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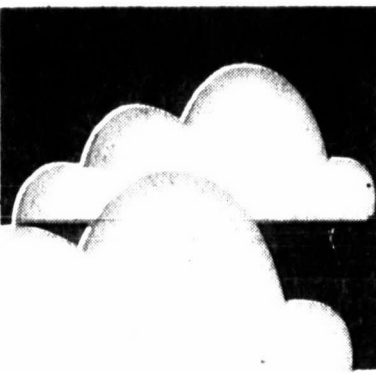
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PAMPA — The Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ is collecting supplies for Oklahoma tornado victims. Bring clothing, blankets, water, diapers, baby food and canned goods to the Yellow House across from the church. Collection hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The truck will leave Monday morning.

PAMPA — Reservations are being accepted for the May 21 Chamber of Commerce luncheon at noon at the chamber at 200 N. Ballard. The PHS Hall of Fame Inductees for 1999 will be honored. They are Eugene Anderson, Class of 1956; Heidi Schneider Roupp, Class of 1958; and Randy Matson, Class of 1963. Luncheon reservations should be made by 10 a.m. on May 21 by calling Anne Franklin at 669-3241. The cost is \$6.50 per person.

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket would have been worth an estimated \$18 million. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 6-14-19-32-37-39. Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$22 million.

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The Rio Grande Valley has the nation's lowest per capita income, taking the lowest two spots in a ranking of 212 metropolitan areas, according to a new study.

The study, by Old Dominion University professors ranked the Brownsville/San Benito/Harlingen area 211th out of 212 areas studied. McAllen/Edinburg/Mission was 212th.

Workers in the Brownsville/San Benito/Harlingen area have a per capita income of \$14,128, about 59 percent of the national average, the study found.

No deaths were reported to The Pampa News today.

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Injury accident ...



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

An 18-year-old Borger resident was hurt Wednesday in this rollover accident.

Teen seriously hurt when truck rolls over

WHITE DEER — A Borger teenager was in serious condition today in an Amarillo hospital after the truck she was driving rolled north of White Deer.

Christi Walser, 18, was on the highway between White Deer and Skellytown about 11:30 a.m. Wednesday when the white Chevrolet truck she was driving went off the west side of the highway into a muddy bar ditch.

Authorities said the pickup was southbound on FM 294 about four miles north of White Deer when Walser apparently lost control of the truck. The pickup veered into

the muddy bar ditch on the west side of the road, slid on the wet grass and mud, hit a culvert and appears to have become airborne. The truck came to rest on its roof on the west side of the highway. White Deer and Skellytown Volunteer Fire Departments had to extract the woman using the jaws of life.

Walser was rushed to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo where she was listed in serious condition today.

Department of Public Safety troopers said today they are still investigating the circumstances surrounding the accident.

Cultural, business exchange brings Filipino team to Pampa

(Related photo on Page 5)

A team of five Filipinos say they came to Pampa and the Panhandle to exchange ideas on business and culture, they told the Rotary Club Wednesday.

The exchange is part of a Rotary International project. A team of Americans will also travel to the Philippines to study their business styles and practice.

The five visitors, Jean Tangcalagan, Leilani S. Alba, Maria Lindy A. Arroyo, Ramon P. Maranon and Primilo S. Solinap will be in Pampa for a couple of days visiting Pampa schools, Pampa Regional Medical Center, Cabot Corporation and possibly Celanese among other businesses. Each team member represents an industry. Rotarian and team leader Tangcalagan is a bank manager and

lawyer. She said the group has already learned to two-step and learned about Texas at the Big Texan in Amarillo.

Alba is a television news anchor and producer and is interested in the way her network is being broadcast to Filipinos in the U.S. Arroyo is also a bank manager and said she is studying drive-up banking which does not exist in her country of six million people.

Maranon works the Philippine Department of Agriculture and Solinap works to develop low-cost housing in his country.

The team will travel to other parts of the country before returning home May 13. Besides working Tangcalagan said they hope to see friends and relatives here in the States.

New emission control devices on tap at Cabot

Cabot Corporation in Pampa is set to spend upwards of \$10 million dollars to control polluting emissions through its voluntary participation in the state's Clean Air Responsibility Enterprise (CARE) program.

Calling the company "a good corporate citizen," Texas

Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) spokesman Patrick Shaughnessy said Cabot's action is "strictly voluntary."

That's because Cabot is a grandfathered facility — one that was either in operation or under

Some of the money will be used to make upgrades in the plant, which employs about 120 people, but the bulk of the expenditure will be directly tied to emission reduction equipment.

— Benny Williams
Environmental Coordinator

construction when Texas adopted the state Clean Air Act in 1971. The law exempted those facilities from receiving permits from the state under the theory the plants would be modernized or become obsolete over time, Shaughnessy said.

(See CABOT, Page 2)

Fall from bank roof injures man

A 21-year-old man was in satisfactory condition today at an Amarillo hospital after falling off the roof of a Pampa Bank.

William Cross was in Northwest Texas Hospital today with a broken leg, along with cuts and abrasions, after falling about 1:30 p.m. Wednesday from the roof of FirstBank Southwest's drive-in banking facility at 300 West Kingsmill.

Cross, an employee of Milton David Roofing Contractors of Pampa, was part of a crew reroofing the motorbank.

Officials said he fell backwards off the roof into the back

of a pickup. Authorities estimated the distance at 15 feet.

Carson County officials blocked traffic on U.S. 60 between Pampa and White Deer as Northwest Texas Hospital's Lifestar helicopter met Pampa's Rural/Metro Ambulance en route to Amarillo.

The highway was closed only a few minutes about 2:30 p.m. as the helicopter landed. Cross was transferred and the helicopter took off again.

Officials said Cross suffered pain to the right lower extremities, two broken bones in his leg, a gash on his leg and small cut and bruise near the right ear.

Salvation Army leader helps tornado victims

The head of Pampa's Salvation Army facility was in Mt. Pleasant yesterday helping with relief efforts following Tuesday's tornadoes in northeast Texas.

Lt. Matthew Branscum was in Dallas for a disaster relief seminar, his wife, Lt. Penny Branscum said, when tornadoes hit northeast Texas Tuesday.

Branscum took Pampa's canteen up to Mt. Pleasant, where emergency workers were gathering, to help with rescue and cleanup crews in nearby DeKalb.

The Texas governor inspected the damaged heart of this city where a tornado eliminated half of the downtown district, tore through nearly 100 buildings and injured at least 11 people, three of them seriously.

DeKalb was the hardest-hit of several communities in northeastern Texas, where a 79-year-old woman was also killed by a twister

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Pampan's relative among Colorado wounded

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Richard Castaldo's family in Littleton, Colo., and Pampa are hoping that the wounded teenager can be moved from the hospital to a rehabilitation unit this week.

"I talked to his grandmother Saturday," Mrs. Diann Birdsell of Pampa said Wednesday.

The doctors had indicated that the gunshot victim is doing well and will be transferred from Swedish Hospital in Littleton, to the adjoining Craig Rehabilitation Unit.

The 17-year-old Columbine High School junior is a great nephew of Birdsell's late husband.

"I'm a widow, but they still think I'm family which I appreciate so much because I really am," Birdsell said.

"He still has no movement from the chest down, but the doctors have reassured all of the family that the spinal cord was not severed."

The wounds were so bad that at first they had trouble determining how many times Richard had been shot. "Now they're saying probably nine."

— Diann Birdsell, great aunt of victim

It was a little after 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 20, that Birdsell's phone rang. A family member had called to tell her that Richard was a victim of the one of the worst cases of high school violence in the nation's history as two students in black trenchcoats opened fire on their peers, killing 12 students and one teacher before turning their weapons on themselves.

Birdsell had heard about the shootings at the Denver-area high school and thought about Richard, but it never occurred to her that he might have been one of the victims.

"You just don't think that it could happen to you," she said.

As Birdsell was leaving to go to her 4-year-old grandson's program at Pampa's

First Baptist Church, Richard's grandmother called to say that Richard was one of the first to be shot at the school.

"It was about 6:40 that afternoon when she called," the Pampa woman said.

At church that night, Birdsell said, prayers were offered.

"When we learned about the incident, little did we know we would be involved," she said. "We've had so many friendships that included us in their prayer lines. They have been good about checking on us. I really think that is what pulls people through."

The family has been grateful for the concern, she said.

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"Now they're saying, probably nine," Birdsell said.

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Daily Record

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, May 5

William Graves, 58, no known address, was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
Trevor S. Colpetzer, 22, Las Cruces N.M., was arrested on charges of violation of probation/forgery, and issuance of bad checks.
Michael Lynn Dubose, 39, 321 N. Wells, was arrested on charges of attempted aggravated robbery.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.17	Coca-Cola	70 1/8	dn 3/8
Milo	3.12	Columbia/HCA	27 1/2	dn 1 1/8
Corn	3.50	Enron	75 1/2	dn 1 7/16
Soybeans	3.95	Halliburton	43 15/16	dn 15/16
		IRI	5 13/16	dn 3/16
		KNE	21	up 1/16
		Kerr McGee	44 1/8	dn 15/16
		Limited	48 5/16	dn 13/16
		McDonald's	40 9/16	dn 1/16
		Mobil	105 1/2	dn 15/16
		New Atmos	24 5/16	NC
		NCE	36 9/16	up 1/16
		Penney's	45 3/4	dn 1 1/2
		Phillips	50 3/8	dn 1/2
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	13	dn 3/16
		SLB	63 3/8	dn 1
		Tenneco	25 9/16	dn 7/16
		Texasco	63 13/16	up 1/16
		Ultramar	25	NC
		Wal-Mart	43 1/8	dn 1 15/16
		Williams	47 5/16	up 3/4
		New York Gold	287.25	
		Silver	5.39	
		West Texas Crude	18.98	

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Occidental	20 9/16	up 1/8
Magellan	133.41	
Puritan	20.96	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Amoco	110 3/8	dn 1
Arco	85	dn 1 1/2
Cabot	27 9/16	dn 9/16
Cabot O&G	17 13/16	up 5/16
Chevron	98 1/2	dn 1 9/16

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, May 5

David Lee Helms, 40, 1027 S. Nelson, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.
Theft of \$80 cash was reported in the 700 block of E. Browning.
Phone harassment was reported in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

Fires

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

Wednesday, May 5

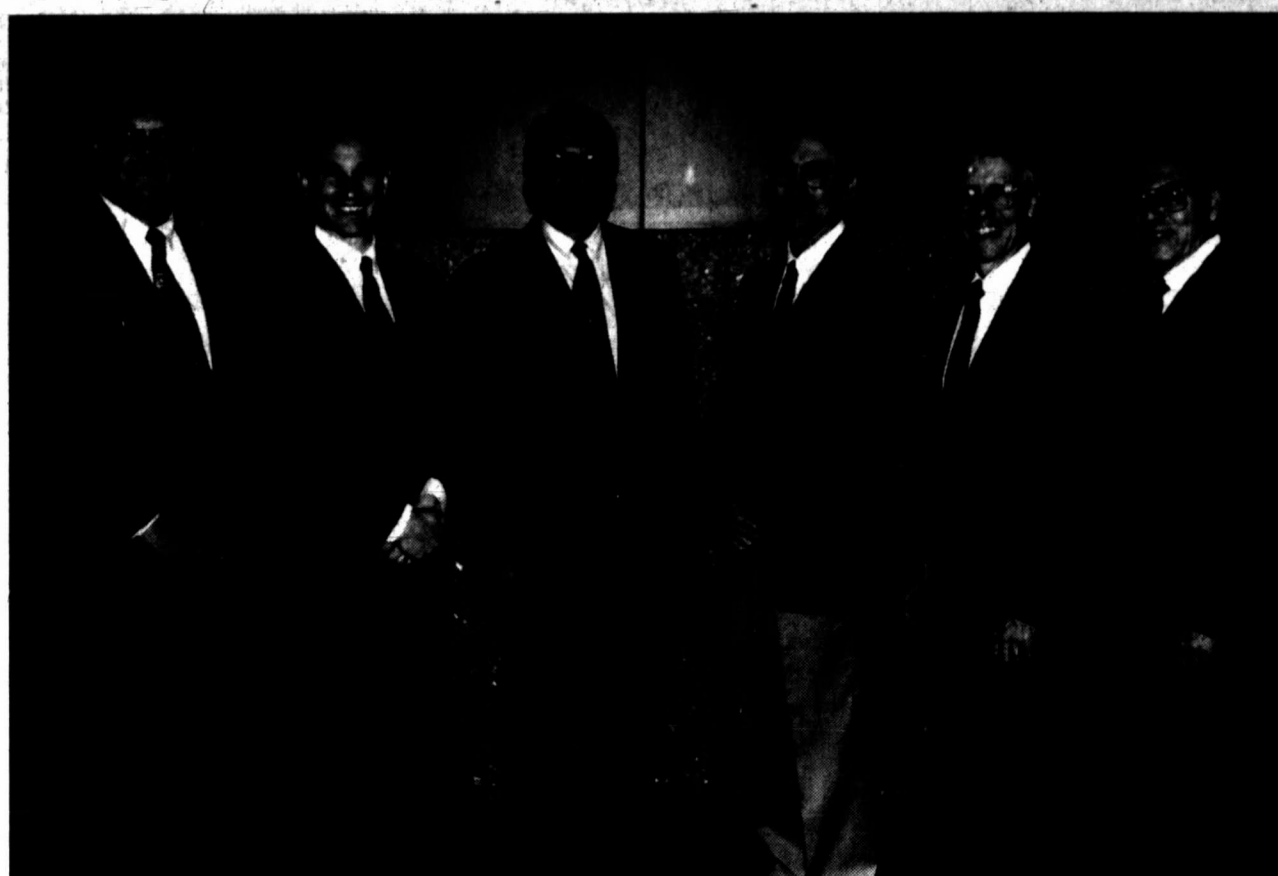
8:39 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 400 block of Lowry on an electrical short.
1:53 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 300 block of West Kingsmill on a medical assist.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, May 5

11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center for a transfer to Baptist St. Anthony West in Amarillo.
11:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 300 Kingsmill on a trauma and transported one to Lifestar at Kingsmill.
3:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one to BSAW.
9:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC for a transfer to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.



On hand for Monday's CARE announcement were (from left) TNRCC Commissioner John Baker; TNRCC Executive Director Jeff Salts, Cabot Corporation General Manager Zouhair Issa; Cabot Corporation Environmental Coordinator Benny Williams; TNRCC Chairman Robert J. Huston and TNRCC Commissioner Ralph Marquez.

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CABOT

"We feel this is the right thing to do, said Benny Williams, environmental coordinator at the Pampa plant which manufactures "special black." It's a product used in paints, toners, plastics and ink.

Though engineering studies on the new pollution control devices are still underway, Williams said Cabot General Manager Zouhair Issa estimates the cost to run between \$10 million and \$20 million.

Some of the money will be used to make upgrades in the plant, which employs about 120 people, but the bulk of the expenditure will be directly tied to emission reduction equipment, Williams said.

Because the engineers are still in the planning stage, Williams said he can not put a percentage figure on just how much emissions will be reduced.

Currently, Cabot's permit application is under review by the TNRCC and once approved, the company will start construction "as quick as possible," Williams said. "Right now we are on their (TNRCC) timetable."

Representing Cabot, Williams and Issa were honored in Austin Monday along with 19 other companies who are participating in the CARE program. So far, 49 early CARE volunteers, which represent 119 facilities, have agreed to reduce emissions by more than 100,000 tons per year, Shaughnessy said. These 49 firms account for more than 60 percent of the grandfathered emissions in Texas.

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SALVATION

in neighboring Titus County.

Gov. George W. Bush surveyed tornado damage in downtown DeKalb in a midmorning visit yesterday.

The northern half of downtown DeKalb — about seven blocks — was demolished, Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Milton Hall said.

"There were several businesses there on the north side of the road and they cease to exist — there's just nothing there," Hall said. About 70 homes were damaged, more than half to the point of uninhabitability, he said.

Cars were flattened by uprooted trees, metal and insulation were strewn in tree limbs and entire homes were demolished, leaving nothing but foundation. In one home, only a kitchen wall remained. A cabinet remained standing with dishes still sitting on the shelves.

At least five victims were taken to hospitals in nearby Texarkana and the remainder to other hospitals, Hall said. Three were in critical condition, he said.

Glen Spivey could not see the tornado but he heard it.

"Just like everybody says, it sounds like the proverbial train in the distance," Spivey told the Texarkana Gazette.

The funnel cloud that struck at about 3 p.m. Tuesday demolished both the district's high school and DeKalb Elementary School but left the middle school intact. Besides the two schools, high winds destroyed the school district's central administration building, said Kelly Rodgers, DeKalb assistant superintendent.

"The only thing I remember is that the lights went off and the roof came off," said James Skittone, 18, a student. "Everybody started crying and praying. It looked like an atomic bomb fell."

USA Today plans Page 1 ads

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — USA Today plans to begin running ads along the bottom of page one.

The one-inch tall ads will run the width of the page, the newspaper said Wednesday. The first will appear Oct. 1.

The space was recently offered to advertisers in one-year contracts. AT&T, Marriott and Northwest Airlines are among the clients that have committed to placing ads, the newspaper said. The ads for

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Some 40 miles to the west near Clarksville in Red River County, six others were injured by the same twister and six mobile homes were destroyed.

Authorities identified the lone fatality as Pauline Allison of Bridges Chapel, a northern Titus County community, about six miles north of Mount Pleasant and about 35 miles southwest of DeKalb.

Sheriff Ricky Poole said Allison was alone in her small, wood-frame house when it took a direct hit from the tornado. About eight other homes nearby were destroyed and about 20 were damaged, Poole said.

Another tornado damaged the roofs of two dormitories, causing a wall to collapse, and destroyed several outbuildings at Texas Department of Criminal Justice prison facilities near Tennessee Colony, about 85 miles south of Dallas. Prison system spokesman Larry Todd said 111 minimum-security inmates spent the night in a gymnasium.

"We'll salvage what we can, assess the damage and then rebuild," Todd said. "We'll use inmate labor to replace those outbuildings. We'll have it back in shape pretty quickly."

Todd said the storm never posed a security problem but that four inmates were injured, including one who was treated at a Tyler hospital.

Artist of decade honors go to singer Garth Brooks

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP) — Garth Brooks was the story of the night, the year and the decade.

The Academy of Country Music bestowed its top award for the 1990s — artist of the decade — and branded the Oklahoma native its entertainer of the year during its 34th awards presentation Wednesday night. Faith Hill was a big winner, too, taking home four awards.

The Universal Amphitheatre audience leaped to its feet and cowboys took off their Stetsons when Jay Leno announced Brooks won the decade's top honor. Marty Robbins, Loretta Lynn and Alabama won in previous decades.

Brooks, the best-selling male singer in music history who has sold more than 95 million albums, said he wasn't deserving of the recognition.

"For me there's two artists in our industry that I think we have very much taken for granted — I don't mean to offend anybody, I'm just telling you like it is," Brooks told the audience, saying he wanted to cut the plaque in half.

"George (Strait) isn't here for one half," he said. "The other half I think we need to give to an artist that has given everything an artist can give to country music, and I don't think has been thanked near enough."

Brooks left the stage to hand the award to Reba McEntire, but to his surprise she wasn't in her seat. The gesture drew wild cheers anyway.

Brooks recently completed a 33-month concert tour that sold more than 5.3 million tickets, the most successful tour ever by a singer.

For pure excitement, it was the jubilant wins by Hill that stole the evening. She hauled off more awards than anyone, including female vocalist, single record and video for "This Kiss" and vocal event of the year for her duet "Just to Hear You Say That You Love Me" with husband Tim McGraw. McGraw also won the top male singer award.

It was a replay for McGraw and his wife. Last year, they walked away with four academy trophies for their duet "It's Your Love."

The Dallas-based Dixie Chicks — sisters Martie Siedel and Emily Erwin and friend Natalie Maines — won album of the year for "Wide Open Spaces" as well as top group and best new group.

Steve Wariner's oh-so-sad "Holes in the Floor of Heaven" was top song.

"This is my first one! I guess I'm a hat act now!" said Wariner, who shared the songwriting honor with Billy Kirsch.

Newcomer Jo Dee Messina, produced by McGraw, won the new female vocalist award.

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Atlanta's Mark Wills, known for his ballad "Wish You Were Here," was the new male vocalist winner.

Shania Twain was presented with the Recording Industry Association of America's first diamond award for recognition of 10 million in album sales. It was a double-diamond for the Canadian sensation, who sold more than 10 million copies each of "The Woman in Me" and "Come on Over."

A special Pioneer Award was presented to Glen Campbell.

"I can't tell you how short a period it seems like — 32 years — to 1967, and now I'm up here getting the Pioneer Award. Then I was getting the go get 'em award, you know. Time flies when you're having a big time," Campbell said.

Winners were selected by the 3,000 members of the Academy of Country Music.

City Briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

ALZHEIMER'S OPENING at Pampa Nursing Center in Secure Care Unit. Call 669-2551 for more info.

CHANEY'S CAFE, 716 W. Foster, 665-2454, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sun.-Fri., 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Tues.-Fri. Thurs.-Chicken & dumplings, salmon patties, sweet & sour chicken, ch. fr. steak.

HOME INTERIORS Sale on again due to rain out. Lowered prices. Fri. & Sat. 10-1, 1924 N. Dwight, Doris Adams.

ILLUSION NECKLACES, color crystal jewelry w/ earrings to match. Just in time for Mother's Day & Prom. Twice Is Nice.

LOST 2 medium size dogs, Bogie a Dalmation, Shadow a black Labrador Retriever mix, missing Since May 5th. 663-4127 (w) or 665-3857 (h). Reward.

LOST 9 month old Alaskan Malamute male, Northcrest area. Please call 665-1948 or 665-0502.

MARY ELLEN Harvester Church of Christ is collecting supplies for Okla. tornado victims. Bring clothing, blankets, water, diapers, baby food & canned good to Yellow House located across from the Church between 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Truck leaving Mon. morning 10th.

MASSAGE THERAPY, May Special full body massages \$35, gift cert. avail. 665-6067

RAIN CHECK from Sat. rain. Connie Barber Carlisle Artist-Ceramic artwork on display, 1-5p.m. thru Sat., 119 N. Frost. Call 665-7171 or 665-3339 for late appointment.

ROLANDA'S- REMEMBER your Mom with a gift from Rolanda's.

SUNDAY MOTHER'S Day Special. Prime Rib. Peggy's Place, Inc. 1801 Alcock, Pampa, TX 806-665-7830

TO THE Head of the Wolf Pack (on crutches), The Purple Paw Says "Just Stay Home!"

TRALEE RESALE Shop, 308 S. Cuyler, Mon-Sat. 10 a.-3p. Check out our bargains!

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Mostly cloudy, windy and cool today with scattered showers, a high of 58 and north winds gusty at 25 mph. Tonight, cool with a low in the low 40s, north winds at 10-20 mph and showers. Tomorrow, partly cloudy and warmer with a high of 70. The overnight low was 41.

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Low in the lower 40s. West to northwest wind 10-20 mph. Friday, partly cloudy with a high in the upper 70s. West to northwest wind 10-20 mph. Extreme Southern Panhandle/Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, fair. Lows in the 40s. Friday, sunny and warmer. Highs in the 80s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, clear. Lows in the 40s. Friday, sunny. Highs in the 80s. Concho Valley/Edwards

Plateau — Tonight, clear. Low in the 40s. Friday, sunny and warmer. Highs in the 80s to near 90. Far West Texas — Tonight, clear. Lows in the 40s. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in the 80s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, clear. Lows from the upper 30s to upper 50s. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs from lower 80s Marfa Plateau to near 100 along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, clear and cool. Lows 43 to 50. Friday, partly cloudy west. Mostly sunny central and east. Warmer with highs from 80 to 87.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, clear and cool. Lows in the 50s Hill Country to near 60 south central. Friday, sunny. Highs in the 80s to lower 90s west. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, clear. Lows in the mid 50s inland, mid to upper 60s at the

coast. Friday, mostly sunny inland, partly cloudy along the coast. Highs in the mid 80s inland, lower 80s at the coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, partly cloudy with patchy fog coastal bend. Mostly clear elsewhere. Lows in the 60s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 80s, except upper 80s to lower 90s west.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, clear. Lows upper teens to lower 30s mountains, Mid 30s to mid 40s elsewhere. Friday, sunny and warmer statewide. Highs upper 50s to mid 70s mountains and north, mid 70s and 80s south. Friday night, fair skies. Lows mid 20s to around 40 mountains, 40s to lower 50s lower elevations.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, mostly clear. Low in the 40s. Friday, mostly sunny. High in the 70s. Friday night, clear. Low in the middle 40s to lower 50s.

ACS Relay for Life



(Community Camera photo)

Pampa Regional Medical Center and Family Medicine Center recently held a Team Rally for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The Relay for Life will be held June 11-12 at Recreation Park. Pam Dalton, ACS president, and Chris Hurt, ACS representative, gave the program. The teams made plans for upcoming fundraisers including a car wash, garage sale and raffle. Anyone interested in participating in Relay for Life may contact Dalton at 665-0356. Above are: Patricia Silva, Olga Silva, Martha Quintana, Sharon James, Kim Charles and Chalenia Freeman.

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TDCJ seeking few good guards

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is looking for a few good guards.

In order to find people who might be interested in working for the prison system Amarillo College's Criminal Justice Program is holding a town hall meeting in Pampa at the Jordan Unit at 6 p.m. on June 10.

Training through AC consists of 160 hours of instruction. Classes are held Monday through Friday from 6 until 10 p.m. and Saturday's from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. for approximately six weeks, according to Toni Brasher an instructor at AC.

Once training is complete the job pays \$1,712 a month to start and \$25,000 annually after 20 months.

In order to attend the town meeting at the Jordan Unit interested persons have to bring a picture i.d. No weapons, purses, tobacco, or containers will be allowed in the TDCJ facility. Brasher stated that applicants must have a high school diploma or GED but college is not required.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

THEE PLACE

Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP If interested in the

ADHD/ADD Sport Group call Connie at 669-9364.

EMMAUS REUNION

Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information, call 669-3426 or 669-9226.

FIFTH ARMY ASSOCIATION

The 5th Army Association is seeking 5th Army veterans of the 1943-45 Italian Campaign. The veterans will be returning to Italy Aug. 12-23 to celebrate the 54th anniversary of the Allied drive northwards from Rome to Venice. Veterans of the 3rd, 34th, 36th, 85th, 88th, 91st, 92nd, 45th Mt., and 1st Armored Divisions and support groups are urged to contact Sy Canton for reunion tour information.

For more information, write: The 5th Army Assoc., 465 Shore Rd. Ste. 7-P, Long Beach, N.Y. 11561; or call (516) 432-3022.

OPEN DOOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Open Door Alcoholics Anonymous at 910 Kentucky

(across from Albertson's) meeting schedule - seven days a week - two meetings a day -noon till 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 p.m.

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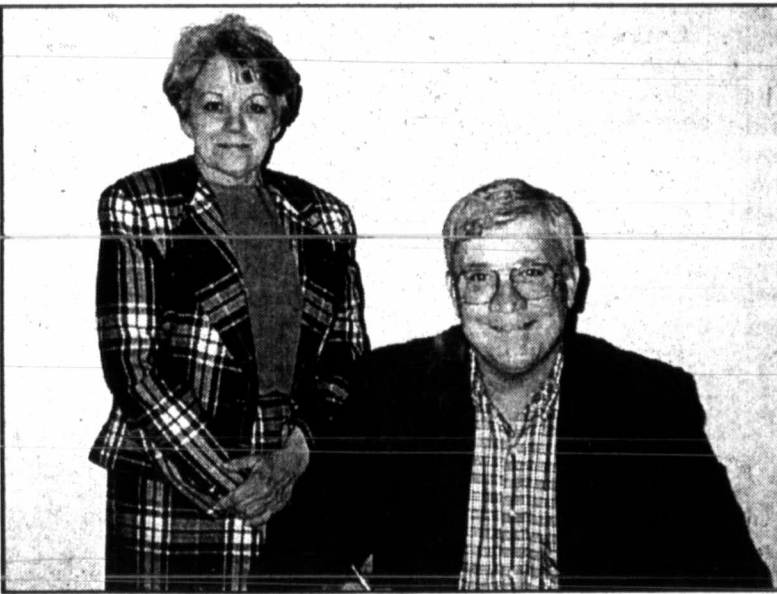
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Texas Editorials

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal on vigilance to prevent Littleton repeat:

Two recent Texas cases involving teen-agers and plans to make bombs are illustrative of the civic vigilance that apparently will be necessary to protect citizens from future teen-generated violence.

In both cases, the would-be bombers were turned in to authorities, one by a 15-year-old boy's father in Port Aransas and four others by alert employees at a Wichita Falls hardware store.

The Port Aransas father was contacted by school officials when his son was suspended for threatening to harm teachers and students. The father looked in his son's room and discovered that the boy had used school computers to download information — hundreds of pages of it — from the Internet on bomb-making and killing people.

A few months ago, the father was concerned when he found his son experimenting with explosives in his back yard.

In Wichita Falls, the store employees were suspicious when four teen-agers purchased fertilizer and galvanized pipe. Police found bomb-making materials in the back seat and trunk of a car occupied by the boys, and the teens admitted that they wanted to make a bomb.

No one understands the specific reasons why so many teen-agers are preoccupied with bombs and guns and death, but the existence of the dangerous emotional sickness is uncontroverted.

Whether various subjects possess truly dangerous intent or are merely curious and harmless, a key way to avoid future tragedies is for responsible citizens to be alert and to report suspicious behavior. In particular, we commend the father who came forward regarding the alarming preoccupations of his son.

School and law enforcement authorities may follow some leads that go nowhere, but they also may receive information that could allow them to head off a tragedy like the one in Littleton. Vigilant citizens can help save lives.

The Galveston County Daily News on the Littleton tragedy:

In the days since two teen-agers in suburban Denver killed 12 classmates and a teacher before killing themselves, people all over the country have been asking a simple question. Why?

All of us are yearning for a simple answer, someone to blame.

How could teen-agers be driven to mass murder? How could the innocence of youth be torn apart by carnage?

The answer, of course, is there are no simple answers. There is no one villain on whom we can pin the blame.

The culprit is bad parenting. It is the failure of a lot of people to pick up on the warning signals that something was wrong.

It's a lot of things.

But what the culprit is not is video games or Hollywood movies. Nor is the solution to blame Hollywood. It's a short step between blaming movies and blaming news reports on television or in a newspaper.

A thousand kids read "Catcher in the Rye," and they see it as a literary classic. One kid reads it and is inspired to commit mayhem.

A thousand kids play a video game for the sheer joy of it. One plays it to perfect his aim.

Do we deny joy to the thousand to guard against the depravity of the one?

Parents have a key role to play here. A child who spends hours staring at a computer screen shooting people's heads off is not a healthy child, and parents who allow that sort of behavior are clearly negligent.

Teachers and counselors, too, must be watchful for the warning signs and take action before disaster strikes.

There are no easy answers here. And there are no easy fixes.

Students defy stereotype

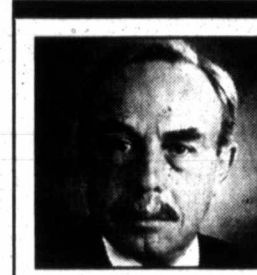
Students are selfish. Students are naive. Students expect handouts. Students are bogged down in trivia. Students are interested only in the immediate, the faddish, in obeying their raging hormones.

These are the stereotypes of university students presented today in popular media-movies, television and news stories. For example, recruiters for top corporations have been quoted recently complaining about the lack of work ethic in new graduates, citing such demands as paid vacations before the job begins, reduced-hour work weeks and unrealistic salary demands.

Being surrounded by such self-absorbed, irresponsible young people must, at best, be a tiresome experience. Fortunately, the students I'm around are different — very different.

More than a year ago, the student leaders at West Texas A&M University developed the concept of assessing a fee (fifty cents per semester credit hour) to be placed in an endowment which would generate revenue to assist students with financial difficulty. They took their concept to the general student body who voted overwhelmingly to support this self-assessment. The most impressive aspect of this is the fact that none of the students voting for the proposal will ever benefit from it. The endowment will not begin to generate significant revenue until after most of these students have graduated. In essence, they're planting trees so future generations can enjoy the shade.

A second remarkable aspect of this project is their determination to share this plan with students on other campuses. They have sought and received legislative support granting statutory authority to and providing some interim fund-



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ing for universities which wish to emulate West Texas A&M. Whether this legislation succeeds or fails, WTAMU students have shown incredible selfless leadership both on campus and in the legislature.

WTAMU students have also taken the lead in a second legislative initiative: exempting textbooks from state sales tax. This measure, particularly as out-of-state bookstores go on-line offering discounts and tax-free sales, will have an enormous impact on students and the continued viability of on- and off-campus bookstores.

Other examples of student altruism include funding a carillon, collecting supplies for hurricane victims in Central America, and assisting a wide array of community causes from blood drives to Christmas toys for needy children.

Their accomplishments are remarkable for two reasons: first, the selflessness and sense of personal responsibility running through all their projects; and second, the statewide leadership originating with students of a regional university.

Public perception is often, perhaps too often, that the larger the student body the better the education offered to students. However, a com-

plete education is more than seat time in classrooms, often with several hundred other students. A complete education provides the opportunity to work individually with faculty and staff. It provides the opportunity to present ideas, theories, plans to large and small groups. It provides the opportunity to have all those experiences which encourage leadership and produce leaders.

Certainly the baccalaureate degree should signify competence in the designated field of study, but it should also denote much more: the ability to approach and solve problems effectively, the ability to communicate well both in one-on-one and group situations, the ability to think beyond oneself, the ability to function effectively not only in the workplace but in society.

Such abilities do not emerge automatically. They are developed through practice in both formal and informal situations. And this practice often occurs at the traditionally smaller regional universities, like West Texas A&M University, where teaching and learning are top priorities. These students are not just faces in a crowd. They are not obscured by multi-million dollar research grants, Division I football programs and high-tech "do-not-touch" equipment. Because of the size of the student body, these students can't stand passively by and watch the parade; they are the parade.

As we look at leaders across our state — in business, in government, in education, in health care, in the arts — it is fascinating to see the numbers who were educated at regional universities. I am proud of such leaders who graduated from West Texas A&M, and I predict great future success for our current student leaders.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, May 7, the 127th day of 1999. There are 238 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 7, 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims, France, to take effect the following day, ending the

European conflict of World War II.

On this date: In 1789, the first inaugural ball was held in New York in honor of President

and Mrs. George Washington.

In 1915, nearly 1,200 people died when a German torpedo sank the British liner Lusitania off the Irish coast.

A war against all the Serbs ...

War is to morality what the desert is to fish: a uniformly inhospitable clime. That's true even if the war is small and limited. The air campaign in Yugoslavia was conceived as a brief, surgical strike on Serbian strongman Slobodan Milosevic and his murderous military and paramilitary forces. But in five short weeks, it has expanded into a war on one group of his victims: the Serbian people.

After bombing and re-bombing all the strictly military sites it could find, without inducing Milosevic to surrender, NATO expanded its list to include facilities whose destruction would do the most harm to civilians. NATO Allied Supreme Commander Gen. Wesley Clark, an advocate of what is known as "bringing the war home to Belgrade," finally got permission to take out mainstays of the Serbian economy, including the nation's electric power grid.

Purely economic facilities were originally off-limits, but The Wall Street Journal reports that this "restriction is slipping almost daily." NATO is also planning a naval blockade to cut off Serbia's oil supplies.

Even many of the attacks on "military" targets have had far less effect on Milosevic's campaign of terror than on the daily life of his long-suffering populace. Rail lines have been severed, industrial plants flattened and bridges demolished. Often, bystanders have found themselves classified, posthumously, as "collateral damage." Travel is hazardous, and just getting to work can be nearly impossible.

Last week, at least 10 employees were killed when allied war planes blasted a most unmilitary target — the official state television station in Belgrade. Why? Because "it has filled the airwaves with ... lies over the years," said a NATO spokesman. Well, so has Bill Clinton, but NATO hasn't fired any cruise missiles at the White House.



Steve
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Syndicated columnist

The alliance deserves some credit for clearly going out of its way to minimize direct civilian casualties. It can also be excused if some strikes unavoidably kill noncombatants. But it's hard to justify a policy whose chief achievement — and possibly its main purpose — is to make life miserable, frightening and dangerous for people who have no control over what is going on in Kosovo.

The apparent goal is to inflict so much pain as to force Milosevic to change his policies or to force his people to change rulers. "We're holding civilians hostage," says DePaul University political scientist Patrick Callahan, an expert on just-war theory.

He may not get an argument from German Gen. Klaus Neumann, chairman of NATO's military committee, who says Yugoslavia has been set back economically by 10 years and figures that the air campaign could eventually turn the clock back half a century. Neumann warns that if Milosevic doesn't retreat, "he may end up being the ruler of rubble." NATO, in short, plans to reduce a country that is home to 10 million people to a huge pile of worthless debris.

New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman, the most fervent supporter of the air war, endorses that approach, telling the Serbs, "Every week you ravage Kosovo is another

decade we will set your country back by pulverizing you. You want 1950? We can do 1950. You want 1398? We can do 1398, too." Why stop at 1398? Why not revive the idea, proposed but never adopted in Vietnam, of bombing the enemy all the way back to the Stone Age?

If the aerial onslaught continues for month after month, as threatened, some civilians will be blown up, but many more will be endangered by the secondary effects — food shortages, lack of fuel, loss of medicines, destruction of water, sewage and sanitation systems, poorly functioning hospitals, and the like. In Iraq, the international economic embargo has already had these consequences, causing some 90,000 deaths a year, by United Nations estimates.

In Yugoslavia, as in Iraq, it's unlikely that punishing the villain's subjects will advance our larger purpose. Disrupting transportation hasn't stopped or even slowed the Serb offensive in Kosovo: Milosevic has more soldiers there today than he did when the bombing began. Interrupting state TV didn't weaken his grip. Curtailing oil supplies will cause no more than modest inconvenience to Serbian military forces: They'll get whatever fuel is available, while civilians will do without. All we are doing is uniting the Serbs in justified hatred of the West.

Torturing or killing innocents in order to further a political goal is normally regarded as terrorism. But deliberately and needlessly inflicting pain on the people of Serbia, while creating conditions that promise to spawn disease and death, is seen by NATO as a perfectly legitimate strategy. Americans are highly attuned to the risks of losing soldiers and pilots in combat, but we need to beware of the bigger danger of this and every war: coming to resemble the enemy.

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Richard Castaldo was shot in the chest and both arms. He suffered two broken ribs and had to have his spleen removed. He underwent four operations in 10 days.

"He had two surgeries that same night," Birdsell said. "The third surgery was to fuse two vertebrae." Richard has been upgraded to fair condition this week.

"He still has no movement from the chest down, but the doctors have reassured all of the family that the spinal cord was not severed," Birdsell said.

The doctors said the spinal cord was severely bruised. They expect a full recovery but said it will take a while.

"They said the hospital was fantastic," Birdsell said. "Out of the four who were taken to the hospital initially, three of them had spinal cord injuries."

Since then, Birdsell said she has been told that Swedish Hospital specializes in treating that type injury.

"It just seems that God intervened and got him where he needed to be," she said.

Richard was outside having lunch when the shooting started, Birdsell said. He and the two students he was with were probably the first shot.

"He was unable to help the girl next to him because he was instantly paralyzed," Birdsell said.

There may not have been much he could have done. She and the boy with them were both killed. "He was a clean 17-year-old," Birdsell said. "He didn't smoke or drink or do drugs or anything."

The doctors said they marveled at his healing capacity. It's superb, they said.

"They said he could heal very well and very fast," Mrs. Birdsell said. "To have gone through four surgeries in 10 days, they're very pleased with his condition. His attitude continues to be extremely positive."

A talented saxophone player, his great aunt said, Castaldo played the tuba in the high school marching band.

"This is his first year in public school," Birdsell said. "In the past, he took karate and was a Boy

Scout. He did a lot of outdoor activities in the Denver area so he was in really good physical shape.

Birdsell said he was a good student, concentrating on math and science.

"They used to live in California when the kiddoes were young," Birdsell said. "Then they moved to Norman, Okla., to live while his dad went to school. We used to see them every year as they were going back and forth to California to see grandparents."

It's been a little over eight years since Richard has been to Pampa.

"My family remembers him so well," Birdsell says. "The fun times."

It's a very strong family, she said.

"We just all stick together," Birdsell said.

She said that it is such a devastating thing, she had never thought about it happening, let alone having a family member involved.

"I have a daughter who's a teacher at Pampa High School," Birdsell said. "She knows how real these things can be. She realizes that some kids don't have enough encouragement to be positive." Richard belongs to an international youth peace movement called Peace Jam. At a meeting with the Dalai Lama recently, the Tibetan spiritual leader took Richard by the hands, Birdsell said, looked into his eyes and told him he was special.

"Now, we really wonder," Birdsell said.

She said that when Richard was asked what he wanted to do when he grew up, he answered "I want to help kids like me."

"We're not sure of his response," Birdsell said. "We don't know if he means before or after this incident."

But Birdsell, this week, has had her attention turned a different direction. She also has relatives in the Oklahoma City area where killer tornadoes ripped apart communities and leveled subdivisions.

"We've accounted for everybody," Birdsell said. "My brother's wife and two children were missed by two blocks. Her folks had just moved from Moore last year when they retired."



Mark McVee introduced five Rotary Team members who are in Texas to study different business methods. Ramon Maranon (left), Primilo Solinap, Jean Tangelagan, Leilani Alba and Maria (Lindy) Arroyo will be in Pampa until Friday. See related story on Page 1.

Amy Fisher granted parole after seven years

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Amy Fisher, who at 16 became the tabloid headline "Long Island Lolita" after shooting her lover's wife in the head, was granted parole today after nearly seven years in prison.

Officials said she would be released within one week from the western New York prison where she is being held.

"She's been served (with the decision) this morning and granted release," state Parole Board spokesman Thomas Grant said.

The three-member parole panel,

which interviewed Ms. Fisher on Tuesday, voted 2-1 to free her, according to Grant.

Ms. Fisher shot Mary Jo Buttafuoco, then 37, in the head at the front door of the Buttafuoco home on New York's Long Island in 1992. She had been having sex with Mrs. Buttafuoco's husband, Joey, a 38-year-old businessman who later served six months in jail for statutory rape for the affair.

House passes bill to toughen bankruptcy laws; veto threatened

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation that would make it harder for people to sweep away their debts in bankruptcy easily passed the House despite a White House veto threat.

The House, seeking to stem the rising tide of personal bankruptcies, gave the bipartisan bill a 313-108 veto-proof vote Wednesday. The legislation, sought by credit card companies, got solid Republican support but split the Democrats. The Senate hasn't yet voted on a parallel measure.

The Clinton administration especially criticized the measure's creation of a "means test" based on debtors' income to determine whether they must gradually repay their debts or erase them entirely while under bankruptcy court protection from creditors.

In a statement, the White House called the means test "inflexible and arbitrary," while reaffirming its support in principle for rewriting the bankruptcy laws.

In another setback for the administration Wednesday, the Senate defeated, 52-45, an amendment that would have removed provisions in a financial services overhaul bill that Democrats saw as an attack on the 1977 Community Reinvestment Act.

Senate Banking Committee Chairman Phil Gramm, R-Texas, wants to exempt small rural banks from the community-lending law and make it harder for the government to use satisfactory community-lending ratings as a requirement for banks being allowed to expand.

The Senate also rejected, on a party-line 54-43 vote, a Democratic version of the financial services legislation, which would lift Depression-era barriers separating banks, securities firms and insurance companies.

Before the House vote on the bankruptcy bill, Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., and Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, the panel's senior Democrat, tried to soften the means test provision, which uses the Internal Revenue Service's living expense standards to help determine how much debtors can repay. But their effort was rebuffed in a 238-184 vote.

Big bank-owned credit card networks, notably Visa and MasterCard, and retail-business groups say their losses from debts forgiven in bankruptcy have forced them to raise interest rates for consumers who handle credit responsibly.

But consumer groups, unions, civil rights groups and bankruptcy lawyers maintain the legislation favors corporate profits over the needs of families struggling with debt who need a fresh start. They insist that the credit card companies share the blame by flooding consumers with solicitations to entice them into easy credit.

By voice vote, the lawmakers adopted an amendment requiring credit card companies to clearly

disclose their late-payment fees and how long it would take customers to pay off balances if they make only minimum monthly payments.

The companies also would have to clearly reveal the expiration dates of introductory "teaser rates" and the higher interest rates replacing them. The same disclosures would have to be made in offers for credit card accounts made over the Internet, which have attracted an estimated 7.8 million people in the last five years.

Opponents also maintain that the bill, by barring certain credit card debts from being erased in bankruptcy, would force single mothers and children owed support by bankrupt fathers to compete with credit card companies in collecting debts.

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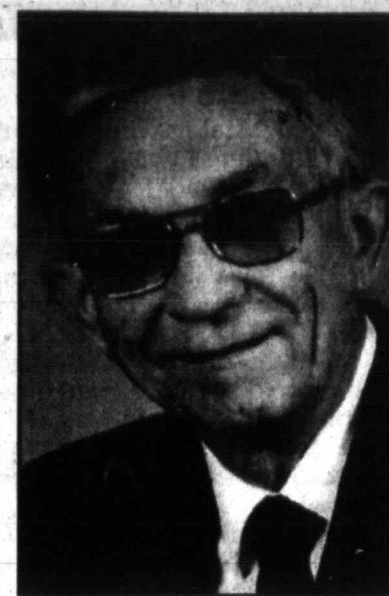
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HiLand Church to host annual Spiritual Warfare Conference in May

HiLand Church, 18th and Banks, will be hosting our annual "Spiritual Warfare Conference," May 12-15. The theme for this year's conference is "Making War In The Heavens."

Conference speakers will include the Rev. Frank Marzullo of DeLand, Fla., the Rev. Frank Hammond of Plainview and the Rev. Dorman Duggan of Hereford.

The conference will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 12 with Marzullo ministering. Brunch will be served from 9-9:45 a.m. Thursday and the morning session will begin at 10 with Duggan ministering. A training session will be held from 2:30-4 in the afternoon for those involved in the ministry of deliverance or those who feel called to a deliverance ministry.

A panel of the speakers will be teaching and answering questions from those in attendance. (There will not be any personal ministry at this session.) Hammond will speak at 7 p.m. Friday's schedule will be the same except that Marzullo will be the evening speaker. Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Hammond will close the conference as the last speaker.

Hammond is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his late wife Ida Mae ministered for many years both in the United States and abroad. He is the author of several books dealing with spiritual warfare and family relationships. His book, "Pigs in the

Parlor" has become a classic in its field and has been translated in many other languages. Brother Hammond brings a great deal of experience and wisdom into this ministry.

Marzullo, a Connecticut native, graduated from Quinnipiac College. He also is the author of several books including "A Manual for the Deliverance Worker" and "Eight Keys to Spiritual and Physical Health." Brother Marzullo travels extensively throughout the United States and abroad. He brings a great deal of wisdom and experience to the ministry of deliverance as well.

Duggan, a native Texan and senior pastor of Community Church in Hereford, is a man of wisdom and balance in spiritual warfare. He has been used extensively in helping people be set free from life controlling problems in their lives. His training for ministry was developed through the practical application of Biblical principles in a "hands-on" ministry.

A registration fee of \$10 is requested from those who would like to have a conference packet which includes several books and other goodies furnished by the conference speakers. You do not need to register to attend. These packets are for those who register. Love offerings will be taken for these ministries.

Pastor Nathan Hopson and the congregation of HiLand Church extends a cordial invitation to everyone to attend this conference.

Amarillo Boy Choirs to hold auditions for anniversary choir

AMARILLO — Spring auditions have been scheduled by the Amarillo Boy Choirs from 4-7 p.m. Friday, May 14 and from 9 a.m.-12 noon Saturday, May 15 at the Choir Room of Saint Stephen United Methodist Church, 4600 S. Western. Boys will be heard by Director Jerry Perales.

Boys must be entering third grade or above and have unchanged voices. Younger boys become members of the Preparatory Choir for one year, and are then eligible to audition for the Concert Choir. Depending upon displayed abilities and singing experience, some older boys who audition may be placed in the Concert Choir the first year.

There will be a \$5 non-refundable audition fee. This fee is used to help the choir recover advertising and other promotional costs. No special preparation is required, and boys may audition either alone or with a parent.

Choristers who are accepted will become members of the organization's 10th Anniversary Celebration choir. The original Amarillo Boy Choir was organized in 1989 following a summer workshop held at Amarillo College.

Both of our choirs have extensive performance opportunities," said Director Perales. "These include fall, Christmas, and spring public concerts, many presentations to schools and civic organizations, and competition each year at Greater Southwest Music Festival. In addition, the Concert Choir tours nearby and distant states to sing and compete, adding to the excellent musical reputation of Amarillo and the Panhandle."

Fifty-four boys of the Concert Choir earned a "Superior" rating and trophy in March at the All Star Music Festival in Orlando, Fla. The choir also presented a special program at Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom. The choir has performed with Amarillo Opera, Amarillo Symphony, Amarillo Youth Symphony and Amarillo Little Theatre.

Additional audition details may be obtained by calling (806) 371-4472 or by sending an e-mail request to boychoir@webtex.com.

KACV announces interview with mayor

AMARILLO — Now that he's been re-elected Amarillo's mayor, Kel Seliger will continue to make decisions affecting both his city and, in some instances, the panhandle area. Tuesday, May 11 at 9 p.m., area residents will have the chance to ask Seliger where he stands on current and upcoming issues, on "Perspective: A Conversation with the Mayor," as Mayor Seliger fields viewer phone calls live from the KACV-TV studios during a half-hour program hosted by James Hunt.

"I'm sure just about everybody has some question they might like

to ask about city services or city policy, and where better to go than the top?" says Hunt. "We want this show to be an opportunity for Amarillo citizens to talk with their mayor one-on-one, and I hope they will help us cover a lot of topics."

Viewers are encouraged to phone in questions during the program, or e-mail them no later than 4:30 p.m. May 11 to ernaal@actx.edu. A repeat broadcast will air at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 16. The program is made possible through a grant from the Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation.

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Alcohol can cause serious birth defects

AUSTIN — The Texas Office for Prevention of Developmental Disabilities is urging women who are or who may become pregnant to review their drinking habits and avoid drinking alcohol during Alcohol and Other Drug-Related Birth Defects Awareness Week which begins Mother's Day, May 9.

"Early identification by women of the risks associated with drinking alcohol while pregnant offers a targeted strategy to prevent Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, the leading cause of preventable mental retardation and the most serious form of drug-related birth defects," said Larry Camp, executive director of the Texas Office for Prevention of Developmental Disabilities.

Estimates for Texas drawn from national statistics suggest each year approximately 600 Texas children are born with one or more of the physical signs or intellectual disabilities associated with FAS. Potentially three times that many may experience an equally serious but less apparent form of the disability known as Fetal Alcohol Effects which may include features associated with learning disabilities — Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder and related conditions.

While the most critical period of fetal development is during the first three months which includes the time before some women even know they are pregnant, essential aspects of development occur throughout the pregnancy. Research shows that maternal ingestion of even small amounts of alcohol during pregnancy has led to developmental problems in some children and that there is no way of determining a "safe" amount or predicting who may avoid creating such problems for their child. Once a woman bears a child with FAS, the probability that subsequent children will also have this disability may be as high as 70 percent.

Clearly, the message for women of childbearing age is to avoid drinking alcohol if they know or if they suspect that they are pregnant.

For more information about FAS and other alcohol-related birth defects, contact the Texas Office for Prevention of Developmental Disabilities, (512) 424-6042, P.O. Box 13247, Austin, TX 78711-3247, or larry.camp@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Lamar honor roll

Lamar Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the fifth six weeks grading period of the 1998-99 school year.

SECOND GRADE

Brittney Coombes, Raymond Cox, Codi Guthrie, Tyler Jones, Andrew Hatcher, Callie Preston, Kelsie Serrato, Hayden Skinner, Matthew Terry, Abby West, Amber Chavarria, Sencia Cruz, Keyra Dunham, Celeste Gonzales, Tristin Reeves, Heath Skinner.

THIRD GRADE

Jessica Hook, Veronica Solorzano, David Soto, Jamica Walker, Aaron Brown, April Newsome, Elizabeth Wade, Erin Hall, Tifea Huey, Elizabeth McGrath, Ahely Meyer, Aaron Sanders.

FOURTH GRADE

Jamie Gonzales, Adam Hagerman, Lisheth Herrera, Karim Molinar, Jose Puentes, Phillip Rodriguez, Joshua Sanders, Julia Solis, Jon-Nathan Stewart, Luzi Villagrana, Andrew Lowrance, Lansey Mixon, Bobby Sikes, Cody Snow, Melissa Collier, Kali Jimenez, Robert McLean, Consuelo Perez, Michael Robinson, Halei Skinner, Marcos Valles, Nicholas Villareal.

FIFTH GRADE

Brittney Cox, Charles Dean, Cody Greenlee, Adrian Puentes, Marza Scott, K'Leigh Sweeney, Daniel Clark, Quinn Evans, Taylor Reeves, Josh Reynolds, Sheena Rosalez, Argelia Villagrana, Royce McGrath, Cassy Roe, Josiah West.

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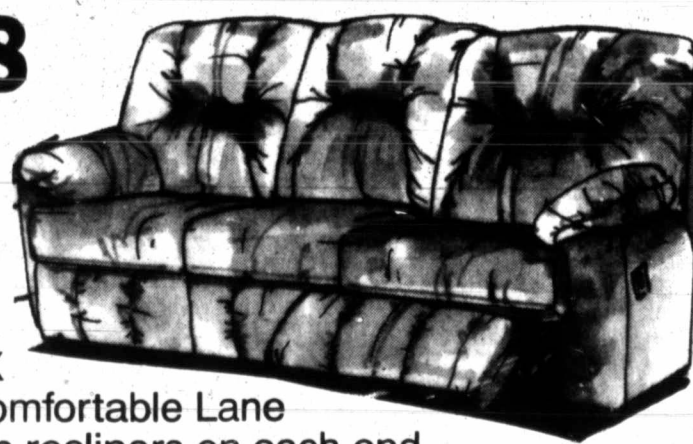


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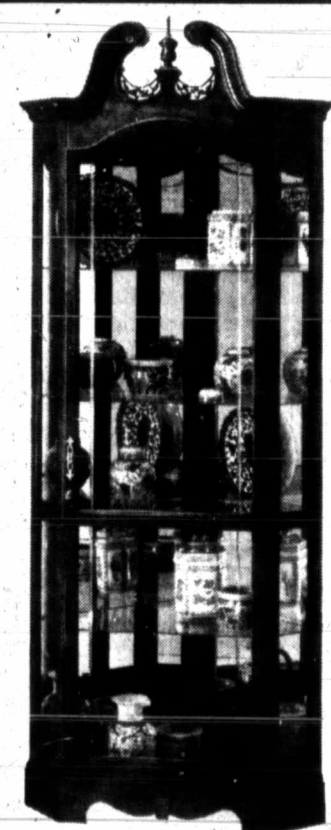
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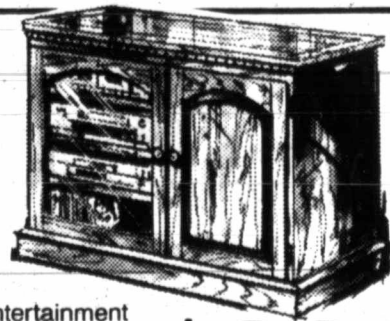
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Parents Get Their Backs Up At News of Teen's Tattoo

DEAR ABBY: Our 18-year-old daughter is a freshman in college. One morning we received a call from her roommate's mother, who is a friend of ours, letting us know that her daughter visited a tattoo parlor near the college and had gotten a tattoo on her back.

Worried and shocked, we called our daughter and discovered that she had gone too, and also had one! We discussed it with her and explained that in our country, people with tattoos are usually individuals who have been or still are in prison, and that tattoos are not reflective of our cultural background.

We love our daughter and respect most of her decisions. She has been a role model for her younger sister and brother.

Our daughter agreed to go to a dermatologist and have the tattoo removed, but we are concerned that being away at school and having so much freedom, she may make other decisions that are against our principles. Your opinion, please.

WORRIED PARENTS
IN WASHINGTON

DEAR WORRIED PARENTS: Although I would never consider having a tattoo, many popular American music stars, actors and sports figures now do. However, in your daughter's case, getting a tattoo was done on an impulse, which is probably why she so quickly agreed to have it removed at your request. As a young adult, she



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

will — and should — make decisions on her own. Although you, as her parents, may not agree with all of them, they are hers to make.

As for the tattoo fad, I predict that as middle age and the force of gravity converge, laser surgeons will do a booming business.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Royally Speaking," who stated that Henry VII and Henry VIII were not related to Kings Henry I through VI. This is not so!

All monarchs of England can trace their ancestry directly back to Egbert, who is considered the first king of all England and reigned from 802 to 839. Of course, not all monarchs have the same lineage.

Another interesting fact about the numbering of these monarchs before 1066 is that they were given names to tell them apart. Thus, there was Alfred the Great, Edward the Elder, Edgar the Peaceful, Ethelred the Unready and Edward

the Confessor, to name a few.

William the Conqueror, in 1066, started the numbering process by being William I. He didn't like the title "The Conqueror" because he maintained he did not "conquer," but only took what was rightfully his. Since he was illegitimate, he was also known as William the Bastard. I'm sure he did not like that title either.

ROBERT G.D. WILLIAMS,
NEW-ORLEANS

DEAR ROBERT THE HISTORIAN (OR ROBERT THE WISE): Several readers (including one who claimed to be a direct descendant of Oliver Cromwell, the Lord Protector of England) wrote to tell me that "Royally Speaking" had his facts wrong. Thank you for straightening out the lineage of England's eight kings named Henry.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "AP-PRECIATIVE IN ALBANY": The best way to repay the kindness of others is to follow John Wesley's Rule:

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

Horoscope

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 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)

★★★★ Say what you mean, and mean what you say. Others are difficult; it's up to you to establish boundaries. You might feel stressed out by a financial turn of events. Remain positive, motivate others. Maintain your focus, and you'll get what you want. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Pressure peaks and you become the epitome of negativity. Is this really necessary? Face, then release rigidity. This characteristic could be preventing you from doing what is necessary. A partner tries to ease the way for you. Tonight: A must-show.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Reach out for another when the unexpected happens. How you deal with others could change because of information you learn. Just because you are angry doesn't mean the world should feel the effects. You could make this easier on yourself if you so choose. Tonight: Gone, gone, gone!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You could be riveted by news about a joint investment. Rather than being dragged down by a rigid friend, allow your creativity to come out. Unusual solutions plot a

new, innovative course. Say "yes" to a child or loved one. Make time for an important talk. Tonight: In the mood for romance?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Fasten your seat belt as the planets put you on a roller coaster ride so wild and woolly, you might not be sure you'll land! You will. Don't permit others to project their negativity and irrationality onto you. Be yourself, and everything will work out. Tonight: TGIF!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Others mean well, but they have a way of raining on your parade. There are many alternatives and different styles, if you remain open to suggestions. You aren't getting the whole story from a co-worker. Be smart, avoid judging. Make an effort toward a friend; it comes back multi-fold. Tonight: Soak in a hot tub.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ A potentially wonderful, flirtatious relationship hits thunderclouds. Another becomes tense and difficult because of a financial difficulty. You might be missing important information and/or making a decision without the necessary facts. Tonight: Out and about, you flirt!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You don't mean to hurt another, but what you say is misconstrued. Placating a difficult partner isn't fun; he opts for rigidity and the cold-shoulder treatment. Take an overview and understand where he is coming from. Tonight: Make a special dinner for two!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Talk about what is on your mind. Don't let a key question escape the conversation. Though you might not be able to predict another's reaction, you might want

to do some ground work. Your efforts towards a partner are greatly appreciated. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Financial changes occur at lightning speed. Stabilizing the situation is certainly the object of the game. A friend takes a strong stance and helps lighten up the present mood. Accept invitations. Tonight: You don't have to spend to have a good time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might be more confused than you realize. Another might be very hard on you about something you inadvertently forgot. Lighten up and don't keep pushing yourself. Pursue what you want. Your efforts won't go unnoticed. Another's gratitude might be more subtle than yours is. Tonight: Your call.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Sometimes you need a hard surprise to make you realize what you have been avoiding or missing. Communication takes a difficult turn; you might not like what you hear. Detach; make that extra effort. A child or loved one lets you know how much he cares. Tonight: Play ostrich.

BORN TODAY

Singer Theresa Brewer (1931), moderator Tim Russert (1950), filmmaker Amy Heckerling (1954)

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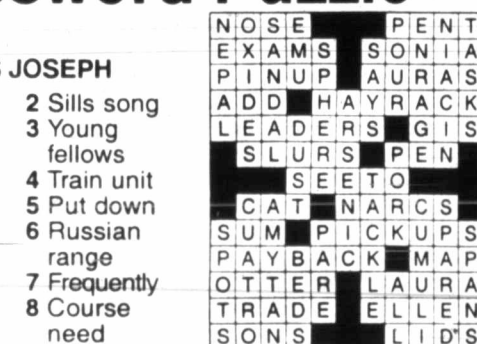
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"He discovered a crossing guard and we spent a half hour crossing the street."

The Family Circus



"How could the 3 little pigs talk, Dolly?"
"They learned it from Babe."

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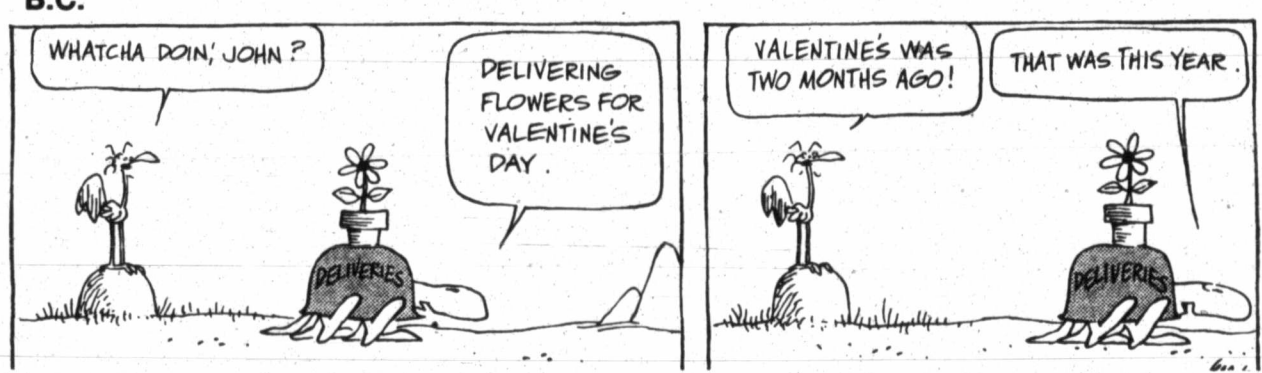
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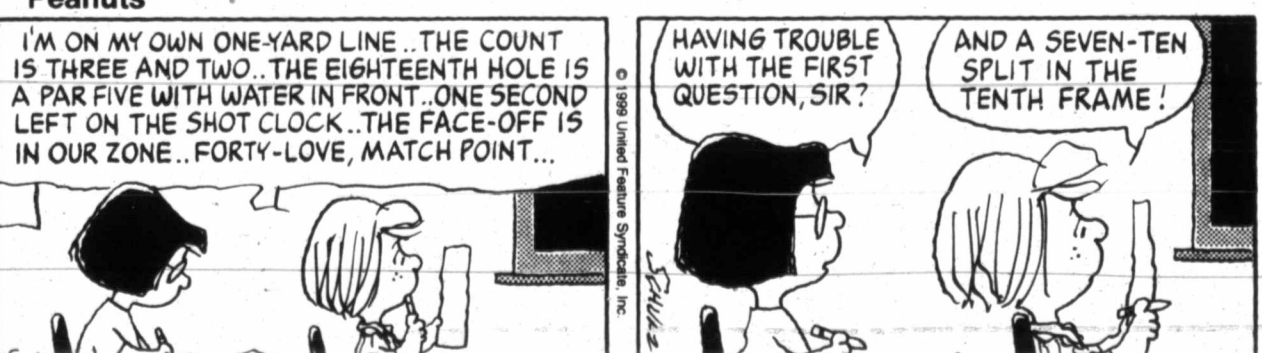
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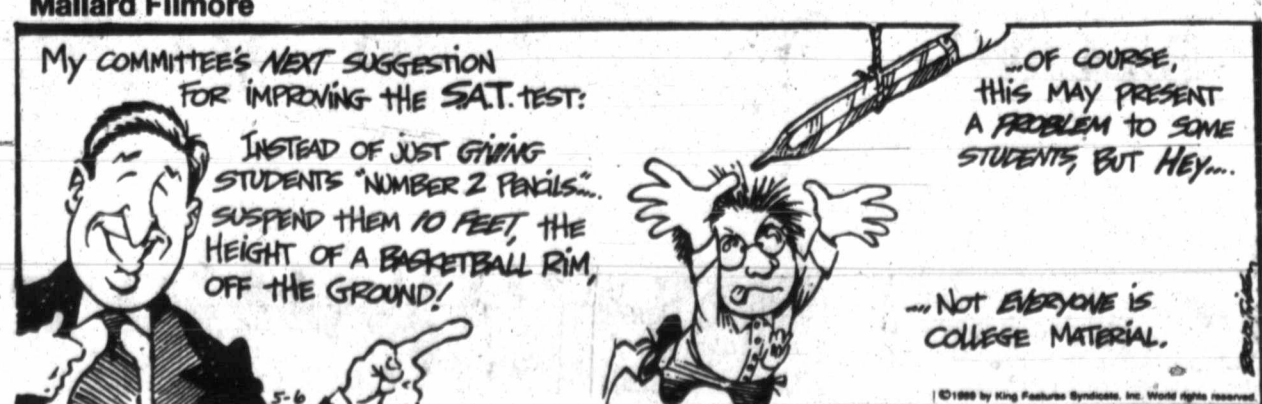
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SPORTS

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SOCCER

PAMPA — Because of bad weather, all soccer games scheduled on May 1 were canceled. Those games have been re-scheduled for May 8 at the original times.

The PSA Spring Soccer Awards program will be held at the playing fields on May 8, beginning at 7 p.m.

BASKETBALL

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — All-America point guard Mateen Cleaves will remain at Michigan State for another year rather than make himself available for the NBA draft, the Lansing State Journal reported today.

"I'm happy with the decision," Cleaves told the newspaper. "I'd been leaning that way all along."

The 6-foot-2, 190-pound Cleaves was to discuss his decision at a news conference scheduled for 4 p.m. EDT today.

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico coach Fran Fraschilla has signed a point guard with the credentials to be a game-breaker and grades-maker.

Marlon Parmer, winner of the John Wooden Award as the top high school player in Southern California this past season, becomes the first recruit signed by Fraschilla.

"Not only is he a good player, he's a great kid," said Fraschilla, referring to the fact Parmer carries a 3.5 grade point average to go along with his on-court averages of 26 points and nine assists.

"He's a solid player," Fraschilla said. "He does a lot of things well. I like his versatility."

Parmer, who attends Verbum Dei High School in Los Angeles, could provide immediate help on a New Mexico team that has only one point guard returning next season — sophomore John Robinson. And Parmer has proven he can take over a game.

He scored 31 points, including a clutch basket and six free throws in overtime in Verbum Dei's 74-63 win over Christian Brothers for the boys' Division IV state title.

Verbum Dei (31-7) won their second Division IV title and the third overall.

Parmer also was recruited by Michigan, Southern Cal and UNLV.

Fraschilla said the Lobos were able to sign Parmer, at least in part, because of the intense interest in New Mexico basketball in Albuquerque and around the state.

"He saw there's a love affair with basketball," Fraschilla said. "He wanted to be a part of that."

Also on Wednesday, the Lobos announced that freshman Drew Gaudin was transferring out of New Mexico basketball and heading back to California at the end of the spring term. The 6-foot-8 forward from Canyon High School in Anaheim, Calif., hasn't specified which school he is transferring to.

He said his decision had nothing to do with the resignation of Bliss or the arrival of Fraschilla; he just wanted to be closer to home.

New Mexico also announced late Wednesday that it was releasing another recruit, Josh Faltesek, from his national letter of intent. The release of Faltesek, a 6-foot-8 senior at Amarillo (Texas) High School, opened up a scholarship the Lobos can now give to Parmer.

Pampa meets Weatherford in regional semis

PAMPA — Pampa's Lady Harvesters are edging closer to the UIL State Softball Championships. The Lady Harvesters can take a giant step down that road this weekend if they can get past highly-regarded Weatherford in the regional semifinals.

The Region 1-4A matchup is tentatively scheduled for 5 p.m. Friday at Vernon Regional Junior College. Weatherford has played almost twice as many games as Pampa and currently has an impressive 32-2-1 record.

The Lady Harvesters have won 14 of 18 outings and are on a roll in the playoffs. A solid mix of talented seniors and underclassmen has led to Pampa's success during this first year of UIL girls fastpitch softball.

Pampa pitcher Kimberly Clark threw a two-hit shutout in a 12-0 over Pecos in the Area round of the playoffs. Cali Covalt and Lisa Kirkpatrick led Pampa's nine-hit attack with a pair of singles. Clark and Kirkpatrick are both seniors while Covalt is a freshman.

Pampa had much stiffer competition in the regional quarterfinals, but got past El Paso Parkland 4-3. Kelsey Yowell, Shanna Buck, Lisa Dwight and Covalt each had one hit for the Lady Harvesters while Clark on the mound struck out 11 and allowed four hits. Yowell and Dwight are both seniors and Buck is a sophomore.

During the regular season, Kimberly Clark, freshman

Stephanie Clark, Covalt, junior Cassi Scott and sophomore Stephanie Cameron all hit better than .400.

The Pampa-Weatherford winner will meet either El Paso

Ysleta (25-3-1) or Burkburnett Falls Rider 2-0 and El Paso (21-5) in the Region 1-4A finals. Ysleta downed Dumas 6-5 in the other quarterfinal contests.



(Special photo)

The Lady Harvesters celebrate their regional semifinal victory over El Paso Parkland in Odessa. Holding the championship trophy are seniors Lisa Dwight, Lisa Kirkpatrick and Kimberly Clark.

FSB claims 9-10 victory

PAMPA — First State Bank of Miami defeated The Medicine Shoppe 17-12 in a Banbino League 9-10 game earlier this week at Optimist Park.

Colby Greenhouse and Aaron Carr were each 1 for 2 with 2 RBIs for the bankers. Miami's Ryan Adams was 2 for 2 with 1 RBI. Jake Booz was 1 for 2 with a double and Darius Kimberling had 4 walks and scored 4 runs.

Jonathan Carr won the game in relief. He gave up 2 runs on 1 hit while striking out 4 and walking 6.

For The Medicine Shoppe, Brandon Crooke struck out 2 and threw out a runner in the fourth inning.

Texas tops BoSox; Helling wins 3rd straight

BOSTON (AP) — Poor control against a good hitting team spelled a short night for Boston right-hander Pat Rapp.

Rapp was tagged for five runs in just one-third of an inning as the Texas Rangers rolled to a 8-3 victory over the Red Sox on Wednesday night.

Was it a fast start by Texas? Or was Rapp really that bad?

"I kept trying to find it, kept trying to find it and by then it was too late," Rapp said. "It was just a matter of throwing strikes, and I wasn't doing it."

Rapp (1-2) walked three and gave up four hits and five runs in the opening inning.

He walked leadoff hitter Tom Goodwin on four pitches, and Rusty Greer walked with one out. Juan Gonzalez and Rafael Palmeiro delivered RBI singles before Ivan Rodriguez hit a 2-1

pitch into the left-field screen. Todd Zeile singled and Lee Stevens walked before Rapp was pulled in favor of John Wasdin.

"I thought our ballclub got off to a good start offensively," Texas manager Johnny Oates said.

And Rapp, who threw just 15 of his 35 pitches for strikes, could only try to figure out what happened.

"I just never got comfortable out there," he said. "I didn't get control of my fastball. I got behind and they just hit them on a line after that."

Boston manager Jimmy Williams agreed that the lack of control coupled with a powerful lineup made for a bad mix for the Red Sox.

"They've got some good hitters over there," Williams said.

"Throw in a few walks and a three-run homer and we're down five."

Rangers right-hander Rick Helling was the beneficiary of the quick start, allowing two runs in 6 1-3 innings and posting his third straight win.

"When you're up 7-0, you want to get your players off the field as soon as possible," Helling said. "I think any pitcher will tell you they pitch differently when you're up 7-0."

Helling (3-3) allowed seven hits, walked two and struck out two.

Gonzalez added a solo homer and Palmeiro went 3-for-3 with three singles and two walks.

Texas increased its lead to 7-0 in the second on RBI singles by Greer and Rodriguez.

Rodriguez had just three RBIs in his last 16 games after setting the club record with nine against Seattle on April 13.

Nomar Garciaparra, who hit 35 home runs last year, hit his first homer this season for Boston. The star shortstop missed six games because of a bad hamstring.

Garciaparra's two-run homer off reliever Mike Venafrro made it 7-3 in the seventh. Gonzalez hit his fifth home run in the ninth.

"It's nice if you don't let them score," Oates said of the fast start.

Notes: Rangers shortstop Royce Clayton is expected to miss 4-6 weeks after an MRI revealed a torn muscle behind his right

shoulder. ... Rodriguez was erased at second on a rare 7-4 forceout when Zeile's liner was trapped by left fielder Troy O'Leary, who fired to second. ... Texas right-hander John Burkett threw 70 pitches in his second rehab start in Jackson, Miss. for the Tulsa Drillers. He went 4 1-3 innings, giving up five runs on seven hits, while walking two and striking out two. ... Boston right-hander Pedro Martinez, 5-1 with a 2.06 ERA, was named AL Pitcher of the Month.

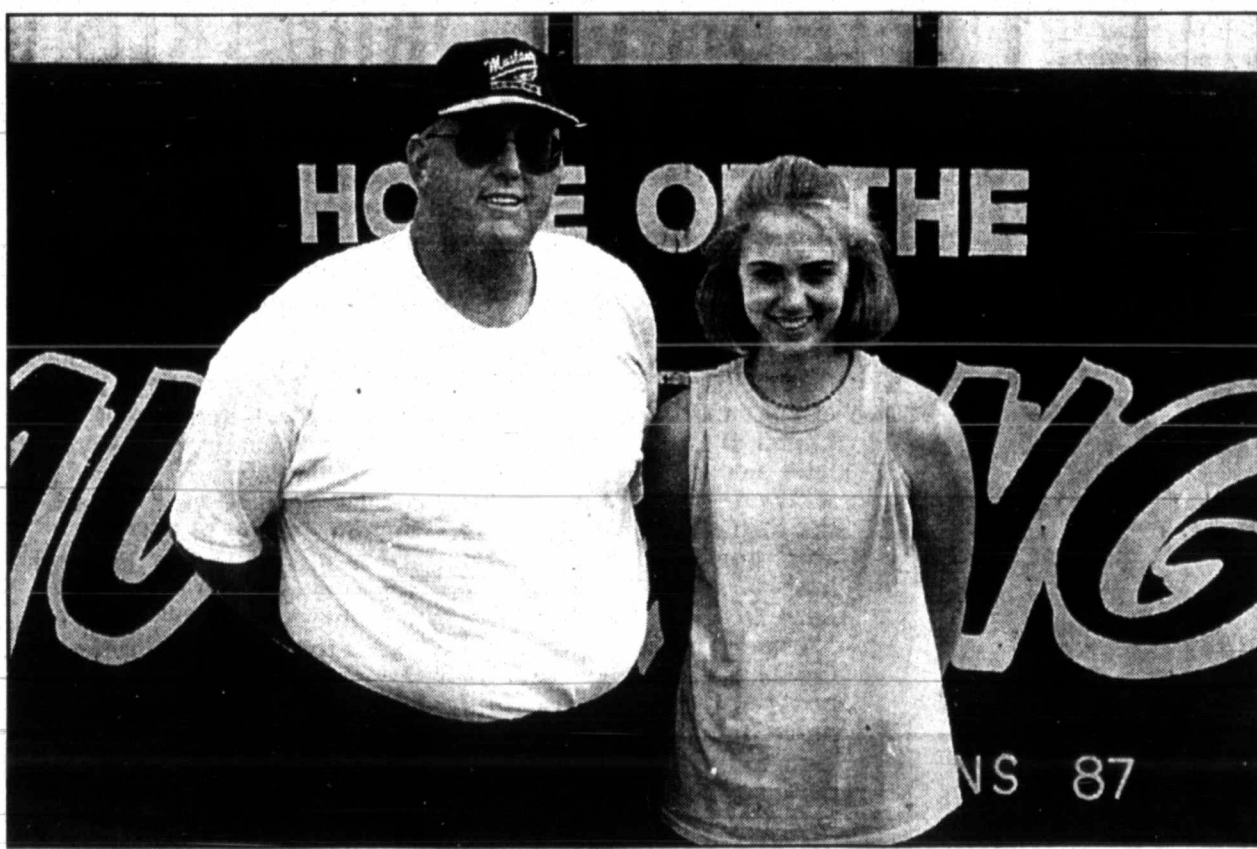
Astros continue their hot streak

NEW YORK (AP) — When Armando Benitez is on, his 98 mph fastball is nearly impossible to hit no matter who is at the plate. Slow it down just a bit, and it can mean trouble for the New York Mets' reliever.

Jeff Bagwell caught up to Benitez's heater and hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning to give the Houston Astros their eighth win in 10 games, 5-4 over the Mets on Wednesday night.

"When Jeff went up to the plate, I said if he can just get one of those 91, 92 miles per hour pitches, he'll have a chance," Astros manager Larry Dierker said.

Bagwell had more than a chance. He had a game-winning home run to cap a 5-1 road trip for Houston.



(Pampa News photo)

Wheeler head football coach Jim Verden poses with daughter Brooke, who is entered in the Class 1A state track meet May 14-15 in Austin. Brooke, a junior, won both district and regional titles in the 100 hurdles this year. She qualified for the state meet in the hurdles last year, but an injury kept her from finishing the meet.

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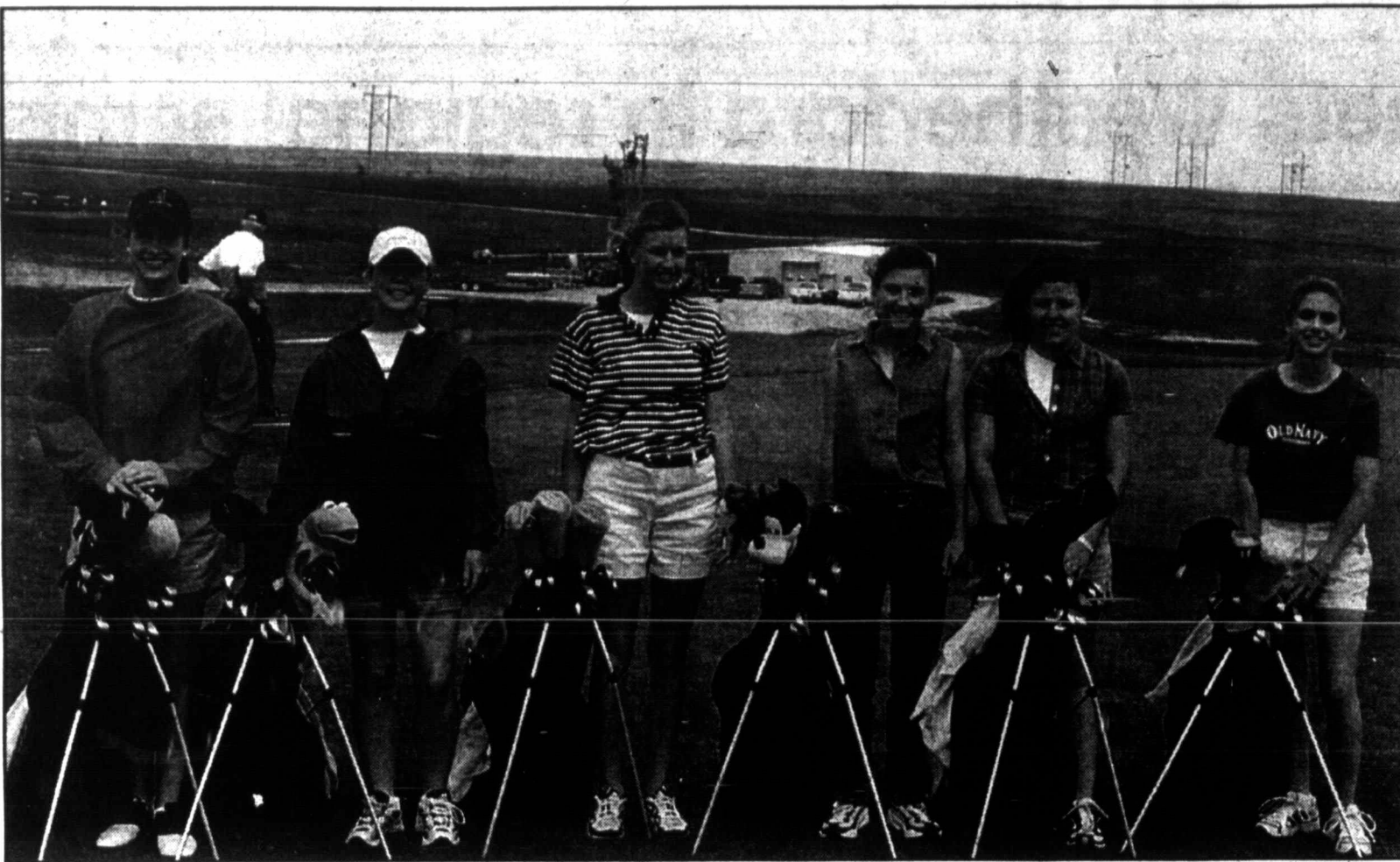
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State-bound golfers



The Pampa girls' golf team is headed for the state tournament for the second year in a row. Team members are (from left) Alison Piersall, Maggie Cowan, Cortnie Allison, Stefanie Harwood, Annie Sims and Cortney Lockname.

Fishing collectibles — A growing enterprise

By JOE DOGGETT
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Fishing has a tradition of excellence, and many forward-thinking anglers enjoy looking to the past to relive and preserve these benchmarks.

Collecting old tackle has become a huge enterprise during the past decade. Some call it a hobby; others consider it a passion. But all are enthralled with collectibles of wood and metal. Even, increasingly, plastic. Regardless of construction, if it carried with class and style during a bygone era, somebody wants it — assuming it remains in reasonably clean condition.

The best place for Houston-area collectors to swap and shop is the 8th annual Bay Area Antique Fishing Lure Show & Sale, which will be held Saturday, May 8, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, Interstate 10 West at Loop 610.

"The show has grown each year," said host Ben Kocian. "The room can handle 100 display tables, and it is totally sold out; we expect about 125 collectors to be represented. Last year, once the show got under way, we had a line of people waiting to get in, so anybody serious about looking should be there early."

The show is sanctioned by the National Fishing Lure Collectors' Club.

"The NFLCC has 10 regions and we are in Region 8," said Kocian. "Our region is comprised of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. The next Region 8 show will be in Dallas in the fall — now is the time for anybody in Houston interested in old tackle."

The scope of fishing collectibles is enormous, ranging from obvious gear such as rods, reels and lures to more esoteric items including tackle boxes, bait buckets, and posters. The tables feature thousands of items for sale, and the public is

encouraged to bring old fishing tackle for free appraisal or auction by qualified experts.

Many pieces of old tackle are exhumed each year from the back reaches of musty closets, attics and garages, and the dealers assembled at the show can provide realistic evaluations of "grandpa's" forgotten gear; however, it should be stressed that most old junk is just that — junk. All eras of fishing were filled with cheap tackle and age, alone, does not necessarily make an item valuable.

This especially is true if the item was of common issue and suffered poorly through decades of abuse or neglect. Rust in coastal regions has ruined or severely downgraded many fine collectibles (for example, the cleanest reels typically are found inland, reserved for limited freshwater use).

Inflated prices on routine tackle at antique stores can create false expectations; the item must have real significance to fetch an impressive price from knowledgeable collectors.

"Several factors influence value," said Kocian. "First, an item that was of limited issue by a big-name company can be a plus. For example, a bass plug in a rare color can be worth much, much more than a comparable lure in a common color like red-and-white or perch. An unusual size is another plus."

"And, obviously, an item in new or mint condition is a huge upgrade — especially if the original box and papers are included. Having the paper can make a big difference for a serious collector."

But it gets tricky. A mint, in-the-box product from an "el cheapo" manufacturer may not command much price. Nor will most items made by amateurs. Uncle Jim's hand-carved bass plugs may have significant legacy at home, but most serious collectors will wave them past. Unless, of course, Uncle Jim happened to be James Heddon; a hand-made item with real pedigree might be utterly huge.

Even a well-worn "beater" reel or battered plug can have worthwhile value if the product is scarce and coveted. You have to know what you are dealing with, and this knowledge might take years of experience. If questions exist, get several reviews before selling or trading.

The tremendous diversity of collectible tackle creates many specialized interests. This is one of the fascinating aspects of gathering old gear. One collector might be focused on wooden, glass-eyed Heddon bass plugs, while the next is drooling over hard-plastic saltwater plugs made by Texan Doug English. The next is keen for wooden tackle boxes. And on and on.

I am lured by old casting reels, specifically the Shakespeare, Langley and South Bend models used during the 1950s, the last era before the star-drag, free-spool invasion. I am intrigued by the simple, clean function, the pinnacle of progress that evolved from the original Kentucky reels. They had it down with jeweled precision until Ambassador muddled the water.

I appreciate a 9999 mint-in-the-box reel, but an old Shakespeare does not have to be "four 9s fine" to light me up. I want the reel to use, not necessarily to display. These reels still fish with with elegance, and several friends and I have taken to using them almost exclusively while casting lures for speckled trout and redbfish in shallow water.

Quite simply, the hands-on contact puts the fun back into a fishing experience stifled by a big, modern crank and drag. Casting the braided Dacron and thumbing a 25-inch redbfish on a lightweight 7- or 8-ounce reel is a main-line charge that becomes addictive.

During a trip two weeks ago to Port O'Connor, I used a Shakespeare Marhoff Model 1964 and a Shakespeare President Model 1979. Both are excellent examples of this clean, mean trip.

Scoreboard

BOWLING				
HARVESTER LANES — PAMPA				
Wednesday Night Mixed League				
Team	Won	Lost		
Harvester lanes	37 1/2	14 1/5		
McCarty Hull	36	16		
Deaver Construction	34 1/2	17 1/2		
Dorman Tire	25 1/2	26 1/2		
Davis Minit Mart	22 1/2	29 1/2		
Cox Enterprise	20	32		
Canadian Motel	19	33		

Week's High Scores
Team
High series: Dorman Tire 2,035; High game: Cox Enterprise 688; High handicap series: Davis Minit Mart 2,491; High handicap series: Canadian Motel 932.

Individual
Women
High game: Romona Staus 203; High series: Judy Anderson 516; High handicap game: Romona Staus 264; High handicap series: Belinda Edwards 671.

Men
High game: Dan Anderson 213; High series: David Livingston 593; High handicap game: Chris Smith 242; High handicap series: Davis Livingston 671.

BASEBALL

National League

At A Glance

By The Associated Press

All Times EDT

East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
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Atlanta	19	8	.704	
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New York	17	11	.607	2 1/2
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Philadelphia	14	13	.519	5
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Montreal	8	18	.308	10 1/2
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Florida	6	22	.214	13 1/2
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Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
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Houston	17	10	.630	
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St. Louis	15	11	.577	1 1/2
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Chicago	13	12	.520	3
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Pittsburgh	13	13	.500	3 1/2
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Milwaukee	13	14	.481	4
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Cincinnati	11	15	.423	5 1/2
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West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
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San Francisco	17	12	.586	
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Los Angeles	16	12	.571	1/2
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Arizona	15	14	.517	2
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Colorado	11	13	.458	3 1/2
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San Diego	10	17	.370	6
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Tuesday's Games

Chicago 13, Colorado 12

Philadelphia 3, San Diego 0

Montreal 2, Los Angeles 1

Cincinnati 6, Arizona 4

Milwaukee 8, Florida 1

Houston 6, New York 1

San Francisco 7, Pittsburgh 4

St. Louis 9, Atlanta 1

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia 11, San Diego 1

Milwaukee 2, Florida 0

Atlanta 12, St. Louis 3

Colorado 13, Chicago 6

Los Angeles 8, Montreal 2

Arizona 5, Cincinnati 1

Houston 5, New York 4

Pittsburgh 4, San Francisco 3, 12 innings

Thursday's Game

Pittsburgh (Ritchie 1-1) at St. Louis

(Osborne 1-2), 8:10 p.m.

Only game scheduled

Friday's Games

Chicago (Tapini 2-1) at Cincinnati

(Harnisch 2-3), 7:05 p.m.

Montreal (Baltista 2-0) at Houston (Lima 4-1), 8:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Schmidt 4-1) at St. Louis (Oliver 2-1), 8:10 p.m.

Philadelphia (Schilling 4-1) at Colorado (Thomson 0-3), 9:05 p.m.

New York (Hershiser 2-2) at Arizona (Stottmyre 3-1), 10:05 p.m.

Atlanta (Millwood 2-2) at San Diego (Clement 0-3), 10:05 p.m.

Milwaukee (Roeque 0-2) at San Francisco (Brock 2-2), 10:05 p.m.

Florida (Springer 0-4) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 4-1), 10:10 p.m.

American League

At A Glance

By The Associated Press

All Times EDT

East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
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New York	17	9	.654	
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Tampa Bay	15	14	.517	3 1/2
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Toronto	15	14	.517	3 1/2
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Boston	12	14	.462	5
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Baltimore	9	17	.346	8
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Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
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Cleveland	18	8	.692	
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Chicago	13	12	.520	4 1/2
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Detroit	13	15	.464	6
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Kansas City				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Kansas City	11	14	.440	6 1/2
Minnesota	11	16	.407	7 1/2
Texas	15	12	.556	
Oakland	14	15	.483	2
Seattle	13	14	.481	2
Anaheim	13	15	.464	2 1/2

Tuesday's Games

Detroit 3, Anaheim 1

Oakland 13, Toronto 4

Kansas City 5, Tampa Bay 3

Baltimore 9, Chicago 5, 10 innings

Minnesota 8, New York 5

Only game scheduled

Wednesday's Games

Texas 8, Boston 3

Baltimore 8, Chicago 0

Tampa Bay 10, Kansas City 7

Oakland 8, Toronto 2

Anaheim 4, Detroit 1

Seattle 6, Cleveland 5

New York 5, Minnesota 3

Thursday's Games

Kansas City (Pittley 1-1) at Tampa Bay

(Arrojo 1-3), 12:35 p.m.

New York (Cone 4-0) at Minnesota (Radke 3-2), 1:15 p.m.

Chicago (Baldwin 2-2) at Baltimore (Ponson 1-2), 3:05 p.m.

Texas (Sele 3-2) at Boston (Saberhagen 2-1), 7:05 p.m.

Oakland (Heredia 1-2) at Toronto (Carpenter 3-1), 7:05 p.m.

Seattle (Moyer 1-4) at Cleveland (Cotton 3-1), 7:05 p.m.

Anaheim (Finley 1-2) at Detroit (Florie 0-0), 7:05 p.m.

Friday's Games

Anaheim (Oliveras 3-2) at Boston

(Martinez 5-1), 7:05 p.m.

Texas (Clark 2-2) at Toronto (Hentgen 1-1), 7:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Witt 3-0) at Cleveland

(Gooden 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

Baltimore (Mussina 4-1) at Detroit

(Thompson 4-2), 7:05 p.m.

Seattle (Suzuki 0-0) at New York (Iraha 0-0), 7:35 p.m.

Oakland (Candioti 2-3) at Chicago

(Parque 3-2), 8:05 p.m.

Kansas City (Appier 2-2) at Minnesota

(Milton 0-2), 8:05 p.m.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

Day-By-Day Playoff Glance

All Times EDT

SECOND ROUND

Thursday, May 6

Buffalo at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

St. Louis at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Friday, May 7

Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Detroit at Colorado, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 8

Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Dallas at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 9

Buffalo at Boston, 2 p.m.

Detroit at Colorado, 2 p.m.

Monday, May 10

Dallas at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11

Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

Colorado at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12

Boston at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

Dallas at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 13

Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

Colorado at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 14

Boston at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 15

Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7:30 p.m., if necessary

St. Louis at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., if necessary

Sunday, May 16

Buffalo at Boston, 2 p.m., if necessary

Detroit at Colorado, 2 p.m., if necessary

Monday, May 17

Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m., if necessary

Dallas at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m., if necessary

Tuesday, May 18

Boston at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m., if necessary

Colorado at Detroit, 7:30 p.m., if necessary

Wednesday, May 19

Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7 p.m., if necessary

St. Louis at Dallas, 9 p.m., if necessary

Thursday, May 20

Detroit at Colorado, 8 p.m., if necessary

Buffalo at Boston, TBA, if necessary

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(Special photo)

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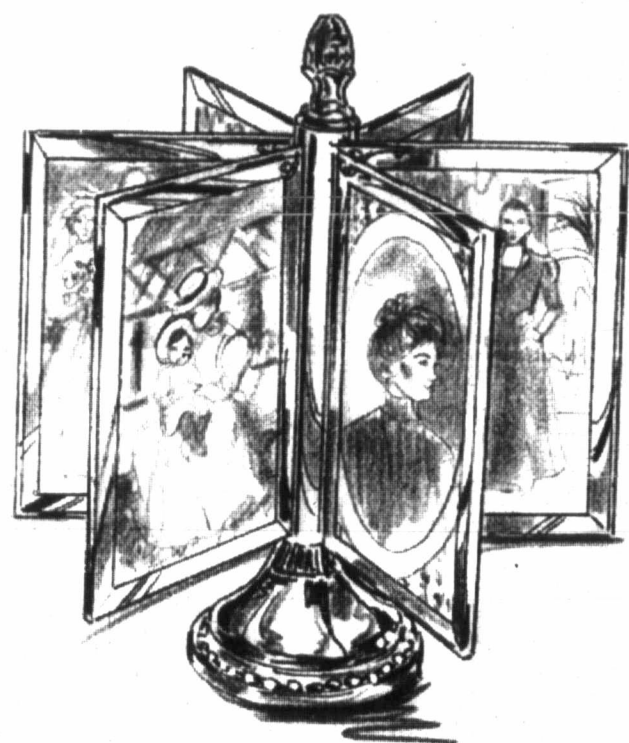


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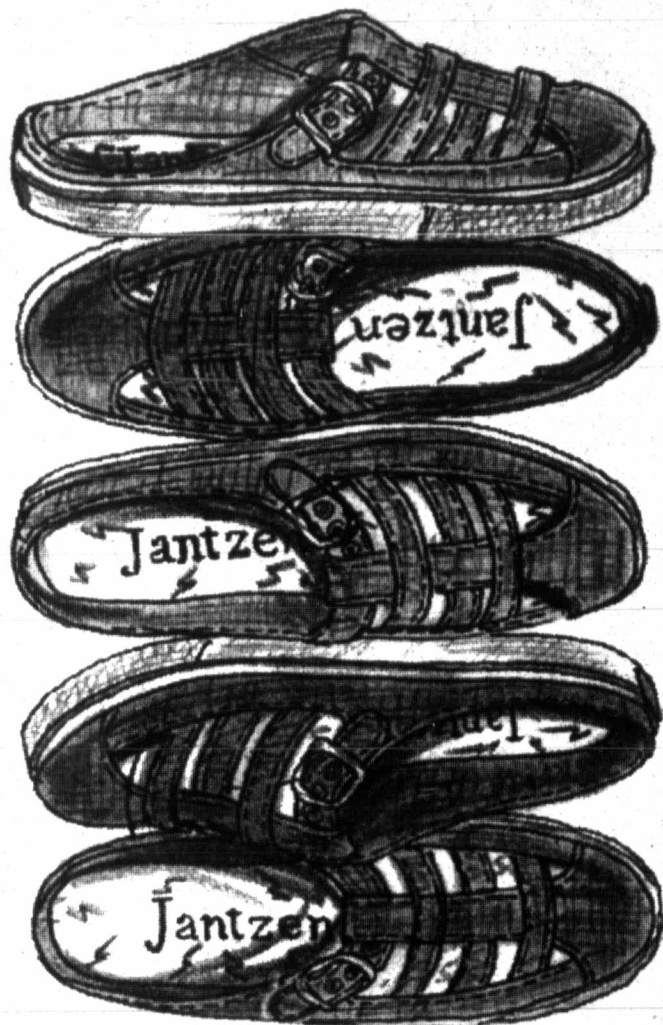
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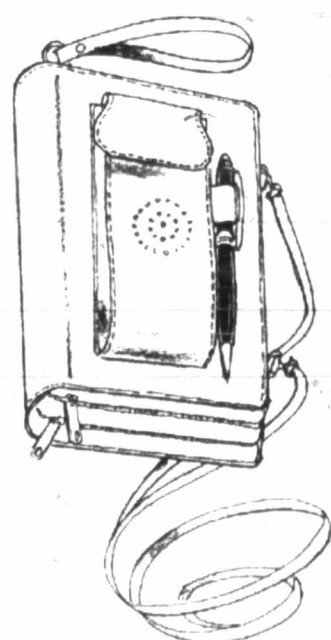
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