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Deputies arrest women on drug charges

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Two women were arrested last night and charged with drug violations after a traffic stop by Gray County sheriff's deputies at the intersec-

tion of Buckler and Purviance streets, according to Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the sheriff's department.

Jane Dedrick, 31, 200 N. Wells, and Alicia Jean Smith, 36, Amarillo, were arrested between 11 p.m. and

midnight by Deputies Scott Larue, Jarrett Parsons and Nichol Johnson after suspected methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia were found.

Smith, the driver of the vehicle, reportedly had no

driver's license and was found to have less than one gram of suspected methamphetamine on her person.

Dedrick was reportedly in possession of drug paraphernalia.

The two remain in Gray

County Jail today in lieu of bond, according to jail records.

Smith was charged with possession of less than one gram of a controlled sub-

stance. See ARRESTS, Page 3

Lefors ISD board resets meeting to Thursday

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Tonight's regular meeting of Lefors Independent School District's school board has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 14, in the high school library at 209 5th Street.

School officials said today that the board meeting was moved to Thursday night because of a conflict with a church revival.

A teacher's resignation will be accepted, and teacher contracts will be approved.

Also on the agenda for approval are textbook adoption, a nutrition representative, and a rent house agreement.

A policy review seminar will be discussed and submitted for approval. Sale of lots will also be discussed.

The authorized cafeteria

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Weed be gone

O.L. "Rusty" McClure tackles the warm-weather task of digging up unwanted plants in his front yard in the 1600 block of Christine. Good weeding weather, sunny skies and warm temperatures, should remain in the area throughout the week, with rain chances cropping up in the forecast on Friday.

TPMH/MR seeks public input on services

Texas Panhandle Mental/Health Mental Retardation has scheduled a public forum for the citizens of Pampa between 12 noon and 1 p.m. on Friday, April 15, at the city's Commissioner's Court, 200 W. Foster.

"The forums present community members the opportunity to learn of the many services TPMHMR offers, provide feedback regarding service

delivery and discuss areas for expansion or improvement," a press release from TPMHMR said.

TPMHMR provides services to residents of Roberts, Gray and Wheeler counties through a satellite mental health clinic and a workshop for individuals with mental retardation, both located in Pampa.

The outpatient-psychiatric clinic

offers mental health services to adults with severe mental illness and children/adolescents in need of mental health intervention.

The workshops, the release stated, afford adults with mental retardation an opportunity to become productive members of society, offering a safe, caring and constructive place to spend the day. The workshop offers voca-

tional training, a day program, site-based habilitation and supported employment opportunities.

The agency urges all members of the community to attend the free upcoming forum. For more information, contact Tim Bowles, TPMHMR's director of Planning and Public Information, at (806) 351-3326.

Who will be Miss Woe-Man 2005?

Pampa High School's 10th Woe-Man Contest, an annual beauty pageant featuring senior guys as contestants, is set for 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 14, at PHS auditorium.

This year's contestants include Aaron Hunt, Chris Veal, Drew Morrison, Jacob Potter, Jacob Stillwagon, Jeremy Pritchett, Jerrod Busse, Jessie Parsley, Michael Pergeson, Q.B. Cobb, Ricky Harvill, Royce O'Neal, Seth Foster, Shea Brown, T.J. Sherrill, and Tim Dudley.

Each contestant will take present their talent and two big dance routines will feature all the contestants. Five finalists will then be interviewed before the judges make their final decision on who will be Miss Woe-Man 2005.

Tickets are \$3 per person. All proceeds fund different PHS Student Council activities including Homecoming and prom.

Thornberry's office to host Academy Forum in Amarillo

AMARILLO—U.S. Representative Mac Thornberry's Amarillo office will host an Academy Forum in Amarillo to provide information to interested students and their parents about attending the United States service academies.



Thornberry

The Forum will take place on Saturday, April 16. Representatives from West Point, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy and the Air Force ROTC will give presentations

and answer questions. Staff members from Thornberry's office will also be on hand to explain the application process. The Forum is designed for potential nominees in their junior or senior year of high school, but all students, parents, and counselors are invited to attend. This is the seventh year Thornberry has hosted Academy Forums.

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See FORUM, Page 3

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Obituaries

Tharon Ashley 'Tiny' Leonard, 87

Tharon Ashley "Tiny" Leonard, 87, died Sunday, April 10, 2005, in Pampa. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Barry Loving, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating.

Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Leonard was born on Nov. 26, 1917, in Shamrock. She had been a resident of



Leonard

Pampa for the past 80 years and attended Pampa schools. She married William "Bill" Leonard in 1943 in Mineral Wells. He preceded her in death in 2001. She worked for the Pampa Country Club and the Pampa Club for many years. She was a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include her son, Bill Leonard, of Amarillo; a grandson, Terrell Thomas and family of Whiteface; two nieces, Harriet Dean Wiley of Waxahachie and Treva Dean Cochran of Fort Worth.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whately.com.

Patricia Sue Marchman, 63

Patricia Sue Marchman, 63, died Sunday, April 10, 2005, in Pampa. Services are to be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 13, 2005, in Central Baptist Church with Bro. Cole Goldsmith, Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Marchman was born on June 27, 1941, in Shamrock and was a 1959 graduate of Pampa High School. She was a resident of Perryton before moving back to Pampa 15 years ago. She married Fines Marchman on March 30, 1963, in Pampa. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Skellytown. She was the church secretary for Highland Baptist Church in Pampa for nine

years. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Rev. Fines Marchman of the home; a son, Dale Marchman and wife Jamie of Perryton; a daughter, Dana Marchman of Plainview; her mother, Fannie West of Pampa; her brother, Aubrey West of Pampa; a sister, Marlene Kyle of Pampa; and three grandchildren, Courtney Marchman, Abbie Marchman and Tyler Marchman, all of Perryton.

Memorials may be made to Youth Summer Mission Trip, c/o First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 176, Skellytown, Texas, 79080.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whately.com.

James R. 'J.R.' Moore, Jr., 83

James R. "J.R." Moore, Jr., 83, of Pampa, died Monday, April 11, 2005, at Pampa.

Graveside services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Thursday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Barry Loving, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating.

A native of Pampa, Mr. Moore was born Oct. 19, 1921, one of eight children born to James Roy Moore, Sr. and Minta Masters Moore. He married Dorothy Cummings on Dec. 13, 1945, at Pampa; she died July 8, 1987. He later married Thelma Gray on Feb. 4, 1990, at Miami.

Mr. Moore was a farmer and antique dealer for many years. He enjoyed woodworking, welding, leather work, furniture making and fishing.

He volunteered at Pampa Senior Citizens Center for five years and was known as the "Candy Man" because he always had candy for those he met as well as a smile or a joke to share.

Mr. Moore was a lifelong member of First Christian Church, where he was baptized at age 12, and was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, serving in North Africa and in Europe during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma, of the home; a daughter, Charlotte Walker of Broken Arrow, Okla.; a son, Gerald Moore of Pampa; a stepson, Jim Gray of Fort Worth; a brother, Jewel Moore of Pampa; three sisters, Doris Shelley of Katy, Fleeta Clark of Winslow, Ark., and Loydell Sparks of Spearman; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis St., Pampa, TX 79065.

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Stocks

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Corn	4.60		VLO	49.17 -0.38
Soybeans	5.41		HAL	108.22 -2.11
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.			TRJ	SLB
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BP PLC ADR	63.22 -0.40		XCEL	12.14 -0.08
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Services tomorrow

MARCHMAN, Patricia Sue — 10 a.m., Central Baptist Church, Pampa.

Gray County Weather

Today: Sunny, with a high around 73. Wind chill values between 30 and 35 early. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 41. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. North northwest wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 44. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 73. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. South wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 73.

South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Windy, with a south southwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 70. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 46.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 71.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 73.

Mobile home fire kills 10-year-old, younger sister

OZONA, Texas (AP) — A 10-year-old boy and his younger sister were killed and a woman was injured in a fire that spread from the mobile home they were sleeping in to another trailer.

Felipe R. Villarreal and Belia Cardenas, 5, were found in a bedroom, said Crockett County Justice of the Peace James Hearne.

Sylvia Villarreal Cardenas, who was home with the children, was taken to a San Angelo hospital for treatment. Her relationship to the children was unclear.

Crockett County Sheriff's deputies

responding to a disturbance call found the trailer on fire when they arrived around 12:20 a.m. Monday. When firefighters arrived, the blaze had spread to another mobile home a few feet away.

The Crockett County Fire Marshal and the sheriff's office are investigating the cause of the fire, which destroyed both mobile homes.

Information from: The Ozona Stockman, <http://www.ozona.com/> Odessa American, <http://www.oaoa.com/>

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrest today.

Monday, April 11

Sixteen traffic stops were made.

Three business alarms and one residential alarm were reported. Two open doors were checked.

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 500 block of North Dwight.

Animal complaints were received from the 400 block of South Starkweather and the intersection of Campbell and Henry streets.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported twice in the police department lobby, and in the 900 block of South Faulkner.

Burglary of a building was reported at Larry Beck Electric, 1314 W. Kentucky. Approximately \$105 in cash was reported missing.

Burglary was reported in the 1600 block of Christine.

Accidents

A back door was kicked in. Criminal mischief was reported at Central Park, in the 800 block of North Duncan. Graffiti was written on a bathroom door. Estimated damage is \$33.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 400 block of North Ward.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of South Sumner. A bicycle was taken from a front yard.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of East Browning. Estimated loss is \$20 for lawn mowing services which were not done.

Theft was reported in the 2400 block of Fir. Gasoline valued at \$18 was stolen.

Theft was reported at Dollar General, 2225 Perryton Parkway. Clothing valued at \$45.50 was shoplifted.

Theft was reported at Pizza Hut, 1500 N. Banks. Pizzas were reported taken.

A domestic disturbance was reported from One Medical Plaza. Assault on a family member allegedly occurred in the 500 block of Frost, with minor injuries.

Tuesday, April 12

Monica Combs, 29, 1905 Coffee, was arrested in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway for theft under \$50, speeding, and no valid driver's license.

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Monday, April 11

2:08 p.m. — A 1992 Chrysler New Yorker, driven by Carolyn King Miller, 49, 521 N. Doyle, and a 2003 Ford Windstar, driven by Tony Davis, 42, 2227 N. Williston, collided in the intersection of Alcock and Hobart. Melodie Davis, 39, 2227 N. Williston, a passenger in Davis' vehicle, was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS ambulance with possible injuries. Miller was cited for driving while intoxicated.

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Monday, April 11

Jane Dedrick, 31, 200 N. Wells, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, no driver's license, and capias pro fines.

Alicia Jean Smith, 36, Amarillo, was arrested for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.

Tuesday, April 12

Tyson Pounds, 19, 121 N. Dwight, was arrested on a probation violation for burglary of a habitation.

Industry

Central safety database to help track number of industrial accidents still far cry from reality

TEXAS CITY, Texas (AP) — Trying to find an accurate tally on the number of accidents involving the chemical and petrochemical industries can be a complicated task.

No single, centralized database exists to track incidents such as last month's deadly explosion at a BP refinery in Texas City. Instead, various agencies collect pieces of information on safety in the chemical and petrochemical industries.

Although companies track their own plants' safety records, some experts say the lack of uniform data means the industry can't measure its overall performance and learn from mistakes.

"We simply don't have a good way to track how we're doing, if we're get-

'We simply don't have a good way to track how we're doing, if we're getting better or not on a year-to-year basis. It's like we're moving in the dark.'

— Sam Mannan
Director of the Mary Kay O'Connor Process Safety Center

ting better or not on a year-to-year basis," says Sam Mannan, director of the Mary Kay O'Connor Process Safety Center at Texas A&M University. "It's like we're moving in the dark."

The Environmental Protection Agency collects accident data from 15,000 of the largest industrial operations in the country,

meaning the agency excludes thousands of other businesses. Also, the EPA only receives filings from companies every five years or within six months after an accident at a facility.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration counts the number of workers injured or killed on work sites only if more than three people are hospital-

ized. Under OSHA guidelines, if a worker is injured but doesn't miss work, the incident isn't reportable.

Using OSHA data to track a safety records can be complicated. For example, the 15 contractors who died in the refinery blast may be reported as fatalities in the construction rather than the refining industry since their employers are considered construction firms.

The National Response Center Incident Reporting Information System maintains reports about releases of chemical substances into the environment. But the information ranges from a single gallon of chemical falling on a factory floor to major oil spills. It also has false alarms, duplicate reports of the same incident and practice drills.

"As an analyst I always want more data, but the regulatory process prevents us from asking for more and more," said James Belke, an EPA environmental engineer who specializes in safety issues. "It's hard to know where to draw the line. We stop the list of chemicals we regulate at 140, but the 141st is still pretty important."

The power and funding given to agencies that maintain the current databases varies and depends on decisions by Congress. The industries monitored by OSHA and the EPA also try to curtail the agencies' powers.

Information from: Houston Chronicle, <http://www.houstonchronicle.com>

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Zippity Zoo Day

A tiger (Angie Beyer) and tiger trainer (Janet Whitsell) were a great hit at St. Matthew's Zippity Zoo which highlights a study of animals and their habitats. Zoo attendants from left to right included Lexi Shorter, Ismael Miranda, Janae Williams, Ciera Ditmore, Calista Bolin, and McKenzie O'Neal.

Bush thanks soldiers in visit to Fort Hood

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — President Bush visited soldiers at the largest U.S. military base Tuesday, marking the two-year anniversary of the end of Saddam Hussein's regime by saying it will be remembered along with the fall of the Berlin Wall as one of history's greatest moments.

Bush thanked the soldiers at Fort Hood who have recently returned from Iraq or are heading there this fall, but said it isn't time to start bringing U.S. forces home.

'In the last two years you have accomplished much, but your work isn't over.'

— President Bush

"Iraqis want to be led by their own countrymen," Bush said. "We'll help them achieve that objective. And then our troops can come home with the honor they deserve."

"In the last two years you have accomplished much, but your work isn't over," he said. Terrorists "will remain under constant pressure from our armed forces."

Base officials said 25,000 soldiers came to hear the commander in chief. As the Marine One helicopter carrying Bush came in for a landing, the pilot circled the enormous crowd crammed shoulder-to-shoulder on a base parade field, waving hand-held American flags.

"Whether you are coming or going, you're making an enormous difference for the

security of our nation and for the peace of our world," Bush told them. "I want to thank you for extending freedom to millions, and I want to thank you for making America proud."

The crowd remained somber and silent for much of the speech as Bush talked about the plight of Iraqis and soldiers who have aided them. They let out occasional whoops as Bush mentioned various base contingents who have contributed.

"If we can start to change the most powerful country in the Middle East, the others will follow," Bush said. "Americans 20 years down the road won't have to deal with a day like Sept. 11, 2001."

Bush noted that on April 9, 2003 — two years ago last Saturday — a statue of Saddam Hussein that stood in Baghdad was pulled from its pedestal to the ground.

Girls held by knife-wielding man in Germany set free after standoff

ENNEPETAL, Germany (AP) — A man wielding two knives pulled four girls off a public bus in northwest Germany on Tuesday and held them hostage in a cellar for several hours before setting them free unharmed, authorities said.

The four girls, the oldest one aged 16, were taken hostage at about 1 p.m. and

held in the cellar of a nearby home for about five hours, police spokesman Joerg Blaszyk said. The girls were released after a tense standoff at the house between the suspect and police commandos, who had sealed off the area.

Officers overpowered the man and took him into custody, police spokesman

Manfred Radeke said. Police believe the man took four children captive after commandeering the bus, which was filled with children on their way home from school in Ennepetal, said Ulrich Rungwerth of the North Rhine-Westphalia state Interior Ministry.

Neighbors said the man lived in the area.

Renate Schulte said her 16-year-old son, Marvin, who escaped after the man forced the bus driver to stop, told her that the man read a statement in the bus saying his children were in Iran and he wanted to be allowed to bring them to Germany.

The man then herded some of the children into the back of the bus.

Poll: Americans say taxes too complicated, but hesitant to give up deductions, credits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Americans think federal income taxes are too complicated, but they're not eager to simplify tax preparation by getting rid of some deductions and tax credits, according to an AP-Ipsos poll.

Forty-five percent of those polled support eliminating them, while 51 percent oppose that approach.

Millions of Americans are scrambling to meet the April 15 tax deadline. Many acknowledge they dread preparing the tax forms.

"Anybody who says they don't mind their taxes is lying," said businessman William Long of Ferris, Texas. "I definitely put them off until the last minute, even when money is coming back. I just don't want to deal with them."

Seven in 10 said their federal taxes are too complicated, according to a poll conducted by The Associated Press by Ipsos-Public Affairs. The survey found 49 percent would prefer a trip to the dentist while 48 percent

would rather prepare their taxes.

Nearly a third of the 133 million income tax returns expected this year will arrive at the Internal Revenue Service during the last two to three weeks before the April 15 deadline, IRS spokesman Eric Smith said. He anticipated that almost 9 million will file extensions so they can file late returns and 2 million to 3 million are expected to miss the due date.

"If there's a deadline, some people will do almost anything to avoid it," Smith said.

About a fourth of those responsible for their family's tax preparations said they had yet to start their returns or only began preparing them the week before they were asked, according to the

poll taken last week.

Simplifying the tax system is the goal of a federal panel created by President Bush that will collect information over the next few months and is expected to offer recommendations by midsummer.

Some proposals that might be considered include:

- Reducing income tax rates while imposing a national sales tax.
- Instituting a flat tax that would have everyone pay the same rate regardless of what they earn.

Most people don't like the flat tax idea, with 57 percent of those surveyed saying people with higher incomes should pay a higher tax rate. Only 40 percent thought tax rates should be the same for everyone.

People who make \$75,000 or more a year were most

likely to support that plan, but they were about evenly split. Other income groups opposed it.

By a 3-to-1 margin, Democrats favored the wealthier paying a higher rate, while Republicans were more likely to favor taxing everyone at the same rate.

"There are the fortunate few who are making their living on other people's hard work, they can afford to give more back to the government," said Phil Rosenfeld, a computer consultant from Miami who leans Democratic.

Kim Howard-Johnson, a San Diego homemaker who leans Republican, said she would like to see the tax rates the same for all income levels.

"I think it should be changed," she said. "That's the fairest thing to do. It would provide an incentive for people to make more money."

'Anybody who says they don't mind their taxes is lying.'

— William Long
Ferris, Texas taxpayer

Forum

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the reasons I consider nominating young people to service academies a very important part of my job," Thornberry said.

As a member of Congress, Thornberry is allowed to nominate a limited number

of students for each service academy. Applications for nomination must be submitted to Thornberry's office by December 1 of a student's senior year.

After reviewing Congressional nominations, final selections and offers of acceptance are made by the service academies.

Nominees who are accepted by the academies receive

their education for free.

In return, they agree to serve in the military for a minimum of five years after graduation.

The schedule for the Forum is as follows: Saturday, April 16; 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Amarillo Southwest Branch Library, 6801 SW 45th Avenue.

For more information, call 806-371-8844.

Arrests

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stance, and \$2,500 bond was set on the charge, according to a jail spokesperson. She also owes \$360 in capias pro fines for no valid driver's license.

Dedrick's bond on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia was set at \$500. She owes another \$365 in capias pro fines for no driver's license.

Lefors

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representative will be changed, and the substitute teacher list will be updated.

Other agenda items include setting a date to canvass the upcoming May 7 election, and federal programs on school/parental compact, parental evaluation policy and application designee certification.

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"In this world nothing can be said to be certain, Except death and taxes." Ben Franklin

Viewpoints

Meeting V.I.P.s like Fena a perk of the job

One of the perks of my job is that I sometimes get to meet famous — and infamous — characters.

I met a V.I.P. just last week. She is a "very important pooch."

Fena is a search and rescue dog given to the City of Pampa by Team Amber Alert, a local organization. Her training, and that of her handler, Animal Control Supervisor Sandy Burns, was provided free by Canines for Kids, Inc.

Fena's talented nose can track and find missing persons, including children and those who have wandered off and may not be able to find their way home, such as Alzheimer's patients.

Thereby hangs a tail — er, tale.

Canines for Kids, Inc. is a non-profit organization based in Burlington, N.C. It was created as the result of a search for a missing child, Jennifer Short of Henry County, Va.

Mike Craig and Linda Dunn, who operate Canines for Kids, have almost 20 years of combined experience in dog training, and were running a training and boarding facility in Burlington when they offered search and rescue services to the Henry County Sheriff's Office in the fall of 2002 to help find Jennifer.

As a result of their assistance on the case, the Henry

County Sheriff's Office approached Craig and Dunn about donating a scent-discriminating dog to their department.

In February 2003, Craig and Dunn donated a bloodhound named Jennifer's Saving Grace, in honor of Jennifer Short, and all necessary gear for the dog, to Henry County S.O.

They also trained the bloodhound's handler, Corporal Rik Vaughn, free of charge. All expenses for the donation came out of Craig

and Dunn's pockets, with help and support from friends, family and others.

"As we turned Grace over to Rik, we both marveled at how wonderful we felt for having been able to accomplish this task," the dog-training duo wrote in a pamphlet about Canines for Kids.

Their experience with the Henry County search, as well as searches for other missing children, led to the creation of Canines for Kids.

"If we could turn what we did out of our own pockets

into a non-profit corporation, we might be able to continue to train and donate dogs to law enforcement agencies across the nation," the pamphlet states.

Donated dogs might be the only way many law enforcement agencies can afford such additions to their staff, in these days of tight funding and budget cuts, Craig and Dunn felt.

Jennifer's Saving Grace became only the first of a series of scent-discriminating dogs donated to law enforcement agencies.

Jennifer's Saving Grace was followed by Annie, a bloodhound donated to the Honolulu, Hawaii police department; Scooby, a

bloodhound given to the New York City police department; Winston, a bloodhound for the Greenville County, Va., sheriff's office; and Fena.

Fena, a Belgian malinois, was originally being trained as a drug dog, but didn't like the work, Burns said. Her handlers noticed that she was much more interested in tracking and finding people, so her training was switched to scent-tracking people.

The donated scent-tracking dogs from Canines for Kids have some spectacular success stories.

Gracie found two hunters who were lost in the woods.

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Marilyn Powers
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, April 12, the 102nd day of 2005. There are 263 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 12, 1945, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Ga., at age 63; he was succeeded by Vice President Harry S. Truman.

On this date:

In 1606, England adopted as its flag the original version of the Union Jack.

In 1861, the American Civil War began as Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter in South Carolina.

In 1934, "Tender Is the Night," by F. Scott Fitzgerald, was first published.

In 1955, the Salk vaccine against polio was declared safe and effective.

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in space, orbiting the earth once before making a safe landing.

In 1981, the space shuttle Columbia blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on its first test flight.

In 1983, Chicagoans went to the polls to elect Harold Washington the city's first black mayor.

In 1985, Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, became the first senator to fly in space as the shuttle Discovery lifted off.

In 1989, radical activist Abbie Hoffman was found dead at his home in New Hope, Pa., at age 52.

In 1989, former middleweight boxing champion Sugar Ray Robinson died in Culver City, Calif., at age 67.

Our readers write

Response to littering letter

Why, Mr. Logue, I do take time to read page two of our paper and keep wondering why I don't read any arrests for littering? You're right about the list of criminal activity that never seems to shorten; however, I believe the sign that reads \$100 to \$1,000 fine for littering means that littering is against the law as speeding is against the law, right Mr. Logue?

Are you saying that our law enforcement be selec-

tive in responding to specific criminal activity? I've already stated, Mr. Logue: I pick up litter when confronted (every day). Do you? Not surprisingly Mr. Logue, you're showing your apathy by stating Mother Nature can handle herself with the occasional plastic bag. She cannot, Mr. Logue. Plastic will be the fossil we leave future generations to discover a million years from now. I'll be more than willing to head an adult and youth literacy campaign on the perils of littering, Mr. Logue, if you will be the first enrollee.

Dennis Palmitier
Pampa

FAMILY PORTRAIT



Children's Hope Act gives choice

Rep. Trent Franks, 47, works out of his office in the Longworth Building just south of the Capitol, where a bust of Lincoln and a small statuette titled "Jesus With Children" are on display. From that small office is coming legislation that could free thousands and then millions of children from bondage to public schools harmful to their educational health.

Franks, a second-term congressman from Arizona, pushed through his state legislature in 1997 the Arizona Scholarship Tax Credit Bill. That law allows Arizona taxpayers to receive up to a

\$500 dollar-for-dollar state income tax credit when they make private, voluntary contributions to charities that use at least 90 percent of the money to provide scholarships that allow children to attend the school of their parents' choice.

Since 1997, Arizona taxpayers have made 120,000 donations, and this year the program is likely to raise \$30 million for scholarships. Through the program, over 24,000 scholarship-receiv-

ing students in Arizona are attending a private school this year. Franks says: "Even the poorest child now becomes royalty in the system. In the past, only wealthy parents could afford their children such an opportunity."

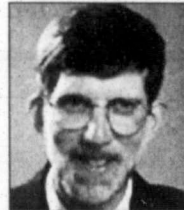
As Arizona goes, so goes the nation? That's the congressman's goal, but only two other states now have scholarship tax credits. In Florida, corporations can transfer up to 75 percent of their corporate income tax

liability to non-profit Scholarship Funding Organizations; currently, over 30,000 parents have applied for scholarships for their children. Pennsylvania also has a scholarship tax credit for businesses. Franks wants to give 47 other states incentives to follow these leaders.

The Children's Hope Act, to which Franks has attracted nearly 70 co-sponsors, tells state legislators that if they enact a scholarship tax credit of \$250 or more, all residents of their state will be eligible to take part in an

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Texas-size jump in peace needed

No one dismisses the report President Bush and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon have developed since the Texan first traveled to Israel in November 1998. They speak plainly, follow their convictions and make hard calls.

Ariel Sharon and President Bush meet today (April 11) in Crawford. The two need to capitalize on that bond when they meet. The Mideast has a rare chance to move forward, but the region needs compromise and persuasion aplenty. It especially needs Mr. Bush to invest himself in the conflict and help Israelis and Palestinians take advantage

of their opening.

The stalemate eased last year after Yasser Arafat died. Palestinians now seemingly have a more moderate leader in Mahmoud Abbas, who is presenting reforms that contrast sharply with the corrupt Arafat reign. And he largely has stopped the suicide bombings, although Hamas remains a horrible problem for him and the civilized world.

The situation further improved when Mr. Sharon decided to dismantle Jewish

settlements in the Gaza Strip. Admirably, he has withstood internal pressure in his bid to get his countrymen to exit Gaza. As he tries to ease tensions with these

moves, he needs U.S. moral support.

Mr. Bush, however,

must press Mr. Sharon to stop closing off parts of Jerusalem and allowing larger Israeli settlements on the West Bank. The Israeli probably will tell the president he needs these hard stands to calm his right

wing. But the president shouldn't budge from his earlier line that these actions will throw the peace process into a tailspin.

If need be, the president should show some muscle. His guest won't like it, but Israel will benefit from a Texas-sized jump in the peace process.

It's obvious that neither Israelis nor Palestinians can afford to slide backward. More animosity will lead to political, moral and economic suicide. One can only hope the Crawford summit and the president's leadership moves the region away from a sure death to a renewed sense of life.

Texas Thoughts

Dallas Morning News

Business Review

Rasco custom buildings tailored to suit client's needs

Rasco Construction, owned by Gerald and Joyce Rasco, is located at 1000 S. Price Rd. Selling and installing overhead doors both residential and commercial as well as the door operators is one of the main functions the trained staff at Rasco Construction provides for their customers. MID-AMERICA doors and LIFTMASTER overhead door openers may be purchased from Rasco.

Custom built buildings of any size are built by the staff at Rasco Construction. "We will build them any size the customer wants," said Rasco. "Both large and small." Buildings constructed by Rasco Construction may be seen in towns across the Texas Panhandle. The staff has traveled to almost every town in the Panhandle since the business began in May 2002.

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"If you are considering a new garage or carport, now is the time before the spring storms hit," said Joyce Rasco of Rasco Construction. "We also look forward in the next several months to having a large width steel building available. This is in the planning stage at this time."

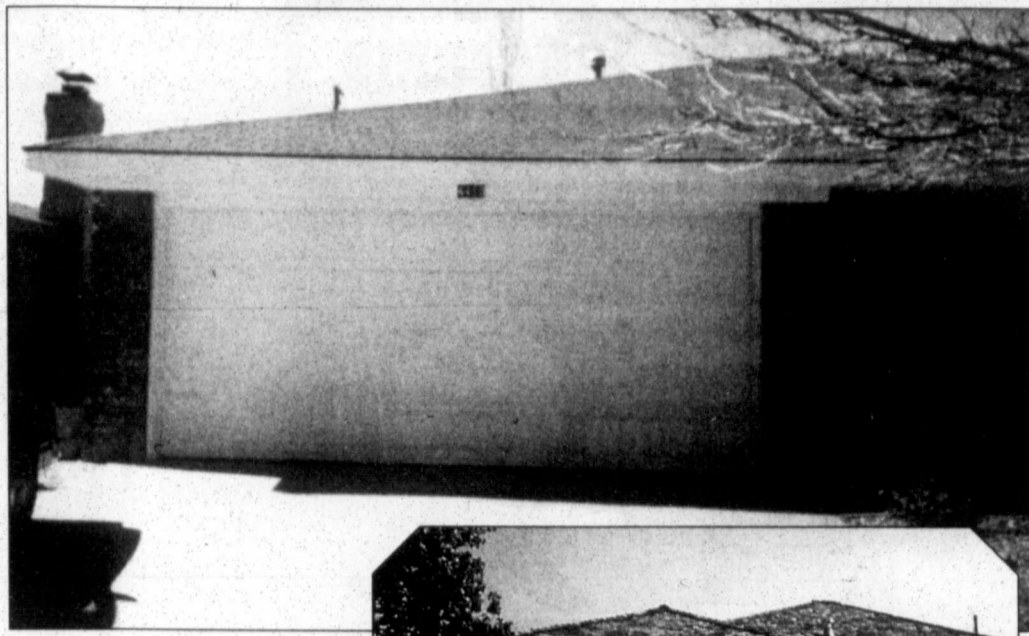
Gerald and Joyce Rasco would like to thank all of their valued customers for their business this past year. "We hope we may continue to serve you throughout the coming year," Joyce said.

Rasco Construction would like to welcome everyone to drop by the local business to check out the services the company provides. Prospective customers may visit with the staff and determine the "perfect" storage building for their needs.

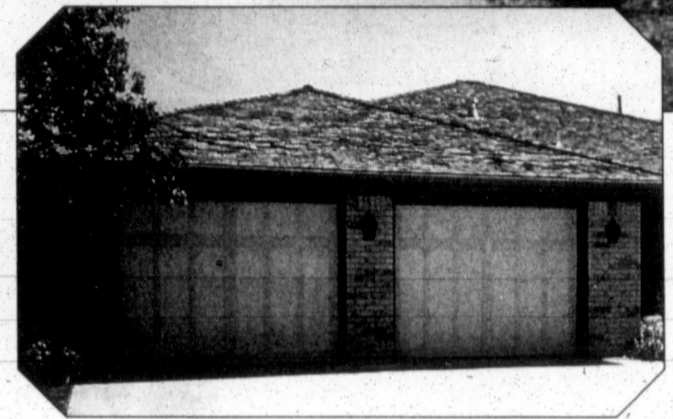
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Wings & Wheels air/car show set for May 7 in Amarillo

AMARILLO — Commemorative Air Force, Amarillo Area Corvette Club and Tradewind Airport are hosting their second annual Top O' Texas Wings & Wheels Extravaganza from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 7, at Tradewind Airport. The show will feature

World War II air planes, special acrobatic planes and hundreds of Corvettes. A special Callaway Corvette collection, Corvette drag cars, and Corvette cars of all year models will be present. Gate entry is \$7 a person, children under 5 are free and parking is free.

Purpose of the Wings & Wheels Extravaganza is to raise funds for local charities and to put on a special private air and car show for local disabled and disadvantaged children.

Over 700 disabled and disadvantaged children are brought to Tradewind

Airport for a private show designed just for them. This private showing allows the children an up-close, hands on experience while watching cars and special air craft perform. The children participating in the Wings and Wheels program are generally not included in field trips

because of the challenges that revolve around their special needs. The projected cost per child is \$55.

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Brass collection is a winner!

Jane Wilkins of Lefors won first place in the Ladies Decorative Category at the Devil's Rope Museum Collector's Showcase last weekend in McLean. The brass items in her display were gifts that her husband had brought back from Saudi Arabia.

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Annie found two lost Alzheimer's patients. Winston has made three people-finds, one of which featured a scent trail that was five days old and three miles long.

Winston also found people who had

gotten into a car and driven away.

It would be nice if Fena's services were never needed in Pampa and the surrounding area. But in 2003 and 2004, there were 225 persons reported as missing to Pampa Police Department.

It is probably only a matter of time before Fena is called into service in a real-life missing person case.

Thanks to Team Amber Alert and

Canines for Kids, those missing persons now have a better chance of being found.

For more information on Canines for Kids, visit their web site at www.caninesforkids.net <<http://www.caninesforkids.net>>, or call (336) 578-8538.

Their mailing address is 4581 B Tangle Ridge Trail, Burlington, NC 27217.

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additional federal tax credit. The additional federal tax credit is only \$100 (\$200 for joint returns) and only for those individuals contributing to organizations that distribute at least half of their scholarships to low-income children, but that's what Franks believe will get some state legislatures moving.

He accurately points out that a dollar-for-dollar tax credit is much more of an incentive than a deduction of 10 percent to 38 percent. A tax credit is also better than a voucher, in that vouchers require governments to distribute money that already has come in — with tax credits, officials never get their hands on the funds and have far less opportunity to attach strings.

Tax credit funding of scholarships to religious as well as secular schools is clean sailing constitutionally, since parents and not officials are making the educational decisions.

That's why conservative pillar Paul Weyrich of the Free Congress Foundation praises the Children's Hope Act: It provides "a powerful incentive that encourages the principal reform effort to be undertaken at the state and local level, rather than a sweeping master plan whose purse strings will be controlled at the federal level by bureaucrats cloistered in offices at the Department of Education. Furthermore, because the scholarships

are delivered to parents, it is they who have full power to choose the school their child attends."

The Children's Hope Act now has support from the GOP House leadership — but opposition, as well, from legislators, including some Republicans, who are sour on school choice.

Others are concerned about the federal deficit, but the estimated cost of \$200 million over the first three years of the plan is, sadly, chickenfeed in Washington these days — and it could readily be offset by the slaughter of even one of the educational turkeys that federal officials keep on feed-

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Marvin Olasky, Ph.D., is a professor of journalism at the University of Texas at Austin and editor of "World" magazine.

Community Happenings

- **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: March 24, First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster, and April 27, Sheppard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

- **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., April 6, 20 and 25, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and 12:30-4 p.m., April 11, City Hall, Canadian. For more information, call (806) 874-3211.

- **The next Pampa Area Singles Dance** with Mike Porter will be from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes. Admission will be \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol allowed. For more

information, call 665-7059. Please bring snacks.

- **The Center for Texas Culture** and the Department of Theatre and Dance at Frank Phillips College will hold auditions for the summer production of "Lone Star Rising" from 12 noon-4 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at FPC Theatre in Borger. Needed are actors, dancers, singers and technicians. The show is staged June 15 through Aug. 14 at Lake Meredith's Fritch Fortress Amphitheatre. For more information, call (806) 677-1706 or (806) 457-4200, ext. 83.

- **For senior students** enrolled at state certified schools in Gray, Carson, Collingsworth, Hemphill, Hutchison, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler counties, scholarship opportunities are available through Top O' Texas CattleWomen. Applications will be made available through area counselors' offices. The deadline to return applications for judging is April 22. One \$500 scholarship and two \$250 scholarships will be awarded. These scholarship applications should be mailed to Glenda Adcock, 920 Turkey Track Rd., Miami, TX 79059. For more information, contact Adcock at (806) 868-6828.

- **A FreshStart Facilitator Training** is set between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. April 23 in the Medical Office Building Conference Room at Pampa Regional Medical Center. The training will focus on the development of a tobacco cessation program and will be worth some free continuing education credits from Amarillo College. Organizers ask participants RSVP by April 20 by phone, (806) 354-0950; by e-mail, cstockstill@harringtoncc.org; or by fax, (806) 353-1282.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR READERS: In light of recent events, many of you have requested that I reprint something regarding living wills, a subject that has appeared in this column since the early 1970s. Because this subject is both important and timely, I am doing so -- with additional comments. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: No one wakes up in the morning planning to have an accident, a heart attack or some other life-threatening condition. All too often doctors and nurses are faced with a family divided on what they "think" our patient would want (or not want). Combine this with the shock and grief these people are experiencing, and the situation becomes volatile. People should complete a living will before they need one. - FORMER SURGICAL NURSE, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

DEAR FORMER NURSE: Thank you for speaking from the perspective of someone who has been in the trenches and seen firsthand how important it is to make one's wishes clearly understood.

DEAR ABBY: I saw my handsome, 6-foot, 200-pound father waste away to an 88-pound skeleton after fighting a two-year battle with cancer. The doctors told us it was hopeless, yet they kept that poor dear man alive month after month with transfusions, tubes, needles and drugs, while he prayed to God to take him.

Abby, you would do millions of readers a priceless service by acquainting them with the living will. --GRATEFUL IN JOLIET, ILL.

DEAR READERS: By now, the importance of having an advance directive -- or living will -- should be apparent to everyone. Contrary to what many people may believe, this is not just a document for old people. A living will is simply a document that instructs your physician, lawyer, clergyman, family members -- even a few trusted

friends -- what your wishes are if there is no hope for your recovery and you are unable to speak for yourself.

I have a living will, and I hope that the people who love me will respect it. Mine states that if there is no hope for my recovery and all hope for life is gone, or I lose my sense of reason, I do not wish to be kept alive by artificial means.

If any of you disagree with this philosophy, you should put your own feelings clearly in writing, too.

For information about advanced directives or living wills, consult your physician, your legal adviser, or visit www.compassionandchoices.org. Click at the bottom of the Web page where it says "Information about advance directives."

Anyone with problems having an advance directive honored should contact the Compassion and Choices support staff toll-free at 1-800-247-7421. This group will advocate for honoring your advance directive, including legal action if necessary. Its services are free, and are supported entirely by donations and memberships.

DEAR ABBY: Please settle a question about wedding etiquette for me. My friend feels it is the guests' responsibility to "seek out" the bride to congratulate her at the reception.

I have been married 12 years, and I remember that one of the important things I had to do was to mingle with the guests and thank them for coming. Has this ritual changed since then? -- SNUBBED IN CINCINNATI

DEAR SNUBBED: No, good manners have not changed. I don't know how large the wedding you attended was, but the bride should have visited each table to have personally thanked her guests. It's the gracious thing to do.

For Better Or Worse



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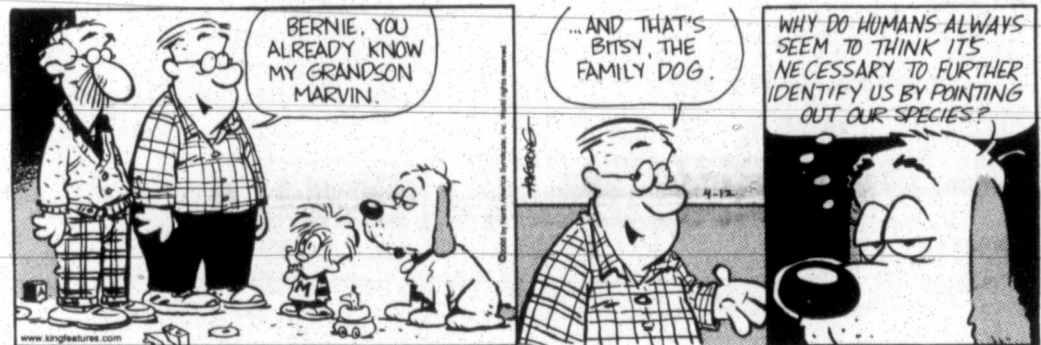
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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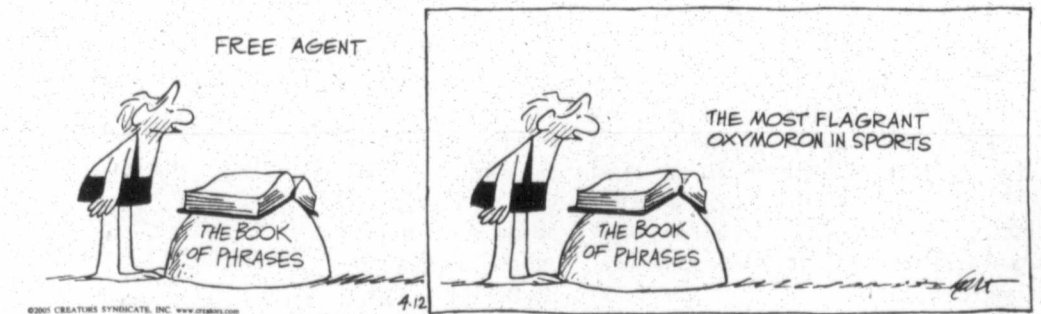
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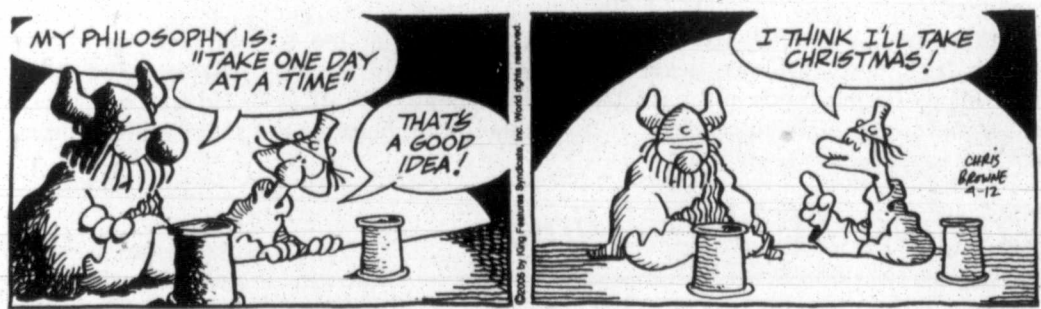
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Sports Day

Pampa Junior High School swim team ends season by leaving competition in its wake at Andrews Meet

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa Junior High School swim team took part in a meet against Andrews, Monahans, All Saints (Lubbock) and Pecos last weekend. The meet, held at Andrews, was the final meet of the season for PJHS, and it proved to be a very good one.

8th grader Nicki Cole led the girls' team by placing first in the 50 Free, 100 Free and the 50 Breaststroke. Cole joined teammates Amber Bradford, Ana Saucedo and Tyler O'Neal on two relay teams, each nabbing second place finishes. Each of the swimmers also finished among the top five in their individual events.

Others earning scores were Abby West, Jennifer Huffines, Jessica Baggerman and Britney Poulin.

"The girls team has been working hard and is coming into there own right now," said Coach Miller. "Their move to high school will be welcomed and very interesting. I believe with this group of swimmers we can make a run at the Region champi-

onship next year." Miller added, "They are a strong group of ladies that love to work hard."

Team Scores, Girls

Pampa, 287
Pecos, 188
All Saints, 160
Monahans, 179
Andrews, 67

Dustin Neef led the boys' team, placing third the 200 IM, second in the 50 free, and first in the 50 Breaststroke. He was also part of the second place 200 Medley Relay and the first place 200 Free relay.

Dustin was supported by Cole Guyer, Colby Dennis and Caleb West — all of whom placed among the top five in their individual events.

Other boys that scored included Jeremy Zellefrow, Chance Almanza, Chris Hinkle, Ethan Addy, and Zach Robles.

"Our boys are doing a great job this year," said Miller. "Their times are getting much faster and (they) are starting to dominate the meets."

Team Scores, Boys

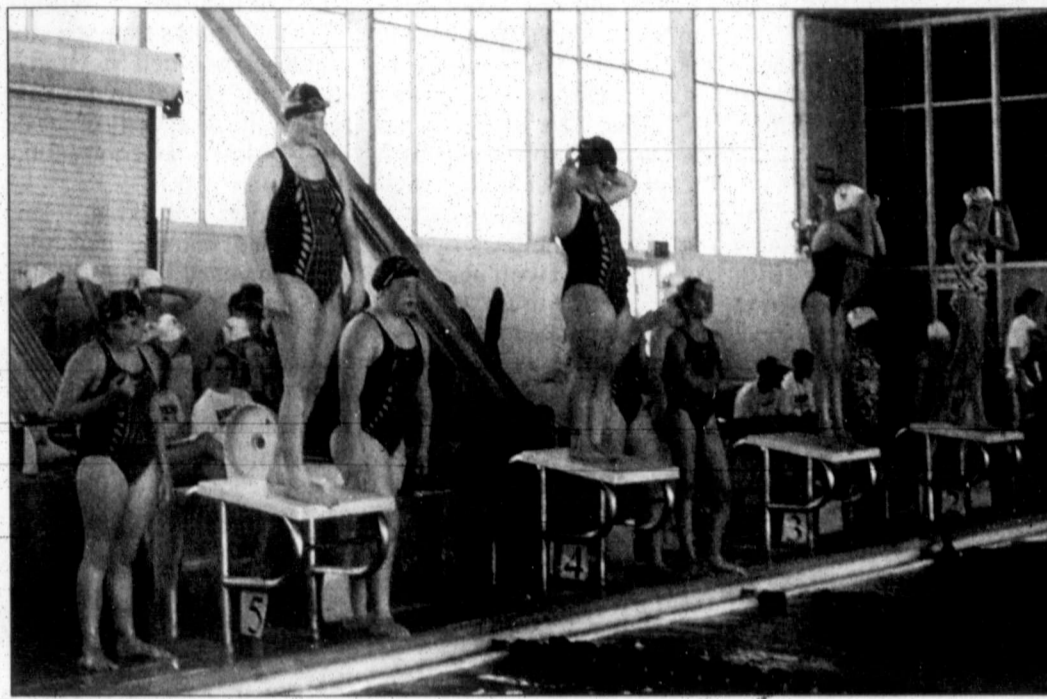
Pampa, 291
Pecos, 275
All Saints, 208
Monahans, 124
Andrews, 4

Miller went on to say, "There will be a very positive impact when they move into high school swimming as they add to an already strong team."

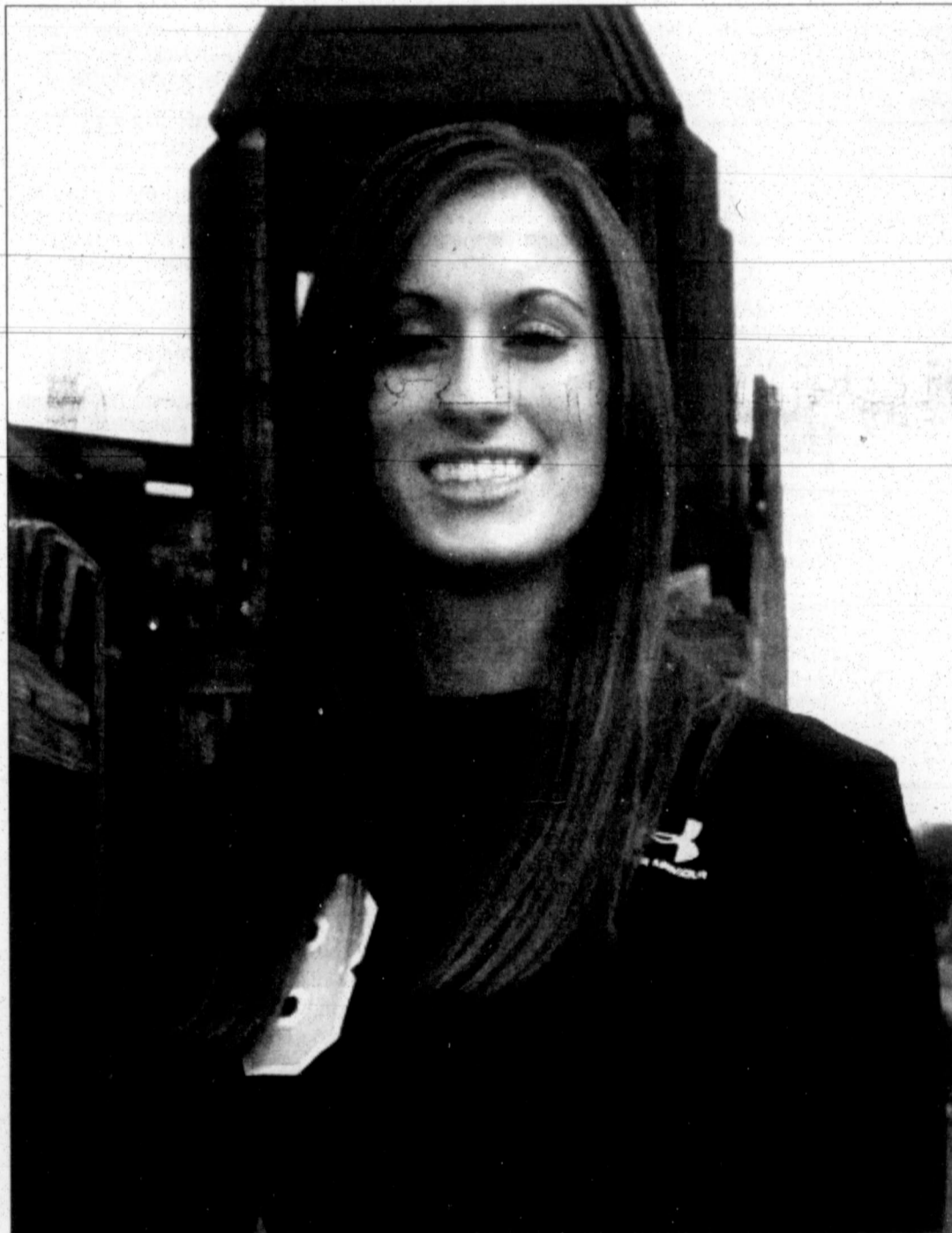
Miller hopes this meet started a new trend in West Texas swimming.

Until this past weekend, Pecos had been the perennial 4A power for the past five seasons.

Though the season is over, many of the same swimmers will stay active during the summer as they also compete with the Pampa Aquatics Club (P.A.C.).



► Members of the Pampa Junior High girls' relay team prepare to take to the water at last weekend's meet in Andrews. Both the boys' and girls' teams won championships.



Pampa senior Alyssa Bromwell recently committed to attend WTAMU in Canyon, where she will play volleyball for Coach Tony Graystone and the WT Lady Buffs.

Bromwell signs on with WT

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

West Texas A&M University head volleyball coach Tony Graystone recently announced the first two signings of the 2005 recruiting class, which includes Pampa defensive specialist, senior Alyssa Bromwell.

Said Graystone, "Alyssa is a very good athlete that has played almost every position while at Pampa. She also learned a lot about our defensive system from her coach, former Lady Buff Shannon Stroud." Graystone added, "Alyssa has the potential to really help our ball control and defense, and will provide immediate depth for us."

Stroud concurs. "I feel WT is very fortunate to get her and she is very fortunate to be a part of such an amazing program," said Stroud. The Pampa coach also points out that Bromwell will face an obvious growth and learning curve. "For her freshman year, I feel that she will become more head strong and just move up a step in her play," Stroud said. "Volleyball at WT is so fast, so she will have to make adjustments, as with

every high school player going on to the collegiate level."

Bromwell will be joining a Lady Buffs team that, with the exception of last season, has enjoyed great success, including 20-win seasons, Lone Star Conference and NCAA-II Tournaments. The Lady Buffs went 19-16 last season, including 3-7 in the LSC South. Bromwell will be a great addition and should prove beneficial right out of the gate.

Coach Stroud believes Bromwell will gain unmeasured confidence, and see a rise in her level of play by competing for a program like WT's. "She will really impress people," said Stroud.

"Her defense is just so good and I can see it only getting better. Every one, even professional athletes, have room to get better, so she can only get better by going to such a respectable program."

Stroud, sounding very much like a proud mother, added, "I just love that kid and want the best for her. I am just so happy that she has chosen to extend her volleyball years. It brings me so much joy when others have that same passion for a sport."

JV Harvesters bounce back big against River Road, 11-1

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa junior varsity baseball team needed a strong win to ease the pain of the close 10-9 loss suffered last Friday at the hands of Hereford.

Pampa dropped River Road on the Wildcats home field yesterday, 11-1 in five innings.

Brad Johnson pitched all five innings, giving up just one runs on three hits. He walked four and struckout eight.

Alex Torres, Dakota Gowin and Brady Eakin each got two hits. Johnson and Robbie Dixon also got hits.

The Harvesters committed just one error on the afternoon, that coming on a tough play.

"I was very proud of the way we played,"

said Coach Clint Allen.

The play by the Harvesters speaks for the team's character and resolve. Pampa left nothing on the field in the tight, 8-inning loss to Hereford last Friday afternoon. Coach Allen says his team has been going through "A rough stretch" of late, but is quick to applaud the effort of his team. "These guys come out everyday and work hard. They give it their best effort." Something the coach know is not easy to do when you just aren't winning a lot of games.

The Harvesters had a double-header scheduled against Clarendon this past Saturday, but Clarendon called and canceled.

Pampa is on the diamond next this Friday when the team travels to Dumas. That game will start at 4:30 p.m.

PAMPA IN ACTION

Varsity teams take fields today against District 3-4A visitors

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Both the varsity baseball and softball teams will be at home this afternoon to face District 3-4A foes.

Lady Harvesters

The Lady Harvesters — recovered from the 24-hour spell that saw them go 10 innings with Caprock last Thursday in a 4-3 win, and 9 innings at Randall for a 13-11 come-from-behind victory Friday — will take to the friendly confines of Lady Harvester Field for a meeting with Hereford. That game will get under way at 4:30 p.m. today.

Varsity Boys Baseball

The varsity boys baseball team will be on their home field to host Caprock. That game will also start at 4:30 p.m. this afternoon. Tyson Hickman (5-0) will take the

hill for the Harvesters today.

Coach Doughty says his team must play smart this afternoon. "Tyson must throw strikes and our hitters need to be very selective at the plate."

The Longhorns have a lot of incentive for knocking-off Pampa today. Not the least being for the opportunity to stay on the District 3-4A playoff picture.

At 2-2, Caprock is still in the hunt. Pampa meanwhile, is looking to hold onto sole possession of first place With Dumas and Randall nipping at their cleats.

"We are a talented team," said Doughty. "It is important for us to play with passion. We must learn to go into a game as the favorite and perform. If we do that, our potential is unlimited."

Today's game can be heard on AM 1230 KGRO.

Records and games of note

Girls Softball District 3-4A			Boys Baseball District 3-4A		
Team	Overall	District	Team	Overall	District
Dumas	13-11	5-0	Pampa	15-5	4-0
Pampa	19-8	5-1	Dumas	10-13	3-1
Caprock	13-9	4-2	Randall	9-12	3-1
Hereford	-	2-4	Caprock	5-15-1	2-2
Randall	3-15	1-5	Palo Duro	0-18	0-4
Palo Duro	-	0-4	Hereford	4-15	0-4

Games today- Hereford at Pampa, 4:30 p.m.; Palo Duro at Randall, 4:30 p.m.; Caprock at Dumas, 4:30 p.m.

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Rockets 90, SuperSonics 78 *Cover girl*

SEATTLE (AP) — Houston's combination of Tracy McGrady and Yao Ming was too much for the injury-riddled SuperSonics.

McGrady scored 38 points and Yao added 20 as Houston kept Seattle from clinching the Northwest Division for a fifth straight game with a 90-78 victory Monday night.

"When you get your two big guns going, it makes the rest of our jobs a lot easier," said David Wesley, who spent most of the night defending Ray Allen. "If you have Tracy with 38 and Yao with 20, the rest of us just try to fall in where we can."

Allen led Seattle with 19 points, but missed eight of nine shots from 3-point range.

The Sonics, who have been trying to wrap up the division title for more than a week, dropped their fifth game in a row. Meanwhile, the Denver Nuggets have won eight in a row, including a 122-105 victory over

the Golden State Warriors on Monday night, to pull within four games of Seattle with five games remaining.

The Sonics had just nine players in uniform for the second straight game and were missing four of their six top scorers. Rashard Lewis (right foot contusion) and Vladimir Radmanovic (broken right fibula) are out indefinitely, Danny Fortson has a left shoulder strain and Antonio Daniels has a sore knee and a swollen calf.

"We're still missing a lot of key people in the struggle right now," said Seattle's Jerome James, who had two points and five fouls in 13 minutes. "We still believe in ourselves. We're going to stay together and play together. We're going to come out and get the win it takes to lock up this division."

The Rockets, who clinched a playoff spot with their victory over Phoenix on Saturday, are sixth in the West and have won their last three to move one game

back of Sacramento.

"Whoever we face in the playoffs, I'm pretty sure we're going to be ready to play," McGrady said.

The Sonics shot just 34 percent from the floor. Ronald Murray had 15 points, while Vitali Potopenko and Luke Ridnour each added 13.

Yao and McGrady also helped Houston win the rebound battle, 45-40. Yao grabbed 13 rebounds, while McGrady had 11.

"I am just comfortable and confident," McGrady said. "There are no distractions. I block everything out and I'm focused."

Good things happen to the Rockets when McGrady is on his game. In the 24 games he's scored at least 30 points this season, Houston is 21-3.

Damien Wilkins, an undrafted rookie, had the assignment of trying to stop McGrady.

"With a guy like that, you already know his history and the things he's capable of. You just try to limit his touches," Wilkins said. "I tried to do that tonight and he just kept hitting shots."



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Pitcher Maggie Hopkins covers home as a Lady Whiteface runner prepares to challenge her with a slide. The Lady Harvester JV team outlasted Hereford yesterday, 17-16.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Confirm that a plan is solid and without any loopholes. You make a hard drive to the finish line and have every reason to succeed. Don't let any details drop to the wayside. Your thoroughness nearly guarantees a victory celebration. Trust that. Tonight: Flex plans with a pal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Know that what others say or do is not written in stone. Someone you've counted on could upset you greatly. You discover that everyone has his or her own issues and agendas. Flex if you can. Tonight: Be discreet with money.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ How you decide to deal with others and events today could be very different from the way associates do.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ Sometimes you cannot win for losing. The key to avoiding this type of experience is to be flexible, especially today. Listen to what someone says, but don't feel you must go along. Remember, you don't have to please everyone. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your wild streak could emerge, causing you more of a problem than you realize. Understand what you need to do in order to make a situation work. You could be dealing with a difficult person. Don't hesitate to use your Leo charm. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Investigate and get to the bottom of a problem. You are rarely pushy, but your need for efficiency runs high. You cannot compromise this personality trait and be comfortable. Avoid making health decisions right now. Tonight: Know that you are a role model.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ What you say could be misconstrued. Be very careful when choosing your words and deciding what is necessary to say and do. In fact, the more remote and spiritual you can be, the better off you will be. Tonight: Take the high road.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to dump decision-making in someone else's hands. Money matters are prone to constant change right now. Getting someone else's feedback could be important.

Understand that you could be prone to wishful thinking. Tonight: Not everything is as it seems.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might be far more difficult than you realize. Be adventurous without making waves. Others will appreciate how you handle yourself. You also might want to allow others to call the shots. Tonight: Go along with someone else's suggestions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Decide what you want from a situation that impacts your daily life. Somehow, you might not understand everything that someone shares with you. Verify information, especially regarding your finances. Tonight: Easy does it.

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★★★★ You know much more than you realize. If you are questioning someone's apparent reversal, know that you have the answer, whether you realize it or not. Detach. Be creative. Imagine what it might be like to be this person. Tonight: Incorporate more fun into your life.

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Notice is hereby given that original letters testamentary upon the Estate of Robert A. Keagy, Deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on April 4, 2005, in Cause Number 9174, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas. All persons having claims against this estate which are currently being administered are required to present them to me within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated: April 4, 2005

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Apply in person: 107 N. Price Rd., Pampa

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CLERICAL position available in local insurance agency. Exp. & licensing preferred, but not required. Send resume to Box 90 c/o Pampa News, PO Box 2198, Pampa.

PART TIME INSERTER

Needed immediately. About 20 hrs. per week. Must work every Sat. Apply in person, The Pampa News, 403 W. Atchison, Pampa. No phone calls please.

ASST. DIRECTOR OF NURSING

Immediate Opening. Prefer LVN with long term care exp. Knowledgeable of paper work associated with the nursing home.

Interested parties should call: **Billy Ray Johnston, Administrator 806-779-2469 or fax resume to 806-779-2515**

MEMORY Gardens Cemetery and Mausoleum of Pampa

is looking for one or two highly motivated persons to talk to families in the Pampa area about Cemetery Pre-Planning. If you're good with people and enjoy a challenge, call Daniel today at 665-8921.

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Case Manager II MR Service Coordination Pampa Salary of: \$25,932/yr. with generous benefit package

Responsible for the Assessment, treatment planning and service coordination to assigned caseload. Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Social Work or related human services field plus one (1) year experience in mental health or human services field. Must have a valid Texas driver's license and be insurable under the agency vehicle policy. Bi-lingual is a plus. **DRUG FREE & SMOKE FREE WORKPLACE PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG SCREENING REQUIRED.** Meets productivity standards as set forth by unit supervisor and center management. **Texas Panhandle MHMR 901 Wallace Amarillo, TX 79106 806-358-1681 An Equal Opportunity Employer**

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HOSTESSES & Waitresses needed. Waitresses must be 18. Apply in person, Dyer's BBQ.

Case Manager I/II/III Pampa MII

\$23,052-29,232 yr. with a generous benefit package

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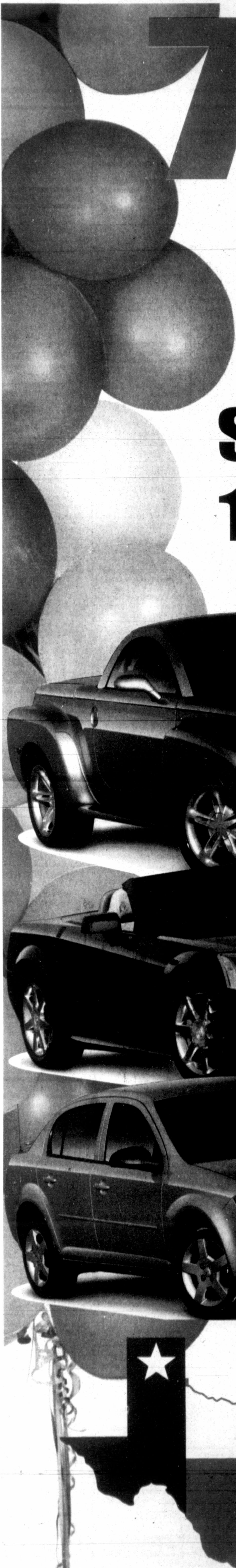
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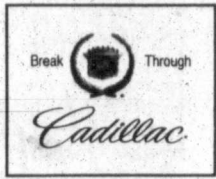
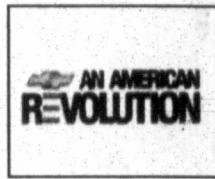
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