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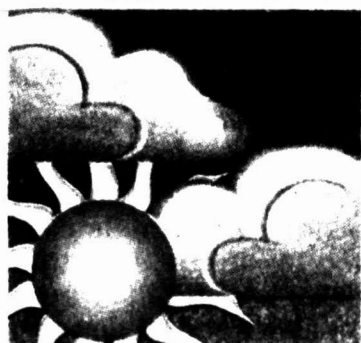
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HOUSTON (AP) — A couple accused of chaining their 8-year-old son to a bed and not feeding him has been jailed on child endangerment charges.

Christopher Shawn Pope, 34, and his wife, Trina, 35, were denied bail on Friday and placed in jail in suburb of Pasadena.

Authorities placed the child in a foster home after receiving a tip on April 12 that Pope was chaining the boy to a bed.

The couple's seven other children — Ages 10, 9, 6, 4, 3, 20 months and 8 months — were also taken into custody, but were returned to their parents after officials found no evidence they had been abused. The woman is expecting another child in four months, officials said.

Baird said Pope was believed to have been chaining the boy to a bed rail for about a year. The four-foot-tall boy weighed 51 pounds, Baird said. The boy appeared to be "very neglected and malnourished and had some injuries on him," the officer said.

"The investigation led us to believe that on numerous occasions because of alleged discipline problems, (the boy) was chained to his bed and not even allowed to get up and use the bathroom," he said.

- Nan L. Day Lacher, 56, homemaker.
- Earl L. 'Tony' Mayer, 87, retired Mobil employee.
- Maleta Elcie Kennedy Parker, 74, bookkeeper, nutrition site manager.
- Sierra Glory Roberts, infant daughter of Oliver and Linda Roberts.
- Pearl Irene Sargent, 66, former PISD employee, church mission worker.

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Another one gone ...



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Bringing down the house, literally, is Israel Ulloa, a heavy equipment operator for the city of Pampa at 705 Octavus.

City makes progress tearing down old houses

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

There are about 100 fewer structures in Pampa than 18 months ago and city leaders couldn't be happier about it, according to Pampa Building Official Danny Winborne.

In fact, Pampa city employees are the ones who have torn the houses down. The houses are some of the ones the city has earmarked for demolition due to the condition of the dilapidated structures.

Street Superintendent Kimberly Lincycumb said her department tore down eight structures in June and has already demolished two this month.

City demolition has concentrated so far on houses that have been seized for back taxes and those structures where the owners have request-

ed the city remove them.

Winborne said he encourages anyone who has dangerous or dilapidated structures on property they own to call the city and to have them removed. If an owner asks right now the city will tear down the structure at no charge. Winborne did not know how long that service would be available.

The Pampa City Commission recently passed new condemnation procedures that will make it easier for the city to condemn unsafe property if the owner doesn't respond to demands from the City to either bring a building into compliance or demolish the structure. If the owner does not comply the city will go in and either repair or demolish the structure(s), whichever is most efficient for the city, and then place a lien on the property for the costs incurred.

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Today's Horseshoe clue

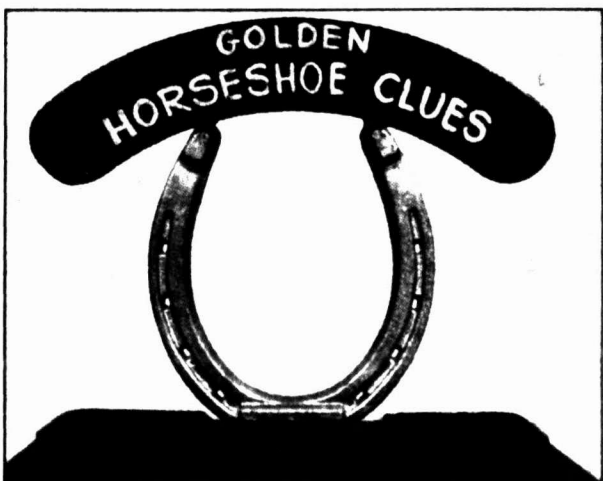
The Friday clue in the Golden Horseshoe Treasure Hunt in preparation for the Top O' Texas Rodeo was at Wayne's Western Wear. The Saturday clue can be found at a sport store.

The contest is being held in conjunction with Top O' Texas Rodeo to be held July 15, 16 and 17. Clues will be given each day that will help locate the horseshoe.

The lucky person who finds the horseshoe will receive a box seat to all three performances of the 53rd Annual Top O' Texas Rodeo. Value of the box seat is \$150. The winner will also be able to ride in the rodeo parade on Saturday, July 17.

The clues will be placed in selected stores in Pampa and can only be obtained by going into that store. The kind of store will be listed daily in The Pampa News. The name of that store will be listed the next day along with the kind of store for the current day's clue.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Jane Jacobs at the rodeo office, 669-0434.



Sunday snapshot



Name: Sandra Clark
Occupation/Activities: Work outside around my yard.
Birth date and place: 8-20, Sherman, Texas.
My personal hero: Chip, Mrs. Hollowell.
The best advice I ever got was: To tell the truth.
The best word or words to describe me: Sweet and kind.
People will remember me as being: Friendly.
The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: Chip, JoAnn, Mrs. Hollowell, Veva.
My hobbies are: Being outdoors, playing with my dog.

My favorite sports team is: Cowboys, Dolphins, Harvesters.
The last book I read was: "Disorderly Conduct."
My favorite possession is: My pickup and my mobile home.
The biggest honor I've ever received is: Scoring 93 percent on common Task Test at Fort Richardson, Ala.
My trademark cliché or expression is: Whatever.
I would never: Tell a lie.
The last good movie I saw was: "G.I. Jane."
I stay home to watch: HGTV on satellite.
Nobody knows: About my

personal life.
I drive a: '96 Ford Ranger Pickup.
My favorite junk food is: Seafood.
My favorite beverage: Tea or milk.
My favorite restaurant is: Skippers Seafood and Chowder House in Anchorage, Ala.
My favorite pet: Is Duke, my dog.
For my last meal, I would choose: I Bone steak, salad, baked potato, okra, corn on the cob, milk.
I'm happiest when I'm: Walking my dog or on vacation.

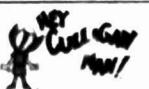
I regret: Losing my mom, my dad and my brother.
I'm tired of: People talking behind my back.
I have a phobia about: Earthquakes and tornadoes.
The electrical device I couldn't live without is: My TV and satellite system.
My most embarrassing moment: Is when Steve came in my bedroom while I was weight lifting.
The biggest waste of time is: Watching auto racing on TV.
If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: Don't ask.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

LACHER, Nan L. Day — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

MAYER, Earl L. "Tony" — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

ROBERTS, Sierra Glory — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memorial Park Cemetery, Amarillo.

Obituaries

MALETA ELCIE KENNEDY PARKER
BLACKSBURG, Va. — Maleta Elcie Kennedy Parker, 74, died Tuesday, June 29, 1999, at New River Valley Medical Center at Radford, Va. A memorial graveside service will be at 11 a.m. July 24 at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with Dr. Paul R. Parker, son of the deceased of Austinville, Va., officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Seaver-Sanders and Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory of Radford.

Mrs. Parker graduated from high school at Pampa and attended Phillips University at Enid, Okla. She was a bookkeeper and more recently served as coordinator of Radford Nutrition Site at Radford. She was an Amarillo resident from 1963-69.

She belonged to Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and previously attended North Amarillo Christian Church and First Christian Church of Amarillo.

Survivors include her children, Paul Parker of Austinville and Linda Parker of Nashville, Tenn.; a sister, Erma Lee Barber of Pampa; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York, NY 10023-7505.

NAN L. DAY LACHER

Nan L. Day Lacher, 56, of Pampa, died Wednesday, July 7, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Cremation will follow services under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Lacher was born Oct. 24, 1942, at Alameda. She had been a Pampa resident for the past 20 years.

Survivors include four daughters, Marsha Plant and Jo Dean Lacher, both of Pampa; Kathy McGinley of Wichita Falls and Tracy Gernhardt of Aurora, Colo.; a son, Doug McGinley of Pampa; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

EARL L. 'TONY' MAYER

Earl L. "Tony" Mayer, 87, of Pampa, died Friday, July 9, 1999. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Fred Palmer, pastor of The Carpenter's Church, and the Rev. Jim Sinyard, associate pastor of The Carpenter's Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Mr. Mayer was born Aug. 23, 1911, at Pontiac, Ill. He married Mae Seyler on Oct. 4, 1932, at Nashville, Ill.; she died in 1980. He worked for Mobil Oil Company from 1946 until retiring in 1976 and had transferred to Pampa in 1947. He belonged to Grace Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a son, Don Mayer, in 1986.

Survivors include a daughter, Judith Robertson of Pampa; a son, Bob Mayer of Pampa; two brothers, Charles Mayer of Orlando, Fla., and Henry Mayer of Caseyville, Ill.; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society.

SIERRA GLORY ROBERTS

AMARILLO — Sierra Glory Roberts, infant daughter of Oliver and Linda Roberts of Amarillo, died Thursday, July 8, 1999. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Memorial Park Cemetery with C.L. Scott, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Rector Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Sierra was born at Amarillo.

Survivors include her parents; two sisters, Shanda Roberts and Hannah Roberts, of the home; a brother, Ethan Roberts, of the home; her grandparents, Jimmy D. Roberts of Lefors, Cruz and Mary Arenas of Amarillo and Silvia E. Jones of Camden, Del.; and her great-grandparents, Ludwig and Elsie Bonenberger of Germany.

The family will be at 1023 S. Carter.

The body will not be available for viewing.

PEARL IRENE SARGENT

Pearl Irene Sargent, 66, of Pampa, died Friday, July 9, 1999. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Sargent was born Dec. 30, 1932, at Konowa, Okla. She had been a Pampa resident since 1935, moving from Konowa. She married Preston Sargent on March 27, 1948. She belonged to Grace Baptist Church where she was involved in mission work and was currently serving as secretary and assistant treasurer. She was a homemaker and was formerly employed as a cafeteria worker for Pampa ISD for 10 years.

Survivors include her husband, Preston, of the home; three sons, Ronnie Sargent of Stunnett, Terry Sargent of White Deer and Brian Sargent of Canyon; her mother, Clemmie Tackett of Pampa; two sisters, Verna Mae Cooper of Pampa and Barbara Duty of Spring; a brother, Bobby Tackett of Peoria, Ill.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Grace Baptist Church.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, July 9

Tammy M. Whisenhunt, 23, 705 Doucette, two seat belt violations.

Bobby D. Lacher, 20, 505 E. Kingsmill, simple assault.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following DPS arrest during the period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Saturday, July 10

Jeremy D. Muns, 28, Amarillo, theft over \$20, under \$100.

Ambulance

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

Friday, July 9

11:09 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one to residence.

12:34 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Neel; call canceled.

3:12 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported one to PRMC.

4:09 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and transported one to Baptist St. Anthony West.

9:35 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of N. Nelson on a fire standby; no one was transported.

11:45 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

Hoover fire calls

The Hoover Fire Department reported the following calls during June.

June 6 - Two units and seven personnel responded to a grass fire on Highway 152 east of Pampa.

June 24 - Two units and seven personnel responded to a grass fire on Highway 70 north of Pampa.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Friday, July 9

12:03 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to a controlled burn near Highway 152 and Gray 1.

9:18 p.m. - Two units and six personnel responded to the 800 block of N. Nelson where an air-conditioner fan motor shorted out.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Crime Stoppers.....	669-2222
Energas.....	665-5777
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700
SPS.....	1-800-750-2520
Water.....	669-5830

Court report

Keith Elliot Young guilty of the offense of escape and be confined in the county jail for 60 days with credit for days served, pay court costs, fines and await in jail until further orders of the court.

Malcom Bryan Nichols guilty of the offense of failure to identify and be confined in the county jail for 30 days with credit for days served, pay court costs, fined and await in jail until further orders of the court.

Jeffery Wayne Innis guilty of the offense of unlawfully carrying a weapon and be confined in the county jail for 100 days with credit served, pay court costs, fines and await in jail until further orders of the court.

Johnny Vernon Scott dismiss the charge of enticing a child for the reason the evidence is insufficient.

Roy Huff pleaded guilty of theft of property by check, be confined 60 days with credit for days served and pay restitution.

Ricky Arreola pleaded guilty of theft of property by check, be confined 30 days with credit for days served, pay fines and restitution.

Connie F. Newman pleaded guilty of theft of property by check, be confined in jail for 30 days with credit served, pay court costs and fines.

Michael Scott Rabel motion to modify probation until May 2000 and pay fines and court costs.

Richard A. Faggett dismiss the charge of driving while intoxicated for the reason the evidence is insufficient.

Michael Shane McGavock dismiss the charge of criminal trespass-habitation for the reason the defendant was convicted in another case.

Floyd Lee Mullen pleaded guilty of possession of marijuana under two ounces and was put on probation for six months, pay court costs, fines and serve 45 hours community service.

Glenn Bowers pleaded Nolo Contendere to minor in possession of alcohol and was put on probation for 60 days, pay fines and court costs.

Randy Scott McClelland pleaded guilty of evading arrest or detention and was put on probation for six months, pay fines and court costs, and serve 30 hours community service.

Robert Allen Robinson dismiss charge of resisting arrest/search/transport because evidence is insufficient.

TAX

Starting this year, the tax holiday will be held every year on the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August. This year, both state and local sales taxes will be waived. In future years, however, while the state sales tax will continue to be waived, cities, counties and other local taxing entities will have the choice of participating in the holiday or continuing to impose the tax.

Most clothing and footwear priced at less than \$100 will be exempt from sales taxes. Customers will receive the break on individual items, regardless of the amount they buy. For example, sales tax is not due if a customer buys six shirts, each priced at under \$100. But the full tax must be paid on a shirt if it sold for \$110; the first \$99.99 can not be exempted.

Items that are sold in pairs cannot be separated and sold individually. If a pair of shoes costs \$150, each shoe cannot be sold for \$75 in order to qualify for the sales tax exemption. However, components that are normally priced as separate articles may continue to be sold as separate articles and qualify

for the exemption if the price of an article is less than \$100.

Clothing and footwear that are used primarily for athletic activities or for protective wear are not eligible for the exemption. Customers buying golf cleats and football pads, for instance, must pay sales taxes. But the tax will be waived on athletic wear that is commonly worn other than while participating in an athletic activity, such as tennis shoes, baseball caps, and jogging suits.

Also not included in the sales tax holiday are accessories, such as jewelry and watches; items that are carried rather than worn, including handbags, briefcases and wallets; and clothing that is rented, such as formal wear and costumes.

The state comptroller's office has estimated the holiday will account for 0.2 percent of annual sales tax collections. The cost to the state will be \$10.5 million in 1999, \$28.7 million in 2000, and \$30 million in 2001. If every city, county and other local taxing entity in the state participates in the sales tax holiday not only this year, but also for the next two years, consumers will save another \$15.5 million in sales taxes.

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HOUSES

So far Winborne has not used the condemnation process and while he knows eventually he will have to on some property he said he much prefers to work with the owners on a voluntary basis.

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BABES

Texas inmates can't connect to the Internet, but forms are circulated behind bars to sign up for pages on a half dozen websites.

Hustler magazine runs one site called JailBabes.com that features seductive personal ads for inmates, along with their pictures and personal data such as their age, height, weight, and prison release date.

JailBabes charges \$7 to get the address to write a female inmate. Other sites offer free addresses.

Nancy Botkin, warden of the Mountain View women's prison at Gatesville, says inmates use the Internet for an old lonely hearts con game.

"We have a lot of elderly men that send nearly their entire income to support these females. We have family members that call and beg us to make us stop writing them," she said.

Tony Howard, who investigates crime behind the bars of the Texas prison system, told WFAA that the lonely hearts scam targets Caucasian men 45 to 65, usually widowers. He said inmates call their victims "sugar daddies" or "tricks."

Mardie Swartz said she has received letters from more than 200 men, and 30 marriage proposals.

"I'm probably one of the few that doesn't lie, doesn't commit fraud, doesn't try to run any scams, doesn't ask for money, doesn't solicit," said the 26-year-old, who is serving 90 years for a murder committed when she was 16 and for later escaping from prison.

On the Internet, she sounds like the girl next door. There's no mention of her crime.

It's against prison rules for an inmate to solicit money, but officials say many of them know how to write a letter that doesn't directly ask for money, but gets the idea across.

Yen Nguyen said older inmates coached her on what to write, telling her she could make a lot of money behind bars.

In her first response to a man answering the ad, she said, she'll tell him she's looking for someone special like him. In the second letter, she says that after sweating and working in the fields all day, "I'm lying here, thinking of you."

She said the third letter is known as "the hook." "Which would be consisting of I stayed up all night long and washed out somebody's socks or undergarments or stuff like this in order to get a stamp to mail it to you," she said.

The man is told it costs 40 cents for a candy bar, \$1.50 for a pint of ice cream, \$2 for spreadable

Using that process, except in emergencies, will probably not happen for a while. Winborne said he currently has a list of about 70 structures that are either on the delinquent tax rolls or the owners have signed authorization for the city to remove and he is working to have that list grow.

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cheese and 25 cents for a soft drink.

The lonely hearts' money starts flowing into the inmate's prison trust fund account. Inmates use it to buy snacks and supplies from the prison commissary.

Some inmates have collected thousands of dollars, sending the same letters to different pen pals, prison officials say.

Joyce Braxton's Internet personal ad says she's seeking "Mr. Right" for candlelight dinners. If that happens, it will have to wait until she completes a 25-year sentence for injuring an elderly person with a deadly weapon.

Guards who know her say "Mr. Right" may also be surprised to learn that's not her in the photograph next to her Internet personal ad. Her mug shot bears no resemblance to the one on the web page.

"Scam city," laughs inmate Robin Head, who is serving a 10-year sentence for prostitution. She said she has a personal ad on four websites, including one that promotes the legalization of prostitution.

She ran escort services in Houston and Austin, WFAA said.

She said she receives letters from men around the globe, and a penpal from Georgia visits her regularly.

Tamra Ellis, a former topless dancer from Fort Worth, serving a 10-year sentence for attempted murder, said: "I'm not in need, so I don't write my pen pal for money."

Although she's married, she writes to an off-shore oil worker in New York, and he talks about marriage in his letters, she said.

"My husband don't always fulfill what I need. He doesn't write very much, so I like someone to just write with and share my feelings with," she said.

City Briefs

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Weather focus

We apologize to our readers not available today from the but the weather forecast was source.

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March 10, 1998. A seriously injured Texas Panhandle woman, represented by Amarillo Attorney Jack Hazlewood and his Dallas Co-Counsel, awarded 8.2 Million Jury Verdict in Products Liability lawsuit against major automobile manufacturer Case No. 93-10141, 116th District Court, Dallas County. Results obtained depend on the facts of each case.

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Blue ribbon winners



(Community Camera photo)

During a recent FCE District Meeting, Pampan Mildred Thatcher, left, of Gray County Family and Community Education Program, won a blue ribbon for her painted denim shirt. Pat Stubbs, right, of Alanreed also won with a beaded knitted sweater and a dimensional quilt which took Best of Show Ribbon. The articles will compete in the State Meeting in September.

District meeting



(Special photo)

Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau's James Race, LUTCF agency manager, Don Whitney, LUTCF service agent, and David Haynes, service agent, recently attended District One District Meeting in Amarillo. Whitney received the Multi-Line Agents Award for District One and the Farm Bureau was named Agency of the Month for the month of June. District One represents a 52 agent, 26-county area of the Texas Panhandle.



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Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149

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

T.O.P.S. #41

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

AL-ANON

Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

VFW CHARITY BINGO

The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS

The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at Warren Chisum's Office, 100 N. Price Road. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any workshop session.

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Clarendon College. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

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

BROWN BAG BOOK SALE

Friends of the Amarillo Public Library will hold a Brown Bag Book Sale from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. July 22-24 in the basement of Central Library, 4th and Buchanan in Amarillo. All items will be half price on Thursday, July 22. On Friday, July 23, a standard size grocery bag full of books and other items will cost \$2. On Saturday, July 24, the cost will drop to \$1. The sale will include videocassettes, audio-cassettes, records, CD's, computer software, magazines,

encyclopedias and fiction and non-fiction books.

DON AND SYBIL HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and BSA Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic July 26 at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc., 916 N. Crest, in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 359-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

FPC HANDGUN CLASS

Frank Phillips College will offer a concealed handgun class from 6-10 p.m. Monday-Wednesday beginning July 26 in the Classroom Learning Complex, Room CLC-4, and from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, July 31 at the gun range. The instructor

for the course will be Randy Duval of Hutchinson County Sheriff Department. Cost of the class is \$5. Registration will be at the Office of Admissions and Records in the Classroom Learning Complex. For more information, call (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 741.

AMARILLO FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION

Amarillo Fine Arts Association will hold its Best of the Southwest Fall Art Show Sept. 30-Oct. 8 at Amarillo National Bank in Amarillo. Judging will take place Sept. 29 and a reception and awards presentation will be from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 30. The juror for the competition will be Judi Betts of Baton Rouge, La. Betts will also be conducting a demonstration and a workshop. Fee for her two-day course on Sept. 27-28 will be \$100. The workshop is limited to the first 20 people. To register, send fee to Jo Bryan, 3501 Ruston, Amarillo, TX 79109. For more information, call Cindy Kelleher, chairman, at (806) 358-4880 or Bryan at (806) 374-1070.

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Y2K: Back to nature?

A week or two back I was talking with a local Pampa merchant about the state of business in town. He, unlike some, is having a pretty good year. But he's concerned about Y2K.

For most who worry about Y2K it's their fear a programming glitch will cause millions of computers to malfunction on Jan. 1, 2000, shutting down power grids and slowing retail supply lines, disrupting commerce and generally setting the world on its ear.

For the local businessman, his worry is not that all heck will break loose on Jan. 1, it's that people are hoarding their money in anticipation of that time. It's something he thinks is happening right now in Pampa.

Sounds a little silly to me but he thinks it's so especially with regard to the positions taken by some local churches on the subject.

Then there are those who think their money won't be any good so they are converting to gold. A good friend in North Carolina believes this so she's burying gold somewhere in her yard. She's also converted her home to solar



Kate B. Dickson

Associate publisher/editor

power and learned to shoot so she can shoot her food or, I suppose, someone who tries to dig up her gold or invade her self-sufficient compound.

Y2K was a subject that came up a few weeks ago when I was visiting down in Louisiana. In a talk with my brother he related a story told to him by a friend who owns a hardware store in South Arkansas.

It seems a woman came in and saw one of those red hand pumps that were common when I grew up in the Arkansas Delta. She

asked if she could buy it, and when the store owner said, yes, she acted as if she couldn't believe he would part with it.

As it turns out, the store owner told my brother he can't get supplies of generators, oil-burning lamps and WOOD stoves and the like. Everything, he said, is on back order. The reason — Y2K.

Now, I read that the company that makes those MREs, (meals ready to eat) mostly used by soldiers, is having a sales boom. Seems sales for a South Carolina company have jumped from about 9,000 cases a month (12 MREs in a case) at the end of 1998 to 17,000 cases in January, 25,000 cases in February and a record 42,000 cases in March.

Maybe I am not taking this all seriously enough. It's something I will find out when they drop the ball in Times Square. But I have a funny feeling there'll be a lot of cheap generators and bad prepackaged food available come Jan. 2.

What do you think?

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, July 11, the 192nd day of 1999. There are 173 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 11, 1798, the U.S. Marine Corps was formally re-established by a congressional act that also created the U.S. Marine Band.

On this date:

In 1533, Pope Clement VII excommunicated England's King Henry VIII.

In 1767, John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, was born in Braintree, Mass.

In 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton in a pistol duel near Weehawken, N.J.

In 1864, Confederate forces led by General Jubal Early began an abortive invasion of Washington, D.C., turning back the next day.

In 1934, President Roosevelt became the first chief executive to travel through the Panama Canal.

Opinion

Trickle down effect benefits oil-producers

While the trickle down can takes months or even a year or more, the news that the price of oil continues to climb is a good message indeed for the panhandle and the other oil-producing areas of Texas.

In the past seven months, the price of oil has nearly doubled and last week flirted with \$20 per barrel for the first time in 19 months. After a year of belt-tightening, consolidations and layoffs — 14,200 in Texas alone since May 1998, according to state labor officials — energy companies are beginning to spend more freely on exploration.

Prices sank to a 12-year-old in December 1998, dropping as far as \$10.65 a barrel on the Nymex, as markets were awash with oil and demand was reduced because of the economic crisis spreading through Asia. The recover in prices has come as the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and other producers adopted substantial cuts in output and apparently stuck to them, and as Asian economies began to recover.

All is not rosy, however.

It doesn't mean Pampa and places like it should slack up on their economic development work — the future economic prosperity can't be put at the mantle of oil if we expect to grow, to survive.

For while some of the smaller companies are now increasing development budgets in light of the recovery in oil prices, the industry giants, however, have not announced increases in spending. Most of the West Texas activity this summer has consisted of workovers — resuming production in old wells, not new drilling where the jobs are.

Meanwhile, those who care about Pampa — who want to continue to live and work here should pay special heed to supporting the local stores and businesses. They are the backbone of our community and deserve our support.

From our files ...

40 years ago

Sunday, July 12, 1959

Farmers in the Pampa area experienced a better than average wheat yield the Gray County agent's office reported Saturday.

Tuesday, July 14, 1959

The Board of Directors of the Pampa Community Hotel Corporation this morning selected the name Coronado Inn from a list of over 250 names submitted through a contest run in the columns of the News.

Friday, July 17, 1959

Two of the Chamber of Commerce's most popular new events of 1959 will be repeated next year directors voted. These are the Law Enforcement Day luncheon and the July 4 festivity.

25 years ago

Thursday, July 11, 1974

Rex McAnelly, president of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, will be the new chairman of the Gray County Democratic Executive Committee.

Friday, July 12, 1974

A tax cut of two cents per \$100 of assessed valuation for some 1,400 Gray County senior citizens was one of the results of Thursday's session of Gray County Commissioners Court.

Monday, July 15, 1974

As of late this morning traffic was still being routed around the site of a Santa Fe train derailment which occurred Sunday afternoon at the north edge of Canadian.

10 years ago

Tuesday, July 11, 1989

The great-great-grandson of the Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show originator Homer Taylor was among the 47 participants of the 43rd annual show opening Monday night at the local rodeo arena.

Wednesday, July 12, 1989

No one was truly happy with the compromise evaluation of \$160 million for the Hoechst Celanese chemical plant here by the Gray County Appraisal Review Board Tuesday following 5 1/2 hours of negotiation.

Friday, July 14, 1989

Trustees for the Pampa Independent School District officially learned Thursday night they have been named the outstanding Region 16 school board of the year.

Corruption of language ruinous

Many of my youthful Saturday afternoons were spent at the theater watching Tarzan or Jungle Jim fighting in the swamps and jungles against the forces of evil. There were swamps and jungles because we saw them.

When have you last heard the words swamps and jungles? Have swamps and jungles disappeared from the face of the earth? No, for political purposes they've been renamed. They're now wetlands and rain forests. The public can't be whipped into a frenzy about saving swamps and jungles, but wetlands and rain forests are a different matter. Everybody's onboard with the new terminology except the military. They're still calling combat dress clothing jungle camouflage. They should rename their combat dress rain forest camouflage.

Years ago, there were bums, vagabonds, tramps and hobos. They, too, have disappeared. Now we have homeless people. That causes temporary confusion. When a person asks me, "Will you help the homeless?" I don't know whether I'm being asked to assist someone whose home was lost in a tornado, flood or hurricane, or a shiftless bum. Use of homeless is the leftist agenda to establish moral equivalency between tragedy that's an act of God and self-inflicted tragedy.

There's another term confusing to me — caregiver. If someone said, "I saw the girl walking down the street with her care-giver," with whom would you think she was walking? It



Walter Williams

Syndicated columnist

might be her mother, father, baby-sitter, seeing-eye dog, doctor, lawyer, policeman, hairdresser — the possibilities are endless. So why cause confusion? Just say, "She was walking with her father."

Just as confusing is the classification native American. Whenever I have to fill out a form that has a block where one can classify himself as a "Native American," I always check that block and urge you to do so too if you were born in the United States.

The African-American classification poses problems, too. What if a person of Afrikaner or Egyptian ancestry were born in the United States. Would he be an African-American?

On many of America's college campuses, there are courses such as "Violence and Gender" and "Gender Inequality." Sustained, intransigent, ignorance might be excusable elsewhere but not on a college campus. Gender is a grammatical term: "the classification by

which nouns and pronouns (and often accompanying modifiers) are grouped or inflected." For example, in French, "le" is the article for the masculine gender and "la" the article for the feminine gender. Gender and sex are two different concepts. They are not interchangeable. Plus, it would sound funny to say, "He had gender with his wife."

Aside from ignorance, college professors can be silly, too. What used to be the position of department chairman is now the sexually neutral department chair. I hold such a position at George Mason University and refuse to identify myself as Chair. On occasions, when referred to as a chair, I've offered to prove to the speaker that I am a chairman.

Sticking with the college scene a little more, presidents pretend to assume the moral high ground by pointing to the importance they place on campus diversity. Whatever they mean by diversity, they darn sure don't mean political diversity. Most colleges are leftist bastions. Very often 90 percent or more of their faculty and administrators are Democrats. What presidents really mean by diversity is that they are for race and sex quotas, but not political quotas.

John Milton predicted, "When language in common use in any country becomes irregular and depraved, it is followed by their ruin and degradation." Just in case you're puzzled by our national moral decline.

Possible alliance spells trouble

Americans are, understandably, preoccupied with the lazy, hazy days of summer, the robust health of the nation's economy, and the end of the war over Kosovo.

It's easy to forget that the world remains a tough, dangerous neighborhood, and it's hard to pay attention to what is happening in such faraway places as China and Russia.

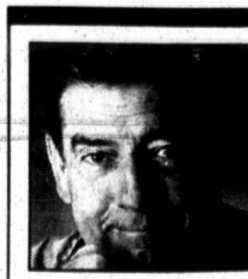
But pay attention we must, because trouble is building in both places, and big trouble in either China or Russia — never mind in both — cannot be good news for the United States. Not in the long run, and not any way you slice it.

In the halls of Congress, at the White House and the State Department, at the Pentagon and inside all the various intelligence agencies, concern is growing about the stability of both China and Russia.

Based on many recent conversations with foreign-policy experts in all those areas, your reporter comes away convinced it's time to consider this: the possibility that China and Russia may once again be headed for some kind of alliance against the West.

Right now, nobody of consequence in Washington believes this is going to happen. Some quickly dismiss the idea completely. "Forget it" is a common reaction. "Unthinkable" is another.

There is some agreement that China and Russia, each for its own reasons, are becoming more paranoid, more xenophobic and much more distrusting of the West.



Dan Rather

Syndicated columnist

In both countries, military chiefs show signs of disenchantment with their governments and their leaders' openness to Western influence.

"Nobody really knows what's happening deep inside China," one very high-ranking Clinton administration official said. But, insisting on anonymity, he added, "This I can tell you: President Jiang Zemin certainly does not appear as strong now as when he visited the U.S. last year."

Various intelligence reports in Washington and elsewhere note indications that Jiang's power has been slipping lately — especially among the military — as China's growth slows, the population complains more, and foreign investors turn skittish.

There is no way to know whether these reports are valid. But it's a fact that they are increasingly around in Western diplomatic and intelligence circles.

In Russia, Boris Yeltsin and those closely allied with him give every appearance of being

ever more desperate to keep Yeltsin alive and in power if they can — and if they can't, to somehow preserve what's left of Yeltsinism. That means, flawed and shaky as it is, the free-market constitutional democracy effort that Yeltsin has led in the post-communist era.

Yes, the effort is shot through with gangsterism and corruption. But, in the view of Washington and most of the rest of the West, it is still better than any likely alternative that might come out of cataclysmic change in Russia.

The Russian military is restive, to say the least. As with so much of the rest of the country, Russia's military leaders don't trust the Yeltsinists.

As Princeton University professor Steve Cohen, an expert on Russia, told this reporter, "The Yeltsinists' underlying problem is that the country generally views their power and property as illegitimate, and they have no one who can win a national election."

Cohen fears things in Russia will be "dramatic and traumatic" in the year ahead.

Put it all together, and the signal is clear: China and Russia deserve to be watched especially closely in the months ahead.

They may or may not be headed toward a new alliance against the West. But with the current strained and strange conditions in both countries, vigilance in the West seems needed more than ever. Along with a willingness to at least consider the unthinkable.

Prep players might be swinging heavier ball bats

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Every few days, Quinn Stamp strides to the middle of the diamond, picks up a baseball and puts himself in harm's way.

Stamp is a pitcher at Lisbon High School and his job is to throw the ball past hitters swinging high-tech, lightweight aluminum bats, some of whom are quick enough and strong enough to send that ball rocketing back in his direction at more than 100 mph.

A pitcher hit by a ball at that speed could be seriously injured, even killed, yet Stamp shrugs off the possibility.

"I really can't say I've felt in any danger," he said. "I've been pitching so long I feel comfortable out there. I don't think it has anything to do with the bat."

Some do, however.

The NCAA already has acted to make bats in the college game less potent. The National Federation of State High School Associations might do the same.

"The national rules body has indicated there could be something in place by Jan. 1, 2000," said David Hart, assistant executive director of the Iowa High School Athletic Association. "We've alerted our people that very likely could be the scenario."

"We don't know what's going to happen, but there isn't any question that the bats are hot."

Aluminum bats came into vogue in the 1970s and proved to be much sturdier than wooden bats, which broke easily. That appealed to school administrators looking to save money.

The early bats were heavy and only the strongest players could generate much speed in their swing. In the ensuing years, however, manufacturers have refined their products to make them lighter and capable of generating power from a larger area of the bat, as opposed to the limited "sweet spot" on a wood bat.

With such bats, even the scrawniest hitter can send line drives ping-ponging into the gap.

"I don't think there's any question that swinging a 2 3/4-inch barrel on a 34-inch, 29-ounce bat can produce some great exit speeds," Marshalltown coach Steve Hanson said. "The ball can really jump off the bat."

"But I think you'll find the good hitters are going to be good hitters. So I don't subscribe to the notion that putting a bat like that in the hands of a good hitter will make a whole lot of difference. What a bat like that can do is take the kid with marginal strength, marginal bat speed and make him a pretty good hitter," Hanson said.

"I think it can be a great advantage to that type of player and most teams are comprised of those kind of players."

The NCAA this year reduced the length-to-weight differential allowed on bats in postseason tournaments to minus-3, meaning a 34-inch bat must weigh 31 ounces. The high school differential now is minus-5, so a 34-inch bat can weigh only 29 ounces.

A heavier bat is harder to swing, so the hitter generates less speed and power. The NCAA also reduced the maximum diameter of bats from 2 3/4 inches to 2 1/4 inches, resulting in a slightly smaller hitting area.

Brad Rumble, assistant director and baseball liaison for the high school sports federation, said the bat specification issue will top the agenda when the baseball rules committee meets July 17-19 in Kansas City.

Safety is one concern, Rumble said, although he noted there have been few injuries from batted balls in high school games. Rulesmakers also would like to create more balance between offense and defense, the feeling

being that metal bats have made baseball too much of a hitters' game.

"Our committee feels ... there should be an opportunity for participation in defense and that perhaps we're not giving defensive players a chance to make the plays they used to make in fielding and throwing," Rumble said.

"Instead, there's a hit, they go out to the outfield for the relay throw and get the ball back in. We don't think high school baseball ought to be played that way," he said.

Lee Toole, coach at Jefferson High in Council Bluffs, said he believes something will be done about high school bats. Toole said he wouldn't mind seeing a little more pitching and defense in the game, though he isn't sure that would happen.

"I think if we do switch our bats in high school, I don't think it will make that much of a difference," he said. "Kids are getting so much bigger and stronger physically that they can handle that."

Toole said he has never seen a player injured by a line drive, nor has John Bartolo, the co-coach at Garrigan High School in Algona, though Bartolo said coaches are aware the possibility exists.

"I think that is going to happen whatever kind of bat you use," he said. "Kids when they're out their playing have got to be thinking baseball. I'm not aware of any accidents and we haven't had any close calls, but if we're going to make the game a little safer, then everybody will just have to go to that weight."

Gene Schultz, coach at Kee High School in Lansing, doesn't see a danger with the bats currently being used.

"If you're not a big, strong kid, I don't see averaged-sized kids sending the ball out that hard," said Schultz, who said he has seen few close calls with line drives.

"That's just a hard hit ball," he said. "It's not the bat. I think a wood bat would do the same thing."

Balls swatted off aluminum bats have been clocked at 113 mph. The NCAA wants to reduce that speed to 93 mph, though that was not part of the standards implemented this year.

Adam Finley, who plays at Center Grove High School in Indiana, used those figures to make some calculations for the Indianapolis Star.

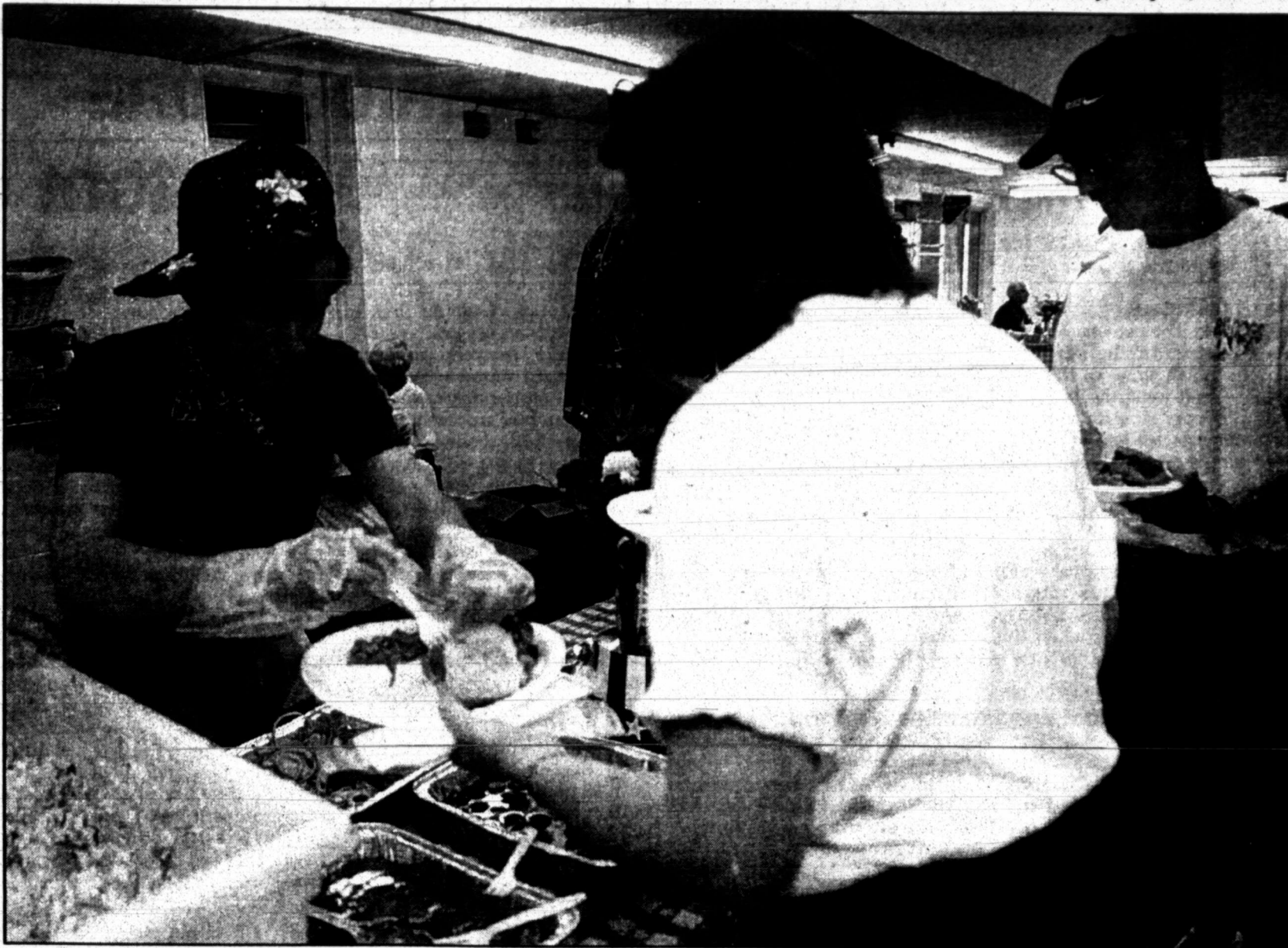
"I figured it up that a pitcher has a third of a second to react to a ball hit 113 miles an hour," Finley told the Star.

At 93 mph, Finley said, "he'd have half a second. That's a big difference."

Rumble said scientists will attend the federation's national rules committee meeting to advise members on bat speed and he's not sure what type of standards will be approved.

He also said the committee is aware bats are expensive and that would be a consideration in how any changes were implemented. Top-end bats cost from \$250 to \$300 and many players buy their own. A school that bought five or six for the team could spend close to \$2,000.

"If they do decide to go minus-whatever down, a lot of schools I know can't afford to switch all at once," Bartolo said. "I would hope they grandfather it in."



Artist Amy Winton serves up pickles and onions to Stephanie Holley during Hemphill County's Old Timers Reunion and barbecue last week in Canadian.

Alleged polygamist gets up to 10 years for having sex with his niece

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A judge on Friday sentenced a prominent polygamist to up to 10 years in prison, the maximum sentence, for having sex with his 16-year-old niece.

Third District Judge David S. Young ordered David Ortell Kingston, who is thought to be a leader in Utah's most prominent polygamist clan, to serve two consecutive terms of up to five years each on conviction for incest and unlawful sexual conduct with a minor.

Young also fined Kingston \$10,000 and ordered him to pay court expenses. Kingston, 33, mouthed "I love you" to his legal wife and five children as he was led out of the courtroom in a red prison jumpsuit and handcuffs.

He was convicted June 3 after his niece testified that she married him in a secret ceremony complete with a wedding dress, ring and a honeymoon at a Park City hotel. She said that she was his 15th wife and that they had sex four times.

During the trial, Young tried to keep polygamy out of the case. But Friday he changed his tune.

"In this sentencing, polygamy is an issue," he said. To deny that is "sort of like saying that we can ignore the 500-pound elephant in the living room."

The case thrust polygamy back into the Utah spotlight and already sent Kingston's brother — the girl's father — to jail. John Daniel Kingston is serving 28 weeks for beating his daughter for running away from her uncle. He pleaded no contest to reduced charges of child abuse.

The two brothers are sons of John Ortell Kingston, the late leader of the Latter Day Church of God, a Mormon splinter group with about 1,000 members and a \$150 million business empire in six Western states.

Kingston's attorney Susanne Gustin-Furgis said her client is not a typical sex offender. She asked the judge to ignore the prosecution's recommendation for the maximum, suggesting five months of jail time, followed by two years of supervised probation.

"If he is a polygamist, as has been alleged, this is really a religious practice," she said. "This is

not a compulsion."

But the judge soon interrupted her as she tried to compare Kingston to other sex cases.

"In some respects I believe that Mr. Kingston has been a victim of misguided family instruction," Young said. But, he added later, "He's shown no indication that he knows it was wrong."

Prosecutor Dane Nolan said that he was pleased with the sentence, but insisted Kingston should not be seen as a victim,

because "he chose to engage in this lifestyle."

An estimated 25,000 to 35,000 polygamists live in Utah and other parts of the West. Most belong to offshoots of the Mormon Church, which renounced polygamy in 1890 under pressure from Congress and the courts.

The Kingston clan stands apart from other polygamous groups, former members say, in practicing incest.

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Penney reports recent drop in sales

PLANO, Texas (AP) — J.C. Penney Co. on Thursday reported a 2.3 percent decline in same-store sales for the past five weeks.

Penney's recent sales decline contrasted with sales at other retailers, who reported same-store sales increased 7.4 percent for June, said Michael Niemira, an economist at Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, who tracks 81 retail chains.

Plano-based Penney attributed the June sales decline to continued weakness in sales of national brands of athletic apparel, footwear and Levi's jeans. Sales of its private brands, such as Arizona Jean Company and St. John's Bay brands, were better than expected.

Jeffrey Edelman, a retail analyst at PaineWebber, lowered his second-quarter earnings forecast for Penney from 35 cents per share to 34 cents, The Dallas Morning News reported.

"Sales need help," Edelman said. "Perhaps the new advertising and marketing programs will be the answer."

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AGRICULTURE

The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

Wheat (Bull/Bear)

Outlook: The bear has been in the box now for the past three months; however, as of this writing, the bull joins the bear. The timing is now ripe for a bottom formation. As readers of this column already know, I have seen evidence (particularly in bearish years) of an historically reliable seasonal tendency for wheat. Wheat futures tend to bottom when the winter wheat harvest is about half over. This roughly equates with the July 4 holiday. Even with the harvest delays this year due to wet weather in the

Plains, USDA data indicates the harvest is on track with this pace. In the June 30 Crop Report, the government reported spring wheat acres at 15.3 million. This is roughly equal to the last report, and too high in my opinion. Wet weather prevented planting of over 1 million acres in North Dakota alone; however, we have to accept their numbers until proven wrong.

Strategy: Hedgers: We remain 25 percent sold from above \$3 basis the July Chicago futures. Cover these futures as you sell your cash wheat. For the remain-

ing 75 percent, I would look to sell cash at harvest and simultaneously purchase call options for December. In this way, you can maintain ownership of cheap wheat, but free up cash to pay bills. You limit your downside (something storage cannot do) yet maintain full upside potential. The cost of the 300 calls is currently about 12 cents, or less than the cost of storage and interest.

Traders: We missed our spread as the Minneapolis/Chicago surged last week. This recommendation is now canceled, and we will remain on the sidelines for now.

Corn (Bear)

Outlook: The recent USDA Crop Report tells us American farmers planted just above 77 1/2 million acres of corn this year. While a bit under the last report (this is the "official" figure since it is based on field surveys), it is still a large number. At this writing, the crop condition ratings are excellent. In fact, unless hot July weather trims yields, we are

facing the second largest crop on record. The largest corn crop was in 1994. The reported corn stocks figures, at 3.6 billion bushels, is a large one as well. This figure implies feed usage gained less than one percent year to year, which is not enough with prices so low. Bottom line, it will all be weather in the coming weeks, but unless this turns threatening there is no reason to remove the bear from the box.

Strategy: Hedgers: Look to sell 33 percent of new crop production using the December futures on rallies above 245. It is recommended to have the order sitting in the market, even if it looks ambitious, since there could be a weather rally at any time in the coming weeks.

Traders: At this potentially volatile time of year, we remain on the sidelines.

Soybeans (Bull/Bear)

Outlook: The USDA Crop Report indicated U.S. farmers planted 74.2 million acres of soybeans this year. This is up about a million acres from the last estimate, (which was expected due to switching), and the largest planted acreage in history. Combine this with the best crop condition ratings in history at this time of year, and we are looking at a record large crop. We are also facing a record large carryover of 736 million bushels. Yet, with the market at record low prices (adjusted for inflation) much of this bearish news is already discounted in price. In the coming weeks, it will all be weather. If the hot, dry predictions for the Midwest come true we have a chance for a decent rally. If not, we go lower. It is still too cheap at this time to go short, in my opinion, however.

Custom cutters becoming more scarce in Kansas

By ROXANA HEGEMAN
Associated Press Writer

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Mel Thompson, who grows wheat near Hardtner has not been able to find a custom cutter to harvest his fields — even when they do dry out between rains.

"It has been a difficult year because they are still cutting in Texas, and they are supposed to start cutting in Nebraska the first of the week," Thompson said Friday. "There is more and more dependence on custom cutters who follow the harvest from Texas to Canada."

His plight is becoming a familiar story to Steve Fenton, elevator manager at the OK Co-op in Kiowa. It was here that the Kansas wheat harvest really began in early June. But there have been precious few good harvesting days since then.

"Quality is going down every day. We need to get it out of the fields, but we just don't have the cutters to get the job done," Fenton said.

When the harvest started, the elevator was getting grain with test weights running 61 pounds per bushel. Now they are getting down to 57 pounds per bushel, but at least the elevator has not yet seen any sprout-damaged wheat come in. They have taken in 3 million bushels so far.

Last year, the Kiowa area harvest was done in 10 days. Fenton wouldn't even venture a guess how long this one is going to take: "It's very, very slow."

This harvest has been particularly difficult for Thompson, a small-time farmer who has difficulty even in good years finding a custom crew willing to bother with his acreage. And like most other Kansas farmers, he doesn't have enough land to justify an expensive combine he only uses a few days every year.

Thompson's usual custom cutter has been delayed by rain at an earlier stop. The custom crew cutting his neighbor's fields already plans to move north to Nebraska to begin harvest there this week, he said.

For his 19-year-old son, Todd, the harvest has been frustrating too.

"We were looking at a pretty good crop this year. My dad said it was one of the best — he was so

excited about it. But the weather caused us to hold off," he said.

It has been difficult for him to watch his father's enthusiasm fade with each subsequent rain, and watch him struggle to find someone to cut the family's wheat during the occasional days when fields are dry enough.

"It has been tough to have patience. I have seen dad coming home from work and he is dealing with trying to find cutters — and it is stressful for him," Todd Thompson said.

Many custom cutters have moved out to harvest wheat in northwest Kansas, leaving the farmers in southern Kansas with a shortage of cutters, said Brett Myers, executive vice president of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers.

Despite all the weather problems with the harvest this year, the Kansas crop will be average or above average this year in terms of the number of bushels, Myers said. But the quality will not be the same as in the past couple of years.

"It is going downhill, quality wise, every day," he said.

If it stays dry, the vast majority of the Kansas wheat harvest should be finished by July 12, Myers said.

Among those most worried about getting their crops soon are farmers who have planted white wheat, which is more susceptible to sprouting than the red varieties most commonly grown in Kansas.

"Our growers all realize the greater risk of white wheat sprouting and where they had a chance they jumped on those first," said Kent Symms of the American White Wheat Producers Association.

Sorghum, wheat stocks rise

AUSTIN — Texas stocks of sorghum and wheat are showing increases from June 1998.

According to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, June 1 stocks of sorghum in all positions totaled 11.1 million hundred weight (cwt), up 43 percent from the 7.8 million cwt on hand a year ago. Farm stocks totaled 336 thousand cwt, unchanged from last year while off-farm stocks totaled 10.8 million cwt, up 45 percent.

Stocks of wheat in all positions June 1, 1999, totaled 60.4 million bushels, up 71 percent from last year's level of 35.3 million bushels. Farm stocks totaled 800,000 bushels, up 400,000 bushels

from a year ago, while off-farm stocks totaled 59.6 million bushels, up 71 percent.

Stocks of corn in all positions in the U.S. totaled 3.62 billion bushels, up 19 percent from the June 1, 1998, level. All old crop wheat stocks, at 945 million bushels, were up 31 percent from the June level of 722 million bushels a year ago.

U.S. stocks of sorghum totaled 65 million cwt, up 21 percent from last year. Soybean storage was 850 million bushels, up 43 percent, and oats on hand totaled 81 million bushels, up 10 percent from June 1998.

Dry winter keeps Karnal bunt fungus out of Arizona wheat crop

PHOENIX (AP) — Because of Arizona's uncommonly dry winter, ranchers and their livestock are hurting for water this summer.

But for the state's wheat crop, the near-drought conditions seem just right.

The Karnal bunt fungus has yet to show up in Arizona's durum wheat harvest, state agriculture officials say, and that's at least

partly because of Arizona's last winter — the third-driest since 1995.

The darkish fungus, which isn't harmful to humans but can give wheat a fishy odor, needs moisture to thrive. "This shows how dependent this fungus is upon environmental conditions," said Joe Sigg, deputy director of the state Department of Agriculture. "We are extremely pleased that no Arizona grain headed for processing will be slowed this year by Karnal bunt."

State inspectors have tested nearly all of the wheat samples from 800 fields in Maricopa and Yuma counties as well as in Casa Grande, Paloma Ranch near Gila Bend and Parker.

Sigg said he's confident the remaining 20 harvest samples will turn up negative for bunted kernels. The visual inspections should be completed sometime this week.

The state's findings are the first bits of good news for Arizona wheat growers, who are under a Karnal bunt quarantine imposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1996.

The quarantine has proved to be more than a regulation nightmare for many growers. Profits are down, fueled by a worldwide drop in demand and prices. Both factors combined have compelled farmers to grow other crops that make money.

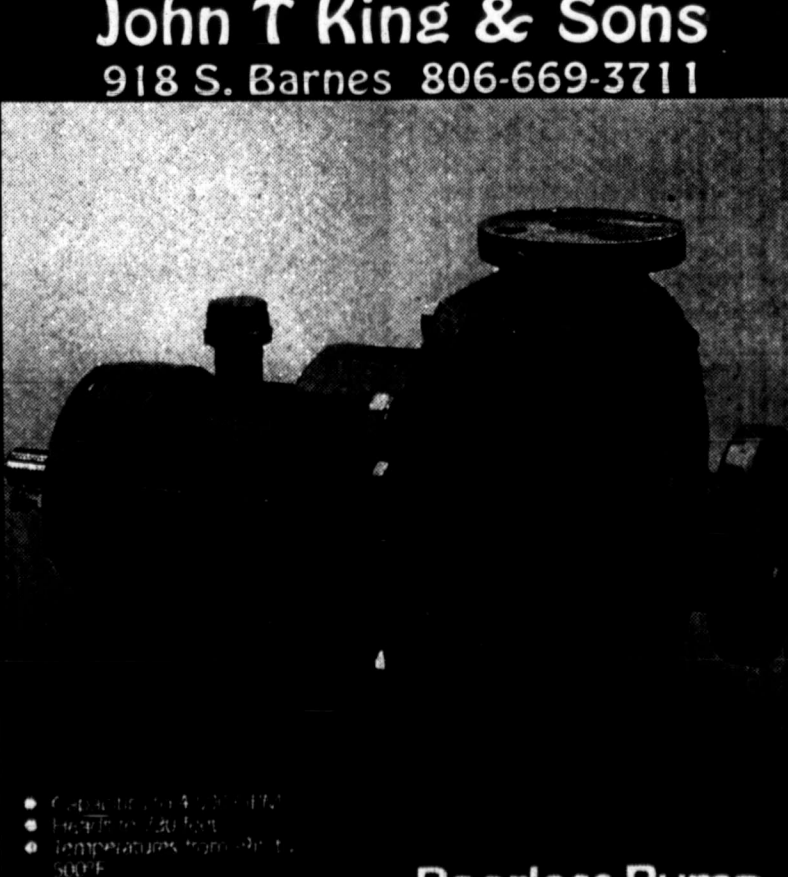
In fact, the amount of land used to grow wheat has dropped almost 50 percent since 1996. The year the quarantine went into effect, about 165,000 acres were in production in Arizona; this month, farmers harvested only 75,000 acres.

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Billboard music charts

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.):

Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Bills, Bills, Bills," Destiny's Child. Columbia.
 2. "If You Had My Love," Jennifer Lopez. WORK. (Platinum)
 3. "Last Kiss," Pearl Jam. Epic.
 4. "Genie In A Bottle," Christina Aguilera. RCA.
 5. "Livin' La Vida Loca," Ricky Martin. C2. (Platinum)
 6. "I Want It That Way," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
 7. "It's Not Right But It's Okay," Whitney Houston. Arista. (Gold)
 8. "Wild Wild West," Will Smith (feat. Dru Hill & Kool Moe Dee). Overbrook.
 9. "Where My Girls At?," 702. Motown. (Gold)
 10. "All Star," Smash Mouth. Interscope.
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Hot Adult Contemporary

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "You'll Be In My Heart," Phil Collins. Walt Disney.
2. "I Want It That Way," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
3. "Kiss Me," Sixpence None The Richer. Squint.
4. "I Will Remember You (Live)," Sarah McLachlan. Arista.
5. "(God Must Have Spent) A Little More Time on You," 'N Sync. RCA.
6. "Believe," Cher. Warner Bros.
7. "The Hardest Thing," 98 Degrees. Universal.
8. "Angel," Sarah McLachlan. Warner Sunset.
9. "From This Moment On," Shania Twain. Mercury.
10. "Let Me Let Go," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.

Mainstream Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Scar Tissue," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.
2. "Promises," Def Leppard. Mercury.
3. "American Woman," Lenny Kravitz. Maverick.
4. "Get Born Again," Alice In Chains. Columbia.
5. "Lit Up," Buckcherry. DreamWorks.
6. "Last Kiss," Pearl Jam. Epic.
7. "Why I'm Here," Oleander. Republic.
8. "One," Creed. Wind-up.
9. "Whatever," Godsmack. Republic.
10. "My Own Worst Enemy," Lit. RCA.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Amazed," Lonestar. BNA.
 2. "Write This Down," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
 3. "Lesson In Leavin'," Jo Dee Messina. Curb.
 4. "Whatever You Say," Martina McBride. RCA.
 5. "God Must Have Spent A Little More Time on You," Alabama. RCA.
 6. "A Night To Remember," Joe Diffie. Epic.
 7. "Please Remember Me," Tim McGraw. Curb.
 8. "Tonight The Heartache's On Me," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
 9. "One Honest Heart," Reba. MCA Nashville.
 10. "Little Good-byes," Shedaisy. Lyric Street.
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California leads way in protecting dead celebrities from unauthorized resurrection

By JEFF WILSON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With sophisticated technology raising a host of dead icons for encore performances to pitch products, aging stars and surviving family members are taking steps to make sure these digital resurrections come with their blessing.

Television commercials that feature Fred Astaire dancing with a vacuum cleaner, Humphrey Bogart hustling jewelry and John Wayne hawking Coors beer can be powerful sales tools.

Although these ads were authorized by relatives, every so often advertisers will simply pirate a celebrity's likeness to move a product.

In California, where Hollywood has clout, a bill is working its way through the state legislature that would provide protection for dead icons. Among the key proponents are actress Janet Leigh and Astaire's widow Robyn.

"Celebrities have control over their images when they're alive and we ought to give them that same control when they are dead," said state Sen. John Burton, D-San Francisco, author of the California bill.

As Leigh put it: "My image is my product, my franchise, my commodity."

With no federal legislation to protect dead celebrities and their heirs, state Senate Bill 209 guards against unauthorized commercial exploitation of a

celebrity's name and likeness, particularly in instances where that likeness is altered digitally.

Heirs have been dealing with different legislation from state to state. New York, for instance, doesn't recognize a decedent's right to control publicity at all; Indiana, meanwhile, is the toughest by offering 100 years of protection after death.

"There is a need for federal legislation. There is a move toward it and it continues to build, but we're simply not there yet," said Scott Whiteleather, vice president of the Indianapolis-based CMG Worldwide Inc.

CMG, which licenses the rights to use celebrity images, is the leader in protecting and marketing the names and images of deceased personalities such as Bogart, Marilyn Monroe, Babe Ruth, James Dean, Ingrid Bergman and Bette Davis.

"It isn't surprising that the majority of the body of law for this exists in California. This is where the majority of celebrities live," Whiteleather said.

The Screen Actors Guild and other Hollywood organizations endorse the Burton legislation, while the studios tend to fight it.

"I'm sometimes surprised that they are," said Whiteleather. "The concern they voice is they would not be able to make films like 'Forrest Gump,' which inserted Elvis Presley and other dead notables into scenes with star Tom Hanks."

"Nothing could be further from the truth."

Current California law requires someone who wants to use a dead celebrity's name, voice, likeness or signature for commercial purposes to get permission from the person's survivors. But there are potential loopholes — like for an artistic product that may feature the subject but is owned by others.

Burton's bill would eliminate the exceptions and force those sued by heirs to prove that the use of a dead celebrity's name, voice, likeness or signature was of a journalistic nature and covered by the First Amendment. The bill also increases California's protection period from 50 years to 70 years after death.

Some estates handled by CMG are interested in using the images in tasteful ways, but other clients are more interested in protection than making money.

"There are celebrities and families who might not want their name associated with any product. We have clients who come to us to make sure there is no use of their relative," said

Whiteleather, refusing to identify those clients.

CMG's aggressive posture on behalf of clients has been compared to Walt Disney Co.'s militant protection of its Mickey Mouse and other copyrights.

"We are often referred to as being a bit Disneyesque," Whiteleather laughed.

But when it comes to movies or professional sports, don't movie producers or sports leagues have rights to use the images?

No, said Whiteleather. "In the case of James Dean, while Warner Bros. owns the copyright to his films, along with specific images from the films, they don't own James Dean. That's owned by the family. Warner Bros. doesn't have the right to take the image of James Dean and put it on a product," he said.

"In the case of a jeweler now using Humphrey Bogart in a commercial, they purchased the copyright for the film clip from the studio and they acquired the right to publicity from the Bogart family."



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Golf

Daniel Wood of Amarillo won the boys 10-11-year-old division of the Westcott Prep Tour at the Pampa Country Club with a 46.

Thomas Hinojosa of Amarillo was second with a 47 and a playoff victory over third place finisher Reid Schindler of Pampa, who also posted a 47.

In the girls 10-11-year-old division, Whitney Osborne of Amarillo won with a 51, while Amarillo's Carly Osborne finished second with a 66. Tiffany Teters of Hereford finished third with a 74.

In the co-ed 7-9-year-old division, Amarillo's Brock Kimball claimed first place with a 55, while Cameron Swarb of Amarillo finished second with a 56. Steven Diaz of Amarillo finished third with a 60.

Joe Donaldson of Pampa, 81, shot his age at the Pampa Country Club, posting an 81. The feat was witnessed by Dr. Foster Elder and Elmo Wright.

Football

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman reportedly is engaged to a former employee of the team's public relations department.

The Dallas Morning News web page reported Friday night that Aikman, 32, was engaged to Rhonda Worthey, 30.

The newspaper said the pair had been dating for almost a year and Ms. Worthey was wearing a large diamond ring when they returned from a California vacation.

No wedding date has been set, except that it will be after the upcoming Cowboys season, the News reported.

Aikman has never been married. Ms. Worthey has a 9-year-old daughter.

General

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — The Southland Conference has denied membership to the University of Texas-Pan American and a Louisiana college.

League Commissioner Greg Sankey said Texas-Pan Am and Centenary College of Shreveport, La., failed to get the necessary votes by conference presidents in a secret ballot Thursday.

Three "no" votes can deny a school admittance, according to conference policy.

Sele pitches Rangers to 7-2 victory

By BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer
SAN DIEGO (AP) — Woody Williams is on a pace no pitcher wants to be on.

The San Diego Padres right-hander allowed three more home runs in Friday night's 7-2 loss to the Texas Rangers. He's now given up seven in his last two starts and 19 in 18 starts.

Last year while with Toronto, he allowed a franchise-record 36 homers in 32 starts, the second most in the AL.

After the game, Williams (4-7) sat at his locker with his head in his hands, staring at the floor for about 20 minutes.

"It's a low point in my pitching and it's bringing everyone down around me," Williams said. "Every time I make a mistake it's pretty much pounded. There's no quality in anything I'm doing right now."

Last Saturday, Williams allowed four homers in the first game of a doubleheader at Colorado as the Padres' 14-

game winning streak ended.

Ivan Rodriguez, Ruben Mateo and Royce Clayton homered to back Aaron Sele, who won for the first time in four starts and

Rodriguez, voted the AL's starting catcher for Tuesday night's All-Star game, hit a solo shot with one out in the first inning, his 15th. Mateo, who came off the disabled list earlier in the day, homered leading off the fourth and Clayton hit a two-run shot with two outs in the sixth.

Mateo homered on an 0-2 curveball.

"I tried to throw it in the dirt but it just didn't happen," Williams said. "It's just bad pitching on my part."

Sele, meanwhile, escaped bases-loaded jams in the second and fourth innings, which allowed him to take a shutout into the seventh.

The Padres loaded the bases with none out in the second and failed to score, as rookie Ben Davis struck out and Damian

Jackson hit a comebacker to start a 1-2-3 double play.

"The most important out was the catcher, Davis, because now you've got the chance to get the double play," Sele said. "Then you have to try to pitch to get one of those and I was fortunate enough to do that."

Sele (8-6) got Jackson to hit into his first double play of the year.

"You've got a very speedy guy and you've got to get him to hit the perfect ball, because he doesn't hit into too many double plays," manager Johnny Oates.

Two innings later, the Padres loaded the bases with two outs and Williams grounded weakly to third base.

Mark McLemore had an RBI single in the fourth, and Rusty Greer and Juan Gonzalez hit consecutive sacrifice flies in the ninth.

Sele was chased in the seventh by two-out RBI singles by Quilvio Veras and Reggie

Sanders. Left-hander Mike Venafo came on with runners on first and second and struck out pinch-hitter Phil Nevin.

Sanders said he wasn't impressed with videotapes of Sele's previous performances.

"But tonight, he spotted his balls very well. He had his curveball working and kept us off balance. He pitched a good game."

Said Oates: "Aaron threw some very good curveballs tonight, almost unhittable. They respected his curveball a great deal and he was able to throw some fastballs by people."

Sele allowed two runs and nine hits in 6 2-3 innings, struck out eight and walked three.

The Rangers ended Eric Owens' 18-game hitting streak, which was a career-best and the team's season-high. Sanders extended his hitting streak to a career-best 14, and Dave Magadan went 3-for-3, all lead-off singles.

Notes: Jeff Zimmerman, one of four Rangers on the AL All-Star team, pitched one perfect inning and set the club record with 17 consecutive scoreless appearances. Teammate Tim Lincecum set the old record at 16 earlier this season. ... The first three inductees into the Padres' Hall of Fame are 1976 Cy Young winner Randy Jones, slugger Nate Colbert and the late Ray Kroc, who bought the club on Jan. 25, 1974, and kept it from moving to Washington, D.C. ... Padres third-base coach Tim Lincecum was back after a three-game absence to be with his father, Ragon, who died Tuesday night. "He was the best one I ever helped get home," said Flannery, whose father had suffered from Alzheimer's disease for two years. Ragon Flannery, 74, a minister who grew up in the hills of Kentucky, was the inspiration for his son's third CD, "Pieces of the Past," which was released earlier this year.

Astros win close game

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City's hottest RBI man was facing a pitcher with a 1-9 record.

The bases were loaded in the ninth. There was only one out. Then, much to Mike Sweeney's consternation, there was only one pitch.

Swinging at a low breaking ball, Sweeney grounded to second baseman Craig Biggio, who started an easy 4-6-3 double play that preserved Houston's 6-5 victory over the Royals Friday night and gave Chris Holt his first career save.

"One pitch is all it takes. Strikeouts are overrated," Holt joked.

Holt, a starter who was sent to the bullpen on strictly a fill-in basis for this final three-game series before the All-Star break, was summoned after Carlos Beltran and Joe Randa, who went 5-for-5, hit RBI singles and Johnny Damon walked.

"I went in there and tried to throw the two-seamer down and got the ground ball I needed," said Holt. "That's what we had to have. It's a big win for us."

Holt also pitched an inning of hitless relief against Arizona the night before, but he has no plans to start a new career as a reliever. "Absolutely not. I'm a starting pitcher," he said. "I'm not a 1-9 pitcher. I'm just going to start the second half 0-0."

He was facing the Royals' hottest hitter. Sweeney had already driven in two runs Friday night and earlier in the week tied an AL record by getting an RBI in 13 straight games. "Sure he's hot. But it was the right time for us to maybe cool him down," said Holt. "It wasn't a particularly good situation for us."

Sweeney swung at the low breaking pitch and bounced it to second.

"I swung at probably a bad pitch," said Sweeney. "Unfortunately, I didn't get the job done. I'm willing to take that loss on my shoulders. If I'm a betting man, I get the job done more times than I don't."

Royals manager Tony Muser said Sweeney may have been over-anxious.

"I think Michael swung at a borderline pitch," he said. "He's a gamer. He wants to be the guy."

Jose Cabrera (1-0), called up from Triple-A New Orleans earlier in the day, got his first major league victory by getting three outs in the eighth as the Royals lost for the seventh time in 10 games.

Bill Spiers hit a tie-breaking double off Jeff Montgomery in the Astros ninth and Carl Everett added a two-run single.

Montgomery (1-4), the Royals' career saves leader who has fallen upon hard times at the age of 37, started the ninth and walked Biggio on four pitches.

Biggio stole second and took third on an infield out before Jeff Bagwell, who had hit his 28th home run, was intentionally walked. Spiers followed with a double on a ball that Beltran failed to make a shoestring catch on in center field.



Pampa No. 1 went undefeated in the Optimist Club's 13-15-year-old girls softball league this season with an 8-0 record. Team members are (l-r): front row; Brittany Brazile, Denise Mackie, Neysha Rodgers, Cali Colvalt, Erin Norris, Lauren Cortez, and Stephanie Goldsmith; middle row; Michelle Cox, K'lee Ratzlaff, Lindsey Naron, Ashley Wildcat, Jessica Leos, Haley Bowen, Stacey Searl, and Ricci Ward; back row; coach Debbie Dixon, coach Jami Rodriguez, and coach Kim Goldsmith.

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U.S. stars have taken the long road to become great

By BARRY WILNER
AP Sports Writer

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — It was not the biggest game in the lives of several American soccer players. Just the latest biggest one for the likes of Kristine Lilly, Michelle Akers, Mia Hamm and Julie Foudry.

Sure, the Women's World Cup grabbed headlines and the imagination of the country. Yes, as many as 90,000 fans were in the Rose Bowl for today's final against China.

Certainly, what they had done over the last three weeks was a monumental achievement for themselves, their sport, their gender and their gender's sports.

Still, that foursome has been through a lot since joining the national team. And they just might go through a lot more, such as at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

"It's been a long road and a memorable one," said Akers, at

33 the oldest U.S. player. She joined the national squad in 1985 and is one of the best the sport has produced. "This tournament has been wonderful for what it has done for women's sports."

"We've had some great times before, though."

Indeed, Akers was the mainstay of the 1991 team that won the first Women's World Cup. She led the tournament in scoring as a striker, but since has moved back to midfield, where she controls the pace and distributes the ball.

In 1995, Akers played in only two Cup games because of injury.

She also struggled through the 1996 Olympics, physically exhausted at the end, but still playing a key role in capturing the gold medal. She then was diagnosed with chronic fatigue syndrome.

So Akers has had lots of battles in her career.

Hamm, who entered today's game with a tender left hamstring, came aboard in 1987.

She is the career goals leader, men or women, in international play.

Through two World Cups, an Olympics and Goodwill Games, she has been the focal point of the attack.

All of that experience made it easier for Hamm to handle the hype and pressure associated with the championship match.

"I don't think if we win or lose will have that much of an impact, because this tournament has been a tremendous success already," Hamm said Friday. "And this team has been able to bring about a lot of excitement and recognition for women's sports."

"But I think people also realized how well the other teams play and how entertaining our game is. The World Cup has achieved what all of us wanted it to."

Galveston coach recognized for service

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — One South Texas baseball coach came to a city council meeting expecting to stay in the audience. Instead, he was called to center stage.

Frank Giusti was recognized by the council Thursday for 50 years of service coaching Galveston junior baseball.

"This guy has devoted 50 years of his life to work with our kids," said Mayor Roger Quiroga, who with Giusti and David Ewald,

has coached the Galveston American Legion Post 20 baseball team since 1987. "Coach Giusti's like a father-figure to all of us."

Giusti came to the meeting at city hall thinking he was going to watch his son Joe, a city police officer, receive a 20-year service pin.

The elder Giusti told The Galveston County Daily News he was shocked when he was asked to come forward.

"I was a little embarrassed," Giusti told the paper.

"They usually don't say good things about people until after they're gone."

Thursday also was proclaimed as "Frank Giusti Day" in the city.

"Because of his dedication to our children, players like Zane Curry and Mark Cridland and Brandon Backe and Jacques Landry are now playing professional baseball," Quiroga said.

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Mets, White Sox beat up on rivals

The favorites didn't fare very well as the second round of Subway Series began in New York and Chicago.

Mike Piazza hit a tiebreaking three-run homer and Al Leiter out-pitched Roger Clemens for the second time in a month, leading the New York Mets over the visiting Yankees 5-2 Friday night.

At Comiskey Park, the White Sox improved to 4-0 against the Cubs this season, winning 3-2 on rookie Carlos Lee's sacrifice fly in the ninth.

"Guys prefer not to make a big deal of it before the games because it could set you up for a downfall," Leiter said. "But these games are exciting and they are important."

Cubs fans came to Comiskey to see their veteran team get even for a three-game White Sox sweep last month at Wrigley Field, one that sent the Cubs into a tailspin from which they have never recovered. The game drew 44,153, the third-largest for a regular-season game in new Comiskey Park.

"We're not trying to get anybody's number," White Sox manager Jerry Manuel said. "It was just important that we played well in front of this type of crowd."

In other games it was Boston 5, Atlanta 4; Cincinnati 3, Cleveland 2; Florida 11, Tampa Bay 4; Philadelphia 4, Baltimore 2; Montreal 4, Toronto 3; Milwaukee 4, Detroit 1; Anaheim 9, Colorado 6; Houston 6, Kansas City 5; Minnesota 5, Pittsburgh 4; Texas 7, San Diego 2; Los Angeles 5, Seattle 0; and Oakland 5, Arizona 2.

In the only NL game, San Francisco beat St. Louis 5-4 in 11 innings. At Shea Stadium, the Yankees tied the game at 2 in the sixth against Leiter (8-6), who also beat Clemens on June 6.

But Edgardo Alfonzo opened the bottom half with a single. John Olerud walked and Piazza homered off Clemens (8-3). Piazza was rewarded with a standing ovation from the crowd of 53,820, just the third sellout at Shea Stadium this year.

"I look at us as one of the better teams in baseball the last few years," Matt Franco said. "But when we play the good teams like Atlanta and the Yankees we don't seem to play that way. We need to show the good teams we can beat them. And we need to show ourselves that too."

White Sox 3, Cubs 2

Bobby Howry (2-1) pitched the ninth for the win, and Terry Adams (2-2) lost. Cubs starter Kevin Tapani bruised his right thumb fielding a hard grounder and reliever Matt Karchner left because of a strained groin.

Red Sox 5, Braves 4

Damon Buford, Mike Stanley and Wilton Veras hit solo homers at Turner Field, and Bret Saberhagen (6-2) pitched 6 2-3 innings to win his fourth straight start. Tim Wakefield pitched two innings for his 10th save, striking out Chipper Jones to end the game with runners on second and third.

Bruce Chen (0-1) started in place of Odalis Perez, who had a fever when he arrived at the ballpark.

Reds 3, Indians 2

Eddie Taubensee singled home two runs in the sixth inning, and Steve Avery (6-7) and three relievers held Cleveland to four hits. Stan Belinda, Dennys Reyes and All-Star rookie Scott Williamson com-

bined for hitless relief at Jacobs Field. Dave Burba (7-5) allowed three runs and five hits in seven innings.

Marlins 11, Devil Rays 4

Livan Hernandez (5-8) homered off Ryan Rupe (4-4) to key a five-run fifth at Miami, and the Marlins, just 31-55 overall, improved to 7-3 in interleague games. Before the game, Florida traded closer Matt Mantei to Arizona for reliever Vladimir Nunez, pitching prospect Brad Penny and a player to be named.

Phillies 4, Orioles 2

Curt Schilling (13-4) won his fifth straight start and scattered eight hits, tying Randy Johnson for the NL lead with his seventh complete game. He also tied St. Louis' Kent Bottenfield for the NL lead in wins. Juan Guzman (4-7) issued a season-high seven walks in six innings at Philadelphia.

Expos 4, Blue Jays 3

Vladimir Guerrero hit a game-winning triple off Graeme Lloyd (5-3) in the ninth as Montreal improved to 7-3 in interleague play. Ugueth Urbina (5-4) got the win for the Expos, who drew 10,091, just the 10th time in 45 home games they topped 10,000.

Brewers 4, Tigers 1

Jerome Burnitz homered over the right-field roof at Tiger Stadium off Nelson Cruz (2-3) and Steve Woodard (10-5) won his sixth straight decision. Burnitz's 25th homer was the 36th ball hit completely out of the ballpark.

Angels 9, Rockies 6

Garret Anderson homered and drove in three runs, and Troy Glaus had a pair of solo homers at Coors Field. Chuck Finley (5-9) won for the first time in seven starts since June 2. Darryl Kile (5-7) allowed seven runs in four innings.

Astros 6, Royals 5

Chris Holt threw only one pitch to record the first save of his pro career, getting Mike Sweeney to ground into a game-ending double play with the bases loaded at Kauffman Stadium.

Joe Randa went 5-for-5. Bill Spiers hit a tiebreaking double off Jeff Montgomery (1-4) in the ninth. Jose Cabrera (1-0) got his first major league victory.

Twins 5, Pirates 4

Brad Radke (6-7) won for the first time since June 8, and Torii Hunter and Todd Walker homered off Jose Silva (2-7) at the Metrodome.

Rangers 7, Padres 2

Ivan Rodriguez, Ruben Mateo and Royce Clayton homered off Woody Williams (4-7). Aaron Sele (8-6) took a shutout into the seventh before two-out RBI singles by Quilvio Veras and Reggie Sanders.

Dodgers 5, Mariners 0

At Dodger Stadium, Mark Grudzielanek homered off Freddy Garcia (9-5) and had a career-high four RBIs. Ismael Valdes (7-7) allowed seven hits in seven innings.

Athletics 5, Diamondbacks 2

Ben Grieve and Matt Stairs homered off Andy Benes (5-9) during a four-run fifth at Phoenix. Gil Heredia (5-5) allowed two runs and eight hits in six innings.

Field follows Dougherty for second straight day

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Dave Eichelberger plans to fire at the pins and hope it's enough to catch Ed Dougherty.

They'll be in the final pairing today at the Senior Open. Eichelberger and everyone else will try to reel in Dougherty, who holds a three-stroke lead after the first two rounds at 7-under-par 137.

"If he finishes 14-under for the tournament, that is going to be really tough," said Eichelberger, who is at 140 after shooting a 69 with only one bogey in Friday's second round.

"I'm just going to keep grinding along, playing the same thing I have been playing and hope for the best," Eichelberger said.

Dougherty led by two strokes after Thursday's first round and stretched it with three birdies on the back nine Friday.

"I have led tournaments the first, second and third round," Dougherty said.

"I ended up finally winning one, but I don't think I have ever led four days."

Leonard Thompson, Gil Morgan and Bob Duval were

tied for third at 141. Thompson and Duval shot 68s, matching Jim Colbert for the best rounds of the day, while Morgan had a 71.

"You take what the golf course gives you," said Duval, whose son, David, is the leading money winner on the PGA Tour. "I mean, even though 7-under is leading, I think par is still a good score come Sunday afternoon."

Elsewhere, an insurance agent from Texas hit a hole-in-one and Arnold Palmer publicly pondered his golfing future, missing the cut at the Senior Open for the first time since 1991.

Palmer, 69, started with a double-bogey at the par-4 first hole and shot an 84 after Thursday's 81.

The 84 included a two-stroke penalty for an improper putting stance and gave him his worst score in the Senior Open.

"This is terrible, the last two days," Palmer said. "I don't know that I will play much more competition like this. I may play a few tournaments, a Masters or something like that. But unless I start hitting it a lot better in Latrobe, I am not going to take it anywhere else."

Astros pitcher making his mark in majors

MONROE, La. (AP) — Ten years in professional baseball hasn't changed north Louisiana native Shane Reynolds, his teammates say.

Catcher Tony Eusebio, who goes all the way back to Double-A baseball with the unassuming right-hander, says money and success — he won a career high 19 games in 1998 — haven't changed Reynolds who pitches for the Houston Astros.

"I've known Shane since 1990 and he's the same guy," Eusebio says.

Astros strength and conditioning coach Gene Coleman says the Bastrop, La., native who attend-

ed Ouachita Christian has a zeal for fitness similar to that of all-star fastball pitcher Nolan Ryan. Reynolds does 1,000 situps a day and lifts weights three times a week, like Ryan did during his career.

Reynolds also includes rituals to his conditioning before games he is to start.

Whether it's stretching exercises or eating habits, Reynolds keeps the rituals up.

"I think Shane goes out and eats Burger King before every time he pitches," Coleman says. "He got off it about a year ago and he went back to it last year."

Not everyone, no matter the

profession, is as motivated as Reynolds though. The fact that he signed a three-year, \$21.5 million contract extension with the Astros last December has only

pushed him to toil harder.

Through dedication, Reynolds has turned himself into one of the most dependable starting pitchers in the game today.

Ted Williams and Jimmy Fund namesake meet

By HOWARD ULMAN
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — "How are you doing, Jimmy baby?" a smiling Ted Williams bellowed.

The baseball great finally met the man who 51 years ago inspired one of the largest cancer funds in the world.

"Jimmy" was a name used to protect the anonymity of Einar Gustafson, then a 12-year-old cancer patient in Boston. The Jimmy Fund began after he sang "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" on national radio from his hospital bed.

The mystery of Jimmy's identity was cleared up last year after his sister sent a letter with her annual donation to the Jimmy Fund, a Boston Red Sox charity.

Now, Gustafson is a 63-year-old truck driver from New Sweden, Maine. On Friday, he couldn't wait to meet the former Red Sox great.

"Who wouldn't want to see Ted," said Gustafson, who admitted he was a Boston Braves fan until they left town in 1953.

A few minutes later, Gustafson finally saw him as Williams, a supporter of the fund who frequently visited cancer patients, walked into the room.

"After all these years," Gustafson said as they chatted for about five minutes while minicams rolled, cameras clicked and young patients waited to meet Williams.

Gustafson was one of the earliest patients to be treated with chemotherapy.

Today, money raised by the Jimmy Fund for research has improved youngsters' chances of survival.

Youngsters like those Williams met Friday at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, a mile from Fenway Park.

"This is Sheila, Ted," said Mike Andrews, Jimmy Fund chairman and former Red Sox infielder as he introduced a girl wearing a blue mask over her mouth and sunglasses.

"How are you, sweet thing," Williams said. "I thought you were coming in here trying to disguise yourself."

One by one, youngsters walked up to Williams for a handshake, a smile and an encouraging word from the Hall of Famer who will throw out the ceremonial first pitch at Tuesday night's All-Star game at Fenway.

Williams, who turns 81 Aug. 30, has problems with his sight and sometimes walks unsteadily. But on Friday, he was in a lively mood.

On the wall behind him and Gustafson was a hand-printed sign in blue, orange, brown, pink and purple letters that said, "Welcome Ted!" and signed, "Love; The Jimmy Fund Clinic."

Andrews seemed to put special emphasis on another youngster Williams greeted.

"Ted, this is Ted," Andrews said, introducing a boy who had a shirt with Red Sox ace Pedro Martinez's last name and number on the back.

At that, Williams seemed to perk up even more.

"Look at him. Big, good-looking guy," said Williams, wearing a red baseball cap and blue polo shirt.

Several times, he turned his attention back to Gustafson as they talked about Maine, where Williams used to fish.

"Do you know the big warden up there, fish warden?" he asked. "His first or last name is Stanley. What a guy."

That's how Gustafson feels about Williams.

"He was a super-duper player," Gustafson said. "Then, when he got off the field, he was a super-duper player for the Jimmy Fund."

Williams tried to play down his role despite the many unpublicized visits he made to patients. But Dr. David Nathan, president of Dana-Farber, wouldn't go along.

"He's the greatest guy for watching the ball in the history of sport," Nathan said. "All he's ever asked us to do here is keep our eye on the ball and the ball is children with cancer and get rid of it."

"And, you know, Ted, we're doing that."

The Jimmy Fund has played a big role in research into cancer treatment for youngsters.

Gustafson said that when he was treated for what is now called non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, the survival rate was about 5 percent and now it's about 85 percent.

Williams, meanwhile, had one question for Ted, the patient who bears his name.

"You're going to be here how long?" Williams asked. "You don't know yet?"

"Well, I'll bet you're not here too long. It's sure nice to see you."

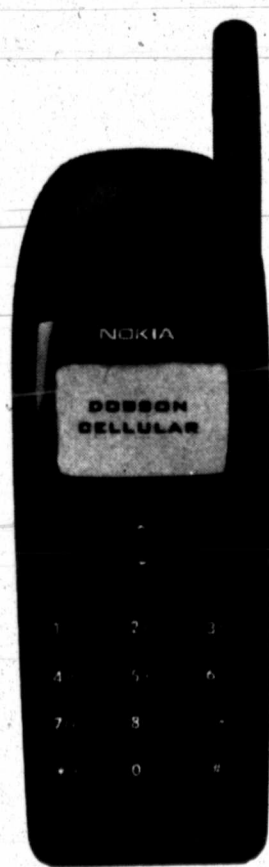
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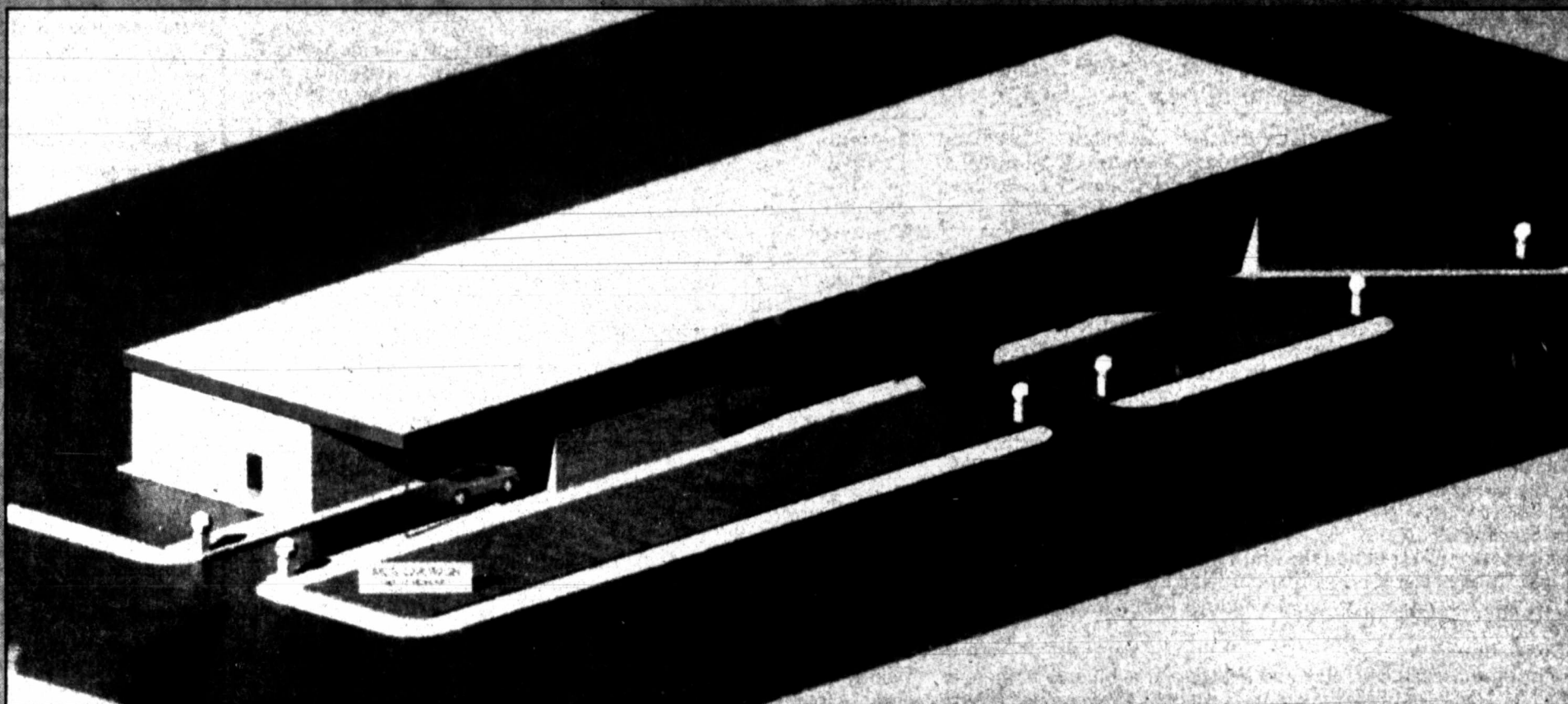
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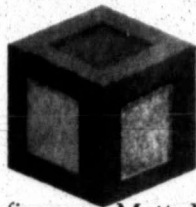
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LIFESTYLE



Kody Maddox, Angela Carlton, Caylee Steward and Colton Adams show off the certificates they received for outstanding attendance.



Pampa firemen Matt Miller, Jessie Hanes and Blake Junell enjoy a light moment with the tots-n-training clown, Janet Sander. The firemen help parents and children learn about safety practices each year at the Tots-n-Training fair.



Alexandria Martinez, daughter of Ben and Nora Lisa Martinez, enjoys a restful moment with Mary Hartley, a Tots-n-Training volunteer.



Christopher Duree and Julia Soto snuggle up to "Sparky" the firemen's friendly pup during the recent annual Tots-n-Training Fair.

Dusty Davis, Caleb Dunham, Jacob Bowers, Cordell Woodward, Diane Adams and Julia Soto are proud of the certificates they received at the recent Tots-n-Training Fair.



Muranda Thorp enjoys planting a tomato seed, a project sponsored by WIC at the Tots-n-Training Fair.

Tots-N-Training

By
NANCY
YOUNG
Managing
Editor

Tots-n-Training is an innovative program in the Pampa Independent School District which is preparing local preschoolers to learn before they even get to kindergarten. Education seems to begin as soon as a baby is born, and the learning early is necessary for children to succeed in school.

"Every parent is a child's first teacher and their impact during these first five years is critical," said Sue Thornton, program director. "By the year 2000, all children in America will start to school ready to learn." Experts believe children have developed most of their language skills by three years of age and nearly all of their intelligence by the age of five.

The local program is designed to help each child achieve their full potential in school subjects and life. The children who are three, four or five who have not yet entered kindergarten are targeted for participation in the program. It is funded by Title 1.

The young students do not attend school on a daily basis. The program

is designed to help parents to provide a positive learning environment for the children at an early age.

One of the prime objectives of the program is to provide services to the parents that will support them as they get their children ready for the formal instruction of the school environment. Tots-n-Training began in the fall of 1993.

Participation includes being met weekly at a "distribution site" in the neighborhood of a Title 1 school. An employee is available at a specified time for parents to pick up materials and communicate progress or ask questions. The school representative also maintains contact with the families who participate through calls or notes as necessary.

Each Wednesday local representatives of the program are in businesses distributing materials explaining the program and how it works to parents of prospective students.

A newsletter is given to parents to provide guidance to them in the use of the materials (scissors, discipline techniques, nutrition information, and safety data) are included in the

newsletter. Each week a book is given to the children for them to keep which will allow the children to build a library of books at their home.

Children and their parents participate in a reading contract on a monthly basis. Any child who reads at least four days a week and returns the calendar at the end of the month is able to draw from a "treasure chest".

Parents are empowered in their role as teachers as they use the materials distributed. Completely funded by Title 1 the program has been in the PISD for seven years.

Surveys and interviews are used to evaluate the growth of the student and the parent response to the program.

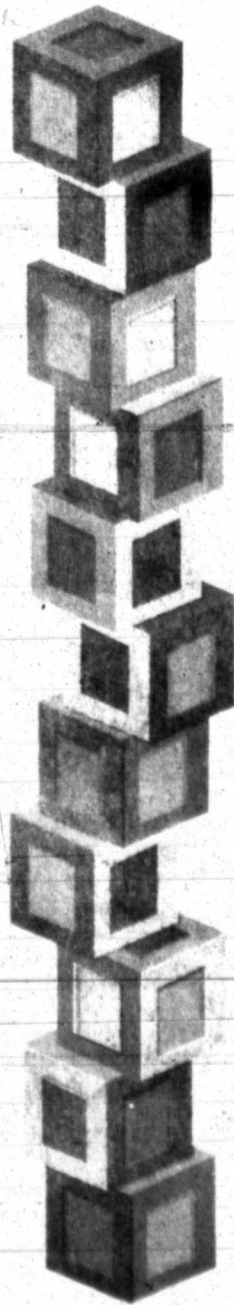
The TNT program is founded on the premise that reading aloud to preschool children will help children to achieve high standards in school. Research proves that reading aloud to children enriches language and develops vocabulary, stimulates the imagination, introduces and passes on literature of previous generations, provides new experiences, helps children to develop an appreciation

of literature, and offers unlimited enjoyment which will encourage children to become lifelong readers. A bonding between parent and child will naturally occur as the parent reads aloud to the child.

The newsletter provided to the participants includes age appropriate activities that will help parents know what to look for and expect as the child grows and develops. It also provided guidance in fostering the child's language, cognitive, social and motor skill development. This timely information will increase parental involvement in developing the prerequisite skills the child needs to be ready for school.

Finally, the parents build an early positive relationship with the public school as they meet and interact with friendly, caring distributors. These positive attitudes toward the school will result in open communication and better parent participation as the child enters public school.

Children ages 3, 4, and 5 (who have not entered kindergarten) who live in the Wilson and Lamar attendance areas are eligible to participate in the Tots-n-Training Program.



Menus

July 12-16

Pampa Schools

MONDAY

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
Lunch: Turkey French Fryz, whipped potatoes, English peas, pears, hot rolls.

TUESDAY

Breakfast: Pancakes, syrup.
Lunch: Tamales, pinto beans, Spanish rice, peaches.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast.
Lunch: Chef salad, fresh fruit, hot rolls.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, sausage patty.
Lunch: Sliced roast beef, whipped potatoes, blackeyed peas, fresh fruit, hot rolls.

FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast.
Lunch: Hot dogs, French fries, Ranch-style beans, applesauce.

Meals on Wheels

MONDAY

Salmon loaf, macaroni and cheese, Harvard beets, pears.

TUESDAY

Chopped sirloin, rice pilaf, green beans, plum cobbler.

WEDNESDAY

Stew, cornbread, pineapple.

THURSDAY

Chicken patties, peas and carrots, squash casserole, pudding.

FRIDAY

Pork roast, cream corn, baked apples, graham crackers.

Senior Citizens

MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, northern beans, German chocolate cake or blueberry pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Meatloaf or chili rellenos with cheese sauce, onion potatoes, cabbage, hominy, pinto beans, lemon-cake or chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, jalapeno cornbread, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrots, butter beans, creamy swirl chocolate cake or cherry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or ham salad, sour cream potatoes, English peas, squash, beans, cherry vanilla cake or banana pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Fried cod fish or lasagna, potato wedges, broccoli, broccoli florettes, beans, brownies or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.



Tiffany Schelin and Edward Thomas Dold, Jr.

4-H Futures & Features

Dates

12-16 - Extension Agents and Staff Conference

16 - Recordbooks due in Extension office

17 - Horse Project meet behind Alco, 9:30 a.m. (for Rodeo Parade)

19 - Horse Project, 6:30 p.m., arena, Pampa

20 - Bread Project, 2 p.m., annex ("Cheddar Cheese Bread")

Recordbooks

The final plans should be underway for recordbooks to be

turned in by 5 p.m. July 16. District recordbook judging is July 20 in Amarillo. Any leaders interested in judging at district are welcome and should let us know. It is a great way to learn new ideas. Remember, in order to be eligible for Rookie of the Year, Gold Star or I Dare You, you must do a recordbook. If you have any questions, call the annex.

Breads Project

The summer 4-H breads workshop will be held again this year

in July. All project meetings will be held at 2 p.m. at the Gray Co. Annex. There will be a cost of \$1.50/person and anyone interested in attending should call the office by 12 noon the day before each workshop. The topics include: July 20, "Cheddar Cheese Bread"; July 22, "Praline Pecan Loaf"; and July 27, "Quick Breads."

Horse Project

The Horse Project is riding each Monday night at 6:30 at the arena with the exception of

Monday, July 12. Horse Project members should meet behind Alco's no later than 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 17. If you are interested in riding in the parade, contact Sharon Price at 669-7125 for more information.

Nutrition Quiz Bowl

A new 4-H project competition is going to be held this year and it is a state qualifying contest! A Nutrition Quiz Bowl is being introduced in District I and the winners will qualify for state. The Nutrition Quiz Bowl is a quiz match between two teams made up of four people. Participants will answer questions by buzzing in and the team with the most points wins. For anyone who is interested, we will have an orientation meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 29 at the annex.

Miss Texas Teen Pageant in offing

GRAPEVINE — Miss Teen All American Pageant officials have announced the Miss Texas Teen All American Pageant will be staged Nov. 13 and 14 at the Dallas-Fort Worth Lakes Hilton in Grapevine. The state pageant is a preliminary to the Miss Teen All American Pageant, now in its 22nd year.

Contestants will be judged on poise and personality in three categories: Evening Gown, Swimsuit and Personal Interview. There is no talent competition and no experience is necessary. Entrants must be residents of the state between the ages of 13 and 19 as of Aug. 1, 2000, and are required to have never been married. College dorm students are eligible.

To apply, send a recent photo along with name, address, telephone number, date of birth and a short biography by fax or mail to: Dept. A - Miss Texas Teen All American; 603 Schrader Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003-9619; fax, (304) 242-8341.

Books: A rich diet of food for thought



Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Batman

Batman anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Batman will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, July 17, in Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan.

Melvin Lee Batman and Ellen Jeanne Sturgill were married July 20, 1974, at Zion Lutheran Church. The couple have been Pampa residents for the past 25 years.

Mr. Batman has worked for Allsup's for 9 1/2 years.

Mrs. Batman has worked at Pampa Regional Medical Center for seven years.

Children of the couple are Christopher Batman of Pampa.

Pampa quilter to conduct workshop

BORGER — "Three Dimensional Flowers" presentation will be given by Jean McCarley at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 18 at Hutchinson County Museum in Borger.

In McCarley's book, "Fresh Flowers," she shows three dimensional applique techniques in creating different flowers. The flowers are stuffed and secured to a background but are loose.

McCarley grew up in the mountains of east Tennessee. She began quilting as a young girl out of necessity and learned the art very well. She has been a resident of Pampa since 1960 and has taught quilting for the past 20 years all over the Panhandle and in Oklahoma, New Mexico and Kansas.

McCarley considers herself blessed to be able share this opportunity with so many people.

Newsmakers

BOSSIER CITY, La. — Air Force Airman Shannon J. Reed, 1998 Pampa High School graduate and son of Jimmy and Dinah Reed of Pampa, recently reported for duty at Barksdale Air Force Base at Bossier City where he is an aircraft communications-navigation specialist assigned to the 20th Bomb Squadron.



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Get next year's garden bulbs early; it's always better to plan ahead ...

By GEORGE BRIA

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — Just as spring bulbs are at their flowering zenith, catalogs rain down on us offering next year's bulbs. Talk about déjà vu.

There's method in the madness.

For what better time to decide what you need in bulbs than when your current efforts are so recently on display? The daffodils you thought would carpet an area turned out thinly spaced. You'll need many more bulbs to create the desired effect.

And do you want a uniform effect, a change of variety, some of both? The catalogs dazzle you with varieties.

Besides, bulbs don't just mean crocuses, daffodils and tulips, the showiest of springtime. Their appearance is preceded by snowdrops in late winter. And there are other small bulbs with lovely colors, like chionodoxas. The summer brings lilies and gladioli while autumn is the season for colchicums.

Various catalogs offer attractive incentives for early orders. There are sales ending in August. There are order-now pay-later arrangements. There are bonuses for orders exceeding a certain price.

If you're new to gardening and not quite sure what bulbs are, they're plants that store food in swollen, bulb-like stems underground. Daffodils, tulips and lilies form what are called true bulbs, while crocuses and colchicums have somewhat similar structures called corms. Also tender bulbs can't take the cold and have to be dug and stored over winter while the hardy ones need the cold underground in which to hibernate.

The American Daffodil Society offers tips on purchasing bulbs that are applicable to all bulbs, not just daffodils:

— Order early. This generally gets you the pick of the crop and also exactly what you want, without surprising substitutions.

— Check the guarantee. Will you get a refund in case of problems? Are the bulbs guaranteed true to name?

— Compare prices. Cheap bulbs could mean poor quality.

— Discuss merchants with other gardeners to compare experiences.

— Visit a flower show to scout varieties.

If you're shopping for bulbs in a nursery, rather than by catalog,

you should check the offerings for firmness and weight. In the case of daffodils, tulips and lilies, look to see that the layers or scales are joined firmly. They shouldn't feel loose when you press them in your hand. The flesh of corms should be fairly hard.

In general, bulbs of inferior quality tend to be lighter in weight than the good ones.

A general rule for planting bulbs is to bury them three times as deep as the tallness of the bulb. But conditions aren't always that accommodating. The ground where you want to place a stand of daffodils may be tough and you can't go that deep. But I've found that nature isn't as demanding as the rule-makers and bulbs will often succeed even when shallowly planted.

To get a mass effect speedily with a daffodil bed, dig large holes and put six or more bulbs in each hole. Spacing them thinly, one bulb per hole six inches apart, means you'll have to wait a few years to get the mature effect produced by the bulbs spreading, if indeed you ever get it satisfactorily.

As much as bulbs in flower appeal to our eyes, bulbs underground appeal to the appetites of burrowing varmints. Particularly susceptible are tulips and lilies.

For protection, you can try making wire mesh holders for them.

In my part of the country, deer have been particularly destructive to tulips and lilies. But with steadfastness and determination you can protect your beds without taking the ultimate step of highly expensive fencing.

Spraying the foliage with a product called Deer-Off and at the same time spreading another product called Milorganite at soil level has worked on my beds. But it has to be done periodically, and unfailingly after a rainfall.

Daffodils are particularly beautiful blooming in masses on a large lawn, but if you want to keep that effect from year to year you have to sacrifice the looks of the lawn for a while after the blooming season.

Don't mow the area until the daffodil foliage turns yellow. That shows that the plant has replenished its food supplies and will be ready to give you that great show again next spring.

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Kristi Lowrimore and Gabriel Jaramillo

Lowrimore-Jaramillo

Kristi Lowrimore and Gabriel Jaramillo, both of Amarillo, were wed June 26 at Garden of Country Home Bed and Breakfast in Canyon with John Glover, of First Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating.

The bridesmaids were Amanda Rinker of Lubbock and Christa Ballew of Albuquerque, N.M.

The best man was Brandon Osborn of Amarillo. The groomsmen were Josh Jones of Amarillo.

The ushers were Lucas Jaramillo, brother of the groom of Amarillo, and Chris Sanchez of Albuquerque.

A reception was held following the service in the gazebo and garden of the bed and breakfast with Marilyn Blair of Boise, Idaho, and Karen Hill of Clayton, N.M., serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Tom and Karla Lowrimore of Clayton. She graduated from Clayton High School in 1997 and attended West Texas A&M University and Amarillo College. She plans to enroll in Dental Hygiene School at AC in the fall. She is currently employed in the offices of Dr. Robin Moir and Dr. Murali Veeramachaneni in Amarillo.

The groom is the son of Guillermo and Doris Jaramillo of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1996 and is currently a senior at West Texas A&M University. He is presently employed by Amarillo National Bank.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Arlington and New Braunfels and intend to make their home in Amarillo.

Community Calendar

FREEDOM MUSEUM USA, 600 North Hobart, Open Tuesday-Saturday, Noon to 4 p.m. Revolutionary War to Bosnia. All branches of service are represented. **AL-ANON** will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-3988.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-7501.

CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-7501.

VFW POST #1657, 105 S. Cuyler. Charity Bingo every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. No one under 18 allowed. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9. For more information contact Edgar D. Carson, 669-0853 or 669-1264.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE CHARITY BINGO every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 E. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-751616469-0.

THE ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP will have regularly scheduled meetings the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, Inc. For more information contact Chrys Smith at 665-0356.

OUTREACH HEALTH SERVICES/WIC Program nutrition education classes. Open to the public. For more information call 665-1182.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS meet the 4th Saturday of each month at the Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Pot luck supper. For more information contact Kevin Romines, 665-8547 or Jim Greene, 665-8067.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS will meet the second Tuesday of each

month at the Family Life Center at First Christian Church at 18th and Nelson from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be a light meal and then play cards and get acquainted. Under aged school children can be taken to the First Christian Church Mother's Day out by calling 665-8689. For more information please call 665-1188.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER in-house support group for victims of family violence. Meetings on Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. and one on Thursdays 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. For more information call 669-1131. All calls are kept confidential.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM will present an exhibit June 1-Sept. 1 on the Red River War to commemorate the war's 125th anniversary. The museum is open to the public from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, 112-116 S. Cuyler. For more information, call 669-8041.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL will meet the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 North Russell. For more information call Sharon King, 665-2818.

THE LAS PAMPAS KOI AND WATERGARDEN SOCIETY cordially invites anyone interested in the hobby of waterglass or ponds to join us on the second Monday of every month. For more information call Sharon Andrews, 665-6138.

PANHANDLE COMMUNITY SERVICE would like to help you "Own Your Own Home". For more information call Claire Ann Edwards 665-0081 or Linda C. Daniels 669-2799 pr 662-5756.

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL office will be open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. For more information call 665-2331.

JULY 11, 18, 25 - NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS will meet at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room in Columbia Medical Center Office Building. For more information, call 669-7546.

15-17 - TOP O' TEXAS RODEO QUEEN PAGEANT to be held all week. For more information, call the Rodeo office, 669-0434. **11-13 - TOP O' TEXAS RODEO ASSOCIATION Kid Pony Show** will be held at 7:30 p.m. nightly at the Rodeo Arena at Recreation Park. For more information, call 669-0434.

15 - PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION Board Meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. in the Nona S. Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. For more information, contact Lee Crow, 665-0343.

15, 16, 17 - TOP O' TEXAS PRCA RODEO will be at 7:30 p.m. nightly at the Rodeo Arena at Recreation

Park. For more information, call 669-0434.

15 - GRAY COUNTY TAFCE CLUB Evening Stars regular meeting will be at 7 p.m. For more information, call Pam Lash, 669-1868.

16 - LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 111 N. Houston, Top of Texas Rodeo Clowns will clown around with children attending Summer Children's Program from 2-3 p.m. For children in second grade or older. For more information, call 669-5780.

19 - PAMPA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION meeting at 2 p.m. at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. For more information, contact Carolyn Smith, 665-5158.

20 - THE GREATER PAMPA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE monthly luncheon in the M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. John Horst with the City of Pampa will be the keynote speaker. Williams Energy will sponsor and Pizza Hut will cater. For reservations, call on or before 9 a.m. on the 20th, 669-3241.

21-22 - LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 111 N. Houston, will host a beginning acting workshop by ACT I from 2-4 p.m. on one or both days. For children in second grade or older. The program is free and does not require registration. For more information, call 669-5780.

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7. Information that appears on engagement, wedding and anniversary forms will be used at the discretion of the editor. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

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- ☛ The Return of Christ - Will it Happen?

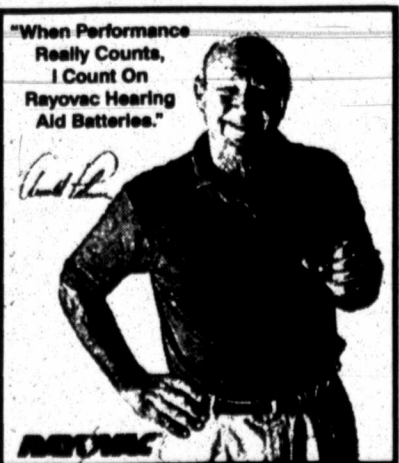
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Letters to the editor

Foundation seeking help, volunteers

To the editor,
I had a very interesting conversation the other day. A very dear friend of mine is very sick and her doctors want to send her to another hospital. She has been ill for a very long time and is tired. She's tired of being tired, she's tired of being sick, but most of all she's tired of fighting. She's a 36-year-old mother of one. She had given up hope and was ready to die, so I said to her, "If it were your daughter you would have taken her to the other hospital a long time ago." She responded "You know it!" My next question was, "Why won't you save your own life for her? Don't you know she wants you to be there when she gets married? Remember how you felt the first time your mother saw her? Do you want to take that feeling away from your daughter?"

The other day someone asked me why I was so involved in the Lupus Foundation. "Why do you have so much drive?" It's not because I'm sick, it's not because I'm struggling to keep going, it's not for prestige. It's because my 7-year-old daughter is struggling. She's the one with lupus. I watch her struggle as she walks outside to sit down. It is very important to her that she can say, "I went outside today." I've watched her doctors cry because her hands were so swollen she couldn't straighten her fingers, or because she had sores in her mouth so bad she couldn't swallow her own saliva. I've stayed up with her many nights, trying everything in my power to ease her pain.

I hear stories about people suffering for years because "the doctors wouldn't listen." I'm not convinced that they just would not listen. I believe a lot of them didn't know. I've spoken with several physicians who say, "I don't know what to look for. I don't know what labs to draw. When do I refer to a specialist?" Lupus is a great imitator. One specialist once told me that doctors hate more than anything to diagnosis lupus because it is such a horrible disease. Yet, I find many people who have no idea what lupus is.

My goal is to educate as many healthcare professionals, patients, family and friends as possible. I am planning a rheumatology medical conference in April 2000. I'm working with three physicians, a nurse educator and the continuing education director to bring national speakers to Lubbock to educate the healthcare professionals in West Texas from El Paso to Dallas and all of New Mexico. If one person is diagnosed and treated quicker, then I

will know it was well worth my time. To have this medical conference I must raise \$15,000. I have several activities planned, but not enough volunteers and money.

I am making a plea to all of the people afflicted with this horrible disease called lupus. If you are physically able and can spare an hour, or two, or more, or have a couple of extra dollars you can spare, please call me at the lupus office. If you can't/won't do it for yourself, do it for all those people around you. Those people who die a little inside every time they see you struggle to walk, watch you sleep all day, and/or are there for you when you have to go to another doctors appointment or have more blood drawn. Help me to help the physicians, scientists and nurses who treat you, so that they may find a cure, so you can feel better, walk without pain and be there to watch your children grow or maybe just sit and drink coffee with a friend.

I also make a plea to all of the family members and friends. You guys are the ones with the energy! I don't have to tell you how it feels when your loved one is sick. I know how it feels when a lovely child looks up at you with tears streaming down her face and says, "Mom, if I could just die I wouldn't have to hurt anymore. Jesus would take real good care of me" or when she says, "Mom, will you help me? Will you help find a cure?" Sometimes I feel like I'm fighting this battle alone, but I know I'm NOT! Your loved one has no idea how much you hurt inside, they don't know how hard it is to be strong when you're watching them slowly and painfully fade away. They don't know that you'd give your last breath if you could take their place. I'm asking YOU, if you have an hour or two, or more or a couple of dollars you can spare, call me. Help me to help those that you love. Let's relieve their suffering and help them get back to living.

Suzie Bjork
Slaton

Tragedy could strike again at playground

To the editor,
I am writing in response to Misty Alvey's letter. Mrs. Alvey, how dare you write such a hypocritical letter?

You write a letter harping on how I shouldn't blame the city or park for Ethan's death. You said "people do not have the privilege of blaming or judging one another, God is the only one who has the authority and right to judge." Yet two paragraphs before that statement you make the biggest judgmental sentence

I've heard yet. "It is not the city's fault that he was not being watched." How the heck do you know that? Were you there, did you see him, did you see my family there? You don't even know my family. Watch out for a lighting bolt, you might get hit. You also said "maybe if Ethan had been in the Tot Lot this tragedy may have been avoided."

You said Ethan's death was "an accident, it is just that simple." No, there is nothing simple about it. Ask my sister what it was like when the doctor told us if he coded again he would die. Ask Angela what it felt like holding his lifeless body in her arms. I know what it felt like, I was there. I was there when he took his last breath in her arms. I was there when my 4-year-old niece said, "my brother died." I hear my sister's screams and wails every time I close my eyes. I ache every day, but he's gone; he's not coming back. Why can't you as a parent see that I don't want any other family to go through this pain ever? Why a fence you ask? Why not? You said I'm not thinking clearly. See, I am thinking very clearly. I am not the only person and my family is not the only family that believes a fence is necessary. I'd be glad to make a copy of the hundreds of signatures on my petitions. I would gladly forward the phone calls of support for our quest. Oh, and the fund-raising. Yes, I do know what it entails and I am up to the task ... See my cause is about a life, a life that should still be here.

The Super Playground is the only park that has a clustered play area and in which you lose visibility. The Tot Lot is fenced, but there is no closing gate, the children can go in and out. If you had read all my letters or articles The Pampa News has printed, you'd know the reason Ethan wasn't in the Tot Lot was due to older, larger children playing tag in there making it unsafe.

The rest of our parks have open spaces allowing viewing children and seeing the creek easier. The possibility of a drowning in any creek is there but at the Super Playground the chances are higher because the lack of viewing and because of all the twists and turns in the design. I'm not against the park. I'm against the city. I'm against losing another child. Fencing in the playground would give it a more secured area with only one or two exits. As it is you could take one child with three adults and lose them in the maze of wood. I know because I have a friend who took her 3-year-old and her husband, herself and a friend watched closely and her daughter came out another way and was headed to the creek. She wanted to go to Highland Park to play. With a fence there, the child can't get out without someone seeing. Let's face it, your letter was because you feel insulted that I blame the city which your husband works for and a project you were involved with and you are among those critics that say Ethan was being neglected, he was allowed to run freely, it's the adults that were with him that should feel responsible.

Well, I pray to God nothing that horrible ever happened to you or someone you love. I

hope you can say you've never taken your eyes off your children for one second. They can be there when you go to the restroom or turn your head and they are gone unless you're super human. If so, then I'd like to shake your hand. Your letter has just made me want to fight harder to see that the Super Playground is safe. Only if it's so safe already, why did it even become an issue at the city commission and parks and recreation meetings? If it wasn't an issue, why didn't they just dismiss it as a tragic accident? Why? Because they know, you know, and I know obviously it's not safe or I'd be holding Ethan right now. If it happens again are you going to judge another family and say they were negligent, too? That is what you were implying.

Melodie Lane
Pampa

A 14-year-old is still a child

To the editor,
America's obsession with crime and punishment is rapidly getting out of hand. It doesn't end with the inundation of real-life police shows being broadcast daily. It doesn't end with the fact that the majority of TV news-magazine programs typically feature stories about crime. It doesn't end with fictionalized stories of crime and terrorism that grace book stores, movie theaters, and websites. America's obsession with crime and punishment now extends itself to the robbing of the innocence of her youth.

It seems that anytime a child fires a gun in a school, the prosecuting attorney rushes to make the announcement that the one who pulled the trigger will be prosecuted as an adult. The current bar appears to be set at 14. Now it is no doubt politically incorrect — in this era of rampant youth violence — to condemn such prosecutorial practices. Perhaps, therefore, the most appropriate way of addressing the situation is with a simple question: If a 14-year-old is fully capable of comprehending the emotional complexities surrounding an adult criminal trial, why is that same individual not able to comprehend something as simple as driving a car or drinking a beer or having sex or smoking a cigarette?

It must be considered nothing short of ludicrous that Americans can sit and watch a child on trial for his life but cannot conceive of two 15-year-olds having sex. Or that seeing children on trial for murder is more socially acceptable than seeing a 16-year-old buying a bottle of Jack Daniels. It is in no way being implied here that teen sex, or drinking should ever be considered anything but taboo. What must cease to exist, however, is the idea — brought about by the nation's almost religious obsession with crime and punishment — that the only thing people under 18 are capable of dealing with is a criminal trial in which they are the defendants.

Many today can recall a time when 18-year-olds could walk into liquor stores and purchase alcoholic beverages. At some point, it was decided that at 18, Americans — who were old enough to go to war — were too young to drink responsibly. And even as attempts are being made — in some states — to further raise the drinking age, many adults in this country seem perfectly content with the idea that, each year, the age at which a child can be prosecuted as an

adult goes down.

On May 16 and 18, millions of television viewers were enthralled by the portrayal of Joan of Arc — a portrayal brought about by a 16-year-old girl. And, while actress Leelee Sobieski seemed anything but a girl in her role as the almost mythical heroine, it is quite likely that, during any cast parties she attended, she was prohibited from indulging in alcoholic beverages. This, of course, is how it should be. After all, she is just a child, no matter how adult-like her acting may have seemed.

The same could no doubt be said of any 14-year-old the day before he committed some heinous crime. The day before, he played video games, did homework, and watched television. Nothing out of the ordinary in that. After all, he is just a child. And he is no less a child the day after — no matter how adult-like his actions may have seemed.

William Chaplar
Pampa

Grief isn't easy to overcome

To the editor,
This is in response to Misty Alvey's letter last Sunday, July 4.

First, I cannot believe that you have been concerned about Ms. Lane and her family. If you were indeed concerned of this family, then I would think you would have not attacked her in the manner you did. You told us all that "this has carried on long enough." Who are you to tell her when and how to stop grieving? You stated that you had no idea what this family was going through. If by some horrible accident should ever happen to you and you lose a child, I pray to God that someone won't tell you to more or less "get over it."

A safety fence at the Super Playground will protect small children while at play. And what are all the materials going downtown to build a "safety gazebo" really for? Oh, I know! The gazebo will be a place for the birds to poop on and for people to leave their trash in it. I have been so worried about all that. I will rest easy knowing the poop and the trash should stay safely inside the gazebo. Well, until the first rain comes along to "drown" them.

Then she goes on to say, "Too many people don't want to take blame for their own mistakes." This was, as she said in the next sentence, a simple accident. So, that might mean that whomever designed this playground might have made a simple accident in the design. Someone, not an inanimate object, made, in my opinion, a "simple accident." They forgot to add the fence that should be around it!

I, too, would like a safe place for my three grandchildren to go play. However, I value their lives too much to risk one of them at the Not So Super Playground. Anyone who knows me will attest to the fact that I watch my precious grandchildren probably a little too closely. And I can assure you, two eyes are not enough to watch three, or two, or even one. Like I have asked people to do before ... go down there. Sit down. Pick out one small child and then you watch that child. And you keep your eyes on that child. And then try to imagine yourself trying to also keep an eye on one other. Let me know how you score on this issue.

I am so relieved that Misty

said the playground was not finished. I'm looking forward to those safety trees and that safety walkway. And as for a name for the park, why not name it "Ethan's Park." But I do have one other suggestion much along the lines of Slick Willie's former surgeon general, Joycelyn Elders, when she told the entire nation that what we needed "were safer guns and safer bullets" ... why don't we, as a community, go down to the Playground and make a safer creek with safer banks and safer water?

Gynelle King
Pampa

Local eyesore needs mowing

To the editor,
During the month of June, I read in the paper about the clean up the city wants to enforce.

The right away for 60 highway east on the South Side from the bridge west is the biggest eyesore I know of.

I was told their easement is 18-feet from the curb. I have seen the brush mowers pass about every day and they haven't mowed this year. I keep it mowed on the north side or nobody could find my trailer park.

Les Hinds
Pampa

Don't go down one-way street

To the editor,
This article goes out to all you kids in the Scared Straight Program and you kids that keep getting in trouble at school and with the law and with your mother and father.

I am in prison in the Jordan Unit doing a 15-year sentence for three counts of aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon. I also confessed to 41 counts of aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon. For the exchange, they only charged me for three counts of robbery.

Hector and me actually did one robbery every night for nine months straight. I had a \$650 a day drug habit — \$500 a day for cocaine and \$160 a day for heroine.

So you kids need to pay close attention to me. I have been shot three times and stabbed two times. When Warden De La Rosa and his staff brings you kids here on the Jordan Unit, what they are trying to do is keep you kids from ending up in prison like me.

Have you ever gone down a one-way street the wrong way? If you did you saw signs that said wrong way, wrong way. Well, that is what you kids are doing out there by getting into trouble. You need to turn around and go with the traffic and stay out of trouble and do what your mother and father tell you to do. They tell you because they love you and they do not want you to end up in prison.

What I understand is Pampa has a very good Christian community out there and you kids need to get involved in a church. All these kids that are going to school and shooting each other, that is not the answer. That is real stupid!

You kids need to stop killing each other and stay out of trouble with the law and stay out of trouble period! Your mother and father do love you and God loves you.

God bless you.
Douglas Glenn Piedmont
Jordan Unit

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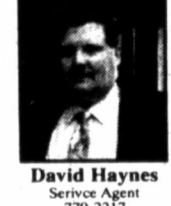


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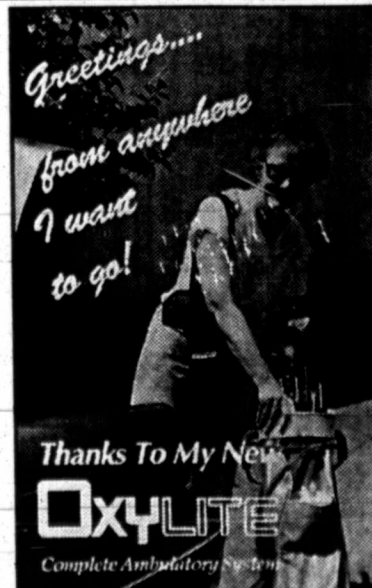
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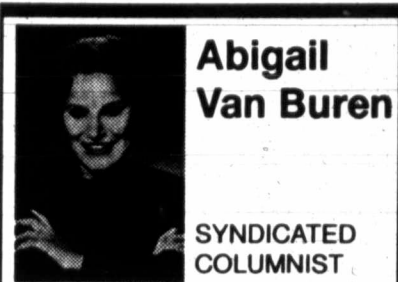
DEAR TEEN-AGERS — and if you who are reading this are beyond your teens, clip it and give it to a young person. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Yesterday, my family and I laid my father to rest. He was a mere 57 years old, but fell victim to lung and brain cancer because he was unable to overcome his addiction to cigarettes. Although not a heavy chain-smoker, he did smoke nearly every day for more than 40 years. It was not until a quadruple bypass in 1996 that my father quit smoking.

Unfortunately, by then the foundation had been laid for further complications. My father was diagnosed with lung cancer in 1998 and underwent successful, but complicated, lung surgery that July. He was steadily improving, even talking of returning to work, when it was revealed on Feb. 22, 1999, that the cancer had metastasized to his brain and left lung. Dad lived another 22 days.

I write this letter not from the perspective of a grieving son who will forever miss his father, but in response to an article I read in USA Today shortly after my father's funeral. The front-page article highlighted the increase in tobacco usage among college students across the country, with cigarette smoking at its highest for this age group in the last 20 years.

I address this letter to all those young men and women who will



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

face the same challenge my father faced in trying to quit. Cigarettes cost him his life. I know the trauma; I've seen the scars, both physical and emotional, that cigarettes left on my father and on my family. I spent nearly every day with my dad during the last 22 days of his life. I watched his strength, balance, mental capacity, mobility and communication skills diminish before my eyes.

I will forever cherish the time I spent with my father throughout my life, and will be forever indebted to him for all he gave to me. I can only hope that one day I will be the kind of father that he was. He told me, just 10 days before he was taken into God's hands, that his only regret was that he started smoking as a teen-ager. He knew it had cost him his life.

I hope you'll print this, Abby, and that I'm able to convince just one person to take the necessary steps to "kick the habit." I do not wish upon any person the pain and suffering I saw my father endure and succumb to as a result of the

cancer he developed from smoking.
SEAN W. KING,
PORTERVILLE, CALIF.

DEAR SEAN: Please accept my condolences for the loss of your father. I'm glad you wrote, because I'm sure your words of warning will make many people of all ages stop and think before lighting up. We all know that using tobacco in any form is hazardous to our health. It causes cancer of the mouth, tongue, throat, lung, pancreas and bladder, as well as heart disease and emphysema.

My male readers tell me that they started smoking as teen-agers to "prove" they were "a man." It's ironic that 30 years later they try to quit for the same reason! I hear from women that they smoke to control their weight. I recently attended the funeral of a lovely young woman who was a good friend. She lost weight, all right (by smoking) — but she also lost her life.

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care with communication. Confusion can happen in a friendship. A friend might become a lot more. Know what you want here. Tonight: Make travel plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** New beginnings are possible, but tread lightly with a boss. He could be smiling, yet causing trouble for you on another level. Keep your distance. Don't be lured in by anyone's charming manner right now. Take time with a partner. Discussions need to be clear. Tonight: One on one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Knock on doors. A fresh start is possible in a relationship. Know what you want. There's no need to mince words. Communicate clearly. A call might not come in; don't stand on ceremony. Reach out. Be willing to make that additional effort. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Keep smiling. Allow greater flexibility into your day-to-day life. Make resolutions; join a gym; start that diet. You know what makes you feel good. One-to-one relating allows you to ward off confusion. Another means well but could cause a lot of problems emotionally and financially. Tonight: Take the night off.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Creativity is high. You come up with new solutions. Be more in touch with your feelings. A new relationship could grow in the near future. Others seek you out; be sensitive to their needs. Despite another's intentions, misunderstandings are possible. Someone from your past charges in. Tonight: Be flexible.

Horoscope

MONDAY, JULY 12, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Keep your focus. Observe. Don't get caught up in today's snares. Interpersonal relationships need nurturing. If a misunderstanding occurs, work through it. New beginnings are possible on the homefront. Might you be considering a home office? Discussions produce a mutual decision. Tonight: Clear your desk at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Look to the long term and don't trigger. You might have a hard time maintaining your focus, especially with a loved one or child. Indulge and help another down a key path. Communication is tense. If single, the next few weeks could bring a blast from the past back into your life. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** The time has come to make a strong money decision. What has been acceptable until now may no longer be. Recognize your limits with a family/domestic matter and spending. Confusion surrounds your home. Make clear what you want. Meanwhile, make long-overdue financial decisions. Tonight: Budget your time!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Your current stellar energy flatters you, encouraging you to take the next step. You might not always be right, but right now your instincts are strong. Confirm meetings or a get-together. Another could easily misunderstand. Your gentle and loving manner brings only positive responses. Tonight: Make that resolution!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Use your instincts, dig into your resources and become less dependent upon others. Your perspective remains very different. Open up to a financial offer. Be extremely careful about making commitments right now. Projects could take longer to come to fruition than anticipated. Tonight: Take a night off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Knowing what you want gives you a sense of direction and leverage that many would like. Slow down and be extremely careful with details. Be positive and less reactive for the next few weeks. Information that comes forward will ultimately be important. Tonight: Where the gang is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Listen to your sixth sense with a boss who can be difficult. Confusion could surround your plans. Be aware of your limits. Discuss career goals. Confirm appointments. Guard your feelings carefully. Someone you meet could be emotionally unavailable. Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Discuss dreams and long-term desires. Explore the option of going back to school or taking a seminar. Your personality melts barriers. Use extreme

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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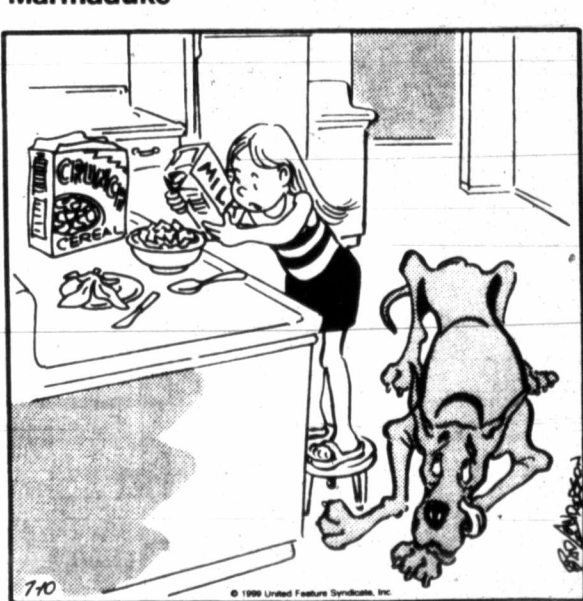
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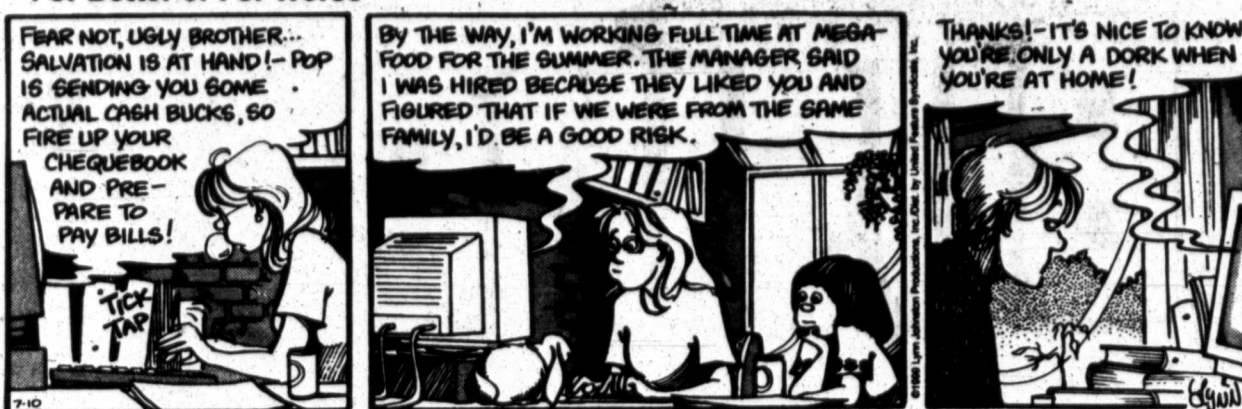
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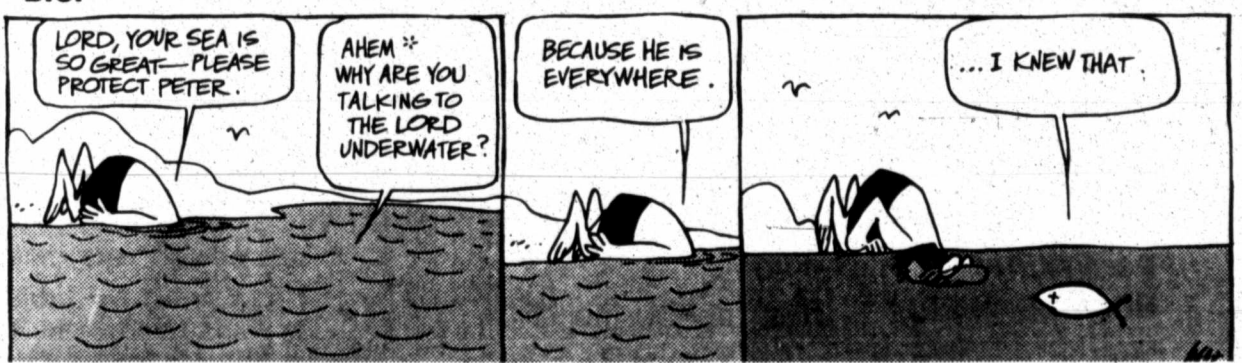
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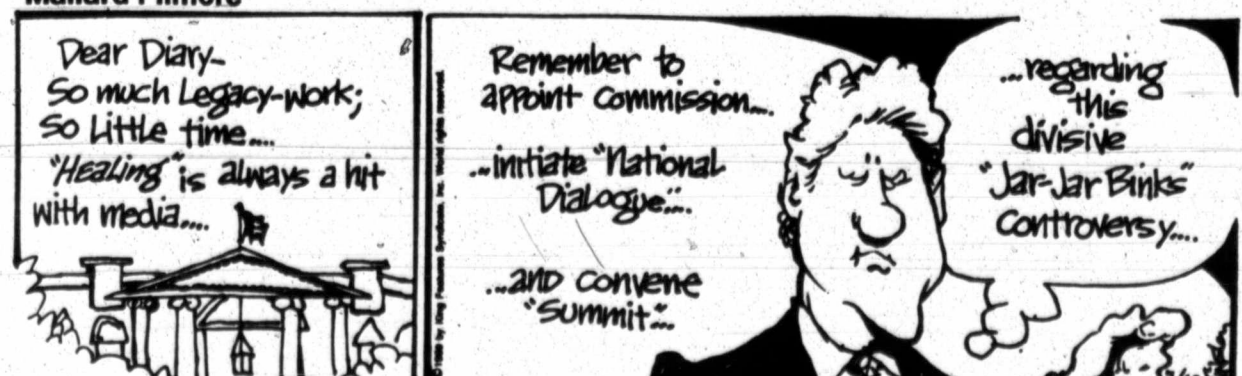
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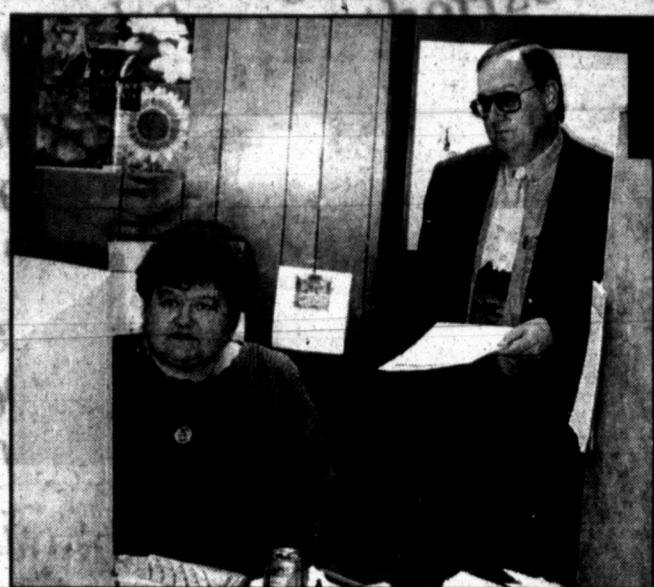


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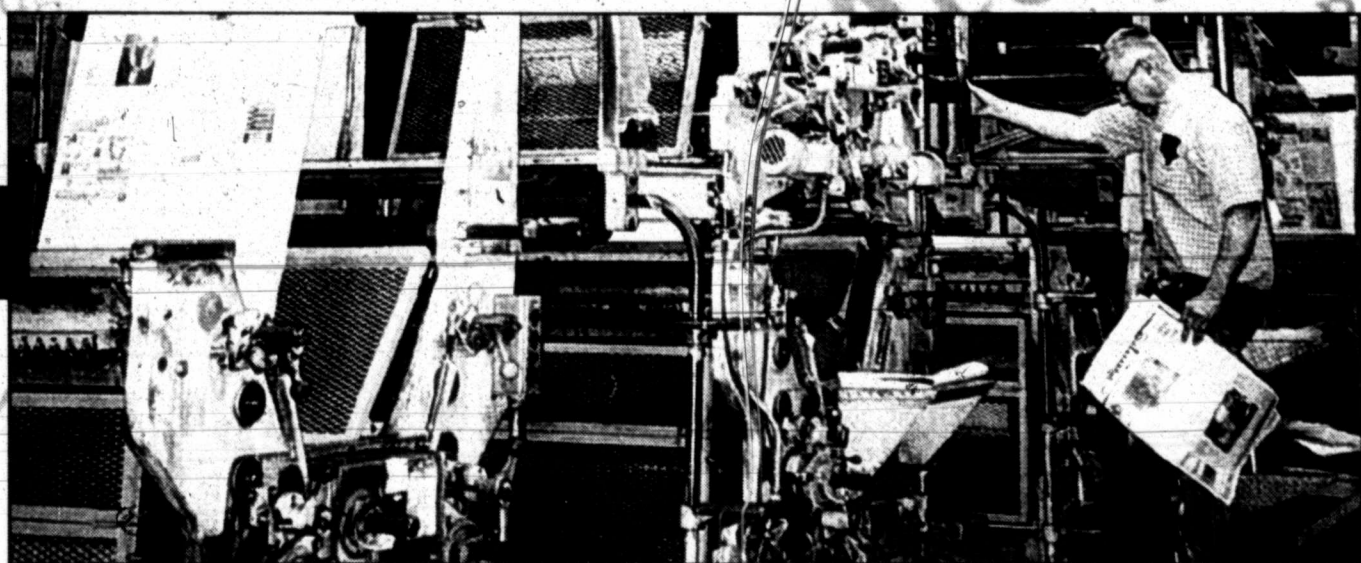


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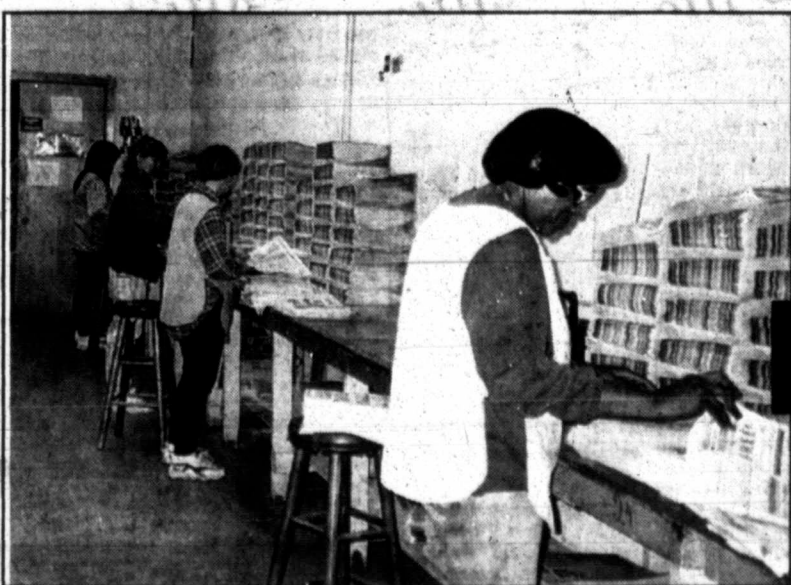
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KN Energy agrees to \$506 deal with Kinder Morgan

LAKEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — With its stock plummeting in the wake of a failed \$6 billion merger with Sempra Energy, KN Energy Inc. has agreed to buy Houston-based pipeline operator Kinder Morgan Inc. for \$506 million in stock.

If the deal is approved by regulators, the combined companies will operate under the name Kinder Morgan. It is unclear where the new company will be based or how employees from both companies will be affected.

"We will take a look at where people need to be and make decisions based on those evaluations," KN executive vice president Rick Wells said Thursday.

KN Energy is the nation's second-largest operator of natural-gas pipelines and storage, with 3,300 workers nationwide, including 500 in the Denver area.

Kinder Morgan operates one of the largest pipeline systems in the nation and has 1,100 employees.

Under the deal, KN will issue 41.5 million shares of new stock and assume \$148 million in debt to acquire the outstanding shares of the privately held Kinder Morgan.

Kinder Morgan president Richard D. Kinder will become chairman and CEO of the new company when the merger closes. KN chairman Larry Hall has resigned and board member Stewart Bliss has been named interim chairman.

Since its proposed merger with Sempra fell apart on June 21, KN Energy has seen its stock drop from more than \$20 a share to a 52-week low of \$12.19 Thursday.

Analysts said KN Energy's heavy debt load and poor earnings performance over the past three quarters likely caused Sempra to pull out of the merger deal.

Wells said the deal with Kinder Morgan will help provide a strong cash flow and give KN "an alternative source of earnings that is much more stable."

Norman Rockwell paintings recovered after 21 years

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — George Turak said all seemed normal when a man walked into his art gallery last December with a couple of original Norman Rockwell paintings and asked for an appraisal.

"He wanted to sell the paintings," said the owner of George Turak Gallery.

But a background check showed the paintings were stolen 21 years ago from a Minneapolis gallery.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation on last week announced the recovery of the works worth \$175,000, two of seven paintings taken in the largest theft of Rockwell originals in American history. Two paintings had already been recovered and negotiations are under way for the return of the remaining three.

No one has been charged and the man who had the paintings, a Brazilian visiting relatives, is not a suspect, the FBI said.

"He had obtained the paintings in lieu of a debt," said FBI spokeswoman Linda Vizi. "He brought them into the gallery, which ran a check and found them to be stolen."

The seven art works were taken Feb. 17, 1978,

from the Elayne Galleries in Minneapolis. Two, valued at \$300,000, were recovered in April after gallery owner Bonnie Lindberg found them at a gallery in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

"It's a huge relief," Lindberg said. "I couldn't believe the timing of it in terms of them all surfacing at relatively the same period of time."

She said the three remaining paintings, valued at more than \$700,000, were found at the same Rio de Janeiro art dealer and she is negotiating for their return. FBI officials could not confirm that, but said the three paintings are believed to be in South America.

The two paintings found in Philadelphia, "She's My Baby" and "Lickin' Good Bath," will be returned in a few weeks to their respective owners, a private collector and St. Paul, Minn.-based Brown & Bigelow company, the FBI said.

"She's My Baby" appeared on the cover of the June 4, 1927 issue of The Saturday Evening Post and depicts a boy painting a heart on the back of a girl's coat. "Lickin' Good Bath" was used in a calendar designed by Brown & Bigelow. It shows a dog licking the face of a boy who is bathing.

Teens accused of killing puppy with potent firecracker

SAGINAW, Mich. (AP) — Two teen-agers are charged with killing a German shepherd puppy with a powerful firecracker they attached to its collar.

Charles Powell, 17, was arraigned Wednesday on a charge of killing or torturing an animal.

A 14-year-old boy was charged with the same

offense in juvenile court.

Authorities said the teen-agers set off an M-80, an illegal explosive with the power of a quarter-stick of dynamite, on June 28. The blast killed the 4-month-old dog instantly.

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1 Public Notice

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The successful Bidder must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds on the forms attached to the Specifications in the amount of 100% of the total contract price from a Surety Company approved by the Owner holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as Surety or other Sureties acceptable to the Owner.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and to waive any informalities or technicalities. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions under which the work is to be done. The contractor shall comply with all State and Federal regulations regarding wages and conditions of employment, including, but not limited to, those rules and regulations set forth or referred to in the Specifications.

Bids will be opened in City Commission Chamber (Third Floor City Hall). Information for Bidders, Bid Forms, Specifications and Plans are on file with the City Purchasing Agent's Office (Third Floor, Susan Crane 806-669-5730, City Hall), 200 West Foster, Pampa, Texas 79065. No charge for plans and specifications to qualified bidders.

Phyllis Jeffers
City Secretary
D-47 July 11, 18, 1999

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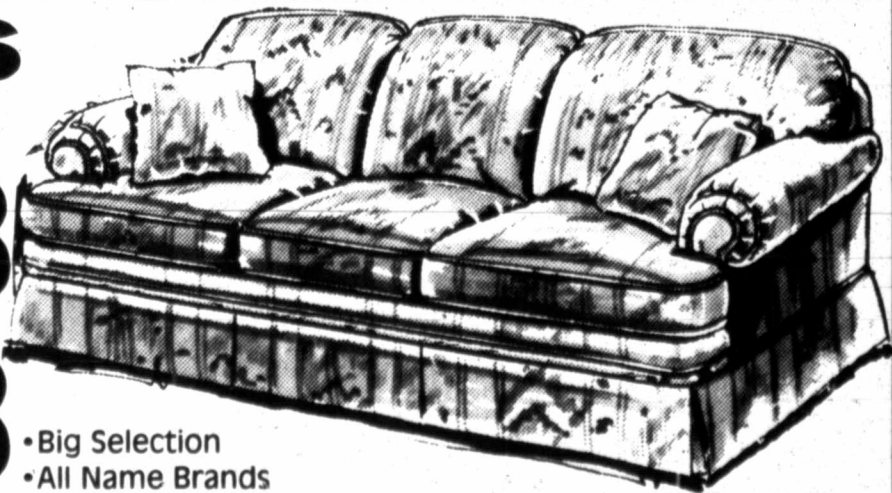
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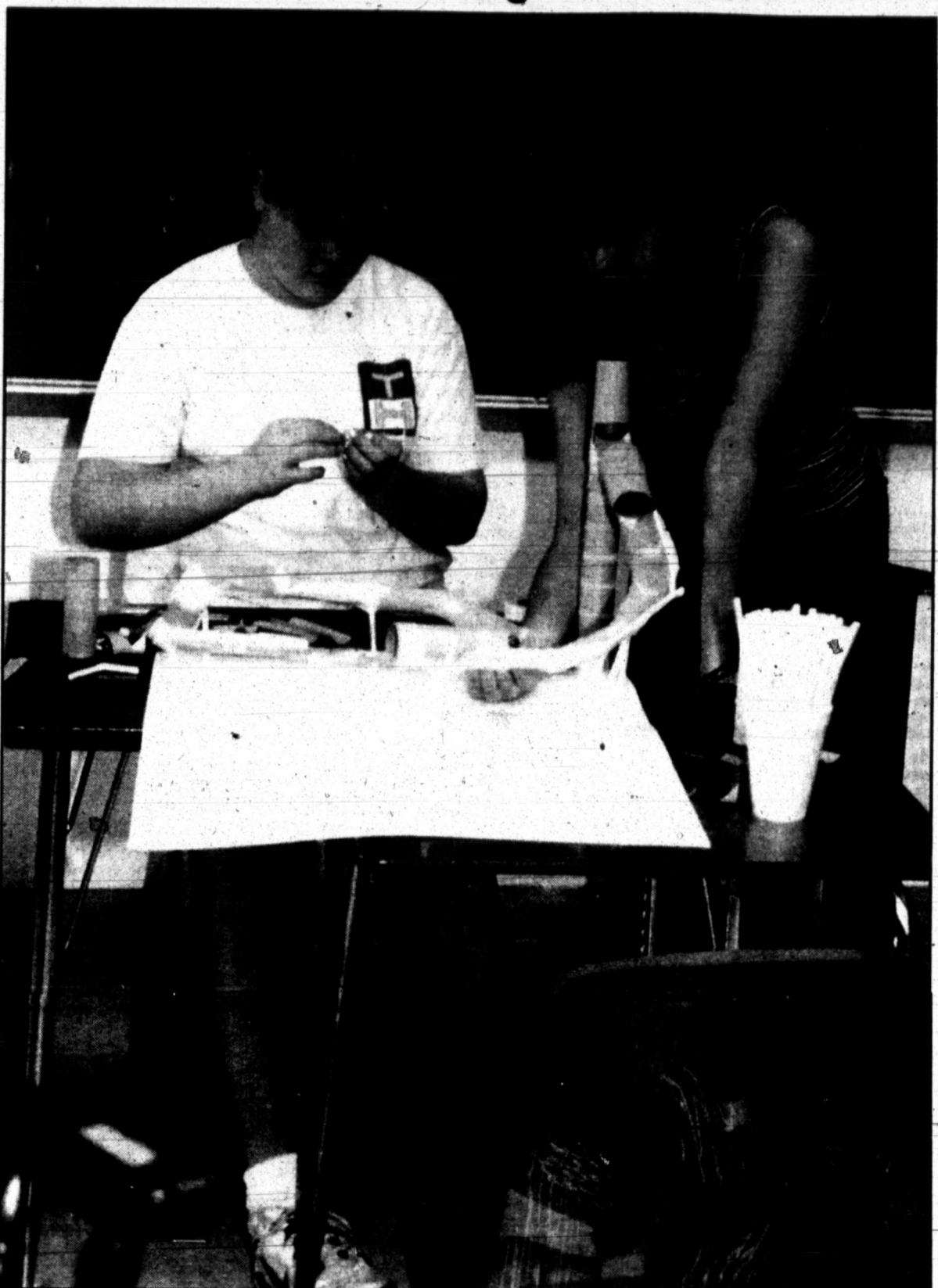
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Summer Enrichment Program



(Community Camera photo)
Some students recently participated in the Superintendent Scholar's Summer Enrichment 1999 Program "Physics is 'Phun'" at Pampa Middle School. Constructing a roller coaster called "Deathtrap" were Ashley Schroeder and Evelyn Jasso.

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LETTERS

Education is too political

To the editor,
What's this I read?
Even though our public servants, teachers, received a \$3,000 raise per year some can't start school on a Monday — only on Thursdays?
Seems to me with this amount of a raise in salary they should be able to start teaching at midnight if called to do so.
And, alas, as usual, two of our school board members voted for our students, the rest for themselves and their position!
It's time to do away with "public education" and it's politics!
Ray Velasquez
Pampa

No one has so far, so here goes.
God's love and forgiveness for us is greater than any sin that we can commit. All we have to do is ask for His love and forgiveness. Remember the Gospel of John — "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."
Folks, that is the good news, not all the trash some people enter on a billboard for you to see. The New Testament is full of good news. Unlike the person that put the billboard up.
Ernest Wilkinson
Pampa

Pampa doesn't offer best deal

To the editor,
Shop Pampa.
We needed a walking cane after hip surgery. We called the pharmacy advertising health aids for the elderly. "Sorry," we don't sell to the Medicare recipients." (Guess they sell canes to babies.)
Shopped Yellow Pages found another. They sell to Medicare people. They have to save money up front. Don't worry, Medicare will reimburse, that's your problem we want our money first and

some questions answered. Social Security number — okay. You have to give that to buy postage stamps (almost.)
More questions.
We had a prescription from our doctor that was Friday when they delivered the cane. Tuesday they came out for more questions. Did you have a cane 20 years ago for the hip that was replaced? (We weren't on Medicare 20 years ago.) After a few more stupid questions, we asked the lady to leave our home.
Enough is enough.
The cane cost \$29. Believe me, we could and will shop for canes in Amarillo.
Looks like the elderly can make it in Pampa if they are strong enough.
I saw a letter to the editor in the paper concerning a pool table for our youth (leaders of tomorrow) at the Pampa Youth and Community Center. I'm a paying member of this center and I pay big bucks. The youth pay money, too. Is this a community organization or a weight room for the right and famous?
People in Pampa have money and I'd like to keep our "bucks" in Pampa.
Please get down to brass tacks and improve and develop.
Eva Dennis
Pampa

New Testament full of good news

To the editor,
Some person that does not understand the love of God put a billboard of hate and mistruth on the Amarillo Highway. I thought someone would have answered this garbage by now.

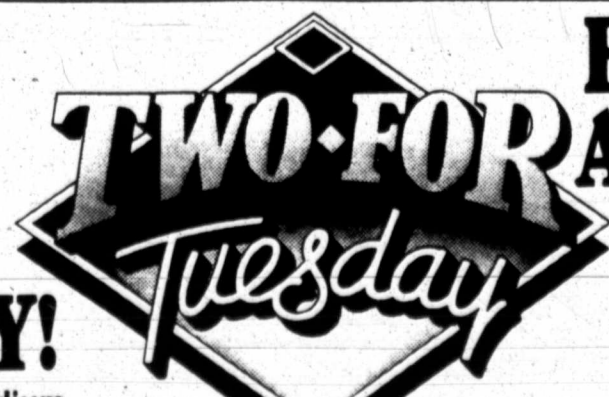
Christian group, Damascus Road, hits the road

The band Damascus Road will be leaving July 12 for several ministry opportunities in Nashville, Tenn. On July 13, they are scheduled to perform at the Jammin' Java Coffee House in Franklin and July 14 they will be at Park Avenue Baptist Church in Nashville. The group is in charge of Youth Worship Service where they will be leading praise and worship as well as sharing their testimonies.
On July 15, they will perform from 7-8:30 p.m. at Wal-Mart and on July 15 they will be at 23rd Psalm Coffee House in Nashville. They will return home on Saturday or Sunday and hope to view the rough edit of the Music Video they made the first of May in Virginia.
Band members are: Chris Crow, vocals/lead guitar; Tyler Hudson, drums; and C.J. Frazier, bass guitar. Bryce Hudson, the sound man, will be driving the group to and from Nashville.

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