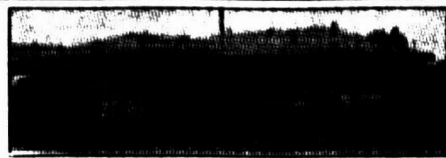


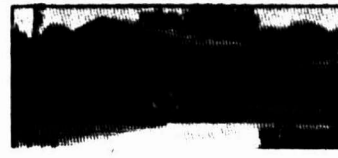
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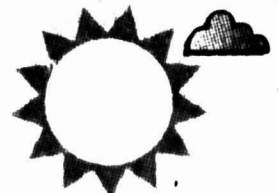


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## LOCAL

**PAMPA** — The Pampa Planning and Zoning Commission will consider a list of capital improvement projects during a special meeting Monday.

The list of projects will be presented to the City Commission for the proposed Citizen Action Council.

Also to be considered at Monday's meeting will be annexation issues and future utilities.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet at 5 p.m. Monday, in the city commission conference room, room 203, of City Hall.

**DUMAS** — Dr. William J. Weida, professor of economics at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colo., will speak on economic development in rural areas at 7 p.m. Monday, March 18, at the Community Building in Dumas. The meeting is open to the public.

## STATE

Mexican truckers can begin transporting goods through the US as early as June if they fulfill certain safety requirements.

## DEATHS

**Zela N. Cole**, 86, former Roberts County deputy.

**Geraldine "Jerry" Johnson Davis**, 70, former teacher.

**Walter Louis Dittberner**, 79, former farmer.

**B.N. Porter**, 73, former Phillips employee.

**J.C. Sutton**, 70, former oil field worker.

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## Man charged with murder in Shamrock van-pickup crash

A Colorado man was in Gray County jail this morning on murder charges in connection with a high speed chase down Interstate 40 and a fatal crash in Shamrock Friday.

Deborah Acuna, 47, of McLean, died Friday at Shamrock General Hospital of injuries suffered when the van she was driving was broadsided at the intersection of the north I-

40 frontage road and U.S. 83 in Shamrock.

Cody Ryan Howard, 22, Arvada, Colo., was in Gray County jail today on charges of murder, enhanced theft and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Howard is accused of running from law enforcement officers and crashing into Acuna's van.

Gray County officers said

Howard is also accused of stealing about \$26 worth of gas from the Taylor Mart in McLean. The charged, they said, was enhanced because of past convictions.

The green 2000 Ford pickup Howard was driving had been reported stolen in Colorado, officers said.

The clerk at the Taylor Mart told Gray County deputies she

saw a man driving off without paying for his gas shortly after noon Friday and called 911.

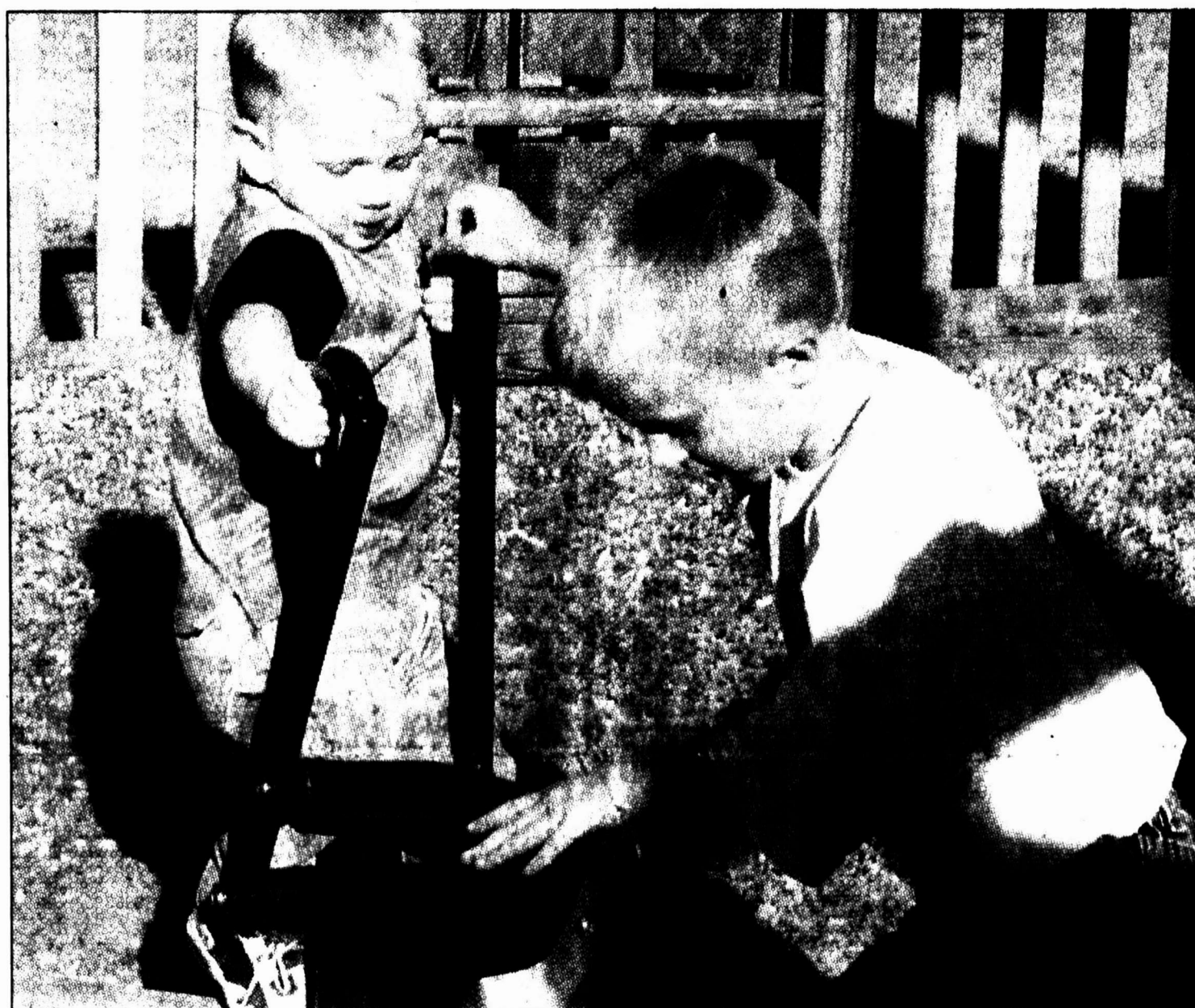
"That goes into Shamrock," Gray County Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing said of the 911 call.

Officers said a Department of Public Safety trooper from McLean and a Wheeler County deputy soon spotted a pickup matching the description given

by the clerk at the Taylor Mart east bound on I-40.

Authorities said the highway patrol and deputy sheriff tried to pull the pickup over, but it sped away with the officers in pursuit. Officers said speeds during the chase exceeded 100 miles an hour.

Wheeler County officials said the pickup took the first exit (See **Crash**, Page 2)



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson) Sean Anstey, 2, and Nicholas Nelson, 7, play with a shovel at the Super Playground last week on a beautiful afternoon. Obviously no stranger to cameras, when Sean spied the photographer he said, "cheese."

## PGWCD hires meteorologist

**WHITE DEER** — The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District has hired a new meteorologist and is looking at an airplane in connection with their rain making activities.

C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, told his board of directors during their regular meeting this week that the new meteorologist, Orlando Nunez, was attending a weather school in San Angelo but would be in White Deer by mid-April when the district begins their precipitation enhancement, or cloud-seeding program, for a third year.

In a meeting dominated by a tentative agreement between Mesa Water, who has high volume pumping applications pending in connection with their plan to pump and sell water in Roberts County down state, and the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, who had contested those applications, the board of directors hired a lawyer to represent the board in the contested permit administrative process.

Under the district's rules, the directors are prohibited from participating in the contested hearing process, but the district staff is

The district's lawyer, Mike Booth, an Austin attorney specializing in water law, is involved in the hearing process, but the directors aren't.

"Basically what happens is that the board sits as what you would consider a jury in a trial," Williams said. "The staff is party to it as well as the applicant."

Since the directors will sit as a jury, they are not allowed to participate in the process until information is presented to them in a formal hearing.

Brian L. Sledge with Lloyd, Gosselink, Blevins, Rochelle, Baldwin and Townsend, an Austin law firm specializing in water and environmental law, was hired to represent the board. Sledge was formerly director of research at the Texas Water Development Board.

"Sledge was hired just for the contested permit process," Williams said.

But Sledge's involvement may soon end with the apparent agreement in the contested permit case. Mesa and CRMWA reached a tentative agreement earlier this month.

## County commission to decide where forfeited funds to be deposited

By NANCY YOUNG  
Managing Editor

The decision has been made. District judges will decide on the location of the official depository for the forfeited funds in the 31st District Attorney's office following Friday morning's Gray County Commission meeting.

Differing opinions expressed have been expressed on where the seizure monies and forfeited funds should be deposited in two previous county commission meetings during the past month.

The matter first came to light at a Feb. 15 commission meeting when County Treasurer Scott Hahn said in most counties the county treasurer is in charge of the forfeiture funds received by the county.

He told the commissioners court none of the funds had

ever been given to him to administer in the 15 years he had been county treasurer.

County Attorney Todd Alvey told the commissioners at the meeting he found two Attorney General's opinions which applied to the situation in the 31st Judicial District. These laws, DM 247 and DM 162, were the opinions which cover the situation of the 31st Judicial District.

Alvey said both opinions were made by former Attorney General Dan Morales and covered multi-county judicial districts. He said the district judges in the multi-county judicial districts are to decide which county in the district where the money would be deposited.

Once that is done, then the county treasurer of that county opens the account in that county's depository, he said.

Alvey said the district attorney's



Rick Roach at commission meeting Friday morning

ney's office is to have total authority on the disbursements of the monies in the account. The only limitation is that he cannot use any of the funds to increase salaries in his department.

The county attorney said the fund does have to be made available once a year for audit by the County Auditor of the county in which the money is located.

He also said the DA will be the person on the signature card.

County Judge Richard Peet asked if the monies retrieved within one county's boundaries may be co-mingled with the funds found in another county. Alvey told Peet the funds from several counties may be placed in the same fund.

He also said there is nothing in the AG opinion which says the monies must be used in the (see **District Attorney**, page 3)

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**OBITUARIES**

**SERVICES TOMORROW**

**Services today**

**ROMINES, Virginia Mae Martin** — 2 p.m., Body of Christ Church, Pampa.

**Services tomorrow**

**COLE, Zela N.** — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.  
**DAVIS, Geraldine "Jerry" Johnson** — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.  
**DITTBERNER, Walter Louis** — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Panhandle.  
**PORTER, B.N.** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Llano East Cemetery, Amarillo.

**GERALDINE 'JERRY' JOHNSON DAVIS**  
 1931-2002

Geraldine "Jerry" Johnson Davis, 70, of Pampa, Texas, died Friday, March 15, 2002, at Pampa, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m., Monday at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Davis was born May 10, 1931, in Childress, Texas, to the late Georgia and Oscar Johnson of Tell, Texas. She grew up at Tell and graduated from Children High School in 1948. She attended West Texas State University, graduating in 1952.

She taught school at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in Pampa for 21 years. She married Joe B. Davis in Canyon on Nov. 22, 1950. They lived in Pampa since 1953.

She was a member of the Kappa Kappa Iota Teachers Sorority, Retired Teachers Association and was a life member of the Texas State Teachers Association. She was a member of the First

United Methodist Church and the Harrah Sunday School Class.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Davis, of the home; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Ruth Ann and David Noe of Perryton and Kathy and David McEntyre of Stinnett; a sister, Gwyn Hulsey of Pampa; a brother, L.N. Johnson of South Plains; four grandchildren, Dustin Noe of Weatherford, Okla., Megan Noe of Perryton, Jared McEntyre and Jay McEntyre, both of Stinnett; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.



**ZELA N. COLE**  
 1915-2002

**RAPID CITY, S.D.** — Zela N. Cole, 86, died March 7, 2002, at Rapid City. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., Monday in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa with Bill Cox, of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa. The body will not be available for viewing.

Mrs. Cole was born Aug. 4, 1915, near Durham, Okla., to Riley Earl and Gloxinia Roach Noblitt. She graduated from Miami High School in Miami, Texas, and was a sher-

iff's deputy and county tax recorder at Miami prior to and following World War II.

She married Ralph S. Cole on Dec. 24, 1947, at Pampa; he died July 31, 2001. The couple moved to Rapid City in 1958 from Moberly, S.D.

She was a member of the Church of Christ in Rapid City. She was active in her church and enjoyed spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by a sister, Crystal Tucker.

Survivors include a son, Clint Cole of Chula Vista, Calif.

**J.C. SUTTON**  
 1931-2002

J.C. Sutton, 70, of Pampa, died Thursday, March 14, 2002. Private graveside services were held Saturday, March 16, in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Lee Cornelison officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

A longtime Pampa resident, Mr. Sutton was born May 15, 1931, at Topeka, Kan. He worked as a roughneck in the oil field most of his life.

He was a Baptist. He was preceded in death by a son, James J. Sutton, in 1971.

Survivors include a son, Billy Ray Sutton of Arkadelphia, Ark.; a daughter, Patricia Ann Massey of Arkadelphia; three sisters, Nillie Graves and Linnie Schneider, both of Pampa, and Jean Dennis of Mesa, Ariz.; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

**B.N. PORTER**  
 1928-2002

**SKELLYTOWN** — B.N. Porter, 73, died Friday, March 15, 2002, at Skellytown, Texas. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Monday at the Llano East Cemetery in Amarillo with the Rev. Kelly R. Barrow officiating. Graveside rites are courtesy of the Adobe Walls Masonic Lodge #1355 of Borger. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Porter was born July 16, 1928, at Vernon, Texas. He lived in Skellytown and Borger most of his life. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean

Conflict. He worked for Phillips Petroleum for 32 years. He was a member of the Adobe Walls Masonic Lodge #1355 in Borger.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha, of the home; a son, James Porter of Perryton; a step-son, Ronnie Wilson of Amarillo; three brothers, Grady Porter of Bartlesville, Okla., Claude Porter of Balmorhea and Billy Porter of Dallas; a sister, Ann Gubala of Dallas; a granddaughter, Curry Lane Porter of Pampa; and a grandson, Bobby Jack Porter of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

**WALTER LOUIS DITTBERNER**  
 1923-2002

Walter Louis Dittberner, age 79, died March 14, 2002, in Pampa, Texas. He was born Feb. 27, 1923, in Carson County, Texas, to Herman Carl and Mary Nancy Dittberner who preceded him in death in 1955 and 1957, respectively.

Walter graduated from Panhandle High School in 1941. He was an U.S. Air Force veteran and served as a belly gunner instructor in World War II. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge, Masonic Lodge, a charter member of the Panhandle Country Club, and the United Methodist Church.

Walter was a lifetime resident of Panhandle and retired from farming in 1989. He won numerous grain sorghum yield awards and the Ford Farm Efficiency Award.

Walter married Helen Margaret Nickell, July 19, 1947, who preceded him in death Feb. 27, 1993. Also preceding Walter in death was

a sister, Alberta Anderson in 1979. He is survived by a son, Chris and Pam Dittberner, of Pampa; a daughter, Nancy and Joe Brown of Dumas; a brother, Ed and Ozella of Panhandle; and a sister, Joyce and Jim Johnson of Salem, N.C. Also surviving him are four grandchildren, Clay Cheek of Gatesville, Crystal Perez of San Antonio, Texas, Kimberly Brown of Pampa, and Michael Dittberner of Pampa. Walter has two great-grandchildren, Alex and Kaitlin Perez of San Antonio, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Monday, March 18, 2002, at the First United Methodist Church in Panhandle with the Rev. Kathryn Boren, Pastor, officiating.

Contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church of Panhandle or Crown of Texas Hospice.

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Monday, partly sunny and windy with highs around 70. Monday evening, partly cloudy. Tuesday, partly cloudy and windy. Lows near 35. Highs in the upper 50s.

**STATEWIDE**

Texans in the southern and eastern parts of the state may plan on spending the weekend indoors, as cooler temperatures and showers and thunderstorms come through.

In North Texas, Sunday should be mostly cloudy skies with a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the south and east. Highs will range from the upper 60s to the upper 70s.

The Texas Hill Country also will have a slight to a good chance of rain Sunday night. Highs should be in the 70s Sunday.

Rain is also possible in southeast Texas and the upper Texas Coast Sunday, thunderstorms are likely, with highs in the upper 60s to mid 70s.

The northwest should stay dry, with the Panhandle seeing clear skies with lows from near 30 to the middle 30s. Mostly sunny and breezy skies will prevail Sunday with highs from 60 to 65 northwest to the upper 60s southeast.

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**Crash**

into Shamrock and sped east on old Route 66. The two patrol cars chased the pickup east through Shamrock and out of town along the south frontage road before the pickup turned and started back west in the eastbound lanes of I-40 toward Shamrock.

Officers said the pickup then crossed the median into the westbound lanes, exiting

onto the frontage road on the north side of I-40 as the deputy reportedly pulled up beside the pickup and the trooper closed in from behind.

Constable Jerry Bob Jernigan said he had just pulled up next to the service station at the intersection in an effort to stop the fleeing vehicle, when the pickup shot past him.

Officers reported that the pickup ran a stop sign and broadsided a 1998 Chevrolet mini-van driven by Debbie

Acuna, sister-in-law of Wheeler County Sheriff Jimmy Adams.

Witnesses said the force of the crash threw the van into the air.

Authorities said Acuna, southbound on U.S. 83, was alone in the van and had just finished lunch at a nearby restaurant. Acuna was rushed to Shamrock General Hospital where she was pronounced dead, authorities said.

Officers said Howard and a passenger in the pickup, Lorena

Ferguson, 19, Westminster, Colo., were taken to Shamrock General Hospital and then transferred to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo for injuries suffered in the crash. Howard reportedly suffered a broken ankle. Ferguson suffered a broken right arm, authorities said.

Howard was booked into the Gray County jail about 10 p.m., Friday. Ferguson was in Northwest Texas Hospital late Friday night.

Department of Public Safety

**Yates gets life sentence**

**HOUSTON (AP)** — The tormented woman who drowned her five children in a bathtub was sentenced to life in prison, following a trial that sparked debate over the consideration of mental illness and postpartum depression in murder prosecutions.

A jury of eight women and four men delivered the sentence Friday after just 35 minutes of

deliberations, rejecting the option of condemning Andrea Yates to death by injection.

After the jury returned its punishment, Russell Yates reiterated his support for his wife, who had pleaded innocent by reason of insanity.

"I believe in Andrea," he said. "She's the victim here not only of the medical community but also the justice system."

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## RRC urges operators to 'get serious' about new pipeline regs

AUSTIN — Texas Railroad Commissioner Tony Garza wants pipeline operators to adhere to the commission's tough, new pipeline safety rule, a measure passed last year. Under the Texas Railroad Commission's pipeline integrity testing rule, operators were to have filed notification

of their integrity assessment and management plans by Feb. 1.

Garza is encouraged by the responses from some operators, but remains generally disappointed by what he calls, "an appalling and wholly unacceptable rate," thus far. "We estimate that less than

50 percent of operators met the pipeline integrity testing rule's initial February 1st deadline," Garza said. "That's a real failure on the part of simply too many operators. We have a tough safety rule on the books, what we need now is full participation and compliance."

"El Paso Field Services and TXU-Lone Star Pipeline are just two examples of companies who are making an effort to comply with the integrity testing rule requirements," Garza noted. "What's unfortunate is the number of companies who have done little or nothing to meet their first deadline under the new rule."

According to the Commission's pipeline safety division, the operators responding account for a less than half of the total miles of intrastate pipeline. There are just over 150,000 miles of intrastate pipelines running through Texas.

Garza noted that the pipeline safety division is working to contact non-complying operators, based on the type of data received or not received by the February 1 deadline. "The Commission has the authority to fine operators up to \$10,000 per day for non-compliance. I've urged our enforcement division to pursue non-complying companies by using all available measures up to and including show cause hearings."

"Our integrity testing rule is the first of its kind in the nation and represents a major step forward for our state's already nationally recognized pipeline safety program," Garza said. "Through proper enforcement of this new pipeline integrity testing rule, we have a real opportunity to build on a strong safety record and offer Texans some peace of mind."

Texas' pipeline safety record is strong. For the 10-year period of 1989-1998, Texas' pipeline accident rate of 1.597 per 1,000 miles of pipe stood well below the national rate of

2,696 accidents per 1,000 miles of pipe.

California is the only other state with a pipeline integrity testing rule on the books. Yet, Texas' rule is broader, applying to not only liquid pipelines (as the California rule does) but also to additional types of pipelines. The Texas rule also incorporates high-tech testing procedures. The U.S.

Department of Transportation is, in fact, using the Texas rule as a model for drafting national standards.

Information on the Commission's pipeline integrity testing rule's requirements can be found on-line at <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/commissioners/garza/garza.html>. The rule was adopted on April 10, 2001.

### PFAA Workshop



(Courtesy photo)

Pampa Fine Arts Association recently sponsored a three-day watercolor workshop with award-winning artist Jean Weeks of Bay City, Texas. Weeks has studied with artists in Houston, Louisiana and California. PFAA brought her here previously for a workshop in the fall of 2000.

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### District Attorney

monies must be used in the county where they were seized.

District Attorney Rick Roach said he was in total agreement with the legal interpretation by Alvey.

"Todd (Alvey) has hit the nail right on the head," said Roach. "I agree with his interpretation."

Roach said it is his understanding this procedure has never been followed in the 31st

Judicial District. "Before I took office the monies were held in the Wheeler County depository and I deposited them in the Roberts County depository," he said.

The district attorney said he believes the judges will select Gray County because that is the only county with an auditor, and the opinion requires the auditor of the county audit the funds on a yearly basis.

Hahn said the money will

automatically be collateralized according to FDIC requirements in the county depository.

Roach said much of the seized monies never wind up in the forfeiture accounts because of a state law which provides that 70 percent of the amount must go to Austin.

"In other words if law enforcement gets \$800,000 in drug money, we'd only keep about \$220,000 in the 31st Judicial District," said Roach.

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# Sept. 11 coverage is too much

Should I feel guilty? I don't know for sure. But I just can't watch — or read — hour after hour of the war coverage and Ground Zero. I think it just up my stress level which is high enough as it is.

Does this mean I don't care? I don't think so. When I saw the two towering beams of light at the site of the World Trade Center turned on for the first time last week, there was spontaneous tears. It'd been a while since I had cried over it.

Part of it, maybe, is that there are so many television stations now ... news stations ... and there is so much time to fill. And my Time and Newsweek seemingly have it on the cover every week. And unusual for me, those magazines are going unread.

It reminds me of Vietnam or something.

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Talk about foot in mouth.

Last week baseball great Hank Aaron was at some kind of function put on by the auditing firm of Ernst & Young. The com-



KATE DICKSON  
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

pany was hoping to get lots of publicity out of the event ... especially now that the major auditing firms are looking to place themselves above the fray involving Enron and its former accountant, Arthur Andersen.

Anyway, Aaron is talking and says he wants to "thank Enron Young" for their sponsorship of whatever the event was.

There was no audible laughter but a sports reporter who was interviewed said he was standing in the back of the room where most of the Ernst & Young folks were.

He said some of the firm's employees

doubled over as if to keep from laughing, but most, he said, "appeared to be in severe gastric distress."

... I don't doubt that.

But it may be one of those things that in the long run get the firm more publicity than they could have imagined had Aaron not had the slip of the tongue.

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Another bad idea. Another bad joke from our sports editor L.D. Strate.

Newsroom talk on the eve of the totally white trash television event that had Tonya Harding going up against Paula Jones in a boxing match prompted the joke.

"Did you hear about the nightclub Tonya Harding is going to open?" L.D. asked.

We cringed.

"It's going to be called Club Nancy," he said.

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## FROM OUR FILES

40 years ago

**WEDNESDAY, March 21, 1962.** Loren E. Pigg, 31, former member of the Amarillo Police Department, has been named a patrolman in the Pampa Police Department, it was announced today by Police Chief Jim Conner.

**THURSDAY, March 22, 1962.** R.D. (Jimmy) Wilkerson has been elected president of the Pampa Rotary Club it was announced at yesterday's noon meeting. Wilkerson, who is in the plumbing business, is also a member of the school board of the Pampa Independent School District.

**FRIDAY, March 23, 1962.** The Pampa Boat and Ski Club, Inc., was officially chartered as a non-profit corporation for 50 years by the State of Texas on March 20, 1958.

25 years ago

**THURSDAY, March 17, 1977.** DUBLIN, Ireland — The Pride of Pampa High School Band won the coveted Waterford Crystal Cup as the outstanding entry in the St. Patrick's Day Parade Tuesday.

**FRIDAY, March 18, 1977.** AMARILLO — Dusty Hudson, who shrugged off high winds and a double bogey on the first hole, fired a 72 to lead Pampa to the low round among district teams in the second 3-AAAA boys golf round Thursday at the Southwest Public Golf Course.

**SUNDAY, March 20, 1977.** The Texas Highway Patrol investigated 11 accidents on rural highways in Gray County during February, according to Sgt. James Powell, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

10 years ago

**WEDNESDAY, March 18, 1992.** Pampa Police Officers Allan Smith and John Goes received promotions today to lieutenant and sergeant, respectively, said Chief of Police Jim Laramore.

**THURSDAY, March 19, 1992.** The sales tax rebate received this month in Pampa was up 8.81 percent over last March's payment, but records show a 1.72 percent decrease for the year-to-date figures, according to State Comptroller John Sharp.

**FRIDAY, March 20, 1992.** Pampa's Lady Harvesters go into the Top O' Texas Invitational next weekend with a perfect record after three track meets.

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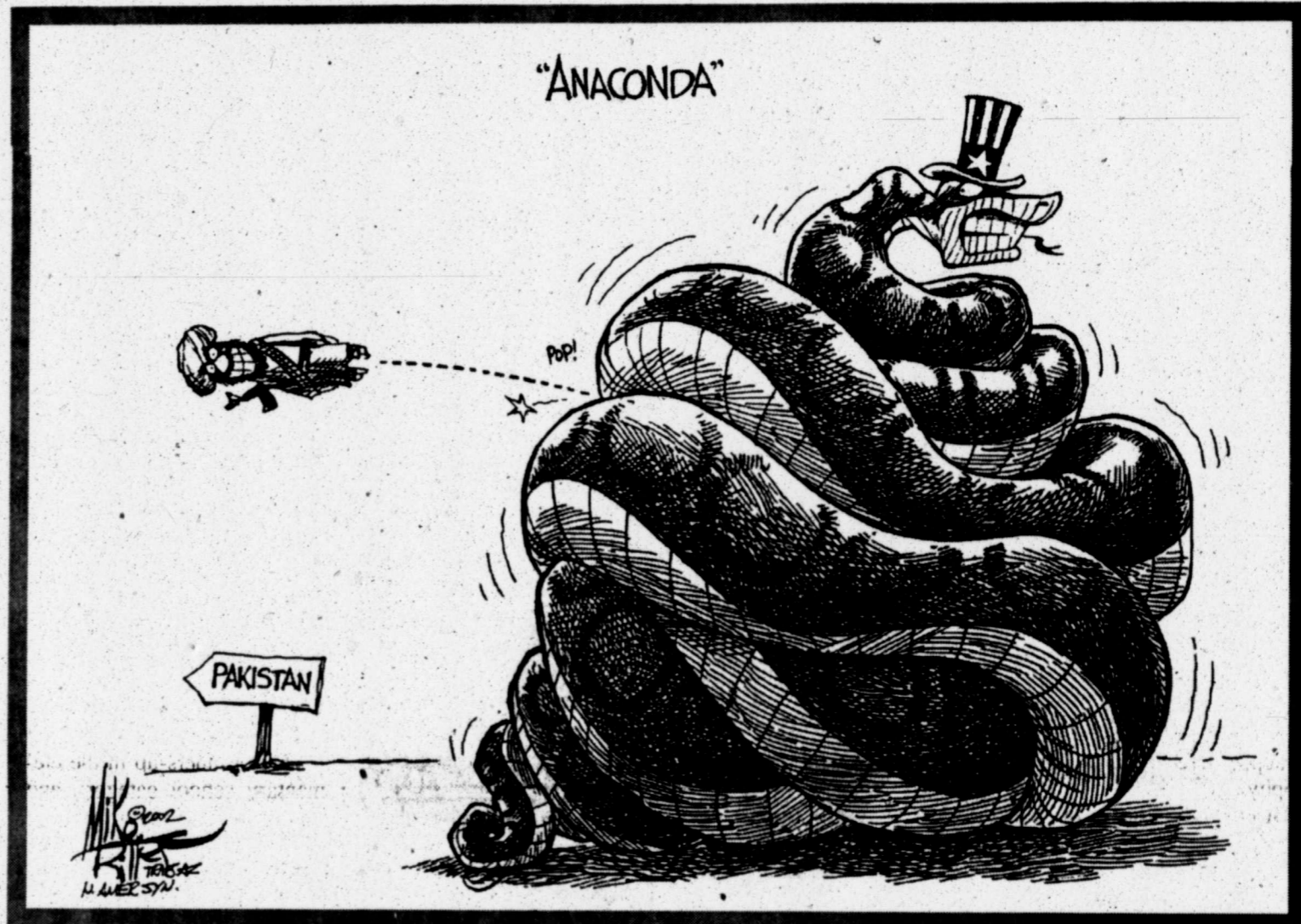
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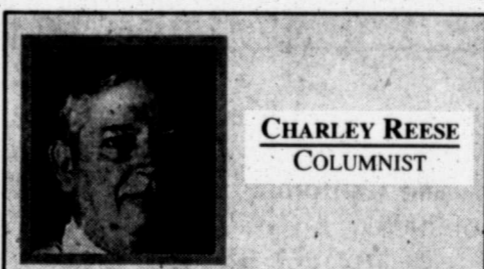
# Definition of a free society

Some guy accused me of advocating socialism the other day. The density of the matter — whatever it is — between the ears of some people who call themselves conservatives rivals that of a black hole.

Let me tell you what a free society is. In a free society, you pay your medical bills out of your pocket or you don't get any health care. You pay for your own education, and that of your children, out of your own pocket. If you don't have a job, you scrounge or sponge or steal or starve until you find one. You provide for your own retirement or you get old and poor. In a free society there is no welfare, no public education, no workers' compensation, no unemployment compensation, no Medicaid, no Medicare, no subsidies and no Social Security.

That's why a free society is the last damned thing most Americans today want, including those who label themselves conservatives. They are already armpit-deep in socialism and don't have the brains to realize it. Talk of a free society in terms of *laissez-faire* economics is irrelevant. It's not on anybody's agenda except for my friends at the Ludwig von Mises Institute. You would think that even the dimmest light bulb would realize that during the past 50 years, no matter who has been elected — Republicans or Democrats, so-called conservatives or liberals — governments at all levels have gotten bigger and bigger and bigger.

I don't want to put a strain on anyone's IQ, but a large government that takes 50 cents of every dollar earned makes a free society impossible. What we have is a semi-free, semi-socialistic society that is moving ever toward less freedom and



CHARLEY REESE  
COLUMNIST

more government control. When you have two presidential candidates debating which of them can provide more government services, that should give even a fool a hint that a free economy and individual liberty are not on either party's radarscopes.

The difference today between Democrats and Republicans is the difference between the financial backers each party wishes to reward. Out of 535 members of the House and Senate, I doubt if you could find 50 who are ideologically either left or right. Most of them are just opportunists who wouldn't know a political philosophy if one crawled in bed with them.

Most Americans today don't know how to live free. Our ancestors did, but most of us don't. Look at how many Americans never even exercise the rights they still have left. Look at how easily cowed they are by political correctness. Look at how eager they are to trade liberty for security. Look at how gullible they are in swallowing all the platitudes, bromides, cants and cliches their politicians feed them.

When Lithuania was still under complete control of the Soviet Union, a little girl came home sobbing. Her communist teacher had stood her up before her class-

mates and viciously ridiculed her Christian beliefs. Her mother had no rights at all. She was totally at the mercy of the government. But that brave mother marched down to the Communist Party headquarters and gave a tongue-lashing to every communist bureaucrat within hearing. Now that's living free.

The KGB ordered Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn to stay away from the funeral of a literary friend. Solzhenitsyn went to the funeral; and he walked down the aisle to the open casket and kissed his friend's forehead. How many Americans have the guts to tell FBI agents if they came to the door: "Unless you have a warrant, go away. I don't wish to talk to you." Damned few, I suspect.

No terrorist on Earth can take away our liberties, but we can give them away if we act like sheep when politicians want to use the excuse of terrorism to dismantle what's left of the Constitution.

Perhaps we'd all better just practice living as free people, at least for a few weeks, just to get a feel for it. You know what I mean: Speak up and out, assemble, petition, practice our religion and defend our right to do so, pack a gun, serve on a jury, insist that the government respect all of the Bill of Rights and apply it to everybody, citizen or not, within our boundaries.

Then, when we have relearned how to live as free and self-reliant people, we can worry about socialism. And, by the way, raising the minimum wage is no more or less socialistic than corporate subsidies and tax breaks for the rich.

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

### BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On this date:  
In 1776, British forces evacuated Boston during the Revolutionary War.  
In 1905, Eleanor Roosevelt married Franklin D. Roosevelt in New York.  
In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt used the term "muckraker" in a speech to the Gridiron Club in Washington.  
In 1910, the Camp Fire Girls organization was formed. (It

was formally presented to the public on this day two years later.)  
In 1941, the National Gallery of Art opened in Washington, D.C.  
In 1942, Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Australia to become supreme commander of Allied forces in the southwest Pacific theater during World War Two.  
In 1950, scientists at the

University of California at Berkeley announced, they had created a new radioactive element, "californium."  
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# Annual Texas Tomorrow Fund contest under way

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander is encouraging school children to get out their crayons, pencils, paints and especially their creativity, and draw a picture of 'What I Want to Be After College'.

"Enter your drawing of your dream career in the sixth annual Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest, and you could win one of nine Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarships sponsored by Belo Corp., Farmers Insurance Group, Intel Corp., Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas and Fannie Mae," Comptroller Rylander said.

"Maybe you want to be a doctor, a fire fighter, a scientist or a computer chip designer. Whatever you dream of becoming, a college education is the first step," Comptroller Rylander said. "A Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarship will guarantee that your tuition and required fees will be paid when you are ready for college."

The Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest is open to all Texas students enrolled in elementary or middle/junior high school. The grand prize winner from the elementary school category and the grand prize winner from the middle/junior high school category will each receive a four-year Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarship sponsored by Belo Corp. and Farmers Insurance Group.

Intel Corp. will award a four-year scholarship in a third contest category, the Intel Math, Science, Engineering and Technology (IMSET) scholarship. The IMSET category is open to students of any age whose drawings depict careers in technical or scientific fields.

Three runners-up in the elementary school category and

three runners up in the middle/junior high school category of the Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest will receive one-year community college scholarships sponsored by Fannie Mae and Blue Cross, and Blue Shield of Texas.

Complete contest rules and entry/parental consent forms are available from local schools and libraries, or they may be downloaded from the Texas Tomorrow Fund web site at [www.texas-tomorrowfund.org](http://www.texas-tomorrowfund.org). Send entries to: College Scholarship Poster Contest, Texas Tomorrow Fund, Comptroller of Public Accounts, P.O. Box 13407, Austin, TX 78711-3407.

The contest entry deadline is Friday, April 12. Winners will be announced in May.

"Every year, the Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest attracts thousands of entries from school children

across Texas," Comptroller Rylander said. "The contest encourages kids to envision the future they would like to have and to think about the education and training they will need to make their dreams come true."

The Texas Tomorrow fund allows families to set up a flexible, affordable plan to prepay their children's college tuition and required fees at today's prices. For as little as \$33 a month, parents or grandparents of a newborn can prepay for two years of community college. As little as \$132 a month covers tuition and fees for four years at a Texas public college or university for today's newborn.

The current Texas Tomorrow Fund enrollment period ends May 24. For more information or to access the Texas Tomorrow Fund's convenient online enrollment system, visit the Web site at [www.texas-tomorrowfund.org](http://www.texas-tomorrowfund.org).



(Community Camera photo)

Competing in Dance Showcase U.S.A. were (front row) Jenna Munsell; (second row, left-right) Caylee Steward, Abbey Rios; (third row, l-r) Monica Schepp, Allison Cooper and Danielle Zuniga.

## Dance Showcase U.S.A. competition

Students from Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center of Pampa recently competed in Dance Showcase U.S.A.

M.G. students placing in the contest are as follows:

**Junior Division (4- to 12-year-olds).** Caylee Steward, silver medal and second-place trophy; Jenna Munsell, silver, first-place trophy; Allison Cooper, silver, second-place trophy; Danielle Zuniga, gold medal, first-place trophy; Monica Schepp, silver, second-place trophy.

**Duet Division.** Jenna Munsell and Danielle Zuniga, silver medal, second-place trophy to "Conga"; Allison Cooper and Abbey Rios, silver, first-place trophy to "Make 'Em Laugh."

**Modeling Category.** Allison Cooper, silver medal, first-place trophy.

**Costuming Category.** Danielle Zuniga, gold medal, first-place trophy.

**Overall Competition.** Danielle Zuniga, top 10 solo, routine to "Bailamos."

**Senior Division/Modeling.** Myca Vinson, silver medal, first-place trophy; Lauren Denney, gold medal, first-place trophy.

**Senior Division/Solo.** Myca Vinson, two silver medals, two second-place trophies for "Moulin Rouge" and "Grease" routines, and gold medal, third-place trophy.

## PHS Band competes in ensemble contest

Members of the "Pride of Pampa" High School Band recently competed in UIL Solo and Ensemble competition at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Soloists making first divisions were as follows: Lexi Hill, piccolo; Rebecca Middlebrook and Ruth Anne Schlewitz, flute; Shelley Smith, clarinet; Kim Conner and Gabby Lindsay, bass clarinet; Sarah Teague, bassoon; Price Hall, alto saxophone; Travis Leever, tenor saxophone; Chris Owen, French horn; Cory Bromwell, euphonium; Brian Klein, marimba.

Ensembles making first divisions were: Alex Davila, April Laycock and Whitney Parker, clarinet trio; Amanda Brown, Lexi Hill, Shelley Smith and Sarah Teague, woodwind quartet; Ryan Bradley, Price Hall, Travis Leever, Leslie McWilliams, Don Shuck and Brad Stucker, saxophone ensemble; Kim Conner, Meredith Fleming and Nicole Sikes, clarinet ensemble; Justin Haddock, Evelyn Jasso, Amanda Lee and Chuck Patrick, trumpet quartet.

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phy, jazz routine to "It's Me"; Lauren Denney, silver, third-place trophy, tap routine to "Diamonds," and silver, first-



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Other competitors included (left-right) Myca Vinson, Laura Pulse and Lauren Denney.



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# Mausoleum to be built at Pampa

**T**he new climate-controlled Chapel of Peach Mausoleum will be the only chapel mausoleum between Amarillo, Texas, and Oklahoma City, Okla.

and exterior forms of entombment including 432 casket spaces as well as 560 cremation niches. The exterior crypts and niche fronts will be fabricated from imported Rosa Porrino granite with Red Balmoral granite trim. Imported Perlato and Breche Nouvelle marble will be used for the interior crypts and niche fronts.

Saber Management LLC began the pre-construction reservations program of the

new Chapel of Peace Mausoleum in 1998 and on February 18, 2002, has broken ground approximately one year ahead of schedule. Saber Management LLC is headquartered in Indianapolis, Ind., and was recently selected by the Indianapolis Business Journal as the number one fastest growing private company in the Indianapolis area.

Memory Gardens of Pampa is proud to serve the community of Pampa and surrounding areas with the option of above ground mausoleum entombment. Local families now have an opportunity to own a piece of this beautiful mausoleum. Families still have time to take advantage of Discounts and Savings offered during the construction phase of the mausoleum. Please call (806) 665-8921 for more information. Completion of the Chapel of Peace Mausoleum is slated for later this year.



Exterior design of mausoleum to be built at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa. (Courtesy photo)

Memory Gardens of Pampa recently held a groundbreaking ceremony to commemorate the construction of the new chapel mausoleum in Pampa, Texas. Representatives from Saber Management LLC commissioned Gibraltar Mausoleum Construction Company to build the new chapel mausoleum. The new climate-controlled Chapel of Peach Mausoleum will be the only chapel mausoleum between Amarillo, Texas, and Oklahoma City, Okla. It will provide the families of the greater Pampa area the opportunity to select the cleanliness and beauty of mausoleum entombment and provide the comforts of holding the final committal services inside the new beautiful chapel. The mausoleum will offer interior

# Bank's privacy officer on lookout for thefts

By DAN WALLACH  
BEAUMONT ENTERPRISE

BEAUMONT, Texas — Veronica N. Kittok enjoys scaring people with tales of identity theft, a crime that affects 1,500 new people each day.

It's part of her job. Kittok, Hibernia National Bank's corporate privacy officer, told of a waiter in a restaurant who found an American Express charge card left by a tipsy customer.

The waiter, thinking the customer eventually would have reported the loss, waited for another customer to pay for a night out with another American Express card.

The criminal genius then switched the cards, pocketing the fresh charge card, and proceeded to spend.

The lesson here, Kittok said, is when paying for something with plastic, make sure your card is returned and get your receipt so you can destroy it.

Kittok recently visited Hibernia's Beaumont bank to talk to employees about business fraud and identity theft, one of the fastest-growing categories of crime in the country.

In brochures she developed as Hibernia's privacy officer, a position the bank created in April 2001, Kittok said the average bank robber in the United States nets \$250.

However, the average high-tech crime nets at least \$50,000.

And it happens without the victim's immediate knowledge, she said. These criminals look for specific targets, she said.

For example, some identity thieves stake out day cares, she said. The thief watches for a mother picking up her child, who runs into the day care while leaving her purse in an unlocked car.

The thief quickly grabs her wallet out of the purse, keeps the credit cards, Social Security card, driver's license, and checkbook, and tosses the rest.

Armed with bank account number, and access through personal identification numbers, the thief can pose as the victim and quickly drain her resources.

A similar situation happens at shopping center parking lots, Kittok said.

Shoppers sometimes drop off purchases in their cars rather than lug packages around from store to store. A thief will look for that, break into the car, steal the purchase and the receipt that usually accompanies it, which might have the victim's credit card number on it.

"When I make presentations to banks, they say to me, 'Thanks for scaring the hell out of us,'" Kittok said. "When I made my first presentation on Oct. 31, the average for identity theft was 1,000 people a day" nationwide. By January, it was up to 1,500 a day."

Everyone is at risk, Kittok said.

The elderly are particular targets, however because they generally own plenty of assets, have paid off their homes and have stellar credit ratings after spending their lives making timely payments, she said.

Thieves will steal their mail and looking for things such as preapproved credit offers. A thief will send in a change-of-address on the credit invitation, receive the card, and begin spending.

An individual is liable for only the first \$50 in fraudulent charges, but it could take as long as three years and \$800 or more for a person to repair his or her credit rating, Kittok said.

A defrauded business is not so lucky, she said.

# Public radio station receives support from refinery

High Plains Public Radio has received a \$10,000 contribution from the Phillips Borger Refinery and NGL Center located in Borger. The award has been placed in the restricted fund of the Top O'

Texas Public Radio Project, and will be used for construction, first-year operations and maintenance of the KTOT public radio station to be located south of Perryton.

Thurman Nance, manager

of the Borger Refinery, presented the contribution. Sandy Webb, Amarillo resident and president of the HPPR Board of Directors, accepted the award and expressed thanks to the Phillips organization for their generous support. Also attending the presentation was Judy Flanders, chairperson of the Borger KTOT Committee.

The capital campaign for bringing public radio service to the Texas Panhandle began in October 2001. Construction of the 1,000-foot tower is slated to begin in late spring, pending receipt of some final

FCC and FAA paperwork.

The new station will broadcast 24 hours a day at 89.5 FM, and will provide programming that includes in-depth news, classical, jazz and folk music, and coverage of regional events and issues.

High Plains Public Radio is a non-commercial service, supported largely by listener memberships. It is a full member of National Public Radio and currently serves Western Kansas, portions of Southeastern Colorado and the Oklahoma Panhandle, and Amarillo.

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### Farm Bill

have lived in the country at least five years. Immigrants were cut off of the program in the 1996 welfare of federal welfare programs.

In a letter to the negotiators, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman also said the administration "strongly objects" to another Senate provision allowing private financing for food sales to Cuba. Under a 2000 law, the government and U.S. banks are barred from lending money to Cuba for buying U.S. agricultural products.

The letter, dated Wednesday, was silent on the meatpacker ban and the \$275,000 per farm payment limit.

Seeking to put Harkin on the spot, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, threatened Friday to oppose the final farm bill if it significantly weakens the Senate-passed restrictions on meatpackers, a hot issue among hog producers in Iowa and neighboring states.

"Please use your leadership position and support the wishes of our constituency," Grassley wrote Harkin, who is up for re-election in Iowa this year.

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but she doesn't live here anymore.  
In her new home with Christ above,  
and Saints on heaven's shore.  
My mother waits to greet me there...  
but she doesn't live here anymore.*

*We wish to thank our friends and relatives who brought food, sent flowers, cards and blessed us with their prayers. We would like to send a special thanks to Dr. Kamnani, PRMC Hospital ICU nurses who so lovingly cared for her during her illness, Brother Kurt and Barrett Baptist Church.*

*The Family of Thomas N. Bates  
Gratefully acknowledges the outpouring of kindness extended to our family during our recent loss. Thank you so much for the food, flowers, memorial donations and especially the prayers offered on our behalf. Dr. Kamnani and the loving care of the nurses and care takers who cared for him at home, will be always remembered. Many thanks to everyone.*

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# Two Pampa educators re-elected to TCTA state office

AUSTIN — Jeanna B. Miller, educational diagnostician for Pampa ISD, and Jan A. Stroud, eighth-grade history teacher at Pampa Middle School, have both been re-elected to Texas Classroom Teacher Association (TCTA) during the Association's annual convention held recently in Richardson.

Miller will serve another term as Curriculum and Instruction committee chair of the TCTA. Her new term in office begins June 1.

Miller has served as statewide committee chair since 1999. In this position, she oversees the committee that addresses the Association's

stance/involvement on statewide curriculum and instruction issues.

The committee also helps keep TCTA members updated on shifts in statewide policies. As a statewide officer, she will serve on both the TCTA Board of Directors and the Association's 10-member Executive Committee.

Prior to winning election as Curriculum and Instruction chair, she served for five years on the TCTA Board as a district 16 director. Locally, she is active in the Pampa Classroom Teachers Association, where she has served as president, secretary and chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Miller holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from West Texas State University and a master's degree from West Texas A&M University, with a specialization as an educational diagnostician. She has been teaching in the Pampa ISD for 18 years.

Stroud won re-election to a two-year term on TCTA

Board of Directors, representing District 16. Her new term begins June 1. She has served in this seat since 1999.

Stroud was re-elected by members from district 16, the area she represents on the TCTA Board. District 16 covers 26 counties in the Texas Panhandle, bordered by Dallam and Lipscomb to

the north and Parmer and Childress to the south. The 2002-03 TCTA Board will include two district 16 directors: Stroud and Cindy G. Gilliland of Amarillo.

As a TCTA Board member, Stroud represents her district, helps set policy for the statewide association and assists leaders of TCTA local affiliates in

her 26-county area.

In addition to her statewide service, Stroud is active in Pampa Classroom Teachers Association.

TCTA is based in Austin and is the only statewide teachers association that limits its active membership to those directly involved in classroom teaching or teaching support.

## Several WT proposals up for consideration by A&M System Board

CANYON — The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents will consider several West Texas A&M University proposals at its March 21-22 meeting in College Station. Topping the list is a request for approval of two new undergraduate programs — bachelor of arts/bachelor of science degree in pre-law studies and bachelor of science degree in athletic training.

The A&M System Board will also consider tuition- and fee-increase proposals from all nine of its university members. The West Texas A&M request, which was presented at a public hearing Feb. 28 on the WTAMU campus, includes:

- a state-mandated tuition hike from \$42 to \$44 per semester credit hour,
- a \$1 increase in Designated Tuition (from \$27.50 to \$28.50) per semester credit hour,
- an increase in the Health Fee from \$29.26 to \$32.19 per semester,
- an increase in the Student Service Fees from \$13 per semester credit hour (maximum \$165) to \$14.30 per semester credit hour (not to exceed \$180),
- a new \$1 per-semester, per-student Washington, D.C., Internship Education Program fee (approved by student referendum) and
- a new \$4 per-semester, per-student

International Education Fee to fund a study-abroad program.

If approved by the board, a Texas resident enrolled in 15 semester credit hours at WTAMU in fall 2002 may expect to pay \$1,435.66 in basic tuition and fees, an increase of \$67.93 over spring 2002 figures.

The A&M System Board will also consider three nominations submitted by WTAMU for Professor Emeritus honors. The title is conferred upon retired faculty who made "a significant contribution through long and distinguished service to the University in administration, teaching, research and professional service."

## PCCA membership drive



(Courtesy photo)

Myrna Orr, left, Pampa Community Concert Association board member, visits with Doris Goad, PCCA membership campaign worker. PCCA is currently conducting its 2002-03 membership drive. To join, renew a subscription or for more information, call Ruth Riehart, president, at: PCCA, P.O. Box 1935, Pampa, TX 79066; or call 665-3362. A covered-dish dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m., Monday, March 18 at Zion Lutheran Church for volunteers and board members. All membership cards and renewals may be turned in to Nancy Hahn at this time.

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## BAND

Amanda Dyson, Nathanael Holmes, Kyle Leger and Doug Warren, brass quartet; Stephanie Boyd, Matt Dyer, Amanda Dyson, Jonathan Fleming, Ashley Francis, Justin Haddock, Nathanael Holmes, Matt Jameson, Kyle Leger, Justin Myers, Chris Owen, Johnny Story, Josh

Tabor and Doug Warren, brass ensemble; Luke Bailey, Ryan Bradley, Cory Bromwell, Matt Dyer, Amanda Dyson, Justin Haddock, Price Hall, Nathanael Holmes, Matt Jameson, Jonathan Kilhoffer, Amanda Lee, Travis Leever, Leslie McWilliams, Lindsey Meyer, Chuck Patrick, Brad Stucker, A.J. Swope, Josh Tabor and Doug Warren, jazz ensemble.

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# Cattle Women select Ag Family of the Year

Top O' Texas CattleWomen recently selected Bob and Dianne Buckingham as its "Ag Family of the Year."

Each year the CattleWomen choose a family which represents the best of farming and ranching in the area.

This year's ag family honorees are being recognized during National Agriculture Week, March 17-23.

For 32 years, Bob and Dianne Buckingham have operated "66 Ranch," a commercial Hereford operation north of Shamrock in Wheeler County.

One-half of their Hereford cows are bred for F-1 cross

calves; the other to top Hereford bulls for replacement heifers each year. They also run yearlings year around — in the winter on wheat, and grass in the summer.

From the start of their Hereford operation, the Buckinghams have been conservation-conscious stewards of the land. Their philosophy is: "If you take care of the land it will take care of you."

Bob is conservative in the amount of cattle he runs to allow for year-around grazing. He rotates his cattle among various pasture lands, allowing for more forage for both his cattle and the surrounding wildlife.

In addition to the Hereford herd, they raise registered quarter horses as well. Some of the gelding they raise are ridden and used on the ranch.

Both Buckinghams are members of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Texas Hereford and American Quarter Horse Association.

Diane is an active member of American National CattleWomen and Top O' Texas CattleWomen, serving as past president of the area chapter. She is local treasurer and local and state chairwoman of Beef Gift Certificates program.

She has served on numerous committees and is responsible for the publishing the Top O' Texas CattleWomen's cookbook. In her spare time, she helps at the Methodist Church with Boosters, Funeral Taskforce and the annual church bazaar. She also belongs to Thursday Literary Club.



(Courtesy photo)

Branding time at Bob and Dianne Buckingham's "66 Ranch".

The Buckinghams have two sons — Bobby who lives in Alva, Okla., and Danny who lives in Sunray — and two granddaughters, Julia and Billie of Alva.



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## Tenth Farm Credit District posts year-end results

AUSTIN — Tenth Farm Credit District recently posted solid financial results for the year that ended Dec. 31, 2001.

The district is composed of the Austin-headquartered Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT) and 22 local credit cooperatives in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas. It is the largest rural financing organization serving the five-state region.

Gross loan volume totaled \$6.009 billion at Dec. 31, 2001, a 14.8 percent increase from the \$5.236 billion in loan volume reported a year earlier. This loan volume growth came from the district's mortgage loan portfolio, which totaled \$5.041 billion at year-end 2001, up 19.1 percent from the \$4.233 billion reported at year-end 2000.

"Declining interest rates kept the district in a very competitive position throughout the year and contributed to a stable rural real estate market in spite of a downturn in the general economy. These factors, combined with increased marketing and customer service efforts, contributed to a 45 percent increase in new mortgage business last year," said Arnold Henson, FCBT chief executive officer.

The short- and intermediate-term agricultural loan portfolio totaled \$968.2 million at Dec. 31, 2001, down 3.5 percent from \$1.003 billion at Dec. 31, 2000. This decrease resulted largely from newly formed Agricultural Credit Associations transferring loans qualifying as long-term mortgages from their Production Credit Association subsidiaries to their Federal Land Credit Association subsidiaries.

The quality of the district's loan portfolio remained extremely high last year, declining only slightly to 97.5 percent classified as acceptable at Dec. 31, 2001, from 97.6 percent acceptable at year-end 2000.

The district's net income totaled \$112.1 million for the year ending Dec. 31, 2001. This compares with \$80.2 million in net income the previous year. Net interest income totaled \$208.4 million in 2001, an increase from the \$192 million reported in 2000. The district's return on average assets increased to 1.83 percent for the year ending Dec. 31, 2001, from 1.48 percent for the prior year.

Farm Credit lenders follow the cooperative principle of sharing a portion of their earnings with their borrower-stockholders. For the year that ended Dec. 31, 2001, approximately \$25.2 million in cash

dividends and patronage distributions have been paid or declared for payment to Tenth District stockholders.

The Tenth District's 22 local lending cooperatives include 12 Agricultural Credit Associations, which make both short-, intermediate- and long-term loans, and 10 Federal Land Credit Associations, which provide long-term mortgage financing. Together, these lenders have nearly 60,000 loans outstanding to farmers, ranchers, agribusiness operators, and rural homeowners and landowners.

The Tenth Farm Credit District is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System. The System reported combined net income of \$1.785 billion for the year ending Dec. 31, 2001, as compared with combined net income of \$1.422 billion for the prior year.

## Agriculture Week being celebrated around the nation

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that March 17 to 23 is National Agriculture Week in Texas.

"Each and every Texan has a vital stake in agriculture," Combs said. "During this week we honor the hard work and dedication of Texas farmers, ranchers and many other agriculture professionals in our state's food and fiber industry. These are the individuals who ensure that we have an abundant, reli-

able and affordable supply of food, natural fiber, horticultural, forestry and other agricultural products."

Combs kicked-off National Agriculture Week in Texas by signing a proclamation and with a display at the state capitol saluting Texas' farms and ranches that have been in continuous operation for 100 years or more. The Commissioner recognized those farmers and ranchers recently, during the 27th Annual Family Land

Heritage Ceremony.

"It is easy for us to take for granted our agricultural abundance, which is why it is important that we recognize the rich heritage that makes this all possible," Combs said. "For generations, Texas farmers and ranchers and their families have worked hard to build an industry that accounts for about 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultural income and is the second-largest industry in Texas."

From the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle, Texas is the most agriculturally diverse state. Agriculture generates \$80 billion annually throughout the state's economy, and one out of every five Texans works in an agriculture-related industry.

"Texas agriculture plays a major role in health and nutrition as well as in water conservation, rural economic development, global trade and the preservation of the environment," Combs said. "National Agriculture Week gives us a chance to recognize the people who continually enrich our lives in so many ways."



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# CALENDAR ITEMS

**PALC**  
Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

**ST. MARK CME**  
St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

**MACEDONIA BAPTIST**  
Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.

**CHRISTIAN COWBOYS**  
The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

**PFAA**  
Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building.

**SHRINE CLUB**  
Pampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 7 p.m. every third Friday of each month at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes.

**PAMPA TAKEDOWN CLUB WRESTLING**  
Pampa Takedown Club Wrestling for youth 5-15 years of age. Practice is at 900 N. Frost. Season starts Sept. 25 through February. For more information, call Rick Urguhart at 665-8321.

**MAGIC PLAINS**  
Magic-Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at The Coffee Shop, 220 N. Cuyler. Working business women are invited to attend. For more information, call Pat Winkleblack at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

**STORY HOUR**  
Lovett Memorial Library will offer a story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday. The free program is open to children 18 months to 6 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

**ACCORD**  
The Gray County Chapter of Active Citizens Concerned Over Resource Development in Agriculture, Inc. (ACCORD INC.), meet the first and third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Lovett Memorial Library. For information, call 665-8516 or 665-7659.

**GRAY COUNTY PARTNERSHIP**  
Gray County Partnership meets at 12 noon on the third Friday of each month at Medical Office Building, second floor conference room, in Pampa. For more information, call 665-3631 and leave a message.

**MOM MANIA**  
Mom Mania, a support group

for mothers with small children, meets at 6:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the meeting room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. Come for facts, food and fun. Nursery not included but infants and toddlers are welcome. For more information, call 665-3631.

**CPF**  
Cerebral Palsy Foundation is seeking families with children (birth to age 12) affected by cerebral palsy in an effort to establish a chapter in the area. CPF offers financial and emotional support as well as many free services. For more information, call 1-888-872-7966 toll-free.

**GRAY COUNTY ARC**  
Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross is in need of wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, potty chairs (with pot) and hospital beds for its Loan Closet. For more information or to make a donation, contact the local Red Cross office at 669-7121.

**HOSPICE HOPE SERIES**  
Crown of Texas Hospice is offering HOPE (Healing Our Parental Emptiness) bereavement series for those grieving the death of a child (pregnancy to 18 years) from 10-11:30 a.m. the first Saturday of each month at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. The series is free and open to the public. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

**CHARITY BINGO**  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open one hour early. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Edgar D. Carson, 669-0853 or 669-1264.

**CLEAN AIR AL-ANON**  
Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 2004 Williston. For more information, call 665-6898.

**TRALEE**  
Women's Support Group for victims of domestic violence offers peer counseling, group support and education on issues resulting from family violence and/or sexual assault from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call 669-1131.

**EXTENSION EDUCATION**  
Gray County Extension Education meets at 1:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Gray County Courthouse Annex.

**GCGS**  
Gray County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month in the Gray County Sheriff's Department classroom. (Enter through the north door of the jail building.) For membership inquiries, contact Harley Madison at 669-6294.

**PP/AMARILLO**  
Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas

Panhandle is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #173-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

**GCARC**  
Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**  
The Alzheimer's Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing, call Dauna Wilkinson at 6650 0356.

**CLARENDON VFW CHARITY BINGO**  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7782, Hwy 287 east, Clarendon, hosts charity bingo every Saturday. Doors open at 6 p.m. with games starting at 7 p.m. Ten games are played per session. For more information, call 874-VETS. The maximum award is \$750 per game and \$2,500 per session.

**PPHM STORY TIME**  
Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will present "Story Time" at 2:30 p.m. every second Saturday of each month except December and January on the second floor of the museum. For more information, contact PPHM at (806) 651-2244.

**SKY TEENS**  
Crown of Texas Hospice is offering SKY Teens, a monthly bereavement series for teens grades 9-12 who are grieving the death of a loved one, from 5:30-7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at its office at 1000 S. Jefferson in Amarillo. There is no charge for the series. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

**T.O.P.S. #149**  
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

**T.O.P.S. #41**  
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

**AL-ANON**  
Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 665-6898.

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**VETERANS NOTICE**  
To recognize the contributions Texas veterans have made to

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

**OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES/WIC**  
Outreach Health Services/WIC Nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information, call 665-1182.

**CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS**  
The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

**LAS PAMPAS WATER GARDEN/KOI SOCIETY**  
Las Pampas Water Garden and Koi Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at First Landmark Building in the Pampa Mall. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Loyd Waters 665-6466.

**PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**  
The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

**ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL**  
A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

**MASONIC LODGE #966**  
Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at 420 W. Kingsmill.

**OPEN DOOR AA**  
Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky (across from Albertson's) meeting schedule — seven days a week — two meetings a day — noon till 1 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday noon meetings are non-smoking. For more information, call 665-9702.

**MINISTRIAL ALLIANCE**  
Pampa Area Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month. Location changes monthly.

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST**  
Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, will host prayer time from 11 am.-2 p.m., each

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

**AHS**  
American Heart Association meets at 12 noon the second Thursday of each month at Chaney's Restaurant.

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Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers from the community to respond during times of crisis, in Pampa and other parts of the county. As well as personal satisfaction, volunteers learn how to protect themselves and cope with disaster by planning ahead, particularly essential during tornado season. In addition, ARC is willing to deliver informational discussions on disaster preparedness to area church or community organizations. For more information, call (806) 669-7121.

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

**BOY SCOUTS**  
Boy Scout leaders meet at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at First Presbyterian Church of Pampa. The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

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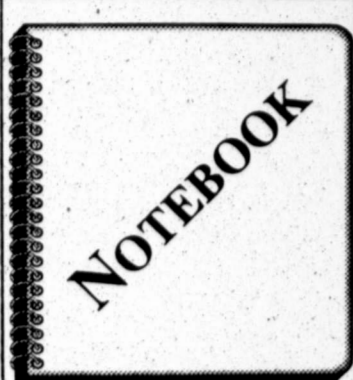
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# SPORTS



## Pampa High teams get set for district

### GOLF

**Pampa Middle School Golf Class**  
**Boys Putting Contest Last Week's Results**  
 1. Chad Norris  
 2. Russell Bradley  
**This Week's Results**  
 1. Reid Schlindler  
 2. Marcus Dudley  
**Girls Chipping Contest**  
 1. Chelsea Anderson  
 2. Taren Johnson

### BASEBALL

**COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP)** — Brad Halsey threw a two-hitter as Texas rolled to 15-0 victory over Missouri on Friday.  
 Halsey (3-0) struck out 13 and gave up just two walks in the shutout. Jeff Ontiveros had three hits and five RBIs for Texas, including a grand slam in the eighth inning. Tim Moss and Ryan Hubele also each had three hits for the Longhorns (18-6, 3-4 Big 12).  
 Jody Roughton and Ryan Rothford got the lone hits for Missouri (7-9, 0-4). Justin James (0-1) gave up seven runs and seven hits in 3 2-3 innings for the loss.

### Flashback

**1959:** J.R. Brown of Amarillo won the 25th annual Tri-State Senior Tournament, defeating Lew Lacy of Oklahoma City 2-1 with a birdie on the 17th hole at the Amarillo Country Club course.  
 It was the third Tri-State title for the 55-year-old Brown.

PAMPA — The Pampa High boys and girls golf teams open the District 3-4A season this week with the early advantage in their favor.

Both teams tee off the first round on their home courses — the boys at Hidden Hills, the girls at Pampa Country Club.

The Harvesters will be seeking their third consecutive District 3-4A golf title this spring. The Harvesters won last year's district title by 13 strokes. Randall and Dumas are expected to have the best shot at knocking off Pampa.

Pampa competed in the tough San Angelo Classic last weekend and finished a respectable 10th in the 23-team field.

PHS senior Daniel Heuston was third individual medalist with rounds of 78 and 75. His 75 in the final round forced a playoff with Snyder's Britt Sharrock. Heuston emerged as the winner after one hole to take third place. Heuston's 75 was also the tournament's lowest round the second day.

Heuston, Daniel Williams and Mitch Schilling are the returning starters from last year's district championship team. Heuston has been the district's most dominating player, winning medalist honors the past two seasons.

Brad Stucker and Gary Utsey round out Pampa's starting five.

Heuston is gaining national recognition going into his final season.

Based on four tournament appearances, he is ranked No. 5 in the state and No. 65 nationwide in the latest Junior Golf Scoreboard Rankings. Heuston has won one tournament and placed in the top 20 in the other three.

### Golf

The Harvesters were entered in the Amarillo Relays over the weekend.

With four players who had starting experience a year ago, the Lady Harvesters should make a strong run for first place in the girls division. Hereford could be the team to beat.

Cortney Locknane, Megan Shannon, Michelle Haley and Krissi Holman are back from last season's third-place team. Molly Crossman is the No. 5 player.

**ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)** — Tiger Woods birdied five of the first 10 holes and wound up with a 7-under 65, giving him a four-shot lead over Scott McCarron heading into the weekend in the Bay Hill Invitational.

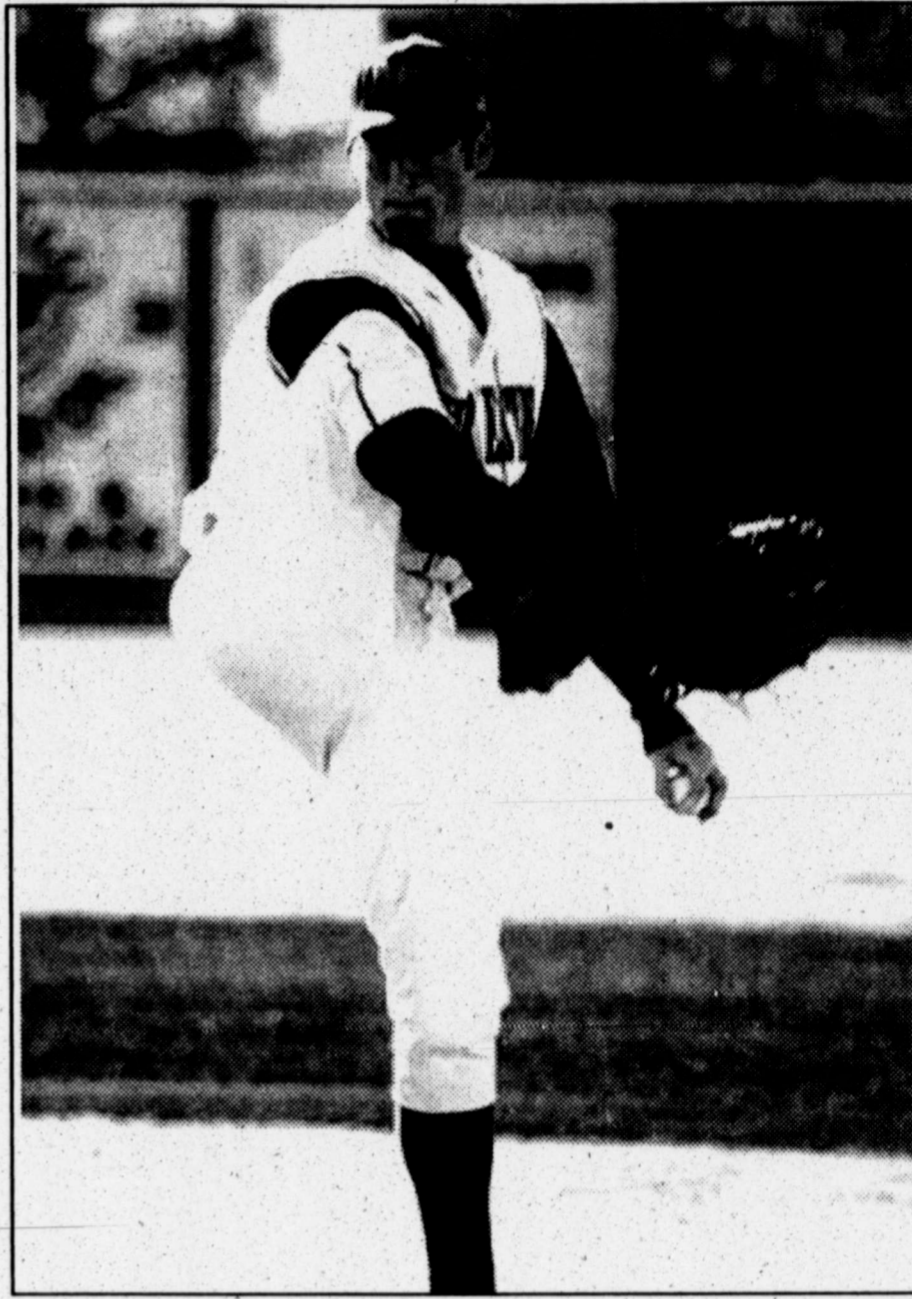
Woods was at 12-under 132 and had the third-largest lead after 36 holes in his career.

McCarron had a bogey-free 67 and was at 136, with Ernie Els (67) and Angel Cabrera of Argentina (70) another stroke back. John Daly had a 71 and was at 138.

**CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AP)** — Americans Joel Kribel and Bryce Molder shot 3-under 69s to share the lead in the Clearwater Classic, co-sponsored by the Buy.com and Australasian tours.

Kribel and Molder had 9-under 135 totals on the Clearwater Resort course. American Brad Ott (67) was a stroke back along with Australians Peter O'Malley (69) and Anthony Painter (66).

## Howard signee



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa left-hander Adam Jones has signed a letter-of-intent to play baseball at Howard College in Big Spring. Adam is the son of Mike and Regina Jones.

## Longhorns roll past Boston College in regional opener

**DALLAS (AP)** — Texas' T.J. Ford is the best in the country at making sure his teammates get baskets. Yet every so often the freshman point guard realizes that he needs to shoot it, too.

Ford scored five of his 20 points during a crucial stretch midway through the second half, helping the Longhorns

maintain a big early lead for a 70-57 victory over Boston College on Friday night in a Midwest Regional opener.

"We went a while without scoring and I knew I had to do something for my teammates," said Ford, who also had seven assists. "I just started attacking the defense and forcing them to play

me."

Ford, who is likely to become the first freshman to lead the nation in assists, came within two points of his season high in the most important game of his young career. The victory sends Texas (21-11) into a second-round game Sunday against Mississippi State, which

beat McNeese State 70-58.

"I don't think there's a player that means more to his team than T.J. Ford does," Longhorns coach Rick Barnes said. "I've got so much confidence in T.J.; I was probably surprised he had jitters at the beginning of the game. He was a little jumpy but he settled down."

## Lady Harvesters shut out Riverside

**HOBBS, N.M.** — Pampa shut down El Paso Riverside 3-0 Friday in bi-district play to advance into the next round of the Class 4A girls soccer playoffs.

"I'm really proud of our seniors. For the past four years they haven't lost in the first round of the playoffs. They've always advanced to the second round," said Pampa coach Jimmy Patulea.

Pampa defenders, especially Katlin Passini, gave Riverside very few scoring opportunities.

"Riverside had fast people and some good players in skill positions and we shut them down. Katlin has done an outstanding job all season on the other team's fast forwards. She's really stepped up on defense," Patulea said.

The Lady Harvesters spread out their scoring. Misti Northcutt, Stefanie

Goldsmith and Sarah Porter each had a goal.

The Lady Harvesters go against Aledo High at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Wichita Falls.

## Texas Tech women move into NCAA's second round

**LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)** — Texas Tech moved into the second round of the NCAA tournament for the eighth straight year Friday night, beating Stephen F. Austin 84-63 in the West Regional.

Tech had five players in double figures and Tanisha Ellison scored a career-high 20 points and Jolee Ayers had a double-double.

Tech, seeded fourth, will play Mississippi State on Sunday night in the second round of the West Regional. The Lady Bulldogs beat Boston College 65-59 in the first game Friday night.

Tech (19-11) never trailed,

Canyon, Pampa's district foe, also advanced with a 4-0 win over El Paso Bowie on Friday.

jumping out to a 14-5 lead early in the game, aided by poor shooting by the 13th-seeded Ladyjacks who went 2-for-11 in the first eight minutes.

Stephen F. Austin (24-6) scrapped their way back into it on a 9-4 run before Tech mounted a run of its own — 15-8, during which Ellison scored her 11 first-half points. "It's NCAA time," said Ellison, a senior, whose previous high was 19. "I'm trying to play like it's my last game and try to come out and leave it all on the court. I had so much energy and so much confidence in my teammates."

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## NCAA Tournament Glance

**All Times EST**  
**OPENING ROUND**  
At University of Dayton Arena  
Dayton, Ohio  
**Tuesday, March 12**  
Sierra 81, Alcorn State 77

**EAST REGIONAL**  
**First Round**  
**Thursday, March 14**  
At Edward Jones Dome  
St. Louis  
Kentucky 83, Valparaiso 68  
Tulsa 71, Marquette 69

**Friday, March 15**  
At The MCI Center  
Washington  
North Carolina State 69, Michigan State 58  
Connecticut 78, Hampton 67  
Wisconsin 80, St. John's 70  
Maryland 85, Siena 70

At The United Center  
Chicago  
Southern Illinois 76, Texas Tech 68  
Georgia 85, Murray State 68

**Second Round**  
**Saturday, March 16**  
At Edward Jones Dome  
St. Louis  
Kentucky (21-9) vs. Tulsa (27-6), 5:38 p.m.

**Sunday, March 17**  
At The MCI Center  
Washington  
Connecticut (25-6) vs. North Carolina State (23-10), 2:30 p.m.  
Maryland (27-4) vs. Wisconsin (19-12), 30 minutes following previous game

At The United Center  
Chicago  
Georgia (229) vs. Southern Illinois (27-7), 4:46 p.m.

At The Carrier Dome  
Syracuse, N.Y.

**Semifinals**  
**Friday, March 22**  
Maryland-Wisconsin winner vs. Kentucky-Tulsa winner  
Georgia-S. Illinois winner vs. Connecticut-N.C. State winner

**Championship**  
**Sunday, March 24**  
Semifinal winners

**SOUTH REGIONAL**  
**First Round**  
**Thursday, March 14**  
At The Bi-LO Center  
Greenville, S.C.  
Kent State 69, Oklahoma State 61  
Alabama 86, Florida Atlantic 78  
Notre Dame 82, Charlotte 63  
Duke 84, Winthrop 37

At ARCO Arena  
Sacramento, Calif.  
North Carolina-Wilmington 93, Southern California 89.

OT  
Indiana 75, Utah 56

**Friday, March 15**

At Mellon Arena  
Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh 71, Central Connecticut State 54  
California 82, Pennsylvania 75

**Second Round**  
**Saturday, March 16**  
At The Bi-LO Center  
Greenville, S.C.  
Duke (30-3) vs. Notre Dame (22-10), 1:10 p.m.  
Alabama (27-7) vs. Kent State (28-5), 3:36 p.m.

At ARCO Arena  
Sacramento, Calif.  
N.C.-Wilmington (23-9) vs. Indiana (21-11), 7:45 p.m.

**Sunday, March 17**  
At Mellon Arena  
Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh (28-5) vs. California (23-8), 2:36 p.m.

At Rapp Arena  
Lexington, Ky.

**Semifinals**  
**Thursday, March 21**  
Duke-Notre Dame winner vs. N.C.-Wilmington-Indiana winner  
Alabama-Kent State winner vs. Pittsburgh-California winner

**Championship**  
**Saturday, March 23**  
Semifinal winners

**MIDWEST REGIONAL**  
**First Round**  
**Thursday, March 14**  
At Edward Jones Dome  
St. Louis  
Stanford 70, Holy Cross 59  
Kent State 84, Western Kentucky 68

At ARCO Arena  
Sacramento, Calif.  
Wake Forest 83, Pepperdine 74  
Oregon 81, Montana 62

**Friday, March 15**  
At The United Center  
Chicago  
Creighton 83, Florida 82, 20T  
Illinois 93, San Diego State 64

At American Airlines Center  
Dallas  
Mississippi State 70, McNeese State 58  
Texas 70 vs. Boston College 57

**Second Round**  
**Saturday, March 16**  
At Edward Jones Dome  
St. Louis  
Kansas (30-3) vs. Stanford (20-9), 8:04 p.m. At ARCO Arena  
Sacramento, Calif.  
Oregon (24-8) vs. Wake Forest (21-12), 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday, March 17**  
At The United Center  
Chicago  
Illinois (25-8) vs. Creighton (23-8), 2:20 p.m. At American Airlines Center  
Dallas  
Mississippi St. (27-7) vs. Texas (21-11), 2:15 p.m.

At The Kohl Center  
Madison, Wis.

**Semifinals**  
**Friday, March 22**  
Kansas-Stanford winner vs. Illinois-Creighton winner

At The Bi-LO Center  
Greenville, S.C.  
Oregon-Wake Forest winner vs. Mississippi St.-Texas winner

**Championship**  
**Sunday, March 24**  
Semifinal winners

**WEST REGIONAL**  
**First Round**  
**Thursday, March 14**  
At The Pit  
Albuquerque, N.M.  
Missouri 93, Miami 80  
Ohio State 69, Davidson 64  
Wyoming 73, Gonzaga 66  
Arizona 86, UC Santa Barbara 81

**Friday, March 15**  
At Mellon Arena  
Pittsburgh  
Cincinnati 90, Boston University 52  
UCLA 80, Mississippi 58

At American Airlines Center  
Dallas  
Oklahoma 71, Illinois-Chicago 63  
Xavier 70, Hawaii 58

**Second Round**  
**Saturday, March 16**  
At The Pit  
Albuquerque, N.M.  
Ohio State (24-7) vs. Missouri (22-11), 3:20 p.m.  
Arizona (23-9) vs. Wyoming (22-8), 30 minutes following previous game

**Sunday, March 17**  
At Mellon Arena  
Pittsburgh  
Cincinnati (31-3) vs. UCLA (20-11), 12:10 p.m.

At American Airlines Center  
Dallas  
Oklahoma (28-4) vs. Xavier (26-5), 4:41 p.m.

At The Compaq Center  
San Jose, Calif.

**Semifinals**  
**Thursday, March 21**  
Cincinnati-UCLA winner vs. Ohio State-Missouri winner  
Oklahoma-Xavier winner vs. Arizona-Wyoming winner

**Championship**  
**Saturday, March 23**  
Semifinal winners

**THE FINAL FOUR**  
At The Georgia Dome  
Atlanta  
**National Semifinals**  
**Saturday, March 30**  
East champion vs. Midwest champion  
South champion vs. West champion  
NOTE: First game scheduled for 6:07 p.m. with the second game to start 40 minutes after the first National Championship

**Monday, April 1**  
Semifinal winners, 9:18 p.m.

## Red Raiders ousted by Southern Illinois

CHICAGO (AP) — New school, same old result in the NCAA tournament for Bob Knight.

Jermaine Dearman had 17 points and 11 rebounds Friday night as 11th-seeded Southern Illinois beat Knight's Texas Tech 76-68 in an Eastern Regional opener. Knight Williams scored 17 for the Salukis, who won their school-record 27th game.

It was only the second NCAA win ever for the Salukis. And it was yet another disappointingly short run in the tournament for Knight, whose teams have lost in the first round in five of his last seven NCAA appearances.

Knight was fired by Indiana in September 2000 for a "pattern of unacceptable behavior."

Though he has three national titles and is 42-22 in 25 tournament appearances, Knight hasn't been to the round of 16 since 1994. But it's the first-round losses that really sting. And they haven't been close ones, either.

Indiana lost to Colorado by 18 in 1997, matching the Hoosiers' worst postseason defeat. That was followed by a 25-point blowout to St. John's in 1999, and a 20-point loss to Pepperdine in 2000.

Though Texas Tech was the sixth seed, this wasn't that much of an upset. The Red Raiders were just 9-19 last season, and Knight did a remarkable rebuilding job with six holdovers, four junior college transfers, two freshmen and a walk-on.

Tech (23-9) earned its first NCAA bid since 1996. But the Red Raiders were simply over-matched against the Salukis. Andy Ellis and Kasib Powell had 19 each, but leading scorer Andre Emmett had just nine points.

The Red Raiders were held to just 39 percent shooting — and that was even with Dearman and Rolan Roberts, SIU's top defenders, starting the game on the bench. The two, who started Southern Illinois' first 33 games, were benched for being late to practice Wednesday.

But the game wasn't really what the fans came to see. All eyes were on Knight, who

looked out of place in his black sweater and was just four hours north of Bloomington, Ind., where he spent 29 years.

There were some boos when he took the floor for the game, and one Southern Illinois fan held up a sign reading, "'Hey Knight. What's Up?' Salukis."

Knight was fired after he grabbed the arm of a student who said, "What's up, Knight?"

But raucous cheers drowned out any boos when Knight was introduced. Knight didn't show any reaction, of course. And he was fairly well-behaved once the game started.

He did let loose at Nick Valdez at one point, calling him over to the bench to yell at him, and continuing the "discussion" at the next timeout. And Knight was livid when Andy Ellis was called for basket interference with 18:16 to play, jumping up and screaming at the referees.

"That's not right," he said to one. "You can't possibly see."

It appeared that the ball might have been off the rim when Ellis touched it, but replays were inconclusive. In Knight's mind, though, there was no question, and he was still complaining about it at a timeout a minute later.

Other than that, though, he was a model citizen. Southern Illinois coach Bruce Weber spent more time on his feet.

When Mike Marshall was called for what could have been a charge, Knight simply leaned back in his chair, crossed his arms across his chest and glared at the referee. When Pawel Storzynski was called for traveling, Knight jumped up and took a few steps down the bench, then sat back down.

And when Dearman scored on an alley-oop to put Southern Illinois up 53-38 with 8:09 left, Knight just looked over at son Pat, a Red Raiders assistant, as if to ask him where they were going for dinner.

## Kevin Brown status for opening day unclear

By The Associated Press

Kevin Brown isn't feeling any pain. Still, he hasn't pitched very much this spring, and it's unclear if he'll be ready by opening day.

Brown, recovering from a right elbow injury that required surgery, pitched two shutout innings as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Florida Marlins 2-1 Friday night in a split-squad game at Vero Beach, Fla.

Brown walked Pablo Azuna on four pitches to start the game, then gave up a single to Marty Malloy — who went 4-for-4 — before getting out of the inning with a strikeout and double play.

Brown retired the side in order in the second inning. The right-hander said his arm felt fine, and Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said Brown will likely pitch again Tuesday or Wednesday.

"We'll see how he's doing tomorrow and then take it from there," Tracy said. Los Angeles scored on McKay Christensen's RBI double in the third, and Chad Kreuter's sacrifice fly in the seventh.

In Fort Myers, Fla., Rick Reed backed down and decided to stay with the Minnesota Twins. Slated to be the fourth starter in a rotation that's already one of the strongest in the AL, Reed withdrew the trade demand he filed following the World Series.

The pitcher has guaranteed salaries of \$7 million in 2002

and \$8 million in 2003, the final seasons of a \$21.75 million, three-year contract that also contains an \$8 million club option for 2004.

"To be honest with you, I didn't want to lose that money, so I made a decision," Reed said in Fort Myers, Fla., after pitching 4 1-3 innings in a 7-5 loss to Toronto. "I'm happy to wear this uniform. I'm just glad the whole thing's over and we can move on."

In other games:  
**Blue Jays 7, Twins 5**  
At Fort Myers, Toronto's Vernon Wells hit a go-ahead two-run double off Jack Cressend in the ninth, and Eric Hinske was 3-for-4 with a two-run homer, a double and two RBIs.

**Astros 6, Cardinals 0**  
At Jupiter, Fla., Houston's Raul Chavez hit a grand slam and Brad Ausmus had a solo homer. St. Louis pitcher Darryl Kile, in his first start since off-season arthroscopic surgery on his right shoulder, threw two perfect innings.

**Red Sox 9, Marlins (ss) 5**  
At Fort Myers, Johnny Damon and Manny Ramirez homered and drove in two runs each. Winner Derek Lowe allowed two runs and six hits in four innings as the Red Sox stopped a five-game winless streak with their first victory under new manager Grady Little.

**Expos 6, Indians 0**  
At Winter Haven, Fla., Carl Pavano pitched five no-hit innings. The Montreal right-hander, limited to eight starts

last season because of elbow surgery, is 1-1 with a 2.13 ERA in four starts this spring.  
**Phillies 8, Rangers 3**

At Port Charlotte, Fla., Vicente Padilla, undefeated as a starter in Triple-A after beginning last season in the Philadelphia bullpen, struck out seven, including Alex Rodriguez and Juan Gonzalez twice each.

**Pirates 8, Devil Rays 5**  
At Bradenton, Fla., Chad Hermansen hit two doubles and a home run, and Kip Wells pitched three scoreless innings for Pittsburgh.

**Dodgers (ss) 3, Braves 1**  
At Kissimmee, Fla., Terry Mulholland pitched three hitless innings, and Paul LoDuca went 2-for-3 with an RBI. In the first meeting since Los Angeles traded Gary Sheffield to Atlanta for Brian Jordan, Sheffield went 0-for-2 and Jordan went 1-for-3 with a double.

**Yankees 10, Royals 6**  
At Tampa, Alfonso Soriano hit a pair of three-run homers and extended his hitting streak to 14 games. Dee Brown hit a two-run homer off Mike Mussina.

**Orioles 6, Mets 3**  
At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Sean Dougllass pitched four strong innings and Jeff Conine had two RBIs to help Baltimore run its winning streak to eight games. Mike Piazza and John Valentin homered for New York.

**Tigers 4, Reds 2**  
At Lakeland, Fla., Shane Halter had a home run and

single in two at-bats for Detroit. The shortstop has hit safely in 11 of the Tigers' last 12 games and is batting .467 (14-for-30).

**Diamondbacks 14, Brewers 12**

At Phoenix, Jose Guillen hit for the cycle and Luis Gonzalez hit a solo homer. Guillen was 4-for-5 with four runs scored, three RBIs and a stolen base. He is 15-for-32 in his last 10 games.

**Angels 12, White Sox 5**  
At Tucson, Ariz., Adam Kennedy had a grand slam and six RBIs, and Jose Molina was 4-for-4 for Anaheim.

**Athletics 8, Cubs 1**  
At Phoenix, David Justice hit his first home run of the spring, a three-run drive in a five-run sixth inning. Frank Menchino had three hits, including a home run, and also had three RBIs for Oakland.

**Rockies 7, Padres 3**  
At Tucson, Todd Hollandsworth and Ben Petrick each had two of Colorado's 15 hits. Colorado's Mark Little was hit in the head in the fourth by a pitch from reliever Jason Middlebrook. Little left the game, but trainers said he was not injured.

**Giants 9, Mariners 1**  
At Peoria, Ariz., Barry Bonds hit an opposite-field homer and Kirk Reuter allowed seven hits in five innings. Joel Pineiro, the leading candidate to become the Mariners' fifth starter, gave up four runs and eight hits in four innings.

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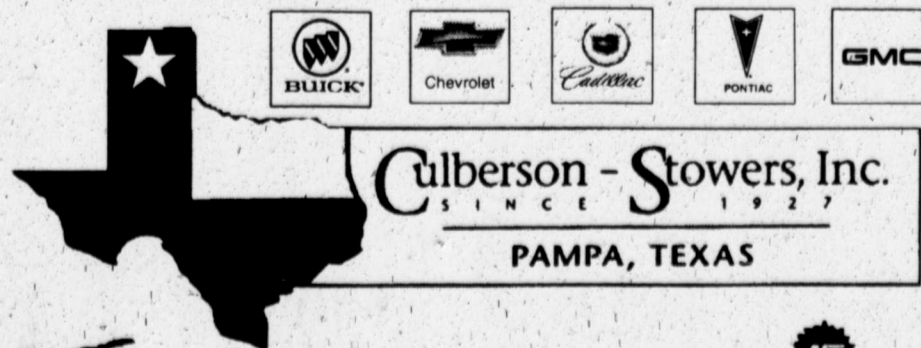


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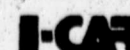
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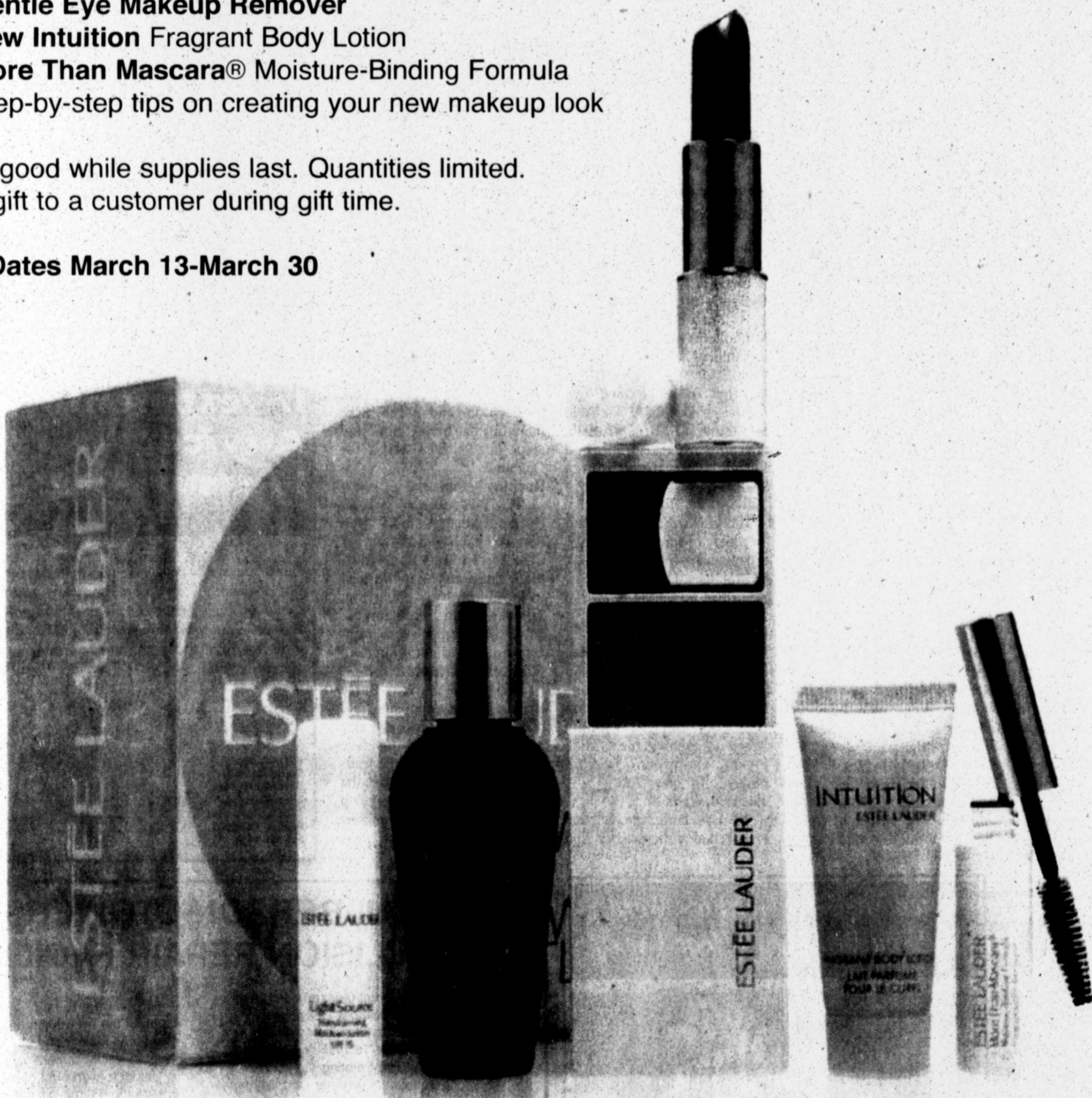
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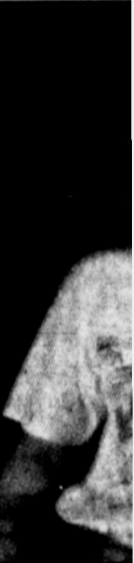


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Brian Sealman

CANYON — Brian Sealman, a freshman nursing major from Pampa, has been nominated for Student Employee of the Year at West Texas A&M University.

Sealman is a student assistant in the Comette Library Circulation Department. He has worked in the position for five months.

The WTAMU Student Employee of the Year winner will go on to the regional competition, according to Elise Copeland, coordinator of Student Employment Services.

All nominees will be recognized and the winner will be announced at a reception at 1:30 p.m., Friday, April 12 in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center.

CANYON — Vicki Williams-Brookshire, a 2001 Pampa High School graduate, was recently named to the



Vicki Williams-Brookshire

President's List at West Texas A&M University for the 2001 fall semester.

To be eligible for the honor, a student must maintain a 3.85 or higher grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours.

Brookshire, a sophomore special education major, maintained a 4.0 GPA while carrying 15 hours.

She is the daughter of Vic and Patti Williams.

CLARENDON — Clarendon College's Iota Phi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) recently welcomed 20 honor students into its membership ranks.

PTK, a national honor society for junior colleges, elects members on the basis of grade point average and course credits earned. At CC, PTK members must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

Students inducted into the chapter this year include: Belinda Frances Spencer of Pampa; and Marinda Leigh Carter, Cassidy Dion Hiltbrunner and Sumni Jo Stages, all of Shamrock.

PLAINVIEW — Shanna Buck from Pampa was recently named to the President's List at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the university.

AUSTIN — The College of the State Bar of Texas recognized 4,320 attorneys as members of the College during its Annual Awards Luncheon held recently in Austin.

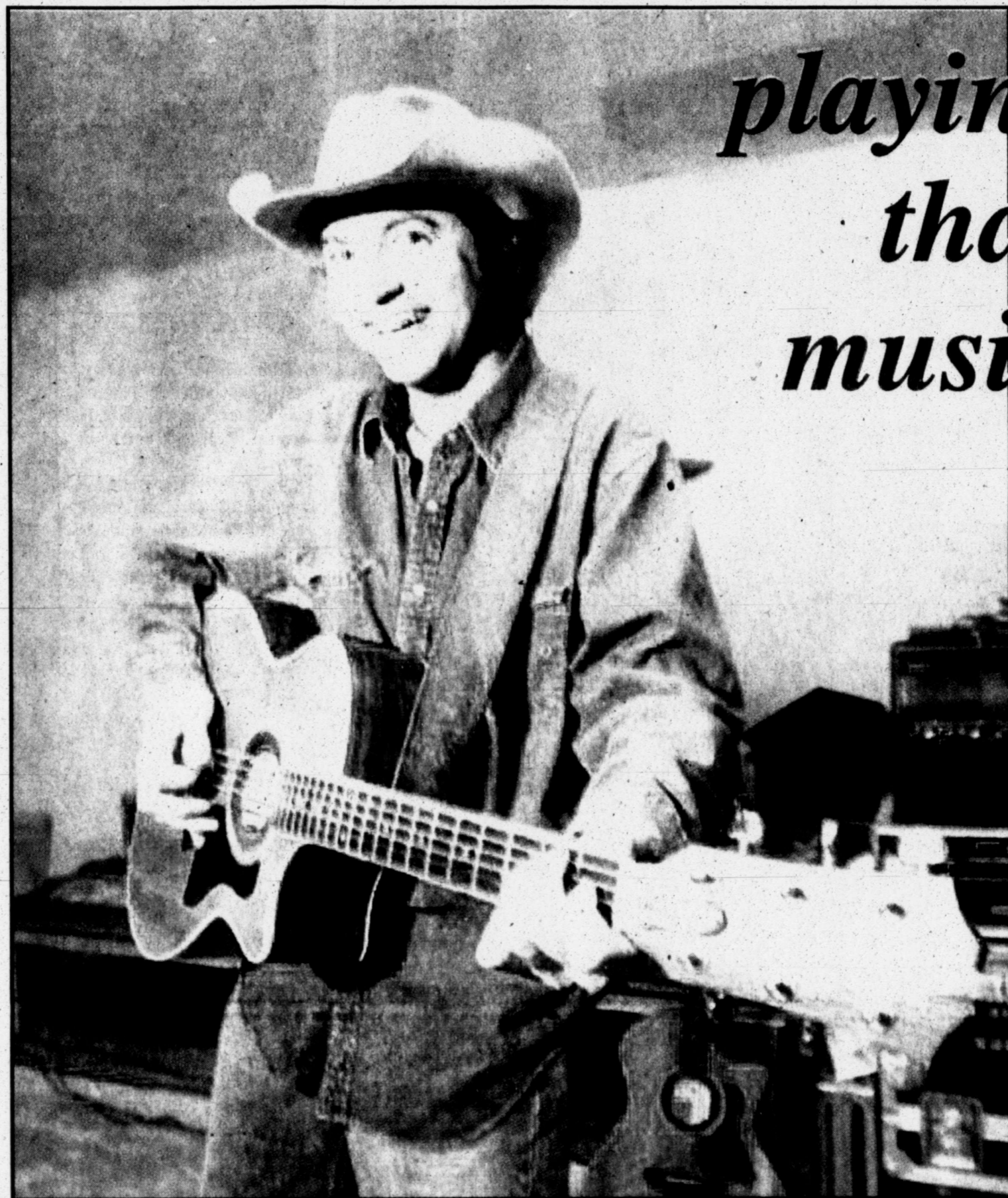
Among those recognized as new or maintaining members of the State Bar College were: Harold L. Comer, Phil N. Vanderpool, John William Warner and Judge Leland W. Waters, all of Pampa; Steven Ray Emmert of Wheeler; and Charles L. Kessie of Canadian.

The College is an honorary society made up of lawyers who strive to keep their legal knowledge and skills at peak levels through attendance of an extraordinary number of continuing legal education hours, at least twice the required minimum.

Established in 1982 by the Supreme Court of Texas, the College counts in its ranks most of the leaders of the legal profession in Texas, including many judges. Only about 6 percent of Texas lawyers qualify to become members.

The College is the only organization of its kind in the United States and was the first to provide attorney recognition for making the commitment to lifelong learning, a need now widely acknowledged across many professions.

# Cooder Graw



*playin'  
that  
music*

Pampa native Matt Martindale and his band, Cooder Graw, are delighting fans all over Texas with their music. The band is playing the music, "Born on the Llano Estacado," in a Dodge advertising campaign that began late last year. It is on both the radio and television in 30 and 60 minute spots.

By DAVID BOWSER  
STAFF WRITER

"I'm not driving a big Dodge pickup yet," said Matt Martindale, "but I sure want to."

Music by Martindale's band, Cooder Graw, was selected by Dodge for an advertising campaign that started late last year.

"It came out in mid-December," Martindale said. "It will run for about a year."

The music, "Born on the Llano Estacado," comes from Cooder Graw's "Live at Billy Bob's," compact disc, which will be released in early April. The ad airs in both 30 and 60 second spots on television, as well as radio.

Martindale and the band, however, still travel in a customized bus instead of Dodge Ram pickups.

"We opted for the other option, cold hard cash," Martindale said, grinning.

Nor are the television and radio ads and new CD the only activities in which the band has been involved.

"We just filmed a video," Martindale said. "A song called 'Better Days.'"

They filmed it in Austin. "It will be our new single," Martindale said.

While he doesn't know whether CMT (Country Music Television) or anybody else will play it, but Martindale's working on that.

The band has several venues that they're pursuing.

"There are some things here and there that we're following up on," Martindale says. "I think we'll get some play."

Once it gets on the play charts, people can request it

by phone or e-mail.

Despite the number of appearances in Austin and the metroplex, Martindale, his wife and two daughters live in Amarillo.

"The band is still based out of Amarillo," Martindale says.

Then, after a moment's pause, he admits that maybe they live on their bus and occasionally stop in Amarillo.

"I'm definitely splitting homes right now," Martindale grinned. "It's a strange life, but the bus is really a home for us."

He figures the band spends, 50 percent of their time on the bus.

"I love it," Martindale said. "I've been real-

ly, really fortunate. We've met some great people. Everyone who's associated with Texas music in general has been phenomenal. The fans are great. They love it. We'll show up in a place, whether it's Houston or Dallas or Austin, and somebody will bring us a meal or cookies. We have more homemade cookies on the bus than I've ever seen."

While the road trips are strenuous, they are also fun.

"People are really, really good to us," Martindale says. "The musicians that we run into from all over have been great, really helpful."

It's like a family, he said.

When Martindale, a former assistant district attorney in Pampa, decided to turn his back on a promising law career in favor of his first love, music, it was a step of faith. He had a wife and daughter to care for, but things, have turned out well.

Erin, his wife, keeps the home fires burning.

"She doesn't travel very much at all," Martindale said. "She and I are both happy. Everything has worked out well. It's a good situation for all of us; We're all very happy. We've been lucky."

One of the reasons Erin doesn't travel much is because of a growing family.

"Emma, our youngest, just turned one and started walking," Martindale says. "Molly is three and a half, and she's incredible."

The musical career appears to be on track, and the family is growing.

"They're doing great," Martindale said.



Matt Martindale and the Cooder Graw band recently performed at the Holiday Bowl in Sweetwater for a Rattlesnake Roundup performance. The band is becoming very well-known as they travel across the state performing for a wide selection of events.

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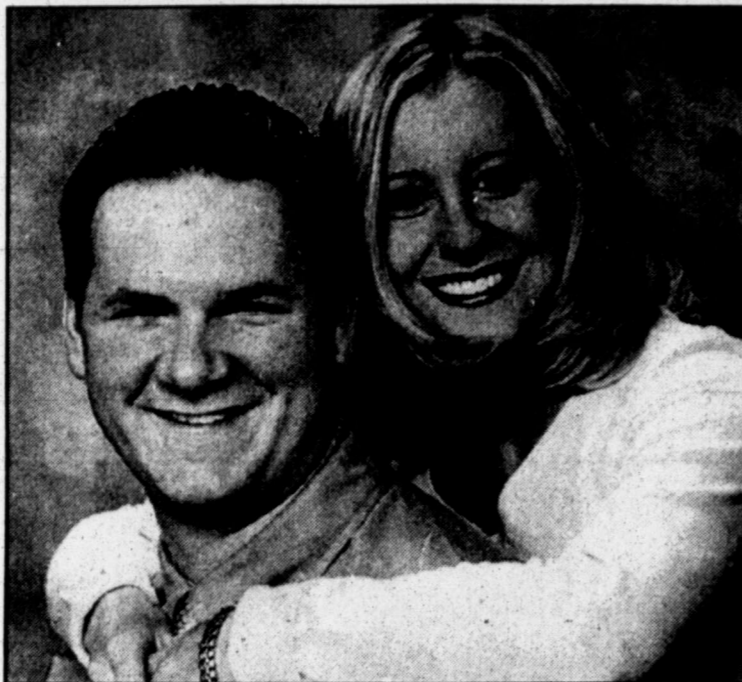
ENGAGEMENTS

Holt-Hill

Valerie Holt and Brandon Hill, both of Amarillo, plan to wed June 22, 2002, in St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Randy and Cindy Holt of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1999 and is scheduled to graduate from Amarillo College of Dental Hygiene in May 2002.

The prospective groom is the son of Timothy and Tammy Hill of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1999 and is scheduled to graduate from Amarillo College with an associates degree in electron-



Brandon Hill and Valerie Holt

ic engineering technology in employed at W.W. Grainger Inc. in Amarillo. May 2002. He is currently

Isbell-Downs

Brienna Lu'Ann Isbell and Jason Lee Downs, both of Fritch, plan to wed June 1, 2002, at The Wedding Chapel in Amarillo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Stan and Brenda Poling of Fritch and Roy Isbell of Cisco. She graduated from Atoka High School in Atoka, Okla., in 1997 and is currently employed by Amarillo Community Federal Credit Union in Pampa.

The prospective groom is the son of Keith and Beverly Taylor and of Johnny and Brenda Downs, all of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1993 and holds



Brienna Lu'Ann Isbell and Jason Lee Downs

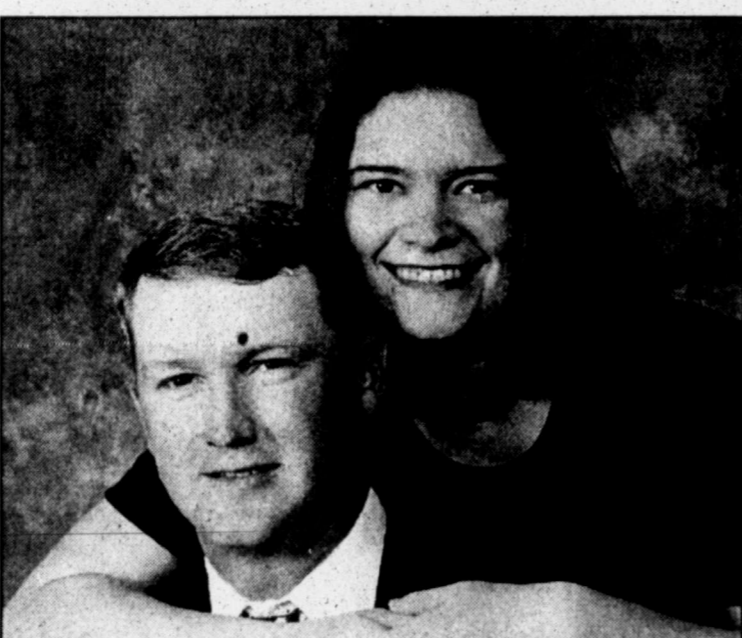
an associates of applied science degree in instrumentation and control from Amarillo College. He is presently employed by Phillips 66 Petroleum Company in Borger.

Coberley-Via

Brandie Ann Coberley and Darin Via, both of Tulia, plan to wed June 16, 2002, at First Baptist Church in Tulia.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Debbie Downs of Pampa and Gary Coberley of Amarillo and is the granddaughter of Doris and the late Leland Coberley and Melva and the late Jesse Downs, all of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1993 and holds an associate of science in surgical tech from Amarillo College (1997). She is currently attending West Texas A&M University where she is enrolled in the nursing program.

The prospective groom is the son of Ronnie and Sheila Via of Tulia. He graduated from Tulia High School in 1992 and from Texas Tech University, receiv-



Darin Via and Brandie Ann Coberley

ing a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics in 1996. He is currently farming and ranching in Tulia. An announcement tea or party will be held March 30 at 701 Mora in Pampa with Sherie Stewart serving as hostess.

Jones-Martinez

Tiffeni Jones and Andrew Martinez, both of Pampa, plan to wed June 22, 2002, in Central Baptist Church of Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Gary and Jeena Jones of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1997 and is currently employed as a secretary at Pampa Machine and Supply.

The prospective groom is the son of Robert and Rita Martinez of Tucumcari, N.M. He graduated from Tucumcari High School in 1993 and is currently employed as a mechanic at West Texas Ford in Pampa.



Andrew Martinez and Tiffeni Jones

CLUB NEWS

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m., (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.

Highland Hobby Club

Highland Hobby Club met

recently at the home of Gloria Norris with Vice President Jewel Holmes presiding. Five members and one guest, Lois Taylor, were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Secretary-Treasurer Mairlyn Kirkwood read minutes from the previous meeting and delivered the financial report.

—Old business was to complete the casserole covers.

—Norris gave a demonstration on how to make a rug from old sweat-shirts.

Johnnie Rhode won the door prize.

Ferline Calvert will host the next meeting.

PPOG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met Feb. 28 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center with President Susie Edwards presiding. Twenty-four members and three guests, Jan Reed, Janie Morrison and

Starla Nickelson, were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Jan Reed of Amarillo received three PPQG quilts on behalf of Ronald McDonald House in Amarillo.

—Recently completed projects were shown by Susan Carter, Jean McCarley, Brenda Donaldson, Carol Willis and Colleen Eskridge.

—"Know as You Go" mystery quilt still work in progress.

(See, CLUB, Page 26)

MENUS

WEEK OF MARCH 4-8

Pampa Schools

MONDAY

Breakfast: Waffle sticks.  
Lunch: Polish sausage or pizza, corn, spinach, pears, rolls.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.  
Lunch: Submarine sandwiches or burritos, potato rounds, lettuce/tomatoes, applesauce.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Chocolate chip muffins.  
Lunch: Soft beef taco or chicken nuggets, refried beans, corn, Spanish rice, mixed fruit.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, sausage, flour tortillas.  
Lunch: Oven-fried chicken or cheese nachos, whipped potatoes, green beans, fresh fruit, rolls.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage.  
Lunch: Fish strips or hot dogs/chili, macaroni/cheese, blackeyed peas, strawberry short cookie.

Lefors Schools

MONDAY

Breakfast: Pop Tarts, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Pizza, mini corn-dogs, vegetables, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Breakfast pockets, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Fish, steak fingers, fries, slaw, corn, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Yogurt, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Spaghetti/meat sauce, green beans, garlic toast, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Hot cereal, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Chicken pot pie, mini burritos, beans, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Biscuits, sausage, gravy, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Sandwiches and soup, fruit, milk.

Senior Citizens

MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chicken/angel hair pasta, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, northern beans, cherry chip cake or coconut cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Fried chicken or ham salad, mashed potatoes, corn cobettes, brussels sprouts, beans, German upsidedown cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, garden blend, turnip greens, beans, marble cake or cherry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or stuffed peppers, boiled potatoes, succotash, carrots, beans, French vanilla cake or blackberry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or Frito pie, potato wedges, broccoli/cheese, lemon pound cake or chocolate sundae cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels

MONDAY

Chopped sirloin, vegetable blend, mashed potatoes, pumpkin bars.

TUESDAY

Sausage/rice, carrots, English peas, apricots.

WEDNESDAY

Stew, cornbread, vanilla wafers.

THURSDAY

Ravioli, chuckwagon corn, green beans, cake.

FRIDAY

Chicken spaghetti, pickled beets, broccoli, jello.

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Maritza G. Miranda

**Maritza Grace Miranda**

Maritza Grace Miranda was born to Saul and Tina Miranda at 1:53 p.m., Feb. 25, 2002, at her home in Pampa. Maritza weighed 6-pounds 10-ounces at birth and was 20 inches long.



Payton L. Brookshire

**Payton Lyn Brookshire**

Payton Lyn Brookshire was born Jan. 18, 2002, at North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo, to Casey and Vicki Brookshire of Canyon.

Payton weighed eight-pounds 7 1/2-ounces at birth and was 21 1/2-inches long.

He is the grandson of Victor and Patti Williams and Terry and Laine Brookshire.



Nicholas M. Palmer

**Nicholas Matthew Palmer**

Nicholas Matthew Palmer was born Feb. 20, 2002, at Arlington Medical Center to Charolette and Thomas Palmer of Fort Worth.

Nicholas weighed six-pounds seven-ounces at birth and was 18-inches long.

He is the grandson of Wendell and Barbara Palmer of Pampa and R.C. and Carolyn Cook of Enid, Okla.

**National Poison Prevention Week in offing**

"Children Act Fast ... So Do Poisons!" is the theme of National Poison Prevention Week March 17-23. Because small children, particularly those under the age of five, are constantly exploring their surroundings and are prone to put many things they find into their mouths, they are at great risk for unintentional poisonings.

Many of these unintentional poisonings occur when adults are distracted for just a few moments by everyday occurrences, such as the doorbell, the phone or another event in the household. Chemicals and medicines must be safely stored away at all times.

Although unintentional ingestion of most cleaning products isn't fatal, precautions with these products should be taken. Cleaning products should be stored in a locked cabinet away from food and out of reach of children. They should be kept in their original containers with their product labels intact. Should an accident occur, it's essential to know what to do in order to give proper treatment.

A few products, such as some oven or drain cleaners, can be toxic, thus they are packaged in child-resistant containers. However, accidents can still occur if the container isn't properly closed. Even adults should use these products with care and avoid using them when small children are around.

About half the accidents involving children occur when products are being used.

uct away immediately after removing the amount needed for the cleaning job at hand.

Chlorine bleach or any product that contains chlorine bleach, including some tub and tile cleaners, mildew removers, all-purpose cleaners and automatic dishwashing detergents, should never be mixed with ammonia or products that include ammonia compounds (e.g., some window cleaners, hand dishwashing detergents or acidic products such as toilet bowl cleaners or rust removers.)

(See, GRAY, Page 16)



BY  
**JOAN GRAY**  
EXTENSION AGENT

Schedule routine cleaning when there's a lull in activities, such as nap time or when children aren't in the room. Even with this routine, put the prod-

ucts. Some products are safe when used alone, but may become dangerous when mixed with other products.

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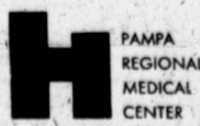
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**CONT. FROM PG. 15**  
**GRAY**

Dangerous gases can be released.

Even "empty" containers can pose hazards. Be sure the product is entirely used up. Replace the cap securely to protect children, pets and garbage handlers. Check the label for any special disposal instructions. Discard in a trash can or recycling bin (if applicable) that has a secured lid.

**U**nintended poisoning typically occurs in the home between the hours of 4 and 8 p.m., when activity is at a peak and household members are tired and distracted.

Small amounts of liquid, even if it's a non-toxic substance like water, can be hazardous.

Toddlers are "top heavy," which means that if they topple into a bucket, it may not tip over. As a result, they can drown in a few inches of water.

Standard cleaning buckets and pails with water in them can be dangerous. Other potential drowning hazards include toilet bowls and bathtubs as well as containers with drinking water for animals, with a soaking solution for soiled clothes or with wall paper stripper.

Five-gallon industrial containers such as those used to package lawn care or home maintenance products are often brought home for household use. These are even more dangerous than buckets and pails because they are very sturdy and don't tip over easily.

Never leave cloth diapers soaking in an area that's accessible to toddlers. If using a diaper pail, rinse the diapers in the toilet, and then put them in a pail without adding water. Use a deodorizing tablet to help minimize odors. Then launder as soon as possible.

Unintended poisoning typically occurs in the home between the hours of 4 and 8 p.m., when activity is at a peak and household members are tired and distracted.

Child care providers must also be on the alert. Pre-school and daycare teachers and staff must be sure that no cleaning products or chemicals are within sight or reach of children.

This is a particular challenge because germ-control is an important issue in these settings, and there are several especially busy periods during the day. For instance, lunch and snack time as well as when children are arriving at and departing the center.

The staff should be trained in proper handling, use, storage and safety procedures for products used on the premises.

The Soap and Detergent Association is participating in National Poison Prevention Week. For more information on this event or to learn more about the new 24-hour nationwide, toll-free number for poison centers, visit [www.poisonprevention.org](http://www.poisonprevention.org).

**Local API chapter announces meeting**

The Panhandle Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 21 at Pampa Country Club for social hour. The regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

Terry Edwards with Boot and Coats of Houston will present "Jet Cutters."

Barbecue will be served at a cost of \$15 per person. Memberships will be available at the door.

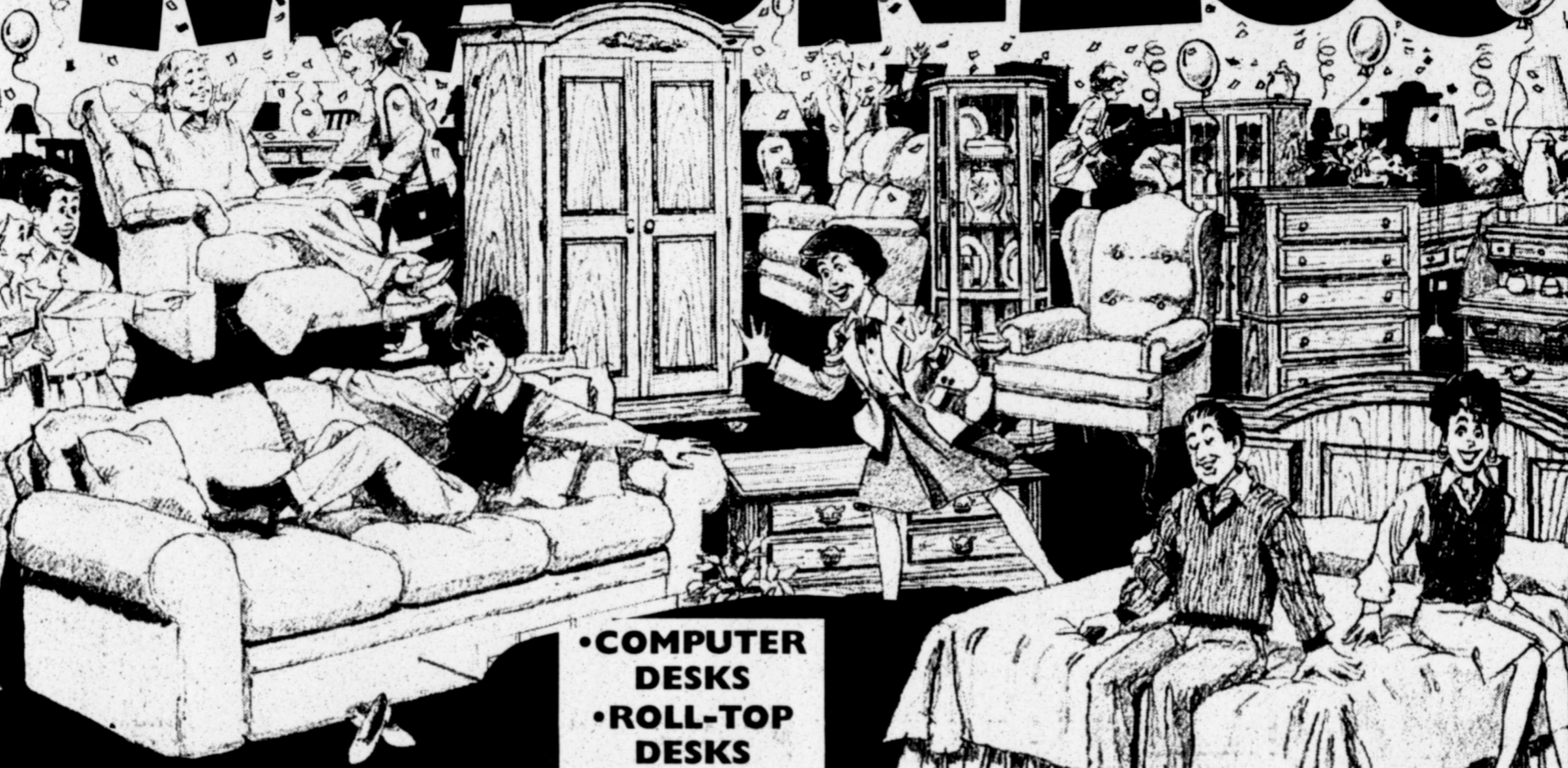
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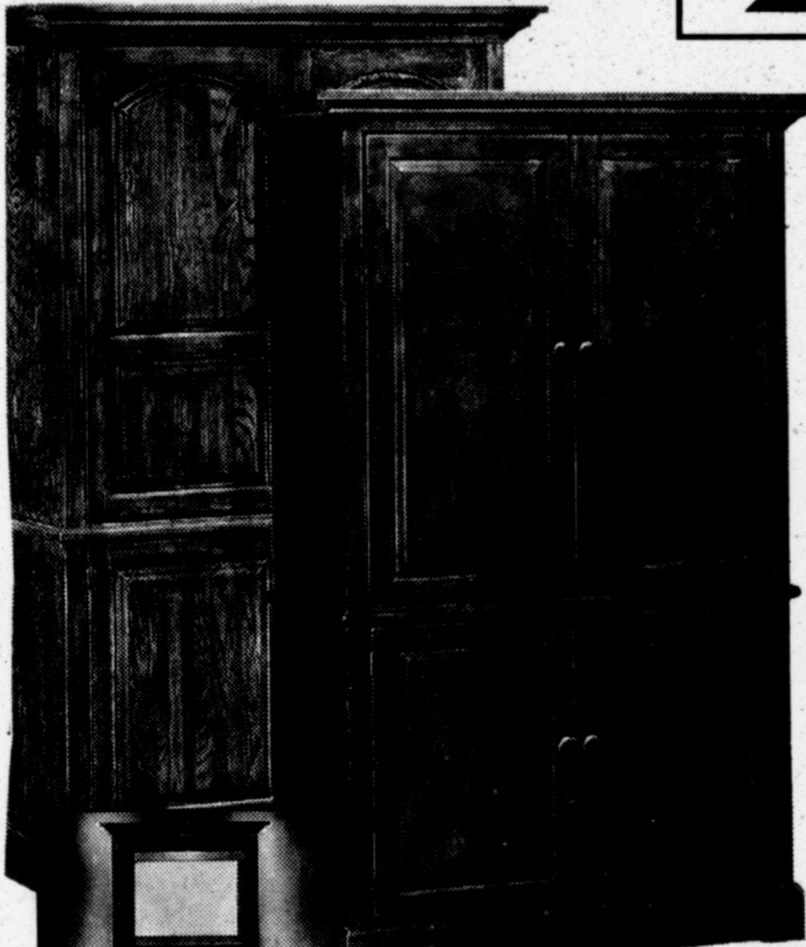


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## BILLBOARD MUSIC CHARTS

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Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

### Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)
- "Ain't It Funny," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Ja Rule). Epic.
  - "Always On Time," Ja Rule (feat. Ashanti). Murder Inc.
  - "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
  - "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
  - "Wherever You Will Go," The Calling. RCA.
  - "Blurry," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
  - "Can't Get You Out Of My Head," Kylie Minogue. Capitol.
  - "What's Luv?" Fat Joe Featuring Ashanti. Terror Squad/Atlantic.
  - "What About Us?" Brandy. Atlantic.
  - "Oops (Oh My)," Tweet. The Gold Mind.
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### The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
- Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
  - "Full Moon," Brandy. Atlantic.
  - "Under Rug Swept," Alanis Morissette. Maverick.
  - "(Hybrid Theory)," Linkin Park. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
  - "Drive," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
  - "Word Of Mouf," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace. (Platinum)
  - "Songs In A Minor," Alicia Keys. J. (Platinum)
  - "J To Tha L-O! The Remixes," Jennifer Lopez. Epic. (Platinum)
  - "Fever," Kylie Minogue. Capitol.
  - "M'ssundazstood," Pink. Arista. (Platinum)
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### Hot Adult Contemporary

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
- "Hero," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
  - "A New Day Has Come," Celine Dion. Epic.
  - "Superman (It's Not Easy)," Five For Fighting. Aware.
  - "I'm Already There," Lonestar. BNA.
  - "If You're Gone," matchbox twenty. Lava.
  - "Only Time," Enya. Warner Sunset.
  - "I Hope You Dance," Lee Ann Womack. MCA Nashville. (Gold)
  - "Thank You," Dido. Arista.
  - "Drowning," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
  - "This Train Don't Stop There Anymore," Elton John. Rocket.

### Mainstream Rock Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
- "Blurry," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
  - "Wasting My Time," Default. TVT.
  - "Too Bad," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
  - "For You," Staind. Flip.
  - "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
  - "How You Remind Me," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
  - "Youth Of The Nation," P.O.D. Atlantic.

- "I Stand Alone," Godsmack. Republic.
- "Nice To Know You," Incubus. Immortal.
- "My Sacrifice," Creed. Wind-up.

### Modern Rock Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)
- "Blurry," Puddle Of Mudd. Flawless.
  - "Youth Of The Nation," P.O.D. Atlantic.
  - "The Middle," Jimmy Eat World. DreamWorks.
  - "Crawling In The Dark," Hoobastank. Island.
  - "For You," Staind. Flip.
  - "In The End," Linkin Park. Warner Bros.
  - "Too Bad," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
  - "First Date," Blink-182. MCA.
  - "Nice To Know You," Incubus. Immortal.

### Hot Country Singles and Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)
- "The Long Goodbye," Brooks & Dunn. Arista Nashville.
  - "The Cowboy In Me," Tim McGraw. Curb.
  - "Blessed," Martina McBride. RCA.
  - "Bring On The Rain," Jo Dee Messina With Tim McGraw. Curb.
  - "Young," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
  - "I Breathe In, I Breathe Out," Chris Cagle. Capitol.
  - "Some Days You Gotta Dance," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
  - "My List," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
  - "I'm Movin' On," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street.
  - "Good Morning Beautiful," Steve Holy. Curb.
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### Top Country Albums

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
- Soundtrack: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Mercury. (Platinum)
  - "Drive," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)
  - "Totally Country: 17 New Chart-Topping Hits," Various Artists. BNA.
  - "Rascal Flatts," Rascal Flatts. Lyric Street. (Gold)
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  - "Pull My Chain," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
  - "Scarecrow," Garth Brooks. Capitol Nashville. (Platinum)
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  - "New Favorite," Alison Krauss + Union Station. Rounder.
  - "Blue Moon," Steve Holy. Curb.
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### Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Singles and Tracks

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)
- "Oops (Oh My)," Tweet. The Gold Mind.
  - "U Don't Have To Call," Usher. Arista.
  - "I Love You," Faith Evans. Bad Boy.
  - "Foolish," Ashanti. Murder Inc.
  - "Lights, Camera, Action," Mr. Cheeks. Universal.
  - "What's Luv?" Fat Joe (feat. Ashanti). Terror Squad.
  - "Ain't It Funny," Jennifer Lopez (feat. Ja Rule). Epic.
  - "Nothing In This World," Keke Wyatt (feat. Avant). MCA.
  - "What About Us?" Brandy. Atlantic.
  - "Always On Time," Ja Rule feat. Ashanti. Murder Inc.
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### Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
- "Full Moon," Brandy. Atlantic.
  - "Word Of Mouf," Ludacris. Disturbing Tha Peace. (Platinum)
  - "No More Drama (2002)," Mary J. Blige. MCA. (Platinum)
  - "The Rebirth Of Kirk Franklin," Kirk Franklin. Gospo Centric/Zomba.
  - "Watermelon, Chicken & Gritz," Nappy Roots. Atlantic.
  - "(Ghetto Love)," Jaheim. Divine Mill. (Platinum)
  - "Stillmatic," Nas. Ill Will. (Platinum)
  - "8701," Usher. Arista/Arista. (Platinum)
  - "No Half Steppin'," Sharissa. Motown.
  - "J To Tha L-O! The Remixes," Jennifer Lopez. Epic.
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### Hot Rap Singles

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
- "Lights, Camera, Action!" Mr. Cheeks. Universal.
  - "Feels Good (Don't Worry Bout A Thing)," Naughty By Nature (feat. 3LW)(GT) TVT.
  - "Ballin' Boy," No Good. ARTISTdirect.
  - "Round And Round," Jonell & Method Man. Def Soul.
  - "Put Yo Sets Up," Redd Eyezz Featuring Juvenile & Slanted Eyezz. Z-Bo.
  - "Pass The Courvoisier II," Busta Rhymes (feat. P. Diddy & Pharrell). J.
  - "Think Big," Crimewave. Crimewave.
  - "What's Luv?" Fat Joe (feat. Ashanti). Terror Squad.
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### Hot Dance Music — Club Play

- (Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)
- "Trippin'," Andrea Brown. Groovilicious/Strictly Rhythm.
  - "You Give Me Something," Jamiroquai. Epic.
  - "Song For The Lonely," Cher. Warner Bros.
  - "Love's Gonna Save The Day," Georgie Porgie. Vinyl Soul.
  - "Sleeping Faster," Lo Fidelity Allstars. Skint.
  - "No More Drama (Thunderpuss Remixes)," Mary J. Blige. MCA.
  - "Whenever, Wherever (Remixes)," Shakira. Epic.
  - "The Real Life," Raven Maize. Credence.
  - "You And Me (Feels So Good)," Solar City (feat. Pepper Mashay). Jungle Red.
  - "You Got Me (Burnin' Up)," Funky Green Dogs. MCA.
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### Hot Latin Tracks

- (Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports)
- "Luna Nueva," Carlos Vives. EMI Latin.
  - "Quitame Ese Hombre," Pilar Montenegro. Univision.
  - "Suerte," Shakira. Epic.
  - "Flor Sin Retono," Charlie Zaa. Sonolux.
  - "Necesidad," Alexandre Pires. Ariola.
  - "Quisiera Poder Olvidarme De Ti," Luis Fonsi. Universal Latino.
  - "Manantial De Llanto," Joan Sebastian. Musart.
  - "Escapar," Enrique Iglesias. Interscope.
  - "Usted Se Me Llevo La Vida," Alexandre Pires. Ariola/BMG Latin.
  - "Como Duele," Luis Miguel. WEA Latina.
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### Top Contemporary Jazz Albums

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)
- "Come Away With Me," Norah Jones. Blue Note.
  - "Speaking Of Now," Pat Metheny Group. Warner Bros.
  - "Ride," Boney James. Warner Bros.
  - "Night Sessions," Chis Botti. Columbia.
  - "Hidden Beach Recordings Presents: Unwrapped Vol. 1," Various Artists. Hidden Beach.
  - "Live At The Quick," Bela Fleck & The Flecktones. Columbia.
  - "Rendezvous," Walter Beasley. Shanachie.
  - "Uberjam," The John Scofield Band. Verve.
  - "Glow," Peter White. Columbia.
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# MEDICAL

## Air pollution may damage lungs of healthy children

By TAMMY WEBBER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CHICAGO (AP) — Some children who appear in perfect health have measurable lung damage from exposure to air pollution, researchers found, suggesting such damage could lead to lung disease.

Past research has found that children living in polluted areas have higher rates of lung diseases such as asthma. But a new study is the first to use X-ray imaging to measure changes in children with no symptoms of lung problems, the researchers said.

Chest X-rays of 241 children in Mexico City were compared with those of 19 children living in a small coastal town. Throughout the 20-month study, smog levels in Mexico City exceeded U.S. air quality standards for more than four hours a day on average. Particulate matter — tiny pieces of soot and other materials in the air — also was above U.S. standards.

Researchers found 63 percent of the Mexico City chil-

dren had excessive inflation of both lungs, said Dr. Lynn Ansley Fordham, an associate professor of radiology and chief of pediatric imaging at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

In addition, 52 percent of the urban children had abnormal numbers of interstitial markings — fine lines that could indicate inflammation along the airways, Fordham said.

CT scans of 25 children with the most abnormal X-rays found 10 with mild thickening of the walls of the bronchial airways, eight with air trapped in their lungs and four with unusually prominent central airways. One child had a lung nodule.

In the coastal town, one child had mild over-inflation of the lungs. The rest had no damage.

Lung damage could be a precursor to problems such as pulmonary disease, but the findings also might point to a reliable way to test children early, before lung disease develops, Fordham said.

"X-rays are a relatively inexpensive, easy-to-obtain screening for children," said Fordham. "You can find (problems) and do something for those kids."

Fordham said some of the children might be helped by vitamins, better diet, and staying inside when air pollution is at its peak.

She and Dr. Lilian Calderon-Garcidueana of the University of North Carolina and the National Institute of Pediatrics in Mexico City presented the study recently at the Radiological Society of North America's annual meeting.

Joel Schwartz, an environ-

mental epidemiologist at Harvard's School of Public Health, said other research has indirectly linked air pollution with respiratory ailments. But to find radiographic evidence of lung abnormalities in seemingly healthy children "is pretty unusual," he said.

The results "are showing what we suspect — that there are chronic effects that can be seen in the lung that would show up this early ... on X-ray," said Schwartz, who was not involved in the study.

Some of the changes, such as airway thickening, might disappear if the children moved to

a less polluted area, "but it would certainly take a long time to reverse," Schwartz said.

Although Mexico City is more polluted than U.S. cities, the results can be generalized to other polluted areas, Fordham said. She said a study on euthanized dogs in Mexico found that those from moderately polluted areas — similar to some areas of the United States — had thickening of the lungs' lining, inflammation and particulate matter lodged in the lungs.

The findings might be more severe in dogs because of their poor diets, but "we presume the same things could be found in

people," said Fordham, adding that another study of children in a moderately polluted city is planned.

Fordham said it would be difficult to duplicate the study in the United States because of the high rates of asthma and higher levels of indoor air pollution from such things as carpet and glues, which could skew the results. It also was easier to find Mexican children who had lived in the same neighborhood all their lives.

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## Scientists unravel how red wine benefits hardening of the arteries

By ALEX DOMINGUEZ  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Researchers say they have discovered the key component in red wine that explains the so-called French Paradox, or the way the French can eat lots of cheese, buttery sauces and other rich foods and still suffer less heart disease than Americans.

The explanation is pigments known as polyphenols.

The pigments are not present in white wine or rose, and they seem to be less potent when they are present in grape juice.

Polyphenols inhibit the production of a peptide that contributes to hardening of the arteries, researchers report in a recent issue of the journal Nature.

In laboratory dish experiments, polyphenols in red wine decreased the amount of the peptide endothelin-1 produced by cells taken from the blood vessels of cows.

Endothelin-1 is a potent blood vessel constrictor, and overproduction of the compound is thought to be a key factor in why arteries clog with fatty deposits, said the researchers from the William Harvey Research Institute at the London School of Medicine & Dentistry.

In the study, the cow cells were exposed to extracts from 23 red wines, four white wines, one rose and one type of red grape juice.

Researchers found the decrease in endothelin-1 levels

was related to the amount of polyphenols in the wines.

The white and rose wines — which contain little or none of the pigment — had no effect on endothelin-1 levels.

Red grape juice, which has plenty of the pigment, was markedly less potent in reducing endothelin-1 than red wine. The researchers said that suggests that something in the winemaking process changes the pigment's properties.

Researchers believe the pigment comes from red wine skins. In white wine and rose, the grape skins are taken out before fermentation.

The type of grape also appeared to matter. Four of the six most effective red wines used in the study were made entirely or partially from cabernet sauvignon grapes.

"The key message is moderate consumption of red wine is likely to prevent heart disease, but we have no evidence that white wine or rose would have a similar benefit," said Roger Corder, who led the study.

The lower incidence of heart disease in France, despite a diet rich in butter and other fats, has led researchers to look to the consumption of red wine, another staple of the French diet.

Other studies have shown red wine helps fight heart disease, and scientists have theorized that the benefits are caused by antioxidant compounds that prevent or slow the damaging effects of oxygen on the body.

## Researchers hope drug will help hay fever

CHICAGO (AP) — Injections of an experimental, genetically engineered drug may significantly reduce hay fever symptoms, research suggests.

The study involved 536 patients with ragweed-induced hay fever who were given shots of omalizumab, or Xolair. While the study involved only ragweed, the researchers said the drug would probably also work in people whose seasonal allergies are triggered by other substances.

The drug, which is awaiting Food and Drug Administration approval, represents a novel approach, targeting proteins known as IgE antibodies that susceptible people produce in large numbers in response to allergens like ragweed. Xolair binds to IgE antibodies in the blood and renders them inactive.

"If you don't have IgE available to bind to the ragweed, then you would not be able to mount an allergic response," said Dr. Thomas B. Casale, a Creighton University allergist who led the study.

With traditional allergy shots,

patients get injections of gradually increasing amounts of ragweed or other allergens for several months to slowly desensitize the immune system. The effects can last for several years.

With Xolair, injections would probably need to continue indefinitely, Casale said. In the study, patients were given shots every three or four weeks throughout the season.

Casale said potential candidates for Xolair would include patients who get little relief from standard medication such as nasal steroids and antihistamines and those who have trouble taking medication daily.

Other studies have shown the drug is effective in patients with hard-to-treat asthma, which is usually triggered by an allergic reaction. Xolair's developers, Genentech Inc. and Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp., are seeking government approval for its use in asthma treatment.

The FDA wants more safety data on its use in hay fever, since the condition affects so many people — about 40 mil-

lion nationwide, versus about 17 million for asthma, said Genentech spokeswoman Shelley Schneiderman Ducker.

Few side effects were found in the Xolair study, Casale said.

The companies funded the latest research, which was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Patients in the study were given Xolair shots of different dosages before and during the season. Another group of patients received dummy shots.

Patients on the highest Xolair dose had more than double the percentage of days with only minimal allergy symptoms — 41 percent versus 18 percent in the placebo group. Overall, Xolair patients missed 75 percent less work or school than those on placebos.

In a JAMA editorial, a National Institutes of Health researcher, Dr. Marshall Plaut, said studies comparing Xolair with existing allergy drugs are needed, and more information is needed on the relative costs before Xolair can be recommended.

## Ibuprofen neutralizes aspirin's heart-protective effects, study says

BOSTON (AP) — The popular pain reliever ibuprofen blocks the heart-protecting effects of aspirin, according to a study that sounds a warning for people who take both medicines.

"It would not do you a lot of good to take one medication only to have another wipe out its effects," said Dr. Muredach Reilly, a University of Pennsylvania cardiologist who took part in the 30-patient study reported in a recent New England Journal of Medicine.

Many heart patients regularly take aspirin because it thins the blood and prevents the clots that cause heart attacks. Ibuprofen, which is in Motrin and Advil, is widely used for arthritis and other aches and pains.

In the study, when patients took a single dose of ibuprofen

beforehand, aspirin lost 98 percent of its blood-thinning power. When aspirin was taken first, three daily doses of ibuprofen sapped aspirin of 90 percent of its benefit.

The researchers believe that ibuprofen clogs a channel inside a clotting enzyme known as cyclooxygenase-1. Aspirin gets stuck at the bottleneck and cannot reach its own active site inside the enzyme.

The study found show no conflict between aspirin and three other arthritis drugs: rofecoxib, diclofenac, and acetaminophen, which is in Tylenol. But the researchers suggested that other drugs with structures like ibuprofen, such as indomethacin, will similarly block aspirin.

Ibuprofen belongs to a widely used class of pain relievers

known as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.

"This isn't an indictment of all nonsteroids, but it does give one pause," said Dr. Leslie Crofford, an arthritis specialist at the University of Michigan.

He wrote an accompanying editorial.

He said researchers should now study humans to verify if these laboratory findings translate into a real danger of heart attacks.

## Test could replace costly angiograms

By LINDA A. JOHNSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

A new type of imaging technique using an MRI device can detect most diseased coronary arteries, and so could spare many heart patients a more invasive, expensive and uncomfortable test, researchers say.

MRI, or magnetic resonance imaging, has been used for the past 10 years to study very large blood vessels such as the aorta. Patients must lie inside the MRI machine, a giant electromagnet that yields 3-D images of the body.

Now doctors at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston have adapted the technology to produce a series of high-resolution images of the relatively small coronary arteries.

Two smaller studies found the system could spot arteries blocked or narrowed by plaque in patients already diagnosed with coronary artery disease by the current "gold standard" test — the X-ray-based angiogram.

A new study — the first to try the system at several hospitals and on previously untested patients — found it detected every diseased coronary artery in 75 percent of the patients and found the most life-threatening blockages in 89 percent.

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## DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

### Children Left At Library Have Parents Who Should Be Booked

DEAR ABBY: I am a librarian in a medium-sized public library, and I'm losing my patience about one particular issue.

Parents who wouldn't dream of dropping off their 5- and 7-year-olds at the mall or grocery store bring their youngsters to the library and let them roam freely throughout the building with no supervision, or drop them off to fend for themselves while Mom and Dad go shopping or run errands.

To those negligent parents, I want to yell: The public library is not a "safe place" to leave your child unattended! Libraries are public buildings; anyone off the street can enter. I know of at least one convicted child molester who is a regular user of this branch, and there are probably more that we don't know about.

Public libraries are a popular choice for child molesters and "peepers" to frequent and search for victims. Parents, please do not leave your little ones alone at the library. We librarians have jobs to do, and although we care deeply about the safety of your children, we are not baby sitters.

Thank you for helping me get the message out, Abby.

CONCERNED LIBRARIAN,  
ANYTOWN, U.S.A.

DEAR LIBRARIAN: You're welcome. It's hard to imagine a parent who is so irresponsible as to take a small child to a public place and leave him or her unsu-

pervised. That said, if I were the concerned librarian, I would contact the local police and notify them that a child has been abandoned on the premises.

DEAR ABBY: We are Mothers of the Military. Our sons and daughters are the Army, Marines, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, Reserves and National Guard going into Afghanistan to protect our freedom. They are fighter pilots who drop bombs on the Taliban and protect the skies here at home, Navy cooks on the ships, infantry here and abroad, and the Coast Guard protecting our shores. They have many jobs, from private or seaman to general or admiral. All branches and all ranks are equally important; they are our sons and daughters.

During this time of uncertainty, we support each other in person and on the Internet. We laugh and cry together and know that there is always someone who shares our fears and joys. If you have never sent a child to war, it is hard to imagine either the cold terror that you feel or the joy at seeing them come home.

Our slogan is, "As one we are weak, together we are strong." We help anyone who has family in the military by networking them with others in their areas or finding someone for them to write to. There is

almost always someone online on the Internet site, and we have chat rooms nightly. We would like to invite any who wish to join us - and that includes fathers, siblings, grandparents, anyone!

Thank you, Abby, for sharing our cause with others.

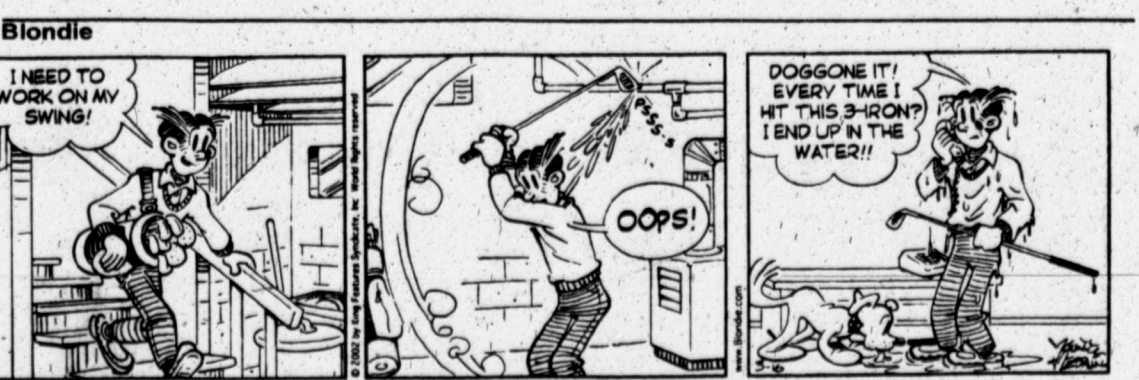
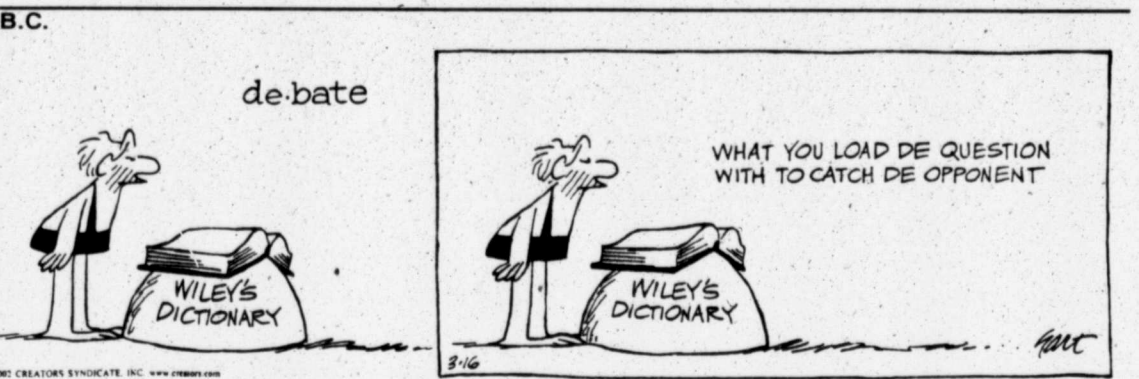
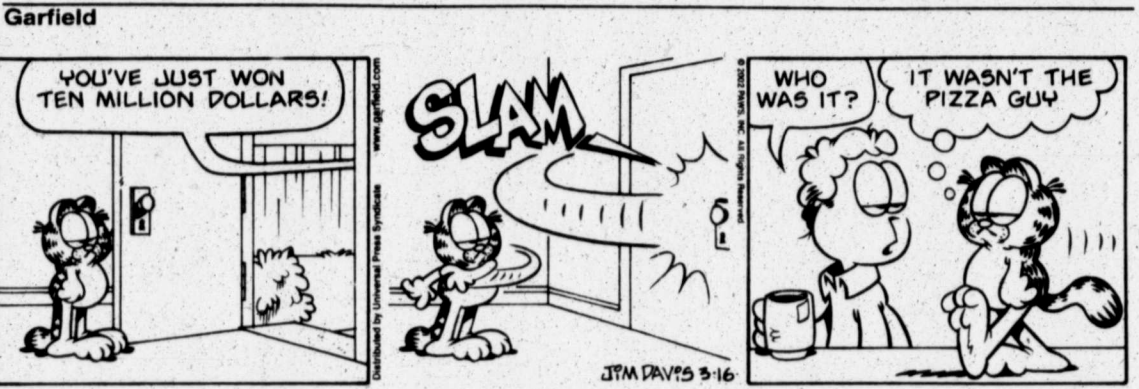
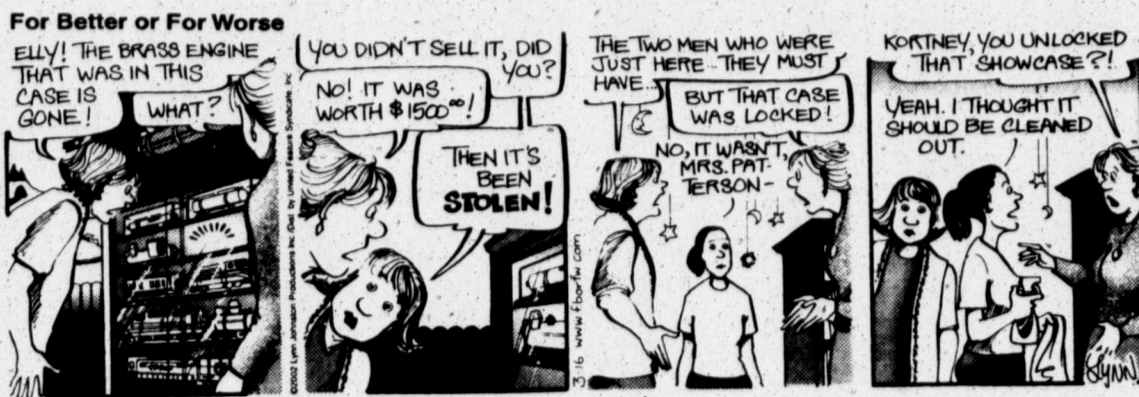
ETTA LOVE, MOTHERS OF THE MILITARY

DEAR ETTA AND OTHER MOTHERS OF THE MILITARY: I wish you success in your support effort. Although I have never sent a child off to war, I empathize with the stress all family members feel when they send someone they love into danger - regardless of how noble the cause.

Readers, Mothers of the Military (MOM) can be reached via the Internet at [www.mothersofthemilitary.com](http://www.mothersofthemilitary.com) or e-mailed at [mothersofthemil@aol.com](mailto:mothersofthemil@aol.com). Those who do not have computers can write the organization at P.O. Box 65015, Lubbock, Texas 79464.

Pauline Phillips and her daughter, Jeanne Phillips, share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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### Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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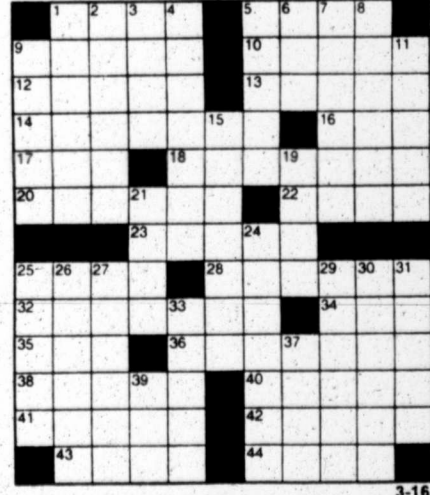
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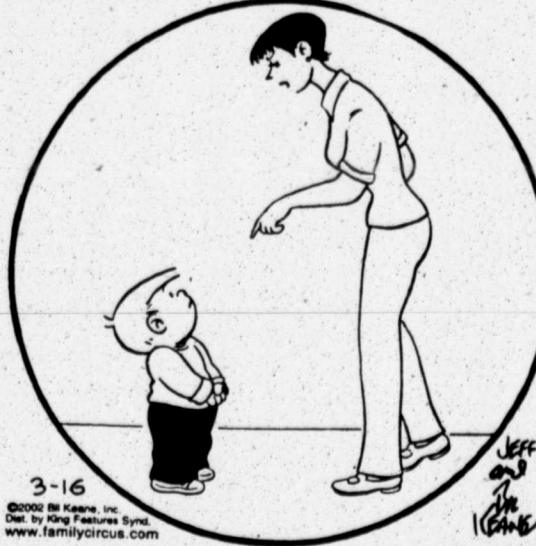
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## Former Pampan attends Lubbock Debutante Ball

Elizabeth Aston Arrington, formerly of Pampa, was recently presented by her father, William Miller Arrington of Pampa, at the Lubbock Symphony Debutante Ball in Lubbock.

Many activities preceded the ball. Elizabeth and her mother, Nancy Eales, attended a mother-daughter brunch at Lubbock Country Club. A tea was also staged at the country club, held to honor special guests of the debutantes and their mothers.

Guests of the debutante were: Mrs. Charles Bowers, Mrs. Bob Campbell, Mrs. Hal Cree, Mrs. Tim Whipkey, Mrs. Keith Stowers and her daughter, Kristen, and Mr. and Mrs. William Arrington, all of Pampa; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Quarles and Mrs. David McDaniel, all of Lubbock, formerly of Pampa.

Other guests were Dr. and Mrs. Brian Bruening and their daughter Laura, Mrs. Snider, Mrs. Tom Barnett and Mrs. Terry Hunter.

The following weekend included a father-daughter luncheon held at the Lubbock Club followed by the grand finale, The Lubbock Symphony Winter Ball this year entitled "An Evening in Vienna."

Invited guests at the gala included Mr. and Mrs. William Lake Arrington, paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Miller



Elizabeth A. Arrington

Arrington, Ms. Nancy Eales, Dr. J.R. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Warner Eales, maternal grandparents, and Lake Arrington, brother of Elizabeth.

Elizabeth Arrington is a senior at Coronado High School. Her activities, honors and accomplishments include: National Honor Society, Student Council, DECA, FFA, Young Life, Gifted and Talented, President of the Debutantes, Homecoming Court, and Miss Coronado High School nominee.

In the fall, she plans to pursue a degree in biomedical science at either Texas A&M University or the University of Oklahoma.

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## CLUB

Janie Morrison and Brenda Donaldson delivered the program "Choosing the Correct Threads."

The guild is seeking entries for its quilt show in the fall entitled "Quilts of the Century." Antique quilts are of particular interest.

Doris Jean Foster, Eskridge and Carter won prizes in the monthly drawing.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 28 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Visitors are welcome.

### 20th Century Club

Twentieth Century Study Club met March 12 at the home of Mary Wilson with Wilson serving as hostess.

Nancy Coffee took roll and read minutes from the previous meeting.

Dot Stowers delivered the program.

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m., March 26, at the home of Rue Park.

### Las Pampas

The nomadic lifestyles of the Plains Indians were reviewed by Frances Gross at the monthly meeting of Las Pampas Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution held March 7 in the home of Donna Burger.

The first recorded information begins with the arrival of Don Juan de Onate in 1598. He rode into the southwest with soldiers and priests along with 7,000 animals.

The Apaches, Comanches and Kiowas inhabited the panhandle area, living off the buffalo until the arrival of the Anglo buffalo hunter and his guns which prompted the Red River Wars of 1874-75 and the exodus of the Indians.

Reports included flag etiquette by Burger; Constitutional Amendments, American heritage and conservation by Mary Cantrell; president's general message by Betty White; and national defense by Louisa Britton.

The April 4 meeting will be held in the home of Willa Mae Mangold.

### Altrusa

Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa met March 12 at Pampa Country Club with President DeLynn Gordzelik presiding. Mary Wilson and Terry Gamblin served as greeters. Twenty-eight members and three guests, Eunice Ashford, Dakota Watson and Ole Nunes, were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Louise Bailey presented

## CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Top O' Texas CattleWomen Scholarship application forms are now available at local high schools. One scholarship in the amount of \$500 and two in the amount of \$250 will be awarded. College-bound seniors from Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler Counties are eligible to apply. The application deadline is April 26. The forms must be mailed to: Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096. For more information, call (806) 826-3572 or (806) 826-5719.

## PCCA

Pampa Community Concert Association's 2002-03 season membership campaign is currently under way through June 1. Membership subscriptions are \$30 for adults, \$15 for students and \$70 for families. For more information, call Ruth Riehart, president, at 665-0343.

## ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION

The 56th Annual St. Patrick's Celebration in Shamrock will be held March 15-17. The event will kick-off at 5 p.m., Friday, at 9 a.m., Saturday, and at 12 noon Sunday. Activities and events will include: A carnival, Miss Irish Rose Pageant, dances, arts and crafts show, Donegal Beard Contest, Old Settlers Reunion, parade, Motorcycle Rally and Antique and Classic Car Show, Lad and Lassie beauty pageant and Bull Buck-out with PRCA rodeo riders and bullfighters. For a complete schedule of events, visit [www.shamrocktx.net](http://www.shamrocktx.net) on the Internet.

## RETIREMENT PARTY

Y'all come. That's the invitation to Pampans who want to recognize Pampa Police Lt. Charles L. "Charlie" Love who is retiring after more than 30 years of service. The reception will begin at 2 p.m. Monday, March 18, in the second floor conference room at City Hall.

## CPC LUNCHEON

The Contract Procurement Center in Amarillo will sponsor a business luncheon for small, minority and women entrepreneurs from 11:45-1 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at Luby's Cafeteria, 4530 Canyon Dr., Amarillo. The guest speaker will be David Swinford, 87th District state representative. For reservations or for more information, contact Edmond Esparza, (806) 372-3381.

## SPRING ART SHOW

The Colony Frame and Gallery

## UPCOMING EVENTS

in Amarillo will kick-off its 10th annual Spring Art Show with an opening reception from 7-9 p.m., Friday, March 22 at its location in Amarillo. The show will continue through April 20 and will feature 60 pieces of art from 22 area artists. Proceeds will benefit Texas Plains Girl Scout Council.

## PACS

Pampa Area Christian Singles will host a dance from 8-11 p.m., March 23 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Music will be by Mike Porter. Please bring snacks. For more information, call 665-7059.

## GENEALOGY SEMINAR

Amarillo Genealogy Society will hold its spring seminar March 23 in Amarillo College West Campus Lecture Hall. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. The program will last from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Topics will be "Sweet Sixteen" and "20th Century Research" with John A. Sellers. Refreshments will be served. Lunch will not be provided. For more information, call Pattie Easterday at (806) 358-4712. Early registration deadline is Monday, March 18. Cost is \$17.50 before the 18th and \$20 after the 18th.

## ANTIQUÉ TRACTOR SHOW

Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will stage its 10th annual antique tractor show March 23-24, at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview. A parade of antique tractors will be held each day in addition to the regular show which will feature arts and crafts booths as well as antique tractors and related farm equipment. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call Paul Sarchet at (806) 744-4457.

## EASTER

### PRODUCTION

The youth department at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pampa will present "The Mysterious Glories of

Jesus" in silhouette at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 24 at the church. The production will be under the direction of Greg Bullard. The youth will perform behind a large screen. The shadow play will be accompanied by music from Dallas Holm's "His Last Days" soundtrack. The program is free and open to the public.

## MOM MANIA

Mom Mania, a support group for mothers with small children, will meet at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 26 in the meeting room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. Come for facts, food and fun. Nursery not included but infants and toddlers are welcome. For more information, call 665-3631.

## ARC CLASS

Gray County American Red Cross, 108 N. Russell, will conduct an "Adult/Infant/Child CPR" class from 6-10 p.m., March 28 at its location in Pampa. Cost of the class is \$35. For more information or to regis-

ter, call 669-7121.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

BSA Hospice will offer a grief education and support group from 1-2:30 p.m., on Thursday, through April 4 at BSA Hospice in Pampa, 800 N. Sumner. For more information, call 665-6677.

## CCS BANQUET

Community Christian School of Pampa will host its annual "Friend and Family Fund-Raiser Banquet" at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 11 in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. The keynote speaker will be Marty Cohen of Dallas and Israel, founder of Messianic Messages. Cohen produces a radio program called "Messianic Messages Out of Zion," and is often featured on American Family Radio. Tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased at CCS located at 220 N. Ballard or from any CCS student. For more information or to place an order, call (806) 665-3393.

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