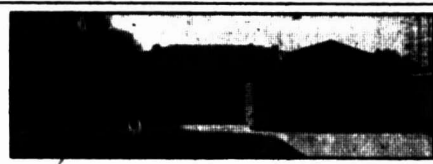
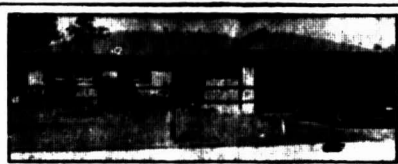


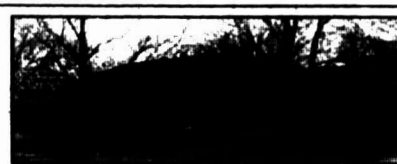
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### D.E.A.R. Day plans

Lamar Elementary School will celebrate D.E.A.R. Day (Drop Everything and Read) on Friday, March 1, 2002.

At 8 a.m., there will be a (story book character) fashion shows. Readers will be in all classrooms at Lamar School throughout the morning.

### Parks Board to meet

An obstacle course the police department wants to build at Recreation Park is one of the items that will be considered when the Pampa Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meets at 5:30 p.m. today at City Hall.

In addition to the staff report by Recreation Supt. Shane Stokes and Public Service Supt. Kimberly Lincycomb, other agenda items also include: Water bill donation fund review - Kenneth Strickland; von Brunow Park follow up - Lincycomb; West entrance park improvements - Strickland/Doug Pollock.

### School board filings

Incumbent PISD board member John Curry has filed for re-election for Place No. 1 on the seven-member board, a superintendent's office spokesman said today. Incumbents Dr. Jay Johnson and Lance DeFever both said they will run again but had not filed by this morning. Filing continues in the superintendent's office at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert, Monday through Friday until 4:30 p.m. March 20.

## DEATHS

Lessie Susan Elizabeth Lewis, 84, former Pampan. Katherine Coleman Stroup, 82, WWII aircraft mechanic.

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## Citizen council plan OK'd

By KATE B. DICKSON  
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

A Citizen Action Council, proposed by Mayor Lonny Robbins, got a unanimous nod from commissioners this week but not before generating some debate over the plan.

Because the city will retire some debt soon freeing up seven cents of the property tax rate or about \$250,000 a year, Robbins said an opportunity exists to fund new projects or programs without raising taxes.

While it has drawn almost no discussion, one option would be to reduce taxes by all or part of the seven cents. Details of just how the council will

**Citizen Action Council to consider future city needs and propose projects.**

work have yet to be ironed out but commissioners gave Robbins authority to form the council which will look at future city needs and propose projects.

Commissioners are to provide names for the council. No specific number of members was set.

Commissioner Jeff Andrews was most vocal about the mayor's proposal. He said forming a new group when

there are existing citizen advisory boards and commissions "is a slap shot to the people who've given (to the city for) a long time. That's my point."

"I understand your point, your concern," Robbins told Andrews. "This is in no way to make people feel that what they have done is of no value."

"We have those people," Andrews said. "who've taken a long-term interest and they need to be involved before it (council) comes up. We need to have their input."

Commissioner Bob Dixon replied, "I think we need some new, fresh eyes."

"I want the citizens to get (See COUNCIL, Page 3)



Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins

## Where antelope play



(Courtesy photo by Ken Hall)

Antelope really do play in the Panhandle. Pampa Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Hall photographed this small group looking for something to eat in a bare field west of Pampa Wednesday. He counted 17 antelope in the herd that usually can only be seen in the distance.

## Local hospital kept busy with flu, pneumonia

By KATE B. DICKSON  
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Upper respiratory complications, flu and pneumonia are keeping the staff busy and beds full at Pampa Regional Medical Center, according to Terry Barnes, PRMC marketing director.

"We are basically keeping the medical-surgical unit beds and the ICU beds full," Barnes said Wednesday afternoon. "They are filling up with sick people."

The hospital has 42 medical-surgical beds and eight ICU beds.

In all, PRMC has 117 beds but some are allocated to the Golden Phoenix unit, the in-patient rehab center, the skilled nursing unit and the Women's Center, he said.

"It seems like we have cycles of this (illness) every winter but it's lasting longer this year," Barnes said.

City health officer Dr. Craig Shaffer said while there's been no flu testing in Pampa, reports from Amarillo and symptoms indicate that many of those who are ill have the flu.

"To me," the physician said, "it seems as though we've had a delayed onset this year ... a seasonal variation. We didn't have the number of cases in November and December as we've had in years past. It's reaching its peak later ... and it's fairly bad this year."

In his private practice, Shaffer said he's seeing 10-15 patients a day with various (See FLU, Page 3)

## When it rains it pours at auditorium

By KATE B. DICKSON  
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

City park and recreation needs as well as how to keep up with maintenance requirements at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium had the attention of city commissioners when the five-year capital improvement plan (CIP) was recently reviewed.

The CIP is updated each year by the city manager and department heads in order of priority over the next five years. Not all projects or purchases are funded or funded as outlined.

At M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium, roof needs remain in the picture as an

upper roof replacement, at a cost of \$180,000, is reflected in the next fiscal year. The lower roof was replaced several years ago.

Shane Stokes, city recreation superintendent, said when it rains the auditorium roof leaks causing water to drip onto carpets and to run down the walls "where we can't put buckets."

Also on the list for FY2002-03 needs is \$26,400 to continue replacing aluminum wiring, \$100,000 for lights and sound and \$30,000 for tables, drapes and door replacements. Other expenditure needs in later years include replacing the compressor in the 35-ton air-conditioner, making ADA (Americans with Disabilities

Act) modifications, replacing the walkways and putting up a new marquee sign. All together the needs, over the five years, total \$568,400.

City Manager Bob Eskridge said the hotel-motel tax now generates enough money to cover the operation of the civic auditorium.

He calls the needs of the building "a community issue" given the fact that a wide array of groups, including PISD schools, use M.K. Brown.

"The problem with the facility is not that it hasn't been maintained," Eskridge said. "It's the age. We've done the air-conditioning, the roof, the drapes, the floor in the Heritage Room ..."

Commissioner Faustina Curry said, "It's so sad. We have this wonderful building and all these problems. There is no stopping the problems ... the lights, the sound, the air-conditioning ... at some point you'll have a building you can't use."

In the parks area, Eskridge said the city will apply for a grant to complete the northern section, near Austin Elementary School, of the Hike and Bike Trail.

"The trail is one of the things I've gotten the most positive comments about," the city manager told commissioners at last week's meeting.

Curry said in the last month she has (See ROOF, Page 3)

## Duke officials: No plant being built near Pampa

By NANCY YOUNG  
MANAGING EDITOR

There's no truth to the rumors that Duke Energy is building a new power plant south of Pampa, say Duke Energy public affairs officials.

Rumors have been circulating in Pampa for several weeks that a coal-powered plant is being constructed south of the community by the company.

"If there is a coal-powered plant being built there, it is not by us," said Kate Perez with the public affairs department of Duke Energy. "My people tell me this is totally erroneous information that we are build-

ing anything in that area." She said there are no plans by the company to build anything in the area.

The Pampa News also checked with the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) on permit applications for similar facilities in the area. Jean Pieper-Voshell of the TNRCC said she could not locate any applications for permits in the area.

Several people in the local area have contacted The Pampa News in recent weeks saying an energy plant was to be constructed, but Duke Energy did not confirm it.

## Cable rates to increase April 1

Cable One rates are going up April 1 when the most commonly subscribed to service increases \$2 a month from \$35.50 to \$37.50, said Terry Harris, general manager. Those rates also rose \$2 a month last year.

There will also be changes in the charges for premium programming with one selection remaining the same, one dropping in price and the remainder of choices going up in cost, according to figures released by Harris.

The monthly charge for one Cinemax channel will drop from \$14.95 a month to \$11.95, he said. The price for digital HBO, which includes a number of channels, is staying the same at \$16.95. There was no programming charge increase to Cable One for that package.

Customers who only receive one HBO channel will pay \$15.95 a month, up \$1, those getting Showtime and the Movie Channel for \$11.95 a month will now pay \$15.45 and those getting the digital Showtime package that

includes 18 channels will pay \$15.15 monthly, up from \$13.95.

In an interview and in a letter to the city manager, Harris said "programming costs continue to increase as the largest expense we have in doing business."

Earlier this week, City Manager Bob Eskridge told commissioners of the increase saying the city commission has "no control" over rates with the exception of the basic rates which covers the 13 bottom channels.

Those rates, Harris said, will stay the same at \$10.45 a month.

Pampa's 6,100 customers will be notified of the changes in their March billing, Harris said, noting "we never make a rate change without at least giving a 30-day notice."

In addition to Pampa, the changes will apply to other Cable One customers in Borger, Fritch, Stinnett, Panhandle, White Deer, Dumas and Sunray, he said.

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# ON RECORD

## POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrest and incidents in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

### Wednesday, Feb. 27

Verbal threats by telephone were reported in the 200 block of Tignor.  
 Theft by check was reported in the 600 block of North Hobart.  
 Theft of service, a \$189.98 VCR, was reported at Hastings, 1205 N. Hobart.  
 A menu valued at more than \$50 was reported stolen at McDonald's, 1201 N. Hobart.  
 Information was taken with regard to

injury to an elderly person in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.  
 A report of siblings fighting was taken in the 1100 block of Huff Road.  
 A report of evading arrest was made in the 500 block of West Crawford.  
 Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart, reported the theft of an unknown amount of baby food and diapers.  
 A tire was cut on a car in the 900 block of South Dwight.  
 Four advertising signs on the fence at Travis School were reported stolen.  
 Frederick Demond Gray, 23, 809 S. Gray, was arrested on two warrants.

## ACCIDENTS

The Pampa Police Department filed the following accident reports.

### Tuesday, Feb. 26

Charles Mark Rabon, 41, Perryton, was cited for running a red light at the intersection of North Hobart and Randy Matson when the 1994 Chevrolet Blazer he was driving collided with a 1993 Nissan Maxima driven by Karen Trout Bonnell, 49, 1811 Christine. The Nissan was knocked into a 1988 Ford Bronco driven by Glen Wade

Culver, 50, 710 N. Banks. The report indicated Bonnell suffered a possible injury.

### Monday, Feb. 25

Thomas Carl Harris, 19, no address listed, was cited for failure to yield the right of way at the intersection of North Hamilton and West Worrell after the 1986 Ford Bronco he was driving collided with a 1997 Ford pickup driven by Milton Carroll Cooke, 33, Canadian. No injuries were reported.

## AMBULANCE

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

### Wednesday, Feb. 27

7:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of East Frederic and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

10:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Mary Ellen and transported one to PRMC.

3:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to FM 2300 at Wells Road and transported one to PRMC.

## OBITUARIES

### SERVICES TOMORROW

**LEWIS, Lessie Susan Elizabeth** — 10 a.m., Bible Church, Pampa.  
**NICHOLS, Milton T. "Nick"** — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.  
**STROUP, Katherine Coleman** — 11 a.m., Hamner-McMillian Funeral Home Chapel, Blackstone, Va.

### LESSIE SUSAN ELIZABETH LEWIS

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Lessie Susan Elizabeth Lewis, 84, of Pampa, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2002, at Garden Grove, Calif. Services will be at 10 a.m., Friday in Bible Church with Dr. Roger Hubbard, pastor of Lake Tanglewood Community Church, and Pastor Bob Banks, of Bible Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Lewis was born July 1, 1917, at Arnett, Okla. A longtime Pampa resident, she

moved to Garden Grove two years ago. She was a member of Bible Church of Pampa.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Lelia Broutherton and Leta Easterling; and a son, Karl Parks.

Survivors include two sons, Clarence Horton of Mound Valley, Kan., and J.V. Parks of Pampa; a daughter, Alice Hanneman of Garden Grove; a sister, Bertie May Hutchens of Amarillo; 16 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

### KATHERINE COLEMAN STROUP

**HOPEWELL, Va.** — Katherine Coleman Stroup, 82, of Hopewell, formerly of Blackstone, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002. Services will be at 11 a.m., Friday in Hamner-McMillian Funeral Home Chapel in Blackstone. Interment will be in Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of Hamner-McMillian Funeral Home of Blackstone.

Mrs. Stroup was an aircraft mechanic with the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry C. Stroup; and two sisters, Violet Hauser and Leona Keener, both of Hopewell.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to Blackstone Christian Church.

## FIRE

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

## SHERIFF

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

### Wednesday, Feb. 27

Carla Michelle Dunn, 21, homeless, violation of probation for injury to a child.  
 William Clark Worth, 23, Liberal, Kan., theft over \$50 and under \$500 and violation of probation/Kansas.

## STOCKS

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

Wheat	2.35
Milo	3.17
Corn	3.39
Soybeans	3.58
KMI	42.60
XCEL	23.35
Kerr McGee	55.41
Limited	18.26
Williams	15.93
McDonald's	26.62
Exxon Mobil	41.77
Atmos	22.50
Pioneer Nat.	19.56
Penney's	19.99
Phillips	58.90
SLB	58.70

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

Occidental	26.97	+0.23
Fidelity Magell.	99.41	+0.05
Puritan	17.67	+0.08
Tenneco	2.30	+0.05
CVX	85.38	+0.38
Wal-Mart	62.77	+0.52
OKE	18.47	+0.04
New York Gold	296.45	
Silver	4.44	
West Texas Crude	21.29	

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

BP	50.10	+0.29
Celanese	19.00	NC
Cabot Corp.	32.99	+0.12
Cabot Oil Gas	19.96	-0.13
Coca Cola	47.97	+0.49

## WEATHER FOCUS

### PAMPA

Today, mostly sunny, becoming breezy. Highs in the upper 50s. South winds 5 to 10 mph increasing early this afternoon to 15 to 25 mph. Caution is advised on area lakes. Tonight, mostly clear then considerable cloudiness with a slight chance of rain after midnight. Lows in the lower 30s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Friday, cloudy with a chance of snow or rain. Cooler and windy. Highs in the mid 40s. Southwest winds, 20 to 30 mph becoming north. Chance of precipitation 30 percent. Friday night, cloudy and breezy with a chance of snow. Lows in the mid 20s. Chance of snow 40 percent. Saturday, cloudy with a chance of snow in the morning turning partly cloudy, continued cold. Highs in the mid 30s. Chance of snow 30 percent.

Saturday evening, mostly clear. Sunday, clear and continued cold. Lows near 10. Highs in the upper 30s. Monday should be clear with lows in the lower 20s and highs in the mid-50s.

### STATEWIDE

Skies were clear early Thursday in the northern Texas Panhandle, with partly to mostly cloudy conditions elsewhere in the state.

Early-morning temperatures were warmer than the previous day's due to southerly winds and a high-pressure area moving farther east.

Readings were generally in the teens and 20s, except for the Trans Pecos and far west with temperatures in the 30s and 40s. Statewide extremes were 12 degrees at Friona and 57 degrees at Port Isabel.

Other readings were 13 degrees at Dalhart, 40 degrees at El Paso, 22 degrees at Longview and Alliance Airport at Fort Worth and 35 degrees at Abilene.

Winds were variable at less than 10 mph. A slight chance of showers was forecast over southern portions of North Texas as an upper-level system approaches.

The National Weather Service forecast also called for a chance of snow in the northern panhandle and South Plains.

Snow or a wintry mix could spread to North Texas on Saturday.

Daytime highs should be in the 50s to mid-60s, except for 40s in the Guadalupe Mountains and lower and mid-70s along the Rio Grande.

Lows overnight were expected to range from the lower teens and 20s to the mid-40s.

# Consumer spending boosts economy for fourth quarter

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. economy, propelled by the biggest surge in consumer spending on big-ticket goods in 15 years, grew at an annual rate of 1.4 percent in the final quarter of 2001, the government reported Thursday.

The bigger-than-expected increase in the gross domestic product, the broadest measure of the economy's health, could mean that economists will date the end of the recession around the end of last year or the beginning of this year.

"I think the reality is that we just finished the mildest recession that we've ever had, but we may have something of a mild recovery as well," said Carl Tannenbaum, chief economist at LaSalle Bank/ABN AMRO.

Stocks were higher in early trading. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 73 points and the Nasdaq index was up 7 points after the first hour of trading.

The revised reading on fourth-quarter GDP as reported by the Commerce Department is much stronger than the 0.2 percent growth rate estimated by the government a month ago.

Many economists were forecasting a revised 0.9 percent rate of advance in the GDP, which measures the total output of goods and services produced within the United States.

The 1.4 percent growth rate marked the economy's strongest performance in a year and came after the economy shrank at a 1.3 percent rate in the third quarter.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the latest snapshot of economic activity is promising but Congress still need to provide relief. "They are encouraging signs but they are not good enough for President Bush to say we no longer need to help America's workers," Fleischer said.

The latest reading on GDP comes one day after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress the country is recovering from the recession that began in March. Though the recession may turn out to be one of the country's mildest, Americans shouldn't anticipate a robust rebound, he cautioned.

That's because consumers, the lifeblood of the economy, kept buying throughout the slump, so they will have less pent-up demand, meaning their spending probably won't rise as quickly as in past rebounds.

Many economists are estimating the economy grew in the current January-March quarter at a rate of 1.5 percent to 3 percent.

The Labor Department said new claims for unemployment benefits rose by 17,000 to 378,000 last week. But the more stable four-week moving average of claims, which smoothes out week-to-week fluctuations, fell to a six-month low of 373,250, a sign that the economy is improving.

Consumers, whose spending accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity in the United States, ratcheted up spending on costly manufactured goods, such as cars, at a rate of 39.2 percent in the fourth quarter. That was the biggest increase since the third quarter of 1986. Zero-percent financing offers motivated buyers and sent car sales soaring during the fourth quarter, analysts said.

Total spending by consumers rose at a brisk 6 percent rate in the fourth quarter, the largest gain since the second quarter of 1998. The government had previously estimated consumer spending rose at a 5.4 percent rate in the final three months of 2001.

Robust consumer spending powered the economy in the fourth quarter and has been a main reason the economy hasn't sunk into a deeper recession.

# Texas homeowners pay more for insurance

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — Homeowners statewide are seeing huge increases in insurance premiums, leading to calls for investigation.

Blair Weaver of Helotes was shocked this week when his Nationwide Insurance agent said the annual premium on his ranch-style home would rise from \$540 to \$900.

"If this is widespread, it's going to hurt people," Weaver told the San Antonio Express-News. "It's not going to keep me from eating, but I'm afraid that it might for some people who can't afford another \$40 or \$50 a month."

State Farm is raising rates an average 34 percent statewide. Insurers say they need increases to keep up with rising claims for mold damage.

Allstate, Farmers and State Farm — which together sell about two-thirds of all homeowner policies in Texas — have said they would not sell comprehensive plans, only scaled-back coverage.

The increases have become an issue in this year's gubernatorial campaign, and Gov. Rick Perry has asked the attorney general to investigate. The state Office of Public Insurance Counsel has also

called for an investigation.

"In many cases the premiums are escalating at what I believe to be excessive levels," said Rod Bordenol, who heads the counsel's office. He said homeowners hit with excessive increases should file complaints with the Texas Department of Insurance.

A spokesman for State Farm said the company would cooperate with an investigation.

"We feel the numbers will bear out that our claims-cost trends continue to increase," said the spokesman, Keith Androff. He said State Farm lost \$728 million on homeowners' claims in Texas last year.

# Husband testifies in Yates' trial

**HOUSTON (AP)** — During an emotional day of testimony, Russell Yates tearfully described his wife as a loving mother who was a victim of mental problems that worsened in the months before she drowned their five children in a bathtub.

Yates smiled at his wife as he entered the courtroom to testify on her behalf Wednesday. Andrea Yates, 37, has confessed to drowning the couple's five children but has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. She could face the death penalty if convicted.

The couple mouthed words of encouragement to each other on Wednesday as defense attorneys played home movies of their children watching butterflies and greeting their mother after the birth of her fifth child. The tape was an attempt by defense attorney to depict a nurturing mother who they say became so severely mentally ill that she killed her children.

"She's wonderful," Russell Yates testified through tearful eyes. "She was so involved with the children. She loved them and read to them."

Prosecutors say Andrea Yates suffered from a mental illness but knew the difference between right and wrong at the time of the drownings. To prove insanity, the defense must show the Houston woman didn't know the difference.

The husband, who sometimes rocked nervously on the witness stand, recounted his wife's mental decline in the months before the killings, but

insisted she posed no threat.

"We didn't see her as a danger," Russell Yates said.

He said his wife attempted suicide twice in 1999, following the birth of Luke, their fourth child.

Russell Yates contradicted the earlier testimony of a psychiatrist who treated his wife, saying Dr. Eileen Starbranch discouraged, not forbid, the couple from having more children. He also said Starbranch took Andrea Yates off anti-psychotic medication, a contention the doctor denied in testimony earlier Wednesday.

Andrea Yates became pregnant with Mary, their fifth child, after she got back to her "old self," following the family's move into their southeast Houston home, Russell Yates said. After Mary's birth in November 2000, the depres-

sion returned, he said.

The event that again triggered Andrea Yates' disturbing symptoms, however, was the death of her father last March, he said.

"That was very traumatic for her," Russell Yates said. "She became more withdrawn and day-by-day there were more symptoms."

He testified that he took his wife to Devereux psychiatric hospital, which was closer to their home than Starbranch and the private facility Memorial Spring Shadows Glen. She was placed under the care of psychiatrist Dr. Mohammed Saeed.

Andrea Yates was discharged after about two weeks, he said, but her condition continued to worsen and he had her readmitted to Devereux about six weeks later.

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# PHS business students compete in state event

Eight Pampa business students are in Houston today after qualifying in Amarillo at a regional contest.

Anita Carter, Tony Martinez, Steven Cameron, Ricky Morehart, Ryan Bradley, Nicki Gallagher, Tyler Karr and Don Shuck qualified for Business Professionals of America state competition on Feb. 28, March 1 and 2, in Houston.

They were among the BPA students attending the Area IV Region I contest recently at Randall High School in Amarillo.

Beverly Jordan, the Pampa High BPA teacher, said Steven Cameron placed first in PC Servicing and Troubleshooting last weekend. Ricky Morehart placed first in Microsoft Network Administration. Cameron and Morehart also won first place in the E-

Commerce Team competition. Tony Martinez placed second in Integrated Office Applications, and Staci Searl placed second in Information Technology Concepts.

The team of Ryan Bradley, Nicki Gallagher, Tyler Karr and Don Shuck placed second in Web Site Development.

Anita Carter was third in Payroll Accounting, and Desiree Hillman was third in Information Technology Concepts. Bradley was third in Management Concepts.

Gallagher was fourth in International Business.

Morehart was fifth in Information Technology.

Bradley was sixth in International Business. Shuck was sixth in Computer-Aided Graphics. Karr was sixth in Business Law.

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kinds of respiratory problems "on top of the regular things."

"In older people this can develop into pneumonia," he said, adding that he's also seen some cases of RSV, a flu-like illness in children, that "can make children pretty

sick and lead to hospitalization."

Pampa isn't the only city where people are experiencing an increase in respiratory illnesses, Barnes said, noting there's a rise in the numbers of sick in Amarillo, Lubbock "and as far down as Abilene."

Though Amarillo hospitals

have an increased patient census, too, Barnes said hospitals there have been able to take "a few critical patients" from PRMC when the local hospital has been full.

"But from time-to-time," Barnes said, "Amarillo hospitals have had to transfer some of their patients to Lubbock ... even down to Abilene."

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been among those who have eaten lunch with three new prospective doctors and their spouses, all of whom have talked about the city's parks and the trail. She said the three doctors are all runners and wanted to see the trail.

"If you let all of this stuff run down we are hurting our town," said Curry. "These things need to be kept up."

She also spoke in favor of going ahead with a plan to build a pedestrian bridge to better connect Highland Park with the Super Playground area.

"We get tremendous use there," Curry said, "yet we can't come up with a bridge. I think it would make the facility so much more usable and better for the community."

Not on the CIP, but discussed, was an estimated \$150,000 cover for M.K. Brown Pool to allow it to become a year-round facility, Eskridge said. "It's a wish list thing."

Concerns about the city's other pool, Marcus Sanders Pool, were voiced with regard to its leaking and deteriorating condition. It's

estimated that to replace the pool will cost \$150,000.

"It is reaching the point of its useful life ... especially mechanically," the city manager said of the aging facility. "We've done a lot to it but it needs major maintenance or replacement."

Among projects and purchases listed on the parks CIP for the upcoming year are new lawn mowers at \$13,724, new park restrooms at \$172,500, the \$44,000 trail project of which \$35,000 should be grant funds, new roofs for park structures at \$11,934 and a \$25,000 (50-50) grant project for the Red Deer Creek bridge.

For recreation needs, Stokes told commissioners his "first priority" is to replace the scoreboards at the fields in Recreation Park at a cost of \$18,000. He'd also like to replace the air-conditioning units for \$10,000 in the scorer's building at the park where the temperature has reached as high as 110 degrees.

He's also asked for a new backhoe, an equipment barn, a new mower and lights at the volleyball field at Recreation Park.

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involved," the mayor said, "to say we need something positive from our city."

Robbins told commissioners he believes if the suggestions for spending come from "someone other than us, it may be embraced more."

Part of his plan includes working to get funding from private sources for construction and operations of projects or programs.

Andrews said, "If we know we'll move to a consolidation committee we should get (boards and commissions) like M.K. Brown and

Parks to look now at what they need."

Robbins said the new council can go to those boards and he told Andrews, "You are complicating the process. I am not trying to usurp their authority."

Commissioner Faustina Curry suggested that at least one member of the existing citizen advisory groups be put on the mayor's action council.

Robbins replied, "I want it to be effective. OK? How many people can we get to

serve ... I think the more, the better."

Dixon echoed the mayor saying, "I want to see the community get back into volunteerism ... like in the old days."

"My purpose is somehow we have to get the citizens to take ownership of our community," the mayor said. "Somewhere we have to start ... to look at some of the mammoth issues facing our community. Just how we do it is immaterial to me."

## Traffic tie-up



(Courtesy photo by Grover Black)

Traffic was tied up for a time late Tuesday afternoon at North Hobart and Randy Matson following a three-vehicle collision. Charles Mark Rabon, 41, of Perryton, was cited for running a red light. Other driver's involved, according to police reports, were Glen Wade Culver, 710 N. Banks, and Karen Trout Bonnell, 49, 1811 Christine. Police reported that Bonnell suffered a possible injury.

## Body of missing child believed found

EL CAJON, Calif. (AP) — Investigators believe the gruesome discovery of a nude, partially burned girl's body ends the hunt for Danielle van Dam, the 7-year-old who disappeared more than three weeks ago.

Volunteers who have tirelessly searched for the little girl found the body Wednesday near a small grove of trees, just off a winding, two-lane road east of San Diego.

"Tonight we believe that Danielle van Dam's body has been found," San Diego County District Attorney Paul Pfingst said. "Investigators believe the body was dropped at this site."

The child was wearing a plastic necklace similar to one Danielle was seen wearing in thousands of flyers distributed after her disappearance. An earring matching the description

of a pair she was wearing at the time of her disappearance also was found, Pfingst said.

"At this point we cannot positively confirm that it is Danielle," San Diego police Lt. Jim Collins said at the scene. "However, we don't have any other young children missing in the county that have been reported. It's a high probability that it is her."

The body was removed from the crime scene late Wednesday night. Investigators hoped to use dental records to identify the remains.

After the discovery, investigators at the crime scene worked through the night under spotlights. They kept the roadway closed this morning as they continued to search for evidence and clues.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Pampa VA clinic depends on having positive attitude

As a WW II veteran, as well as a long, long time resident of Pampa, I felt the need to write the citizens of Pampa about a very serious issue that could truly effect Pampa and its veteran community.

For several years now, two or three of us with the support of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post have been working to bring a VA Outpatient Clinic to Pampa. We had managed to move Pampa from the bottom of the list to the top, and the outlook was becoming very good.

Then in November of last year the voters of Pampa allowed themselves to be lead into a pitiful mistake and that truly hurt our image.

I am currently staying in the VA Nursing Home in Amarillo because of service-connected injuries I received while serving in the European Theater. I do get to come home on weekends, and this lets me stay in touch with Pampa and all my friends and church family.

While I am in Amarillo, I visit with hospital personnel and am able to keep up with how our outpatient clinic prospects are doing.

I can assure you that we cannot allow ourselves to let negative people be the ones who speak for Pampa. That kind of impression will hurt our hopes of getting a clinic. And keep in mind, this clinic will mean a great deal to Pampa. Not only will it mean that our older veterans will not have to make that long trip to Amarillo for routine care, but it will also bring business to Pampa in the form of shoppers who will go to our local stores and eat at the local restaurants.

It will mean additional money coming into town and some additional jobs that we can certainly use. To get this clinic, we have to be a positive town, we have to let the VA system know we want the clinic and most definitely we cannot let negative people be the ones speaking for Pampa.

I want to urge every citizen in Pampa and especially all the veterans to write Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and tell her that Pampa is a good town and needs and wants the clinic to come here.

When we landed at Anzio, we knew we were doing the right thing, and as we drove up the Italian Peninsula and into northern France and the Rhineland, we knew we were fighting for good and against evil.

By not allowing a few people to destroy our towns' image and working to bring this clinic to Pampa, we will be doing the right thing and the positive thing for our town as well.

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## Some people never learn

Recently my youngest daughter was telling me how upset she had become over the behavior of some college students in one of her classes.

My daughter returned to college after several years absence and is now quite serious about getting her degree. At the age of 26, she decided she didn't want to live a life of 'hard knocks' from now on. The mother of three children - ages 7, 5, and - she is also taking care of her 13-year-old nephew while her sister is overseas with the military. Carrying 15 hours a semester and working about 35 hours a week, she is quite busy. She plans to teach special education when she obtains her degree. With several life experiences under her belt at a young age, she wants to provide a better life for her children.

Describing several conversations of some of the college students, she was quite disturbed to hear them talking about their parents in a derogatory tone. She refers to these classmates as 'those kids' as they are just out of high school.

She told me of them discussing being rude to their parents, as if it were a badge of honor. She also was upset about the lack of respect exhibited by the students for the parents and the financial support they gave to their children.

What really disturbed her was when these students whom she refers to as "so-called adults" bragged about being rude to their parents. Being very blunt-spoken (I don't know where she got it) she asked them how they could begin to talk to their parents in that manner.



NANCY YOUNG  
MANAGING EDITOR

She was appalled.

At this point, I was beginning to get intrigued. Remember, this is my Number 4 child. I've had many experiences in raising children, and I had my share with her. By the time she reached her teen years, experience had taught me a few tricks.

1) Always keep a rose bush planted under the windows of teenagers, and be sure it is very thorny. 2) If the teen is going out in their own vehicle, document the mileage before they leave home. Then, the next morning you check to see how many miles they've traveled before you ask them what they did the night before. When the teen tells you, 'Oh, we just dragged Main and they've been 150 miles, you know they dragged Main lots and lots of times. Or, possibly they dragged Main in Amarillo. 3) If they were going in a car with a friend, I always got their license number. You never know when you might need it. And, too, while I didn't share it with my children, I can still remember far enough back to what I did.

Anyway, she was shocked to hear some of the things these teens said to their parents, but even more so that they

seemed to be proud of what they had said.

Even more stunning to her was when the teens blamed the parents for their problems. She said she could not believe it when she heard them say 'Mom (or Dad) made me mad.'

At that point in the conversation, I knew what was coming. Their daddy and I always taught our children that no one makes you mad. You make yourself mad, and no one can do it unless you give them that power. If we said it once, we said it thousands of times trying to teach them to be responsible.

Well, I was right. She told me she interrupted to tell them just what she had always learned. That they were responsible for their own temper and problems, and to stop blaming everyone else because they were the only ones who could change things.

She wasn't finished, as she added that they shouldn't treat their parents that way. I was proud of her taking a stand, and told her so.

"Mom, why do so many people blame other people for their problems and inadequacies? Why can't they take responsibility for their own actions, or inactions?" she asked. "If people would just look inside themselves, they would find the answers. I don't understand why some people never learn."

I don't have the answer. But I think she'll make it in life with her attitude of 'Just suck it up and get over it.' I'm proud of her.



## Put a stop to standardized tests

I have come to agree with those teachers who are rebelling against and protesting the imposition of standardized testing. These mandatory tests are a political fad that accomplish nothing good and cause actual harm.

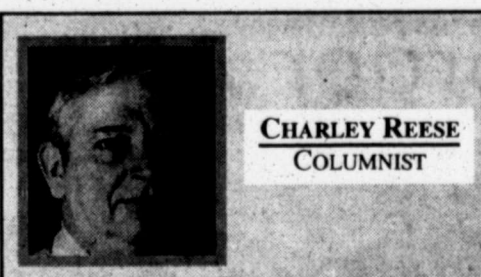
Well, how can we tell how the schools are performing? That's what report cards are for. You can look at your children's report cards and tell how they are progressing. How other kids are doing is none of your business.

A standardized academic test will inevitably reflect two things that have nothing to do with the quality of the school's instruction. One is IQ, and the other is family background. All else being equal, a kid with a below-average IQ will score lower than a kid with an above-average IQ. But even a kid with an above-average IQ will score low if he comes from a family environment that hinders rather than nurtures learning. There is no way you can look at standardized test scores and tell how much is due to the quality of instruction and how much is attributable to non-school factors such as IQ, family environment and health.

Thus, the stated purpose of the tests - to measure the quality of instruction - can never be accomplished.

What happens is an imposed institutional deception. Teachers are pressured to teach to the test, which amounts mainly to rote learning. But they cannot teach to the test and also teach in the normal manner. By teaching to the test, the scores will go up, but it will be a false indicator, and the real education of the children will suffer.

All education is necessarily individual because children are individuals with different physical, psychological, emotional and family characteristics. The best sys-



CHARLEY REESE  
COLUMNIST

tem is to have one curriculum for all, one standard of performance for all, and allow the children to distribute themselves along the famous bell-shaped curve by their grades. Some kids will be A students, some B students, a majority C students and so on. It doesn't matter what their grades are as long as they are working at full capacity and doing their very best.

Children are not standardized, and we should not attempt to force standardization on them. They should not be compared with other students. Not even in a class should one student know what another student's grade is. Nor do I believe they should be tested for IQ except in a rare medical instance. All that children need to know about IQ is that no one fully utilizes his or her gifts, and therefore the job of all is to work to full capacity. And for heaven's sakes, children should not be segregated "according to ability." That amounts to labeling, and that will be psychologically damaging to the child.

The main problem with government education is that it is, of course, a political system. Politicians, however, should be limited in their role. They should set the curriculum, lest nut cases in colleges of education impose their nonsensical or ideological ideas on children. Then politicians should fund the schools properly. Everybody knows class size is important, and everybody knows that class size is a product of adequate funding.

As for how one school compares with another, that's not important. Schools will generally reflect their environment, and correcting the flaws in an environment is not the job of the school system. If politicians want to raise the academic achievement levels of children from poor neighborhoods, then they should do something to make the neighborhoods less poor by, for example, imposing living wage scales on businesses and by beefing up public health services.

Standardized testing is an attempt to scapegoat teachers and make them responsible for societal ills they cannot cure. Some teachers are beginning to rebel. Some refuse to administer the tests. Some have refused to teach to the test and have told their students not to pay any attention to the test or how well they do on it. More power to them.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Feb. 28, the 59th day of 2002. There are 306 days left in the year.

## Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 28, 1951, the Senate committee headed by Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn., issued a preliminary report saying at least two major crime syndicates were operating in the United States.

## On this date:

In 1827, the first U.S. railroad chartered to carry passengers and freight, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co., was incorporated.

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# Home Improvement

## Take home renovation one day at a time

By CRAIG WILLIAMS  
FOR AP SPECIAL EDITION

CLEVELAND (AP) — Three years ago, I bought a great old Victorian house in Ohio City, a trendy historic district on the west side of town.

My friends and family thought I was crazy when they first saw the place. Sections of water-damaged plaster hung from the walls. The floors were covered with gray tarpaper. The wood around the windows was rotten.

It was a fixer-upper for sure. But at its price, I would have been a fool not to swipe it up, especially in this up-and-coming area where property values have shot up 50 percent in just three years.

The problem with buying an affordable fixer-upper, though, is that you eventually have to start fixing it up. And while I, a cash-poor writer, had the initial means to buy this gem-in-the-rough, I knew finding the time and money to do a total house rehab — and finishing it in a matter of months, as most of my neighbors have — was going to prove difficult.

If I could somehow break this huge project into a series of smaller tasks, I just might be able to pull it off. But I wasn't so sure that renovating a 100-year-old house a little at a time was feasible.

So I talked to neighbors, architects and a general contractor to get their opinions. If you're thinking of tackling an old-home renovation, too, here are some points to consider:

### Living in chaos.

"Remember, the longer you drag out a project, the longer you drag out the

mess," Larry Brichacek, a neighbor and a reputable general contractor, warned us.

This is something I'd already prepared myself for. I've gotten married since buying the house, and the good news is that like me, my wife Connie also is perfectly willing to live with plaster dust, plywood floors and rooms without walls for years to come, if need be. We've decided it's sort of fun. Our cozy upstairs master bedroom, which is the only almost-complete room in the house, has become an apartment of sorts. The rest of the house can be finished around us.

### Financial help.

Living with a long-term mess is the easy part. Our real obstacle is money; we don't have much of it to work with. Luckily, the renaissance of our once-forsaken neighborhood is not only good for area homeowners, but also a boon for the city. Consequently, residents have access to city-sponsored incentives like low-interest loans, funds for emergency repairs, even, in some cases, free materials and equipment.

If you live in an older neighborhood, check with your city or county to see if they have similar programs.

### Do it yourself.

Knocking out old wall plaster has become an obsession with my wife, who finds it therapeutic. We haul out a few small boxes and bags of debris with our regular trash each week, too, which saves us from renting an expensive on-site Dumpster.

Homeowners who contribute their own elbow grease to a renovation can help cut down the overall cost significantly. Be careful,

though. While professional contractors appreciate you doing some of the work, it's possible also to become a hindrance.

"If the owners want to save money," Brichacek says, "they should take on only the work they're sure they can handle. Some people bite off more than they can chew and end up causing delays for the contractors. Know your limits. What you can't handle, leave to the pros."

### The master plan.

Although our goal is to rehab bit-by-bit, Brichacek reminds us that we'll have to consider some of the overall details of the project at the outset.

"For example, before you start work on any one room," he told us, "you'll need to update wiring, plumbing and heating-cooling ductwork throughout the house. That work has to be done first because it requires access to the spaces between the walls, ceilings and floors."

We wouldn't want to lay a beautiful new tile floor in the kitchen, for example, only to find the plumber needs to tear it back up to replace our old lead pipes.

To determine where all the wires, pipes and ducts will go, we need to know what the layout of our completed house will look like. We need a master plan, which requires the help of a couple of experts.

One of them is an architect. Our house originally was built as a single-family unit and later converted to a double to provide rental income. Turning it back into a single means we need to completely rework the layout, and for that we'll need architectural drawings.

In our area, such drawings will cost between \$2,500 and \$5,000. That's a lot of money, especially for us. But the drawings are the foundation of our master plan. They're the road map that will guide us through the rest of our piecemeal renovation. Investing in some solid pre-planning up front will help us avoid costly mistakes later.

The other is a general contractor. This professional will oversee the execution of master plan and, in our case, help decide how best to divide it into smaller sections. It's the GC's job to juggle the talents of various subcontractors like plumbers, electricians and

carpenters, making sure they not only show up, but also that their schedules don't conflict with one another. The GC also is responsible for obtaining the necessary building permits.

If architectural drawings are our road map, a reputable GC like Brichacek is the tour guide who's been down the road before. He will point out the best route to get us where we're going, and steer us clear of expensive mistakes — like putting in the tile floor before the plumbing.

There are a lot of great ways to cut costs on a project like ours. Forgoing a good general contractor is not one of them.

Take the time to get recommendations from neighbors. Visit other homes the

contractor has renovated. Find out if he or she is licensed and insured, and interview as many GCs as it takes until you find one with whom you feel comfortable.

I'm feeling a lot more comfortable now that I know my gradual approach is feasible, after all.

In fact, if you're not in hurry, Brichacek says, the bit-by-bit approach may even be preferable.

"Not only can you spread out the cost over time," he says, "it also gives you room to change your mind. I've worked with people who've renovated slowly, and they're usually glad they did, mostly because their initial ideas changed as the work progressed."

### Exhibit celebrates Wright's pioneer style

NEW YORK (AP) — "It doesn't need wealth, but it does take thought, some ingenuity and resourcefulness, and more than a little loving care to create a home that is really your own," wrote Russel and Mary Wright in their trend-setting 1950 book, "Guide to Easier Living."

Russel Wright was a designer of modern artifacts for the home who, with his wife, is credited as a pioneer of lifestyle marketing. His work is celebrated in an exhibit.

"Russel Wright: Creating American Lifestyle," through March 30 at the Smithsonian's Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum.

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## Creating an environment to support independence

WINNETKA, Ill. (AP) — Most people with houses put a lot of thought into how their homes look and function, evaluating the layout and convenience of rooms and appliances.

Like many homeowners, Patti Jacobson does that, too. But she also must factor in something else as she maintains her house in Greeley, Colo.: her blindness.

"I keep my house organized so I will know where things belong," she says. "I use braille to make my shopping list and have devised a safety pin system to identify my clothes by color."

Jacobson is an instructor for the Hadley School for the Blind, based in Winnetka, and she shares her knowledge of independent household management with her students.

"My students love lessons on personal care and cooking," she says, and she passes along tips she's learned from experience.

She uses raised adhesive dots on the dials and settings of appliances, for example. Keeping laundry sorted starts as soon as the clothes are taken off, by depositing them

Jacobson, instructor for the Hadley School for the Blind, shares her knowledge of independent household management with her students.

in separate hampers for whites and darks. She keeps sock pairs together by fastening them together with plastic clips as she removes them. When loading the washing machine, she feels the level of detergent in the scoop with her fingers.

A friend goes with her to the grocery store to help her identify products. She brings along labeling tape and label magnets to attach to the purchases as she fills her cart. The labels stay on the packaging until the product is used, at which point she puts them on the fridge. That way, she not only can use the labels again, but they serve as a shopping list for her next trip to the store.

Jacobson is quite at home in the kitchen, maintaining skills she learned as a young

girl before she completely lost her sight. Her fellow Hadley instructor, Martha Pamperin, suggests to those who rely on the microwave to add those raised markers to the buttons used the most to identify the functions. If the user is proficient in braille, the whole front panel can be marked in braille.

Jacobson plants and weeds her own garden, and she clears the leaves in the fall. But how does she get them into a neat pile? "I put a transistor radio on the ground when I first start my pile, then just keep raking toward the music."

Jacobson and the Hadley School emphasize that developing such skills can keep blind and visually impaired people — estimated at about 10 million in the United States — in their quest for independent living.

The school offers more than 90 courses free of charge to these people and their families through distance education. The courses cover education, jobs and other concerns, but several are devoted to the basics of the home and garden.

## Add unique pieces for a special flair

By BARBARA MAYER  
FOR AP SPECIAL EDITION

Add flair to home decor with something unique — or at least unusual. Human ingenuity continues to provide new ideas from unexpected sources:

- Mysterious material. Who would ever imagine that concrete could be a romantic material? Someone who has is Terence Dubreuil of Glen Cove, N.Y., who makes tables, benches, lamp bases, picture frames and wall brackets out of concrete and other materials.

Dubreuil calls his material distressed concrete because he incorporates into it pebbles, small rocks, beach glass, tiny shells, marbles and other discards that he finds on the beaches of Long Island. Then he dissolves portions of the concrete surface with a high pressure jet of water to expose the various foreign objects. He also makes use of hand-cast glass in a variety of colors.

The genesis of these unusual pieces was a rustic mantelpiece that Dubreuil built for a client on Long Island, where he worked as a carpenter for 15 years. He fashioned brackets out of his homemade concrete mixture, abrading the surface to expose his additives, and then placed a large driftwood board on top of the brackets as the mantel shelf.

The success of the mantel encouraged him to experiment further with the material and to develop other designs. Growing up near Long Island's beaches also played a role in his designs. "As a child playing in and exploring the ruins of many of the old mansions there, I was fascinated by the rubble that had eroded into the beach sand and picked up many odd objects," Dubreuil says. "I still love to walk the beaches."

Dubreuil calls his work "Paradoxart," because he sees a paradox in using common materials and throwaways to make something new and attractive. He markets the

pieces at his studio in Glen Cove and through crafts fairs and retailers around the country. Prices range from \$44 for a small picture frame to \$4,500 for a large piece of furniture.

- When space is tight. Loren Sherman had a problem. He had to arrange sleeping quarters for his two kids and himself in a one-bedroom apartment in New York City. He gave the bedroom to his kids. For himself he designed and built a table that quickly converts into a comfortable bed and was elegant enough to place in his living room-dining area.

"As a designer of theater sets and trade show booths, I was used to the idea of something turning into something else," says Sherman. "Broadway theaters don't have much room backstage and I have designed sets where part of the floor lifts up and becomes a wall with doors and windows in the next scene."

After he began using the piece, a light bulb went on. "I realized that there could be a market for this product wherever space is tight," Sherman says.

He calls it the Inova TableBed and says the piece can be converted from dining table or desk to platform bed in something like three seconds. The TableBed is 65 inches wide and 92 inches long when made up as a bed and 40-by-60 inches as a table. It comes in its own cabinet and does not need to be attached to the wall, so it can be taken with you when you move.

The unit comes in a variety of woods and five different laminate colors, and the company Sherman set up also will design custom versions. Prices start at \$2,450 for the queen size in laminate.

Wood veneer versions are more expensive. There are retailers in New York, San Francisco and Florida; for sales outside these areas, the company will ship the unit by truck.

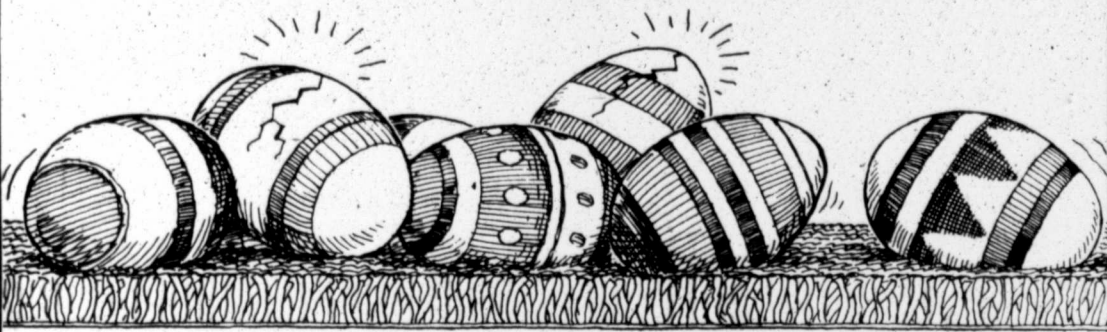
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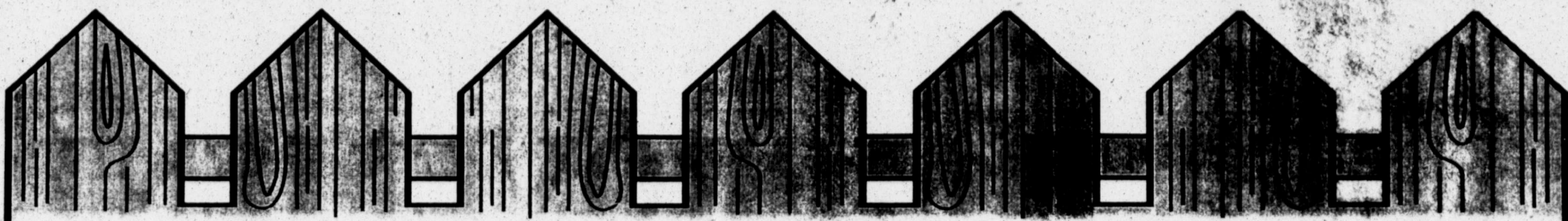
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## Everyone dreams of a cabin getaway

By FRANCINE PARNES  
FOR AP SPECIAL EDITION

Whether nestled by the mountains, woods or water, a cabin is both a cozy form of shelter and a rustic approach to architecture, all the more snug when jam-packed into not much more than a few hundred square feet.

Architect Dale Mulfing and writer Susan E. Davis, authors of "The Cabin" (Taunton Press, \$34.95 hardcover) — which nearly begs the question why anyone would want to live anywhere else — say that everyone has a cabin memory. Maybe it's a childhood summer camp cabin, with memories of bunkmates and toasted marshmallows. Maybe it's a secluded honeymoon cabin. Or maybe it's the humble getaway to which the family retreated when the kids were young.

Whatever its purpose, a cabin is typically constructed from basic materials. But a cabin is more than the traditional log structure of Abraham Lincoln lore. The authors found that a cabin can be converted from a picture-postcard Vermont country school or even an abandoned garage, or rigged from a do-it-yourself cabin kit. Several cabins pictured in their coffee table book were built by the owners themselves.

What gives a cabin its cabin-ness? The authors say a cabin offers simple shelter; its location is selected for its connection with nature; overlapping activities occur within the compact space; and everyone feels right at home.

Typically a crackling fireplace or wood stove enhances the welcoming environment. Poised to live in harmony with nearby nature, some cabins include a prominent porch, inviting activities to expand into the outdoors.

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"These are the feelings that cabins evoke, and they're at the root of my passion for this elemental building form," writes Mulfing in the introduction. He is based in Minneapolis, where he started researching cabins with his students at the University of Minnesota and subsequently became known as a "cabinologist."

'A cabin allows you to realize Thoreau's dream of escaping from the hectic pace of urban life. The cabin is a classic American getaway that offers a place for dreaming, inspiration and relaxing.'

— Susan E. Davis, author

"I've had an intimate connection with cabins my entire life," says his co-author Davis, based in New York. "When I was four in 1947, my parents put my brother and me in the back of a little Chevy coupe and we drove to Cape Cod from Rochester, N.Y. I spent my entire childhood all the way through college staying in cabins in Cape Cod." After her brother moved to Minnesota, lakeside cabins there enticed her.

"A cabin is among the most basic forms of shelter," Davis says. "You walk outside and you are immediately in nature. A cabin allows you to realize Thoreau's dream of escaping from the hectic pace of urban life. The cabin is a classic American getaway that offers a place for dreaming, inspiration and relaxing."

The log cabin became an American icon when its symbol was adopted for William Henry Harrison's 1840 presidential campaign, says Davis. "After that, various other presidents built on that heritage."

Log cabins were among the first structures that were built in the U.S., says Davis, adding that the earliest American log cabins were made by Scandinavian settlers. One cabin featured in the book takes its inspiration from the owner's Scandinavian background, showing off a diamond-shaped window and primary colors. The owner is Kristina Lindbergh, whose grandfather, aviation hero Charles Lindbergh, built cabins for her grandmother Anne.

When it came time for architect Jeff Shelden, who designs cabins for clients, to create his own, he used wood recycled from an abandoned railroad trestle.

The cabin, featured in the book, has less than 500 useable square feet. "A cabin is a pretty conceptual term," said Shelden in a telephone interview from Lewistown, Mont., where he is based. "One guy will think of a cabin, and by the time he is done with what he wants, he has built 9,000 square feet. And somebody else like us would have a lot less."

For Davis, "Doing the book really made me think about small spaces," she says. "We limited our book to cabins no larger than 1,200 square feet. That was hard, because there were many beautiful spaces up to 2,000 square feet. Some of the so-called cabins in the Adirondacks are actually 40-room extravaganzas, even though they are made out of logs. But we felt that the essence of a cabin is intimacy in a very small space. It's sharing warmth and shelter in a very small, enclosed space."

A guest cabin featured in the book cozies up to a Wisconsin forest with just 210 square feet, including bathroom shed.

"A cabin is a place to live differently from your normal life at home," Shelden says. "It's hard to say that about a lot of places because most people want to take it all with them. There's less space, there are different things to do. We'll watch wildlife or the northern lights, go for a walk, get in the hot tub. The television isn't there, the computer isn't there, the usual distractions aren't there."

The most common question that Shelden is asked when he is building a cabin for a client who wants one like his is: "We really like this cabin, but can you make it bigger?" I say yes, but a bigger cabin on this model would be a completely different cabin."

## Rethinking bright, sunny rooms

By BARBARA MAYER  
FOR AP SPECIAL EDITION

You already know that you should protect yourself from overexposure to the sun to avoid skin damage or worse.

Same goes for what's in your home. You may want to rethink your preferences for bright, sunny rooms.

Natural daylight is stronger and more damaging than artificial light, and the sun's ultraviolet rays can fade and weaken art works, textiles and furniture finishes.

"Virtually any organic material can be damaged by excessive daylight — especially the ultraviolet component of natural light," says Steven Weintraub, a lighting consultant in New York. "We may worry more about older things because of their value or fragility, but actually new things will suffer the most obvious change in a short time. Even plain old newspaper changes color within a few days."

You don't have to dwell in darkness but rather take some precautions to control intense sunlight.

The first and easiest way to protect art works, textiles and furnishings is to place objects of concern away from uncontrolled natural light. That might mean hanging paintings on a side wall instead of directly opposite a sunny window. Before arranging a room, spend a few days mapping out the pattern of natural light to be learn the intensity of exposure in each area.

Another simple measure is to draw the curtains, pull down shades or close blinds when nobody is using the room. "The damage from light is cumulative, so if there are short periods of high exposure, it's not so great a problem as continuous exposure," Weintraub

says. Lighting specialists say that most people prefer an evenly lit room and become uncomfortable in a setting with patches of brilliant sunlight and darkness and harsh shadows. And if a portion of a room is lit brilliantly, the rest of the room seems much darker than it really is.

"The ideal solution is to have north-facing windows which provide a diffuse or scattered light instead of the blinding single-point light that comes through south, east and west-facing windows in most seasons of the year," says Wendell Colson, vice president of research and development, Hunter Douglas, Inc.

Relocating a window is rarely an option, so the next best solution is a window treatment that changes sharp daylight into diffused daylight. The view, which is what most people really love about natural daylight, does not have to be completely

obscured if translucent fabric is used.

Combining two or more treatments is usually the most successful solution. Layered treatments provide more options because you can peel back one or more layers. Some choices that work especially well include a double layer of translucent paper or a double layer of filmy fabric paired with side draperies that can be left open or pulled closed for greater light blocking and privacy. The purpose of the double layer is to eliminate harsh shadows and create a soft diffused light that is bright but glare-free. Some window covering fabrics, such as cellular and honeycomb shades, also block most of the damaging ultraviolet rays.

Sometimes the view is too spectacular to cover at all. In that case you might install exterior window shading devices such as awnings to control the light or to have

windows treated with a film that screens out ultraviolet rays.

"If you are going to treat one window with film, treat all the windows in the room because the film changes the quality of light and it's uncomfortable to be in a room with variations in light quality from one window to another," says Weintraub.

Films are not suitable for all types of windows, so have a reputable professional installer evaluate the situation and do the installation.

People in the market for new windows can look into those which have ultraviolet screening. "The extra expense may be worth it," Weintraub says, "to protect valuable art works and decorative furnishings."

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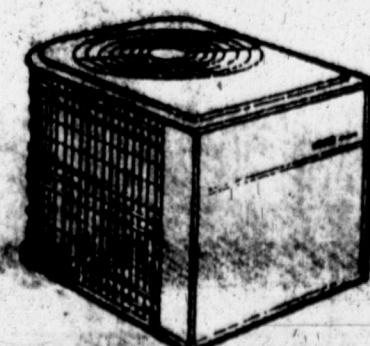
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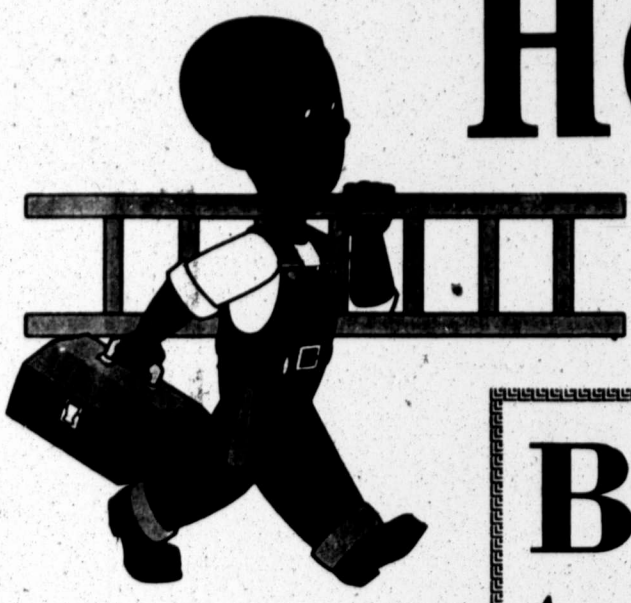
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## Preserving a city's architectural history

OAKWOOD, Ohio (AP) — With over half of all homes in this exclusive Dayton suburb built before 1940, preservation has become both a pet project of home owners and a political rallying cry for a group of area citizens.

Located south of Dayton, Oakwood is the favored residence of many of the area's movers and shakers and has been for nearly 100 years.

Native son Orville Wright's majestic home, Hawthorne Hill, with its two-story classic revival columns and winding drive, sits in the heart of Oakwood, surrounded by examples of Georgian, Tudor, mission and arts-and-crafts styles of architecture.

There are so many pristine examples — 3,900 by one count — that Oakwood is one of "only a handful of communities in the country where the whole town is eligible for historic registration," according to Glenn Harper, field service coordinator for the Ohio Historic Preservation Office.

In August, 1999, a Georgian revival estate known as the Walther Estate was purchased and then demolished to make room for a more modern structure. A group of residents saw this as a potential threat to Oakwood's other historic homes and decided to do something about it.

Forming the Oakwood Preservation Trust, this group began the arduous and some might say uphill task of protecting Oakwood's historic homes and educating residents.

Oakwood is known for its tough property maintenance code but has no historic preservation legislation, unlike surrounding communities such as Dayton and Centerville, according to Loren Gannon, professor of architecture and history at the University of Dayton and an Oakwood resident.

OPT members recall an incident when a resident had to tear down a newly constructed fence because it was an inch over the city's required height limit.

"I'm some ways, we're over-regulated," said Marlene Maimon, a founding member of the group. "It's harder to put up a new fence than it is to tear down an old home."

"There has long been a 'natural' preservation movement — people restoring their own homes, new homes being designed to fit into the surrounding neighborhoods," said OPT member Mark Risley. "When we first started out, I thought we were the voice of a small group of concerned citizens. I now realize we've been expressing the concerns of many Oakwood residents, perhaps a majority."

The group's first two years were spent addressing demolitions in the community, with minimal success, Risley said.

Another architecturally significant home, the Trace Home, built in the Queen Anne style, reportedly by National Cash Register founder John Patterson, was purchased by NCR early in 2000 and fell to the wrecking ball on Nov. 13, 2000, despite OPT efforts.

NCR also owns Hawthorne Hill. A third home's demolition also was deemed a "travesty" by OPT member Nick Gough.

When plans surfaced to demolish the 1930s-era Tudor-style city building, the OPT found itself with another fight on its hands. A public meeting was held in December, 2000; more than 50 residents showed up, despite a raging winter storm, to express their concern that the building not be demolished.

"We even had yard signs that said 'Save our City Building,'" said Debra Edwards. It was something that showed how deeply the normally reticent residents felt about the building.

"City council worked with OPT on successfully saving the city building," said Risley. "They were very receptive to our concerns, which seemed to be the concerns of much of the community."

As a result, plans for the city building will include many of OPT's and the community's suggestions to preserve its unique character.

And Oakwood politics have changed, too.

"In the last election, virtually all of the city council candidates mentioned preservation in their campaigns, and some did very well as a result," Risley said.

For Andy Pruitt, an unsuccessful candidate, restoration and preservation is a way of life. Pruitt is restoring his Spanish-style arts-and-crafts home to its former glory.

Built in 1915 by Charles and Anne Schaeffer, founders of what would become Dayton Building Supply, the home remained in the family until the mid-1970s, when it was sold.

When Pruitt and his wife Mary bought the house three years ago, "it hadn't been touched in 20 years," he said. Walls and woodwork had been painted white and a modern kitchen installed.

Restoration has been a full-time job for Pruitt since purchasing the house. He often finds himself working with a respirator because of the fumes. He scours the Internet and other sources for authentic replacements, such as the Steuben chandelier and light fixtures in the dining room.

"All this work is so meticulous," he said.

The showpiece of the home is the center atrium, which boasts a Tiffany-style lamp in the middle of a working Rookwood tile fountain with a stained glass ceiling skylight.

Pruitt enclosed the front porch and added leaded glass to match the atrium. He installed bronze weather-stripping in the doors and windows.

The couple are also zealously searching for mission and arts and crafts antiques to furnish the home.

Although the renovation is a long way from complete, much of the home's dark mahogany woods and tiger oak parquet floors have been lovingly restored, using old-style linseed oil-based stains and varnishes.

"The good thing about these stains is that one coat covers it all and they never peel," Pruitt said. "Instead, they age very gracefully."

"These original components were designed to last for generations," he said. "Modern replacements would last at most a couple of decades and would detract immeasurably from the beauty of the house."

Modern replacement items, particularly windows, are a sore subject for Gannon as well. "You wouldn't believe the number of bad window replacements I've seen and the increased use of aluminum siding on some of these homes," Gannon said. "A double-hung sash window is energy efficient if properly maintained and used with a storm window."

Homeowners who are considering restoration should look at the originals when at all possible, say both Gannon and Pruitt.

And just because a home may look awful doesn't mean it should meet the wrecking ball, Gannon said. "There may be cosmetic problems, but it may not look awful to a trained evaluator."

Still, there are those who feel that the OPT is treading on the feet of private property owners or trying to extend Oakwood's perceived elitism, something trust members deny.

"This is not an elitist organization. We gain nothing from this," said OPT member Anna Gough. "It's just an attempt to get people to maintain their homes."

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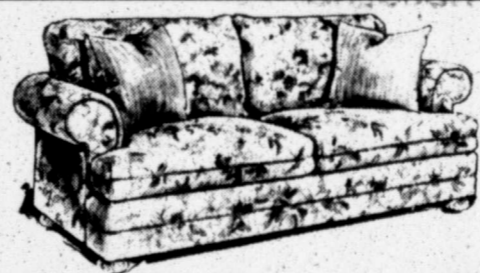
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**DEAR ABBY**

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

**Making Smoking Uncool Is Challenge For Ad Campaign**

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I propose sending teens who are ex-smokers to schools with their stories. Not just junior and high schools, but elementary schools, too. I recently quit smoking. (I was in third grade when I started.) I now work in a school. Every day I wonder which students smoke or drink. I wish I could make a difference. If you know of an organization looking for young adults like me to tell their stories - please let me know.

CHRIS IN MASSACHUSETTS

**DEAR CHRIS:** The problem with your proposal is that tobacco-related cancers usually take years to develop. The chances of a high school student meeting a contemporary with cancer of the mouth, throat, lung, pancreas, cervix, kidney or bladder are slim. However, every year a person smokes, the more deeply addicted he or she becomes.

**P.S.** I'd be interested in knowing why you finally quit. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** Thirteen-year-old kids don't care about 81-year-old cancer patients on oxygen tanks. When I was 13, I had two adjectives for everything - "cool" and "uncool." When you're 13, you're never going to be 81 or have cancer. Being uncool is the real danger!

Ad campaigns directed at teens pound the health issue to death, but kids tune them out. Cigarettes are cool precisely because they are unhealthy and disreputable. The anti-smoking ads must improve. Somewhere there must be some principled, highly intelligent people with the media savvy to gradually make smoking uncool. Things will not change otherwise.

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**DEAR LOSING MY COOL:** Don't give up hope. I'm sure there are creative people out there who care as much as you do.

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother is a lifelong smoker. She is dying from lung cancer. The bravest thing she has ever done is share her story with high school students. She

makes no bones about her future. If her story prevents one kid from starting to smoke, she'll feel she has done something good with her life.

P.T. IN ALLENTOWN, PA.

**DEAR P.T.:** Please accept my sympathy for your mother's terminal illness. She's a courageous woman to share her story in the hope it will save others.

**DEAR ABBY:** My deceased dad had the good grace to write a statement to be read at his funeral admitting that smoking is a killer, and he wouldn't wish it on anyone.

M.L. IN SPRINGFIELD, MO.

**DEAR M.L.:** My condolences to you for the loss of your father. He told it like it was.

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GRATEFUL IN WOODSTOCK

**DEAR GRATEFUL:** Yippee! A double victory! Your letter made my day.

Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the syndicated, Abigail Van Buren, Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 6940, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

**Crossword Puzzle**

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

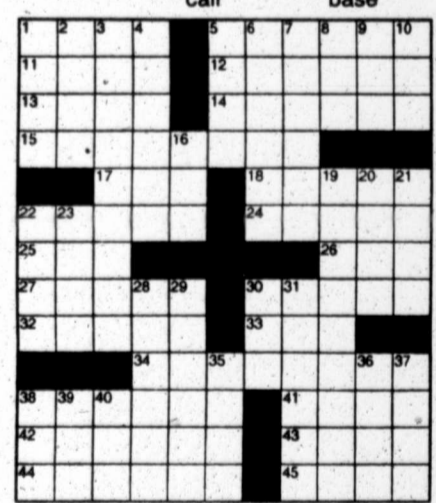
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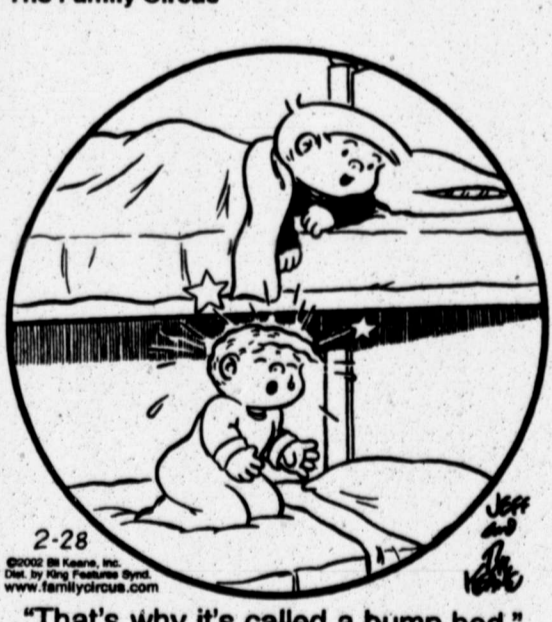
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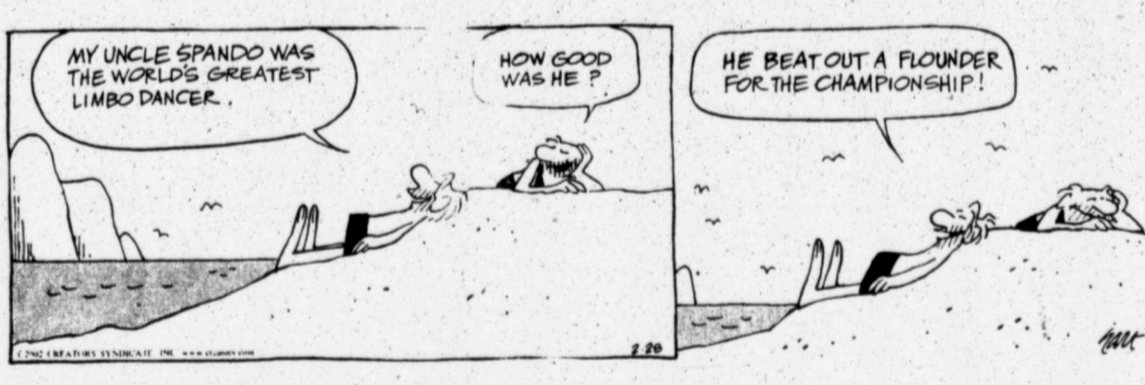
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### GOLF

**BORGER** — The Pampa High girls' golf team placed fourth with a 733 at the Borger Invitational.

Megan Shannon led the Lady Harvesters with a two-round score of 174. Mollie Crossman had a 188, followed by Cortney Locknane (189), Krissy Holman (189), and Michelle Haley (193). Shannon's 84 was Pampa's best round.

Tascosa won the tournament with a 705.

The Lady Harvesters are entered in the Midland Invitational this weekend.

### FOOTBALL

**IRVING, Texas (AP)** — The Dallas Cowboys have hired another former University of Oklahoma head coach.

The team that once had Barry Switzer as its head coach on Wednesday named his OU successor, Gary Gibbs, as its linebackers coach.

Gibbs comes to the Cowboys with no NFL experience, just like Switzer did when he replaced Jimmy Johnson as head coach in 1994.

Gibbs was defensive coordinator at LSU last season, helping the Tigers win the Southeastern Conference.

He had the same job at Georgia the previous season.

Gibbs played linebacker at Oklahoma from 1972-74, then was a graduate assistant under Switzer in 1975.

He worked his way up to defensive coordinator in 1981 and became head coach in 1989, replacing Switzer.

His teams went 44-23-2 in six seasons.

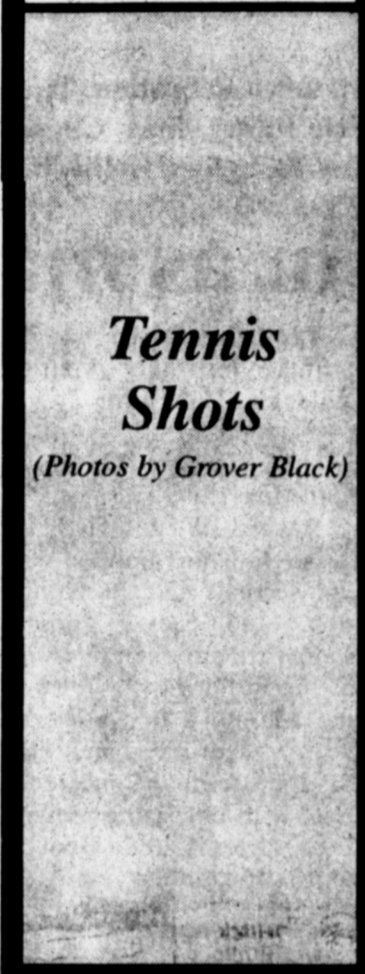
### SOFTBALL

**PAMPA** — An organizational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday for persons interested in coaching in the Optimist girls softball leagues this summer.

The meeting will be held at the Optimist Clubhouse.



Zzch Hucks



## Tennis Shots

(Photos by Grover Black)

## Harvesters rumerup in Pampa Quadrangular

**PAMPA** — The Pampa tennis team came away with the second-place trophy at last weekend's Pampa Quadrangular.

The Harvesters posted some outstanding wins in three of the four divisions, but fell one point short, losing to Tascosa 60-61 overall.

The Harvesters were led by three finalists at the tournament. Senior Jared Spearman defeated Tascosa's Johnny Moss 6-3 in the third set to advance to the finals where he lost to Lee Gregg of Altus.

"Jared played really well, lots of long games, but he just couldn't win the right points against Gregg. Gregg is among one of the best

we'll see this season," said Pampa coach Carolyn Quarles.

A.J. Smith finished third, losing to Gregg in the semifinals.

In boys doubles, Gerber and Thacker advanced to the finals, but lost a disappointing third set 6-2 to Tascosa's Krister and Nichols.

"Jay and David were not at their best Saturday, but as always played hard. Krister and Nichols are a tough, powerful doubles team that are hard to beat when things are going in like they were Saturday," coach Quarles said.

Zach Hucks and Tyler Howard finished fourth in doubles.

In the girls division, both Pampa doubles teams lost only one match to the same team, Rush and Van Reenen of Amarillo High. Ashley Jordan and Tara Jordan lost to Rush and Van Reenen in the semifinals, but came back to defeat Andrew and Brewer of Amarillo High to finish third.

Helen Brooks and Brittany Kindle advanced to the finals and played an outstanding match against Rush and Van Reenen before losing 7-6, 6-2.

"I was pleased to defeat Amarillo High and Altus, both good teams, but disappointed we fell short against Tascosa. Hopefully, the players will understand how important every match is to the team as a whole when you lose by one point," Quarles said.



Tyler Howard

## Legends honored in Amarillo ceremony

By **ROGER CLARKSON**  
Amarillo Globe-News

**AMARILLO, Texas** — The Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame welcomed a tough guy, a pioneer and a man who admits he never worked a day in his life into its ranks.

Former Texas Christian and Stinnett football and rodeo stand-out Larry Dawson, Claude's girls basketball all-star Jan Newland and coaching legend Greg Sherwood, originally from Panhandle, were the 124th, 125th and 126th members of the hall inducted recently at Amarillo College's Ordway Auditorium.

"I'll admit it. I was in coaching for 43 years and I never worked a day in my life. I'm retired now and I'm doing more work now than I ever did," Sherwood said. "If I could be a bum and just loaf around and not do anything, I'd still go to ball games. I just love it. It's one of those things when you're doing something you love, it doesn't feel like work."

Sherwood's sphere of influence could be felt all over Ordway Auditorium.

Sherwood hired Lady Dogs' girls basketball coach Danny Wrenn at Plainview, Palo Duro football coach Steve Parr played for Sherwood at Dalhart. Liberal track coach Gary Cornelien worked with Sherwood in Liberal, Kan. Wrenn, Parr and Cornelien all received PSHOF achievement awards.

Sherwood coached at Dalhart, Liberal, Spearman and Plainview for a combined 23 years. In 1988, Sherwood became the athletic director for the Lubbock Independent School District and held that job until retiring in December.

"Coach Sherwood showed me how to make things fun for the kids and for the coaches," Wrenn said. "He was a great communicator. He showed me how to communicate with the players and with the coaches and with the media to get the best out

of them you can. He was also one of those people who knew how to delegate responsibility. If you surround yourself with great people and let them do what they can do, it makes things so much better."

The Panhandle is home to probably the best girls basketball in Texas and quite possibly the nation. Claude was the first Panhandle girls basketball dynasty, winning six state titles from 1951-72, including the first three UIL state championships in 1951-53.

Newland, formerly Jan Irby, is one of the founders of that girls basketball tradition. While growing up in Claude, Newland helped the Lady Mustangs win two state championships in 1971 and 1972.

Newland was a 6-foot-2 post and averaged 26 points a game her junior and senior seasons. Newland went on to be a member of the inaugural Kodak women's basketball all-American team while at William Penn College and played three years for the United States National team.

"When you're growing up, you learn how to work. I worked on my shot every day at home and at the gym. I learned how to dribble and pass by working on my own," Newland said.

After graduating from college, Newland returned to the Panhandle and coached at Wheeler. She led the Wheeler Lady Mustangs to the playoffs 14 straight seasons.

You would have to look long and hard to find a tougher man than Larry Dawson. When Stinnett won the 1956 state championship, Dawson was the Rattlers' quarterback. Dawson went on to play football at Texas Christian and was Bob Lilly's roommate. After college, Dawson competed in the professional rodeo circuit and was named the 2000 Cowboy of the Year.

"I don't know why you picked me for this great honor. When you compete all your life, it really feels good to get something like this," Dawson said.

## From Enron to Astros Field

**HOUSTON (AP)** — It was worth \$2.1 million to Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane Jr. to rid the team's ballpark of the Enron name.

After aggressive negotiations with bankrupt Enron Corp.'s largest creditors, McLane announced Wednesday the team will pay \$2.1 million to buy back rights to the name of Enron Field. The ballpark will go into its third season this year as "Astros Field" until the team finds another buyer for the naming rights.

"We will be very selective," McLane said, noting that at least seven companies have approached the Astros about replacing Enron's logos prominently displayed throughout the ballpark. "We learned a lot from this experience."

The deal still needs final approval from U.S. Bankruptcy


Judge Arthur Gonzalez in New York.

"We are pleased to have resolved this issue with the Astros with a deal that is beneficial to all parties, including Enron's creditors and the city of Houston," Enron president and chief operating officer Jeff McMahon said.

Enron officials have said the company, assuming it successfully reorganizes, eventually will change its own stigmatized name.

When Enron in 1999 pledged \$100 million over 30 years to plaster the Astros' new ballpark with its name and logo, the company was on its way to being one of the top 10 of the Fortune 500.

But as the once mighty company plummeted into the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history amid allegations of accounting abuses last year, its name became synonymous with corporate malfeasance.



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## The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host an Informational Meeting on March 26, 2002 concerning the planning of future projects.

This informational meeting is held to explain how the department plans transportation projects. TxDOT would like to receive the public's input regarding the current Transportation Improvement Plan for the district.

**The meeting will be Tuesday, March 26th, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Borger Chamber of Commerce, 613 Main Street, Borger Texas.**

The meeting will cover transportation plans for all areas of the Panhandle and the city of Amarillo. An overall view of the planning process will be presented, as well as their criteria used for selecting individual projects. Draft versions of current transportation plans will be presented at the meeting for public comment.

The public is invited to speak regarding projects currently being planned or any additional projects that might be proposed; however speakers will be limited to five minutes. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding any project may be submitted at the meeting. Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (P.O. Box 2708) Amarillo, Texas 79105. Comments must be received no later than April 8, 2002.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Cheryl Luther at 806.356.3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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# Pampa's Lady Pacers win third consecutive TCAL title

LONGVIEW — For the third year in a row, the Pampa Academy women's team has claimed the Texas Christian Athletic League state basketball championship.

On Thursday in the opening round of play, the Lady Pacers held the San Angelo Cornerstone Lions to only six points in the first half for a 42-27 victory. It turned out to be the closest game of the tournament for Pampa.

Erin Raber led the way for the Pacers with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Kendra Raber and Stephanie Willoughby each had 6 points, Shay Chapman 5, Courtney Echols 5, Kellie Mullican 4 and Tabitha Epperson 2.

In the semifinals, Pampa defeated Hillsboro Gospel Center 52-22 as the Lady Pacers again had a strong first-half performance.

The Lady Pacers were in front 30-7 at halftime.

Erin Raber led the Lady Pacers once more with 21 points and 22 rebounds. Kendra Raber followed with 13 while Kellie Mullican had 11. Also, Shay Chapman had 5

points and Stephanie Willoughby 2.

The championship game was a rematch between Pampa and Cedar Valley Academy of Dallas. This time, however, instead of a slim 3-point win, the Lady Pacers walked away with a 20-point victory, 58-38.

Again, the Lady Pacers' strong defense and rebounding gave them an overwhelming lead at the halftime break. Although Cedar Valley's Rhoden was hot in the fourth quarter, putting in 13 points, it wasn't enough to make up the deficit.

Erin Raber, in her final high school game, again led the way for the Pacers with 15 points and 25 rebounds. Kendra Raber had 15 points to go with 8 assists and 7 steals. Kellie Mullican put in 11 points while Shay Chapman and Stephanie Willoughby each added 8 points.

Kellie Mullican and Erin Raber were selected to the TCAL State All-Tournament Team. Kendra was named the TCAL Most Valuable Player. All three will be playing the TCAL All-Star Game on

March 8 in San Antonio.

The Pampa Academy boys also traveled to the state tournament in Longview.

In the first round of play, the Pacers came from far behind in the first quarter to squeak out a 73-70 win over McAllen Faith Christian.

Pampa standout Bryce Taylor sustained an eye injury in the first quarter and Faith Christian took advantage of his absence by building a 22-9 lead. Taylor returned in the second quarter and the Pacers battled back to tie the score at intermission.

Taylor led the Pacers in scoring with 34 points. Marlon Echols finished with 21, including 12 fourth-quarter points. Troy Ludvick followed with 12 points, while Coy Devoll had 5 and Luke Raber 1.

In the second game, Taylor once again had 34 points, but the Pacers were defeated by Full Gospel Center 57-53.

Full Gospel had a shorter team than the Pacers, but their quickness helped win the game.

Others scoring for the Pacers were Troy Ludvick

with 9 points, Coy Devoll 6, Marlon Echols 2 and Jonathan Epperson 2.

Coy Devoll, Bryce Taylor and Troy Ludvick of the

Pacers will be playing in the TCAL All-Star Game on March 8 in San Antonio.



The Lady Pacers enjoy a victory celebration. Team members are (front, from left) Tabitha Epperson, Erin Raber, Shay Chapman and Courtney Echols; (back, from left) Stephanie Willoughby, Kellie Mullican and Kendra Raber.

# Conference USA gets second shocker in as many nights

By The Associated Press

One day after East Carolina shocked Conference USA with the league's biggest upset of the season, Louisville came up with an impressive one of its own.

The Cardinals gave coach Rick Pitino his most important win in his first season at Louisville with a 74-71 victory over No. 4 Cincinnati on Wednesday night.

"They are a great team," Pitino said of the Bearcats, who had already clinched at least a share of the conference's regular-season championship. "They just ran into us having a great night."

The same thing could have been said on Tuesday night, when East Carolina shocked No. 9 Marquette 51-46.

The Pirates' win was more of an upset because they were under .500, but the Cardinals' wasn't too shabby.

"If we play that way, we can beat anybody," said Reece Gaines, who had 26 points for Louisville, (16-11, 7-8). "To come out and beat a team like that is unbelievable. I'm really happy."

The Bearcats (26-3, 13-2), who had a six-game winning streak snapped, clinched at least a tie for their seventh straight regular-season title when Marquette was upset by East Carolina.

"Why would you not come to play? I don't know. We were playing for a conference championship and a seed in the NCAA tournament," Cincinnati coach Bob

Huggins said.

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday, it was No. 1 Kansas 103, Kansas State 68; No. 2 Maryland 96, Florida State 63; No. 6 Alabama 73, Auburn 68; Vanderbilt 86, No. 11 Kentucky 73; No. 16 Georgia 82, South Carolina 75 in overtime; and Georgia Tech 90, No. 24 Wake Forest 77.

Ellis Myles had 18 points, and 12 rebounds for Louisville, his sixth double-double of the season, but only his second since early December.

"This was a wonderful win for our players," Pitino said. "They put in countless hours to get to a night like tonight."

Steve Logan scored 18 points for the Bearcats, but was only 7-of-22 from the field.

Logan, a career 86 percent free-throw shooter, missed one with a minute left, threw a pass out of bounds 20 seconds later and misfired on a 3-pointer in the closing seconds.

"He usually makes the big shots. They didn't go down," Huggins said.

Immanuel McElroy's 3-pointer with 18 seconds to go closed the Bearcats to 72-71. Cincinnati called its last timeout to set up a defense, but Luke Whitehead heaved a baseball pass to Gaines, who made an uncontested layup.

The Cardinals, outrebounded in 18 of their previous 26 games, finished with a 37-34 advantage on the boards and were 25-of-50 from the field, their second-

best shooting night of the season.

"We didn't get intimidated. Instead of them taking it to us, we wanted to take it to them," Gaines said.

The Bearcats had won nine of 10 meetings with Louisville, including a 77-50 win in Cincinnati on Jan. 19.

**No. 1 Kansas 103, Kansas St. 68**

Kirk Hinrich had 24 points for the Jayhawks (26-2, 15-0 Big 12), who scored their most points ever against their instate rival and beat the Wildcats for the 24th consecutive time.

If Kansas can beat Missouri on Sunday, it will have its first unbeaten conference season since 1970-71 and the first-ever perfect record in the Big 12.

Pervis Pasco had 20 points for the Wildcats (11-15, 5-10), who finished the regular season winless on the road for the first time since 1942-43 and set a school record with their 10th road loss.

**No. 2 Maryland 96, Florida St. 63**

Juan Dixon scored 25 points, and the visiting Terrapins (24-3, 14-1) clinched at least a share of the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season championship with their 11th straight win.

Monte Cummings scored 17 points for the Seminoles (11-15, 4-11).

**No. 6 Alabama 73, Auburn 68**

Erwin Dudley had 25 points and 13 rebounds, and

the Crimson Tide (24-5, 12-3) made eight straight free throws in the final minute to win the Southeastern Conference title. Alabama finished 17-0 at home this season, a school record, and capture their first league crown since 1987.

Marquis Daniels had 14 points and 13 rebounds for the Tigers (12-14, 4-11).

**Vanderbilt 86, No. 11 Kentucky 73**

Reserve Brendan Plavich scored all but two of his 20 points on 3-pointers, and the Commodores (16-12, 6-9 Southeastern Conference) snapped an 18-game losing streak to Kentucky.

# Report: Cowboys, Woodson come to agreement on new \$20 million deal

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys' and strong safety Darren Woodson have reportedly agreed on a five-year deal that would pay Woodson \$20 million, including a \$5 million signing bonus.

Three unidentified sources told The Dallas Morning News that the deal, which would all but assure that Woodson finishes his career with the Cowboys, will be announced as soon as Thursday.

"I'm very upbeat," George Bass, Woodson's Dallas-based agent, told the newspaper in Thursday's editions. "But I think both sides have agreed not to talk about the negotiations. Let's just say that I'm feeling a whole lot better about things."

Team officials did not

return a telephone call early Thursday by The Associated Press for comment.

The sources told the newspaper that Woodson, 32, would make the veteran minimum of \$750,000 in 2002 under the deal. His pay would jump to \$2 million in 2003 before increasing each year after that, the sources said.

Last season, Woodson recorded 131 tackles, including nine behind the line of scrimmage with three interceptions. He's been a key leader on a young defense that finished fourth in the National Football League.

In the Cowboys' blitz-heavy scheme, Woodson often serves as a fourth linebacker. But the defensive back, who with running back Emmitt Smith are the only players remaining from the Cowboys'

who led 70-67 with 11 seconds left, but missed two free throws to set up Wright's game-tying shot.

**Georgia Tech 90, No. 24 Wake Forest 77**

Freshman B.J. Elder scored 23 of his career-high 25 points in the second half and Tony Akins added 19 points, eight assists and seven rebounds for the Yellow Jackets (14-15, 6-9 Atlantic Coast Conference), who won their fourth straight and seventh of nine.

Darius Songaila scored 24 points for the visiting Demon Deacons (18-11, 8-7), who lost for the fifth time in six games.

# 1966 national champs reunite at Texas-El Paso

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — In 1966, a colorblind college basketball team from this dusty border town shocked some observers by playing a national championship game with five black starters.

That game — won by Texas Western College, now Texas-El Paso — is credited with opening the doors of universities across the nation to black athletes, breaking a color barrier.

"We knew it was black against white," said Bobby Joe Hill, who joined eight of his teammates and former Coach Don Haskins at UTEP Wednesday night for a reunion. "Everybody was talking about that."

The Miners soundly beat an all-white Kentucky team that was famous for speed and sinking baskets. Most experts had predicted the Wildcats, with only one loss that year and picked as 8-point favorites in the final game, would easily roll to the top.

At the time, the Miners didn't think much of the game's racial overtones.

Coach Don Haskins has maintained that he simply started the best players for that game. He was concerned about Kentucky's speed and put in some smaller starters to match the strengths of the Kentucky team, nicknamed "Rupps Runts" after coach Adolph Rupp.

Although most people weren't quite sure where El Paso was, the nation had heard of Rupp, who was considered one of the best basketball minds in the history of the sport.

Rupp called his 1966 Wildcats the finest shooting team he had ever seen. But their shooting touch went cold against the Miners, who beat Kentucky 72-65 and never trailed after taking the lead with a little more than 12 minutes remaining in the first half.

"They didn't think anybody could beat them, they were very relaxed," Haskins said of the Miners' play during that season.

Hill and his teammates credit the university and El Paso fans for supporting Haskins' recruiting efforts in the black neighborhoods of New York, Detroit and

Gary, Ind.

"If you had any prejudiced bones in your body, you didn't survive here," said team member Togo Railey, a white man from El Paso. "This is kind of an international city."

Railey said the team experienced the racism that poisoned so many minds at the time when they played away games.

"We'd have some pregame problems," Railey said, "pushing you around, not giving you a chance to warm up."

Hill, a black man from Detroit, agreed that the only fights among Miner teammates were on the court during practice.

"We used to pray for games, in practice we were killing each other," said Hill, who was the high scorer in the championship game with 20 points.

Haskins worked them hard. "Our practices wore us out so much that we'd have to rest up before the games," said Harry Flournoy, a starter from Gary who was one of the best rebounders in the country. "If you work hard all the time and if

you go after every loose ball, you see things like that (championship) happen."

Everyone wasn't happy to see the Miners win that game, however. After the victory, Haskins and the university received a hailstorm of hate mail, including personal threats.

Haskins, bewildered at the time by the angry response, now simply points to the skill of his players. In the first half, Hill scored on two consecutive steals, a feat Rupp said was a turning point in the game.

"Did you see some of the things Bobby Joe Hill was doing with the ball?" Haskins said, referring to a video of the game that played during the reunion dinner. "They don't do it any better today."

UTEP President Diana Natalicio admits that the victory "put UTEP on the map." But she said the university will create a mobile exhibit that will tour the country "to help educate people on the broader meaning of this game, not just the basketball victory but the social implications."



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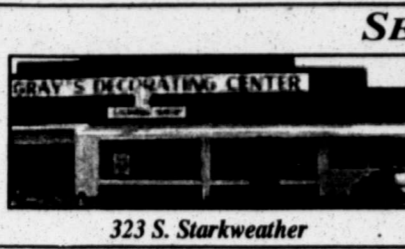
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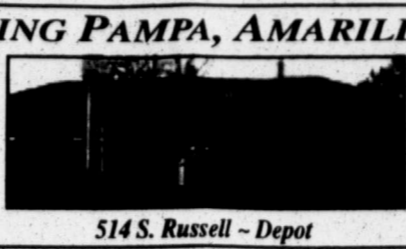
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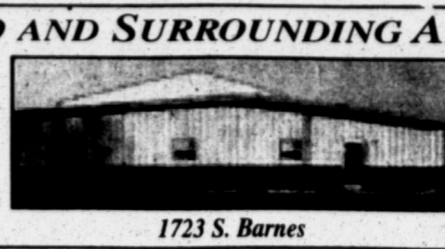
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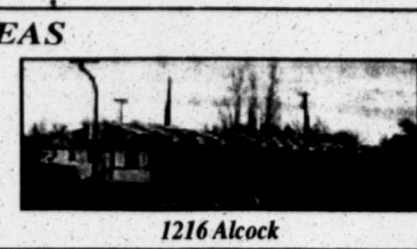
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**Horoscope**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 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)**

\*\*\*\*\* You decide to spend some funds in order to make some. You're remarkably driven. Your family and home take precedence. Prepare to focus on a domestic or personal issue. Unusual communication comes through Aquarius. Tonight: Go along with plans. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* Mars moves into your sign, adding an unusual vitality or direction. Recognize what you want, and zero in on that. Make your first priority your day-to-day life. After that, take a hard look at what you want. A parent or boss shares his or her perspective. Tonight: Mosey on home.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

\*\*\*\*\* Use your creativity. Expenses could go out of whack if you're not careful. You have a devil-may-care attitude right now, which could be fun, but later it might be problematic. Listen to someone's opinion. Tonight: Do exactly what you want.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

\*\*\*\*\* Jupiter goes direct in your sign. You might want a little more control, but right now an impetuous attitude takes over. Take action in the next few days on a long-desired goal. Your timing works.

**Do listen to a partner's feedback.**

Tonight: Happy at home.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* You enter a cycle where you can clear out many of the negatives in your life that have gone on far too long. You might not opt to take action today, but in the next few months. You enter a new life cycle in August and will want to jump on many opportunities. Tonight: Join friends.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Finances preoccupy the Virgin. In the next few weeks, something you really want could become a reality. Don't kid yourself about funds. Create a money reserve. Carefully review a problem with others in a meeting. Tonight: Do errands first.

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

\*\*\*\*\* You're empowered by the moon. You could be heading in every direction, especially at work. A career option appears on the horizon. Be ready to jump on it. An emotional opportunity also could appear. Tonight: Wind down with friends.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
 \*\* Slow down first. How you see a situation could change as a result of someone's overwhelming reaction. Remember this. Get insight into this person and what he or she is about. Review a personal matter with care. Don't leap to any conclusions. Tonight: Take off ASAP.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Where a partner or associate has been reticent, his or her tune will

**change today or in the near future.**

Don't ask how, why or what. Just accept your good fortune and run with the ball. Gather others together in an important meeting. Tonight: Celebrate the good luck that is heading your way.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* You finally make the impact you desire with a group or one specific person. Instead of getting the "deaf ear," now you find a highly responsive person. Move on a career matter right now. Charge more creativity into your thinking. Tonight: Someone awaits.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Detach from the immediate and eye the long term. Your decisions have an impact on your career and well-being. Don't take someone for granted. Recognize what is happening here. Add more lightness to a situation involving a family matter. Tonight: Follow the music.

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

\*\*\*\*\* You might be more abrupt than you realize, drawing a strong reaction from someone. You also might not be sure of what to do. Jupiter goes direct involving your romance, creativity and risk-taking. Go with spontaneity. Tonight: Play along with a loved one.

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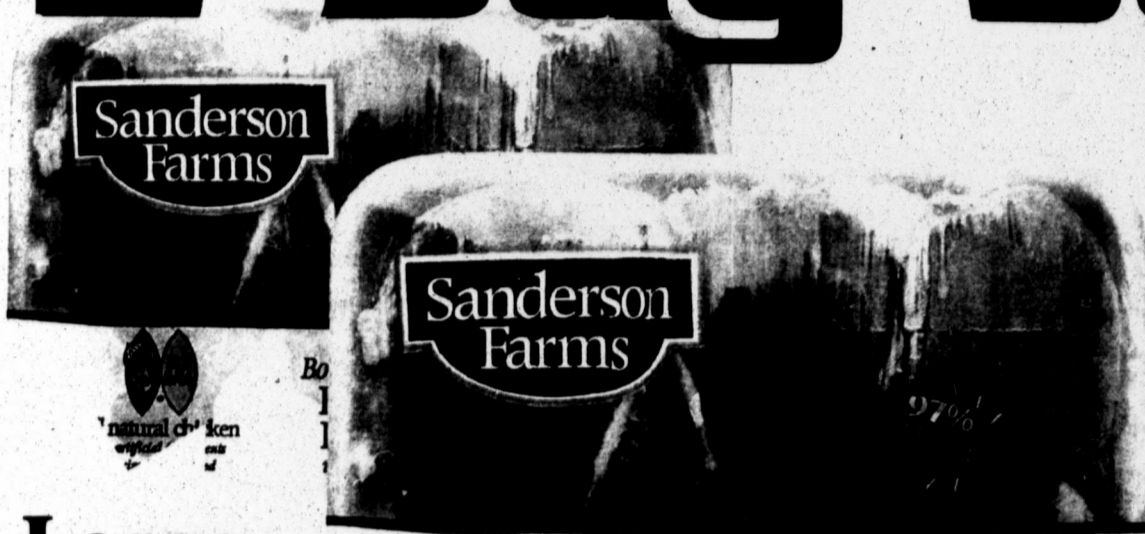
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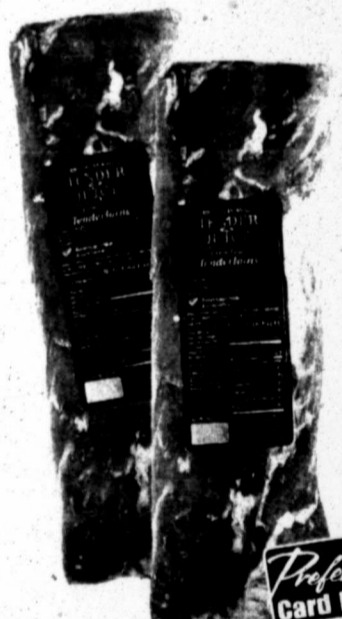
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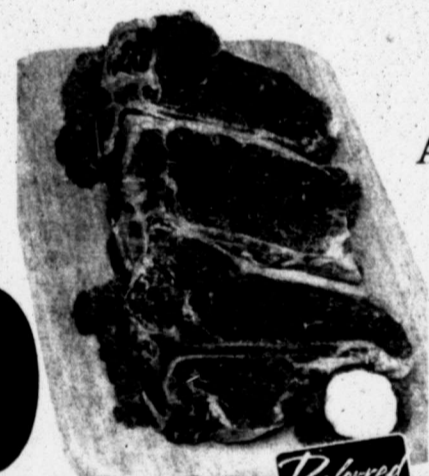
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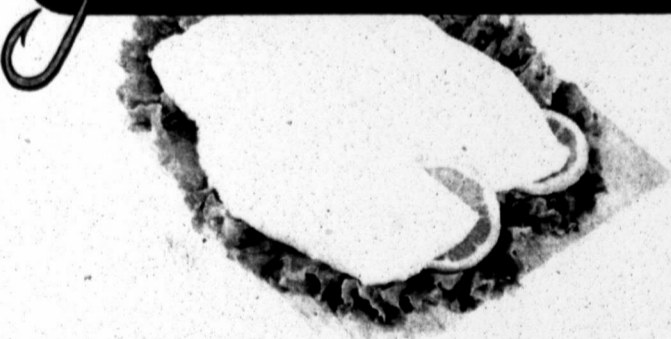


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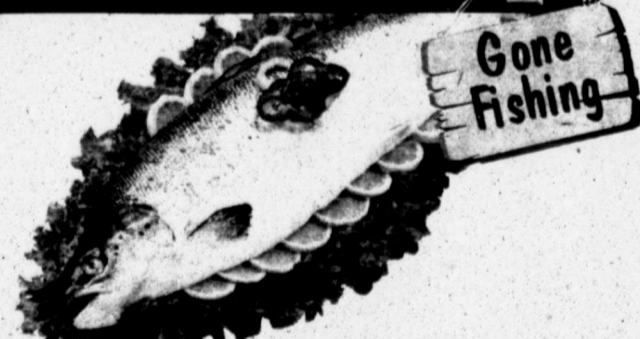
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