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APRIL AWARENESS CASA raises child abuse profile with display

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There are 131 silhouettes of blue t-shirts on the lawn in front of Pampa City Hall today. Each one represents a child that was abused in Gray County this past year.

"April is Child Abuse Awareness Month," said Janet Watts, executive director of CASA of the High Plains here in Pampa.

The posting of the small silhouettes is to mark the significance of the month.

Each of the silhouettes represents a child in Gray County that was reported abused this past year, Watts explained.

For the past two years, Watts said CASA had hung shoes from trees at city hall and at United Supermarket along with a sign that read "Don't Walk Away from Child Abuse."

This year, the shoes have been replaced by the t-shirt cut-outs, she said.

"There's no excuse for child abuse," Watts said.

The display has been moving between different venues around Pampa to maximize visibility. During the first week of April, the display was on the lawn of Dr. Greg Kelly's dentist's office on Hobart Street. The second week they were at United.

This week, the silhouettes are at Pampa City Hall.

Next week, Watts said, the display will be at Wal-Mart.

The display is just one of various events on CASA's schedule for Child Abuse Awareness Month. On Wednesday night, CASA of the High Plains will hold their "Shining the Light on Child Abuse" at the display at



staff photo by David Bowser

Janet Watts of the CASA of the High Plains holds a t-shirt-shaped cut out in front of Pampa City Hall today. There are 131 such silhouettes on the grounds in front of city hall, one for each of the 131 children that were reported abused in Pampa this past year.

City Hall.

At 2 p.m. Sunday, Watts said they will release 131 blue balloons from Recreation Park.

The balloon release will be a milestone of sorts for CASA and for Gray County, according to Watts.

"In the past," she said, "we've released a white balloon to signify the death of an abused child," she said.

The is the first time in three years, she said, that no white balloon will be released. No children in the area lost their lives last year due to child abuse.

"We've had a great response," Watts said. "It's a sobering sight."

She said that many people don't realize that child abuse happens in their community.

staff photo by David Bowser

This sign accompanies the display in front of Pampa City Hall.

McElhannon on hand to help Pampa's entrepreneurs

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April marks the one-year anniversary of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation's partnership with the Entrepreneur Alliance, and PEDC executive director Clay Rice wants to remind Gray County's entrepreneurs that they have a handy business resource right here on their doorstep.

"It's important that the business-people of Pampa and Gray County know that they're here," said Rice. "We want to make sure everyone out there is aware of a valuable asset that's right here in town."

That asset comes in the form of the EA's Spencer McElhannon, the Pampa representative for its Pampa enterprise development

program. A longtime entrepreneur with experience in oil, gas, light manufacturing, technology and agriculture, McElhannon provides consultations free of charge to the business owners of the community.

"I'm available to to speak with local entrepreneurs to help them solve problems in their business," said McElhannon. "What they do is they give me a quick snapshot of what they want to accomplish business-wise and we'll put together a plan to walk them forward."



McElhannon

"My primary job here is to meet the need of any business in the area who might be having a problem... We'll do our best to formulate a plan and move past that problem."

— Spencer McElhannon, Entrepreneur Alliance

McElhannon's program was created through a joint venture with a nearby economic development firm that was adapted to fit the particular demands of the Pampa business community.

"Our program was developed out of a need that was identified by the EDC developer in Borger," explained Spencer. "He realized that he had a lot of people walking

into his office from the community saying, 'I want to start a business. What can you do for me?'

"He went to the Entrepreneur Alliance, and later Clay did as well, and we created this program that was born out of the need to address the community's retail business operator's issues and problems. This program is **MCELHANNON** cont. on page 3

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High 71 Low 51	High 75 Low 53	High 72 Low 46

Tonight: Patchy fog after 3am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1pm. Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 71. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 75. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. East southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 72. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Curtis Michael Archibald, 55

Curtis Michael Archibald, 55, of Amarillo, died Wednesday, April 14, 2010.

Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 22, 2010 at New Life Assembly of God, 1200 S. Sumner, Pampa, TX with Pete Hernandez officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd, Amarillo, TX.

Mr. Archibald was born March 6, 1955 in Pampa to Leona and Silvan Archibald. He had worked in the oil and gas industry.

He is survived by his mother, Leona Hickman; children, Desmond Archibald, Cody Archibald, Heather Archibald and Staci Feathers; his sister, Terri Mason; four brothers, Wade Archibald, Gary Archibald, David Archibald and Steve Archibald; three grandchildren, Lilianna Ortiz, Julian Ortiz and Jacob Siel; and his former wife, Nancy Archibald Williams.

Obituaries

Mary E. Marsh, 80

Pampa—Mary E. Marsh, 80, died April 17, 2010 in Pampa.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa with, Rev. Garry Worden, minister of Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

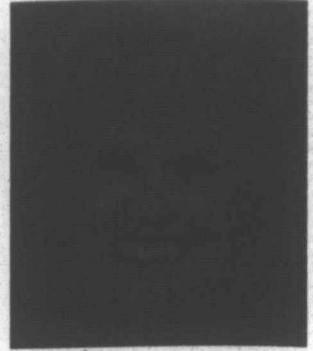
Mrs. Marsh was born August 31, 1929 in Fort Smith, Ark. She has lived in Pampa since 1949. She married Darrell Marsh

on March 11, 1987 in Panhandle. She loved to fish and work in her yard. She was preceded in death by four brothers; three sisters; one daughter, Brenda Sue Hale; a grandson, David Hale; and a step granddaughter, Amy Youree.

Survivors include her husband, Darrell Marsh of the home; one son, Ronnie Branscum and wife Barbara of Pampa; two stepsons, Mike Marsh and wife Linda of Palestine, and Ricky Marsh of Pampa; one stepdaughter,

Melodie Youree and husband Doug of Pampa; three sisters, Shirley Rhoads and husband J.A. of Napa, Calif., Pat Myatt of Cotati, Calif., and Lou Terry of Pampa; three brothers, Lark Pendergrass of Reno, Nev., Tom Pendergrass of Bullhead City, Ariz., and Mick Pendergrass of Pampa; five grandchildren; five step-grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Amy Youree Scholarship, c/o First State Bank of Miami, 120 W. Kingsmill, Pampa, TX 79065.



Marsh

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Hazel Oleta Gilbert Plaster, 96

Canyon—Hazel Oleta Gilbert Plaster, 96, died April 15, 2010 in Canyon.

Memorial services were held 11 a.m. Monday, April 19 at the University Church of Christ with Bob Shepard and David Lough, officiating. The family received friends on Sunday, April 18 at Brooks Chapel.

Arrangements are by Brooks Funeral Directors. Private interment will be at Dreamland Cemetery.

Hazel O. Gilbert Plaster was born August 9, 1913 in Armstrong County to Harry Clyde and Nellie Pearl Cobb Gilbert, the eldest of their four children.

She was a 1928 graduate of Clarendon Junior College and received her B.A. degree in 1932 at West Texas State Teachers College, majoring in sociology, art and education. She studied with Ms. Robinson, attending the only Bohemian art-retreat in Palo Duro Canyon. She assisted her brother and two sisters in attending college and both her children in pursuing and receiving their doctoral degrees. But more than that, Hazel touched the lives of countless others as well and gave many the extra encouragement they needed to embrace new

possibilities. Hazel loved life, lived in the moment, and her favorite saying was "I just don't worry about things!" Hazel was dearly loved by those of us who knew her and will be sorely missed by all.

For over forty years, Hazel and her husband John N. Plaster were teachers in the Texas public school system. Hazel taught in Eldridge, Allenreed, and Hopkins before her marriage, and fourth grade in Lamar Elementary in Pampa from 1954 until her retirement in 1979. Presaging today's commuter families, they lived and worked in two towns — teaching five days in Pampa, with two days a week in Canyon where John raised wheat and cattle.

Hazel O. Gilbert married John N. Plaster on March 6, 1945, in Clarendon. They were married 35 years at the time of his death on November 21, 1982. Hazel was also preceded in death by her long-time friend, J.B. Brown; her brother, John Howard Gilbert; her son, John C. Plaster; her sister, Billie Louise Edlin Hufnagle; sisters-in-law, Mamey Waggoner, Dora Mae Clanton, Faye Hufnagle, Roxie Gilbert; brothers-in-law, Lester L. Edlin, Lyle Whitman, Willard Clanton, Clyde

Waggoner and nephews, Buddy Clanton and Ronnie Hufnagle.

Survivors include her sister, Clynelle Gilbert Whitman; daughter, Cynthia Plaster Branch, "adopted" daughter, Pamela Clayton; daughter-in-law, Janet Plaster; four grandchildren, Chuck Branch, Jessica Benjamin, John Caleb Plaster and J'Taun Sanchez; nine great-grand children, Skyler, Hunter, Zachary, Travis, Marcus, Pacey, Andrew, Daniel and Trevor; sister-in-law, Dora Mae Clanton; brother-in-law Blaine Hufnagle; cousins, Joanne and Otis Lemley, Ed Reed, Charles and Jean Cobb, Carl and Clara Hawes; nieces and nephews, Donald Whitman, Carol Wold, Clinton Gilbert, Clay Gilbert, Gloria Fay Hitchcock, Bobbe Wright, Judy Milstead, Johnine Phillips, Michael Clanton, Kathy Volanty; grand-nieces and nephews, Michelle Smith, Cindy Gilbert, Melissa Swain, Cathy Whitman, Little Blaine Hufnagle, and Bradley Hufnagle, Michael Hitchcock, Steve Hitchcock, Regan Wright, Christie Osburn, David Abbott, Joe Phillips, Jeff Phillips, Johnice Barnett, Jon-Micah Clanton, Cress Clanton, Camryn Holt; extended family



Plaster

of friends, Lorena Piper, Ken Crossland, Ben and Elizabeth Brown, Elbert and Betty Brown, Janice and Aubry Conner, Maryann and Dale Barber.

Hazel was a member of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa, for over 20 years and, after retiring to Canyon, was a member of the University Church of Christ. She accrued over 4000 hours as a hospital auxiliary volunteer. Hazel was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi, American Association of University Women, and the Association of Retired Teachers.

The family suggests memorials to the High Plains Children's Home, PO Box 7448, Amarillo, TX 79114.

Please sign our online guest registry at www.brooksfuneral.com.

Paul M. Hinton, 92

Pampa—Paul M. Hinton, 92, died April 19, 2010 in Pampa.

A choral eucharist service for the committal of his ashes in St Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa is pending. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Paul M. Hinton was a cattleman at heart, always ready with his horse to help his rancher friends, and in fact raised cattle on land north of Skellytown in the 1960s, but his career in the oilpatch defined his working life.

Paul was born on April 17, 1918, on the Hinton farm west of Mannford, Okla. He was the second-youngest and last-surviving of eleven children of Creek County pioneers. At the age of 92, he was also the longest-lived of his family. He graduated from Mannford High School in 1937 and worked the wheat harvest, cowboyyed on a ranch near Abilene, and enrolled in Oklahoma A&M at Stillwater, where he played on the freshman football team. He moved to Pampa in 1938 and his first job here was as a milk-

man. In 1939 he worked as a government agriculture surveyor in Oklahoma and returned to Pampa where he worked at the Cabot shops before enlisting in the US Navy in the fall of 1941.

He saw active duty in the South Pacific on the USS Wharton and on the destroyer USS Endicott on the North Atlantic convoy escort, in escorts for shipping in preparations for the invasion of Southern France, and a pivotal combat role in that invasion. Continuing support in the Mediterranean after the invasion's success, he later was on board the Endicott when it escorted the Quincy carrying FDR to the Yalta Conference. He received a Presidential citation.

He married Sonya Perey of New York City in June 1945 at Charleston, South Carolina. After his discharge that fall, he returned to Pampa with his wife, and he first worked in the Panhandle oil business as a roustabout, cable-tool dresser and driller. In July 1948 Cabot drilled their first well on M.K. Brown's Two Bar Ranch west of

Skellytown and Paul resumed his employment with Cabot in a newly-organized oil department, thus insuring his part in the M.K. Brown history. He spent the next 35 years in completion and production and retired as production foreman for the region in 1983.

He was elected to White Deer-Skellytown Schools' Board of Education for 9 years, served as its president for 4 years, and he was a member of the Board of Equalization 10 years. While serving on the school board, his initiative introduced the first official awards in recognition of academic achievement for high school students.

He and his wife first worshipped at St Matthew's Episcopal Church in 1946. He was vestryman for 16 years, junior warden for three years, senior warden three years, diocesan council delegate 15 times, St Matthew's Day School Board member seven years, served on several diocesan committees, member of the Men's Club, Troop 24 assistant scoutmaster, bowled for the Holy Rollers team,

and worked at the annual Pancake Supper for 40 years. He once raised a beef calf as a fund-raiser for the parish.

He and his wife made their home on the Two Bar from 1949. They celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1995 at the house west of Skellytown with an anniversary dinner and Hinton family reunion the following day. In 1997 they moved back to Pampa; his wife predeceased him in 1998. He marked the occasion of his 90th birthday in 2008 at a celebratory luncheon at St Matthew's.

He is survived by his children Paulette Gentry of Valrico, Fla., and Douglas Hinton of Wotton-under-Edge, England, and his grandson Christopher Gentry of Austin; his son-in-law John Gentry, and his grandson's wife Andrea.

The family suggests memorials to St Matthew's Episcopal Day School Scholarship Fund, 727 W. Browning, Pampa, TX 79065.

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests over the weekend.

Friday, April 16
Charles Fred Nicholson Jr., 39, of Pittsburg, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Service on charges of driving while intoxicated, second offense and failure to display a drivers license.

Saturday, April 17.
Devin Oneal Session, 25, was arrested by police on charges of failure to identify himself as a fugitive with intent to give false information, a warrant from another county and possession of marijuana.

Taylor Brett Jordan, 18, was arrested by deputies on charges of minor in possession of alcohol.

Christopher Knowlton,

Department of Public Safety on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Rebecca Jane Carpenter, 37, was arrested by deputies on charges

of assault causing bodily injury.

Angie Marie Cochran, 27, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled sub-

stance less than one gram, a bond surrender on possession of marijuana two ounces or less, failure to appear and bail jumping.

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Traffic stop yields almost 1,000 grams of meth

SPECIAL TO THE PAMPA NEWS

A routine speeding stop led to a sizeable drug bust for a Texas State Trooper in neighboring Carson County last week.

At 1:42 p.m. on Thursday, a trooper working patrol in Carson County on I-40 stopped a 1999 Chevrolet Suburban for a speeding violation one mile east of Conway.

The driver was Balisario Villalobos, 39, of Tijuana, Mexico, accompanied by a passenger, Maria Elena

Villalobos-Villa, 42, of Los Angeles, Calif. The two told the trooper they were traveling from Mexico to Little Rock, Ark.

During the stop, the trooper asked for consent to search the vehicle, and it was granted. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed 998 grams of methamphetamine valued at \$90,818.

The drugs were concealed inside of the four-wheel-drive transfer case. The driver and passenger were then arrested and booked into the Carson County Jail for possession of a controlled substance.

Perry

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among those urging Obama to reconsider, telling the president in a letter last month such a plan was "a step in the wrong direction."

White subsequently praised the administration's plan to rescue the Orion crew capsule, a small part of a moon program that was otherwise nixed by Obama after being promoted in the final years of President George W. Bush's term.

Rather than go to the moon, the Orion capsule would serve as an emergency escape pod for the International Space Station.

"High-paying, quality jobs should and will stay in Texas because of the revised plans for the Orion capsule and the International Space Station," White said earlier in the week.

Halliburton grows at home, shows weakness abroad

NEW YORK (AP) — Halliburton said Monday its first-quarter profit slumped nearly 46 percent as the company saw drilling operations slow internationally.

Reversing a trend last year, the Houston company's results were propped up by a resurgence in the U.S., where crews have been working around the clock to tap natural gas deposits in underground layers of shale.

Natural gas, which has fewer emissions than other fossil fuels like coal, has been a bright spot in the energy industry as Congress looks for ways to

fight climate change. Halliburton CEO Dave Lesar said the oil services firm has been able to raise its prices as shale drilling expands.

But Lesar warned investors in a conference call that profits from natural gas could slip this year as supplies grow. Despite a frigid winter, the U.S. still sits atop huge stores of surplus gas.

This "may potentially disrupt the current rebound in drilling activity," Lesar said.

Halliburton reported earnings of \$206 million, or 23 cents a share, in the first three months of the year. That compares with \$378 million, or 42

cents a share, in the prior-year period.

Revenue fell 4 percent to \$3.76 billion, compared with the first quarter of last year.

Halliburton said it would have earned 28 cents a share excluding special charges related to the recent devaluation of Venezuela's currency.

Oil services companies are in the midst of a growth spurt, with the largest companies attempting to get bigger so that they can offer more to giant, international oil companies. Halliburton said earlier this month it would buy the company Boots & Coots, Inc. in a deal valued at \$240.4

McElhannon

specifically tailored to the issues that businesses here in Pampa face."

McElhannon said that the enterprise development program is available to all Pampa entrepreneurs, from those just looking for information on how to start to more experienced business operators who may have a more specific problem area.

"Many of the people who come to see me have no business background. They have an idea of what they want their business to do operationally, but they don't understand the accounting aspect of things or the legal ramifications of a certain decision. Those are things that we can sit down and walk them through.

"On the other hand, some people who are very sophisticated business-wise may just need help identifying finance sources. I can help with that as well. My primary job is here to meet the need of any business in the area who might be having a problem, whether it's from a financial standpoint, an organiza-

tional standpoint, or maybe to do industry research. We'll do our best to formulate a plan to move past that problem."

McElhannon encouraged Pampa business owners to speak to him in person to gain a better understanding of the various services that he and his organization can provide.

"Everyone is welcome," he said. "Just because we speak, there's no obligation to the business owner. I'm just here to be a benefit to them, and if there's something I can do for them in one meeting, that's great. If they want to discuss their long-term goals and work with us over a period of time, that's wonderful, too."

McElhannon praised the EDC for their foresight and commitment in providing Pampa businesses with assistance during an uncertain economic climate.

"The leadership here (at the EDC) has been great to work with and you can tell that they really care about this community," he said. Clay and (EDC President) Gary (Sutherland)

have been doing everything they can to promote business here in Pampa. In the year that we've been together, I think that we've been able to help the businesses that we've been working with, to the point that we could call them success stories, I think."

Rice added that the EDC is continually looking to develop relationships with Pampa entrepreneurs and offer them services to help them thrive locally.

"Recruiting businesses outside your area is important, but the growth of a local community can sometimes be as much as 80 percent coming from within. We want our individual businesses here to do well, so we need to provide them with as many resources as we can."

Consultations with McElhannon and the Entrepreneur Alliance are confidential. For more information or to set up an appointment with McElhannon and the Entrepreneur Alliance, contact the Pampa EDC at 665-0800.

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Today in History

Today is Monday, April 19, the 109th day of 2010. There are 256 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 19, 1775, the American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington and Concord.

On this date:

In 1897, the first Boston Marathon was held; winner John J. McDermott ran the course in two hours, 55 minutes and 10 seconds.
 In 1910, after weeks of being viewed through telescopes, Halley's Comet was reported visible to the naked eye in Curacao.
 In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.
 In 1939, Connecticut became the last of the original 13 colonies to ratify the Bill of Rights, 147 years after it took effect.
 In 1943, during World War II, tens of thousands of Jews living in the Warsaw Ghetto began a valiant but ultimately futile battle against Nazi forces.
 In 1951, General Douglas MacArthur, relieved of his Far East command by President Harry S. Truman, bid farewell in an address to Congress in which he quoted a line from a ballad: "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."
 In 1960, South Korean students began an uprising that toppled the government of President Syngman Rhee a week later. The South West African People's Organization (SWAPO) was founded in Namibia.
 In 1993, the 51-day siege at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, ended as fire destroyed the structure after federal agents began smashing their way in; dozens of people, including sect leader David Koresh, were killed.
 In 1995, a truck bomb destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people. (Timothy McVeigh was later convicted of federal murder charges and executed.)

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton knelt among 168 empty chairs memorializing each victim of the Oklahoma City bombing and declared the site "sacred ground" in the soul of America during a fifth-anniversary dedication ceremony. A crash claimed the lives of 131 people aboard an Air Philippines Boeing 737-200.

Five years ago: Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany was elected pope in the first conclave of the new millennium; he took the name Benedict XVI. A Spanish court convicted a former Argentine naval officer, Adolfo Scilingo, of crimes against humanity and sentenced him to 640 years in prison for throwing 30 prisoners from planes during his country's "dirty war." General Motors reported a \$1.1 billion quarterly loss.

One year ago: The Summit of the Americas wrapped up in Trinidad and Tobago; afterward, President Barack Obama held a news conference in which he defended his brand of world politics, saying he "strengthens our hand" by reaching out to enemies of the United States. Author J.G. Ballard, a survivor of a Japanese prison camp who reached a wide audience with the autobiographical "Empire Of The Sun," died in London at age 78. Felix "Doc" Blanchard, football superhero for Army and winner of the 1945 Heisman Trophy, died at his central Texas home at age 84.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Hugh O'Brian is 85. Actress Elinor Donahue is 73. Rock musician Alan Price (The Animals) is 68. Actor Tim Curry is 64. Pop singer Mark "Flo" Volman (The Turtles; Flo and Eddie) is 63. Actor Tony Plana ("Ugly Betty") is 58. Former tennis player Sue Barker is 54. Race car driver Al Unser Jr. is 48. Recording executive Suge Knight is 45. Singer-songwriter Dar Williams is 43. Actress Ashley Judd is 42. Singer Bekka Bramlett is 42. Latin pop singer Luis Miguel is 40. Actress Jennifer Taylor (TV: "Two and A Half Men") is 38. Jazz singer Madeleine Peyroux (PAY'-roo) is 36. Actor James Franco is 32. Actress Kate Hudson is 31. Actor Hayden Christensen is 29. Actress Catalina Sandino Moreno is 29. Actor Courtland Mead is 23. Tennis player Maria Sharapova is 23.

Thought for Today:
 "The charm, one might say the genius of memory, is that it is choosy, chancy and temperamental: it rejects the edifying cathedral and indelibly photographs the small boy outside, chewing a hunk of melon in the dust." - Elizabeth Bowen, Irish-born author (1899-1973)



Celebrating our child support volunteers

GREG ABBOTT
 Texas Attorney General

In recognition of National Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 18-24), the employees of the Attorney General's Child Support Division would like to thank its volunteers for their service and dedication to the children of Texas.

Each year, volunteers across the state help the Office of the Attorney General serve Texas families and children more efficiently and effectively. Volunteering can be beneficial to people from different walks of life, including individuals seeking new job skills; student-interns seeking to satisfy course requirements; retirees and other Texans who simply wish to give back to their communities.

Child support volunteers perform a variety of duties, including data entry, filing, and assisting attorneys and child support officers. The time and skills volunteers contribute help each office operate more efficiently.

Not only do volunteers make an impact on children, but they positively impact taxpayers as well. The Attorney General's Office saved taxpayers \$1.67 million last year

through the use of 725 volunteers statewide.

These dedicated Texans are vital to the success of the child support program. By graciously donating their time, volunteers are helping the Attorney General's Office provide children with critically important financial and medical resources. Thanks to these individuals, the Office of the Attorney General can help ensure that young Texans have the resources they need to grow healthy and strong.

Child Support volunteers share a passion and genuine desire to help the children of Texas. Francis Perkis, 77, has volunteered for the Paris child support office since 1992, rarely missing a day of work. She works with fellow volunteer, 86-year-old Wilma Rhea, helping mail legal notices to parents who receive or pay child support.

Both women are past recipients of the President's Volunteer Service Award, which is a national award that recognizes individuals, families and groups that have achieved a certain number of service hours.

Ninety-one-year-old Doris Morton is another impressive volunteer who

deserves recognition. Doris has volunteered in the Abilene office for the past 28 years, driving 15 miles to and from the office. Every Monday afternoon, Doris assists the legal staff by completing administrative tasks. In addition, her positive attitude and outgoing nature help keep office morale high.

These women are just a few examples of the outstanding volunteers that the OAG is lucky to have. Their dedication and hard work helps the Child Support Division make an impact and serve the greater needs of Texans.

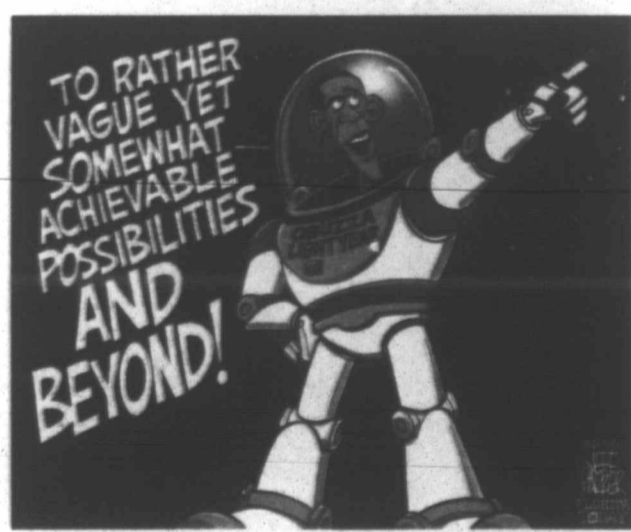
Thank you to each volunteer who has left a mark on the Child Support Division — many lives have now been enriched.

Individuals interested in volunteering Monday



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through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. should contact their local child support office. Contact information can be found on the Community Services/Volunteer Program section of the Attorney General's Child Support Web site at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.



We welcome your letters

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Chamber

Chamber Notes

Joe Weaver
Executive Director

I continue to be amazed at the business in Pampa and Gray County. Recently, Mayor Lonnie Robbins, Pampa EDC Director Clay Rice, and I toured a couple of local industries.

I had heard of CTW Brake Rims, but wasn't sure what they did. We surprised Bill and Aaron Willis early one morning, but they were gracious and showed us around the place, which is quite remarkable. I was familiar with brake rims for automotive use, but the ones they manufacture for drilling rigs are quite large, and used all over the world. If I tried to describe the process, I would leave something out, but suffice it to say that it is impressive and there are some smart people at that business. And if you get the chance, look at the base for the Verizon "swoop flag" in front of Communications Connection. It was custom designed and built by CTW, as was the large steel logo ornament out front. They can do something similar for you. (You can see pictures of these on the Chamber's Facebook page.)

Everybody in Pampa has heard of Titan, and prob-



ably driven by it countless times. Rick Bradley, Chief Operations Officer who has been with the company since dirt was new, took a morning and showed us around, and we still didn't see it all. They make all kinds of equipment for oil and gas drilling, exploration, production and maintenance, and have their own research and development team. Rick told us that Titan manufactures about 20,000 items, half of which are made in Pampa! (You could find out more by checking out their website at www.titanspecialties.com.) One thing that is notable about both of these companies is that they are true "home-grown" businesses.

If you haven't tried the tortillas made fresh at Fiesta Foods, you are missing a treat. I guess by definition they can't be called "home-made" but they sure taste like it!

You may think of Aaron's as a place to rent furniture, but you would be missing a large part of the picture. Aaron's specializes in lease-to-own items that include furniture, to be sure, but also appliances, electronics, even computers!

PamCel Community Federal Credit Union was established for employees of Celanese, but is now open to the public. Not "just another bank" credit unions can often meet a need that banks cannot. Drop by 1039 N. Hobart or call 688-7041 and find out how.

Pampa blood donations increased by 65 percent in 2009, so the Pampa Blood Council is being recognized by Coffee Blood Center. Thanks, Pampa donors, for doing your part! Your next opportunity will be Wednesday, April 28 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center. There will be hamburgers available, thanks to United and Wal Mart. There will also be performances by the Woody Guthrie Jammers. (I understand their rhythm guitarist is awesome...or did they say awful?)



photo by Sue Pribble

The Top O' Texans Goldcoats welcomed Shutterbug Photography to the Pampa Chamber on April 7, 2010. Pictured above front row L-R are: Lynn Allison, Darrell Sehorn, Sheila Webb, Nikki Shelton (owner), Shelly Cook, Jack Reeve, Charles Henry and John Warner; back row L-R are: Pat Montoya, Bob Marx, Lyndon Field, Kerrick Horton, Benny Horton, Roy Morriss, and Joe Weaver.



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The Top O' Texans Goldcoats welcomed Sturgeon Law Firm to the Pampa Chamber on March 19, 2010. Pictured above L-R front row are: Paulette Hinkle, Gladys Vanderpool, Susan Winbourne, Susan Braddock, Cindy Spiller, Susan McIntire, Ben Sturgeon (owner) and wife, Jackie, Sheila Webb, and Kathy Cota; back row L-R are: Benny Horton, Roy Morriss, Ken Rheams, Bob Marx, Jack Reeve, Joe Weaver and John Warner.

Pampa's Boomtown Block Party and Business Expo

April 24, 2010

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For more information contact Holly at 669-3241 or holly@pampachamber.com.

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce would like to CONGRATULATE Herman Vinson on winning the "Name the Block Party" competition. He suggested "Boomtown Bonanza" so we are using Boomtown.
Thank you to all who participated in the competition each name was considered.

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June 12, 2010
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PAMPA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 20 - Chamber Luncheon, American Cancer Society and Relay for Life (speaker). RSVP to Holly at 669-3241. \$8.50 per person.
- April 24 - Little Red School House Roof Replacement Fundraiser, contact 665-0123 for more information.
- April 24 - Last day to drop off your phone book to be recycled.
- April 24 - Emergency Vehicle Blessing and Bike Blessing.
- April 25 - Walk For Life, contact 669-2229 for more information.
- April 26 - Blood Drive, Clarendon College 11am-8pm.
- May 1 - American Red Cross Golf Scramble
- May 1 - Saddle Up for St. Jude
- May 1 - Big Z BBQ, Zion Lutheran Church
- May 5 - Cinco de Mayo Celebration, PHS Lawn
- May 6 - National Day of Prayer, Front Lawn of Dr. Greg Kelly's office at 1835 N. Hobart. For more information call 665-1625.
- May 6 & 17 - Harrington Breast Screening, Shepard's Crook, 800-377-4673
- May 6 - Relay for Life Cancer Society Team Meeting, Shepard's Crook
- May 14 - March For Meals, Pampa Meals on Wheels
- May 15 & 16 - Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament, Contact 665-8431 or 669-5866

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Sports

PHS girls track finishes fifth, boys seventh at district

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The Pampa High School girls track team finished fifth and the boys finished seventh in the District 3-4A track meet at Randy Matson Track Saturday.

The girls finished with 60 points and was 1.5 points from fourth place. All the girls' points were from running events. Head coach Gene Valentine said he was pleased with how they placed this year.

"Everybody today ran their best times, which was nice to see," Valentine said.

The boys finished with 16 points and was 18.5 points behind sixth place Caprock. Head boys track coach, Tad Smith said he was pleased with the effort, especially since they placed this year.

"Last year at this district meet we didn't score a single point," Smith said. "This year we scored 16. Travis is the only senior on the team, and this year he scored six points. We came out with our younger guys, who ran really competitive in the sprint relay and the 800 relay."

The girls sent five people to the regional meet May 3-4 in San Angelo. Natalie Parker advanced with a first place finish in the 100-meter dash (12.12), first in the 200-meter dash (25.43) and was part of Pampa's 4 by 200-meter relay team that finished second. Parker ran two personal bests in the 200-meter dash with 25.57 in Friday's preliminaries and 25.43 in the finals. Parker is excited to compete in regionals.

"We (Parker and coaches) worked hard in breaking down the 200, which helped a lot," Parker said. "I just went out and gave it my best. The hard work paid off."

Kara Stephens advanced in the 200-meter dash with a second place finish (26.11) and was a member of the second place 4 by 200 relay team. Stephens said she was proud of how she ran in the 200.

"I ran my best this weekend," Stephens said. "One of my goals is to catch Natalie (Parker) at regionals."

Stephens was within a second of Parker in the 200, the only girl to do so this track season.

Karen Jimenez and Claire Hopkins advanced with the second place 4 by 200 relay team. Jimenez finished fifth in both the 100 and 200-meter dash finals. She said they deserved to advance in the 4 by 200 relay.

"I'm excited," Jimenez said. "It's time to go to work (at regionals)."

These four join J'Cee Holmes, who advanced with a third place finish in the 3200-meter run Thursday. Holmes was less than a second from advancing in the 1600-meter run.

Travis Hagerman advanced to regionals for the boys in the shot put. The senior threw a distance of 44 feet and 4 1/4 inches. Smith said he was proud of Hagerman making it.

"We knew he was going to have a chance," Smith said. "He threw exceptionally well today. He has been throwing good in practice and he did it in a meet today."

In other varsity action, Pampa finished sixth in the boys 4 by 100 relay with a time of 45.84. Trent Carter, Olin Boyd, Samuel Smith, Daniel Hulseley and Nicholas Johnson were



staff photo by Andrew Glover
Natalie Parker and Kara Stephens race towards the finish line Saturday in the 200-meter dash finals. Parker finished first and Stephens finished second.

the runners. In the boys 4 by 200 relay, Pampa finished fourth with a time of 1:35.03. Carter finished 13th in the boys long jump with a distance of 17 feet

and 3 3/4 inches. Trevor Smith finished 17th in the shot put with a distance of 31 feet and 8 1/2 inches.

In other girls' action, Maddie Fatheree finished

fifth in the 100-meter hurdles finals with a time of 17.62.



staff photo by Andrew Glover
Samuel Smith (white) tries to catch a Canyon runner in the 4 by 100 relay. Pampa finished sixth earning one point for the event. Pampa finished with 16.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

J'Cee Holmes (green) tries to pass two Hereford runners in the 1600-meter run finals Saturday at Randy Matson Track. Holmes finished fourth place and was less than a second from third. Holmes will be running the 3200-meter run in the regional track meet May 3-4 at San Angelo.

Softball senior night Tuesday

Come see the Lady Harvesters close out the home season against Hereford 5 p.m. Tuesday. We will be serving \$1.00 hamburgers and .50 cent

hotdogs. We encourage everyone to come and fill the stands and cheer our team onto victory. Seniors: Samantha Pearson, Carlyn Teichmann, Ashley Facio,

Emily Troxell, Shelby Watson, Brooklyn Barker and Mikaela Flores will be honored after the game.

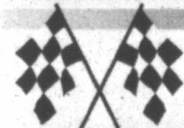


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The 2010 softball seniors Front Row left to right: Ashley Facio, Carlyn Teichmann, Shelby Watson and Mikaela Flores. Back row from left to right: Emilie Troxell, Samantha Pearson and Brooklyn Barker.

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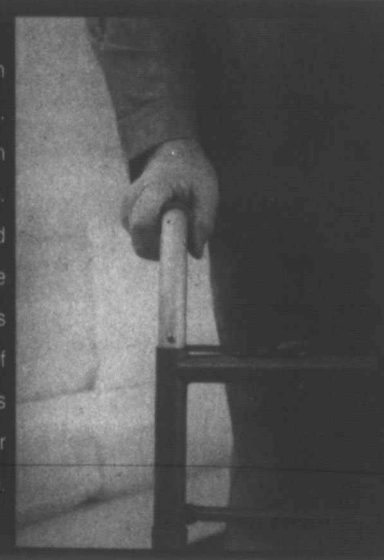
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JV

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For the Vasquez 1600-meter run, a time of

Trace Canyon Randy Matson

District 3-4A Track Meet Standings

Varsity

1. Canyon
2. Randy Matson
3. Hereford
4. Durango
5. Pampa
6. Caprock
7. Palo Verde

Junior

1. Palo Verde
2. Canyon
3. Pampa
4. Hereford
5. Caprock
6. Randy Matson
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Sports

JV girls track finishes third, boys fifth at district meet

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The Pampa girls junior varsity track team finished third and the boys finished fifth at the District 3-4A track meet Saturday at Randy Matson Track.

The girls scored 100 points and was nine points behind second place Canyon. The boys scored 50 points and was 26 points behind fourth place Hereford.

For the girls, Destany Vasquez finished third in the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:08.58. Joleen

Pittman won first in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:34.29. Kristen Ladd finished second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.55. Pampa finished third in the girls 4 by 100 relay with a time of 54.78 seconds. Francheska Bridwell, Megan Pirtle, Robin Doan, Martecia Alexander, Ladd and Olivia Stovall were the runners. Pampa finished third in the 4 by 200 relay. Bridwell, Pittman, Allison Ceyannas, Stovall, Ladd and Alexander were the runners. Pampa won first in the 4 by 400 meter relay with a time of

4:22.17. Bridwell, Pittman, Ceyannas, Stovall and Diamond Marrufo were the runners.

For the boys, Flavio Gonzalez finished third in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:14.07. Joshua Davis finished fourth with a time of 5:21.40. Ryan Smith finished fourth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 44.48. Pampa finished fifth in the 4 by 100 relay and fourth in the 4 by 200 and 4 by 400 relays. This was the last meet of the year for the junior varsity teams.



Trace Carter (black) tries to get a good start in the 4x400 relay Saturday at Randy Matson track. Pampa finished fourth with a time of 3:47.



Joleen Pittman stays ahead of the pack in the 800-meter run Saturday at Randy Matson Track. Pittman finished first with a time of 2:34.



Martecia Alexander (green) finishes strong in the 4x200 relay Saturday. Pampa finished third with a time of 1:57.67.

District 3-4A Track Final Standings

- Varsity Girls**
1. Canyon—152.50
 2. Randall—129.50
 3. Hereford—111.50
 4. Dumas—61.50
 5. Pampa—60
 6. Caprock—51
 7. Palo Duro—50
- Junior Varsity Girls**
1. Palo Duro—143
 2. Canyon—109
 3. Pampa—100
 4. Hereford—59
 5. Caprock—53
 6. Randall—27
 7. Dumas—19
- Varsity Boys**
1. Palo Duro—166
 2. Canyon—159.50
 3. Randall—116
 4. Hereford—71
 5. Dumas—56
 6. Caprock—35.50
 7. Pampa—16
- Junior Varsity Boys**
1. Caprock—132.50
 2. Palo Duro—130
 3. Randall—90.5
 4. Hereford—76
 5. Pampa—50
 6. Dumas—46
 7. Canyon—33



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: April is Sexually Transmitted Disease/Infection (STD/STI) Month. The good news is that many younger people pay attention to the education they have received and are more likely to use protection when having sex.

The troubling news is, one of the fastest-growing groups of people contracting and spreading STDs/STIs is senior citizens. Some blame medications for erectile dysfunction; others blame midlife divorces and online dating sites. The biggest factor is lack of education. When seniors were growing up, they had to think about only two STDs. Today there are many more.

Back then, the "worst" thing that could happen if you had unprotected sex was that you could get pregnant. Now, because many are past menopause, that risk factor is gone, so they don't use condoms. And the STDs and STIs rage on.

Many seniors won't talk to their doctors about their sexual activity, and — worse — many doctors don't bring up the subject because they feel uncomfortable or mistakenly assume older people don't engage in sexual activity. Please, Abby, urge your older readers to get tested for STDs/STIs. — EDWARD SALKO, D.O., FORT MYERS, FLA.

DEAR DR. SALKO: I long for the days when the only things people associated April with were paying taxes and the rain that would bring May flowers. But enough about ancient history.

Readers, if you are sexually active — and this applies to those of you from your teens to your 90s — for your own sake as well as that of your partner, use a condom every time unless you and your partner have been tested for STDs

and know with certainty that neither of you has one. Not everyone who has an STD is aware of it — and you can't tell by looking at someone whether that person is infected.

DEAR ABBY: I work with a woman who talks to dragonflies and believes she was abducted by aliens. She's one of those people who come across as sweet and caring, but complain and gossip behind your back. I work in close proximity to her and must interact with her daily. I can't stand her, yet she relentlessly tries to "befriend" me regardless of how hard I try to make it clear I'm not interested.

Recently there was a fire in my home and our family was left with nothing. Miss "X" offered me her deceased mother's dinner set. I felt awkward accepting it, but because she told me it made her feel good to spread parts of her mother around, I accepted. Now I regret accepting it because she thinks I'm indebted to her, and she makes my life miserable trying to engage me in mindless conversations during work.

Abby, I thanked her for the dinner set at the time she gave it to me. How long do I have to pretend to like her? — NOT INTERESTED

DEAR NOT INTERESTED: You always have to be polite and considerate, because that's common courtesy. A way to handle this would be for you to return the dinner set to Miss "X," thanking her warmly for "lending" it to you in your time of need. (I assume you have the means to buy one now.) And when she tries to engage you in personal conversations, tell her kindly but firmly that you have a lot of work to do and no time to talk.

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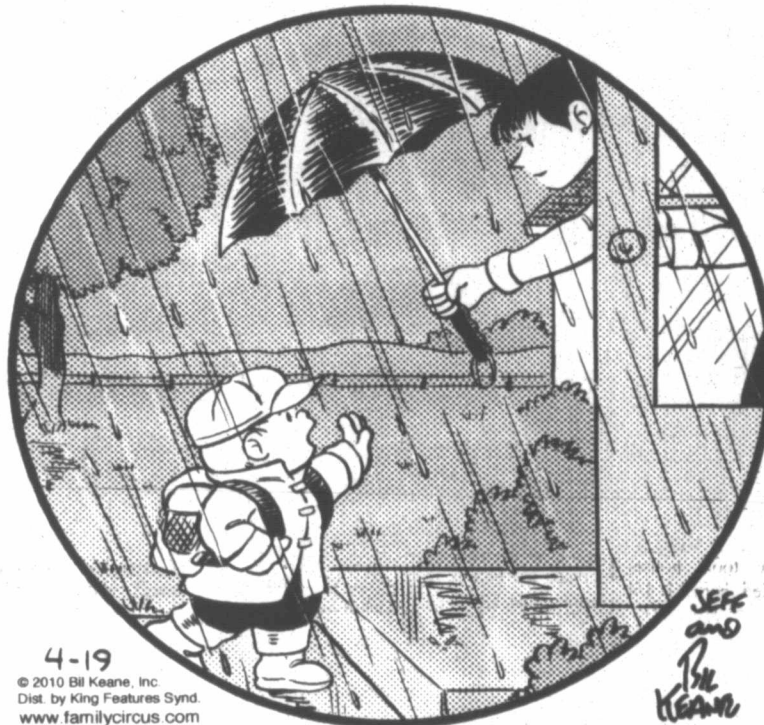
Marmaduke



"We've got to explain to him... you just can't keep bringing puppies home."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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"No thanks. I'd like to get to school soaking wet like all the other guys."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Key for capitals
- 6 Stories
- 11 Sound portion
- 12 Martini garnish
- 13 Long
- 14 Nation on the Red Sea
- 15 Hearty meal
- 17 Break off
- 18 More than memorable
- 22 First person
- 23 In
- 27 Fit for a king
- 29 German philosopher
- 30 Soft color
- 32 Chowder bit
- 33 Online flight reservations
- 35 Cribbage need
- 38 Squad
- 39 Farewell
- 41 Coarse files
- 45 Sachet scent,
- 46 Enjoyed avidly
- 47 Rude look
- 48 Wee

DOWN

- 1 Utter
- 2 Color
- 3 Cider girl of song
- 4 Captain's aide
- 5 Lone Ranger's pal
- 6 Consider, but not seriously
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- 8 Green fruit
- 9 Flat
- 10 Transmit
- 16 Important time
- 18 Strummed instrument
- 19 Inking

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Saturday's answer

- 20 Hangs low
- 21 Chess victory
- 24 Eyeball
- 25 Ham or lamb
- 26 Shade trees
- 28 Club sandwich
- 31 Use layer
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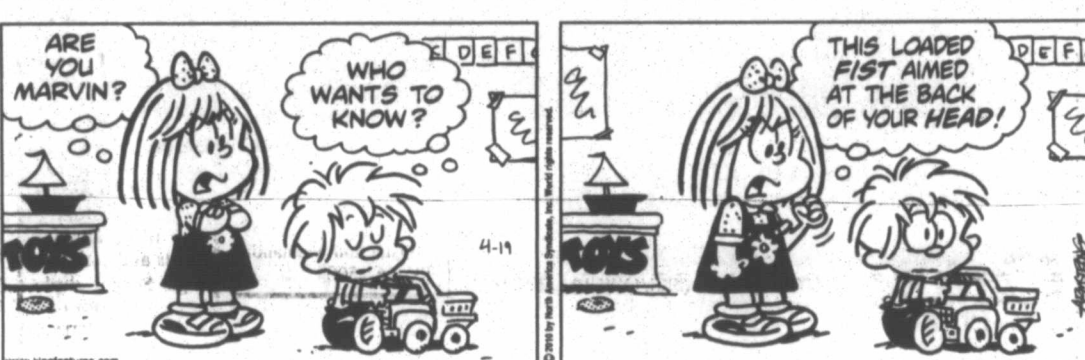
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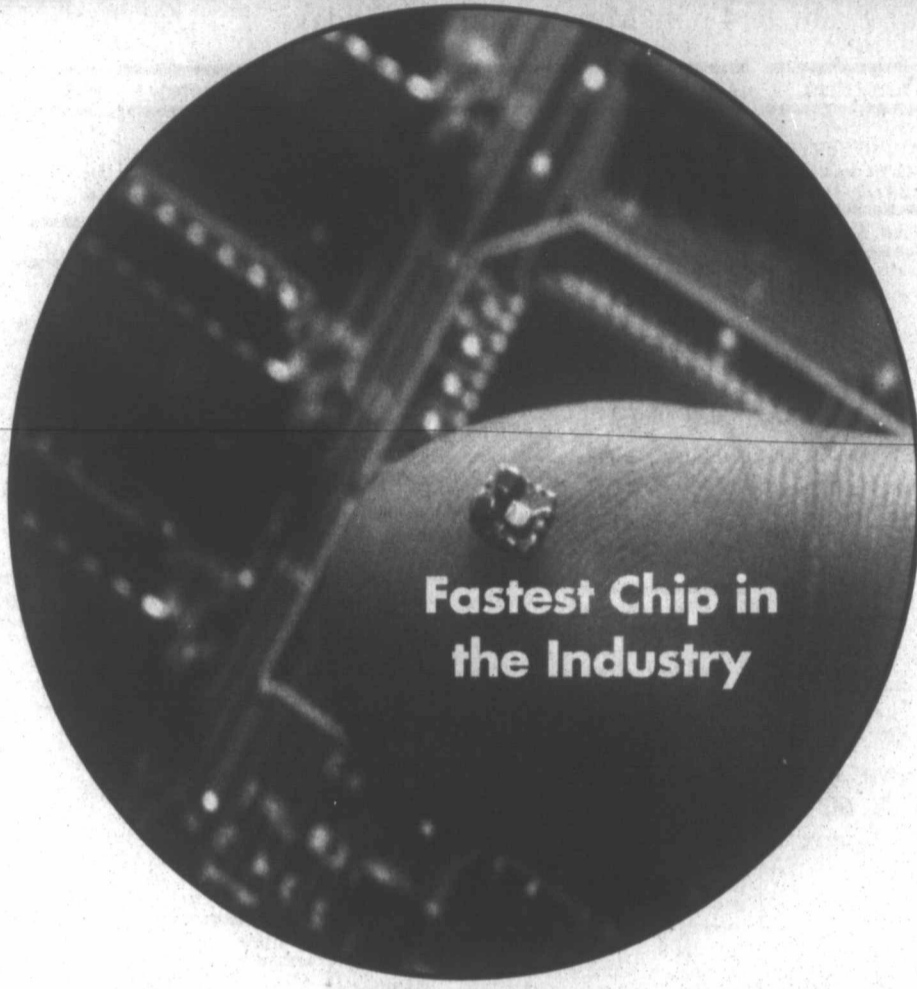
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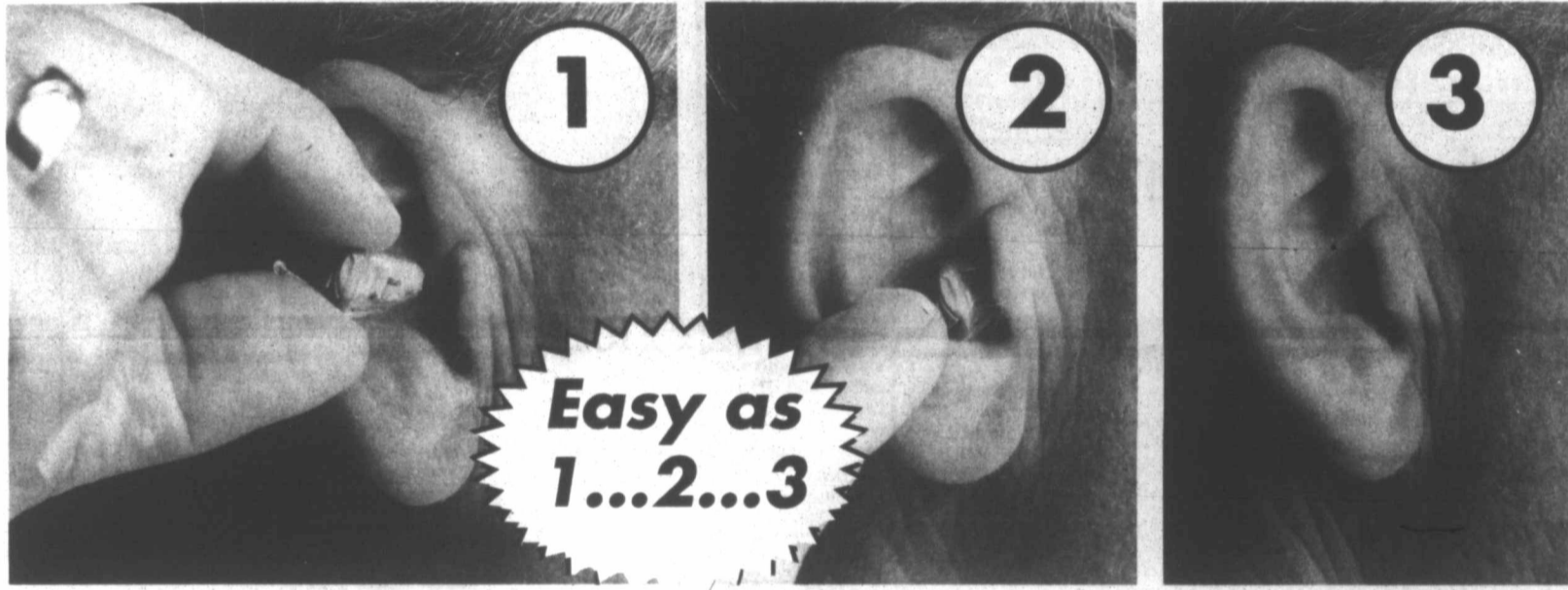
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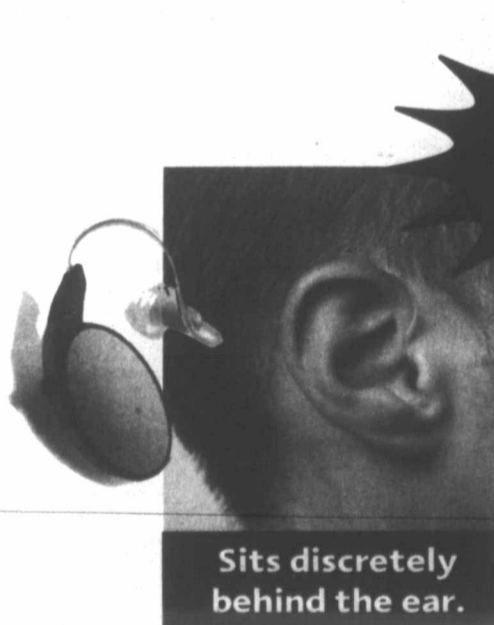


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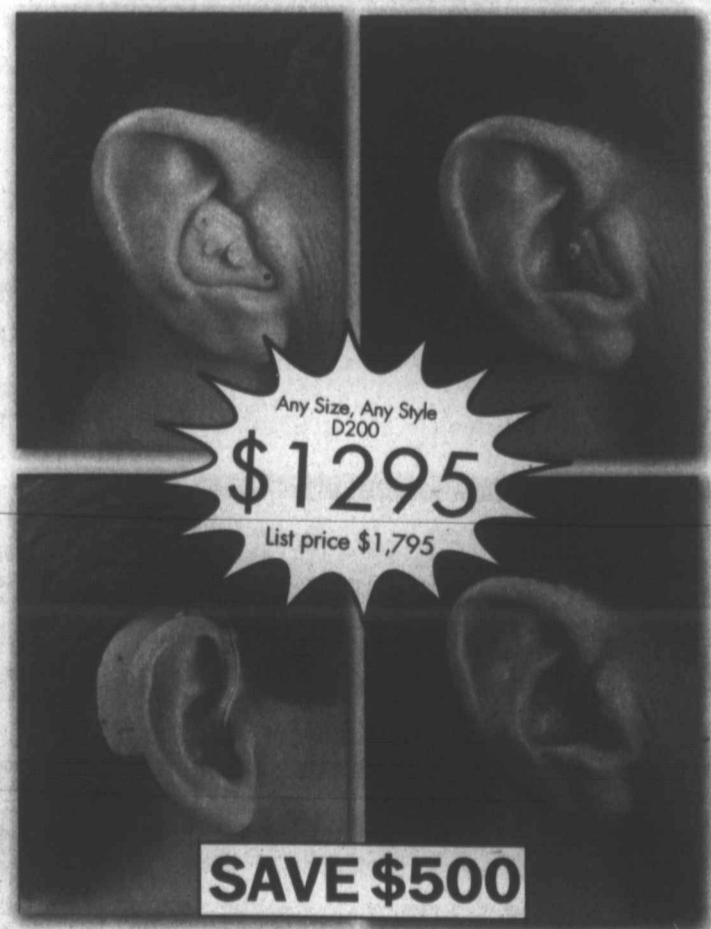
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