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Lefors school board to meet on Tuesday

New school board members will take the oath of office Tuesday night when the Lefors ISD Board meets at 7 in the high school library at 209 Fifth Street.

Finance items lead the agenda with current billings, the district's cash position and the tax collection report all to be discussed.

There will also be special recognition of the regional tennis players and state qualifiers for the academic UIL.

The leave of absence policy will be discussed and bids will be taken on delinquent tax property.

WIC immunizations to be given May 15

A free immunization clinic for WIC clients is set for 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 15, at the WIC office, 1201 N. Hobart. For an appointment or further information, call 665-1182.

STATE

Prison escapee sentenced to die

MOUNT VERNON (AP) — The third of six prison escapees to be prosecuted for killing an Irving police officer has been sentenced to death for his role in the Christmas Eve 2000 murder.

An East Texas jury deliberated about 1 hour and 20 minutes Thursday before sentencing Michael Rodriguez, 39. He was convicted last week of capital murder.

DEATHS

Irene Alice Enloe, 81, retired teacher.
Joe Hawkins, 86, services pending.
Jess F. Ledbetter, 75, security guard.

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Borger plant tests revolutionary way to extract sulphur

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

The world watches as a Phillips Petroleum Co. refinery in Borger tests a new technology that eliminates sulphur from gasoline, State Rep. Warren Chisum said today.

Phillips has a 60-day "permit in hand," he said. "They're testing the technology right now."

Called "S-Zorb," the process "is taking sulphur in gasoline down to zero," said Chisum, who chairs the Texas House Environmental Regulation Committee. "Environmentally, this is break through stuff. It will really help the U.S. air quality."

Chisum said, that if proven successful, the S-Zorb process will raise the price of gasoline by approximately two cents per gallon and diesel fuel by about three cents a gallon.

Phillips Petroleum also stands to profit considerably from developing the process, he added.

The state legislator said he has met numerous times with representatives from all the major auto manufacturers concerning building vehicles that won't pollute the air.

"Their plea is, 'We can't make a cleaner burning car until they can make a cleaner burning gas,'" he said.

He hopes that the S-Zorb process will be the answer to the problem.

State officials, plagued by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pressures, also hold high stakes in the success of S-Zorb.

"Awhile back the EPA was trying to force (Texas) into California-type diesel — carb diesel," Chisum said.

(See TESTS, Page 3)



(Courtesy photo) Rep. Warren Chisum accepts the Friend of the Texas Environment Award from Jim Darsey, vice president and general manager, Nucor Steel-Jewett Division. See related story on Page 3.

Excellent educators Teachers of the Year honored by PCTA

A Pampa Middle School history teacher and a Lamar math teacher became the 2002 Teachers of the Year in ceremonies at the Pampa Classroom Teachers Association banquet Thursday evening.

Mary Gandy was selected as Secondary Teacher of the Year and Melissa L. Trug was named Elementary Teacher of the Year from a field of six exemplary educators who teach at Pampa Independent School District.

The two were recognized at the banquet last night at Pampa Country Club, as were the other Teachers of the Year from each school within the local district: Jo Ann Gibson, 3rd grade,

Austin; Kathy Carter, ESL coordinator, Travis; Lynda Dyer, 2nd grade, Wilson; and Carol Wade, special education, business, math, Pampa High School.

Trug and Gandy will now be submitted as candidates for the Texas Teacher of the Year honor.

Gandy's teaching experience spans 23 years — 22 at Pampa schools. She graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree from Wayland Baptist College. She also holds a masters of education degree from West Texas State University in Canyon.

(See TEACHERS, Page 3)



Melissa Trug



Mary Gandy

Bivins: School funding #1 issue

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Education issues are expected to top the 2003 Texas Legislature.

Legislators will be faced with how to finance the school children's education in the state when they convene in January, 2003.

Child care, accounting services and a hair cut could all be taxed if a proposal to a special committee Thursday is approved.

Implementing a state income tax and taxing professional services were two options presented to the Joint Select Committee of Public School Finance Thursday in Austin.

31st District State Senator Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, is co-chairman of the committee.

He told *The Pampa News* the funding to remedy the school finance situation in Texas will be a major issue in the upcoming legislature. His committee has been meeting across the state the past several months to receive viewpoints on the solution to the school finance situation in Texas.

"Public school finance will be the highest priority issue (See BIVINS, Page 3)

It's official



It's official. Pampa City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers administers the oath of office to Ward 4 Commissioner Faustina Curry and Ward 2 Commissioner Jeff Andrews during a special meeting Thursday. Curry and Andrews, both incumbents, last week defeated challengers Shirley Nicholson and Tanita Olson. They were sworn in for two-year terms.

(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

Rodeo seeks '02 concessionaires

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is accepting bids for all concessions for the 2002 Top O' Texas Rodeo and Kid Pony Show to be held nightly July 7-13. All organizations, clubs and individuals are eligible to bid on any of the concessions.

There will be no performance on July 10 unless one of the Kid Pony Show performances is rained out.

Available for bid are five concession stands on the west side of the arena and four concession stands on the east side.

Various items to be sold include hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, candy, snow cones, ice cream, nachos, iced tea and cold drinks.

Concessionaires will furnish all of their own equipment and utensils. Selected concessionaires will be allowed to sell

their products in the seating areas.

All bids must be submitted to the rodeo office by 5 p.m., June 3, with the bid opening set for 7:30 p.m. that evening in the Pampa Community Building.

For a complete diagram of the booths, a copy of the bid contract or more information, contact the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard, or call 669-0434.

Skellytown City Council OKs results of elections

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

SKELLYTOWN — Four members of Skellytown City Council unanimously approved the vote canvass at the brief, tension-filled, meeting Thursday night, making the vote count from the May 4 city election official.

Canvassing votes from the election which fielded 14 candidates for three positions was the only item on the agenda of the meeting at the Community Hall in the town.

Earlier in the day City Secretary Nancy Grogan reported she was placed on administrative leave by Mayor Lucille Lawrence Thursday morning.

She said Lawrence told her she was suspended from work with pay until further investigation.

Lawrence refused to comment on the situation following the meeting. The mayor said a regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14.

Fourteen candidates vied for three positions on the board in Saturday's election which returned one incumbent to office while another was edged out. Two new council members will be on the board.

Mayor Lucille Lawrence and City Council members (See RESULTS, Page 3)

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TEACHERS

True has been a teacher for a total of six years, two years at Pampa ISD. She earned a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies from Midwestern State University. She is also certified for English as a Second Language (ESL).

In her Teacher of the Year application, Gandy tells of a recurring nightmare where she is standing before a classroom of out-of-control teenagers.

Last year, her dream became a reality, she said and with the experience came a moment that redefined her teaching career. Instead of giving up, she confessed the problems with the class and asked the stu-

dents for their input.

"They needed the security of knowing that I cared about them more than about TAAS scores," she said.

"This experience left an indelible impression on me. I realized once again the need to build relationships with the students. I know that I must retain my position as the authority in the classroom while at the same time refrain from being authoritarian," Gandy explained. "I will continue to strive to make my classroom a safe haven for my students where learning can more easily take place and where mutual respect and caring will become the norm rather than the exception."

True said in her application that, to her, teaching is an



Jo Ann Gibson



Lynda Dyer



Kathy Carter



Carol Wade

ongoing process influenced by students, fellow teachers, administrators, parents and community members. Her lessons include humility, self-evaluation, cooperating and

compassion. "I have learned that part of our profession as teachers is to be learners — learners of whatever is necessary to reach our students," she said. "I have

learned that laughter can connect, heal, lift up, and inspire. I have been blessed with and inspired by colleagues who have shared and been open to new ideas — ideas that push

the envelope to just beyond the conventional. "I feel that students and teachers should inspire one another in a great cycle of enthusiasm," True said.

Bush: Bethlehem resolution 'positive'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Friday the end of the siege at a revered church in Bethlehem is a welcome sign and "should advance the prospects for resuming a political peace process."

"As I said on April 4, this can only happen if all parties assume their responsibilities for fighting terror and promoting peace," Bush said as he left for a speaking engagement in Columbus, Ohio.

The 39-day standoff at the Church of the Nativity, built over what traditionally is considered the birthplace of Jesus, ended with the exile of 13 militants to Europe and the transfer of another 26 to the Gaza Strip.

Bush called the development a positive one "that removes an obstacle to restoring security cooperation" between the Israelis and Palestinians. He thanked the European Union, in particular, for its help in solving the standoff.

Bush's predecessor, Bill

Clinton, proposed Israel and the Palestinians make an interim agreement if they cannot reach an overall settlement.

"They need to say this is the way we are both going to behave over the next two years," Clinton said in a National Public Radio interview. "We are going to do our best to make peace, to keep peace, and make progress toward a Palestinian state on the West Bank and Gaza, toward security and acceptance of Israel, toward economic development of the region."

Clinton, who actively mediated between Israel and the Palestinians, said Yasser Arafat made a mistake in not taking the peace agreement he proposed. "I think a lot of the Palestinians feel that way now," Clinton said.

Bush was cheered by another Mideast development Thursday — a statement by Palestinian leader Arafat denouncing terrorism. Bush said Arafat must back up the tough talk by jailing Hamas

militants who attack Israeli civilians.

"In order for there to be peace, we must rout out terror," Bush said Thursday.

He said he was pleased that Arafat had condemned terror attacks, but a key test of Arafat's intentions was whether he arrests terrorists and keeps them in jail.

"Time will tell," the president said.

Arafat spoke out against terrorism in Arabic on Wednesday and promised to use Palestinian security forces to deter attacks.

Hassan Abdel Rahman, who heads the Palestine Liberation Organization's office in Washington, said Arafat had made similar statements in the past. But, Rahman said, this time "he used stronger language."

Rahman, speaking at the National Press Club, also condemned suicide bombings and said the Palestinian Authority would do "everything we can" to stop them.

Bush's remarks Thursday

coincided with the position of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon that peacemaking requires a cessation of terror. In the past, the United States has urged Israel not to let "enemies of peace" sidetrack negotiations.

The president was reacting to the arrest of 16 Hamas members in response to the suicide attack near Tel Aviv on Tuesday that killed 15 Israelis while Sharon was meeting with Bush at the White House.

In the past, the Palestinian Authority had made arrests after terror attacks but sometimes quietly released the suspects after a brief period.

With Sharon expected to order tough retaliation for Tuesday's attack, Israeli tanks were poised outside the Gaza Strip and Israel called up military reservists.

Bush's assistant for national security, Condoleezza Rice, assured the American Jewish Committee at its annual convention Thursday evening that the president would stand by Israel.

Stamp Out Hunger drive still scheduled Saturday

The annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive by the nation's letter carriers is scheduled Saturday and Pampans are encouraged to participate.

Carriers in more than 10,000 cities and towns are taking part.

The letter carriers are asking people who want to donate to leave a bag of nonperishable food near their mailbox. The carrier will collect it on regular rounds and the food will be donated to local food banks and charities.

Last year, U.S. postal carriers collected 70.1 million pounds of food in the drive.

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TESTS

This type of diesel costs as much as 28 cents a gallon more than standard diesel, he explained.

Trucking companies and independent truckers threatened to not buy diesel in Texas, instead filling their 400-gallon tanks at the Louisiana, Oklahoma, or New Mexico line and driving across the state without buying additional fuel. The economic impact on the state would be substantial.

"That strikes in the heart of

I-40," Chisum said. "And we'd still have the same air problems."

Chisum said that S-Zorb gasoline or diesel would not be less powerful, but in fact, would probably help vehicles last longer.

One of the problems pointed out by auto manufacturers, he said, was the fact that gasoline with sulphur harmed the catalytic converters that help cars burn fuel more efficiently. Sulphur-less fuel would make the catalytic converters work better and last longer, he said.

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BIVINS

during the upcoming session," said Bivins.

Property rich public schools are currently required to send much of their tax revenues out of their district to help finance the poorer districts across the state under the plan known as "Robin Hood."

The wealthier districts, known as Chapter 41 schools, have filed numerous court cases seeking to have the funding method changed in order to retain more of the taxes.

The state now pays for about 40 percent of public education, and approximately 50 percent comes from local taxes. The remainder is from the federal government.

Dick Lavine, a senior fiscal analyst with the nonprofit Center for Public Policy Priorities, told the taxable sales are dropping as a percentage of total sales because of the growth of the service industry and increases in mail-order and online sales.

He recommended taxing services. He said if services were taxed it could generate \$5.5 billion for the state by 2006, based on the comptroller's statistics. He added that if medical and dental services were exempted, the additional tax expansion would generate \$3.3 billion per year

for the state, he said.

Providing all high school graduates in Texas with free training upon getting that high school diploma is the proposal of Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander.

However, legislators will be scrambling for money to operate all present and proposed state-funded programs.

"The idea of taking away the largest obstacle — money — from graduates getting college and/or technical training is an excellent idea," said Bivins. "Like any other great idea, the question of the money for the funding will have to be answered."

Rylander said Tuesday any student who graduates from a Texas high school would be eligible to participate if her proposal passed. She would like to see all Texas high school graduates attend a public community college, technical school, or two-year institution for free.

The legislature which meets in January 2003 must approve the measure and the governor must sign it.

She proposes using \$150 million from the state's lottery revenue to fund the project.

Rey Martinez, executive director of the Texas Association of Community Colleges, said in an Associate Press article that Rylander's idea is a good one, but it would provide state money only for tuition and fees.

He said community colleges would have to bear the burden of any additional costs that come from increased enrollment.

Martinez estimated those costs to be at least \$300 million statewide, but said the number of students who participate would determine actual costs.

He also said in the report that 460,000 Texans attended community colleges this year, where tuition averaged \$900 a year.

The community colleges, such as Clarendon College-Pampa Center, are funded by a combination of local taxes, state money, gifts and grants, and tuition and fees.

Bivins said he is a big supporter of the community colleges. "They are doing the yeoman's work in higher education," he said, "as 60 percent of the students in higher education in Texas are educated in them."

Bivins co-authored the bill creating the Texas Grant program to financially assist students in Texas. He said that program costs \$200 million a year and comes from the lottery fund.

Intense competition for state projects will be a factor in the 2003 legislature which convenes next January, said Bivins.

"Everyone is competing for money — public schools, mental health programs, transportation, higher education — all the programs," said Bivins.

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RESULTS

Charles Harper, Margie Denis, and Claude Hooks Jr. unanimously approved the canvass of the votes.

Newcomers Thresa Hinds and Chad Johnson were elected to the board as was incumbent Charles Harper.

Hinds received 75 votes, Johnson, 73; and Harper, 72. Hooks was edged out by two votes. He received 70.

Guy McKissick and Jerry Parmer each received 67.

Other candidates on the ballot were Lann Harlan, 32; Cammie Woodward, 28; Sharron Boyd, 21; Kelly E. Tull, 9; Kelly McKissick-Tull, 7; and Bobby Golden.

Wanda Riggle received 25 votes as a write-in candidate.

One candidate, Jim Davis, ran unopposed for an unexpired term on the council. He was elected with 108 votes.

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Roman Catholic Diocese responds to tragedy in tornado-torn Happy

After seeing the extensive destruction in Happy the morning after a tornado ripped through the small town 33 miles south of Amarillo, Bishop John W. Yanta, bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Amarillo, announced that he will appeal to all Catholic churches in the diocese to have a special collection Sunday May 12.

The monies raised will go to general relief efforts for people of the area and to help the First Baptist Church of Happy rebuild.

Any money left will go into a special disaster relief fund, Diocese officials said. Funds raised also will be directed to the needs of tornado victims in the neighboring community of Memphis, which sustained damage from the same storm system.

"We are called to be in solidarity with each other as one family of God in the world with each other," Bishop Yanta said. "Today it is they; tomorrow it might be us. The love of Christ compels us to help others."

Bishop Yanta also said the Diocese of Amarillo will offer to pay funeral expenses for Eduardo Joven Castillo, 37, and his wife, Yolanda Castillo, who were confirmed dead shortly after the F-2 tornado struck about 6:45 p.m. Sunday, May 5.

The Castillo's 9-year-old son Ricardo Eduardo Castillo was discharged from Northwest Texas Hospital on Monday after treatment of his injuries.

Bishop Yanta said Father John Salazar-Jimenez is in contact with the Castillos' relatives: a brother, Emilio Jovan and family, who are members of Holy Name Catholic Church in Happy, and a brother, Nicholas Jovan and family, who live in Tulia and are parishioners of Church of the Holy Spirit.

Other family members are in Mexico. Emilio Jovan, who was able to get his wife and six children to a basement shelter, returned to find nothing left of his family's home. But it was not until he went to check on his brother that he realized the depth of the tragedy.

A prayer service was held Tuesday, May 7, at Wallace Funeral Home in Tulia with Father Salazar-Jimenez, pastor of Church of the Holy Spirit, officiating.

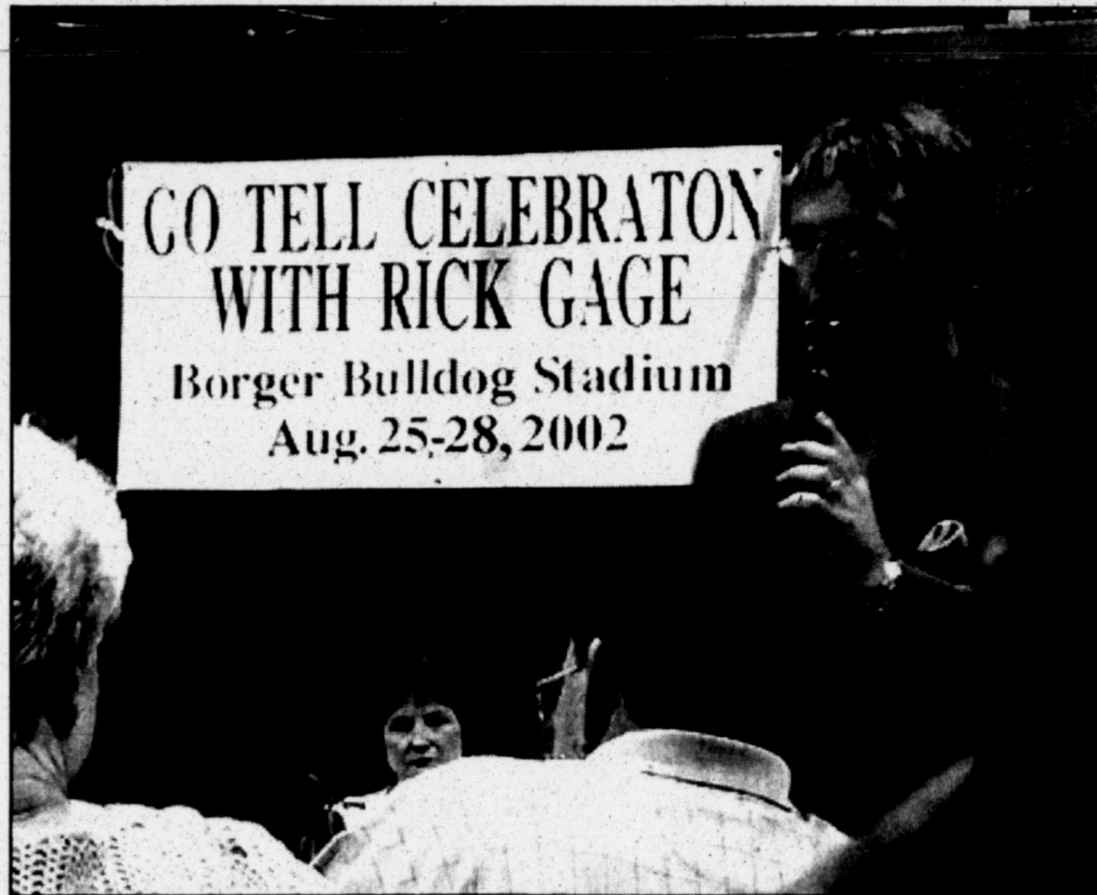
The couple's bodies were later transported to Cardenas, Chihuahua, Mexico for the funeral and burial. Bishop Yanta offered to pay or to help with expenses for the funeral services.

While there was no major damage to the Catholic church, located just blocks from the Baptist church, many parishioners lost their homes or have damage to their homes.

Chela Perez, wife of Deacon Amadeo Perez, of Happy, accompanied Bishop Yanta around the town that has a population of about 550.

The Diocese of Amarillo covers the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle and includes 34 churches and 15 missions.

Starting off with a song



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Gospel music performed by Chuck Sullivan with the Rick Gage Crusade was enjoyed by more than 350 Panhandle-area residents Monday night in Borger at the kick-off banquet for the upcoming crusade. "Go Tell Celebration with Rick Gage" will be Aug. 25-28 at Bulldog Stadium in Borger. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Borger Chamber of Commerce, 806-274-2211.

Christian program helps women gain self-confidence

By BRYAN RUSSELL
SAN ANGELO STANDARD-TIMES

SAN ANGELO — When you bridge God's will with the perseverance and selfless generosity of the San Angelo community, the result is the Christian Women's Job Corps.

"Christian Women's Job Corps is a national, faith-based ministry dedicated to helping women overcome (trying) situations and regain the confidence to enter the job market," said local site coordinator Toni English.

The 5-year-old program started in San Angelo when English, along with Kaye Marsh, chairwoman of the advisory commission, and Evelin Compere, co-site coordinator, felt compelled by their faith and God's will to pursue a program that would both yield countless benefits for women seeking job skills and foster women's self-confidence.

"We prayed and we shared (this idea) and many of the members of our church encouraged us to go forth and accomplish it," English said.

The goal of the program is to help women learn to believe in themselves and to provide them with the necessary job skills to care for themselves and their families after a devastating event such as divorce or the death of a spouse, she said.

"In a woman's world, the single, biggest factor in her success is self-confidence," English said. "We're here to listen and hear about what a woman needs and to discover what we can do to help."

Ann Privitt, a graduate of the program, said

the experience was invaluable and changed her life.

"I was very, very down on myself," she said. "I thought, 'I can't go on; I can't get a job.'"

"After my husband passed away I decided I needed to get on with my life," Privitt said. "My hairdresser told me about the program and I thought 'Hey, this is just what I need.'"

"The Christian atmosphere was wonderful for me," Privitt said. "I felt right at home with the ladies."

Privitt was a teacher for 10 years before suffering a stroke. After her stroke she felt that she could not handle the stress of being in the classroom full time, but Christian Women's Job Corps mustered her resolve.

"They really made me feel like I could do it," she said. "They give you helpng."

Marsh said, "We teach finances, how to dress and do makeup (for job situations), computer skills and how to do a resume among other things."

English said in addition to the job skills and counseling available in the program, they also provide each of their students with a mentor who guides them during their studies and thereafter.

"Our mentors are specially trained and prepared to service the women and be their friend," she said. "They hold them accountable for attending class and most of all they believe in them. Some of these women have never had anyone believe in them."

Privitt said her fondest memory was the number of people who came together to help.

"So many people worked together to make this happen," she said. "Different churches were involved, teachers taught voluntarily. The computer classes were a real highlight for me too."

The building is equipped with a large classroom, a computer lab and a full kitchen.

"We didn't want to have to program in a church because we didn't want to intimidate anyone," English said.

"The kitchen is family-style where we all sit at the table and talk and share," English said. "Friendships are made around this table."

Lunch is donated by local churches, but the students are obligated to set the table and to wash the dishes just like at home.

"We want the women to learn to take ownership and responsibility," English said. "They won't just be waited on."

Classes start every morning with a non-denominational Bible study. During sessions, women meet from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

"We respond to the Bible and the ministry that compelled us to do this," English said. "We're not promoting religion. We're promoting faith."

Compere said, "We don't force anyone or pressure them to believe any religion. Just to have faith."

"We've been loved," English said. "We want to model our program on unconditional love."

The only eligibility requirements are that applicants be women of at least 18 years old

and that they do not use drugs or alcohol.

"All women are welcome, even out of prison," Marsh said. "No one is turned down."

Students may fill out an application at the facility Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. The application process is intended to mimic that of applying for a job.

"If she can't even come down and fill out an application, how would she get a job?" English asked.

The nationwide success of the program is a testament to the effectiveness of their techniques, the founders said.

"This is one of the most successful welfare-to-work programs," English said. "They're even piloting a men's program in San Antonio."

"Christ has done for us and now we want to do for other women," English said. "Many women are scared, but the hardest part is that first step."

Privitt, who now works at La Esperanza Clinic and Cornerstone Christian School, said, "Any woman can find herself needing to get back in the job force or having lost a spouse. Young people also need a place where they can set their feet solid on the ground."

The founders have faith and believe that from here, the sky is the limit.

"We're overwhelmed and blessed," English said. "We'd love to have some of our sister churches partner with us and even get more classes."

"We were penniless, but we have everything we need. This is testimony that God has made this happen."

God blesses mothers on every day

This coming Sunday is Mothers Day. And, it is right that we honor mothers. Sunday we will be honoring all mothers who attend our service at 10:45 a.m.

There are times when the only way we can realize the value of something or someone is to put a price tag on them. It is unfortunate, but that is the way it is. It was Sylvia Porter, a noted financial analyst, who stated: "Although their labor is not counted in the gross national product, the 25 million full-time homemakers contribute



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billions to the economy each year."

Porter further states that only the wealthiest families could pay for the services a mother provides for her family's economic wellbeing. By

assigning an hourly fee for nursemaid, housekeeper, cook, dishwasher, laundress, food buyer, chauffeur, gardener, maintenance person, seamstress, dietitian and practical nurse, Porter found that

the labor performed by a mother at home would cost a family in Greensboro, S.C., \$23,580; in Los Angeles, \$26,962; and in Chicago, \$28,735.

While I recognize the monetary value placed upon this important person in the home, I can tell you there is no way to place a value on the love that only a mother can give to her family.

Mothers, we love you! Thank you for being there whenever we need you! May God richly bless you today and every day of the year!

2nd Sunday singing postponed

The monthly Gospel Singing usually held on the second Sunday of each month, at First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, has been postponed a week to avoid conflicting with Mothers Day activities.

The date for this month's singing will be Sunday, May 19th from two until four o'clock in the afternoon.

Pastor Albert Maggard emphasizes that this change from the second to the third Sunday

affects this month only. The regular schedule will resume next month.

Briarwood plans special service

Briarwood Church, 1800 W. Harvester, plans a special Mother's Day service at 10:45 a.m., Sunday, featuring Janet Hancock, wife of Pastor Lynn Hancock.

Mrs. Hancock will be sharing the message, "Attitude is Everything." Prior to the service, the men will serve breakfast in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited.

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Tent revival set May 19-22

Members of Barrett Baptist Church invite the public to an old fashioned tent revival, at 23rd and Price Road, May 19-22, featuring Richard Coss as evangelist and music by Leon Cowan of Borger.

On Sunday, services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Nightly on May 20, 21, and 22, services start at 6:30 p.m., with Leon Cowan singing in concert. Seating

will be available but participants are also welcome to bring their lawn chairs.

On March 16, 1969, while serving his third prison term, Coss gave his life to Jesus Christ and became a Christian. He was paroled from prison on Nov. 12, 1970.

On April 19, 1995, two of his seven grandchildren were killed in the Oklahoma City Bombing.

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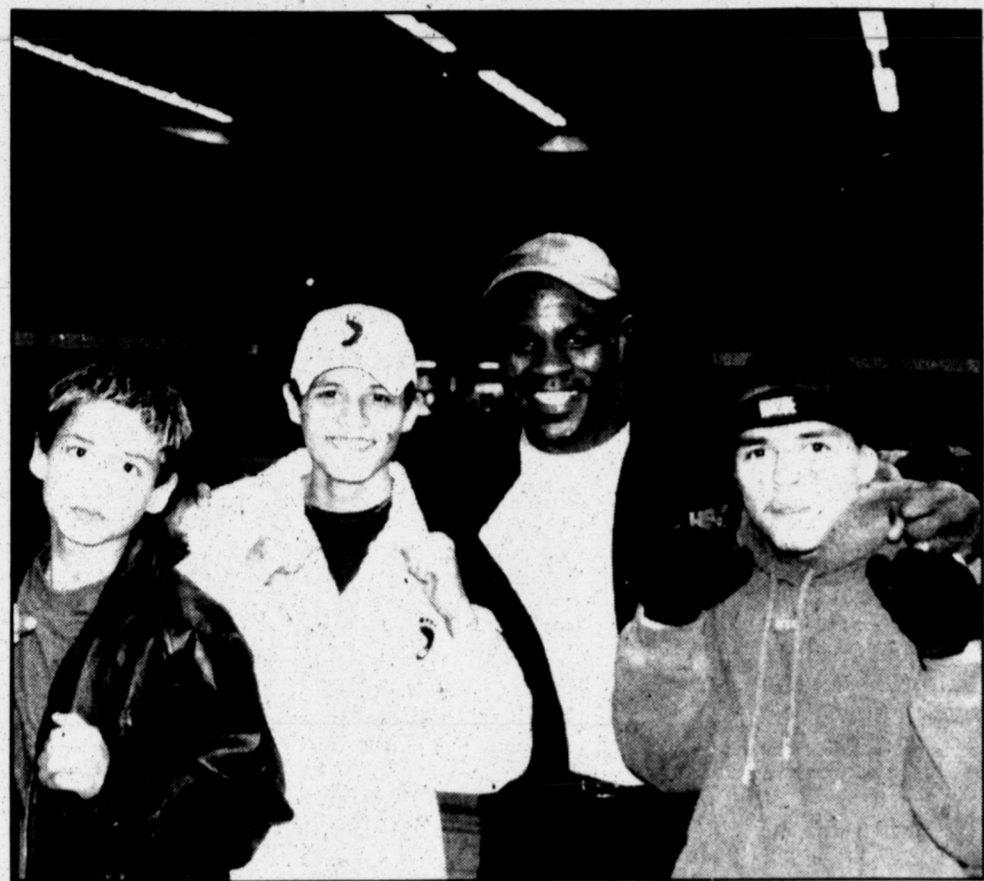
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SPORTS

Meeting the pro



(Photo by Grover Black)

During a recent weekend visit to Lubbock, Pampa youngsters (l-r) Joshua Perez, David Perez and Luez Aguilar got to meet former pro boxer Orlin Norris (third from left). Early in his career, Norris fought ex-heavyweight champion Mike Tyson and came away the winner. Norris, who lives in Lubbock, is a trainer for World Boxing Association fighters at the Civic Center.

Pamcel sets golf scramble

PAMPA — Pamcel Golf Course is hosting a Tuesday Scramble (May 14), which is open to the public.

Golfers must sign up by 5:30 with the scramble scheduled to start at 6. There will be blind draw with handicap required. Entry fee is seven dollars for non-members and five dollars for members.

Carts will be available to rent at five dollars per person. In case of a tie, the pot rolls over to the next scramble. Winner takes all.

The scramble is limited to the first 40 paid entries.

For more information, contact Derek Bigham at 663-4937, Don Alexander at 663-4942 or Marcus Schock at 663-4137.

PAMPA — The first Pamcel Dobson

Mavericks down 2-1 in series

DALLAS (AP) — First, Doug Christie sprained his right ankle. Then Peja Stojakovic did the same.

The Sacramento Kings, however, do not go away easily. They withstood the cowbells, kazooos and assorted noisemakers Thursday night for a 125-119 victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

The Kings lead the best-of-seven Western Conference semifinal 2-1, with Game 4 Saturday in Dallas.

Christie persevered to score 14 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter.

"The doctors wanted me to wait until Saturday, but I saw Peja out so I wanted to get back out there," said Christie, who is probable for Saturday.

Chris Webber and Mike Bibby responded for the Kings, frustrating the Mavericks with a two-man game of inside muscle and outside shooting.

Webber finished with 31 points and 15 rebounds, while Bibby added 29 points on 5-of-5 shooting from 3-point range. Divac had 19 points and 13 rebounds.

"I'm getting to feeling better with Mike every day," Webber said. "I'm glad I'm getting into a groove where I can complete his passes."

Michael Finley had 37 points for Dallas,

Classic tees off May 25-27 with starting times of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Classic is a two-man partnership.

The tournament format consists of low-ball, May 25; alternate shot, May 26, and scramble, May 27.

The partnership will be flighted by the lowest handicap player on the team. All players must have established handicaps. All handicaps will be verified.

Entry fee includes a Saturday night meal, free practice round on Friday, day money, door prizes and refreshments each day.

Entry fee is \$90 per person. Cart rental will be separate.

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while Raef LaFrentz added 24 points and 13 rebounds.

Also Thursday night, Charlotte pulled within 2-1 in its Eastern Conference semifinal with New Jersey, beating the visiting Nets 115-97.

In Game 3 matchups Friday night, Detroit is at Boston and the Los Angeles Lakers are at San Antonio.

The capacity crowd of 20,265 at American Airlines Center sent the decibels soaring in Dallas.

Mavericks owner Mark Cuban encouraged fans to bring noisemakers in response to Sacramento fans clanging cowbells behind Dallas' bench during the first two games.

Just before Thursday's game, a local company distributed about 500 cowbells to spectators behind the Kings' bench.

A fan gave a drumstick to those holding big cowbells for maximum volume. Minority owner Linda Carter brought a large cowbell to her courtside seat.

The cacophony began about an hour before tip-off and lasted throughout.

It didn't seem to bother the Kings much.

"I have fun in situations like that," Bibby said. "Them being loud and rowdy got me going. You can't play in a better atmosphere."

Ortiz sparks Rangers past White Sox

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Hector Ortiz did a good impersonation of All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez.

Ortiz hit his first career homer and completed a run-saving defensive play in the Texas Rangers' 4-1 victory Thursday over the Chicago White Sox.

He also caught a four-hitter from a quartet of pitchers, including fill-in starter Joaquin Benoit, who got his first career win.

"It was a great day," Ortiz said. "We got a good pitching performance from Joaquin and the bullpen, and I came up with my first homer. I can't ask for more than that."

Ortiz is the backup catcher to Bill Haselman while Rodriguez, a 10-time All-Star, is on the disabled list with a herniated disk in his back.

Haselman finally got a day off after starting 19 of the previous 21 games and playing in the other two.

After his stellar defensive play in the top of the second, Ortiz homered in the bottom half — in his 250th career at-bat in his 90th game — to tie the game at 1.

"He was feeling pretty good when he came around the bases," said Rangers manager Jerry Narron. "And that was a very

good defensive play to catch the ball first. It was a very big play in the game."

In the top of the second, Ortiz had to come off the plate to catch a relay throw from Alex Rodriguez. Paul Konerko, trying to score from first on Carlos Lee's double, slid to the inside, but Ortiz made a sweeping tag to keep Konerko from touching the plate.

"I thought I was going to have it at the plate," Konerko said.

Lee scored on Mark Johnson's RBI single, but that was the only run allowed by a quartet of Texas pitchers.

Benoit (1-0), who got less than three hours sleep after being called up from Triple-A Oklahoma, allowed one run and four hits over six innings with three strikeouts and three walks. He retired the last 10 batters he faced, but left after 105 pitches.

After Magglio Ordonez had a two-out single in the third, the last 19 Chicago hitters were retired. John Rocker, Rudy Seanez and Hideki Irabu, who got his eighth save in nine chances, pitched perfect innings.

Benoit was called up from Triple-A Oklahoma after Ismael Valdes was scratched because of stiffness in his back.

Horoscope

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2002
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)
**** Go out of your way to make someone comfortable. A new beginning becomes possible through a generous emotional and/or financial act. Mend bridges with family and friends, not forgetting the mothers in your circle. Unexpected developments occur within groups. Tonight: Your treat.

This Week: You will be unusually expressive through Tuesday. On Wednesday, you'll want to cocoon and mull over an idea.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Your efforts count, even if a family member or close associate has "attitude." Keep smiling and work with this person. Trust that you're making headway, even though you don't see tangible results, in your terms. Express your heartfelt feelings. Tonight: Make an important choice.

This Week: Money needs to drive you this week. All the better, as you will see. Communication starts running amok on Wednesday.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** You might need to slow down some, as you're so exhausted. Re-evaluate a matter that has been on your mind. A problem with someone at a distance could make you feel less than comfortable. Consider your options. Tonight: Step back. Allow another to be in the spotlight.

This Week: You feel your Wheaties with the moon in your sign on Monday and Tuesday. By Wednesday, your ruler goes retrograde. Expect a bad hair day or two.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Bring together family and friends. Celebrate all the mothers around you. In fact, consider that the biggest present you could give is letting the moms take off and do their own thing. Laughter and good will abound. Don't let a close partner get you down. Tonight:

Where the gang is.
This Week: Step back on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday, the moon slides into your sign. You could get moody or even have a misunderstanding.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Bring your family and friends together. No one stages a get-together like you do. Trust your decisions, but defer to an older relative or someone you look up to. Even if you're Mom, bring other moms together for a fun party where they can relax and let go. Tonight: Up late.

This Week: Aim for what you want, especially on Tuesday when Lady Luck kisses you. On Wednesday, mellow out and rethink a project.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Make calls early in the day to your favorite moms in the world. Unexpected news could have you feeling ever so wired. Start talking about and planning a trip in the near future. Hop on the Internet and find the best rates for what you want to do. Tonight: Tune in to your more spiritual side.

This Week: Responsibilities demands your attention on Monday and Tuesday. Just as you lasso in what you want, a hassle could start up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Realize what is going on with another who might be quite close to you. This person might need some extra attention right now. Though you might feel as if the timing is off, still, indulge this person. Do something very special for a mother in your life! Tonight: Snuggle in.

This Week: Take an overview. Do your research. Your mind sparkles on Tuesday. Good news heads your way. Don't take any details for granted after Wednesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Others invite you to join them. Though you could be in the mood to be a social butterfly, what might be even better is to make plans with the mother or child in your life. In any case, you will be bending to others' needs. Tonight: Plan on some special time for you!

This Week: Listen to another carefully, especially if money is involved.

Communication gets clogged up from Tuesday on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** Express your caring through nurturing another or going out of your way for a special person in your life. Whatever you plan for this person — though plans could vary — delights him or her. Others see you in a new light as a result. Tonight: Do what you do best. Socialize.

This Week: Others seem to be in control. Work with others as if they hold the cards. Any flak on your part could add up to a royal backfire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Your imagination helps you delight another to no end. Trust in your ability to make a difference with a loved one. You know how to make this person feel like king or queen for a day. Express your caring in the most meaningful manner possible. Tonight: Play away.

This Week: Dig into work and get as much done as possible. Interpersonal relationships dominate the scene from Wednesday on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Make your home the center of what is happening. Allow greater happiness to flow from you. Sometimes you hold back unnecessarily. You might prefer not to have the whole responsibility for this holiday drop on you, but here it is. Tonight: Show your stuff!

This Week: You could be surprised by others. On the same level, creativity surges in the face of a challenge, especially from Wednesday on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** You will go out of your way to make this day as pleasant as possible for those around you. Pressure builds where you least anticipate it. Just be more in touch with the judgments or decisions you're making, which get you tense. Tonight: Out with loved ones.

This Week: Treat all information in a hush-hush manner. You could be stunned by a loved one on Wednesday. Hold on tight. Excitement begins.

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Bank of America captures Babe Ruth League opener

PAMPA — Bank of America defeated Holmes Sporting Goods 18-2 in Babe Ruth action earlier this week.

The game was called after four innings due to the time limit. The Bank pounded out 12 hits, led by Eric Willingham, Trevor Day, Mateo Campos, Ryan Hanson, Steven Smith and Macos Campos, all with two hits apiece.

Mateo Campos and Smith had three RBI apiece while Ryan Hanson chipped in two RBI with a double to center field.

Bradley Johnson connected for a single to center field to plate another run.

Michael Grajeda scored three runs in the game.

Mateo Campos started on the mound for the Bank and limited Holmes to two hits while striking out five in the abbreviated game.

It was the first game of the season for Bank of America.

PAMPA — Glo-Valve Service defeated Celanese Corporation 7-4 Thursday to improve their record to 3-0 and remain in first place in the Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League.

Aaron Carr won his first game of the year. He allowed one

Optimist Baseball

unearned run and one hit in two innings pitched. He struck out three and walked one. Heath Skinner was touched for one hit and two earned runs. He struck out three and walked four. Lane Douglass finished up for Glo-Valve, allowing one hit and no runs while striking out three and walking two in two and 1/3rd innings.

Jeremy Busse was the starting pitcher for Celanese. He allowed five runs on five hits while striking out one and walking three. Busse gave way to Tanner Dyson. Dyson permitted two runs on three hits while striking out three and walking two in two and one-third innings. Colby Copeland pitched the sixth inning for Celanese, allowing no runs on one hit while striking out one and walking one.

Glo-Valve struck first. In the first inning, Carr doubled, took third on a passed ball and scored on a groundout hit by Shane Davis.

Celanese tied the score in the bottom of the first on a double by Dyson, a passed ball and a sacrifice fly by Casey Trimble.

The third inning saw Glo-

Valve score four times.

Travis Marsh singled with one out and Carr moved him to second with a single. A walk to Shane Davis loaded the bases. Hayden Skinner flied out to center, but Marsh tagged up and scored. Garrett Eggleston's single loaded the bases. Albert Tambunga drew a walk to force home Carr.

Shane Davis came flying in on a wild pitch with Eggleston taking third. A sharp single to left by Jacob Davis scored Eggleston, giving Glo-Valve a 5-1 lead.

In the bottom of the third Celanese threatened. They loaded the bases on an error and two walks. However, Heath Skinner returned the side with a strikeout.

Glo-Valve scored twice more in the fourth inning. Heath Skinner doubles and Marsh followed with a triple and scored on a groundout by Carr. Glo-Valve led 7-1.

In the bottom of the fourth, Celanese rallied for three runs.

Jeremy Busse walked with one out. A strikeout was followed by a walk to Jonathan Combs. An attempted pickoff went into cen-

ter field, allowing Jeremy Busse to score. Combs moved to second on a single by John Luke Covalt and hustled to third on a passed ball. Both runners scored on a single by Dyson, narrowing the score to 7-4.

Glo-Valve threatened in the fifth and sixth innings, but left runners on each time.

Celanese got a runner to second in the fifth inning, only to have him picked off base and put out in a hot box on a throw from catcher Marsh to second baseman Carr, to third baseman Heath Skinner, and a final throw to Hayden Skinner at shortstop. Hayden Skinner applied the tag for the third out of the inning.

Josh Rios walked for Celanese in the sixth, but was left stranded.

The outstanding defensive player for Celanese was Covalt, who had five assists in the first three innings while playing third base. Brody Russell hauled in two fly balls, one in right field and one in center, to be Glo-Valve's outstanding defensive player.

Glo-Valve improved its record to 3-0 while Celanese fell to 3-2.

The late game between Cabot

Corporation and Pampa Cybernet featured outstanding pitching resulting in a 2-2 tie.

Brett Powell pitched three innings for Cybernet and allowed two runs. Colden Fortenberry finished up for Cybernet, striking

out eight in three innings while allowing no runs or hits. Dakota Gowin surrendered one run in four innings pitching for Cabot. He was relieved by Gerardo Dominguez, who allowed only one run in the last two innings.

Pampa-EP Ysleta series starts today in Midland

PAMPA — El Paso Ysleta coach David Aragon isn't for certain his Indians should be favored against Pampa in the bi-district series, which starts today in Midland.

Ysleta's 19-8 record is better than Pampa's 15-17, but coach Aragon feels his players haven't yet reached maturity as a team. "We might be in the play-offs, but we're still young and inexperienced. We're mainly a junior team," he said.

The Indians won the District 1-4A title this season and were ranked fourth in the final week of El Paso Times poll that lumps city schools together in all classifications.

Aragon has been pleasantly surprised by the way his youth-

ful team has played this season. Last season, a veteran EP Ysleta club finished third in district and lost to Randall in the play-offs.

As district champs this year, Ysleta drew a first-round bye. Pampa, the No. 3 seed out of District 3-4A, beat Snyder last weekend to advance to Area.

Class 4A's top-ranked Randall from District 3-4A opens the playoffs against El Paso Riverside today in Odessa.

The Pampa-Ysleta best of three series resumes at noon Saturday at Midland Lee High School. A third game, if necessary, will be played a half-hour following game two.

This is Aragon's 10th season as Ysleta head coach.


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DR. JAMES DOBSON is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home.

Q My wife works hard to teach my sons to respect me as their father, and that makes my job with them easier. Even when she is upset with me, she never lets the kids know about it. Don't you think that is generous of her?

A She's not only generous - she's a wise woman, too. Mothers can help bond the generations together or they can drive a wedge between them. This concept was expressed beautifully in a book entitled "Fathers and Sons" by Lewis Yablonsky (Simon & Schuster). The author observed that mothers are the primary interpreters of fathers' personality, character and integrity to their sons. In other words, the way boys see their fathers is largely a product of the things their mothers have said and the way they feel about their husbands. In Yablonsky's case, his mother destroyed the respect he might have had for his father. This is what he wrote.

"I vividly recall sitting at the dinner table with my two brothers and father and mother and cringing at my mother's attacks on my father. 'Look at him,' she would say in Yiddish. 'His shoulders are bent down, he's a failure. He doesn't have the courage to get a better job or make more money. He's a beaten man.' He would keep his eyes pointed toward his place and never answer her. She never extolled his virtues or persistence or the fact that he worked so hard. Instead she constantly focused on the negative and created an image for his three sons of a man without a fight, crushed by a world over which he had no control.

"His not fighting back against her constant criticism had

the effect of confirming its validity, to her sons. And my mother's treatment and the picture of my father did not convey to me that marriage was a happy state of being, or that women were basically people. I was not especially motivated to assume the role of husband and father myself from my observations of my whipped father."

My overall research clearly supports that the mother is the basic filter and has enormous significance in the father-son relationship. Though Yablonsky did not say so, it is also true that a father can do great damage to his wife's relationship with their children. Very early on I found that when I was irritated with Shirley for some reason, my attitude was instantly picked up by our son and daughter. They seemed to feel, "If Dad can argue with Mom, then we can too."

It became clear to me just how important it was for me to express my love and admiration for Shirley. However, I could never do that job of building respect for my wife as well as she did for me! She made me a king in my own home. If our son and daughter believed half of what she told them about me, I would have been a fortunate man. The close relationship I enjoy with Danae and Ryan today is largely a product of Shirley's great love for me and the way she "interpreted" me to our kids. I will always be grateful to her for doing that!

Q After reading several excellent books on parenting, I see now that I've been doing many things wrong with my children. Can I undo the harm?

A I doubt if it is too late to do things right, although your ability to influence your children lessens with the passage of time. Fortunately we are permitted to make many mistakes with our kids. They are resilient and they will usually survive most of our errors in judgment. It's a good thing they do, because none of us can be a perfect parent. Besides, it's not the occasional mistakes that hurt a child - it is the consistent influence of destructive conditions throughout childhood that does the damage.

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Gymnastics recital



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Gymnastics of Pampa students will be presenting their end-of-year recital, entitled "America Rocks," today at the gymnasium north of town on Loop 171. The recital will be divided into two performances at 5:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m., respectively. Above: Cheerleading Class - (back row) Nicole Fernuik, Angela Mechelay, Lauren Denney, Stacie Crump, Amy Youree, Molly Munkres, (front row) Krissa Galloway and Amy Adams.

American pilot laid to rest 57 years after crashing

LONDON (AP) — With his sister and a former comrade in attendance, an American bomber pilot was buried with full military honors Friday — 57 years after his plane crashed over the east coast of England during World War II.

Lieut. Col. Earle Aber, of Racine, Wis., died in March 1945 after his B-17 "Flying Fortress" was accidentally hit by British guns as he flew over Clacton on the east coast of England.

Officials said Aber managed to maintain control of the aircraft for long enough to allow

nine crew members to parachute to safety. But he was unable to extricate himself and died with his co-pilot, Maurice Harper, when the plane crashed into the River Stour at Harwich.

A salvage team recovered the wreck two years ago.

Aber's sister, Jean Murphy, 86, traveled from her home in South Bend, Ind., to attend her brother's funeral at the American War Cemetery in Madingley, near Cambridge, central England.

Also present was First Lieut. Walter Longanecker,

who had been due to fly the B-17 that night, but had swapped places with Aber. Longanecker, from Annapolis, Md., served in the U.S. Air Force for 40 years.

"I remember the night he died very clearly," said Longanecker, now 79 and retired. "He was a splendid individual. A great leader at a very young age and we were all agonized over his death."

He said Aber "had asked me to pilot another plane and swap places with him shortly before he took off, so I was terribly shocked to learn that he had died."

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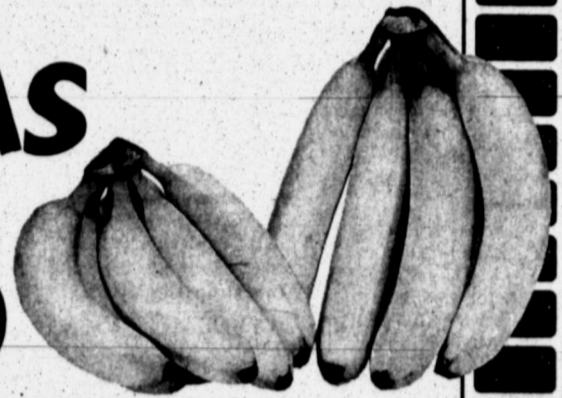
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