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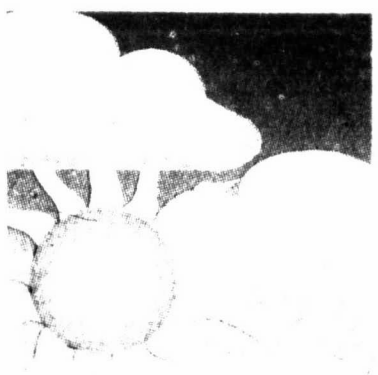
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**PAMPA** — The public opening of the Holland Wing of the White Deer Land Museum will be Sunday, Oct. 15.

"We are currently engaged in the set-up of the temporary exhibit that will open with the building, 'Camp Cantonment - 1875: The Army Comes to Stay,'" said Larry Franklin, museum board chairman.

December marks the museum's 25th anniversary.

"It is our plan that the events signal a new era for the Museum in which changing exhibits and a wider range of offerings will be brought to Gray County and its visitors," Franklin said.

"Our opening exhibit gives the background history of the Plains Indians, the Red River War of 1874-75, and the establishment of Camp Cantonment in eastern Gray County. It contains artifacts from the Camp, a large number of photographs relevant to the 1870's, and interpretive information."

**PAMPA** — Gray County commissioners are to meet at 9 a.m. Monday in the second floor courtroom of Gray County courthouse.

Under old business, the court will consider a petition to cancel Mills and Holloman subdivision and a portion of the subdivision known as Original Kingsmill. They will also consider a request to cross County Road 24 with a two-inch water line.

In new business, the court will consider line item adjustments in the 1996 budget due to temporary employees and FICA changes; apportionment of the tax rate; and a Panhandle Employees Service Contract agreement requested by Commissioner Gerald Wright.

A presentation on indigent health care will be presented by IHC clerk Susan Winborne, and the election judge will be replaced in Precinct 7.

**PAMPA** — A casting call has been issued for the December performance of *The Nutcracker* by Jeanne Willingham, director of the Pampa Civic Ballet.

Advanced dancers, ages 13 and up, will be auditioned at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Beaux Arts Dance Studio.

At 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 8, little girls ages 3-7 will be auditioned. Girls and boys, ages 8-14, will be auditioned at 3 p.m. on the same day.

Anyone wishing to perform must be present for the Cast Call, Willingham said.

All dancers chosen to perform will be required to furnish their own costumes and to attend all rehearsals to which they are called.

The performance is set up for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2 at the M.K. Brown Auditorium.

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## Ministers drop protest against Pampa theater

By CHIP CHANDLER  
Staff Writer

Stop the protest. That's the message from the Rev. Mike Sublett, an organizer of a group of local ministers protesting the screening of a movie he called "morally destructive" to the community.

Before the protest against NC-17 rated *Showgirls* even officially began, Sublett and Cinema Four owner Lyndon Craven reached an accord.

Craven promised to pull the movie Friday night per the demands of the protesting ministers and their congregations in return for a promise from Sublett that the protestors will support what they termed "good movies."

The protest collapsed when Sublett and Craven finally met Friday morning. Craven had apparently been out of town and did not know of the controversy.

Sublett and Craven were interviewed together Friday afternoon at the *Pampa News* office.

Sublett described their initial meeting Friday as "civil and straightforward."

He said he told Craven what had happened while he was gone and gave him the protestors' point of view.

Sublett said he told Craven that if the movie had run Friday night as planned, he and other local ministers would "stand up in the pulpits" and ask their congregations to vow not to attend any movie at the theater for at least six months.

However, he said, if the movie were pulled, the ministers would have told their flocks that Craven had listened to the community and pulled a money-making picture.

Furthermore, Sublett said he would tell his congregation that they should support "good" movies, and if they didn't, they had no right to complain about "the bad ones."

Craven said that it helped that he recognized Sublett as a patron of the theater.

"It helps when someone who has a complaint is a consumer. Most of the time that doesn't happen," he said.

As of Friday afternoon, Sublett had only been able to contact a few of the ministers who had planned to protest. He said he hoped to contact them all by today.

Sublett and Craven said that while they don't agree on some things eye to eye, they realized they each had a right to certain

things: Craven has a right to run his business to make money, and Sublett has a right to stand for his convictions.

Craven said the film had done only average business at his theater, and that he was "kind of surprised" by the money it had made nationally.

Despite negative reviews, the United Artists release finished second at the nation's box offices last weekend with \$8.1 million in receipts.

He added that he had some people who walked out during the movie and some who said that it wasn't that bad.

"I'm here to make money. If the community wants and supports good movies, there is no reason to play NC-17 ones," he said.

Sublett said that while he was satisfied with Craven's willingness to pull the movie, the protestors would be "hypocrites" if they didn't pledge to boycott any video store that may carry the film in the future.

Blockbuster Video has a nationwide policy against stocking NC-17 movies. Local Hastings employees say their videos are ordered by the Amarillo office, and they won't know until two weeks to a month before the movie is released if they will stock it. Albertson's employee Margie Malone indicated that it was too early for her store to know if they would stock it either.

The protest stemmed from a luncheon meeting between seven to eight local ministers Wednesday.

At that lunch, Sublett said, the pastors decided to begin a petition drive within their congregations.

If the NC-17 rated show — a racy movie about an aspiring Las Vegas stripper — had not been removed, the preachers had said they and their flocks would boycott the theater for a minimum of six months.

"It's more than a petition, it's a vow. We're telling our people don't sign unless you aren't going to the show at all," Sublett had said.

Several churches distributed the petition at Wednesday night services and youth group meetings, garnering 300-400 signatures.

The NC-17 rating is more restrictive than R ratings and means no one under 17 years old is allowed. *Showgirls* is the first major studio release to carry the NC-17 rating in five years.

## Morning walk



Dulsa Carver and her 12-year-old poodle Lady walk along the perimeter of the lake at Recreation Park Friday morning for a little exercise, enjoying the mild early fall weather.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Instructor Doug Tennant explains the mechanism of a 9mm pistol to student Peggy Johnson at the Canadian firing range. Johnson, who had never fired a pistol before, scored 225 out of a possible 250 her first time out.

## Hemphill County sheriff's deputy tackles gun use training class

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

**CANADIAN** — The quiet of the clear blue autumn sky was broken only by the breeze in the changing cottonwood leaves across the flood plain of the Canadian River — and by the sharp crack of gun fire.

Three students wearing hearing protectors point their automatic handguns down range at black silhouette targets and, at the command of Doug Tennant with the Hemphill County Sheriff's Department, loose a barrage of lead through the paper outlines and into a berm of sand beyond.

The class is part of a certification process for obtaining a permit to carry a concealed weapon.

"Under the new law," Tennant said of legislation passed earlier this year, "classes could start Sept. 1. Our first class started Sept. 11."

In order to receive the permit to carry a concealed handgun, Tennant explained, applicants must pass a training class and qualify on the range. The 15-hour class includes 12 hours of classroom instruction covering laws regarding weapons, gun

safety and operation of firearms. Three hours are spent on the firing range.

Tennant, a Miami native, said that he has had 36 students pass through the training program at Canadian, and all the students have done well.

"It's been great," he said. "Everybody has been very attentive."

In order to pass the class, students have to make a grade of 70 or above on a standardized test and have to score 175 out of 250 on the firing range.

Tennant said 86 was the lowest score anyone's made on the written exam and 218 was the lowest range score.

The Hemphill County deputy, a nine-year veteran of law enforcement, said that he and Jim Graham had both attended the fire arms qualification school for law enforcement officers as well as the concealed handgun qualification school.

Applicants wanting concealed handgun certification can obtain the permit after the first of the year if they meet all the qualifications, Tennant said.

Of the six in the class at the Canadian range on this fall day, three shoot while three stand

behind the firing line as coaches, reloading the clips with five rounds of ammunition. Following the timed firings from various distances, the students exchange places with the coaches moving up to the firing line. After the day's exercises, the students spread out to gather the spent cartridges kicked out of the chambers of their pistols and to mark the bullet holes in the man-shaped silhouette targets as Tennant critiques the patterns left by the 9mm slugs.

"I just want to be able to handle a gun," said Peggy Johnson, one of the students.

Robert Alexander said he usually carries a pistol when he travels, a practice that could be illegal without the weapons permit approved earlier this year by the state legislature.

"It's fun for one thing," said Paula Miller, explaining her reason for taking the class.

Miller said she's always been around handguns and was making an attempt to beat the score her husband made on the range when he took an earlier class.

"But I wouldn't shoot anyone for walking a ticket," said Miller, a Canadian business owner. "I found out that's against the law."

## TEA to use Pampa Learning Center as pilot program for accreditation

By CHIP CHANDLER  
Staff Writer

Pampa Learning Center will be used by Texas Education Association representatives as a pilot program for the accreditation of alternate education facilities statewide.

The team will be on campus Thursday, interviewing individual PLC instructors and listening to presentations by teams of those teachers.

Alternate education programs across the state handle drop-out recovery, teen pregnancy and child care, as well as discipline problems, according to Assistant Superintendent Jane Steele.

In Pampa, however, AEP generally refers to discipline only. PLC handles GED programs on top of the other categories.

Steele explained that such alternate schools must undergo a different accreditation process than other edu-

cational facilities. By serving as a pilot program, PLC will have some say in the process.

"We'll get to decide what our population is and what objectives we have for that population," Steele said.

The basic comparisons don't change, only the specific elements chosen, she explained.

TEA is trying to determine the best way to evaluate these centers, Steele said. They have selected 15 schools across the state to serve as pilots, asking at each what they should look for when evaluating.

"This is quite an honor because they have a lot of schools to choose from," Steele said.

Pampa was chosen for that honor, she added, because of the district's reputation for working well with the agency.

The evaluation team will be comprised of TEA personnel and professional educators

from across the state. "This will be a peer evaluation — not just a peer evaluation that's been out of the field," Steele said.

"It's not a team coming to look for something wrong — they want to find out what good things we're doing, and we want to see how we can improve," she continued.

Making Steele a little nervous, she says, is the fact that PLC is the first pilot program the team will visit, and in fact is the first AEP accreditation program pilot school ever.

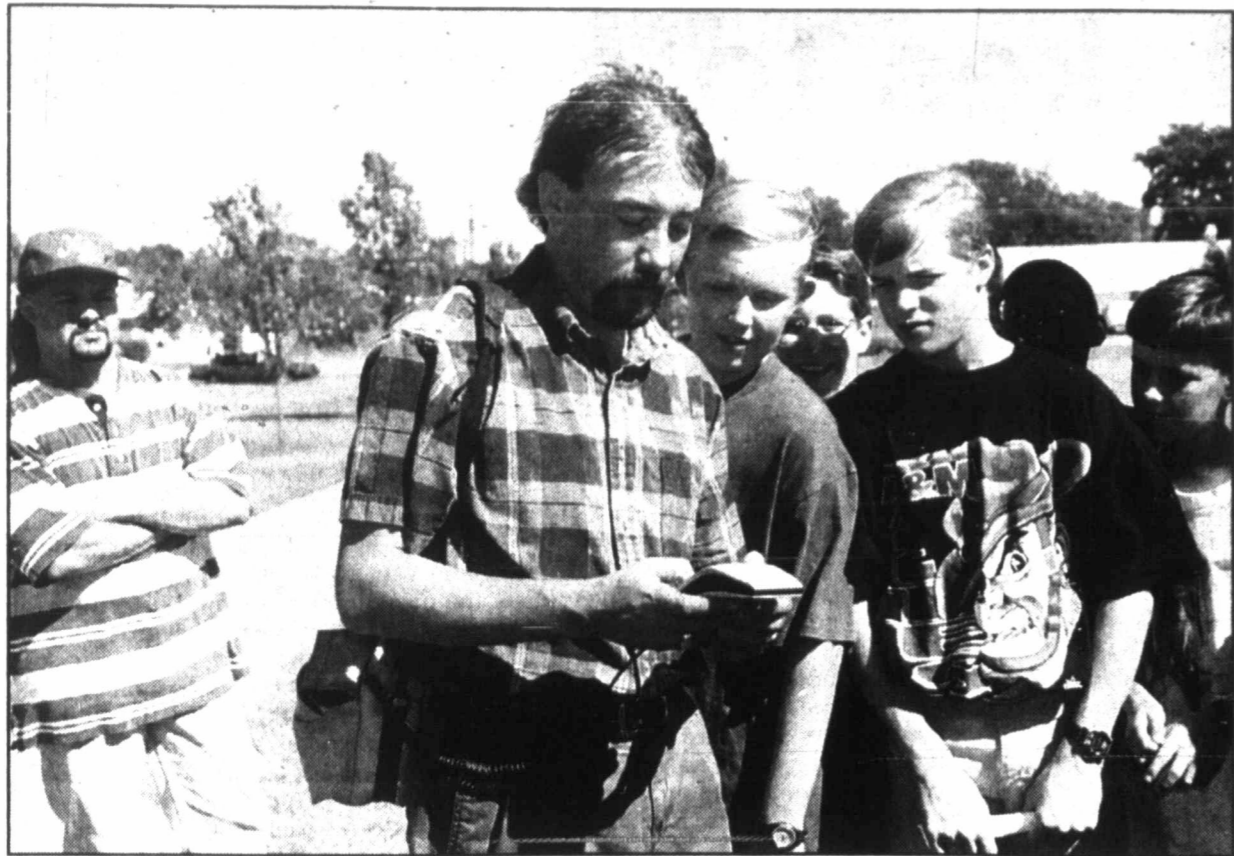
"That's a plus, though, because they'll be learning along with us," she said.

The accreditation team will visit in conjunction with TEA's review of the school's drop-out recovery program, slated for Wednesday.

A written report of findings from both reviews will be provided to the school soon after the visit's completion.



### Topography class



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Johnny Doan, a field supervisor with Topographic Land Surveyors in Pampa, showed eighth grade students of Pampa Middle School on Friday how a global positioning system device works. The device uses satellite readings to find the precise longitude and latitude of locations. The system was developed by the military and used in Desert Storm for troops to find their way through sand dunes. The system has been available to the public now for four years and companies use it for finding things such as pipelines. The students also learned about courses needed for topography as well as careers available in the field. The eighth grade science students have been studying topographic maps. Doan was joined by Darren Gee, a computer expert who is also with Topographic Land Surveyors.

### Pampa girl wins UN birthday card contest

Melissa Lee got a big surprise when she opened her mail the other day. What she saw was a large cardboard box from the Children's Television Workshop. When she opened that, she found a letter telling her she had won a contest she had almost forgotten she had entered. Fourteen-year-old Lee entered a contest in April for the best birthday card for the United Nations, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Since mailing off her entry, she had regularly checked the pages of 3-2-1 Contact Magazine to see if she had won. But when the October issue came in, Lee forgot to check for the results. She didn't realize her fortune until several days later when the package arrived. The card, an eclectic montage focusing on a "Save Our Earth" message, was judged the best of entries sent in from across the country. Lee's prize is an educational computer game called GeoSafari worth \$120. Lee is the daughter of Billy and Anna Lee.



Above is a copy of the birthday card, published in 3-2-1 Contact Magazine, submitted by Melissa Lee of Pampa.

### Lovett Library urges residents to get cards

"Open the Door to Wonder" is the theme for Lovett Library's current promotion encouraging residents to get a library card and use the library. Postcards, posters and other promotional items will feature scenes from Walt Disney Company's Beauty and the Beast. In the movie, Belle, the beautiful but bookish heroine, is held captive in the Beast's enchanted castle, but her confinement turns to liberation when she is granted access to his magnificent library. Lovett Library, like Beast's, has books, of course, covering a

wide range of topics and preferences — some in large prints — but so much more. There are books on audio tape, recorded music, videos, magazines and newspapers, Spanish language materials, genealogical materials, pamphlets and a local history file. There is a copier, computers and a microfilm reader for public use. Lovett Library is a member of the Texas Panhandle Library System (and the Harrington Library Consortium), so a library card from Lovett Library is honored at public libraries throughout the Texas Panhandle (as well as at Amarillo College, Frank Phillips College, Texas State Technical College and West Texas A&M University's Cornette Library). Materials not stocked are generally available at a minimal charge through interlibrary loan. Library hours are: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Use of the library is free to residents. Dan Snider and the Lovett Library Staff invite those without a library card to apply, and "Open the Door to Wonder."

### Coronado Center car show winners named

Winners of Coronado Center's annual Car Show were announced at 4 p.m. Saturday. There were 54 contestants in eight categories. **Classic division:** Third, 1955 Chevrolet, owner Wayne Pogue, Skellytown; second, 1966 Plymouth, Bobby Ousley, Pampa; first, 1958 Chevrolet coupe, Betty Reamer, Pampa. **Convertible division:** Third, 1975 Fiat X19, Audrey Meaker, Pampa; second, 1973

Jaguar XKE, Joan Smith, Pampa; first, 1967 Mustang, Pete Donnell, Canyon. **Street rod division:** Third, 1946 Ford, Bob McCain, Wheeler; second, 1932 Ford, Sonny Maxwell, Amarillo; first 1933 Chrysler, Todd Wicker, Borger. **Street machine division:** Third, 1966 Mustang, Joe Hutchenson, Amarillo; second, 1976 Firebird, Bert and Zora Millard, Borger; first, 1965 Cobra, Raenell and Duane Gore, Amarillo.

**Pickup division:** Third, 1956 Ford, Larry and Paula Rose, Pampa; second, Yolanda Cargill, Amarillo; first, 1957 Chevy, Alex Price, Pampa. **Antique division:** Third, 1955 Chevy, Alvin Hill Jr., Amarillo; second, 1925 Ford Model T, Gene Gates, Pampa; first, 1920 Speedster, Sam and Debbie Abston, Spearman. **Boat division:** Rick Bryant, Pampa. **Sport:** 1978 Triumph Spitfire, Rick Swires, Skellytown.

### Remington agrees to settle class-action lawsuit

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Remington Arms Co. has agreed to put up \$31.5 million to settle a class-action lawsuit alleging it used inferior steel in 12-gauge shotgun barrels, which in some cases burst and caused injury. As part of the settlement, Remington has admitted no wrongdoing. "You haven't heard about this because there isn't a problem with the guns," Remington spokesman Bill Wohl said. "A class-action suit takes years to litigate. That, in itself, is a very

expensive process and a destructive process. We decided it made more sense to settle." Wohl acknowledged barrels burst, but it is usually because of mud or other obstructions in them. If the settlement is approved, the owners of most Remington shotguns made between 1960 and June 1995 will split about \$16.5 million. The gun maker produced more than 10 million barrels of high-sulphur steel during that period. "It's impossible to tell how many are still in use, who's got

them and how many (owners) have how many," plaintiffs' attorney Jim Branton told the San Antonio Express-News for Saturday's editions. "What would have been nice would be if it (the award for each gun) came close to the price of a barrel," he said. Under the proposal, \$13.5 million has been set aside for attorneys' fees, while another \$1.5 million has been allocated to administer the settlement.

### Local briefs

**PAMPA** — The annual Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau convention will be held Friday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. in the M.K. Brown Auditorium Heritage Room. Guest speaker will be Kenneth L. Chambers of Dawn, known as The Cellular Cowboy, Chambers, longtime law enforcement officer, is currently a field inspector for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. His topic will be "The Funny Side of Catching Cattle Rustlers: Or How Not to Steal Cattle for Fun and Profit." A business session will be held after the meeting. Tickets are available for the meeting and barbecue meal for \$5 per person at the Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau Office, 1132 S. Hobart in Pampa. Tickets also will be available at the door. For more information or to make reservations for the meal, call (806) 665-8451.

**PAMPA** — The Pampa Homecoming pep rally will be host to special guests this year — veteran Harvester football players from the 1920s through the 1940s and former Homecoming and Football Queens. The football veterans were a success last year, said high school Student Council sponsor Sherry Seabourn, and were happy to return this year. Veteran Harvesters and former queens will be featured in Friday's Homecoming parade as well. The parade begins at 4:30 p.m. at the high school field house. From there, entrants will travel down Duncan to the Post Office, then to Cuyler and Browning before returning to Duncan Street and the high school. The route the parade follows forms a "P," Seabourn said. This year's Pampa Harvesters will play the Canyon Eagles at 7:30 p.m. Following the game will be a high school dance and an alumni reception.

**PAMPA** — The Pampa Harvesters Basketball Four-Man Golf Scramble is set for 9 a.m. Oct. 7 at Hidden Hills golf course. Entries in the 18-hole event are \$150 per team or \$37.50 per person. The fees include a cart, green fees and lunch. A minimum of a 40 handicap is required for each team, and only one person on the team can have a handicap of 10 or less. Also, the tee ball must be used two times during the round. Prizes are \$300 for first place, \$200 for second and \$120 for third. Hole-in-one prizes include a \$23,000 Chevrolet Camaro convertible, airline tickets, a cruise vacation and a golf vacation. Anyone who makes a hole in one will receive an invitation to participate in a national hole-in-one tournament. Sponsoring the event are Service Insurance Agency and John T. King and Sons. Money goes to the high school basketball program.

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# Letters to the editor

## The cost of government

To the editor:

Most of us would agree that the government should be a servant of the people and not the other way around. Furthermore, many would agree that the government should only do that which the people cannot do for themselves. I read carefully the comments made in last week's letter to the editor entitled "Taxpayers do not forget!" The letter raises some good questions, certainly worthy of consideration. In this light, I spoke with the county judge and asked for specific information as to the cost of operating the county government and the recently approved pay raise for county employees.

Obviously, no one appreciates a tax increase. Tax income is a factor of two items, total appraised value and the tax rate. If the overall appraised value goes down as it has in Gray County, then the tax rate must increase or the level of services provided by the government must be reduced. Unfortunately, in our county the industrial and oil & gas tax bases are declining in value. This causes a greater amount of the cost of government to be carried by home owners since there are fewer businesses and mineral leases to carry part of the load.

One item that should be watched carefully is the cost of operating the government. The difference in the 1995 and 1996 county budgets is \$3,146, which is an increase of 0.06 percent over the 1995 budget of \$5,622,785 (an extremely small increase). It is my understanding that the pay raises that were approved were paid for through budget cuts. This is the first raise in four years for county employees and officeholders, which equates to approximately 1 percent per year and falls considerably short of the rate of inflation (a one-time payment was made to county employees in 1992). The county judge will not receive a raise under the 1996 approved budget. The question arises, "how long should county employees be denied a raise?" Should it be three years? five years? ten years? Fair compensation is obviously a subjective term. It is true that morale suffers if workers never receive a raise.

Since the county budget has essentially remained the same, the recently approved tax increase is a result of two things. First, the appraised value of the tax base has declined approximately 2.5 percent; this has to be made up with a higher tax rate. Second, the county has held a contingency surplus to be used for unforeseen expenses which eliminates the need to borrow money. The approximate \$300,000 spent on the Skinner trial has drained the surplus and part of the tax rate increase is to replenish the surplus fund.

A close review surrounding the facts of this year's budget and tax process might show that Jim Greene is not the Saint some believe. While Mr. Greene voted against the pay increase for all county employees, he did propose an \$1,800 increase for himself in the form of a higher travel allowance. Furthermore, he later voted for the overall pay raise by voting to approve the 1996 budget which includes the higher pay amounts.

Since Pampa's population makes up approximately 87 percent of Gray County's population, it would seem feasible that some of the services provided by both governments are redundant and could be consolidated. The largest single item in the county budget, which represents 23 percent of the budget, is the cost of the

Sheriff's Department. Do we need a county jail and a city jail? Do we need a separate dispatcher for both departments? I would like to take this opportunity to suggest that the city commissioners and the county commissioners appoint a blue ribbon committee to look into consolidation opportunities and to assist in providing suggestions as to ways that the local governments could be operated more efficiently.

I believe that the Commissioners Court's chief responsibility is to watch out for the interests of the people. We pay them to be responsible managers of the county's business. I think they do an excellent job in that regard. It's a thankless job and I appreciate their willingness to serve.

**Tom Mechler**  
Gray County Republican Party Chair

## For evil to prosper ...

To the editor:

I ask you, "Which is more tolerant, good or evil or evil of good?" We need look no further than our own Cinema 4 Theater. You've seen the advertisement for *Showgirls* NC-17 (ID required). Why should an ID be required for a NC-17 rated movie and not a R-rated movie? The NC-17 is an X-rated movie.

You will no longer find X-rated movies. The rating was thrown out by the movie industry that is responsible for accreditation. Remember the small furor created a few years ago when they quietly created the new rating? I stress "small furor" because so few people realize the X-rating was thrown out for greed. X-rated movies could not legally be advertised in the general media. As a result, dollars were lost. Thus, the new rating was devised, NC-17. Advertising became legal and pornography could be easily marketed to the masses.

We in Pampa can now test the theory. Is good more tolerant of evil, or is evil more tolerant of good? We, as a community have the opportunity to stand up and ask why our theater brazenly markets an X-rated movie in the first week of its release. Why market pornography at all? Why would we, as a community, stand quietly by while pornography is heedlessly pushed in our backyard?

This is not a matter of choice. This is a matter of principle. Truth is truth, whether the masses accept it or not. Pornography is the exploitation of women and children all for one purpose - money! All it takes for evil to prosper is for good people to do nothing. What are you doing in the face of this evil?

**Kimberly Kennedy**  
Pampa

## Get off the soap box

To the editor:

I am a young, Christian woman of Pampa, born and raised. In the 24 years of my life, Pampa never seems to change. The movie *Showgirls* really seemed to get the attention of all the goodie, goodie, goodie people of Pampa. I'm sorry to say, it's really sad that even though we live in the U.S., there are people that think they have to control what everyone in this town sees, hears and does. The way I see it, if you don't want to see the movie, don't go. If you are worried about your children seeing it, keep them at home.

It would really be nice if these people would get off their soap

box and take care of their own lives. And leave the rest of us to do as we wish.

I didn't care whether I saw the movie or not until all the publicity Pampa gave against *Showgirls*. I must say, it is a definite Must See, now.

**Cindy Mason**  
Pampa

## Avoid tax-funded projects

To the editor:

Please allow me to expand and explain my opposition to taxpayers funding the Celebration of Lights project.

There were more points I covered in my letter to the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. Perhaps I wasn't clear enough in my objections. For this I apologize. When I realized I would not be able to attend the meeting, I wrote a quick letter.

I believe too many local projects that begin as a "volunteer" idea eventually evolve into taxpayer-funded projects wherein our taxpayers have no or little control. This is true whether these projects are funded directly by taxes or through so-called grants! After all, no government earns or makes money. They spend and redistribute after it's taken from our paychecks.

My objections to using our taxes for the Celebration of Lights are these:

(1) The benefits derived (\$) from this project will pad the pockets of business owners only. They are already subsidized by our sales taxes in helping to pay their tax bill.

(2) Will this total project become tax exempt? We don't need tax-exempt properties and/or equipment. Our shrinking taxable base dictates otherwise.

(3) A local paid ad in this paper is advertising wood cutouts and crafts for all occasions. Why should I subsidize a tax-exempt organization for competing against a private individual who is possibly doing his business funded by his own bank account?

(4) The "Captive Labor" force the Celebration of Lights proposes to use do not pay taxes. A private business DOES! And the person running it.

(5) Can prison labor be covered against injuries by insurance? Do we need any more costly lawsuits? More taxes?

(6) All local overburdened taxpayers must benefit from any project they fund, not just restaurant owners, motels and local merchants.

(7) Eventually this project, I fear, will become equipped with a well paid office staff, desks, computers, and the hand out for more tax monies will never cease. It's happened!

I want to have a choice of where I may purchase my Christmas lights. Why should I pay for decorations that I am already helping to pay for?

Commissioner Robert Dixon and others have their "socialistic" heads stuck only in "socialistic" clouds and can see nothing else as a workable solution! What has happened to our touted "free" and "private" enterprise?

Get off my breaking, tax-overloaded back!

**Ray Velasquez**  
Pampa

P.S. Those involved with the Celebration of Lights are to be commended and thanked. Please, just keep the project off my tax-back. See more LETTERS on Page 8

### Teen curfew begins

HOUSTON (AP) — Area teenagers begin curbing the nightlife on Sunday as the Harris County juvenile curfew programs begins. Harris County's juvenile curfew program kicked off at 12:01 a.m. Sunday.

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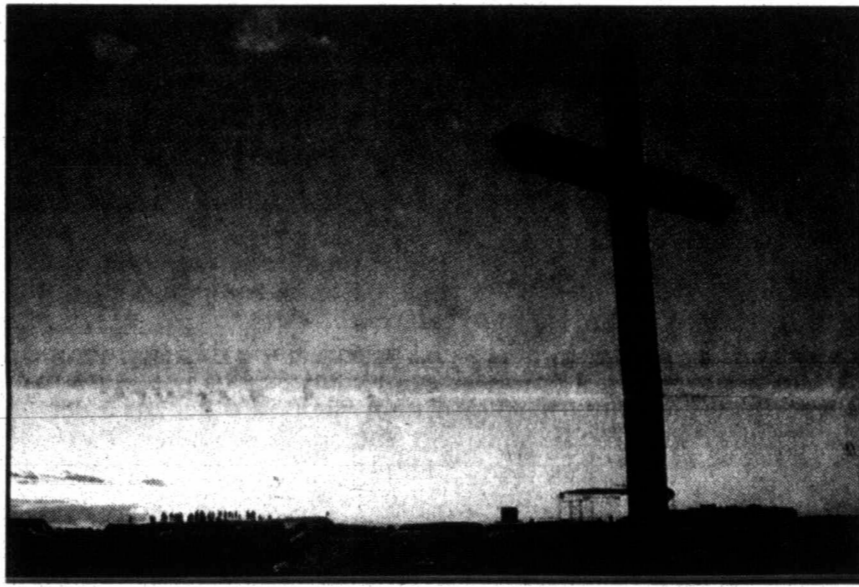


Above: Dwight Brown of Pampa stands in the shadow of the 190 foot cross in Groom to take a picture. "It's awesome," Brown said. "It's awesome."

Below, left: People gathered and worshiped at the dedication and blessing of "The Cross of the High Plains" which took place last Saturday, Sept. 26. The cross was built by Steve Thomas to show his faith in God and give thanks to Him.

Below, middle: "The Cross of the High Plains" stands at 190 feet and took over a year to build. It is the second largest cross in the world next to the one in Spain built by Dictator Francisco Franco which stands at 500 feet. Additions to the base of the cross are planned for later on.

Below, right: Nearly 1,000 people gathered in Groom to see the cross and see a piece of Panhandle history.



# The Cross of the High Plains



Worshippers of Christ gathered at the cross, prayed and sang praises to God and Jesus Christ before the cross was lit at dusk. The cross is built along Interstate 40 on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Chris Britten. The purpose for the cross being built along the interstate is that the interstate goes from California to Florida and is traveled by many people who will see it and hopefully, some will find that God is the answer.

Pampa news  
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Melinda Martinez



## Simmons-Parker

Christy Lene Simmons of Plano and Heath Christine Parker of Pampa were married Aug. 19, 1995 at Custer Road United Methodist Church in Plano with the Rev. Paul Goodrich officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Griffin of Plano and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Parker of Pampa.

Serving as the maid of honor was Terri Collier of Houston. The bridesmaids were Laura Luksa, Tamara Chaplin and Julie Hall, all of Dallas; and Phaedra Rogers of Houston. The flower girls were Nina McBride, niece of the bride of Allen and Ashley Parker, cousin of the groom of Pampa.

Standing as the best man was Dudley Parker, uncle of the groom of Pampa. The groomsmen were Ryan Teague of Austin; and Chris Roden and Brandon Knutson, both of Pampa. The ushers were brothers of the bride, Lou Griffin Jr., of Allen and David Simmons of Plano and Barry Coffee of Pampa. The ring bearer was Andy Parker, cousin of the groom of Pampa.

The candles were lit by Molly Simmons sister of the bride of Gatlinburg, Tenn., and Abbey Parker, cousin of the groom of Pampa. Providing music for the event were Lisa Brumley, soloist, and Kay Sendrey, organist.

A reception followed at Canyon Creek Country Club.

The bride is a graduate of Plano Senior High School and a graduate of Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos where she received a degree in fashion merchandising. She is employed with J.C. Penney in Amarillo.

The groom is a graduate of Pampa High School and is attending West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

After a honeymoon in Breckenridge, Colo., they plan to reside in Amarillo.

## Teachers learn a trade in lessons

By LINDA FRIEDLIER  
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Seven-year-old Sarah Heisch dug her fingers and a pair of safety scissors into half an apple to find the seeds.

Her teacher, Kim Blum, looked on to make sure the blades didn't get out of control in her classroom at Houston's Poe Elementary School near Rice University.

"We learned about fruit, about seeds," Heisch said. "We're going to start planting seeds and making a movie this week."

Heisch and Blum are part of the Teach for America Summer Institute, a program designed to combine education and community service for students and give new teachers a little classroom experience before school officially starts in September.

Michelle Rhee, a Teach for America veteran, is director of the program at Poe, where 64 teachers are learning their trade while teaching more than 250 students.

"Right now the teachers are working on really basic things like classroom management

and discipline," she said. "Some of them have limited English-proficiency kids, which they weren't prepared for. Some have children with other special needs. But they're all adapting very well."

In all, about 500 volunteers are working with about 3,000 students at four schools in the Houston Independent School District through July 21.

The recruits for Teach for America, an AmeriCorps program, come from all over the country and will be scattering after the program ends to take teaching assignments in underfunded school districts in locations as varied as urban Los Angeles and rural Louisiana.

Now they are developing roots in Houston, as each team of four teachers works with a class on a community service education project.

Blum's class of students entering the third grade is working with Community Gardens, a Houston-based group that raises food for charity. At the same time, the class is using a grant from the Children's Museum of Houston to produce an educational

video for the school district.

Zoe Urann, one of Blum's co-teachers, said she has learned a good deal during her first few days in the classroom. These lessons, she said, will prove useful when she moves to southern Louisiana in September to teach special education.

"Just in one lesson I learned so much, things you don't even think about — how kids work in groups, what size groups to use," she said. "A lot of teaching you have to learn by doing."

Urann, a recent graduate of the University of Vermont, said her first lesson involved dividing her class of 15 into two groups and sending them to a teacher-provided store with varying amounts of money to spend on food. One group could buy vegetables; the other, only seeds to grow in a garden and turn into home-grown food.

"It was really great because it was my first time teaching with a specific objective, to teach that our garden was going to provide food for people,"

Urann said.

Down the hall, fifth-grade students listened to their teacher, Aaron Brenner, describe his own research experience during a trip to South Africa.

The fifth-graders' project involved the creation of an exhibit for the Nature Discovery Center on the Sargasso Sea, and the first step was learning research skills.

"I think it's nice because we're doing so much research and putting it in a box and taking it to the Discovery Museum so other kids can see it," said Matthias Asrat, 10.

"I'm interested in math and science because I want to be a doctor. ... The teachers are making it fun to learn," he said, adding: "I think they're going to make pretty good teachers."

Still, Brenner admits teaching is difficult. "But I can tell already it's really rewarding," he said. "One student who was supposed to be a problem actually came in today with an encyclopedia under his arm. He wanted to show me he'd already started doing research."

## Kuf's disease: A rare form of Batten's disease

By JANE FAULKNER  
The Brazosport Facts

ANGLETON, Texas — Mysterious in origin and difficult to diagnose, Kuf's disease is a very rare adult form of Batten's disease, an inherited fatal disorder that strikes the nervous systems of children.

According to Frank E. Bair, editor of the Alzheimer's, Stroke and 29 Other Neurological Diseases Sourcebook (1993, Omnigraphics,

Inc.), Batten's disease and its adult forms are linked to a buildup of fatty pigments in the nervous system, the brain and elsewhere in the body. Why the buildup occurs is unknown.

In children, Batten's disease can progress rapidly or somewhat slowly, depending upon age at onset. Bair describes it as an "autosomal recessive disorder." That means it occurs when a child inherits a defective gene from both parents. While children who

inherit only one gene are carriers and do not come down with the disease, they can pass the gene for it on to their children, according to Bair.

Unlike Batten's disease, Kuf's disease usually does not manifest itself until about age 30, although onset may vary either way. Its clinical name is neuronal ceroid-lipofuscinoses. Kuf's victims normally do not lose their eyesight as is the case of children with Batten's disease.

Cathy Campbell, mother of three sons with Kuf's disease, describes their symptoms as a gradual deterioration of mental and physical abilities.

Kuf's disease was not diagnosed in the Robertson family until September 1993, although researchers now believe it claimed the life of the boys' father in his early 30s, as well as the lives of their paternal grandmother and great-grandmother, Campbell said.

## Protect children's teeth from baby bottle decay

By CHARLOTTE HUFF  
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Every time Johnny Galan cracks a crooked grin, four stainless steel crowns shine out from his four top front teeth.

The 5-year-old returned last week to the dentist's office to get 13 more of his tiny baby teeth crowned — a final defensive measure to combat ongoing tooth decay.

"I brought him in because his teeth were really bad and he was complaining," said Blanca Flores, Johnny's aunt and guardian.

By the time Johnny came to live with her, Ms. Flores was no stranger to baby bottle tooth decay — a condition that pediatric dentists call both preventable and frustratingly pervasive.

Flores said she learned to wean her children off the bottle the hard way, after taking her son, Benjamin — now age 4 — to the dentist two years ago.

"On the top part of the teeth, I was noticing dark black. And his teeth were starting to break off."

The four teeth had become so infected that they needed to be pulled, she said. Their removal had a definite effect on Benjamin's speech.

"Sometimes when he used to say 'Christmas,' he would say more like 'fitmes,'" she said. "He wouldn't pronounce the C's and the T's."

Baby bottle tooth decay — sometimes referred to as nursing decay — needlessly damages young teeth, causing them to chip and sometimes leads to painful infections in children years short of kindergarten, dentists say.

"Often by the time parents see brownish spots on their children's teeth, the condition has advanced so far that expensive crowns or tooth extraction are the only solutions, they say."

"It's a terrible disease," said pediatric dentist Kenneth Wiedenfeld. "The little 2- to 3-year-olds. They come in and smile and their front four teeth are decayed. You think, 'Oh, my God. That child has horrible teeth.'"

The public health issue also is a major economic one for the state, according to Texas Department of Health statistics. In 1994, the Medicaid program paid for an estimated 12,000 children hospitalized for dental treatment, said G.M. Nana Lopez, chief of the bureau of dental services at the Texas Department of Health. Roughly 85 percent of the cases are believed to involve tooth decay.

The issue is a major one for the state's Medicaid program, given that hospitalization and dental treatment generally cost between \$1,000 and \$1,500 per child. Toddlers generally need to be hospitalized for the crowns or extractions, dentists say, because they are too young to remain still during the procedure and require anesthesia.

Following the removal of bacteria, the crowns are used to restore the remaining tooth, preventing the development of infections in that particular tooth.

When caught in the initial stages, the decay can be reversed with cleaning and fluoride treatments. If the decay is advanced, the damaged tooth is covered with a white or stainless steel crown or a treatment can be done on the baby tooth, followed by a crown. Or it may need to be pulled entirely, which could lead to difficulties in chewing or speaking.

A 1994 dental school study conducted by the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio found that 17 percent of 1,300 Hispanic children receiving WIC (Women, Infants and Children) services in the McAllen area were diagnosed with the

decay.

A similar study of 1,500 Hispanic children in San Antonio found that 15 percent of their teeth had been affected. Previous studies of Anglos and blacks show that the dental condition is common in those ethnic groups as well, running at slightly more than 10 percent, said Franklin Garcia-Godoy, a pediatric dentist and principal investigator in the 1994 study.

Practical concerns push dental care low on the list of some families' priorities, he said. "In the lower socio-economic levels, you are thinking about how to get the bread to the table. And that's the main concern. So who is really going to be thinking about teeth?"

What's so frustrating is that the condition is easily preventable, said Duane Martin, a pediatric dentist who estimates that 30 to 40 percent of his practice involves baby bottle tooth decay. "Kids' teeth shouldn't have to hurt," he said. "These things do hurt once they get advanced enough. That's what usually brings them in. The kids cry all night long."

Prevention, dentists say, is a simple two-step matter.

One: Don't allow your child to breast- or bottle-feed unless hung-

ry.

Two: Wean the child off the bottle by the time he or she is 12 months old.

Other good strategies: Begin dental checkups at 12 months and wipe or brush an infant's

teeth regularly with fluoride toothpaste to counteract plaque buildup.

The problem is that parents are tempted to use a baby bottle as a comfort tool, said pediatric dentist William C. Berlocher. "When parents realize that kids are going to fuss at night or during the daytime, they realize very quickly that if they give them a bottle full of sweetened beverages, kids like that, and they continue to do that."

Heightened education efforts by the Medicaid and WIC programs appear to have put a dent in the problem, Martin said. "I see a lot more younger children coming into my office, which is good because we can get to them sooner," he said.

Many times, though, the condition is far advanced by the time it's visible, dentists say. The decay begins first on the back of the teeth and then works around the sides until brownish discoloration emerges, sometimes with the appearance of a dark shadow between the teeth.

"The biting edge of the tooth will break off and they (the parents) will say, 'Oh, the teeth are chipping,'" Martin said. "What has happened is the whole back side of the tooth has decayed."

Most parents are stunned, he said. "I get tons of mothers who just sit there and cry."

Parents may say it's "only the baby teeth," but it's a painful problem that can affect other aspects of a child's development,

said Garcia-Godoy, who conducted the 1994 University of Texas Health Science Center study.

"If you don't chew the food well, you are not digesting it well," he said. "If you lose the baby teeth very early, you can develop orthodontic problems and you may need braces. And speaking is a major problem. The tongue, instead of stopping with the teeth, it flies out, so there are certain words they (the children) cannot pronounce well."

Unhealthy teeth also can help spawn unhealthy permanent teeth, Garcia-Godoy said. "Cavities are an infectious disease," he said. "It's transmissible. If you have the primary (baby) teeth rotten or full of cavities, once the permanent teeth come out, they are coming out in an infectious environment."

Two ingredients are needed to generate the dangerous acids that attack the tooth's enamel. The first is the bacteria that commonly reside in a person's mouth. The second is a sugary liquid — milk, fruit juice or soda.

Prolonged bottle feeding, particularly at night, encourages the acid to work on the teeth for lengthy periods, said Paul Kennedy, a Corpus Christi pediatric dentist. "The tongue thrusts forward behind the upper front teeth and it lifts all the milk to that area," he said. "The milk's sugar is bathing the teeth all the time. And the bacteria are there. So you have an

acidic situation."

Kennedy also has diagnosed the decay in situations where the mother keeps the infant or toddler with her in bed at night, permitting extended breast feeding.

"The mother is full of love for her child, and yet it's misguided love when she is letting the child do this," he said.

Parents can detect the early signs of decay, when the damage is often reversible, by doing a quick check, said Lopez.

A chalky white area, where the gum meets the tooth, is a telltale indication, she said. Parents should also tip their child's head back and use a flashlight to check the backs of the teeth, where decay begins.

Since the spring, WIC has begun checking children's teeth for the whitish mark, Stender said.

If surgery becomes necessary, it can be done safely and with minimal disturbance to the child, Martin said. But the initial pain and later bill could have been bypassed, he said.

"Parents need to take it seriously," he said. "It shouldn't be something that children should have to go through. Children should never ever be put to bed with a bottle at any age."

## Bridal Registry

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 Oct. 3 - E.T. 4-H Club meeting, 7 p.m., Annex; Grandview 4-H Club meeting, Grandview School; 4-H Teacher Appreciation Day  
 Oct. 4 - 4-H Media Day  
 Oct. 5 - 4-H Foods Project meeting, 6 p.m., Annex; Paws Plus 4-H Project meeting, 7 p.m., Bull Barn; Celebrate 4-H Day  
 Oct. 6 - 4-H Leader Appreciation Day  
 Oct. 7 - 4-H Achievement Banquet, 6:30 p.m., PamCel Hall

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 4-H programs are open to all children in third grade through age 19. A special 4-H Clover Kids program is available for children in kindergarten through the second grade, ages five through eight.  
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 You are invited to attend this year's 4-H Achievement Banquet, "4-H Is Forever," on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 6:30 p.m. in PamCel Hall on the south side of the Celanese Plant. (Located on FM 2300 south of Hwy. 60. PamCel Hall is on County Road "J", south of Celanese 1 mile.)  
 All 4-H families and leaders are invited to attend this annual event.  
 Rabbit Raiders and Prime Swine 4-H Clubs will host this year's event. The menu will include spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, desserts and beverages. Families are asked to bring the following:  
 • Salads - Grandview, McLean 4-Clover, Prime Swine and families not affiliated with a 4-H club.  
 • Dessert - Lefors 5-H, Fashion Club, E.T. and Rabbit Raiders.

Awards will be presented to all 4-Hers who completed a 4-H project record form or recordbook. Special Awards to be presented include: Gold Star, Rookie of the Year, Friend of 4-H, I Dare You, Outstanding Leader, 4H Letter Jackets, and 4-H "Points" participation jackets.  
**Don't Miss It.**  
**Rifle Project**  
 The rifle project will begin on Monday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Annex. The meeting will be for all interested 4-H members (beginners and advanced). Rifle practices will be on Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. at the rifle range. Come join us!  
**4-H Council**  
 The Gray County 4-H Council will meet Sunday, Oct. 8, at 2 p.m. at the Brauchi home, 1724 Grape in Pampa. It is important that all Council officers, and club presidents and council delegates make every effort to attend. Club presidents should be prepared to give a report about their club's activities.  
**Paws Plus Dog Project**  
 Paws plus members are a very enthusiastic bunch. Members and their dogs have already progressed and are doing well. New members are still welcome but need to join right away. If you are interested or have questions, call Lynn Ledford at 665-5622. The dog project group meets every Thursday, from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Bull Barn. Come join us.

# Tofu: a good source of calcium

What is a pleasant tasting convenience food that is economical, a high quality source of vegetable protein, a great non-dairy source of calcium and has a really strange sounding name? This versatile food is tofu.

Tofu is a bland, custard-like product made from soybeans. It is usually sold in blocks and has the consistency of soft cheese. It comes in a variety of textures, from soft to firm, with the main difference being their water content.

Firm tofu, which contains more soybean solids and less water, has more protein and higher nutritional value than regular tofu. The firm tofu is also easier to cook with because it retains its shape when sliced or stir-fried.

From the body's point of view, protein contained in a half cup of soybeans is no different from that contained in five ounces of steak. One half cup of raw tofu provides 94 calories, 5.9 grams of fat, 10 grams of protein, 120 milligrams of calcium, and of course, no cholesterol since it is a vegetable protein. It has the lowest amount of calories to protein in plant food.

Tofu also has a very low carbohydrate content making it a good addition to starch restricted diets.

Tofu is prepared by a process that carefully removes crude fiber and water soluble carbohydrates from soybeans, making it soft and highly digestible. This makes it an excellent food source

## Homemaker's News

By Donna Brauchi



in the diets of babies, elderly adults and people with digestive problems.

Because tofu is very mild in flavor, it combines well with fruits, vegetables, grains, and dairy products. It shouldn't be thought of as only a meat substitute. Tofu tends to absorb the flavor's of other ingredients making it a perfect addition to many dishes. It can be grilled, baked, steamed, broiled, barbecued, marinated in sauces, crumbled raw in salads or added to soups.

The following tips will help you find interesting and easy ways to add tofu to your diet:

- Marinate extra-firm tofu in barbecue sauce or your favorite marinade and grill with onions or other vegetables.
- Try cubes of firm tofu in soups, stews, chili or casseroles (add during the last 15 minutes of cooking.)
- Substitute tofu for part of the part-skim mozzarella cheese in pizza recipes. Crumble a little tofu on top of the pizza, then sprinkle with a bit of cheese. Bake as directed.

- Toss cubed tofu into salads and stir-frys.
- Replace all or part of the ricotta cheese in homemade lasagna with silken tofu.
- Blend soft or silken tofu into low fat shakes, salad dressings, dips or spreads.
- Do not overcook tofu. This toughens the curd.

Tofu tastes best when it is sold refrigerated in aseptic packaging. Tofu sold in stores that is not individually wrapped has a high chance of contamination and should be cooked before eating. Before using tofu, rinse it and pat it dry.  
 Store tofu in water in the refrigerator. If the water is changed every day or so, it will keep for about two weeks. Put uncovered tofu in the freezer until it turns light brown, then cover it. Freezing changes the consistency to a more coarse, meaty texture.

For recipes using tofu or for information on making your own tofu, contact the Gray county office of the Texas-Agriculture Extension Service.

# Parents have to be creative to find a good baby sitter

By MIA B. MOODY / Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO, Texas — Sitters have become more difficult to find in today's age when grandparents often live thousands of miles away and many people don't know their neighbors.  
 Many couples have chosen to give up the important leisure time together that marriage counselors recommend. Others opt to take their children with them, often causing more stress than fun.

But parents should not give up without putting up a fight, said Phyllis Hubbard, who trains about 90 baby sitters a year in the Camp Fire "I'm Taking Care" program.  
 Parents have to be creative when it comes to finding reliable baby sitters, Hubbard said. Teens between the ages of 13 and 15 are usually the best candidates because they can't get other types of jobs.

"By the time they reach 16, they may be too busy with jobs, dates or school involvements," she said.

In a few years, parents may be able to look in the yellow pages under "Baby Sitter Clubs" to find a baby sitter. Allison Barnett, 12, a Lake Air middle school student who graduated from the Camp Fire baby-sitting class, has one in the works.  
 "I have been trying to put one

together for the last four years with about five other girls, but we always end up canceling because our moms say, 'not yet,' but one day we'll be old enough," she said.

Hubbard doesn't give out names of "I'm Taking Care" graduates to inquiring parents. However, she does give parents'

*"Parents have to be creative when it comes to finding reliable baby sitters."*

names to graduates, who in turn call the couple if they want to baby-sit for them.

Hubbard said churches are a good place to start. If your children go to church nurseries or parents' day out programs, observe how well some of the workers work with them. If you find some your child really likes, ask them if they would like to baby-sit.

Parents may also want to organize a baby-sitting co-op made up of neighborhood families or friends from day care who want to trade care-giving chores.

"This makes it fun for the children involved because it seems more like a play date than baby-sitting," Hubbard said.

Fliers and campus bulletin boards may be another good source. That's how Midway Junior High student Lauren McLeod, 12, was matched with Doug and Misti Eudy's two children, Carmen and Katelyn.

Eudy said she usually finds sitters by word of mouth, but when she moved to Waco in June from North Carolina, she didn't have many resources. She hired Lauren after getting a flier in her mailbox and she plans to hold on to her.

"My husband and I wanted someone who is responsible and patient with our children and that's what we got with Lauren," she said.

McLeod, a graduate of Camp Fire's baby-sitting course, said parents should make sure sitters know basic first aid and rescue breathing techniques and common sense items such as the importance of locking the doors right after parents leave.

Senior citizens also make good baby sitters, said Ellen Swift, project director of the the American Association of Retired Persons Senior Employment Services. They are older and wiser and many have already raised children of their own.

Swift said the center gives referrals to parents in search of sitters. The parents interview candidates, hire them and set the rates for long-term or short-term arrangements.

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**Menus Oct. 2-6**

<p><b>MEALS ON WHEELS</b>  <b>MONDAY</b>                  Polish sausage, cheese grits, spinach, cookies.  <b>TUESDAY</b>                  Beef stroganoff, broccoli, carrots, peaches.  <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                  Chicken and rice, whole tomatoes, mixed vegetables, cake.  <b>THURSDAY</b>                  Cabbage rolls, northern beans, squash, pudding.  <b>FRIDAY</b>                  Spaghetti/meat sauce, green beans, bread sticks, fruit cocktail.</p>	<p>salad, gingerbread cake or tapioca, cornbread or hot rolls.  <b>FRIDAY</b>                  Tuna patties or chicken spaghetti, scalloped potatoes, English peas, breaded tomatoes, beans, slaw, tossed or Jello-O salad, custard cups or lemon bundt cake, garlic toast, cornbread or hot rolls.</p>
<p><b>PAMPA SENIOR CITIZENS</b>  <b>MONDAY</b>                  Chicken fried steak or chili rellenos (with cheese) sauce, mashed potatoes, cabbage, spinach, pinto beans, slaw, tossed or Jello-O salad, German chocolate cake or Dutch apple pie, japapeno cornbread or hot rolls.  <b>TUESDAY</b>                  Pork chops and dressing with applesauce or taco salad, cheese grits, broccoli, pinto beans, slaw, tossed or Jello-O salad, Key lime cake or cheesecake, cornbread or hot rolls.  <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                  Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, green beans, beets, butter beans, slaw, tossed or Jello-O salad, Boston cream pie or bread pudding, cornbread or hot rolls.  <b>THURSDAY</b>                  Kraut and sausage or chicken fried chicken breast, mashed potatoes, carrots, turnip greens, beans, slaw, tossed or Jello-O</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY</b>                  Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, juice, milk, cereal, peanut butter.  <b>PAMPA PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b>  <b>MONDAY</b>                  Breakfast: Biscuit, ham slice, fruit or juice, choice of milk.                  Lunch: Rib-E-Que on a bun, western beans, diced pears, choice of milk.  <b>TUESDAY</b>                  Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk.                  Lunch: Ham and cheese pocket, sliced potatoes, English peas, peaches, choice of milk.  <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                  Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit or juice, choice of milk.                  Lunch: Taco salad, pinto bean, pears, cornbread, choice of milk.  <b>THURSDAY</b>                  Breakfast: Pancake/syrup, ham slice, fruit or juice, choice of milk.                  Lunch: Oven-fried chicken, whipped potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, hot roll, choice of milk.  <b>FRIDAY</b>                  Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit or juice, choice of milk.                  Lunch: Hamburger, burger salad, French fries, sliced pickles, spice cake, choice of milk.</p>

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## Windshield's Banner Headline Makes Good News Follow Bad

DEAR ABBY: I can't thank you enough for mentioning the "Please Call Police" banners in your column. I ordered one, then two and a half months later — in 100-degree weather — the engine of my car went dead just outside Texarkana, Texas.

I put my "Please Call Police" banner on my windshield so cars and trucks could see it as they passed. In a few minutes, a police officer showed up saying someone had called in after seeing the banner. The officer drove me to a garage, then had my car towed in and drove me home.

Abby, that banner saved my life! I am 87 years old and have a heart condition. I couldn't have lasted very long in that heat. Thank you a thousand times.

APPRECIATIVE IN TEXAS

DEAR APPRECIATIVE: No need to thank me — that's what I'm here for. How fortunate you had the foresight to plan ahead for such an emergency.

You are not the only reader who has told me what a lifesaver these banners can be. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Last winter, a friend of ours had a life-threatening experience. She and her three children were driving on a major highway in Indiana. It was 10 degrees below zero when her car stalled. It had snowed 16 inches the day



Abigail Van Buren  
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

before. We had been concerned about her driving in such weather, so we had given her our "Please Call Police" banner.

Abby, she managed to get the car to the side of the highway and then she placed the banner on her windshield. She and her children sat in the car in the bitter cold only about 15 or 20 minutes before a trucker came to their aid. (A driver going the other way had seen the banner and signaled an approaching truck driver to stop and assist her.) The driver graciously helped her restart her car and followed her to a truck stop several miles down the road.

I'm writing not only to tell you how valuable the banner was, but to ask you to print the address for others who may want to order them. We plan to give them to friends and family as gifts.

MRS. GEORGE WOLVERTON,  
CLARKSVILLE, IND.

DEAR MRS. WOLVERTON:

Your letter highlights the importance of being prepared for highway emergencies. Many readers have written to tell me that the "Please Call Police" banners make excellent holiday stocking stuffers.

To order the banners, write to WCIL-Banners, P.O. Box 92501, Los Angeles, Calif. 90009. (WCIL is the Westside Center for Independent Living, a not-for-profit organization that helps people with disabilities live independently.)

Make your check or money order (U.S. funds only, please) payable to: WCIL-Banners. You will receive one "Please Call Police" banner as a premium for a \$5 contribution, and another banner with each additional \$4 contribution. Include \$1 per order for postage and handling. (Many people order two banners — one for the windshield and one for the rear window.) Please allow eight weeks for delivery.

Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) for Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

## Horoscope

Monday, Oct. 2, 1995

In the year ahead, there are strong indications that you'll take constructive measures to bring greater harmony into your life. Abrasive relationships will be faded out and replaced by compatible ones.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Be careful how you express yourself today because your associates will listen to every syllable and take what you have to say to heart. Major changes are ahead for Libra in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, N.Y. 10150. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Persons are likely to tell you things in confidence today that they are reluctant to reveal to others. They perceive you as someone who can be trusted.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Try to associate today with persons who are pleasant companions, but from whom you might also learn something. Valuable information can be gained through informal exchanges.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Success in your endeavors is indicated today, but you may need to measure your victories in inches rather than yards. Do not be discouraged as long as you're moving ahead.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Do more listening than talking today when associating with successful business persons. Something of major importance might be discussed from which you could profit.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** You are very good at perceiving ways to help others sort out their problems today. Don't be bashful about voicing your suggestions if they're requested.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Although you might feel your methods are the right ones today, you'd still be wise to listen to the suggestions your mate has to offer.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You will probably perform mental tasks better than physical ones today. Temporarily shelve the backbreakers and give your mind a workout.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Avoid individuals today who tend to take life too seriously. You need the company of blithe spirits who think like you and want to have fun.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** It will be the thoughtful little things you do for those you love that will make a lasting impression today. Small kindnesses will prove very significant.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Without being curt or rude, speak your mind today to a friend who has done something to disturb you. The infraction will prove correctable.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Be mindful of the pennies you spend today, not just the dollars. Small amounts compounded could have a bigger effect on your ledger than you realize.



### The Family Circus



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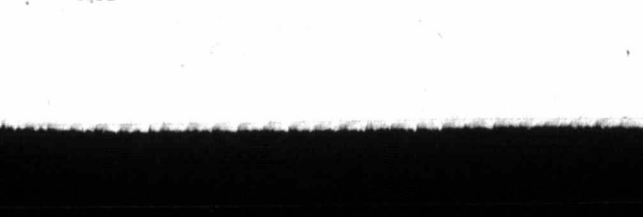
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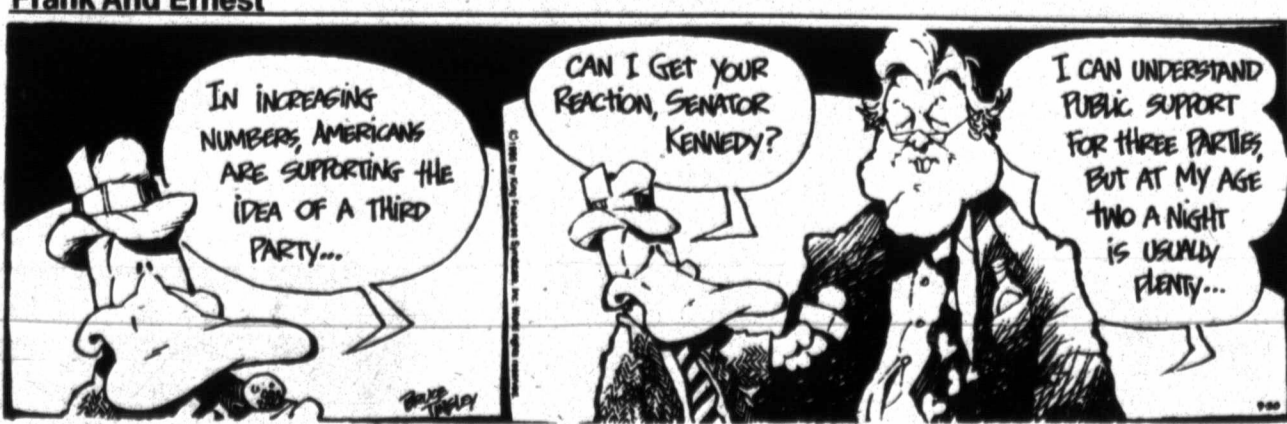
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## Business

### Minding your own Business

By Don Taylor



### Learning to listen

A few weeks ago, Sue and I were enjoying a quiet evening at home. I had been thinking about our marriage of 25 years. It seemed to me that most of our petty arguments and minor skirmishes were the result of one of us not listening to the other.

I decided to verbalize my thoughts. "I don't think I can recall any fuss we've had in recent years that wasn't caused by one or the other of us not listening," I said to her. "I believe we'd be happier and live more fulfilling lives if we'd take time to just listen carefully to each other."

"We hear," I summarized, "but we don't listen." About this time my bride looked up from her book and said, "I'm sorry, dear, what were you saying?"

#### Three keys to better listening

Many top executives credit their success to building good communication skills. Since listening is a principal element in communication, we can be more successful if we become better listeners.

At this point, we need to make certain that we understand the difference between hearing and listening. Hearing is physical; listening is mental. Assuming we have no physical impairments, we hear 100 percent of the time. Unfortunately, we may listen only a small percentage of the time.

I believe there are three key elements involved in improving your listening skills. The first key is to concentrate on what others are saying. We must focus on the message to ensure that we not only hear but also understand.

It is not possible for most of us to concentrate on two things at once. To listen effectively, stop talking, stop writing and stop reading. Devote your full attention to the speaker. Make eye contact and send signals to let the speaker know you're listening.

Barbara Walters is one of the highest-paid interviewers on national television. She once described her interviewing technique as asking a question, shutting her mouth and listening with her whole face. She concentrates all of her attention on the other person's answer.

The second key to effective listening is to listen selectively. Everyday, hundreds of messages bombard our senses. Some of this information is not useful to us. Learn to tune out some of the messages and, on occasion, some of the messengers.

I once worked in an office where one of the employees obviously didn't have enough to do. This person carried on trivial conversations with anyone who would listen. Since I could not afford to waste that much time, I had to listen selectively. Sometimes, I didn't listen at all.

I'm not implying that we shouldn't be sociable. Just recognize socializing as socializing, and don't confuse it with work.

The third key to improving our skills is to listen objectively. Everyone with whom we communicate has a bias or reason to influence us. Therefore, we need to consider the speakers' reasons for expressing their viewpoints.

We should weigh our conversations mentally to determine the speakers' points of reference. What is in it for them? What axe do they have to grind?

For example, let's assume I am considering a new car purchase. If I ask a salesperson, her or she might respond with an emphatic, "Yes, buy now." It would be to his or her benefit to sell me a new car. However, my auto mechanic might say, "No." He would prefer that I keep my old car that may need frequent repair. By understanding the perspective, I can objectively evaluate each response. This will help me make a better decision.

We can develop better listening skills. By concentrating on the speaker, and by listening selectively and objectively, we'll be on our way.

### Texas homes still affordable, economist says

COLLEGE STATION — Although interest rates are higher than last, Texas homes are still just as affordable because incomes have risen fast than house prices, according to Jack C. Harris, research economist with Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University.

"Texas house prices in the second quarter were 1.5 percent higher than the same period last year. At the same time, median income rose by more than four percent," he said.

Harris calculates the Texas Housing Affordability Index, a measure of the typical family's ability to purchase Texas homes. The THAI compares median household income to the amount of income needed to qualify for a mortgage loan sufficient to buy the median-priced home in various Texas cities.

"Mortgage interest rates began a gradual descent early this year after a year of tightening by the Federal Reserve," says Harris. "The average Texas contract interest rate was estimated at 7.65 percent, down from 7.74 percent in the first quarter. This was almost 20 basis points higher than last year's second quarter rate. Yet the THAI actually rose slightly in 1995."

For the second quarter, the Texas state-wide affordability index was 1.72, up from 1.70 in the second quarter of 1994. The U.S. affordability index was 1.34 for the second quarter, down from 1.35 last year.

"Slightly less than 71 percent of Texas households could afford to buy the median-priced home in either period," says Harris. "Housing affordability in the second quarter was down slightly from the first three months of 1995. The first quarter THAI was 1.75. Prices used in the calculation are not seasonally adjusted. Therefore, THAI values tend to fall during the most active periods of the year when prices tend to peak."

The median state-wide home price in the second quarter was \$81,700, compared to \$78,600 in the first quarter.

### Realtor awards



(Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

From left, Roberta Babb, Bill Stephens and Susan Ratzlaff were the top three salesmen honored by Quentin Williams, Realtors, during their mid year awards luncheon. Owners Mike Keagy and Judi Edwards presented bonus checks to them for top sales in the first half of the year. Quentin Williams, Realtors, were involved in sales totaling more than \$2.4 million, which represents 51 percent of the total sales of the Pampa Multiple Listing Service.

### Homeland continues school computer plan

OKLAHOMA CITY — For the eighth consecutive year, the Apples For The Students program goes back to school to continue building Homeland's \$6.8 million contribution to education, Homeland Stores, Inc., announced recently.

Since 1988, the program has obtained educational equipment for 1,600 schools in the Texas Panhandle, Oklahoma and Kansas. In the classroom, that adds up to 3,640 computers; 22,500 software and CD programs; 8,400 library books; 2,001 printers; 12,000 calculators; 150 encyclopedia sets; 3,146 sporting-good items; 740 televisions; 206 karaoke systems; and 208 microscopes.

"Students, parents and teachers need to collect Homeland

receipt tapes and turn them into their schools. Collection will take place for the next 26 weeks until March 30," said Lisa Sykes, program coordinator. "Volunteers will then tally the receipts and exchange them for whatever the school needs the most."

Product manufacturers have joined the Apples For The Students program through a promotion called "Apple Bonus Bucks." Participating products are designated with a special shelf tag in Homeland Stores and can be readily found in the stores. When a qualifying product is purchased, Homeland issues an extra \$5 bonus for the customer to turn into their school.

"Homeland's generosity continues to provide learning oppor-

tunities on the latest computer technology that helps schools maximize their budgets," said Texas Commissioner of Education Dr. Mike Moses.

"The significant contribution that Homeland has made to our schools for the last seven years marks a unique public-private partnership that elevates the standard of corporate responsibility to education. I hope the success of Apples For The Students program continues so upcoming students will be afforded the same opportunity," he continued.

For more information or to sign up a local school, call Homeland Apples For The Students Coordinator Lisa Sykes at 1-800-522-5658.

### Teamsters strike in its fourth week

DETROIT (AP) — A drivers strike at the largest car hauling company has entered its fourth week with thousands of new vehicles stranded and some dealers facing a fall selling season cursed by dwindling supplies.

About 5,000 Teamsters union members at the car hauling operations of Ryder System Inc. went on strike Sept. 7 over economic, job security and information sharing issues.

### Southwest offers 'Home for Holidays' program

Southwest Airlines and the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle have announced the start of the 17th annual "Home for the Holidays" program which will provide Panhandle seniors with complimentary tickets to visit family and friends over the holidays.

Applications are available at senior centers across the Panhandle or by contacting the Area Agency on Aging at (806) 372-3381 if you are calling from the Amarillo/Canyon area, or 1-800-642-6008 outside of Amarillo.

To apply, a person must be 65 years of age or older and demonstrate a strong economic need. Deadline for submission of applications is Oct. 20.

Fifteen applicants from the Panhandle area will be selected to receive complimentary round-trip tickets based on their need for economic assistance and their reason for travel.

Married couples may name their spouses on the application if they would like the selection committee to consider both as possible recipients. Past recipients may apply, and only one application per person will be accepted.

No ground transportation or additional travel expenses will be provided. Recipients may begin their trip any time after Dec. 4, 1995, but trips must be completed by Jan. 13, 1996.

Since the program began in 1979, thousands of senior citizens have been sent "Home for the Holidays." In 1986, President Reagan cited the program as an outstanding community service program and awarded it the Presidential Award for Private Sector Initiatives.

### Chamber Communique

Applications requesting funds through the the Pampa Area Disaster Relief Fund administered by the Pampa Ministerial Alliance and the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce are available at the Chamber office, 200 N. Ballard, or by calling 669-3241.

Applications will be accepted until Oct. 31. All requests will be prioritized according to need, with some receiving labor assistance. The amount of monies to be awarded will be made Nov. 6.

"Country Fair" \$15 per person admission tickets and a limited number of \$100 drawing tickets are now on sale!

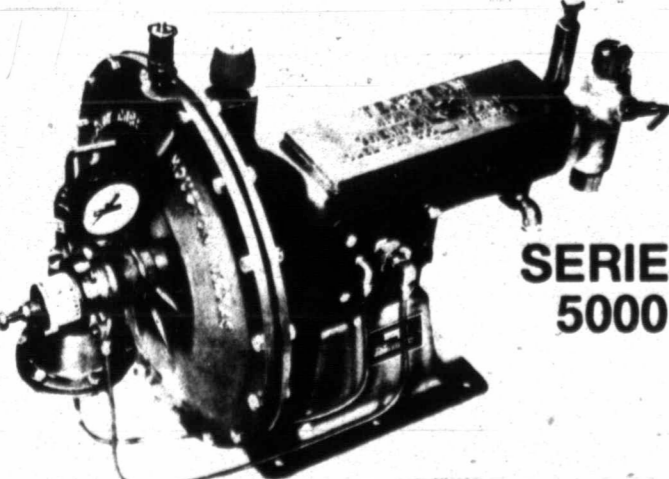
Plan to join us Oct. 21 at the M.K. Brown Auditorium for a fun-filled evening with good food, bingo, a silent and a live auction and dancing to the music of the Tiny Lynn Band.

Tickets are being sold by Chamber volunteers and are available at the Chamber office. Tickets will be purchased by Master Card, Visa, Discover and American Express at the Chamber of Commerce office.

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### Some companies banning guns from the workplace

**HOUSTON (AP)** — First came the "no-smoking" workplace. Next up: "no guns."

Texans with permits can legally carry concealed handguns starting Jan. 1, and some companies are already developing policies to ban weapons from their offices.

Without an edict prohibiting them, it would be difficult for employers to keep guns out. So they're telling workers they can't bring guns to work, even if they have a permit.

Employers have that right, according to an Aug. 30 opinion from the Texas attorney general.

If an organization has such a rule and people are notified it would be a criminal offense to bring in a gun, said Ward Tisdale, spokesman for the attorney general in Austin.

Employment lawyer James M. Neel said he's recommending to all his clients that they prohibit employees from bringing guns to work.

"You certainly don't want guns at your workplace," Neel said, adding that allowing agitated employees ready access to guns will only lead to people

settling disputes with violence.

Northwest Assistance Ministries in Houston put stickers on all its doors telling people that guns are prohibited there.

Spokeswoman Toni Swallow said that the signs will allow center workers to either call the police or ask a gun-toting person to leave.

"We have a lot of very desperate people who have been passed from social service agency to social service agency and they are at their wits' end," she said. "We feel better about dealing with someone without a gun in their pocket."

Firearms have been prohibited at Lyondell Petrochemical Co. since it was formed in 1985.

Aside from its goal of averting a potentially volatile situation, Lyondell doesn't allow anything flammable near its refineries and chemical plants, a spokesman said. The same rule applies to offices outside the plants.

A large commercial printing company in Houston enclosed a notice in all paychecks recently, reminding its employees not to bring their guns to work.

### Drilling Intentions

**Intentions to Drill**

**CARSON (PANHANDLE Hutchinson County) J.M. Huber Corp., #21 Burnett 'RH' (1360 ac) 1800' from South & 330' from East line, Sec. 13,1&GN, 9.5 mi E-SE from Skelkytown, PD 3300' (7120 1-40 West, Suite 100, Amarillo, TX 79106)**

**GRAY (PANHANDLE) Texaco E & P, Inc., #17 E.E. Gething (160 ac) 430' from South & 330' from West line, Sec. 48,A-9,H&GN, 6 mi east from Lefors, PD 3250' (Box 2700, Pampa, TX 79066)**

**HANSFORD (WILDCAT & BERNSTEIN Upper Morrow) Crescent Exploration, LIC, #3-C Tomlinson (640 ac) 1250' from North & East line, 3,2,SA&MG, 9 mi NE from Gruver, PD 8100' (5600 North May Ave., Suite 330, Okla. City, OK 73112)**

**HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., Herring 'F' (220 ac) E. McDaniel Survey, 4.1 mi west from Stinnett, PD 3500'. For the following wells:**

#1, 1097', from North & 480' from East line of Survey.

#2, 430' from North & 915' from East line of Survey.

#3, 1098' from North & 1526' from East line of Survey.

**LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & BRADFORD Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #2719 Franklin Garner Parks (323 ac) 2300' from South & 1500' from East line, Sec. 719,43,H&TC, 3 mi north from Lipscomb, PD 7900' (Box 400, Amarillo, TX 79188)**

**LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & BRADFORD Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #4861 H.G. Schoenhals (645 ac) 2000' from South & 660' from West line, Sec. 861,43,H&TC, 7 mi NW from Lipscomb, PD 7750'**

**LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & BRADFORD Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #3772 Schultz 'A' (642.5 ac) 1980' from North & 1500' from East line, Sec. 772,43,H&TC, 6 mi NW from Lipscomb, PD 7800'**

**LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & EUGENE Upper Morrow & BRADFORD Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #4772 Schultz 'A' (642.5 ac) 2100' from North & 660' from West line, Sec. 772,43,H&TC, 6 mi NW from Lipscomb, PD 10100'**

**LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & S.W. LIPSCOMB Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #1331 Hollene Peery (645 ac) 752' from North & 1277' from West line, Sec. 331,43,H&TC, 10 mi SW from Lipscomb, PD 3250'**

**LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & S.W. LIPSCOMB Cleveland) Midgard Energy Co., #2375 Hollene Peery (654 ac) 2500' from South & 660' from East line, Sec. 375,43,H&TC, 16 mi north from Canadian, PD 8250'**

**MOORE (WILDCAT) Kerr-McGee Corp., #10 Wells (320 ac) 2157' from South & 1650' from East line, Sec. 153,3-T&NO, 8 mi SE from Sunray, PD 2600' (Box 25861, Okla. City, OK 73125)**

**ROBERTS (WILDCAT & QUINDUNO Lower Albany Dolomite) Pennzoil Petroleum Co., #7 A.R. Bell (336 ac) 2030' from South & 1980' from West line, Sec. 200,M-2,BS&F, 10 mi NW from Miami, PD 10200' (Box 2967, Houston, TX 77252)**

**ROBERTS (WILDCAT & QUINDUNO Lower Albany Dolomite) Pennzoil Petroleum Co., #4056 John Haggard (4879 ac) 457' from South & 1830' from East line, Sec. 19,2,I&GN, 12 mi NW from Miami, PD 10100'**

**ROBERTS (WILDCAT & QUINDUNO Lower Albany Dolomite) Pennzoil Petroleum Co., #1 Agatha Locke (319 ac) 1750' from North & 660' from West line, Sec. 8,2,I&GN, 10 mi west from Miami, PD 10100'**

**Application to Deepen**

**LIPSCOMB (KIOWA CREEK Tonkawa) Amoco Production Co., #1 C.T. Duke (640 ac) 933' from North & East line, Sec. 903,43,H&TC, 9 mi SW from Darrouzett, PD 6700' (Box 800, Denver, CO 80201)**

**Application to Plug-Back**

**SHERMAN (WILDCAT & TEXHOMA Upper Morrow) Courson Oil & Gas, Inc., #177 Osborne (647 ac) 467' from South & West line, Sec. 77,1-C,GH&H, 3 mi southerly from Texhoma, PD 6900' (Box 809, Perryton, TX 79070)**

**Oil Well Completions**

**HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #28 Lucas, Sec. 7,—John M. Swisher, elev. 3358 kb, spud 1-31-95, drlg. compl 2-5-95, tested 9-29-95, pumped 12 bbl. of 40 grav. oil + 248 bbls. water, GOR 1083, perforated 3108-3340, TD 3428', PBTD 3340'**

**HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) J.M. Huber Corp., #16 McNutt 'C', Sec. 1,—DL&C, elev. 3335 kb, spud 4-9-95, drlg. compl 4-1-95, tested 9-20-95, pumped 9 bbl. of 40 grav. oil + 144 bbls. water, GOR 667, perforated 3086-3300, TD 3375', PBTD 3344'**

**Gas Well Completions**

**MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE) Mobil Exploration & Producing U.S., Inc., #35 E.C. Britain, Sec. 199,3-T&NO, elev. 3413 kb, spud 7-11-95, drlg. compl 8-15-95, tested 8-30-95, potential 1100 MCF, rock pressure 29.9, pay 2646-2780, TD 3600', PBTD 2848'**

**ROBERTS (UNDESIGNATED Lower Douglas) Midgard Energy Co., #3212 Morrison, Sec. 212,42,H&TC, elev. 2479 kb, spud 7-9-95, drlg. compl 7-21-95, tested 8-7-95, potential 25400 MCF, rock pressure 1989, pay 5924-5964, TD 6170', PBTD 6084'**

**SHERMAN (CRAIG RANCH Morrow) Phillips Petroleum Co., #2 Corene 'A', Sec. 78,1-C,GH&H, elev. 3491 rkb, spud 8-2-95, drlg. compl 8-14-95, tested 9-15-95, potential 9680 MCF, rock pressure 871.4, pay 6687-6715, TD 6950', PBTD 6863'**

**Plugged Wells**

**CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Mesa Operating Co., Sanford (gas) — Form 1 filed in Colorado Interstate Gas, for the following wells:**

#A-1, Sec. 11,3,AB&M, spud unknown, plugged 8-23-95, TD 2530'

#A-4, Sec. 10,B-3,H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 8-26-95, TD 2991'

**GRAY (PANHANDLE) Petro-Tex Operating Co., W. Benedict, Sec. 55,B-1,H&GN (oil) — Form 1 filed in The Texas Company, for the following wells:**

#5, spud 12-12-42, plugged 8-9-95, TD 3010'

#15, spud 10-15-44, plugged 8-7-95, TD 3102'

#17, spud 11-6-44, plugged 8-11-95, TD 3066'

#22, spud 9-27-62, plugged 7-31-95, TD 3170'

**HEMPHILL (FELDMAN Douglas) Phillips Petroleum Co., #1 McQuiddy 'C', Sec. 7,1,G&M, spud 9-14-73, plugged 6-27-95, TD 7485', PBTD 7427' (gas)**

**HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Jiro, #2 J.M. Sanford 'D', Sec. 77,46,H&TC, spud unknown, plugged 7-7-95, TD 2839' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Continental Oil Co.**

**HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE Carson County) Mustang Oil & Gas Corp., #8 Lewis 'B', Sec. 115,4,I&GN, spud 1-28-62, plugged 8-31-95, TD 3273' (oil) — Form 1 filed in A.E. Herrmann**

**HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE Red Cave) Mustang Oil & Gas Corp., #1R Yake 'A', Sec. 36,47,H&TC, spud 2-15-63, plugged 9-5-95, TD 1850' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Panhandle Producing Co.**

**LIPSCOMB (BECHTOLD Tonkawa) Kaiser-Francis Oil Co., #28 Slough, Sec. 8,D, W.P. Wiser, spud 10-17-65, plugged 8-10-95, TD 6280' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Shell Oil Co.**

**MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE) Lyco Energy Corp., #1 Bergenson, Sec. 31,44,H&TC, spud unknown, plugged 6-16-95, TD 3379' (gas)**

**MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE) Lyco Energy Corp., #1 Hohmann, Sec. 227,3-T&NO, spud unknown, plugged 6-14-95, TD 3249' (gas)**

**OCHILTREE (DUTCHER Cleveland) Alpar Resources, #1 Flathers, Sec. 207,43,H&TC, spud 5-23-82, plugged 8-25-95, TD 11080', PBTD 8150' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Cambridge & Nail**

**OCHILTREE (ELLIS RANCH Cleveland) Phillips Petroleum Co., #2 Shrader 'A', Sec. 487,43,H&TC, spud 4-18-63, plugged 7-10-95, TD 7066' (gas)**

**OCHILTREE (HORIZON Cleveland) Phillips Petroleum Co., #1 Rogers 'K', W.B.D. Smith Survey spud 1-27-75, plugged 7-19-95, TD 7150', PBTD 7108' (oil)**

**OCHILTREE (N.E. PERRYTON Marmaton) Natural Gas Anadarko Co., #1301 Powers Unit 'B', Sec. 1101,43,H&TC, spud 10-5-89, plugged 8-10-95, TD 8850', PBTD 7030' (oil)**

**POTTER (WEST PANHANDLE) Mesa Operating Co., #A-57 Bivins, Sec. 46,M-20,G&M, spud unknown plugged 8-31-95, TD 3217' (gas) — Form 1 filed in Colorado Interstate Gas**

**ROBERTS (ST. CLAIR Granite Wash) Santa Fe Energy Resources, Inc., #2 W.H. Martin, Sec. 83,C,G&M, spud 6-4-95, plugged 6-23-95, TD 9500' (dry)**

**SHERMAN (COLDWATER CREEK Penn Upper Morrow & Marmaton) Phillips Petroleum Co., #2-L Craig 'C' & #2-U Craig 'C', Sec. 114,1-C,GH&H, spud 5-11-76, plugged 8-2-95, TD 5900', PBTD 4440' (gas) — Dual**

**SHERMAN (COLDWATER CREEK Upper Penn) Phillips Petroleum Co., #3 Murphy 'G', Sec. 128,1-C,GH&H, spud 11-26-85, plugged 7-27-95, TD 4600', PBTD 4587' (gas) —**

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**AUSTIN** — Private pesticide applicators who were certified before Jan. 10, 1989 have until Dec. 31 of this year to renew their certification or apply for a private license.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires that certification be renewed every five years for private pesticide applicators, such as farmers who use restricted or state-limited pesticides on their crops.

Two options for renewal are available. Applicators may obtain 15 continuing education units, including two credits in laws and regulations and one credit in integrated pest management by Dec. 31, and repeat this process every five years. Or applicators who cannot meet the Dec. 31 deadline have the option of applying for a license.

To become a private licensed applicator, you must take the Texas Agricultural Extension

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Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my word; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my words: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's that sent me." (Jn. 14:23-24).

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul stated that he was under law to Christ (1 Cor. 9:20-21).

Consistently, Jesus emphasized to His disciples the importance of keeping His word, or His law (Matt. 7:24-27; Jn. 14:15). His apostles emphasized the importance of abiding in the teaching or doctrine of Christ (Gal. 1:6-10; 2 Jn. 9-11).

The law of Christ is easily understood. It is not a law that is ambiguous or flexible. For instance, when Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned" (Mk. 16:16), it is easy to see the importance of believing and being baptized in order to be saved. When He said, "for except ye believe that I am He, ye shall die in your sins" (Jn. 8:24), it is easy to understand how important it is to believe that He is the Son of God. He stressed the importance of repentance in Luke 13:3, when He said, "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all in like manner perish." We know that it is essential that one confess Christ because Jesus said, "Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32).

The law of Christ also informs man that we must abide in His teaching. In John 15:4-6, Jesus said: "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except ye abide in me, so neither can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in Him, the same beareth much fruit: for apart from me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch and is withered; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned." It is clear, by Jesus' illustration, that to abide in Him is to abide in His teaching or doing what He tells us to do. Otherwise, we are law-breakers or workers of iniquity.

—Billy T. Jones

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## Entertainment

### Borger singer to compete on national television show



Shawn Belton

An area singer will appear next Friday on a nationally distributed television competition show, vying for a \$100,000 recording contract.

Shawn Belton of Borger

Recently taped a performance on *Nashville Starseek*, a television show seen all over the U.S., Canada, Mexico and other countries via satellite dish.

Belton, an easy-listening musician, has won many talent competitions, as well as performing in several venues in Texas and Oklahoma.

*Nashville Starseek* features singers of country, gospel and easy listening music, who will be judged by the TV audience through a call-in vote.

Those wishing to vote for Belton need not necessarily watch the program, and can call 1-900-288-9919. Belton's competition number is 845. The call will cost 95 cents.

The calls will be accepted from Oct. 6 at 8 p.m. to Oct. 13 at 11 p.m.

Belton is the daughter of Paul and Ruth Belton of Borger.

### Turntable Tips

By The Associated Press

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.)

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- "Kiss From a Rose," Seal (ZTT-Sire) (Gold)
- "Runaway," Janet Jackson (A&M)
- "Waterfalls," TLC (LaFace) (Platinum)
- "Only Wanna Be With You," Hootie & the Blowfish (Atlantic)
- "I Can Love You Like That," All-4-One (Blitz)
- "As I Lay Me Down," Sophie B. Hawkins (Columbia)
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- CrazySexyCool*, TLC (LaFace) (Platinum)
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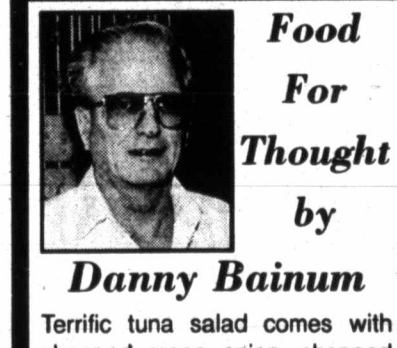
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- "Halfway Down," Patty Loveless (Epic)
- "I'm Not Strong Enough to Say No," Blackhawk (Arista)
- "Let's Go to Vegas," Faith Hill (Warner Bros.)
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*Food For Thought* by

Danny Bainum

Terrific tuna salad comes with chopped green onion, chopped tomato, chopped olives, cut green beans and corkscrew pasta. The easy dressing: mayonnaise enhanced with balsamic vinegar.

Flour tortillas make wonderful roll-ups for party-time entertaining. Spread each tortilla with softened-and-spiced cheese, then layer slices of ham or pepperoni. Roll up tight, wrap in plastic and chill. Before serving, cut each roll into slices.

Flank steak is fine and fast-cooking on the grill or in the broiler. Try a marinade of four chopped shallots, 2 Tbs. each olive oil, lemon juice and dry red wine, with 1 1/2 tsp. dried thyme. Let meat soak up flavors up to 24 hours; turn now and then.

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### Sunday, bloody Sunday

## Prime-time competition called a killer

By FRAZIER MOORE  
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — "Murder, She Wrote" may have been exiled to Thursdays. But as five networks take up arms with a total of 11 new series, plus four returning series called up from other nights, Sunday is still a killer.

"The real fight for No. 1 in the '95-'96 network war is going to be waged, and won or lost, on Sunday night," says Sam Haskell, who heads up the West Coast Television Department of the William Morris agency.

"With NBC's 'Mad About You' moving from Thursday, CBS's 'Cybill' moving from Monday with '60 Minutes' as lead-in, ABC's 'Lois & Clark' finally getting Lois and Clark together — the whole season is going to come down to what's successful or not successful on Sunday night."

Will ABC, which captured the 1994-95 season, be victorious again? Or will it be last year's runner-up, NBC?

And what of CBS, in lowly third place and likely to remain

there? Can that network at least stand its ground on Sunday, with four hours, not three, of prime-time at stake, not to mention the week's highest viewership up for grabs? Can CBS hold on to this territory it has controlled for decades?

The pipsqueak WB network has invaded Sunday with six half-hour comedies, five of them new. The WB benefits from low expectations, and so far has fulfilled them: Its Sunday newcomers won the bottom five slots of last week's ranking of 108 series.

Fox has a new one-hour science fiction series, "Space: Above and Beyond," as well as freshman sitcoms "Too Something" and "Misery Loves Company."

But more significant is moving its veteran "The Simpsons" from Thursday to Sunday at 8 p.m. (Eastern).

Here, from 8 to 9, is Sunday's main event.

NBC, repeating its successful strategy in August '94 of moving its hit "Frasier" to Tuesday to tame ABC's "Roseanne," decided last spring to risk meddling with

its Thursday "Must See TV" powerhouse once again — this time, by moving "Mad About You" to Sunday at 8 (following its new sitcoms "Brotherly Love" and "Minor Adjustments").

Then CBS panicked and, after 11 years, uprooted "Murder, She Wrote" from its 8 p.m. berth.

Filling Jessica Fletcher's large sensible shoes is January arrival "Cybill," teamed at 8:30 p.m.

with the hopefully titled newcomer "Almost Perfect," starring Nancy Travis and Kevin Kilner as two successful overachievers who accidentally meet and fall in love.

So what happened last Sunday, the first of the new season?

"Wow!" said Betsy Frank, executive vice president of Zenith Media Services, as she reviewed the numbers. "We felt that 'Mad About You' and 'Hope & Gloria' would win the time period, but ... wow!"

According to Nielsen, "Mad" had a robust 14.6 rating and 23 share, followed by "Hope," with an 11.7 rating and 18 share.

Over on ABC, "Lois & Clark:

The New Adventures of Superman" had an 11.4 rating and 18 share for the hour.

But on CBS, well ... "Cybill" had a tepid 9.8 rating and 15 share while "Almost" had an 8.1 rating and 12 share.

One ratings point equals 959,000 television households. Share is the percentage of TV sets in use at any one time that are tuned to a particular broadcast.

Decisive enough. But these numbers reflect viewing households overall. If you isolate the prized 18-to-49 audience segment, exactly the viewers the "Cybill"/"Almost" combo had targeted, these two shows look downright antiquarian: NBC's rival "Mad"/"Hope" duo beat CBS by more than 2-to-1. Wow!

Said Betsy Frank: "It's a real vote for NBC's strategy, which a lot of us thought was ill-advised."

Said David Poltrack: Not so fast.

"We think it will take two or three more weeks for this battle to settle down to the normal competitive pattern," he said.

## Sleuthing coroner and her creator still going strong

By MARTHA SLUD  
Associated Press Writer

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Ten years ago, a morgue assistant named Patricia Cornwell tried to sell New York publishers a crime novel whose hero was a male police detective.

But an editor found her protagonist flat and uninteresting and suggested the young writer further develop a minor but intriguing character, Dr. Kay Scarpetta, the cool-headed Virginia chief medical examiner.

Six books later, her novels about Scarpetta have made Cornwell a best-selling author with a worldwide following. Her books have even made the Virginia chief medical examiner's office something of a tourist attraction.

In her latest book, "From Potter's Field," the sleuthing coroner continues to do her thing — dissecting corpses, consulting for the FBI and managing her complicated love life. Kay Scarpetta's dalliance in the two most recent books with a married FBI agent have left some readers aghast.

Cornwell, who speaks of Scarpetta like an intimate friend, says she doesn't approve of the affair either. But she defends her brilliant, stylish heroine as a lonely career woman in need of a lover who understands her.

"I just think she's fabulous," Cornwell,

39, says of Scarpetta, who like herself is a divorced Miami native who is fascinated by death. "She's an idealized version of what I'd like to be."

Cornwell has blazed a path in the genre of forensic thrillers. She presents vivid details of death gleaned from the six years she worked as a computer analyst in the chief medical examiner's office in Virginia.

"From Potter's Field," released Aug. 2, has shot to the top of best-seller lists. In the book, Scarpetta pursues an escaped serial killer who taunts Scarpetta in return.

Cornwell is writing a screenplay based on the book, which would be her first novel to be made into a movie. An earlier film project featuring actress Demi Moore as Scarpetta fell through.

"I would love to see a woman like this come to the screen," Cornwell says of her heroine. "There hasn't been anyone like this before."

A former crime reporter for the Charlotte Observer, Cornwell published her first book, "A Time for Remembering," a biography of Ruth Graham, wife of the Rev. Billy Graham, in 1983. The Grahams are family friends.

After she left journalism, Cornwell realized she wanted to write crime fiction. To get realistic detail, she became a police volunteer and got a job at the morgue. She has witnessed hundreds of

autopsies.

"I was delighted to do it," she said. "This is Scarpetta's world. How can I dare describe it if I don't experience it?"

In Cornwell's seventh book, "Cause of Death," which is due out next year, Scarpetta probes the mysterious diving death of a fictitious Associated Press reporter. Cornwell says she took up scuba diving so she could make the underwater scenes more realistic.

The author continues to meticulously research material for her books. Chances are if Scarpetta does something, her creator has done it first.

Scarpetta comes from a Roman Catholic, Italian family and often clashes with conservative Richmond.

Cornwell has become something of a character herself. She's immersed herself in state political campaigns and once was photographed for People magazine opening a refrigerator door with a revolver strapped to her waist.

She has toned down her pistol-packing image, but says she has been stalked in the past and is prepared to deal with fans who get too exuberant.

"It's not like I walk around with a shotgun wherever I go, but I'm definitely not passive," she says.

Neither is gun-toting Scarpetta, who has been known to blow away a villain or two.

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(AP photo)

Japanese snow monkeys wander on ranch land near Dilley, Texas.

## Animal advocates working to get snow monkeys moved to safer land

By KELLEY SHANNON  
Associated Press Writer

DILLEY, Texas (AP) - As the Japanese snow monkey saga rolls on, people working on behalf of the primates say animal lovers are pitching in money needed to pay for a new monkey home.

A recent wave of publicity about the monkeys has generated approximately \$80,000 in pledges toward the construction of a new sanctuary in nearby Millet, said Dallas attorney Robert Trimble.

About \$150,000 is needed for the project and for moving the animals.

"When the public knows about it, they're going to respond. America is fairly animal friendly," said Trimble, a real estate lawyer who volunteers with the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

Trimble is trying to help the South Texas Primate Observatory - home to the monkey colony - solve its long-running financial problems.

Owners of the Burns Ranch outside Dilley, where the observatory currently is located, want the animals moved. Since the late 1980s the monkeys have roamed freely because an elec-

tric fence has failed.

"They're just a nuisance. They're free-roaming and they're everywhere," said Michele Cadwallader, one of the Burns Ranch landowners who has made public pleas for donations to the observatory.

Ms. Cadwallader said she wants the monkeys moved to their new home but that if money doesn't become available to do it she can't guarantee some of her relatives won't shoot the primates.

"I don't want that to sound like a threat," she said. "I'm trying to do everything I can to help these monkeys so I can live with myself if something happens."

The monkey observatory has property in nearby Millet, but it has been foreclosed on, said Trimble. He has worked out a financing plan under which the observatory would pay \$97,000 it owes on the property within 90 days.

The next step is raising \$105,000 to \$120,000 to construct an enclosure on 100 acres at the Millet property. Moving the monkeys could cost \$40,000.

An internal Texas Parks and Wildlife Department memo

issued this summer on controlling the macaque population set off alarms among animal-rights activists. The memo said there is nothing in state or federal law to prevent people from killing the monkeys.

Trimble contends because the monkeys are private property they deserve the same protection as domestic pets or cattle.

"Hunters can't just go out and gun those animals down," he said, vowing to file criminal complaints and civil lawsuits against anyone who does.

Lou Griffin, director of the South Texas Primate Observatory, has denounced any suggestion of destroying the animals and disputes statements by the state wildlife agency that the monkeys are capable of carrying disease.

Meanwhile, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department says it also hopes citizens rally around the monkey cause.

"We want to see the animals confined again," said John Herron, non-game and urban wildlife director for the agency. "We're hoping the public will help. We don't want to see monkeys shot."

## Once the spur to ethics probe, now Newt Gingrich is a target

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WASHINGTON (AP) - House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who headed a vast political organization that retains many of its secrets, says he has nothing to fear from an ethics investigation by an outside counsel. But nobody knows better how an outsider's scrutiny can devastate a speaker of the House.

It was a beaten and broken Jim Wright who resigned his speakership on June 1, 1989, after a Gingrich-inspired investigation by an outside counsel led to charges of 69 ethics violations.

Now, with the House ethics committee interviewing outside counsel candidates to investigate Gingrich, the Georgian who won Wright's powerful job this year is no longer the pursuer but the target.

Gingrich blames "desperately and bitterly determined" Democrats for badgering him with a half-dozen ethics complaints. But his earlier fierce opposition to an outside counsel has given way to comments that he has no reason for concern.

"I'm confident when they review it, they'll find we did everything exactly legally," he said in mid-September.

The danger for Gingrich, as it was for Wright, is a counsel allowed to range beyond the initial complaints and develop new leads.

Josh Goldstein of the Center for Responsive Politics, which tracks money in politics, said the probe could break through the secrecy of Gingrich's massive political fundraising machine.

GOPAC, the conservative group headed by Gingrich until recently, has been "one of the most secretive, and to this point one of the most elusive, in terms of trying to pin down where money's coming from and where the money's

going," said Goldstein.

Alex Benes of the Center for Public Integrity said GOPAC "operates on the basis of anonymity or secrecy and you know little about them - unless you get people to talk."

Benes, whose organization researches governmental ethics issues, said, "Specific information about contributors and expenditures has not been easy to determine."

GOPAC's secret information could be revealed because of its ties to Gingrich's college course - the expected focus of an outside counsel's investigation.

The course was taught at two Georgia colleges and beamed by satellite around the country, thanks to tax-deductible donations that came largely from regular GOPAC contributors.

Top GOPAC officials were recruited to develop the course and solicit the donations.

Former Rep. Ben Jones, D-Ga., said in an ethics complaint that the tax-deductible donations were improper. He contended that the primary goal of the course was not education but support of GOPAC's activities, which included training a Republican "farm team."

A 1993 letter to the Tobacco Institute from Jeffrey Eisenach, a former GOPAC executive director who then worked on the course, said the course's goal was to "train by April 1996, 200,000-plus citizens into a model for replacing the welfare state and reforming our government."

Gingrich insists the course was a legitimate, non-profit educational activity.

A counsel also may investigate whether the non-profit course material was turned into Gingrich's best-selling book, "To Renew America."

Gingrich has said the book and the course consist of his long-standing vision of America, which

evolved long before the course was developed.

Some Republicans want to keep an outside counsel on a short leash, confining any probe to tax questions and ignoring any comprehensive investigation of GOPAC.

GOPAC contends it operates mainly to train state and local candidates, thus avoiding federal disclosure requirements.

The Federal Election Commission disagreed, and filed suit last year, accusing GOPAC of violating election law by failing to register with the FEC in 1989 and refusing to disclose its finances.

An outsider could inquire into whether Gingrich received any personal benefits from GOPAC, or whether any corporate contributors received legislative benefits.

The outside counsel in the Wright case, Richard Phelan, wrote the book on how to expand an investigation beyond the original allegations. Leads he developed produced some of the key charges against Wright, including the accusation that the lawmaker intentionally exceeded limits on non-congressional earnings.

In an attempt to influence the committee to hire a counsel with broad powers, Democrats have been offering floor speeches reminding Gingrich of his words in the Wright case and hoping they come back to haunt him.

They recalled how Gingrich insisted in 1988 that the committee adopt the standard for an outside counsel that was developed by congressional watchdog Common Cause: full authority to hire a staff, present evidence and bring formal charges; full committee cooperation in obtaining evidence and issuing subpoenas; freedom to make public statements. And no interference.

Common Cause recently called for the committee to name an outside counsel for Gingrich using the same standards.

## Oil and gas rigs operating in United States drop by 20

HOUSTON (AP) - The number of oil and gas rigs operating in the United States dropped by 20 last week to 755, Baker Hughes Inc. said Friday.

During the same week a year ago, there were 838 rigs operating nationwide.

Of the rigs running this week, 405 were exploring for natural gas and 333 for oil.

Seventeen rigs were listed as miscellaneous.

Houston-based Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1940. The tally peaked at 4,500 in

December of 1981 during the oil boom. It dropped to a record low of 596 in the summer of 1993, exceeding the previous low of 663 in 1986.

The rig count represents the number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas.

## Big firms win truck safety concessions

WASHINGTON (AP) - Frustrated after a five-year effort to soften safety rules for medium-sized trucks, such industry giants as Plano, Texas-based Frito-Lay and FedEx turned to friends in the new Republican Congress for help.

And a quiet lobbying campaign aimed at the House Transportation Committee yielded in a few months what years of regulatory struggles had not: a waiver that could exempt service and delivery trucks from more than a dozen rules on the age and physical condition of drivers, on the number of hours they may drive and on paperwork for truck safety and maintenance.

The changes are included in a major highway bill that now is the subject of House-Senate negotiations. It is the same bill that would end the federally imposed 55 mph speed limit and lift requirements that motorcycle riders wear helmets.

"The changeover (to a

Republican-controlled Congress) certainly made our job easier," said Robb Mackie, a lobbyist for the American Bakers Association, which helped lead the charge for the rules change. "People were more receptive."

Supporters believe the change will provide regulatory relief to thousands of businesses without harming safety. They say the Transportation Department will maintain control over who gets the waivers.

But the change stunned the insurance industry, which believes it would seriously worsen highway safety and result in higher losses from accident claims.

"This creates a loophole big enough to drive millions of trucks through," said David Snyder, a lobbyist for the American Insurance Association.

The insurance industry has mounted an eleventh-hour challenge, hoping to persuade a few key senators involved in the negotiations to reject it, or to hold

out for language that would preserve more of the current rules.

Joan Claybrook, a former federal highway safety administrator and now a consumer lobbyist, joined forces with the insurance industry Thursday at a news conference to call attention to the issue.

"This is a backroom deal," she said. "The public whose lives and health are put at risk were not a part of this process. ... Some big trade associations and lobbyists who ply Congress with campaign money have pulled some strings behind closed doors."

According to figures compiled by the Center for Responsive Politics, members of the truck industry's Coalition to Redefine Commercial Motor Vehicles gave \$285,000 in campaign money to members of the House Transportation Committee over the last two-year election cycle.

Nearly half the money came from FedEx, based in Memphis, Tenn., which is in a competitive struggle with United Parcel Service.

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## Former governor's daughter now fighting the 'radical right'

By PEGGY FIKAC  
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AUSTIN (AP) — Cecile Richards was attending a State Board of Education meeting when something struck her like a "lightning bolt."

"I leaned over to the woman sitting next to me and said, 'When does our side come on?' There was no one but the far right there" to testify on education, said Ms. Richards, 38, daughter of Democratic former Gov. Ann Richards and a longtime labor and political organizer.

Thus was born the Texas Freedom Alliance, a group designed to keep tabs on what it terms the "radical right," organize mainstream Texans and provide an alternative voice on education and other issues.

"It was really sort of like a religious experience," Richards said of that first Education Board meeting.

"I don't believe we can complain about other people controlling the system unless we're willing to get in there and organize for what we believe in," she said in a recent interview at her office, which still is being organized but already plastered with her children's artwork.

The testimony at that January meeting concerned whether the Education Board should develop a policy on school health education and services. Conservative groups charged that the Texas Education Agency has promoted sex education and school-based health clinics, which some contend are used for abortion referral.

"It was so alarming, ... the testimony against any kind of health services for children being provided through the schools," said Richards. "It seemed to me that folks were speaking about what they didn't want for their kids without any understanding of what thousands of children in this state need in terms of basic health services."

After that, "we were off and running," said Richards, who is executive director of the alliance.

Since its creation in February, the Texas Freedom Alliance has weighed in on issues including school textbooks; conducted leadership conferences on "mobilizing the mainstream in support of public education and religious tolerance," with participation from clergy members; and made a videotape documenting a

battle over the direction of the Round Rock school board.

The group's future plans include a focus on organizing clergy members and on ensuring there are election guides for "mainstream voters," although Richards said the alliance is non-partisan and won't make endorsements in political races.

While the group is at least initially focusing on religion and education, Richards also sparked a debate this summer over a speech by U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth, R-Idaho, to a property rights conference.

Idaho militia leader Sam Sherwood has said his group supplied volunteers to Chenoweth's campaign; the lawmaker has said she didn't know who they were. Among Chenoweth's proposals is a bill to require federal agents to register their weapons with local law officials.

"We were quite alarmed to learn of this link between the Texas property rights community, radical right foundations and extremists such as Congresswoman Helen Chenoweth," Richards said in a statement dismissed as "nonsense" by a backer of the property rights conference.

Other groups with which Richards squares off also criticize her efforts, which include a brochure accusing "nationally-funded right-wing groups" of organizing "an extensive grassroots movement in Texas through campaigns based on intolerance, fear and misinformation" and of pushing an "extremist agenda."

"You know what an extremist is, don't you? It's anyone winning an argument with a liberal," said Wyatt Roberts, executive director of the conservative American Family Association of Texas.

"I think it's a shame that they coalesce around the goal of defeating us. They have no policies to speak of, other than to oppose what conservative Christians are doing," he said.

Cathie Adams, president of the Texas Eagle Forum, said, "When you say we're pushing (an agenda), we're not the ones who are holding seminars on how to defeat the irreligious left."

"Our focus is educating people so they can make intelligent decisions for themselves and their families," she said. "They (Richards' group) think they know what's best for everybody."



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