained by Jenine Sahadi, is the second choice at 4-1, and the four-horse entry of Commendable, High Yield, Impeachment and Trippi is third at 5-1. War Chant, also trained by Drysdale, is 6-1.

High Yield and Commendable are trained by D. Wayne Lukas; Impeachment and Trippi by Todd Pletcher. The coupling was made because of common ownership involving Bob and Beverly Lewis, who own Commendable and are co-owners in the other three.

There were some who didn't want to be near Fusaichi Pegasus. Barry Irwin of Team Valor, which owns The Deputy, went for the No. 11 post instead of the No. 17 post — on the outside of Fusaichi Pegasus.

"We thought about 17, but backed away to avoid being next to that keg of dynamite," Irwin said.

Lukas, along with Sheik Mohammed al Maktoum of Dubai, may have gotten the worst of the draw, while trainer Bob Baffert had the No. 1 pick and went for the No. 8 post for Captain Steve.

"This is a horse that breaks with the field so I wanted to choose somewhere in the middle," Baffert, who won the '97 Derby with Silver Charm and '98 Derby with Real Quiet, said.

Blue Grass winner High Yield leaves from the No. 18 post and Commendable from the No. 13 post. Lukas' other entry, Exchange Rate, has the No. 17 post.

M.G. Flyers prepare for regional, state meets

DUMAS — The M.G. Flyers Trampoline & Tumbling Team, coached by Madeline Graves and Shauna Munsell, traveled to Dumas on April 18 for a Division One and Two Meet.

Division One competitors were Shannon Clay, Shelby Clay, Nicole Heersema, Jenna Munsell, Chaslyn Tull and Danielle Zuniga.

Shannon Clay placed first in tumbling and was third on trampoline. Shelby Clay placed second on tumbling and first on trampoline. Nicole Heersema placed first in tumbling and third on trampoline. Jenna Munsell placed second in tumbling and second on trampoline. Chaslyn Tull placed fourth in tumbling and second on trampoline. Danielle Zuniga placed second in tumbling and first on trampoline.

Division Two competitors were Carrie Clay, Staci Clay, Nichole Dyer and Kaylee Greenhouse. Carrie Clay placed first in tumbling and second on trampoline. Staci Clay placed first in tumbling and second on trampoline. Nichole Dyer placed first in tumbling and second on trampoline while Kaylee Greenhouse placed first in tumbling and fourth on trampoline.

The Division One and Two teams traveled to Shamrock on April 15 for a meet.

Division One competitors

were Shannon Clay, Shelby Clay, Allie Hendrick, Jenna Munsell, Keziah Nelson, Jazmine Rose, Tasha Triplett, Chaslyn Tull and Danielle Zuniga.

Shannon Clay placed second in tumbling and first on trampoline. Shelby Clay first in tumbling and second on trampoline. Allie Hendrick placed first in tumbling and fifth on trampoline. Jenna Munsell placed fourth in tumbling and second on trampoline. Keziah Nelson placed third in tumbling and first on trampoline. Jazmine Rose placed first in tumbling and first on trampoline. Tasha Triplett placed first in tumbling and second on trampoline. Chaslyn Tull placed first in tumbling and first on trampoline, and Danielle Zuniga placed second in tumbling and first on trampoline.

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The Division Two gymnasts will compete in Regionals on

May 6 and the Division I gymnasts will go to State on May 13 to compete in the competition

season for trampoline and tumbling. The Gymnastics Competition

and Recital will be on May 19 at the Dance and Gymnastics Center.



Members of the M.G. Flyers Trampoline and Tumbling team are (front row, from left) Staci Clay, Kaylee Greenhouse, Carrie Clay and Nichole Dyer; (back row, from left) Danielle Zuniga, Shelby Clay and Jenna Munsell. Coaches are Shawna Munsell (left) and Madeline Graves.

Glo-Valve wins close contest

PAMPA — A sixth-inning rally by Cabot Corporation fell short as Glo-Valve struggled to a 6-4 win in Optimist Major Cal Ripken II-12 Division play earlier this week.

Cabot had scored three runs when the Glo-Valve pitchers had problems with a ball made slick by damp weather. The bases were loaded and two were out with a full count on the batter. Glo-Valve's Tyson Hickman got the Cabot clean-up hitter to ground out to end the game.

Hickman pitched three innings and received credit for the win. He gave up one run, no hits, struck out five, walked three and hit a batter. Brett Ferrell and Robbie Dixon also pitched for Glo-Valve. Ferrell struck out six, allowed one hit and walked two in two innings. Dixon struck out two and allowed three runs in one-plus innings. He walked six.

Glo-Valve opened the scoring in the bottom of the first inning. Hickman was safe on an error and Dixon sacrificed him to sec-

ond. Ferrell reached base on an error with Hickman taking third. Hickman raced home on a wild pitch. Erick Kingcade singled, scoring Ferrell to give Glo-Valve a 2-0 lead after one inning.

In the second inning, Jarron Clark walked, went to second and third on passed balls and made the score 3-0 on a double by Hickman. The winners upled their lead to 5-0 in the fourth inning. Hickman walked and Dixon singled. Both runners moved up a base on a wild pitch. Ferrell's single brought both runners home.

After going out in order in the first three innings, Cabot got on the scoreboard with a run in the fifth inning with walks to Charles Dean, Alex Torres, Brady Eakin and Bradley Johnson.

Glo-Valve padded its lead with a single run in the bottom of the fifth. Ryan Hansen was hit by a pitch and he went to second on a wild pitch and onto third on a ground out by Clark. He then stole home sliding in under the pitcher's throw.

Cabot combined five walks and a hit batter to score three times in the top of the sixth before Hickman returned to slam the door on the rally. The key play of the inning was the catch of a fly ball in left field by Clark with the bases loaded, preventing at least two runs from scoring.

The defensive gem of the game was made by Kingcade, Glo-Valve's second baseman, who made a diving stop of a ground ball to throw out a runner.

Keenan Davis and Eakin pitched for Cabot and held Glo-Valve to five hits and three earned runs. They combined to strike out eight.

Cabot left nine runners on base the last three innings. Glo-Valve stranded six runners.

Glo-Valve is tied for first place in the Optimist Major Cal Ripken Division with Rotary Club at 2-0. Cabot fell to 1-2.

Rotary Club and Celanese Corporation were rained out after two innings in the nightcap with Rotary Club leading 6-2.

The dethroned Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Although Tim Duncan isn't revealing where he wants to play next season, the Spurs' first-round playoff loss to Phoenix showed how badly San Antonio needs him.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich refused to talk about what might have happened against Phoenix had Duncan not missed the entire series with torn knee cartilage.

"It doesn't matter. The Suns won," Popovich said. "It's totally inappropriate to talk about what could have been if this, that or the other. They won. They did it fair and square."

Phoenix defeated San Antonio on Tuesday to win the best-of-five series 3-1. The Spurs went from NBA champions to first-round losers as Duncan, a free agent-to-be, missed all four games.

San Antonio became the first defending champion to be ousted in the first round since

Philadelphia lost to New Jersey 3-2 in 1984. Chicago did not make the playoffs last year after winning in 1998.

The series loss to Phoenix ended a disappointing, injury-plagued season for San Antonio — the team that seemed invincible last year with two 7-footers on the front line and a 15-2 playoff run en route to a title.

"It's been frustrating since the beginning of the year," Popovich said. "But people are dealt different circumstances every year. That's why only one team out of 29 teams wins a championship, because usually that's a pretty fortunate team in addition to being a pretty good team."

The Spurs had to listen all season to talk concerning where Duncan, the MVP of last year's Finals, would play next season as his three-year rookie contract runs out. He never tipped his hand throughout the season, and didn't after Tuesday's loss.

Cubs' Lieber displays mastery over Astros again

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Cubs have lost more close games this season than they care to recall.

So to win one, and beat a team like the Houston Astros in the process, well, it doesn't get much better.

"This was a big win for us," said Jon Lieber, who mastered the Astros for the second time in five days Wednesday as the Cubs won 4-3.

"It was just great," Lieber said. "That's something you can build off of and carry over." Lieber (3-2) gave up three runs and six hits over 7 2/3 innings, and the bullpen got the Cubs out of a couple of tough jams for their fourth straight win over the Astros. Rick Aguilar pitched the ninth for his sixth save.

Chris Holt (1-4) gave up four runs on seven hits in six innings.

The Cubs looked like they might be in for an easy game after the first inning, when they tagged Holt for all four runs.

Eric Young led off with a homer and Henry Rodriguez hit an RBI double. After Holt loaded the bases with walks to Willie Greene and Jeff Reed, Damon Buford singled to give Chicago a 4-0 lead.

Holt settled down after that, though, and the Astros rallied. Richard Hidalgo homered in the fourth and then Lance Berkman hit a two-run single in the fifth to get the Astros within 4-3.

But Houston just couldn't get that last run.

"We came back and we had a chance, but didn't come back and get the win," Houston manager Larry Dierker said. "We were one key hit away in two or three different innings, and couldn't get that key hit."

In the eighth, Houston loaded the bases on Young's error, but Kyle Farnsworth struck out pinch-hitter Matt Mieske to end the threat. The next inning, Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell both singled, but Ken Caminiti struck out swinging to end the game.

The Cubs have played 12 games decided by two runs or less, and have won just six of them.

"I was as nervous this game as I was last night," said Cubs manager Don Baylor, referring to Kerry Wood's return Tuesday night.

"One-run games, we've let a lot of them slip away from us."

Not this one, though. Though everyone talks about Wood's mastery of the Astros — he threw his 20-strikeout game against Houston — Lieber has a little bit of a hold on them, too. Last Thursday, he beat them 12-

3 and threw a complete game at Enron Field, allowing only one earned run.

On Wednesday, he struck out seven, getting Bagwell twice. He got into trouble in the fifth inning as Holt singled and Biggio doubled to center. Berkman then hit a two-run single over Lieber's head to cut the Cubs' lead to 4-3.

But the Astros couldn't get anything else.

"I can't explain it," said Lieber, 5-6 with a 3.26 ERA career against the Astros. "I've just been fortunate. That's a very, very good team over there, outstanding from top to bottom. They're a challenge."

Notes: Bagwell snapped an 0-for-13 streak with his ninth-inning single. "I've had three bad games, but this early in the season, it makes it look like 40 games," he said. ... Mark Grace scored his 1,000th career run in

the first inning on Rodriguez's RBI double. He's the eighth Cub to reach the milestone. ... Young's leadoff homer was his second of the season. He got his first last week off another Astro, Jose Lima. ... Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura was the guest conductor for the seventh-inning stretch.

Hidden Hills Golf

PAMPA — Hidden Hills Seniors Association held a four-man scramble last week.

Results are as follows: First place: Ted Jett, Ray Covak, Pat Montoya and Jim Jensen, 64.

Second place: Eldon Maxwell, John McGuire, Jerry South and George Gamblin, 66.

Third place: Travis Johnston, Howard Wells, Butch Shepherd and Calvin Lacy, 66.

Fourth place: Darrell Phillips, Don Riddle, Ervin Williams and Gabe Crossman, 66.

Nebraska Gets Ready for Texas weekend series

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nearly a year after Nebraska won its first conference baseball championship since 1950 in the Big 12 tournament, the Cornhuskers are trying to add a regular-season title.

The Huskers (36-12 overall, 19-8 Big 12) trail first-place Baylor (39-13, 20-7) by just a game in the league race. Texas (37-13, 18-8) is half a game behind Nebraska.

Nebraska and Texas can take each other out of the running with a weekend series starting

Saturday in Austin.

"It's a big series because we did a great job in April of getting ourselves in this situation," Nebraska coach Dave Van Horn said Wednesday.

Baylor's slim lead is the result of beating the Huskers 4-2, 3-2 and 7-6 a month ago. The final loss was in 10 innings and left the Huskers reeling.

"I don't know what we learned I just know what we felt," Van Horn said. "We felt like we left a game or two there that we should have got. We didn't get a big hit the whole

weekend. We left a lot of runners on."

The sweep seemed to wake up Nebraska. The Huskers are 18-1 since, setting a Big 12 record with 15 straight wins from April 4-25.

In April, Nebraska hit .387 as a team, increasing the team batting average nearly 60 points to .356. Four Huskers hit better than .400 for the month, led by Will Bolt's .486 average.

"I think the guys just said 'Hey, it's getting to that time of the year where if we don't start

getting it done we're not going to be doing these things in the middle of May,'" Van Horn said. "I don't know. I just know we've played a whole lot better since we left there."

The streak got Nebraska into the national polls. The Huskers are ranked No. 15 in the USA Today Baseball Weekly/ESPN coaches poll, No. 13 in the Collegiate Baseball rankings and 12th in the Baseball America Top 25. Despite Nebraska's slight lead over Texas in the standings, the Longhorns are a Top-10 team

in each poll.

The Longhorns are ranked No. 6, No. 8 and No. 7, respectively.

The Huskers swept Texas in a three-game series in Lincoln last May and went on to win the Big 12 tournament, their first league title since winning the Big 7 in 1950.

They'd like to add a regular season championship, but would need to win at Texas and get a little help from Kansas State, which hosts Baylor this weekend.

Sonics, Jazz tied at two victories apiece

SEATTLE (AP) — For a team led by grizzled veterans with so much playoff experience, the Utah Jazz lost their composure like a bunch of rookies.

After trailing by 17 points in the third quarter, the Jazz got within two in the fourth quarter before self-destructing in the final minutes against the Seattle SuperSonics on Wednesday night. As the result, the Sonics won 104-93, tying their first-round playoff series with Utah at 2-2. Game 5 will be played Friday night in Salt Lake City with the winner to open a second-round Western Conference series Sunday in Portland.

Tonight, Milwaukee is at Indiana for the deciding Game 5 of their first-round Eastern Conference series.

"We couldn't match their intensity," Jazz coach Jerry Sloan said. Or the way Seattle reacted to pressure with the game on the line.

The Jazz left Salt Lake City with a 2-0 lead and could have ended the series in Seattle.

But they threw too many temper tantrums at the end of Game 4 and ended up being whistled for six technicals, including four in the final 3:40.

Sloan and Karl Malone were both ejected in the final two minutes.

Who would have thought the Jazz, of all teams, would lose their poise?

"I never like a deciding game, but that's what we have," Malone said.

"We're still breathing," Seattle coach Paul Westphal said.

The Sonics got another outstanding performance from Gary Payton, who had his first career playoff triple-double with a career playoff-high 35 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists. And Utah had trouble defending young Rashard Lewis, who had 20 points, and Vin Baker, with 18.

"If we play like this again Friday night, we'll be OK," Payton said. "Everybody is playing well for us. It's a lot easier when everybody is playing well."

Westphal, whose rotation off the bench has been criticized this season, used eight players with Seattle's starters supplying 95 of its points.

The less-than-capacity Key

Arena crowd of 16,631 was as noisy as it has been at home for the Sonics all season.

"This team has not played its best game yet," Brent Barry said. "In order to win Game 5, we're going to have to."

In the second quarter, the Sonics held Utah to seven points on 3-for-21 shooting. But the Jazz came back to get within two points with 7:16 left before Payton helped the Sonics pull away. Payton had 15 of his points in the final period.

"We were executing pretty well in the first quarter," Sloan said. "All of a sudden, we quit executing in the second quarter."

Byron Russell led the Jazz with 26 points, while Malone had 23 points and 14 rebounds. For the second consecutive game, Malone found himself in foul trouble.

Sloan was thrown out with 1:11 left and Malone was ejected with 24 seconds to play. Malone departed after a jawing match with Payton, when Payton also was called for a technical.

Utah's Greg Ostertag and Jeff Hornacek also received technicals. "No, we didn't lose our composure," Malone insisted. "I don't regret anything that happened. But if we would have had this intensity in Game 3, we would have won that one."

Payton wouldn't reveal the details of what he and Malone said in their exchange before Malone left for the locker room.

"What we had to say to each other, that's between him and me," Payton said. "If he wants to carry it over to Game 5, that's OK with me."

Westphal took a shot at the way the Jazz play.

"They know how to flop and make it look worse than it is," he said. "When I got old as a player, I played that way, too."

Notes: The Jazz's seven second-quarter points were a team playoff low in a period. The seven points also were a Sonics' opponents' low for a quarter in the playoffs. ... Payton also had a career playoff-high six steals. His 10 rebounds tied his career playoff high. ... Utah beat Sacramento in Game 5 in overtime in Salt Lake City in the first round of the playoffs last season. Two years ago, the Jazz defeated Houston in Game 5 at home in the opening round of the playoffs.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

National League				
At a Glance	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	20	7	.741	—
New York	16	13	.552	5
Montreal	14	12	.538	5 1/2
Florida	14	15	.483	7
Philadelphia	8	18	.308	11 1/2

American League				
At a Glance	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	17	10	.630	—
Cincinnati	13	13	.500	3 1/2
Pittsburgh	11	16	.423	5 1/2
Chicago	12	17	.414	6
Houston	10	16	.385	6 1/2
Milwaukee	10	17	.370	7

BASEBALL (Cont.)					
W	L	Pct.	GB	GB	
Arizona	17	10	.630	—	—
Los Angeles	15	12	.556	2	—
Colorado	14	14	.500	3 1/2	—
San Francisco	13	13	.500	3 1/2	—
San Diego	13	15	.464	4 1/2	—

Baseball Schedule

Tuesday's Games: Cincinnati 7, Philadelphia 0; Chicago Cubs 11, Houston 1; Arizona 5, Milwaukee 1; Pittsburgh 10, St. Louis 7; Colorado 12, Montreal 6; San Diego 8, Florida 3; San Francisco 7, N.Y. Mets 1; Atlanta 5, Los Angeles 3.

Wednesday's Games: Chicago Cubs 4, Houston 3; Colorado 16, Montreal 7; Philadelphia 5, Cincinnati 2; Milwaukee 4, Arizona 1; San Francisco 8, N.Y. Mets 5, 11 innings; Pittsburgh 8, St. Louis 2; San Diego 3, Florida 1; Los Angeles 6, Atlanta 4.

Thursday's Games: Pittsburgh (Cordova 1-2) at St. Louis (Stephenson 3-0), 1:10 p.m.; Houston (Elarton 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Valdes 0-0), 2:20 p.m.; Cincinnati (Harnisch 0-3) at Philadelphia (Person 1-1), 3:05 p.m.; N.Y. Mets (Reed 3-0) at San Francisco (Ruster 2-1), 3:35 p.m.; Arizona (Reynoso 1-3) at Milwaukee (Stul 1-2), 8:05 p.m.

Friday's Games: Pittsburgh (Ritchie 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 1-3), 3:20 p.m.; N.Y. Mets (Laiter 2-0) at Florida (Sanchez 3-0), 7:05 p.m.; St. Louis (An.Benes 2-1) at Cincinnati (Villone 2-1), 7:05 p.m.; Philadelphia (Wolf 1-2) at Atlanta (Glavine 5-0), 7:40 p.m.; Montreal (Vazquez 2-0) at Milwaukee (Bere 2-2), 8:05 p.m.; San Diego (Hilchcock 0-3) at Arizona (R.Johnson 6-0), 10:05 p.m.; Houston (Reynolds 4-0) at Los Angeles (Drefort 1-1), 10:10 p.m.; Colorado (Yoshi 1-2) at San Francisco (Nathan 1-0), 10:35 p.m.

Baseball Schedule

Tuesday's Games: Baltimore 7, Anaheim 6; N.Y. Yankees 4, Cleveland 2; Texas 8, Tampa Bay 1; Detroit 7, Boston 6, 12 innings.

Toronto 4, Chicago White Sox 1; Seattle 5, Minnesota 4; Kansas City 8, Oakland 7, 10 innings; Boston 4, Detroit 2; N.Y. Yankees 6, Cleveland 5; Texas 5, Tampa Bay 1; Anaheim 8, Baltimore 5; Chicago White Sox 7, Toronto 3; Minnesota 5, Seattle 4, 10 innings; Oakland 14, Kansas City 5.

Thursday's Games: Anaheim (Hill 2-3) at Baltimore (Mussina 1-2), 3:05 p.m.; Cleveland (Finley 3-0) at Toronto (Wells 4-1), 7:05 p.m.; Texas (Loeiza 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Van 1-1), 7:15 p.m.; Detroit (Micki 0-5) at Minnesota (Milton 2-0), 8:05 p.m.

Friday's Games: Cleveland (Nagy 1-4) at Toronto (Halladay 2-4), 7:05 p.m.; Baltimore (Ericson 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 4-1), 7:05 p.m.; Tampa Bay (Eiland 1-0) at Boston (F.Martinez 1-2), 7:05 p.m.; Oakland (Mulder 1-0) at Texas (Oliver 0-2), 8:05 p.m.; Chicago White Sox (Eickrod 2-0) at Kansas City (Roaeco 2-2), 8:05 p.m.; Detroit (Normo 1-1) at Minnesota (Bergman 2-1), 8:05 p.m.; Anaheim (Botterfield 2-3) at Seattle (Sele 2-1), 10:05 p.m.

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IRidge c	5	1	2	1	0	0	0	
Segui 1b	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	
Mateo cf	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Curtis lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lamb dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	
JAMDD rf	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Evans 3b	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	
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BASKETBALL

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Saturday, April 22

Miami 95, Detroit 85; Phoenix 72, San Antonio 70; Utah 104, Seattle 93; Philadelphia 92, Charlotte 82.

Sunday, April 23

New York 92, Toronto 88; Portland 91, Minnesota 88; L.A. Lakers 117, Sacramento 107; Indiana 88, Milwaukee 85.

Monday, April 24

Charlotte 108, Philadelphia 98, OT; Utah 101, Seattle 87.

Tuesday, April 25

Miami 84, Detroit 82; San Antonio 85, Phoenix 70.

Wednesday, April 26

New York 84, Toronto 83; Portland 86, Minnesota 82.

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7)

Sunday, May 7

New York at Miami, 12:30 p.m.; Utah or Seattle at Portland, TBA; Phoenix at L.A. Lakers or Sacramento at Phoenix, TBA.

Tuesday, May 9

New York at Miami, TBA.

Friday, May 12

Miami at New York, TBA.

Sunday, May 14

Miami at New York, 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17

New York at Miami, 8 p.m., if necessary; Friday, May 19

Miami at New York, TBA, if necessary; Sunday, May 21

New York at Miami, TBA, if necessary.

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CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7)

Thursday, April 27

Toronto 2, New Jersey 1; Pittsburgh 2, Philadelphia 0; Colorado 2, Detroit 0.

Friday, April 28

Dallas 4, San Jose 0.

Saturday, April 29

Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 1; Colorado 3, Detroit 1; New Jersey 1, Toronto 0.

Sunday, April 30

Dallas 1, San Jose 0; Monday, May 1

New Jersey 5, Toronto 1; Detroit 3, Colorado 1.

Tuesday, May 2

Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT; Pittsburgh leads series 2-1; San Jose 2, Dallas 1, Dallas leads series 2-1.

Wednesday, May 3

Toronto 3, New Jersey 2, series tied 2-2; Colorado 3, Detroit 2, OT, Colorado leads series 3-1.

Thursday, May 4

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 5

Detroit at Colorado, 8 p.m.; Dallas at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 6

New Jersey at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 7

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, Noon; Colorado at Detroit, Noon, if necessary; San Jose at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 8

Toronto at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m., if necessary; Detroit at Colorado, 8 p.m., if necessary; Dallas at San Jose, 10 p.m., if necessary.

Wednesday, May 10

New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m., if necessary; Thursday, May 11

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m., if necessary; San Jose at Dallas, 8 p.m., if necessary.

Giants beat Mets in 11 innings

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Jeff Kent hit a three-run homer in the 11th inning and the San Francisco Giants beat New York 8-5 Wednesday for their third straight victory over the Mets.

Marvin Benard opened the 11th with a single off Turk Wendell (2-1) and Barry Bonds walked on four pitches. Kent followed with his seventh homer of

the season into the left-field stands.

Felix Rodriguez (1-0) pitched one inning for the victory as the Giants got back to .500 (13-13) for the first time since the sixth game of the season.

New York tied it at 5 in the seventh on a two-run triple by Melvin Mora that skipped past Bonds in left field.

Whiten assists Yankees in win over Indians

By JOSH DUBOW AP Sports Writer

With help from two assists by Mark Whiten, the New York Yankees completed a three-game sweep at Jacobs Field.

Whiten, making his first start of the season in center field, mist-played Shane Spencer's triple and dropped Ricky Ledee's RBI double in the ninth inning as the

Yankees scored twice for a 6-5 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Wednesday night.

"I just misplayed them," Whiten said. "I just didn't come up with the catches. I should have made them."

Injuries to All-Star Kenny Lofton and Jacob Cruz have left the Indians with few options in center, and Whiten was only out

there because manager Charlie Manuel decided to give Jolbert Cabrera a night off.

The Yankees, like they did all series, took advantage and improved to 24-9 all-time at the Jake.

But the wins didn't come easy. New York needed a weird, ninth-inning double play to win the opener of the series and hung on in the second game before rallying from a 5-1, seventh-inning deficit in the finale.

"The thing about this club is that even when it doesn't play well, it has a habit of not giving up, either," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "We've turned games around that looked hopeless before."

In other games, it was Boston 4, Detroit 2; Texas 5, Tampa Bay 1; Anaheim 6, Baltimore 5; the White Sox 7, Toronto 3; Minnesota 5, Seattle 4; and Oakland 14, Kansas City 5.

Spencer, who homered earlier, keyed the comeback with his first career triple, a straightaway shot over Whiten's head. Scott Brosius tied it at 5 with an RBI single and scored when Ledee drove in the go-ahead run with a shot to center that Whiten ran down on the warning track but couldn't hold on to.

"It was tough to try and judge the wall and get the ball, but I didn't time them right," Whiten said.

Jason Grimsley (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings and Mariano Rivera worked the ninth for his 10th save and third of the series.

Before the game, the Indians found out that Manuel would have colon surgery Friday and could miss two weeks.

Red Sox 4, Tigers 2; Jose Offerman and Trot Nixon hit consecutive doubles to break an eighth-inning tie at Fenway Park.

Offerman snapped an 0-for-15 slump with a double that eluded first baseman Tony Clark when it took a bad hop off the bag. Right fielder Wendell Magee also had trouble: a fan appeared to throw a beverage at him as he went to the wall to field the ball.

There was more interference when a fan reached over the wall to catch Nixon's fly ball down

the right-field line, giving him a ground-rule double and scoring Offerman.

Derek Lowe (2-0) pitched two perfect innings. Jeff Weaver (0-4) took the loss.

Rangers 5, Devil Rays 1
Royce Clayton homered off Dwight Gooden (2-1) and Mark Clark pitched six scoreless innings for Texas.

The loss was the fourth straight for the Devil Rays, who fell to 3-8 at home and have dropped eight straight to the Rangers at Tropicana Field.

Clark (3-2) allowed six hits in six-plus innings. John Wetteland got five outs to earn his 299th career save.

Angels 6, Orioles 5
Mo Vaughn and Garret Anderson homered in a three-run sixth inning that powered Anaheim. Matt Walbeck and Benji Gil also connected for the Angels, who had lost nine straight and 14 of 15 to Baltimore.

Albert Belle and B.J. Surhoff hit solo homers for the Orioles. Ramon Ortiz (2-2) was the winner and Troy Percival got his seventh save. Jason Johnson (0-1) took the loss.

White Sox 7, Blue Jays 3
Jose Valentin, Frank Thomas and Paul Konerko hit consecutive homers in the sixth inning and host Chicago ended a three-game skid.

Mark Johnson also homered in sixth, with his two-run shot breaking a 2-2 tie. Valentin homered in the first, and the long ball display made it easy for James Baldwin (5-0).

Kelvin Escobar (2-4) took the loss.

Twins 5, Mariners 4, 10 innings
Cristian Guzman hit a sacrifice fly off Jose Mesa (1-2) in the 10th inning and host Minnesota stopped a five-game losing streak.

Jacque Jones went 3-for-3 with a walk and Corey Koskie homered for the Twins. Eddie Guardado (2-1) got the win.

Athletics 14, Royals 5
Terrence Long, Jeremy Giambi and Eric Chavez homered as the Athletics set an Oakland record with 10 hits in the seventh inning.

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Economy: Productivity increases in first three months

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' productivity, a key measure of future prosperity, rose at an annual rate of 2.4 percent in the first three months of this year, a sharp slowdown from the previous quarter, the government reported today.

The Labor Department said that the gain in productivity, the amount of output per hour of work, during the January to March period, followed a much sharper 6.9 percent increase in the final three months of last year. That increase that had been the best quarterly performance in seven years.

Economists had been expecting productivity growth to slow in the first quarter, but the 2.4 percent rate was worse than the 3.5 percent they had been expecting. It was the slowest quarterly performance since a 0.5 percent rate of increase in the April-June period last year.

Productivity is the key factor that determines how fast Americans' living standards can rise. Higher productivity means that

employers can afford to pay their workers more without triggering inflation pressures. The slowdown in productivity for all workers outside of farming was accompanied by an acceleration in unit labor costs, which rose at a rate of 1.8 percent in the first quarter after having fallen at a 2.9 percent rate in the fourth quarter of 1999.

The government said today that the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits rose by 20,000 last week to 303,000, the highest level for jobless claims since early February.

It was the second straight week that jobless claims have risen, but even with the increase, the labor market remains exceptionally tight.

Many economists are predicting that the nation's unemployment rate, now at 4.1 percent, edged back down to a 30-year low of 4 percent in April, a report the government will release on Friday.

Even with the pickup in unit labor costs,

they remained at an exceptionally low level. Compared to the first quarter of 1999, unit labor costs have risen by just 0.7 percent, an even better performance than the mild 1.6 percent increase in unit labor costs for all of 1999.

While economists contend that inflation is unlikely to get out of hand as long as unit labor costs continue increasing at such a slow pace, they are also expecting the Federal Reserve to continue raising interest rates to make sure that inflation does not accelerate.

The Fed has already boosted a key lending rate five times since last June and forecasters believe there will be a sixth rate hike when the central bank next meets on May 16 and probably a seventh increase at the June meeting.

Productivity growth has doubled in the past four years compared to the previous two decades, a gain that most economists attributed to heavy investment by businesses in computers and other productivity-enhancing equipment.

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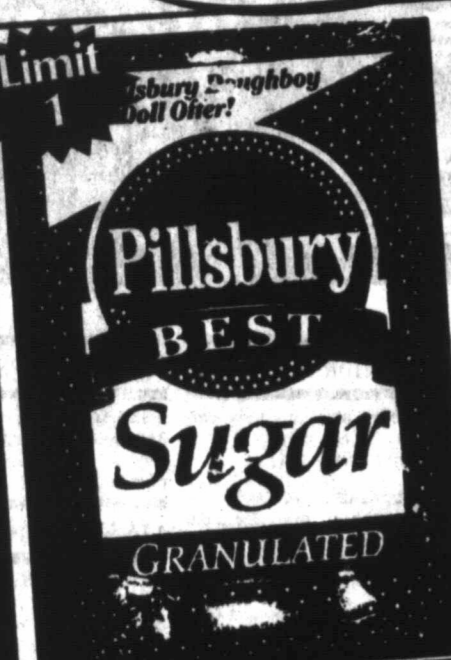
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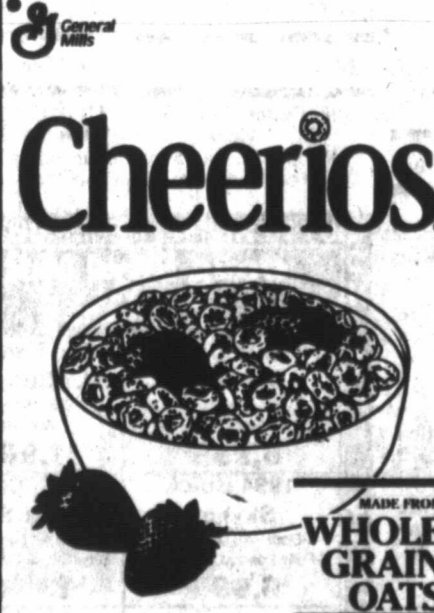
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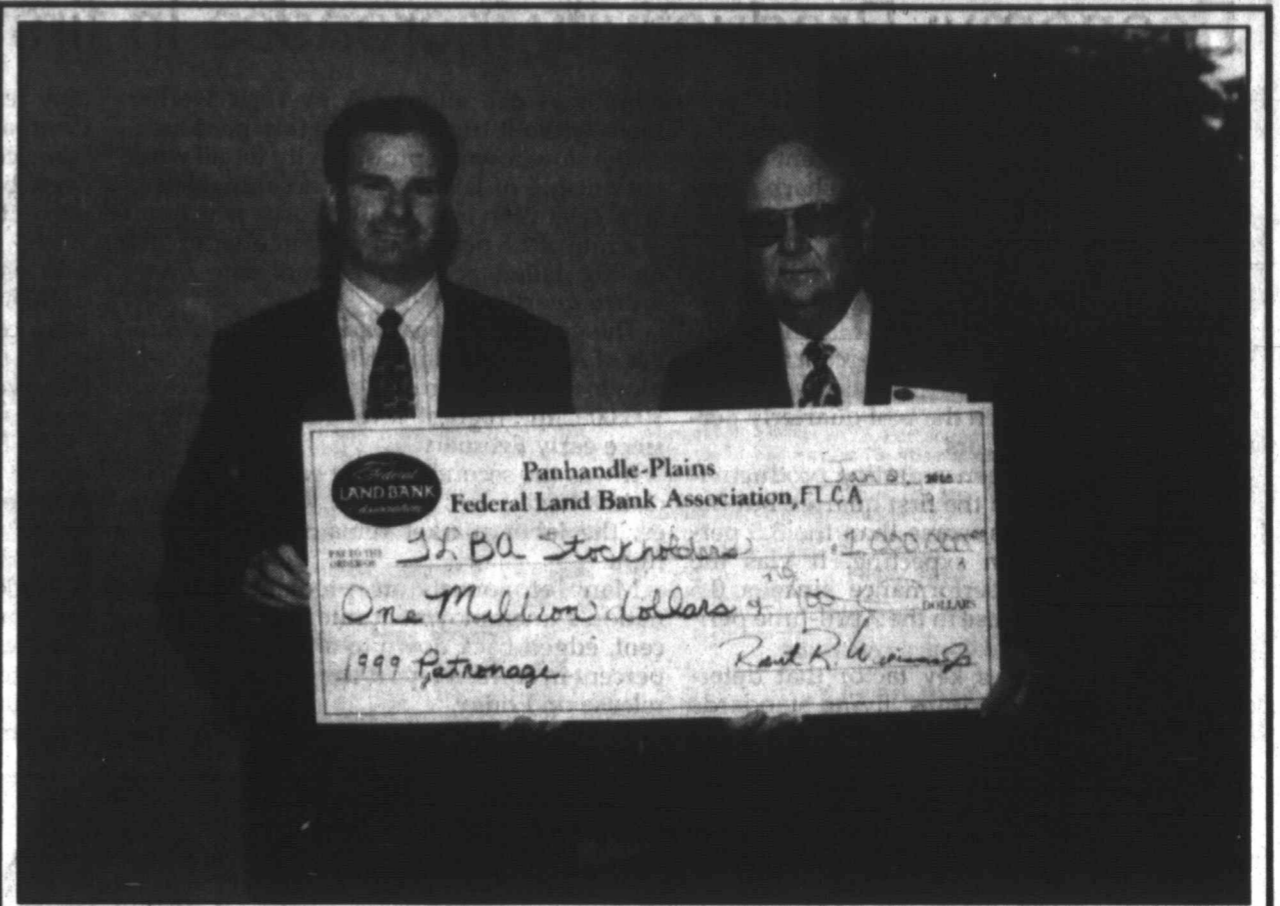
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Displaying the \$1 million patronage distribution to Panhandle-Plains FLBA stockholders are Alan Eubank, vice president, and Dean Burger, director.

Panhandle-Plains FLBA holds annual stockholders meeting

Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association recently held its annual meeting at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. The meeting was well attended with some 200-plus members with their families, guests, and staff. According to Chairman Jerry Oswalt, the association enjoyed several significant accomplishments during 1999. "We are proud to report a \$1 million-dollar cash patronage and approval of the interest rate reduction that occurred in January of this year. The transition to a direct lender, or Federal Land Credit Association was successful and the association is now positioned to use its financial strength for the benefit of its membership." CEO Robert R. Williams, Jr. reviewed financial reports for the past year. "The association's 1999 financial performance was highlighted by strong consistent earnings, a strong and improving capital position, superior asset quality, and a 6 percent net loan volume growth.

The association is positioned to be successful, even during these rough times in the agriculture economy." In board elections, stockholders re-elected Larry Fairchild from Place 4 and Ronnie Hopper from Place 8. A new board member was elected to the vacant Place 9. Steve Burns, a producer and businessman from Roaring Springs, will serve in this place. The speaker for the evening was Dr. Kenneth Wyatt of Tulia. A former minister, Dr. Wyatt is nationally known for his western artwork. Headquartered in Pampa, Panhandle-Plains FLBA is a member-owned lending cooperative providing long-term financing for agricultural real estate purchase, refinance and improvement. The association has approximately \$150 million in loans outstanding to farmers, ranchers and agribusiness in 17 counties of the panhandle and South Plains. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton and Plainview.

Austin Elementary honor roll

Austin Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the fifth six weeks grading period of the 1999-00 school year.

SECOND GRADE A Honor Roll

Michael Adams, Erin Buck, Michelle Burke, Rylan Clark, Haylea Harper, Savannah Hoover, Emily Jean, Susanne Kane, Landon Keys, Mitchell Killgo, Alex Koevoet, Kaitlin Koop, Christian Martinez, Mary Kathryn McKay, Ashlyn McNeeley, Zachery Organ, Tye Powell, Shelby Rawls, Kelby Rucker, Erin Smith.

Kelly Stoffle, Caitlyn Tanner, Rebecca Taylor, Carlynn Teichmann, Kelli Tripplett, Emilie Troxell, Samantha Turley, Brittany Vick, Whitney Wade, Caitlin Walker, Chris Walker, Kelsey Wallum, Kayla Ware, Kelsey Watson, Brittany Wehmeier, Hannah White, Ellen Whiteley, Ashley Williams, Leah Wilson, Kaitlin Winegeart.

AB Honor Roll

Ethan Addy, Cheyanne Collins, Damon Dennis, Garrett Fatheree, Samantha Finney, Cheyanne Jones, Eric Lewis, Cody Littleton, Samantha Pearson, Jenna Turner, Caleb West.

THIRD GRADE A Honor Roll

Dylan Cain, Gage Carruth, Shannon Clay, Tabitha Courter, John Luke Covalt, Keisha Crowell, Colby Dennis, Libby Dyson, Cole Guyer, Jennifer Huthfines, Tanner Jean, Brittany Klein, Courtney Linn.

Taylor Little, Will McKay, Shelby Needham, Karlie Novian, Alyson Orr, April Silva, Matthew Smith, Hilary Thomas, Casey Trimble, Coleby West, Jachary Winborne, Madison Wilson, Jeremy Zellefrow.

AB Honor Roll

Paige Alvey, Rikki Beesley, Jeremy Busse, Kelby Doughty, Nicholas Riley, Lauren Smith, Chelsea Wallin, Whitney Webster, Manda White.

FOURTH GRADE A Honor Roll

Layce Beesley, Claire Boyd, Colby Copeland, Tanner Dyson, Colden Fortenberry, Stephanie Hasskarl, Nicole Heersema, Kailee Intemann, Mitch Kelley, Haili Kotara, Logan McDonald, Ariel Parry.

Ashley Price, Lindsey Riley, Texi Schaeffer, Kristi Shults, Sarah Smith, Mark Stone, Jacey Wagner, Briana Wallum, Gregory Wariner, Joe Whiteley, Kelli Willson.

AB Honor Roll

Jesse Finney, Kenny Hightower, Dane Howard, Tyler Rhoades, Garnett Schafer, Marli Street, Drew Williams.

FIFTH GRADE A Honor Roll

Michaela Arzola, Breanna Beesley, Kirby Broadus, Jovany Cabrales, Jarron Clark, Craig Crowell, Brett Ferrell, Ryan Hansen, Katie Holmes, Alyssa Kelsey.

Morgan Ketchersid, Karlee Koop, Jack Mackie, Landon McNeeley, Ethan North, Aaron Pepper, Britteni Rice, Erika Silva, Christopher Stabel, Tanna Stowers.

AB Honor Roll

Chris Campbell, Nicole Clark, Bridget Craig, Courtney Ericson, Thomas Gilbert, Adam Hagerman, Natalie Knowles, Dock Mackie, Kyle McKee, Devan Shults, Toby Smith.

Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & N.W. CANADIAN Lower Morrow) Apache Corp., #1 Dale Nix, 610' from South & 660' from West line, Sec. 81,42,H&TC, PD 12500'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & S.E. CANADIAN Upper Morrow) Amoco Production Co., #3216

John C. Isaacs, jr., et al 'I', 660' from South & 1887' from West line, Sec. 216,C,G&MMB&A, PD 11800'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT & MCMORDIE RANCH) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #2-12 McMordie, 1390' from North & 1734' from East line, Sec. 12,A-2,EL&RR, PD 10000'.

Application to Re-Enter WHEELER (WILDCAT)
Brigham Oil & Gas, L.P., #1-97 Mills Ranch, 1600' from South & 1320' from East line, Sec. 97,13,H&GN, Pd 12500'.
Gas Well Completions
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Douglas) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #4015 Flowers, Sec. 15,41,H&TC, spud 3-2-00, drlg. compl 3-15-00, tested 4-13-00, TD 8135', PBTD 8086' —
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Helmerich & Payne, Inc., #5059 Hobart Ranch, Sec. 69,A-2,H&GN, spud 12-3-99, drlg. compl 1-25-99, tested 3-13-00, potential 22000 MCF, TD 11300', PBTD 11251' —
HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Helmerich & Payne, Inc., #6059 Hobart Ranch, Sec. 69,A-2,H&GN, spud 12-30-99, drlg. compl 1-22-00, tested 3-10-00, potential 25000 MCF, TD 11253', PBTD 11215' —
ROBERTS (ALPAR-PEARSON Brown Dolomite) Amoco Production Co., #62 Courson Ranch 'B' Unit 16, Sec. 29,44, D.A. Abernathy Survcy, spud 11-14-99, drlg. compl 11-23-99, tested 2-25-00, TD 5600', PBTD 3990' —

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