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**Dance to feature  
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McLEAN — The Magic City Cowboys will be playing at the McLean Country Club on Friday, May 18, from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m.

The band features four authentic members of Bob Wills Texas Playboys: fiddle players, Larry Reed and B.D. Griffen, both of Fort Worth; Billy Dozier, Tulsa, Okla., on guitar; and Jimmy Young of Amarillo on the fiddle. Other band members include Brady Bowen of Weatherford, Okla., fiddle; Bobby Hughes, Amarillo, keyboard; Dwight Cook, Amarillo, bass guitar; Ted Czachowski, Amarillo, drums; Loyd Ashley, Jacksboro, guitar; and John Mann, Magic City, guitar.

The public is welcome. Dress is casual. Cost is \$10 per person at the door. Ice and set-ups will be furnished for a small donation.

**LOTTERY**

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-23-24-30-31-34.

Estimated jackpot: \$22 million.

Number matching six of six: 1.

Winning ticket sold in: Howe.

Matching five of six: 58. Prize: \$3,297.

Matching four of six: 4,252. Prize: \$111.

Matching three of six: 90,728. Prize: \$5.

Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.

Estimated jackpot: \$4 million.

**DEATHS**

**Bobby Joe Minyard**, 73, businessman.

**C.A. Nichols**, 68, construction contractor.

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**'The party's over, boys'**

**Legal wrangling ends;  
water permits issued**

By DAVID BOWSER  
STAFF WRITER

WHITE DEER — "The party's over, boys," and with that Charles Bowers brought down the gavel on almost two years of legal wrangling and negotiations that have resulted in Mesa Water, Inc., being issued permits to pump water in Roberts County for sale to thirty cities downstate.

Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District approved 10 applications Wednesday afternoon that will enable T. Boone Pickens, Dallas businessman and Roberts County rancher to move ahead with plans to sell groundwater from beneath his ranch and the ranches of his neighbors to water-short cities south of here.

Bowers, chairman of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District's board of directors, joined board member

John McKissick in voting against issuing the permits to the Roberts County landowners. Board member John Spearman voted against issuing nine of the 10 permits. Spearman voted for issuing a permit to Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Reynolds.

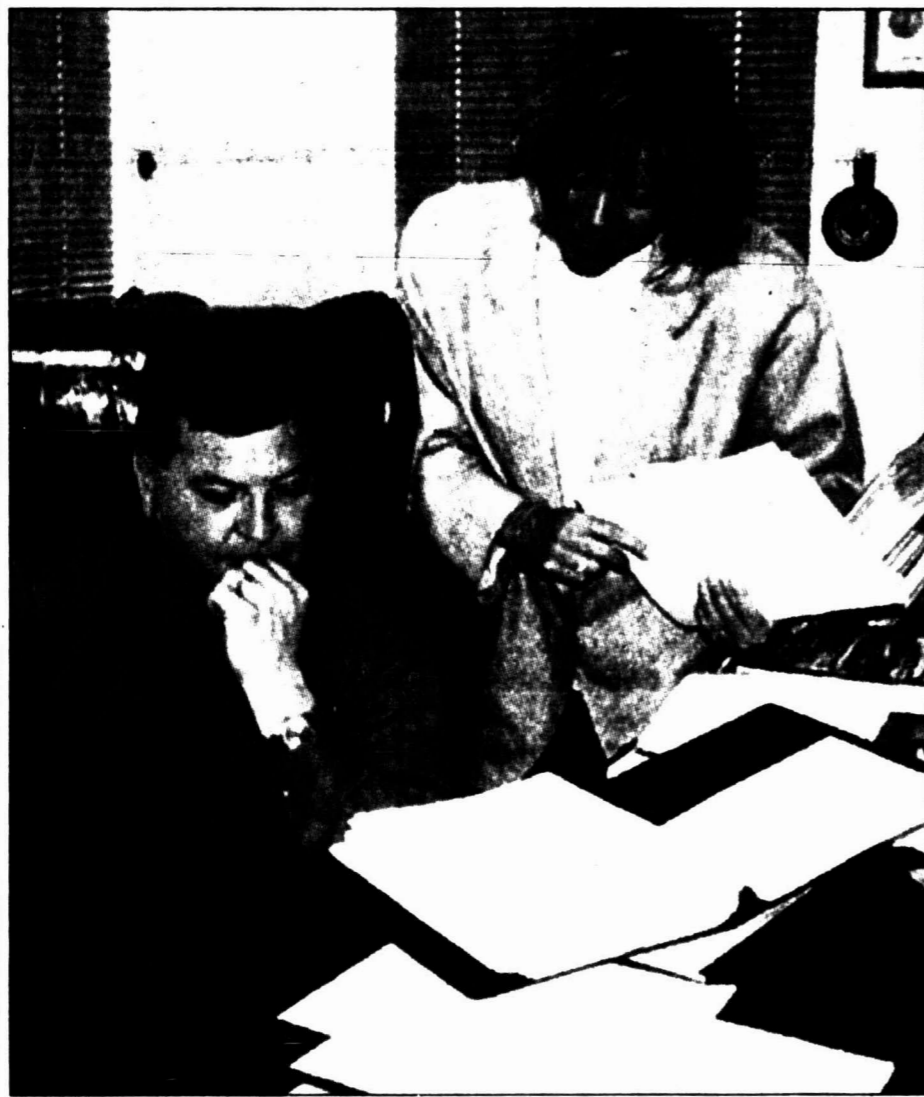
Except for the Albert Reynolds permit, all permits were approved on a 6-3 vote. The Albert Reynolds permit was approved on a vote of 7-2.

Permits were approved for the Courson Partnership, east and west tracts; Pickens; Susie Reynolds; the Wilde family; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kennedy; Albert T. Reynolds; Bill Toliver; and two tracts belonging to Quixx, a subsidiary of the local electric utility.

The landowners initially filed their applications in the fall of 2000. During the last 20 months, the Canadian River Municipal (See PERMIT, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)  
T. Boone Pickens, Dallas businessman and Texas Panhandle rancher, standing, talks with Walter, right, and Marie, left, Killabrew and their niece Anita Brown, a local ranch family, after the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District board meeting Wednesday.



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)  
District Attorney Rick Roach and Sandy Carr, the DA's victim services coordinator, review a case file.

**Carr draws strength  
from victims served**

By KATE B. DICKSON  
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Sandy Carr ultimately wanted to work at a prison ... with law violators. But a stint in the probation department in Potter County taught her one thing.

"I found out I have much more sympathy for the victims than I do for the offenders," Carr said Wednesday afternoon from behind her desk and ringing phone in the 31st District Attorney's office.

Carr says she draws "a lot of strength" from the victims she meets whom she characterizes as "the only ones in a criminal act who had no choice."

Today Carr, the new victim services coordinator for the DA's office, stands guard outside this month's Gray County Grand Jury meeting. That's so she can find out about criminal indictments as soon as they are returned and get the word to the victims.

And she's hoping the timing works out so that she can "have lunch" and "calm down" a woman who is arriving from Nevada today to give a victim impact statement at a child indecency

case sentencing.

Carr, wife of Ron Carr, mother of three and daughter of Pampa attorney John Warner and Judy Warner, is filling the victim services role for a second time. But this time it's with a difference.

Some years back as an employee of Tralee Crisis Center, Carr worked with victims, many of whom were child abuse and domestic violence victims.

The primary difference in then and now, she said, is that her office is inside the DA's office which gives her "better communication and access to records" — something she said results in better service to victims.

"I've always thought this position needed to be in the DA's office ... for the sake of communication," she said.

Another difference is, this time the position is being funded by a grant from the Texas Attorney General's office.

Carr, a psychology major, has a bachelor's degree from West Texas A&M University and also brings experience from an outreach job at The Bridge, a children's advocacy center. At The Bridge her job was to interview children who had possibly been abused Carr (See CARR, Page 3)

**Coronado Nursing Ctr.'s  
owner files bankruptcy**

By NANCY YOUNG  
MANAGING EDITOR

Pampa's Coronado Nursing Center is among 51 nursing homes owned by Senior Living Properties LLC which has filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy.

Tom N. Keyes, RN, BSN, MS, a nurse consultant with the nationwide company, said today there should be no affect upon the patients or their care at the local nursing facility.

"Our commitment is to take care of our residents and continue to provide them quality care," he said.

"The corporate offices attempted to pay all bills before the bankruptcy was filed Tuesday," he said. "If checks have not been cashed, a claim must be filed."

Keyes attributed the bank-

ruptcy to the changing reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid.

"Texas pays more to house prisoners than they do the state's Senior Citizens," said Keyes. "Texas is third or fourth from the bottom in the ranking of the 50 states in reimbursement for Medicaid (state program). We are 46th or 47th of all the states."

Medicare began making changes in reimbursement in the 1980s, he said.

"Prior to 1988, patients could have their gall bladder removed and be in the hospital for two weeks to recuperate," he said. "Then the federal government reduced the length of time patients could stay in the hospital. Doctors had to dismiss patients because Medicare (a federal program) would no longer

(See CORONADO, Page 3)

**Deputies find  
stolen vehicle**

A black 1998 Mustang convertible without a visible tag caught the eyes of two Gray County deputies Wednesday afternoon resulting in recovery of a stolen car and an arrest, said Chief Sheriff's Deputy Kelly Rushing.

Deputies Morse Burroughs and Brad Bengge spotted the vehicle in the 1200 block of East Frederic about 4 p.m. and pulled it over, Rushing said.

Upon checking, they found a temporary Colorado tag but the driver couldn't produce identification or proof of ownership when asked to do so, the chief deputy said.

The deputies ran the car's vehicle identification number (VIN) through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) computer (See VEHICLE, Page 3)

**Commissioners question  
Pct. 2 constable's budget**

By NANCY YOUNG  
MANAGING EDITOR

Tension filled the air at times Wednesday morning as Precinct 2 Constable Chris Lockridge and the Gray County Commission discussed the constable's budget during the county commission meeting.

County Judge Richard Peet told Lockridge the county commission is concerned because the county budget is in the fifth month of the year, and commissioners expressed concern because there has already been a need for line item transfers in his budget.

Lockridge told the commission his vehicle has required extensive repairs as it is eight years old. He said, the car has required a rebuilt transmission, has had engine and air conditioning prob-

lems, required a brake job and compressor repairs.

"I have done as much of the labor as I could to save money," said Lockridge. He said he worked on the brakes.

Commissioner James Helley asked Lockridge if he would get the money from an arrest he made in March on I-40 in which he recovered \$55,000. Lockridge said the case still has to go to court.

He said Thursday morning that 31st District Attorney Rick Roach will file a seizure case for a civil hearing to decide the status of the \$55,000.

"The judge will decide if there is enough evidence to decide if the money was used in a drug operation," he said. Lockridge said Roach will contact him to testify when the case is placed on the docket. (See BUDGET, Page 3)



## OBITUARIES

### BOBBY JOE 'B.J.' MINYARD 1928-2002

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Bobby Joe "B.J." Minyard, 73, died Tuesday, May 14, 2002, at a hospital in Shawnee. Services will be at 10 a.m., Friday in Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Sam Hendry officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Shawnee.

A Shawnee area resident for 32 years, Mr. Minyard was born Sept. 1, 1928, at Dill City, Okla., to Joe B. and Nora Wallace Minyard. He attended Oklahoma Baptist University where he received a scholarship to play basketball, and retired from National Life and Accident Insurance Company after more than 30 years of service. He later worked as a security guard at Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech for eight years, retiring

from this job to work with his wife in the arts and crafts business.

He married Lou Ellen Merryman on Sept. 7, 1951, at Henryetta, Okla.

He attended Immanuel Baptist Church in Shawnee and was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters; and three brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Lou Ellen Minyard, of the home; a son, Randy Minyard, of Harrah, Okla.; two daughters, Lori Minyard of Shawnee and Marilyn Benton of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; a brother, J.B. Minyard of Pampa; two sisters, Florine Thomas of Henryetta and Denola McWilliams of Dill City; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

### C.A. NICHOLS 1934-2002

C.A. Nichols, 68, of Pampa, died Tuesday, May 14, 2002. No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Nichols was born Feb. 24, 1934, in Okfuskee County, Okla., and had been a Pampa resident for 20 years. He formerly lived in Borger for 20 years and was a construction contractor for E.D. Baker.

He was preceded in death by his parents and

a brother, Philip.

Survivors include a son, Rodney Nichols of Panhandle; three daughters, Cheryl Nichols of Lubbock and Darla Faulkner and Glenna Kerr, both of Amarillo; four brothers, Doug Nichols of Tulsa, Okla., Bobby Nichols of Bristow, Okla., Glen Nichols of Sapulpa, Okla., and Danny Nichols of Inola, Okla.; and seven grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society.

## SERVICES TOMORROW

**MINYARD, Bobby Joe "B.J." — 10 a.m., Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel, Shawnee, Okla.**

## WEATHER FOCUS

### PAMPA

Today's forecast is partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms with highs in the upper 80s, and south winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent. Tonight, cloudy and breezy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. North winds 15 to 25 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent. Friday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms early. Highs near 70. North winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent. Friday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid-40s.

### STATEWIDE

Gulf moisture continued to move into North Texas early Thursday in advance of a new storm system for the region.

The higher humidity increased early-morning temperatures, with extremes ranging from 58 degrees at Dalhart to 77 at El Paso.

Other readings included 61 at Paris and 72 in Waco.

Winds were southerly to southeasterly at 10 to 20 mph, except for northwesterly conditions across the

northwest panhandle.

Meanwhile, a weak cool front moved into the northwestern Panhandle, keeping temperatures in the 60s to low 70s. Low clouds were surging northward from South Texas, where readings were in the low to mid 70s.

The front was expected to continue moving eastward from the Panhandle through Friday, bringing scattered showers and thunderstorms,

mostly across the eastern one half of the state.

A slight chance of thunderstorms was forecast for the northeastern panhandle. A slight chance of thunderstorms continued Friday morning for the panhandle.

Daytime highs should range from the 80s in the panhandle to 103 along the Big Bend, with 90s elsewhere.

Lows overnight were expected in the 50s and 60s.

## City Briefs

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## AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Wednesday, May 15

10:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC) and transported one to Baptist-St. Anthony Hospital West (BSAW) in Amarillo.

4:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Duncan; no transport.

## SHERIFF

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

### Wednesday, May 15

George Trevino, 29, 1202 E. Frederic, unlawful use of a motor vehicle, failure to identify as a fugitive, and arrested on a warrant for bond surrender on possession of a prohibited weapon.

### Thursday, May 16

Teri Lynn Furgerson, 28, Lefors, theft under \$50.

## STOCKS

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

Wheat	2.51
Milo	3.29
Corn	3.77
Soybeans	3.92

The following show prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Occidental	29.99	+0.42
Fidelity Mageln	97.71	-0.39
Puritan	17.79	-0.03

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

BP	52.29	+0.74
Celanese	24.30	+0.01
Cabot Corp.	27.40	-0.50
Cabot Oil Gas	24.63	+0.53
Coca Cola	56.70	+0.01
VLO	41.75	-0.05

Halliburton	16.97	+0.22
Trad Hospitals	41.87	+0.25
NOI	26.19	+0.52
KMI	46.20	-0.30
XCEL	20.60	-0.35
Kerr McGee	60.70	+0.82
Limited	21.30	+0.41
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McDonalds	30.14	+0.08
Exxon Mobil	40.54	+0.63
Atmos	23.84	+0.01
Pioneer Nat	24.55	+0.20
Penney's	25.05	+0.13
Phillips	60.90	+0.65
Schlumberger	55.43	+0.29
Tenneco	5.70	-0.17
CVX	89.22	+1.17
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OKE	22.35	-0.04
NS Group	8.64	+0.19

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## Baylor seek volunteers for anthrax study

HOUSTON (AP) — An experiment to improve the anthrax vaccine was taking shape long before letters laced with the bacteria

killed five people last year.

Researchers at the Baylor College of Medicine expect memories of the bioterror attacks to make it easier to recruit 300 volunteers for the study.

"With the recent recognition that anthrax is not a theoretical possibility, there are people who are seriously concerned about an exposure," Dr. Wendy Keitel, a Baylor researcher and expert on vaccines and anthrax, told the Houston Chronicle in Thursday's editions. "There are people who are curious and would feel relieved" to be vaccinated.

Baylor, which is getting \$4 million from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the study, is one of five medical centers across the country searching for volunteers to take part in a clinical trial to determine the most effective way to administer the anthrax vaccine.

The trial, which is expected to involve 1,560 volunteers nationally, will test whether injecting the vaccine directly into muscle, rather than just under the skin, makes it more effective or reduces the risk of side effects, such as swelling and pain.

The trial also will test whether the vaccine can be as effective with fewer shots. Current recommendations for the vaccine, developed in 1970, call for six shots given over 18 months.

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**CARR**

also worked as an investigator at her father's law firm.

Not only does her college background and work history qualify her to deal with victims, Carr has experience being a family member of a crime victim. Her husband was a beating victim who, thankfully, fully recovered from his injuries.

Ironically, Carr was the crime victim's coordinator then and she said the experience with her husband's attack "helped me greatly" from a job standpoint.

"I thought I was doing a great job," she said. "But I found out that a lot more could be done."

While taking a reporter back to her office, Carr introduced everyone

working in the DA's office by first name. She says it's what she does when she brings a victim there ... to help them feel comfortable and so they will know everyone on DA Rick Roach's staff.

Each day Carr goes through police reports and is also in contact with the sheriff's office to find out who the latest "innocent crime victims" are. She gets in touch by letter and/ or telephone to let the victims know about the state's crime victim compensation program.

"It's not like winning the lottery," Carr said of the program. "But they may be able to get compensation for such things as medical or funeral expenses and lost wages."

Carr helps them with that paperwork and also with preparation of

their victim impact statement — a statement that is used in the system to give what she calls "the other side of the story."

The statement remains part of the case file, can be considered when pleas are worked out, and goes with the offender to prison.

The victims with whom Carr works are free to call her at any time. She calls them to let them know where the case stands and to make sure they understand how the system works. Just how much contact she has depends upon the individual and how much they want to know.

Carr goes to court with the victims to give them both moral support and to make sure they understand the proceedings.

In one recent case, Carr recalls

how the crime victim was alone at court and the defendant had a number of people there.

"She was upset, crying and scared," Carr said of the victim of a convenience store aggravated robbery. "I just stayed with her, kept encouraging her and helped to build her confidence."

After the case was over — and the offender sentenced — Carr said the woman "was very grateful for the support and happy that the system worked."

The woman's next step was to seek counseling "so she can put this chapter of her life behind her."

Carr said DA Roach "is very involved where the victims are concerned."

"Rick wants to know how the

crime victims are affected ... how they are feeling," she said. "It's very important to him. Rick is willing to let a crime victim come into his office and say how they feel."

Roach also wants the opinion of the family when decisions are made about plea agreement sentencing, she said.

The DA had praise for the job Carr is doing and stressed "it is important that no victim fall through the cracks."

Carr is working hard to make sure that doesn't happen.

"My purpose is to help make going through the system easier for a crime victim so they don't feel revictimized by it all ... sometime going through the system can be a painful experience, too," Carr said.

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**PERMIT**

Water Authority protested the applications; Mesa Water, Inc., sued CRMWA for pumping water from beneath the landowners property without compensation, and C.E. Williams, general manager of the groundwater district, worked to bring the two warring sides together in a settlement of their differences.

CRMWA already had a permit to pump water from Roberts County and transport it to their 11 member cities, including Pampa. The City of Amarillo also had a pumping permit.

The landowners said that pumping by CRMWA and Amarillo would suck water from beneath their ranches. The only way the landowners could realize any monetary gain and protect themselves, they maintained, was to be able to pump their own water and sell it to the highest bidder.

Although a settlement agreement was reached and presented to the water district board last month so the application process could move ahead, what most expected to be a routine meeting Wednesday ran headlong into confrontation over one word. That word was "interim."

The permits were titled "Interim High Impact Permit to Produce Water."

Attorneys for the applicants objected to the word interim, saying the district rules did not allow for interim permits.

The attorney for CRMWA objected to the deletion of a paragraph in the settlement that was deleted from the permit that allowed the district to regulate groundwater based on permits rather than production.

The district staff objected to the paragraph, saying it was inserted by CRMWA but bound the district to certain actions.

In the end, the title of permits was changed to read, "High Impact Permit to Produce Water Upon Naming the Destination Users."

The landowners have five years to find a buyer or the permits expire. If they find a buyer or buyers, then the permits become permanent.

The permits allow the landowners to pump 150,000 acre-feet of water per year, subject to the water district's rules and regulations, including not pumping more than 50 percent of the water stored in the ground over the next 50 years.

While the party may be over, the celebration was muted by CRMWA's objection and threat to protest the permits.

For his part, Pickens said he was happy with board's decision, although he admitted that selling the water will be a difficult and expensive process.

Pickens in the past has estimated the transportation of the water to major metropolitan areas downstate at one to two billion dollars.

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**CORONADO**

pay. Some of these patients went to nursing homes to recuperate and Medicare would pay."

He said that changed in 1998. "Medicare reimbursement was cut in half. Investors in the nursing homes had planned on the reimbursement and it was no longer there," he explained.

"We just need the time to service our debt," he said. "The bankruptcy judge and the investors will be working all this out and we will continue our care of the patients."

He said half the nursing homes in Texas have taken bankruptcy because of these changes.

Locally, there should be no changes, said Keys.

Keys stressed the company will provide assistance to any local vendor in completing forms to get their money.

"We have received a \$20 million dollar line of credit from a new investor to carry us through from Tuesday on," he said. "That will ensure the employee paychecks don't bounce, too. We really expect to come out stronger."

He said company officials began telling the employees

Tuesday afternoon.

"We want people to know we're trying to do the right thing. We met with the Family Council at the nursing home to let them know," he said.

Keys said after he left *The Pampa News* Thursday morning he would be going directly to the Pampa Chamber of Commerce to notify them.

"We plan to have no layoffs, and the company has committed to not sell any

buildings for a year," he said. "Also, we have made the commitment to not sell in a town where there is not another nursing home."

Keys said, "Chapter 11 will allow the company to get a handle on their debt service."

He said the company will have approximately 12 to 20 months to work out the financial condition. "We should come out stronger," he said.

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**BUDGET**

Peet asked Lockridge about his overall budget projection. "I don't plan on anything major arising," said Lockridge.

Commissioner Joe Wheeley said that he has to keep a constant watch on his budget, and look ahead. "We're just concerned, and didn't know if you would be able to stay within the budget for the next few months," he said.

Lockridge told the commission he has brought revenue into the county general fund because of his traffic stops. He said he had generated over \$10,000 to one JP Court.

Commissioner Gerald Wright said revenue doesn't have anything to do with the budget, and suggested Lockridge not patrol I-40. "I think we would all be better off if you didn't," said Wright.

"I disagree," said Lockridge. "I think it would be better for the taxpayers and everyone if I did. I have 24 years experience and can take care of myself."

Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman said Lockridge and the other constables serve papers in the county and have authority in adjoining counties to serve papers.

According to the Texas Association of Counties, the constable duties outlined state constables are sometimes referred to as the executive officer of the justice of the peace courts. It states their duties are to subpoena witnesses, act as bailiff, execute judgments and service of process.

The TAC letter states, "These peace officers are the first link in the county's chain of law enforcement. Along with their deputies, constables have all the powers of peace officers."

They are involved in the overall effort to reduce the effects of crime in their communities, including in some cases the operation of truancy programs, according to TAC. In addition they may perform patrol functions and make criminal investigations. It further states that in large metropolitan counties the constable may also assist the county and district courts.

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**VEHICLE**

data base which revealed the Mustang was stolen on May 10 from a car lot in Greeley, Colo., Rushing said.

The driver, George Trevino, 29, 1201 E. Frederic, was taken into custody and charged with unlawful use of a motor vehicle and failure to identify as a fugitive, Rushing said. He was also arrested on a warrant for bond surrender on a possession of a prohibited weapons charge.

Trevino was being held in the Gray County Jail this morning in lieu of bonds totaling \$7,000.

Barrett Baptist Church invites the public to an "Old Fashioned Tent Revival" at 23rd & Price Road, May 19-22 featuring Richard Coss, Ex-Con/Evangelist and Leon Cowan, music leader. Seating is provided, but lawn chairs are welcomed. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning and 7:00 p.m. nightly, Sunday through Wednesday with special music beginning at 6:30 p.m. nightly. In the event of rain - M.K. Brown Heritage Room.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Trashy yards, vacancies sadden former Pampan

In recent visit to Pampa I was saddened to see the city looking so trashy. Not just in certain parts but all over. Empty buildings and vacant houses with weed, debris, sometimes appliances, tires, you name it, strung out all over the properties.

Do you not have a littering code? Can you not impose a fine on these property owners to clean up their place? You can have Clean Pampa all you want but until you impose a fine on these property owners, no one will get up off their butts and do different. Cannot your city inspector do something about this? I am sure if he lived next door to some of these trashy properties he would.

What happened to taking pride in our property? Maybe it will take a big enough fine for people to understand that. It will take a team effort but if everyone can get behind other projects in that town why can't you deal with your trash. I hope on my next visit there will be a CLEAN PAMPA and not a TRASHY PAMPA.

Donna Seitz  
Calimesa, Calif.  
P.S. When I was growing up in Pampa in the '60s, things never looked as bad as they do now.

#### Many support the Laws' work

I would like for the readers of *The Pampa News* to understand that not everyone feels like Mr. Staj and a few of the parents.

I have no doubt that Mr. and Mrs. Law complied with the rules set down by the state of Texas, The Laws have gone beyond the necessary duties to help the kids by encouraging them to go good work in school and to continue their education after high school. Mrs. Law has helped the kids fill out paperwork to apply for college and plan their future. These people have a very positive attitude for the students and for the community. They, along with the school board, have made a lot of improvements at the school. The morale and school spirit has improved 100 percent.

If Mrs. Law stated that the student would not fail, I feel that she would be willing to help them get caught up with their work even if she had to personally tutor them. How many principals or superintendents would be willing to do that? I don't think she or Mr. Law would "Give" them anything they didn't earn. They have been fair with all the students and concerned about all of them. They have made reward programs for the students' good grades and good attendance and citizenship.

We all have rules through our lifetime, some of them we don't like, but we still have to follow them until they change. If we are to be the adults and teachers we need to set a good example. Again rules are for all of us.

Mr. and Mrs. Law have my total support. I hope they don't get discouraged by a few sour grapes. I hope they continue to do the good work that they have done up to now. The students in Lefors have been very fortunate to have them. There are people who work in the education field because they enjoy the work and want to make a difference in a child's life and they enjoy the work. We have had superintendents in the past that didn't even show up for the ball games. They did their job but without much interest in the students or the town.

We have some really fine students in our school. I am very proud of our faculty and our students. Let's be more positive about our school and our community. We sure don't have some of the problems that a lot of the larger schools have. I'd rather give all of them a pat on the back instead of a slap in the face.

Maurine Helfer  
Lefors

#### Where's a good ol' paper boy?

We have subscribed to *The Pampa News* for 40 years.

We asked the carrier to put the paper on the porch for a while as we were having cancer treatment. We were asked for an additional \$5 a month, but if we couldn't afford it, they would anyway.

We called the Circulation Department (and they said) that was between us and the carrier.

Putting the paper on the porch must have been a maddening effort. The carrier, during two months time, hit our storm door three or four times, rang the doorbell two or three times. I think you call this harassment.

Guess we're from the old school. The carrier walked his route and knew his customers. We learned to love and follow their accomplishments as they became responsible citizens.

Has the paper become a fast paper business? What happened to our all-American paper boy?

Eva Dennis  
Pampa

It's that time of year! The weather has warmed and it's the end of school.

End of school activities are keeping parents and students alike quite busy. Seniors who are graduating have a seemingly endless number of parties and social events, not to mention finishing the school year. Parents are attempting to keep up with them and supply the needed clothes and funding for the students to participate in these many activities.

Proms are being held, and the young people are brimming with anticipation of the highlight of the year. All ages of children are involved. School plays, talent shows, picnics, vocal concerts, band concerts, art shows and countless number of activities are being packed into the last weeks of school.

And then, there are the term papers and final exams. It's just exhausting to think about it.

Last week I attended a choral program at an area school. Arriving early, I completely read the program before it began.

Something in the program caught my attention. It was a list of items for the audience members. The list asked the audience to please not whistle during the



NANCY YOUNG  
MANAGING EDITOR

program, but to only show their appreciation by applauding. Other suggestions for the audience included: please not take flash pictures during the performance so as not to distract from the program, do not leave until the entire performance is over but, if you have a baby who begins crying, take them outside.

There were other basic suggestions. I couldn't keep from thinking what a shame it is when common courtesy and manners have to be outlined for adults, and most of them were parents and grandparents.

Students in grades six through seniors presented an outstanding program. It is just amazing the talent of some of these younger students.

Before the program began the instructor told them in no uncertain terms to

stand still with hands at their side, and they did.

I have attended programs in recent years in which jeering, whistling and loud yelling were commonplace. Not all, by any means, but some. I'm always impressed when the students have been taught manners. Sometimes I wish their parents had received that knowledge.

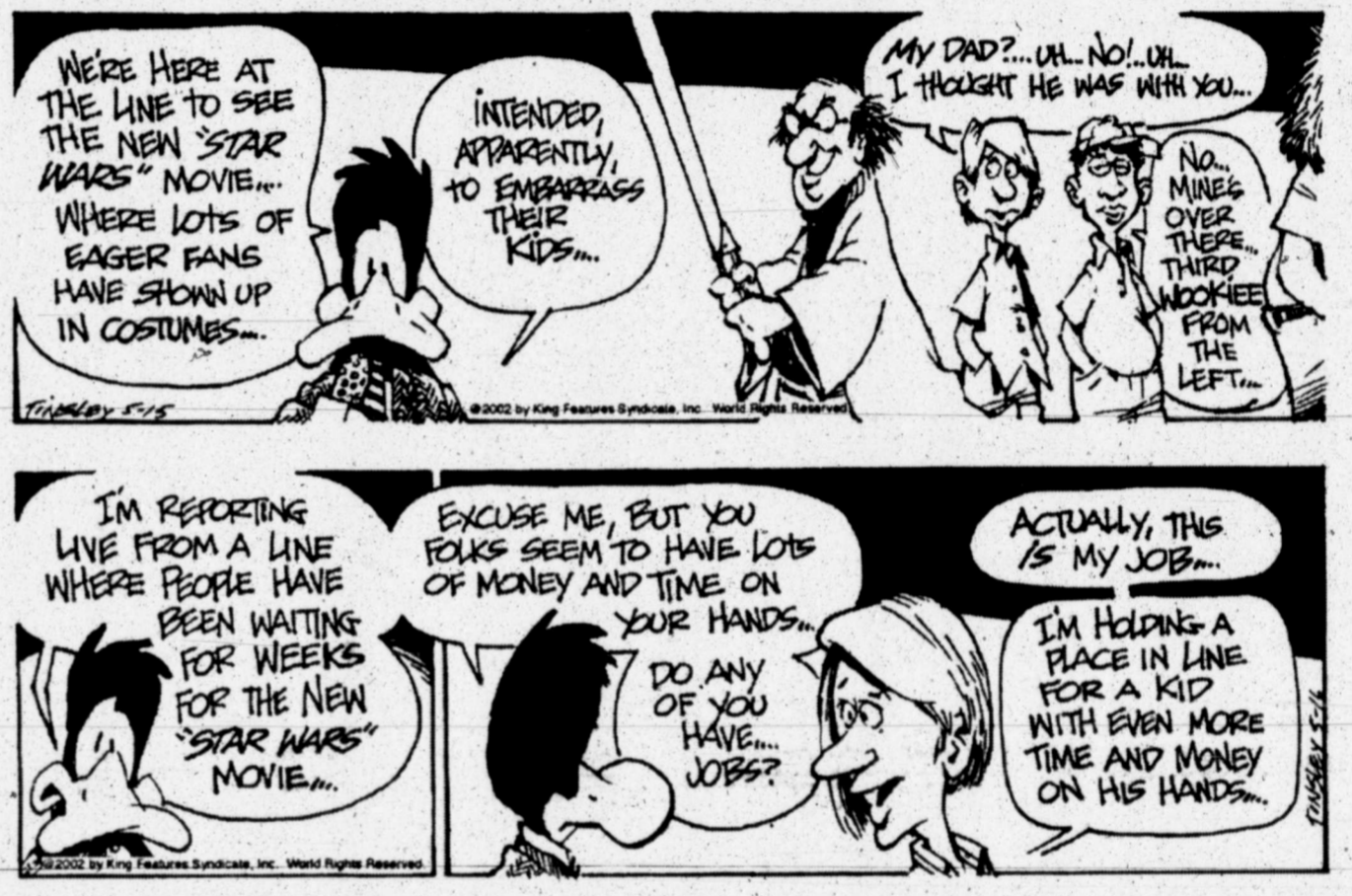
The functions I have attended since Sept. 11 have been such a change. The Pledge of Allegiance is said at the beginning of most of these programs, and these students have memorized the words. They also know the words to the Star Spangled Banner, and these are programs with students pre-kindergarten and up! I'm impressed.

Teachers are doing an excellent job of teaching our students about their country and patriotism.

School will be ending in just a few days, and a class of seniors will graduate and go on to make their future. Classes of pre-kindergarten and kindergartners will begin their journey in the fall.

The cycle of life continues on.  
(Nancy Young may be reached by e-mail at nanceyoung@hotmail.com)

### Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley



## Who really cares about the future?

How often do we hear politicians, labor bosses, business leaders and other Americans expressing concern about the nation's children and their children? I generally dismiss such concern as disgusting hypocrisy because their actions don't begin to match their words. If people really cared about the well-being of future generations, what kind of behavior might we expect? To answer, let's use a simple example that can be made as complex as we want it to be.

Pretend there are two farmers who express concern about future prosperity of their children. How might we test their sincerity? Let's say that as winter arrives, both Farmer A and Farmer B have 50 pounds of corn seed. Farmer A uses 40 out his 50 pounds to make popcorn to consume over the winter, leaving him with 10 pounds of seed for spring planting. Farmer B uses only 10 of his 50 pounds for winter popcorn, leaving him with 40 pounds for spring planting. It's a no-brainer to conclude that Farmer B is more serious about the future; he is more willing to make greater sacrifices of current consumption. He has a much higher saving and investment rate.

The nation's gross domestic product (GDP) stands at \$10 trillion. The federal government consumes one-fifth, or \$2 trillion, of it. State and local governments consume about \$1.5 trillion. Some government spending does benefit future



WALTER WILLIAMS  
COLUMNIST

generations, such as those spent for national defense, highway construction and public health. Most government spending is for current consumption. The major items are Social Security (\$460 billion) and Medicare (\$226 billion). Plus, there's the pressure for increased current consumption in the form of a massive prescription drug program for senior citizens.

What's the impact of government spending on future generations? More government spending means higher taxes. In turn, higher taxes means less money left in the private sector to be used in many ways, including investment. Less investment means that we bequeath fewer resources to future generations. As a result, future generations will have less wealth.

It's easy for people to feign concern for future generations and at the same time rip them off. Why? Future generations have no representation in Congress, and today's young people who'll face the 2030s Social Security disaster have very

little. It's a matter of political expediency.

Imagine the fate of a congressman who says, out of concern for future generations, "I refuse to vote for a massive prescription drug handout for senior citizens." He'll get no support from the beneficiaries of his actions because future generations don't vote and young people don't vote very much. Selfish senior citizens, who vote in large numbers, will trounce him. Plus, what congressman or senior citizen has a stake in what's going to happen in 2030 or 2050? They'll all be dead.

I'm one of today's senior citizens, and what I can't figure out is where the notion came from that just because one is 65 years old one is entitled to use the coercive powers of government to live at the expense of younger people. It surely wasn't a value instilled by our parents.

You say, "Williams, today's seniors are part of the great generation that won World War II, and we owe them something." Yes, they did save the nation from the evil forces of Nazism, but the nation's history is one of great generations since 1776. If anything, today's seniors might be called the nation's most morally corrupt generation, for they have made the greatest contribution toward undermining the founding principles of our nation as expressed in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and its Bill of Rights.

### TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, May 16, the 136th day of 2002. There are 229 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 16, 1929, the first Academy Awards were presented during a banquet at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. The movie "Wings" won "best production" while Emil Jannings and Janet Gaynor were named best actor and best actress.

On this date:  
In 1770, Marie Antoinette, age 14, married the future King Louis XVI of France, who was 15.

In 1866, Congress authorized minting of the five-cent piece.

In 1868, the Senate failed by one vote to convict President Andrew Johnson as it took its first ballot on one of 11 articles of impeachment against him.

In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized in Rome.

In 1946, the musical "Annie Get Your Gun" opened on Broadway.

In 1960, a Big Four summit conference in Paris collapsed on its opening day as the Soviet Union leveled spy charges against the United States in the wake of the U-2 incident.

In 1965, the musical play "The Roar of the Greasepaint, the Smell of the Crowd" opened on Broadway.

In 1975, Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

In 1977, five people were killed when a New York Airways helicopter, idling atop the Pan Am Building in midtown Manhattan, toppled over, sending a huge rotor blade flying.

In 1991, Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to address the U.S. Congress.

Ten years ago: The space shuttle Endeavour completed

its maiden voyage with a safe landing in the California desert. Actress Marlene Dietrich, who had died in Paris at age 90, was buried in Berlin. America3 ("America Cubed"), skippered by Bill Koch, won the 28th defense of the America's Cup.

Five years ago: President Clinton publicly apologized for the notorious Tuskegee experiment, in which government scientists deliberately allowed black men to weaken and die of treatable syphilis. The space shuttle Atlantis docked with Russia's Mir station. In Zaire, President Mobutu Sese Seko ended 32 years of autocratic rule, giving control of the country to rebel forces.

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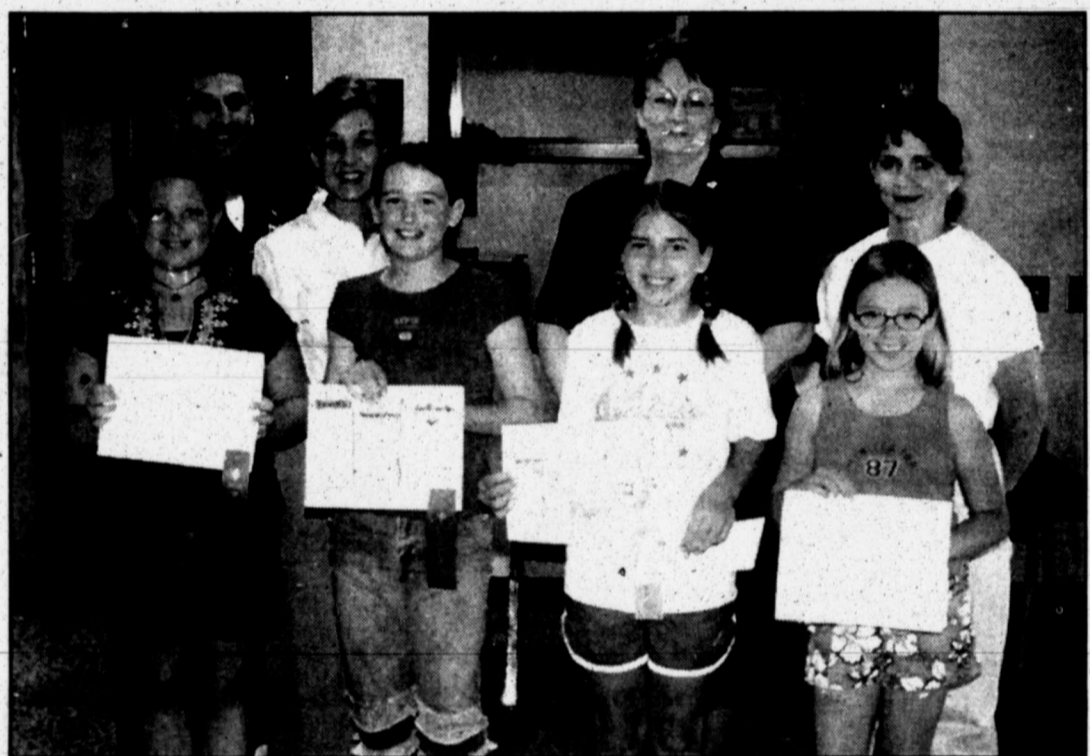
## El Progreso



(Community Camera photo)

El Progreso Club of Pampa recently awarded Kenzi Neckel and Landon McNeely, both outstanding seventh grade Pampa Middle School Texas history students, with the book "Panhandle Pilgrimage" by Pauline Durrett Robinson. This is the 28th year the club has sponsored the award. Above: Julia Dawkins, project chairwoman, and Pat Youngblood, president, with Kenzi and Landon.

## Poster winners



(Courtesy photo)

Fourth graders at Austin Elementary School recently participated in the "National Nurses Week Poster Contest" sponsored by Pampa Regional Medical Center. Winners were (left-right) Erin Buck, first place; Andi Hutto, second place; Emily Jean, third place; and Gabby Powell, honorable mention. Shown with the winners are (back row, l-r) TV Cuellar, RN; Lisa Kenner, RN; Nan Gregg, RN-chief nursing officer; and Denise Daves, RN.

## Child welfare symposium slated at West Texas A&M

CANYON — "Building Healthy Families: Promoting Emotional Health" will be the focus of a child welfare symposium set for 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Friday, June 7 in the Virgil Henson Activities Center Ballroom on the West Texas A&M University campus.

Naomi Haines Griffith of Nashville, Tenn., will be the featured guest speaker. She will encourage those involved in child welfare to redefine their personal goals and recommit themselves to their work in service for children.

Her presentation also will examine child welfare services and dealing with emotional maltreatment in the social, psychological and life threatening behaviors of children.

The symposium targets child welfare professionals, foster and respite parents and adoptive parents. Age-appropriate breakout sessions will

be available for children to talk about what it is like being part of a foster family. Separate sessions will be provided for both foster children and birth/adopted children within foster families.

The social work program at WTAMU is hosting the symposium with help from area agencies. For more information, contact Melody Loya at (806) 651-2594 or Pat Greenwood at (806) 345-7908.

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## First customer ...



(Community Camera photo)

Mørle Bohlander recently visited with Jason Bagwell, general manager of the newly opened Sear's store. Bohlander was the store's first customer. He purchased a riding lawnmower.

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THURSDAY, MAY 16

## DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

### Lifeguard Needs Parents' Help Keeping Kids Safe in the Pool

DEAR ABBY: I am a lifeguard at a public swimming pool. Please inform parents that the presence of a lifeguard does not guarantee the safety of their children.

Young children don't have the maturity to understand the risks posed by water and often will not stay in the depth that is safe for them. Besides giving verbal warnings that can go unheeded, there is little a lifeguard in a tower 30 feet away can do to keep a child out of deep water. Also, drowning is silent. Victims can hardly breathe and therefore cannot scream for help.

One day last summer, my co-workers and I rescued five children. They were all under the age of 6, all unattended, and all were drowning within a few feet of other swimmers. No one but us realized anything was wrong. One of those kids was a 5-year-old girl whom I had repeatedly told to stay in the shallow pool.

Parents, please don't let the eyes of a lifeguard be all that stands between your child and death. We do our job well, but we're only human. Swim with your inexperienced younger kids, and stay within arm's reach at all times.

**CONCERNED LIFEGUARD IN THE ROCKIES**

DEAR CONCERNED: Children should be taught to swim as early as possible. And they need to be taught the rules of water safety. Even then they should be supervised at all times at both public and private

swimming pools. To do anything less is to invite a tragedy. And while we're on the subject of near disasters in the water — read on:

DEAR ABBY: While swimming at a New Jersey beach, my husband became caught in a rip tide. He struggled to swim toward land, but the current pulled him farther and farther out to sea.

There were several adults nearby. He pleaded for help several times, but got no response. He was later told that they thought he was only kidding!

Luckily, a boy about 12 years old took him seriously. The boy swam toward my husband and extended a boogie board for him to grab. By then, my husband was completely exhausted and out of breath. With the boy's help, and later that of a lifeguard, my husband was brought safely back to shore.

Abby, please inform your readers that when a person pleads for help in any situation, the person should be taken seriously! It is far better to offer assistance or to seek additional help than to assume it's only a joke. My husband firmly believes that if that boy had not tried to help, he would not be here today.

ELEANOR M. GLENSIDE, PA.

DEAR ELEANOR: Your husband is a lucky man. His experience proves that sometimes

children are smarter than adults. The boy who came to his rescue is a true hero.

DEAR ABBY: I love my boyfriend very much and am planning to offer him a proposal of marriage. We have a child together, and I feel it's time for me to grab life by the horns and run with it.

Is there any rule of etiquette that says I have to buy him a gift — and if so, what should it be? I'm clear on where our wedding should take place, the decorations, guest list, etc., but it's this last detail of gift-or-no-gift before I pop the question that I'm not sure about.

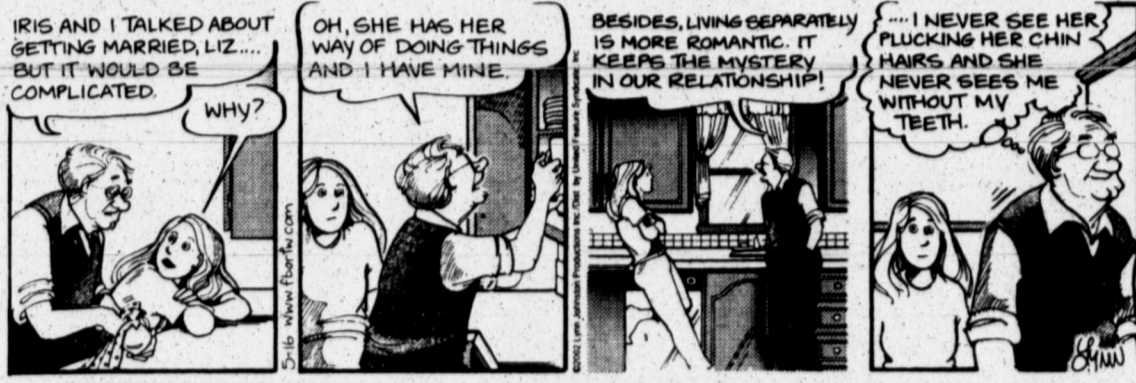
**HOPEFUL BRIDE-TO-BE, COLUMBIA, MO.**

DEAR HOPEFUL: I think the child was gift enough. Give him nothing extra unless he says yes to your proposal.

Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abby Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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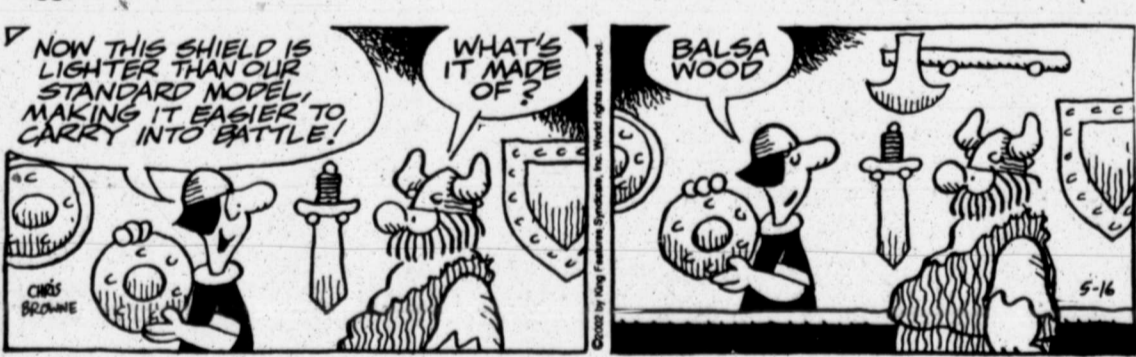
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### Crossword Puzzle

#### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- Place for a hit
- "Patton" star
- HTML codes
- Lend a hand
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- Super-market employee
- Soccer's Victorine
- Different
- Company voter
- Olympian goddess
- Mean
- Exist
- Vitality
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### NOTE

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Camp dates July 15-17 for graders from a.m.; July 15 ninth graders 1-4 p.m.

Parents are pick up camp session. A cost will be availab...

The purpose is to help each in volleyball including skill ing, setting, se footwork and...

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#### HOCKEY

#### IRVING

Dave Tippet coach for the Kings the past is expected Thursday at Dallas Stars. Press learned.

#### GOLF

#### PAMPA

Ladies Golf sponsoring scramble at 6 at Hidden Hill Entry fee is plus green fee Call Hidde 5866 to enter.

#### BASEBALL

#### NEW YO

Baseball's la stalled, and think it is inevi will set a st August.

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#### Flash

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SPORTS

No. 1 team is familiar foe for Harvesters

PAMPA — No matters what happens this weekend, the Pampa Harvesters will have the distinction of playing the state's No. 1 ranked Class 4A team more times than anybody else.

Pampa goes against Randall for the fourth time this season as the two teams meet in the best of three regional series. The opener is set for 7 Friday night at Amarillo's Dilla Villa. The second game will be played at 12 noon Saturday at Amarillo High. A third game, if necessary, will follow 30 minutes after the second game ends.

"Playing Pampa is getting to be old news now, but I don't know if playing them again is good or bad," Randall coach Steve Ribera said. "Pampa is a much different team than when we played them in district. Their pitching is really coming along. (Adam) Jones has improved, (Max) Simon threw well against us and (Randy) Tice shut us down pretty good."

Pampa was winless in the three previous outings against the Raiders, but the Harvesters gave Randall quite a scare in the last two contests.

After University of Rice signee Chance Douglass had shut out the Harvesters, 12-0 in a non-district meeting, Pampa came back with strong pitching performances by Max Simon and Randy Tice to stay right with Randall in a pair of District 3-4A close encounters.

Simon, a junior righthander, pitched a three-hitter in going against the hard-throwing Douglass in the first district

showdown. Simon struck out six and walked three in going the distance in a 4-0 loss. Douglass no-hit the Harvesters until the seventh inning when Adam Jones and Kyle Francis had back-to-back singles.

Tice battled Randall's Daniel Batencourt right down to the wire in the second game. Josh Payne's sacrifice fly in the seventh broke a 2-2 tie and gave the Raiders a 3-2 victory.

Tice, a senior righthander, scattered six hits in going the distance while striking out eight and walking three.

Pampa, as the No. 3 seed out of District 3-4A, advances to the regional quarterfinals of the playoffs for third time in four years.

The Harvesters will send five players against Randall who are hitting better than .300. During the regular season, senior shortstop Evan Miller led the Harvesters with a .525 batting average. He's followed by Tice (centerfielder, .383), senior second baseman Wes Martin (.359), junior rightfielder Tyson Moree (.321), senior catcher Michael

Galloway (.307) and Miller leads the team in runs batted in with 42 while Tice is the leader in runs scored with 45.

Adam Jones (8-3), Simon (4-3) and Tice (4-5) lead the mound staff. Jones enters the regional round with 218 career strikeouts, a school record.

Douglass, who sports an 11-1 pitching record, is also one of Randall's leading hitters. He carries a .403 batting average and his 19 home runs during the regular season set an all-time Amarillo area record.

"Chance and our No. 2

pitcher (Daniel Batencourt) threw well against Riverside," Ribera said. "Chance was a little sore near the end of district, but that two weeks rest really helped him."

Outfielder Dustin Brooks is batting .500 and first baseman Craig Howard .424 to help give the Raiders a team batting average around the .385 mark.

"We're in a good groove right now. We swung the bats real well in the first round of the playoffs and I'm hoping that will carry over against Pampa," added Ribera.



Senior second baseman Wes Martin was a perfect 4 of 4 at the plate in Pampa's 7-2 win over El Paso Yslita in the Area finals.

Mickelson has seen both sides of a 63 at Colonial

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Phil Mickelson has been on the winning and losing sides of a closing 63 at the Colonial.

Two years ago, Mickelson overcame a seven-stroke deficit with five birdies on the back nine to finish a 7-under final round and win the Colonial. He was two strokes ahead of Stewart Cink and Davis Love III, both faltering down the stretch.

Mickelson struggled at the end last year, blowing the three-stroke lead he took into the final round. Sergio Garcia, who began the day five shots behind, won by two strokes with a 63 for his first PGA Tour victory.

"It's the kind of course that if you're hitting good shots and you can make birdies, but if you're not, it seems like you're struggling for par all of the time," Mickelson said.

The 7,080-yard, par-70 layout is one of Mickelson's favorites. He says the course demands a variety of shots, and golfers must negotiate the wind and trees and difficult greens.

"It takes some creativity," he said. "The course tests a player's entire game."

There is also the history of Hogan's Alley, where only Ben Hogan has won in consecutive years.

The last nine Colonial champions are in the field for the \$4.3 million tournament. That includes Ben Crenshaw (1977, 1990) and Tom Watson (1998), who are skipping this week's seniors event in New Jersey.

Garcia is a defending champion for the first time on the PGA Tour.

"It's always something I've been looking forward to. Finally,

I'm here to defend my first title in the States," Garcia said. "I want to try to do what Hogan did."

Garcia, just 21 when he won at Colonial, has since won twice more on the PGA Tour and last month won the Spanish Open for his first victory in his homeland. But that first win gave him a big boost.

"You're more comfortable with yourself, and you become a better player by being in that position over and over again," he said.

Before teeing off for his first practice round this week, Garcia took an extra minute to admire his name on the Wall of Champions. There it was among the likes of Hogan, Sam Snead, Arnold Palmer, Lee Trevino and Jack Nicklaus.

"It's great to be standing there on the first tee and look right and

see your name on the wall where the champions are," Garcia said. "That was something special."

The only name on that wall more than twice is Hogan, who won five Colonial titles and twice won back-to-back (1946-47, 1952-53 and 1959). A life-size statue of the Hall of Fame golfer is outside the clubhouse.

Garcia's only win this year was in the season-opening Mercedes Championships. He has four other top 10 finishes, but last week missed the cut for the first time in 10 PGA events this season after a second-round 74 at the Byron Nelson Classic in Irving.

The only victory for Mickelson was also in his first tournament of the year, at the Bob Hope Classic. He had three straight third-place finishes before finishing ninth in New

Orleans and 17th at the Nelson.

"I have not putted well the last two weeks. It's not that there's any problem with the greens. I've just flat-out missed them," Mickelson said. "The greens here are very true, they roll perfect. It will be my job to read them and get my putter on track and back in contention."

**Divots:** Shigeki Maruyama will try to become the only player other than Hogan in 1946 to win Colonial and the Dallas stop on the PGA Tour in the same year. Maruyama, who finished fifth at Colonial last year, won the Nelson last week. ... Only Tiger Woods, who isn't in the field, has won more than once on Tour this year. ... Crenshaw is making his 32nd straight appearance at the Colonial. He hasn't made the cut since 1996.

Baffert gets his post, but not favorite's role at Preakness

BALTIMORE (AP) — Maybe D. Wayne Lukas knew what he was talking about when he called Bob Baffert extremely lucky.

Hours after Lukas marveled at his rival trainer's continual good fortune, Baffert came up with the top choice Wednesday in the post-position draw for the Preakness.

Baffert decided to send Kentucky Derby winner War Emblem from the No. 8 post. Whether the horse goes off as the favorite on Saturday remains to be seen.

Medaglia d'Oro was

installed the 5-2 morning line favorite by Pimlico handicapper Frank Carulli. War Emblem was at 3-1 despite his wire-to-wire victory in the Derby.

"I think handicappers realize he isn't going to get to do it again," said John Ward, trainer of Booklet.

It would be foolish to underestimate Baffert, who appeared destined to be without a horse in the Derby before Saudi Prince Ahmed Salman bought War Emblem from 84-year-old Russell Reineman for \$900,000 and handed the 3-year-old to

Baffert.

"He's extremely lucky, period," Lukas said shortly after his arrival at Pimlico.

"Not only this year, but all the time. He seems like he's always landing on his feet. He's been on scholarship his whole life."

Ward, confident the other 12 horses in the field won't let War Emblem run away at the start, expects Baffert's luck to run out Saturday. But by starting at the No. 8 post, War Emblem will be in good position to bolt to the lead.

"I knew the speed horses wanted to be outside me, so I

thought I'd put them way outside," Baffert reasoned. "It was either 8 or 9 or 10; so I figured 8 is fine."

He can also live with the idea that War Emblem might begin the race as an underdog.

"The reason he's not the favorite is because everyone made a point of saying they're going to go out there and burn him up and toast him," Baffert said. "If he's toasted, then give it to a horse who comes off the pace."

Baffert doesn't expect that to happen, and relishes the role of the underdog.

"The three times I won

here, I wasn't the morning line favorite," he said. "So I'm not complaining."

Baffert is shooting for his fourth Preakness victory in six years. Lukas goes for his sixth, which would put him one behind all-time leader Robert Walden.

Lukas' Proud Citizen, the runner-up in the Derby, was listed at 6-1.

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Pampa Optimist Club sponsoring Higher Ground Softball Clinic

PAMPA — The Pampa Optimist Club will be sponsoring a pitching camp for girls ages 10 & up June 11, 12, 13, at the girls softball field.

The clinic will be conducted by Higher Ground out of Atlanta, Ga.

The instructor will be Kaci Clark, the all-time winningest pitcher in Women's Professional Softball League history.

The first two days of the camp will be for advanced pitchers, while the third day

will be for beginning pitchers.

Classes will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the advanced camp, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the beginner camp.

Cost will be \$100 for the advanced camp and \$40 for the beginner camp.

Class size will be limited, so early enrollment is encouraged. Campers will need to provide their own lunch.

Higher Ground Softball conducts camps all over the world, using some of the

best college and professional coaches in the United States. More information can be found at [www.highergroundsoftball.com](http://www.highergroundsoftball.com).

"This is a great opportunity for girls wanting to learn how to pitch and for current pitchers to advance their skills. Parents and coaches are also welcomed at each session," said clinic coordinator Layne Clark.

For more information or to sign up, call 665-6604.

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VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — The 2002 Lady Harvester Volleyball Camp will be held next month at McNeely Fieldhouse in Pampa.

The camp will be under the direction of Lady Harvester head coach Mike Lopez and middle school coaches Kendra Reeves and Deanna Polasek. Other instructors will be former players.

Camp dates and times are July 15-17 for third-fifth graders from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; July 15-19 for sixth-ninth graders from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Parents are required to pick up campers after each session. A concession stand will be available.

The purpose of the camp is to help each girl improve in volleyball fundamentals, including skills such as passing, setting, serving, spiking, footwork and game situations.

Registration deadline is July 1. For more information, or to pick up an application, call (806) 669-4900, ext. 37, or (806) 665-0491.

The three-day camp fee is \$25 and the five-day camp fee is \$40. This includes a t-shirt and one-on-one instruction. Checks should be made payable to Kendra Reeves.

HOCKEY

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Dave Tippett, an assistant coach for the Los Angeles Kings the past three seasons, is expected to be hired Thursday as the coach of the Dallas Stars. The Associated Press learned.

GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills Ladies Golf Association is sponsoring a 4-person scramble at 6 p.m. Monday at Hidden Hills.

Entry fee is five dollars, plus green fees and cart.

Call Hidden Hills at 669-5866 to enter.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's labor talks are stalled, and some players think it is inevitable the union will set a strike date for August.

"That's really the only thing we can do," New York Yankees player representative Mike Stanton said Wednesday. "It's not a situation where we have a lot of options."

Union officials told player agents at a meeting in New York on Tuesday that the staff is considering if and when to set a strike date, two agents said Wednesday, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Union head Donald Fehr, who told players during spring training to prepare for missing their last two or three paychecks, was to hold a similar meeting with West Coast agents in Los Angeles on Thursday.

The New York Times reported Thursday that the first day of the postseason, Oct. 1, also was being considered. It quoted an unidentified player representative as saying a date could be set far enough in advance to allow time for a settlement.

Flashback

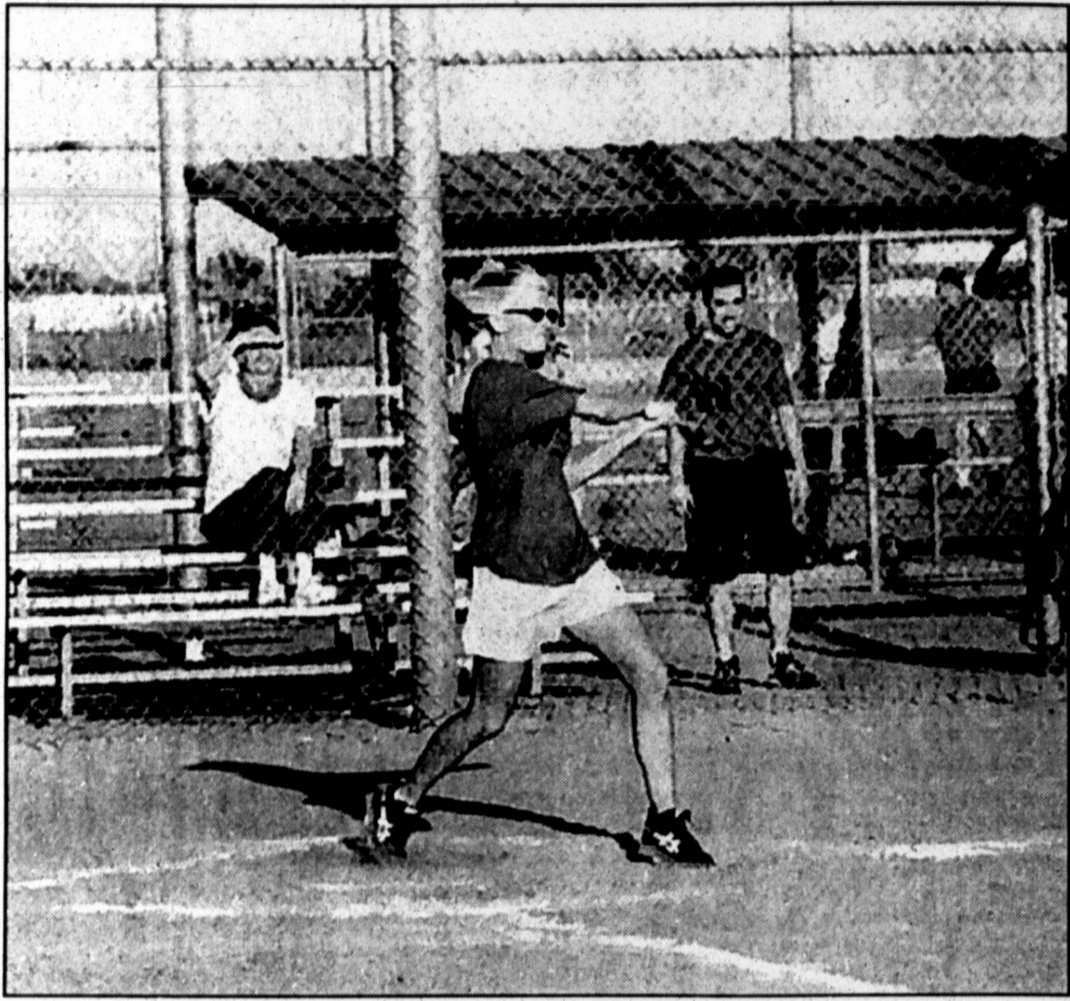
1993: Pampa 8th grader Renae Johnson won both the 400 and 800-meter dashes at the District Middle School Girls Track Meet in Borger.

Johnson was the only Pampa 8th grader to win an event.

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## Softball single



(Photo by Grover Black)

Stacey Searl of Pampa Regional Medical Center hits for a single during a recent City Spring League Softball game at Recreation Park. PRMC was playing the Just Ask Rental team. PRMC finished in second place in the Mixed Open Tuesday Night League with an 8-4 record.

## Given no run support, Ishii finally loses

By The Associated Press

No matter how well Kazuhisa Ishii pitched, he wasn't going to win this game. Not with his Los Angeles Dodgers getting shut out once again.

The Japanese rookie lost in the majors for the first time as Jeff D'Amico pitched a two-hitter and led the New York Mets over Los Angeles 2-0 Wednesday night.

Ishii (6-1) gave up one run, four hits and four walks in seven innings.

"I don't know if that was my best performance to this point. I did walk some guys and that was unfortunate," Ishii said through a translator. "But I thought that my rhythm was a little better and I was happy with that."

The Dodgers were blanked for the eighth time, most in the majors, in only 40 games this season. The day before, the Mets' Pedro Astacio pitched a two-hit shutout at Dodger Stadium.

Elsewhere in the NL, it was: San Diego 2, Montreal 1 in 14 innings; Atlanta 6, San Francisco 1; Arizona 6, Pittsburgh 2; Houston 6, Philadelphia 2; St. Louis 4, Chicago 1; Cincinnati 7, Milwaukee 4; Colorado 7, Florida 2.

D'Amico (3-3) struck out eight and walked two in his third complete game, all shutouts, in 81 career starts. It was his first shutout since July 20, 2000, when he was with Milwaukee and beat Pittsburgh 6-0.

D'Amico was limited to 10 starts last season because of a bad right arm. He missed all the 1998 season after hurting his right shoulder.

"All that stuff hopefully is in the past," D'Amico said. "It's more satisfying because my last couple of starts were a little bit rough. So it was nice to go out there and throw a quality game and hopefully get right back on track."

Edgardo Alfonzo doubled and scored on Jay Payton's groundout in the second inning. Mo Vaughn hit his third home run of the season in the eighth.

### Diamondbacks 6, Pirates 2

Steve Finley's sixth-inning homer hit a woman in a wheelchair located behind a protective railing at PNC Park. Several fans rushed to

assist the woman in the right-field stands before paramedics arrived. She received several stitches in the head but otherwise was not seriously injured.

Luis Gonzalez and Junior Spivey also homered for Arizona. Brian Giles homered for Pittsburgh.

### Braves 6, Giants 1

Greg Maddux pitched shutout ball into the ninth inning as Atlanta ended a three-game losing streak.

Maddux gave up five hits and two walks, and left with the bases loaded and no outs in the ninth at Pacific Bell Park. He improved to 23-12 lifetime against San Francisco.

Vinny Castilla homered and drove in three runs.

### Padres 2, Expos 1, 14 innings

Ryan Klesko, hitless in his first six at-bats, singled home the winning run in the bottom of the 14th inning as San Diego completed a three-game sweep at home.

Klesko hit a drive off the scoreboard on the right-field wall with one out, giving the Padres their fourth straight win.

Montreal starter Javier Vazquez shut out the Padres on three hits for eight innings. Matt Herges relieved to start the ninth and gave up the tying run.

### Rockies 7, Marlins 2

Bobby Estalella homered twice and pinch-hitter Terry Shumpert had a tiebreaking shot in the seventh inning as Colorado beat Florida.

Todd Helton added a two-run single and Brent Butler a two-run double in the Rockies' five-run seventh.

The game drew a crowd of 27,898, the smallest at home in Rockies' history. About a mile away from Coors Field, the Colorado Avalanche played San Jose in Game 7 of the NHL's Western Conference semifinals.

### Astros 6, Phillies 2

Craig Biggio hit three doubles and Houston completed a three-game sweep at Astros Field. Last week, Philadelphia swept a three-game set from the Astros in Philadelphia.

## Horoscope

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 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)

★★★★ Use your financial savvy to help others feel more secure. Your creativity comes up later in the day when others tap into your energies, whether it is to make fun plans or put the topping on a work project. Make an important meeting. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Do whatever you can early in the morning when you're in the mood to finish off details. Your energy peaks early on, when you get a lot done quickly. Stay upbeat and return all calls. Don't anticipate another's reaction. Tonight: Mosey on home.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Deal with financial matters in the p.m. Carefully review a situation that involves your security. Reach out for someone at a distance later in the day. Do needed research and seek out your own information and facts. You'll be surer of yourself as a result. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You melt away barriers, adding to the present possibilities. Use the a.m. to clear out responsibilities involving others. Others respond strongly to your enthusiasm and energy. Be

sensible with another and discuss finances this afternoon. Tonight: Don't put off what you can do now.

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

★★★★ Stand back early in the day. Use your sixth sense when dealing with a boss who wants everything done yesterday. This afternoon you get a second wind and become a veritable force to deal with. Network, return calls and don't forget to make plans! Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

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

★★★★ Focus on what you want today. You like what you see when you handle a long-overdue relationship. You get results, especially if you use your time in the a.m. In the p.m., you might want to mull around an idea or two, or make an important decision. Tonight: What's wrong with a quiet night at home?

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

★★★★ Bosses turn to you to finish off last-minute details. The good news is that you accomplish your goals with plenty of extra time to pursue your own projects. Groups of people prove unusually successful and lucky for you. Network away. Tonight: Wherever the party is.

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

★★★★ Reach out for others at a distance. If you need an expert, find that person this morning. Do research on the computer. You're able to zero in on a problem with a great deal of ease. Others follow your lead in the afternoon. Tonight: All eyes turn to you.

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

★★★★ Visualize more of what you want from another, and don't be surprised if you get a strong reaction. Not everyone sees things as you do. Loosen up and relax with someone on the phone in the afternoon. You can do business this way. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

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

★★★★ Let another carry the ball. Often, you accept too much responsibility. Ease up some and simply relax. You cannot control others, though you sometimes try. Loosen up when dealing with an uptight associate. Praise works better than criticism. Tonight: Make nice.

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

★★★★ Realize your limits when dealing with associates at work. Others have made up their minds and know what they want to do. A meeting in the afternoon could be unusually important or successful. Socialize and network away. You make an impact. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

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

★★★★ Use your imagination when heading in to work. Buy something special for a co-worker who could be a bit down and out. Use the day to complete as much as you can. In fact, you might want to work late, if possible. Tonight: Clear out some errands.

### BORN TODAY:

Singer Enya (1961), boxer Sugar Ray Leonard (1956), actor Bob Saget (1956)

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# Mon Corp tops Medicine Shoppe in 7-8 league tilt

PAMPA — Mon Corp won its third straight game with a 14-0 decision over Medicine Shoppe last weekend in the 7-8 Pitching Machine League.

Rhett Roden and Cole Engle got things started for Mon Corp in the first inning with a couple of singles. Reid Miller's double sent Roden home and Latigo Collins single plated Engle and Miller. Shelton, Reeve and Oliver Cabralas each singled and a double by Pedro Castillo scored both Reeve and Cabralas.

Medicine Shoppe sent four batters to the plate in the first, but good defense by Miller, Engle and Collins shut them down, keeping the score 6-0.

Roden led off the second with a double and Engle would follow that up with a double of his own that plated Roden. Ian Smith and Miller both singled, but Roden would be the only one to score with Engle being thrown out at third, and the next two batters going down on strikes.

Medicine Shoppe sent five batters to the plate in the bottom of the second, but an outstanding diving snag and throw by Roden at shortstop would

get the first out. The second out would come by way of a strikeout and the third out was some more solid defense by Miller and Engle, making the score 7-0.

Mon Corp could not manage any more offense in the third, going 3 up, 3 down on strikeouts. Medicine Shoppe sent three to the plate in the third, but again could not score with Roden and Collins combining for the first out. The second one was a strikeout and the third was the Miller-Engle combo.

With two outs in the fourth

Mon Corp's offense woke up, sending another 11 hitters to the plate and scoring 7 more runs on 9 hits.

Medicine Shoppe led off the fourth with a sharp hit ball to third baseman Smith, who knocked it down to keep the runner from advancing. The first out of the inning came by way of strikeout and the next two outs would be the play of the game when second baseman Collins made an unassisted double play on a fly ball and force at second, ending any chance for a comeback.

## Avalanche nips Sharks, 1-0

DENVER (AP) — Patrick Roy added to his reputation as the NHL's best big-game goalie.

Roy stopped 26 shots to make Peter Forsberg's goal in the second period stand as the Colorado Avalanche beat the San Jose Sharks 1-0 Wednesday night in Game 7 of the Western Conference semifinals.

Colorado, which reached the conference finals for the sixth time in seven years, will face the Detroit Red Wings.

Game 1 is Saturday in Detroit.

San Jose had a two-man advantage for the final 55 seconds after pulling goalie Evgeni Nabokov and a tripping penalty was called on Colorado's Rob Blake, but couldn't get past Roy.

Roy blocked a hard shot from the right circle by Mike Rathje, then stopped Teemu Selanne from the left side with 9 seconds left. Joe Sakie won a faceoff in Colorado's zone with 4 seconds left to seal it.

## MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

BASEBALL					American League				
National League					A.L. Glance				
At A Glance									
<b>By The Associated Press</b>					<b>By The Associated Press</b>				
<b>East Division</b>					<b>East Division</b>				
Florida	22	18	.550	—	Boston	27	9	.750	—
New York	21	19	.525	1	New York	25	15	.625	—
Montreal	20	20	.500	2	Baltimore	18	21	.462	10 1/2
Atlanta	20	21	.488	2 1/2	Toronto	13	24	.351	14 1/2
Philadelphia	17	23	.425	5	Tampa Bay	12	26	.316	16
<b>Central Division</b>					<b>Central Division</b>				
Cincinnati	24	15	.615	—	Minnesota	24	17	.585	—
St. Louis	20	20	.500	4 1/2	Chicago	22	18	.550	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	19	19	.500	4 1/2	Cleveland	19	20	.487	4
Houston	18	21	.462	6	Kansas City	13	24	.351	9
Chicago	13	25	.342	10 1/2	Detroit	11	27	.289	11 1/2
Milwaukee	12	28	.300	12 1/2	<b>West Division</b>				
<b>West Division</b>					Seattle	27	12	.692	—
San Francisco	25	14	.641	—	Anaheim	22	16	.579	4 1/2
Arizona	25	15	.625	1/2	Texas	19	20	.487	8
Los Angeles	22	18	.550	3 1/2	Oakland	18	21	.462	9
San Diego	21	19	.525	4 1/2					
Colorado	18	22	.450	7 1/2					
<b>Tuesday's Games</b>					<b>Tuesday's Games</b>				
St. Louis 11, Chicago Cubs 2	Pittsburgh 2, Arizona 1	Cincinnati 4, Milwaukee 3	Houston 5, Philadelphia 1	Florida 6, Colorado 2	San Diego 5, Montreal 4	N.Y. Mets 3, Los Angeles 0	San Francisco 2, Atlanta 0		
<b>Wednesday's Games</b>					<b>Wednesday's Games</b>				
Arizona 6, Pittsburgh 2	Atlanta 6, San Francisco 1	Cincinnati 7, Milwaukee 4	Houston 6, Philadelphia 2	St. Louis 4, Chicago Cubs 1	Colorado 7, Florida 2	San Diego 2, Montreal 1, 14 innings	N.Y. Mets 2, Los Angeles 0		
<b>Thursday's Games</b>					<b>Thursday's Games</b>				
Cincinnati (Reitsma 2-0) at Milwaukee (Sheets 3-3), 1:05 p.m.	Florida (Tavarez 1-2) at Colorado (Hampton 1-5), 3:05 p.m.	Atlanta (Marquis 2-2) at San Francisco (Schmidt 0-0), 3:35 p.m.	Pittsburgh (Fogg 5-1) at Houston (Oswalt 4-2), 8:05 p.m.	Philadelphia (Coggin 0-1) at Arizona (Johnson 6-1), 9:35 p.m.	N.Y. Mets (Leiter 4-2) at San Diego (Lawrence 4-2), 10:05 p.m.	Montreal (Ohka 3-2) at Los Angeles (Brown 2-3), 10:10 p.m.			
<b>Friday's Games</b>					<b>Friday's Games</b>				
Chicago Cubs (Clement 1-2) at Milwaukee (Rusch 2-3), 8:05 p.m.	Pittsburgh (D. Williams 2-4) at Houston (Reynolds 3-3), 8:05 p.m.	Cincinnati (Dessens 2-3) at St. Louis (Kile 1-3), 8:10 p.m.	Atlanta (Glavin 5-2) at Colorado (Thomson 5-2), 9:05 p.m.	N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 2-4) at San Diego (Middlebrook 0-0), 10:05 p.m.	Philadelphia (Adams 1-3) at Arizona (Batista 2-2), 10:05 p.m.				
					<b>Tuesday's Games</b>				
					Toronto 6, Seattle 3	Boston 6, Oakland 2	Anaheim 9, Detroit 2	Cleveland 6, Baltimore 5	N.Y. Yankees 10, Tampa Bay 3
					Chicago White Sox 15, Texas 4	Kansas City 8, Minnesota 1			
					<b>Wednesday's Games</b>				
					Seattle 8, Toronto 6	Boston 8, Oakland 2	Anaheim 10, Detroit 1	Cleveland 3, Baltimore 1	Tampa Bay 10, N.Y. Yankees 7
					Texas 5, Chicago White Sox 2	Minnesota 8, Kansas City 6			
					<b>Thursday's Games</b>				
					Minnesota (Lohse 2-2) at Kansas City (George 0-3), 2:05 p.m.	Oakland (Zito 3-2) at Boston (F.Castillo 2-3), 7:05 p.m.	Seattle (Pineiro 3-0) at Toronto (Prokopec 2-4), 7:05 p.m.	Anaheim (Schoeneweis 2-4) at Detroit (Weaver 2-5), 7:05 p.m.	Baltimore (Madraro 2-3) at Cleveland (Sabathia 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
					Texas (Rogers 4-1) at Chicago White Sox (Wright 3-4), 8:05 p.m.				
					<b>Friday's Games</b>				
					Seattle (Halama 2-0) at Boston (Oliver 4-2), 7:05 p.m.	Texas (Barba 3-0) at Detroit (Sparks 2-4), 7:05 p.m.	Oakland (Mulder 2-2) at Toronto (Halladay 3-1), 7:05 p.m.	Minnesota (Reed 4-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 5-2), 7:05 p.m.	Tampa Bay (Sturtz 0-4) at Baltimore (Ponson 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
					Kansas City (Byrd 6-2) at Cleveland (Finley 2-4), 7:05 p.m.	Anaheim (Ortiz 4-3) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 4-2), 8:05 p.m.			

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## Lamar picnic



(Courtesy photos)

Raul Vasquez, left, hugs a pole after a dizzying experience on the tire swing at Pampa Super Playground. Bivianna Mendoza, Kayla Dedrick, and Mercedes Cota also enjoyed the outing. These students and other Lamar Elementary third, fourth and fifth graders were recently treated to a picnic at the Super Playground to celebrate the completion of TAAS testing. Classroom teachers and TAAS Coordinator Jan Cory sponsored the event.

## Middle school spring choir concert in offing

Pampa Middle School sixth, seventh and eighth grade choirs will present their annual Spring Concert at 7 p.m., Tuesday May 21 in the middle school auditorium. Masters of ceremonies for the evening will be Monica Johnson and Dusty Joiner. The evening will be a tribute to America and her music.

The concert will begin with all choirs performing "I Hear Liberty Singing." Between each choir there will be solos and ensembles. The sixth grade girls will sing about American history, Rock'n'Roll and about being the best we can be followed by "Encore," the Pampa Middle School Show Choir, singing a medley of songs celebrating the 20th century.

The seventh grade girls will sing a jazz number and a song written and performed by the Beatles. They will finish using sign language to a song about our ability to have a world in peace — "Hand United In Peace." The seventh and eighth grade boys will sing "Seize the

Day," complete with soloist, followed by an old American favorite, "Sixteen Tons."

The eight grade girls will begin with "I hope You Dance," a song made popular by Lee Ann Womack, followed by "We Sing," a song expressing the difference we can make in our world. Their last number will be a special song dedicated to their parents.

A tradition in the choral department is to finish each year with the eighth graders singing "Friends" and all seventh and eighth graders singing "Benediction" as the students surround the auditorium. The final selection for all the combined choirs will be "For America."

The public is cordially invited to attend this special Choir concert.

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## Woman who received unusual lung transplant dies at age 33

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kimberly Miles, who received a lung in November 2000 in an operation in which her sister and a friend donated parts of their lungs, has died from cystic fibrosis. She was 33.

Miles was born with the genetic disorder that affects the lungs, digestive system and other organs.

She managed to lead a full life in her hometown, Black River Falls, Wis., where she lived with her son, Cole, 9, and his father, Larry Schultz. By 2000, doctors said they did not believe she would live long enough to receive a lung from a cadaver.

Miles' sister Tammy Hoff and friend DorMae Gebhardt, both in their

early 30s, offered to be donors.

Miles' transplant was successful, and her new lungs, consisting of one lobe from each donor, worked well. But she soon developed digestive problems, probably from the cystic fibrosis. She also began to retain fluid and swelled so much that she had difficulty getting around.

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