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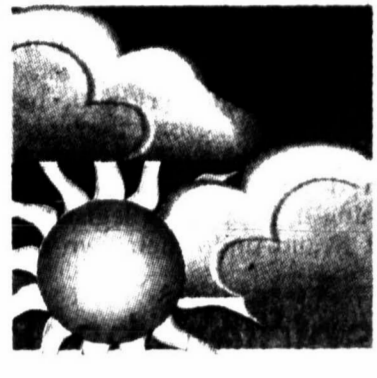
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PAMPA — "We're facing a situation," according to Doug Cullins.

He and his wife, Fern, are both dealing with serious illnesses causing a financial burden on the longtime Pampa family. A bank account has been set up with Sharon Strickland at Bank of the Southwest in an effort to help.

A retired employee of IRI and Cabot for 28 years, Doug Cullins said any financial help given would be greatly appreciated.

PAMPA — The Pampa Red Cross is raffling off a half side of beef to raise funds. Tickets are \$2 and may be purchased at the Red Cross Office 108 N. Russell. Drawing will be May 17.

AUSTIN (AP) — Young mothers sent to a Texas Youth Commission facility could bring their infants with them under legislation given preliminary approval by the House on Friday.

The bill would allow TYC to create a pilot program for girls who are incarcerated and have children under 3 years old.

AUSTIN (AP) — There would be another mechanism for former spouses to collect alimony under legislation given initial House approval Friday.

The proposed constitutional amendment would allow wages of a spouse behind on alimony payments to be garnished. That would be especially effective against those spouses who do not respond to court order.

- Jack Coble, 59, former auto dealership owner.
- Forrest Lee Denton Sr., 83, retired Santa Fe Railroad engine foreman.
- Lorene R. Gay, 75, Borger resident.
- Katy Sims, 93, Borger resident.
- Charley Wallace Thomas, 80, retired gauger foreman for Mobil Pipeline.
- John David Whitmarsh, 62, Pampa resident.

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Senate passes bill to boost teachers salaries

By **JEFF WEST**
Staff Writer
Pampa school officials are cautious about a proposed bill that will raise teachers salaries and provide property relief.

Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Dawson Orr said he will have to wait until he sees what the final legis-

lation looked like after the bill emerges from a probable Senate House Committee.

The Senate passed a bill that would boost minimum teachers salaries by about \$4,000 and lower property taxes by approximately a billion dollars. The House is expected to take up a similar measure as early as next week.

Orr said, "Pampa does pay pretty much at the state minimum so it would have a big impact."

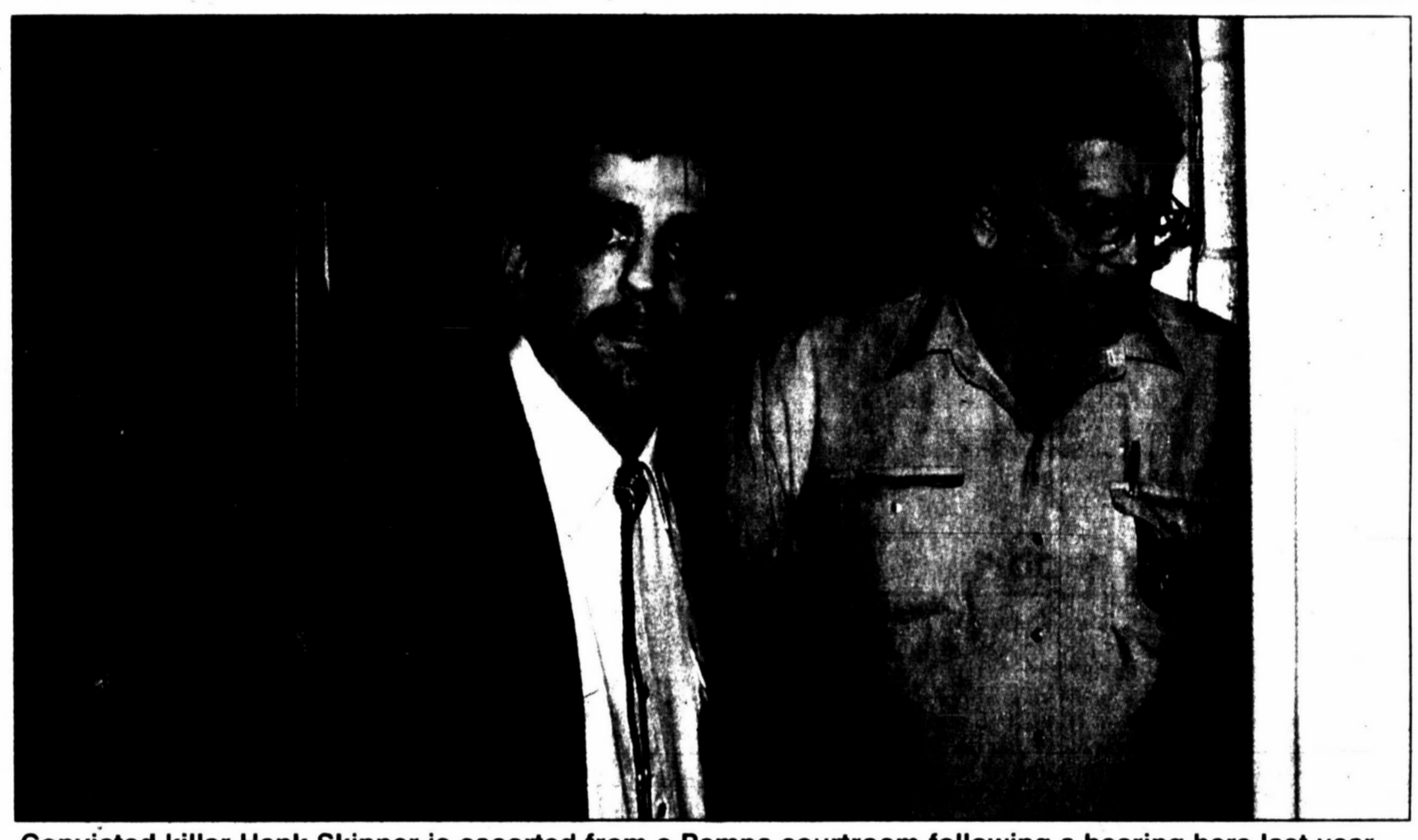
For the 98/99 school year the state minimum for beginning teachers is \$21,240 while Pampa starts new teachers at \$23,500. The states top salary range, step 20, is listed at \$37,800 minimum.

Pampa uses additional steps to bring the top salary here to \$40,910.

The Senate Bill requires at least 60 percent of new state money go to teachers salaries. Orr said he couldn't predict how much of the money Pampa might receive would go to teachers. He added, "Based off our experience, with

declining enrollment, which we continue to have, it will take every bit of additional money we receive from the state to meet our teacher salary responsibility schedule."

Orr said, "I think it will be a difficult year for us financially but we're anxious to see what the final bill will look like."



Convicted killer Hank Skinner is escorted from a Pampa courtroom following a hearing here last year.

Legislature may give Pampa killer another appeal

The Texas Legislature may give a convicted Pampa killer another chance.

House Bill 1516 advances to the Texas Senate in Austin this week after being passed by the Texas House of

Representatives. The bill would give convicted killers on death row who failed to file a writ of habeas corpus, their final appeal at the state level, in a timely manner a second chance to file.

Attorneys for Henry Watkins Skinner, convicted in the New Year's Eve 1993 slayings of a Pampa woman and her two sons, were late in filing a writ of habeas corpus last year. The Court of Criminal Appeals

affirmed on Dec. 2, then 31st District Judge M. Kent Sims May ruling that Skinner's writ of habeas corpus was not filed in a timely manner.

A bill was introduced in this (See SKINNER, Page 2)

Pampa Fine Arts Association wins Golden Nail Award

By **DARLENE BIRKES**
For The News

The Pampa Fine Arts Association received a special award at Saturday night's 17th annual Golden Nail Awards ceremony at the Amarillo Civic Center for sponsorship of the ARTRAIN.

The museum train was in Pampa six days in February of 1998 and attracted over 4,500 people including many area school children who were given pro-tour materials to study. Chairman of the event, Loralee Cooley, accepted the award.

Many volunteers worked as docents on half-day schedules. Others nominated by PFA for donations or in-kind contributions over \$500 to the ARTRAIN included the City of Pampa, Burlington-Northern/Santa Fe Railroad and Attebury Grain Co. Area foundations contributing to the \$20,000 raised included David and Nona Payne, M.K. Brown and McCarley. Other contributors were the Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee, Celanese, Texaco Corp., Jeep-Chrysler-Dodge-Plymouth dealers of the

Texas-Oklahoma Panhandles, Salvation Army and American Red Cross.

Additional Pampa groups nominated for Golden Nail awards included Celebration of Lights which expended some \$30,000, collected in donations and benefits, and many volunteer hours for the display of over 200 exhibits — this includes the addition of 15 new handmade decorations — for the 41-night run at Recreation Park in December. The volunteers made Somerville glow by decorating the median with 45 new stars and adding lights to 47 trees. The display effort involved over 1,564 volunteer hours and another 750 by Jordan Unit members. Over 32,000 visited the fourth annual park display.

Also nominated was the Downtown Business Merchants Association for the additional lighting on trees on main street Cuyler for 1998. The Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Art was nominated for resolving the need for Pampa postcards by paying over \$3,200 to print postcards in eight designs that include 32-color photos with copy plus one collage of Pampa. PAFOA designed and wrote the copy for the cards

which are available at Pampa stores. PAFOA also contributed the proceeds of over \$1,300 from its garden and home "Hidden Treasures" art tour to the Clarendon College-Pampa Center building fund.

Individuals nominated for the Golden Nail honor included Reed Echols, whose donation to ARTRAIN added one additional day for school students; Eileen Kludt, ARTRAIN school coordinator; Fauncine and Debi Mack, who paid for the handicapped-accessible crosswalk and hosted a dinner for 50 volunteers for ARTRAIN and opened the Mack home for the Pampa Art Club anniversary art show, the "Hidden Treasures" garden-home tour and the art tour for area high school students.

The Arts Committee of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce sponsors the reception to recognize financial, in-kind and volunteer contributions to the fine arts in Amarillo and the surrounding area. Representing Pampa on the Golden Nail Committee is Marian Stroup, and Darlene Birkess serves on the nomination committee.

Lefors school board members to be sworn in

The Lefors Independent School Board is meeting Tuesday to swear in new a member and discuss school housing.

One of the first items of business will be swearing in two members who were elected earlier this month. Richard Harcom retained his seat on the board and will be joined by new member Bobby Stevens.

An addendum to the contract to build a new house for the superintendent will be discussed. The board is looking into adding pouring concrete to the current deal. Other progress on the building will also be discussed.

The board is getting ready for the next school year by approving school transfers and possibly taking action on the drug dog contract for next year as well.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. May 11, in the Lefors elementary school library.

Nolan Ryan in TV commercial for Texas agriculture

Legendary major league baseball pitcher and rancher Nolan Ryan is one of several celebrities scheduled to appear in television advertisements on behalf of Texas Agriculture this summer.

"There's this barn side, and you hear this noise," said Texas Ag Commissioner Susan Combs. "You hear two impacts. The camera pulls in and there's Nolan Ryan throwing fruits and vegetables and apples at the barn. He stops and says, 'If it doesn't come from Texas, it just doesn't taste right.'"

That was the great part. The bad part was where he was supposed to throw these objects straight at the camera. There was a clear plastic sheet in front of the camera.

"Nolan Ryan takes this peach and shoots straight for the camera and misses and decks the photographer," Combs said. "The photographer falls flat on the ground, knocked out."

Combs says now that they are telling people that Nolan Ryan is Texas agriculture's secret weapon.

"If you don't buy Texas, we're going to get Nolan after you," Combs said.

Sunday Snapshot



Name: Amber Hollon
Occupation/Activities: Fifth grade stu-

dent
Birth date and place: Apr. 25, 1988
Family: Mom and two brothers.
When I grow up I want to be: Doctor.
My personal hero: My Mom.
The best advice I ever got was: Think before I do.
My classmates think of me as: Kind.
The best word or words to describe me: Funny.
People will remember me as being: Good to pets.
The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: God, Jesus, Emily Hillman, Lacy Barnett.
My hobbies are: Swimming.
My favorite sports team is: Miami Dolphins.
My favorite author is: Pat Sargent.
The last book I read was: "The Grand Escape".

My favorite possession is: My journal.
The biggest honor I've ever received is: I met my AR goal.
My favorite performer is: NSYNC.
I wish I knew how to: Make my brothers mind.
My trademark cliché or expression is: Whatever.
My worst habit is: Biting my nails.
I would never: Be mean to my cousins.
The last good movie I saw was: Meet Joe Black.
I stay home to watch: Rugrats.
Nobody knows: Everything.
Someday I want to drive a: Camry.
My favorite junk food is: Cotton Candy.
My favorite beverage: Apple Juice.
My favorite restaurant is: Taco Bell.
My favorite pet: Angie, my cat.

My favorite meal is: Steak and smashed potatoes.
I wish I could sing like: Monica.
I'm happiest when I'm: With my family.
I regret: Getting in trouble.
I'm tired of: My brothers.
My biggest fear is: Tornados.
The electrical device I couldn't live without is: My radio.
The biggest waste of time is: Cleaning.
If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: Give it to the poor people.
If I had three wishes they would be: To live forever, have three more wishes, no more violence.
If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: To have better parks.

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Services tomorrow

COBLE, Jack — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
DENTON, Forrest Lee Sr. — 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Panhandle.
SIMS, Katy — 11 a.m., Brown Funeral Directors Chapel of the Fountains, Borger.

Obituaries

JACK COBLE
 Jack Coble, 59, of Pampa, died Friday, May 7, 1999, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Lonny Robbins, pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church in Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Coble was born Sept. 7, 1939, in Harmon County, Okla. He had been a Pampa resident for 44 years. He married Mary Young on July 14, 1974, at Las Vegas, Nev. He owned-operated Jack Coble Motors in Pampa.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Winiford Coble, in 1975.
 Survivors include his wife, Mary, of the home; a daughter, Kim Davis of Pampa; two sons, Don Coble of Pampa and Dene Coble of Lefors; a stepdaughter, Janet Kenney of Pampa; two stepsons, Curtis Young of Perryton and Steve Young of Amarillo; four sisters, Mildred Deger of Clarendon, Geraldine Loving of Hollis, Okla., and Doris Young and Melba Watson, both of Pampa; two brothers, David Coble of Saint Louis, Mo., and O.L. Coble of Pampa; and seven grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Trinity Fellowship Church's Harvest House, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

FORREST LEE DENTON SR.
 PANHANDLE - Forrest Lee Denton Sr., 83, brother of a Shamrock resident, died Friday, May 7, 1999. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in First Christian Church with Dr. Doug Harvey, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Claude Cemetery under the direction of Rector Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mr. Denton was born at Meridan. He married Maxine Routsen in 1945 at Happy. He was an engine foreman for Santa Fe Railroad, retiring in 1968 after 28 years of service. He farmed and ranched near Goodnight following his retirement. He had been a Panhandle resident since 1994, moving from Goodnight.

He belonged to First Christian Church of Panhandle and fiddled with Panhandle Goodtimers.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine; two daughters, Frances McAffrey of Amarillo and Joyce "Sue" Elliott of Tucson, Ariz.; two sons, Forrest Lee Denton Jr. of Wylie and James Calvin Denton of Fort Smith, Ark.; three sisters, Altha Todd of Waterford, Calif., Lillian Williams of Shamrock and Rachel Key of Amarillo; three brothers, Jay Denton of Borger, Clarence Denton of Plainview and Charles Denton of Amarillo; 11 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church of Panhandle.

The body will be available for viewing today at the funeral home and from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday at the church.

LORENE R. GAY
 BORGER - Lorene R. Gay, 75, died Wednesday, May 5, 1999, at North Plains Care Center at Borger. No services are planned at this time.

Mrs. Gay, a native of Yale, Okla., was an accountant and an assistant probation officer for Hutchinson, Ochiltree and Sherman Counties. She had been a Borger resident for 70 years.

She belonged to a Baptist church in Springfield, Mo.

Survivors include a daughter, Gina Spooner of Borger; a son, B.J. Robinett of Pampa; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Wild West auction brings back Doc Holliday, Sitting Bull

PFLUGERVILLE, Texas (AP) — A 10-gauge shotgun that Doc Holliday used at the O.K. Corral is expected to bring a bid of \$50,000 when it goes on sale Sunday at an auction of the tools of various Wild West figures.

The auction got under way Friday, with some items going for as little as a couple hundred dollars. But a 45-caliber single-action pistol that belonged to Al Seiber, chief of the Apache scouts, went for \$18,500.

The bulk of the auction items came from collector David Hall, an Illinois man whose prize possessions include the double-barrel sawed-off shotgun Doc Holliday used in the famous gunbattle at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Ariz.

The personal effects of other Old West icons such as Wyatt Earp, Sitting Bull, Tom Horn, Geronimo and Buck Garrett are also among the 1,500 collectibles on the auction block through Sunday.

Hall, a 72-year-old home builder, says he spent 62 years gathering frontier-era weapons, paintings, photographs, law enforcement badges and other trinkets.

"I was 10 years old and started collecting Indian arrowheads and then coins and silver dollars, and I just kept going," said Hall, who called Pflugerville auctioneer Tom Keilman four months ago to arrange the sale.

Hall said he bought his first collectible gun, a rifle belonging to Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa, 30 years ago from a doctor in Illinois.

Friday, a few minutes before cellular-phone-wielding men wearing cowboy hats began bidding on his life's work, Hall said he is comfortable with his decision to part with his collection.

"My kids say they don't have the slightest idea what this stuff is or what to do with it," Hall told the Austin American-Statesman.

Collectors consider Hall's Old West collection the best ever assembled, said Tom Burks, a Johnson City resident and former curator of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame in Waco.

"The photography collection he put together is one of the most significant Western collections of photographs there ever was," Burks said.

Of the hundreds of photographs in the collection, perhaps the most important is one taken of a horse named Comanche, which was the only member of Gen. George Custer's command to survive

KATY SIMS

BORGER - Katy Sims, 93, died Friday, May 7, 1999. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Brown Funeral Directors Chapel of the Fountains with the Rev. Orville Rogers, pastor of First Baptist Church of Stinnett, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa.

Mrs. Sims was a native of Gause. She had been a Borger resident for 72 years and was a homemaker.

She belonged to First Baptist Church of Stinnett and Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband, G.A. Sims, in 1995.

Survivors include a daughter, Shirley Propes of Westlake Village, Calif.; two sons, Clea B. Sims of Borger and Bob Wesley Sims of Universal City; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

CHARLEY WALLACE THOMAS

Charley Wallace Thomas, 80, of Pampa, died Friday, May 7, 1999. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Thomas was born March 17, 1919, at Slydell. He married Dorothy Nell Tunnell on Nov. 23, 1941, at Fredrick, Okla. He had been a Pampa resident since 1984. He worked for Mobil Pipeline from 1945 until retiring as a gauger foreman in 1984.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II, and belonged to Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, of the home; two daughters, Mikey Louise Oldham of Nashville, Tenn., and Susie Porter of San Marcos; a sister, Phoebe Jo Faubion of Amarillo; two brothers, T.S. Thomas of Snyder and Milford Ray Thomas of Wichita Falls; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Central Baptist Building Fund, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

JOHN DAVID WHITMARSH

John David Whitmarsh, 62, of Pampa, died Friday, May 7, 1999. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Police report

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

Friday, May 7
 Josue E. Silva, 17, 917 S. Banks, was arrested on charges of assault causing bodily injury.
 An assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Sheriff's Office

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

Friday, May 7
 Francisco Sotoro Cruz, 21, 1035 E. Fisher, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, fighting and a warrant.

Fires

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

Friday, May 7
 11:00 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 500 block of N. Ward on a medical assist.
 9:04 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded 12 miles south on Highway 70 on a controlled burn.
 10:04 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to Barnes and Craven on a fire on a light pole.

the Battle of Little Bighorn, Burks said.

Several museums are expected to take part in the bidding, Keilman said, adding that representatives from the Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Fort Worth plan to make a run at a Smith & Wesson pistol owned by markswoman Annie Oakley.

Other interesting items being auctioned include a noose belonging to Arkansas "Hanging Judge" Isaac Parker and hangman George Maledon, an autograph from Sitting Bull and a pistol used in the feud between the Hatfields and McCoys.

Henry Schroeder, a 59-year-old retiree from Las Cruces, N.M., said he made the trek to Pflugerville to get a piece of history from a less complicated era in early America.

"It's a simpler time — laid-back and easygoing," Schroeder said. "Progress is great, but I sat bumper-to-bumper on I-35 for 30 minutes this morning."

One particular item on the display tables that lined the Pflugerville Lions Hall drew Schroeder's eye more than the others.

"I do like the Virgil Earp Winchester. It's very nice," Schroeder said. "You can't go to Wal-Mart and find this stuff, that's for sure."

SKINNER

year's session of the Texas Legislature, however, that would allow Skinner and three others on death row to file for a writ of habeas corpus anyway.

In a House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee hearing April 13, Michael J. McCormick, Chief Justice of the Court of Criminal Appeals, who in December had affirmed Sims ruling denying Skinner's writ, appeared in favor of the proposed law that would allow Skinner another chance.

"The chief judge of the Criminal Court of Appeals, Mike McCormick, is pushing this legislation," Pampa District Attorney John Mann said. "He's afraid that when they let Skinner and three other people around the state file their application for a writ of habeas corpus late, the federal courts are going to throw it back at their face. They're asking the

legislature to over rule something they've already ruled on."

Mann said he was disheartened over the action of the Texas House of Representatives.

"So much for the separation of powers," he said.

The bill says that anybody as of Sept. 1, 1999, who has been convicted in a death penalty case and has filed their habeas corpus petition in an untimely manner gets another chance at it, Mann said.

"It's a horrible bill," he said. "What it does is the court is asking the legislature to do what they don't have the guts to do."

Mann said that he had planned to go to Austin to testify at hearings this week and oppose the bill in the Senate, but questions whether it would do any good.

"It looks like its a done deal," Mann said. "When you've got the chief justice of the court of criminal appeals pushing it. It's going to go through."

Mann said he could see them

changing the law, but not making it retroactive.

"The law right now says if you don't file it by a given date, you don't get it," Mann said. "They've already ruled on it. That's what happened to Skinner. (Skinner defense attorney Steven) Losche didn't file it in a timely manner. The Court of Criminal Appeals said you're late. No writ of habeas corpus. This bill says, well, if as of Sept. 1, 1999, you file a late habeas, we're going to grant it."

Mann said it's not going to undo the conviction, but it will drag the appeals process out longer and make it more expensive.

"They've already ruled that it's that the application was late," Mann said. "The very issue has already been before the court once and they've already turned him down. Now then they're coming in supporting legislation that would undo their own ruling."

Home sweet home -- three U.S. soldiers back

After 32 days of captivity in Yugoslavia, Army Staff Sgt. Andrew Ramirez said Los Angeles never looked better than it did from the plane winging him home.

"It's absolutely fantastic to be back here to the greatest country on earth," said Staff Sgt. Christopher J. Stone, 25, as he arrived in Taylor, Mich. "I can't tell you how much all your thoughts and prayers have meant to me."

Asked what he thought about while in captivity, Spc. Steven Gonzales, 22, of Huntsville, Texas, said: "What I did to cope was a lot of prayer and a lot of

thoughts of the friends and families that I knew were out there in support of us three."

The soldiers were part of a U.N. peacekeeping force when captured by Serbian forces March 31 as they patrolled near the Macedonia-Yugoslavia border. Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic ordered their release last weekend after an appeal from the Rev. Jesse Jackson and other American clergy who visited Belgrade.

"I think I have a little more faith in a lot of stuff and a lot of people. I appreciate life a lot more," Ramirez said.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 It should be partly sunny today with a high of 85 to 90 degrees. There is a slight chance of afternoon and evening thundershowers. The low tonight should be in the low to mid 50 degree range.

TEXAS
 A fine and warm day across Texas was expected to give way to clouds and an increasing chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight.

The moisture creeping into the forecast was expected to produce a mostly to partly cloudy day Sunday, with greater chances for precipitation across the Lone Star State.

This morning, temperatures ranged from 46 degrees at Dalhart to 76 degrees at Brownsville. Winds were generally variable at 5 to 15 mph.

The North Texas forecast called for mostly clear skies with lows in the lower and mid 60s. Sunday should be partly cloudy and windy, with highs in the mid to upper 80s and a chance of thunderstorms by evening.

West Texas can expect clear to partly cloudy skies are expected through Sunday. Showers and thunderstorms are possible by Sunday afternoon. Highs mostly 80s and 90s, with lows mostly 50s and 60s.

The South Texas outlook called for increasing clouds and

humidity tonight with lows in the mid 60s to lower 70s. Showers possible Sunday, with highs in the 80s.

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, fair skies. Lows mid 20s to around 40 mountains, 40s to lower 50s elsewhere. Saturday, fair with some high clouds. Warmer Saturday with highs lower 60s to near 80 mountains and north, 80s to lower 90s south. Saturday night, fair skies. Lows upper 20s to lower 40s mountains and north, lower 40s to mid 50s lower elevations south.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, clear. Low in the upper 40s. No wind. Saturday, sunny. High in the upper 70s. Southern wind 10 to 15 mph.

City Briefs

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Tralee Crisis Center



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

The Tralee Crisis Center and resale shop raffled off a "Furby" to raise funds and awareness for Crime Victims Week which was April 25-May 1. Helping draw the winning name of Vonnie Skinner are Shonda Ledbetter, Linda Town, Judy Butler, Tanita Olsen and Whitney Davis of the Tralee Center.

Calendar of events

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

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

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

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

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS
The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at Warren Chisum's Office, 100 N. Price Road.

Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

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

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

SOUTHSIDE SENIOR CITIZENS
Cornbread casserole, spinach and carrots, dessert.

USS SPERRY
The U.S. Navy Reunion for the USS Sperry (AS-12) Submarine

Tender, 1942-82, will be held Oct. 4-6 at San Antonio. For more information, call (218) 534-2459; write Arnold Ross, Vice President, USS Sperry (AS-12) Association, 2916 Colonial Drive, Dickinson, TX 77539; or e-mail sperrysec@juno.com

MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION
Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains will celebrate its 15th anniversary from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 15 at Amarillo Botanical Garden Center in Amarillo. All who are or who have ever been supporters of the organization are invited to attend the celebration. Refreshments will be served. Clowns and other entertainment is planned. Stars and wish pictures will also be on display. For more information, call (806) 358-9943 or 1-800-242-7167.

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.

USS LONG BEACH REUNION
USS Long Beach Reunion Association will hold its 1999 reunion Sept. 15-19 at Pensacola, Fla. Participants will be staying at the Holiday Inn Bay Beach, 51 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561-9990. For reservations, call (850) 932-2214. For more information, contact Don Shade at P.O. Box 69, Clymer, NY 14724-0069, (716) 569-2314, or e-mail LBCGN9@aol.com.

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FOBJs' divorce experience

I'm going through a divorce right now. Well, not me actually. I'm single. It's some good friends. I'll call them Bill and Jane Smith.



Kate B. Dickson
Associate publisher/editor

I've heard Jane's side of it. And I've heard Bill's. They both know I talk with each one of them but, so far, I have held steadfastly to breaking no confidences. And I am sure I will continue in that vein. I don't want to be in the middle of it. And I love both of them.

We go back a long way. I felt like I knew them a number of years before we finally met ... us having a very close mutual friend an all.

Bill and Jane moved to the same town where I lived. It was 15 years ago, maybe more. They were the kind of couple all of their friends considered the ideal. Bill and Jane. Like toast and jam. One didn't say one name without the other.

So much so that last year when my mother, Sugah, was out of her mind and in intensive care, she couldn't separate the two when Jane came to visit. Jane gripped Sugah's hand, leaned over and said, "Sugah, this is Jane Smith."

Sugah opened her eyes, looked up and said, "Bill and Jane."

We laughed. That's how it always was. Bill and Jane.

Besides their friends love for them, Bill and Jane were a hoot to be around. If you were with them, it was going to be a good time. Tons of laughs and conversation ranging from the serious to the ridiculous with a little "old times" thrown in for good measure.

Frankly, we all feel like we're getting a divorce. And, as far as I know, the circle of friends is doing its best to remain neutral.

However, I must admit that the "Friends of Bill and Jane" (FOBJ) have talked. Just this week I was in conversation with a FOBJ. We talked a little about Bill's girlfriend who is not from there but had moved there. At just what point the girlfriend became a player is one in which there are two points of view, but I'm not talking about that here.

What I am talking about is the other woman, once in town, obviously needed that all important thing — a hairdresser.

So being the helpful sort, Bill suggests a good hairdresser ... the only one he knows. You are ahead of me I can tell. Yes, it was Jane's hairdresser.

Needless to say, that was a rather stupid thing to do and it caused an incident that only heated up the bad feelings. And then there was the encounter at the mutual vet's office. But I'm not talking about that either. Though the woman behind the counter kept telling Jane, "That'll be \$20 please. That'll be \$20 please" ... and somebody get the heck out of here, I'm sure was the worker's silent plea.

"I can't believe Bill would do something so dumb. I really can't," I told the FOBJ, when we were talking about the shared hairdresser.

She, of quick wit and three divorcing-of-the-spouses experiences herself, set me straight. "Now, Kate. Think about it," she said. "He didn't know any better. After all, this is *only* his first divorce."

We both laughed. For a minute, anyway. Then it was time to be bummed out again. Time to realize that the FOBJs are getting a divorce, too. ... And we don't like it.

Opinion

Background check is essential at sales

"... It's deadlier than a doornail."
 That's what one Texas lawmaker said after determining there is little or no support in the Texas House of Representatives for mandatory instant criminal background checks at Texas gun shows. Neither is there enough support for a measure that would have increased penalties for illegal sales to minors.
 Likewise, someone will be deadlier than a doornail as a result of the legislature's failure to support and pass this badly needed legislation.
 Federal law requires licensed dealers at gun shows to conduct the instant checks but unlicensed dealers, who also sell at the shows, don't have such a requirement.
 It's hard to comprehend who can be against such a bill. What does it hurt? Law abiding citizens will still have every right to purchase and keep weapons.
 While, it's true someone who is determined to do evil with a gun, can usually manage to do so. But what about those criminals who buy guns for resale — people who can be stopped, at least partially, by having these instant checks. How many guns would this keep off the street? How many lives could be saved as a result?

The Texas bills were thrust to the forefront following the Colorado school shootings but it took only hours for another House committee to kill that effort.
 Gov. George W. Bush says he supports instant background checks at gun shows but said it is too late to revive the issue for the current legislative session.
 And, odds are it will be too late, too, for some Texans who are unaware the clock is ticking against them. The clock that will make them a victim of senseless gun violence.

From our files ...

- 40 years ago
 Sunday, May 8, 1959
 Robert Lloyd Norton, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Norton, 1420 Hamilton, died of an acute lung ailment, according to an autopsy performed in Amarillo. The infant died Wednesday and at the time the cause of death had been speculated as suffocation.
- Sunday, May 10, 1959
 Fourteen persons were injured in highway accidents in Gray Co. during April. Saturday E.G. Albus of the Highway patrol reported. There were no fatalities.
- Monday, May 11, 1959
 A night cashier at the Busy Bee Cafe, 504 Maple, was stabbed Sunday night during an argument over an unpaid bill, police reported.
- 25 years ago
 Monday, May 6, 1974
 Celanese Chemical Co. soon will build a new unit at its Pampa Plant, it was announced today by Harry B. Bartley, the company's Executive Vice President for Manufacturing and Marketing, who flew in from New York City to make an announcement at a special membership luncheon.
- Tuesday, May 7, 1974
 Sixty-four-year-old Philip John Goertz of Beaumont was killed in a one-car roll over 6 1/2 miles south of here in Texas 273 yesterday shortly after 5:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 10, 1974
 The annual Pampa School Choirs' Festival will be beginning at 8 p.m. at the Harvester Fieldhouse.
- 10 years ago
 Monday, May 9, 1989
 Members of the Pampa High School Choir returned to school Monday afternoon from a trip to Nashville, Tenn. where they competed in the Heritage National Music Festival over the weekend. The choir won the overall sweepstakes award, designating them the best musical group of any kind, band or choir, to compete at the festival.
- Wednesday, May 10, 1989
 They've been to that place before and now they are getting ready to go again.
 That place is Austin, site of the Class 4A Track Meet, and the Lady Harvesters are certainly no strangers to me capital city. They've won two state crowns there in the past three years and return as the defending champions.
- Thursday, May 11, 1989
 County jail problems will once again be discussed by the Gray Co. Commissioners Court as its regular meeting Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the second floor courtroom of the county courthouse.



Today in history

By The Associated Press Today is Sunday, May 9, the 129th day of 1999. There are 236 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 9th, 1974, the House Judiciary Committee opened hearings on whether to recommend the impeachment of President Nixon.

On this date: In 1502, Christopher Columbus left Cadiz, Spain, on his fourth and final trip to the Western Hemisphere. In 1926, Americans Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett became the first men to fly over the North Pole.

Message from the mountains

It is springtime in the Rockies. There is no more glorious sight anywhere in the world. Blossoms sparkle on the mountains' lower reaches. The peaks are still covered with snow.

This is the "purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain" we Americans sing of with lumps in our throats.

It is also the view just beyond Columbine High School.

Side by side: Columbine and "America, the Beautiful." Since the massacre, we must all ask, "What has happened to this country?"

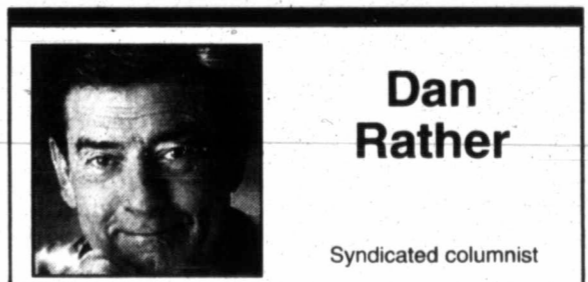
So much has changed. We live in a nation barely recognizable from that of our youth, much less the country in which our fathers and mothers were reared.

Ours is no longer a society in which it's unimaginable that kids can turn schoolyards into killing grounds.

I grew up in Texas, central to the "gun culture" sociologists describe. We were trained from early childhood how to use firearms. First BB guns, then shotguns and rifles; handguns were less popular than today.

But the first time we ever saw or handled any weapon more powerful than those was the day we joined the armed services. Now, machine guns, assault rifles, grenades and bombs are readily obtainable even by children.

And although we got into pretty hairy fights, it was considered cowardly to use a knife — and guns were out of the question. That attitude has



Dan Rather
Syndicated columnist

changed: Now, many children consider pulling a gun in an argument as natural as raising a voice.

As for entertainment, it's misleading to say we see more violence today than ever before. In Shakespeare's day, Londoners could watch the harrowing "Titus Andronicus," then walk into the street where comparable tortures and murders went on, often sponsored by the state.

More recently, cowboy and cop shows have depended on intensive gunplay — but it's also misleading to deny that violence is much more graphically depicted in today's entertainment than it was a generation or two ago.

What's unquestionably changed is ACCESS to violent entertainment. Before channel-surfing, the VCR, the Internet and video games, there always came a time when violent programming went off the air. Eventually, you had to watch something peaceable — or turn off the set. Today's kids can watch mayhem around the clock.

So what now are parents and neighbors to do?

How can society cope with these and other changes? What, if anything, could have been done to prevent the tragedy of this Rocky Mountain spring, and what can we do to prevent a repetition?

Truthfully, there may be no foolproof way to keep violence out of our schools. Minds capable of scheming to kill as many of their classmates as possible are probably capable of devising deceptions, alternate strategies and ever more complicated plots. Or else future attacks may be so unplanned, so random, that we can't predict them.

However, that answer doesn't seem to satisfy many people. Since the Columbine massacre, experts and politicians have crowded the news pages and airwaves with proposed solutions and preventions.

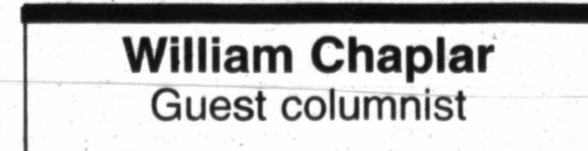
The politicians divide into two camps, equally opportunistic: One says gun control is the answer, the other says improved family values will keep kids from running amok.

(Cooler heads might believe that both could be worth a try. But cooler heads don't have much to do with politics these days.)

The message from the mountains this spring is that the greatest desire of children is to feel safe, and the greatest responsibility of adults is to keep them safe — whatever it takes. And in that, we are failing.

We stumble and grope for answers, as we long for an America that used to be, but that we know will never be again.

There's no such thing as 'just' a mother



William Chaplar
Guest columnist

As we celebrate Mother's Day today, I can't help but recall an incident that occurred several years ago. It was my mother's birthday, and I was at the mall shopping for a gift. As luck — or misfortune — would have it, I was stuck with my six-month-old son due to my wife's having been called in to work. And naturally Murphy's Law reared its ugly head, and everything that could go wrong did.

The child decided to choose this highly inopportune moment to go into one of his crying fits. I tried everything I knew to quiet him down, but nothing worked. As I sat embarrassed by the scene the child was creating, an elderly lady approached us and asked if she could be of assistance. Not knowing what else to do, I nodded my acceptance of her aid and stepped aside as she took control. Before I even had time to explain the

fall asleep. I pondered the anomalous incident for several minutes and then decided to phone my mom to see if she could clarify what had happened. I described what took place, and my mother was quick to give a complete explanation which had something to do with body position, gas and discomfort. She went on to tell me that I'd been lucky and then dismissed the entire incident. I mentioned something about the Good Samaritan having to have been a pediatrician or something. Mom just laughed and said, "No, just a mother."

So how every Mother's Day, as I sit and contemplate that long-ago incident, I always come to the inescapable conclusion that my mother was wrong when she made the statement, "just a mother."

There's no such thing.

Letters to the editor

Some physicians show kindness

To the editor,
I think the people of Pampa need to know what a severe problem we have with the surgeons here in town.

I recently went to one of our surgeons needing emergency care but because I didn't have any insurance or lots of cash up front he wouldn't do my surgery. I had to go to Amarillo to have the surgery done, my doctor in Amarillo told me if I hadn't had surgery when I did it would have cost me my life.

I thank God for sending me to this wonderful Christian doctor in Amarillo. He told me not to worry about the money now, he just wanted to get me well.

It's awful that our surgeons are so money hungry that it comes ahead of a person's life.

I thought doctors take an oath or code of ethics that says they are able to help people no matter what. I guess that's not the case in Pampa.

I know one thing. Unless Pampa gets some more surgeons, none of my family will be having surgery here.

But one of these days doctors, there will be judgment day.

Sherry Garmon
Pampa

Trench Coat mafia to blame for killing

To the editor,
The Mafia? The Trench Coat Mafia is what they are calling Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold. But I use the word "coward" when referring to vermin such as this. Their assault on Columbine High is the worst in American history. They used bombs, a shotgun, assault rifle, and an auto-loader 9 mm. The total in this homicide massacre is 12 students, one teacher and the two Trench Coat cowards who took their own lives as all cowards do in this type of bloodbath.

All are dead in the name of Hate. The two cowards took bombs, an assault rifle and a shotgun in hand and began to shoot and bomb their way through Columbine High, taking special interest in athletes and students of color? Why? Um ... They disliked one another? That's it, they just didn't like each other.

Jocks made fun of the nerds but, these nerds were self-consumed with racism and hate and were just looking for a good excuse to make a bloodbath fantasy come to life! Think about it, good thing you didn't get into a fender-bender with 'em, or perhaps your family would have been sacrificed in the name of "their" anger. Make no mistake about it folks, these two cowards were going to kill someone and they choose the most helpless people on the face of this earth ... That's right, a school full of helpless children, women, men and in short a school full of helpless victims which stood no chance at all against them.

It seems like everyone is asking "who" can we blame for all this "helter-skelter" which took place in Columbine High? Information in a free society like the USA is very easy to get, anything you want to know is at the library or on the Internet, after all, who would ever think of burning a book in the U.S.?

Books from making homemade bombs to homemade cannons can be found on the Internet OR at your local library. Books to teach you how to hate and how to kill are all available for everyone who lives in a free society. No need to be surprised at homemade bombs, pipe bomb construction is pretty common knowledge anymore and is nothing more than a big firecracker on a large and very dangerous scale. The two Trench Coat cowards were just lucky they were not blown-up making them.

Another thing is how did these two Trench Coat cowards get all those guns? Makes no difference where they got the guns! Guns can be bought at garage sales, from friends and from a friend of a friend. Guns are very easy to buy. Hell, they are all over the USA. That's right, our right to bear arms! These were two very resourceful cowards in that, they chose to buy these guns and use them on helpless people. A ban on all guns in the U.S. still would have little or no effect on the black market, if you have the money then you can get whatever you desire. That is, in a truly free society, which, you and I insist on.

Then where do we assign the blame for this? Well, how about Eric and Dylan? Hmm ... That seems perfectly logical to me. I point the finger at them, after all, they did this ruthless assault upon Columbine High and that was their choice! I blame not the parents nor the teachers simply because of such an outpouring of emotion for the people that died in this carnage — I would classify this under, "Hate and Death Wish," for the everlasting hurt inflicted upon this community will haunt Eric and Dylan 10-fold in Hell.

Again, these two cowards took bombs and high powered weapons into a school! Common cowards among our society that nets not one single tear from me, for the crime against our children they shall burn in Hell forevermore, that is my own personal wish for these two cowards. May God have mercy on your soul!
David L. Gage
Pampa

Pampa is losing special volunteer

To the editor,
Recently, a large corporation laid-off numerous employees from its Pampa facility. Due to this economic move, Pampa is losing a true pillar of the community.

Sadly, not only is Pampa losing a much loved family, they are losing a viable member of the Calvary Baptist Church and Jordan Unit Teacher.

It is with a sad heart, that I report the Jordan Unit College Students are losing their most beloved teacher.

Mrs. Muniz, a Clarendon College Algebra teacher at the prison and angelic piano player for the Calvary Baptist Church, is leaving her home and moving north.

It is with much gratitude and respect that we the student body and large Christian group of men bid her a heartfelt farewell. Mrs. Muniz, without a doubt is the most intelligent, patient teacher we have ever known!

Mrs. Muniz, has that rare ability to teach math. Personally, I have never comprehended algebra. Today, due to the diligence of Mrs. Muniz, I can sort through the rules and mechanics of math and literally find it fun.

Mrs. Muniz is a true gem. She has achieved a personal relationship with God and has been doing His will. She has raised a loving family and yet still finds time to teach inmates the ins and outs of algebra, all with a smile.

Mrs. Muniz, we thank you. Yes we are sad. Yet knowing of your astute faith in Jesus, and your wonderful personality; we share a common bond knowing you will be a success wherever the Lord leads you.

We all give you our gratitude and respect. Please always remember us as friends.

In the coming years, as you sing and praise Jesus, be assured we join you in your favorite song "My faithful God" and that our lives have been enriched by knowing you!

We leave you with Psalm 91. Enjoy your future. God Bless You.

Jerry Guthrie, Jordan Unit reporter

Driver left teen injured, scared

To the editor,
I know it's been a long time since the night of Jan. 12, 1999. It's not something we'll soon forget; we are still living it. That night our son, Thomas Harris, had a terrible auto accident. He was on his way home after a basketball game he played at Highland Park School in Amarillo.

Thomas was northbound on FM 294 when he met an unknown vehicle head-on which was southbound in the northbound lane. As a result, he steered to the right and lost control in the northbound bar ditch. He skidded back to the left across FM 294 and rolled to the right three times before coming to rest in a plowed field facing west on the car's wheels.

He attempted to open the driver's door without success, took off his seatbelt, and crawled into the passenger's seat, where he passed out. Awakening minutes later from the cold, he decided to turn on his headlights, interior lights, and hazard lights in order to be seen from the road.

Being cold and in pain, after a time he began walking to the highway. Mr. Armstrong, a truck driver from White Deer, stopped and helped him into his cab. He let Thomas use his cell phone to call home. Thomas's dad came to take him to the emergency room in Pampa.

At 12:14 a.m., Elmwood Lee called for help. The Skellytown emergency crew came out, yet Thomas was on his way to the hospital. It was really appreciated.

Thomas suffered a pressure injury in his eyes, chest, and left shoulder, got "scalped" on his head and took a "beating" on his head and right shoulder, ending up with a "seatbelt hickie." The hemorrhages in his eyes were raising his retinas, almost blinding him and making the whites of his eyes blood red. He suffered a separated right shoulder and damage to the brachial plexus nerve in his right shoulder.

To the driver of the unknown vehicle that was southbound in the northbound lane of FM 294 that night: We don't know whether you were intoxicated,

fell asleep, were changing the stereo, or what.

We do know that night you did not stop to assist our son. We do know a 16-year-old boy was injured badly in an accident. Do you? He missed a lot of school, was lucky to be alive, could not see well (came close to losing his eyesight), got knocked out of athletics, had to be in the ER in Amarillo instead of attending all of the White Deer/Panhandle game, and does not have normal use of his right arm.

We are still having to see doctors. His eyes have mostly cleared. He has a check-up on his eyes and shoulder in May/June and I don't know if you know this. Thomas is a dedicated football player. We are just praying he doesn't need surgery to his nerve in his shoulder which would be in another state, which would be costly and would knock him out of football — White Deer's loss.

He is to do physical therapy three times a day. There has been some improvement.

Thomas has gone through a lot of misery, pain, and trauma. One day he was attending school, playing basketball, leading a normal, every day life, and the next day all that changed to being unable to see and get around. It's still clear in our minds and lives every day. Especially Thomas's.

We thank God for Thomas being able to be here with us after his accident. Thanks also to Skellytown Volunteer Fire Department, Mr. Armstrong and Edward Lee, and to all who kept us in their prayers and thoughts. Thanks for the concern and phone calls after the accident. Keep him in your prayers still, for he's not got the "all clear" yet. And it's not over yet.

Bill and Debby Harris
Skellytown

All men are created equal

To the editor,
When the Founding Fathers agreed to the Declaration of Independence, the phrase "all men are created equal" was their literal interpretation of WHO was to be equal, meaning white, Christian (preferably Protestant) property owners. Ever since, all other have had to fight the existing power structure to receive their equal rights.

Today we hear a lot about "left-wingers and right-wingers." Causes supported by both factions are about the only way anything changes. I'm sure I'll leave out some notable examples of changes brought about by extremists, but here are a few.

Jesus was probably one of the early left-wing radicals. His new

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Gardener of the Year



The Pampa Garden Club recently held its presentation for Gardener of the Year Award. (From left) Ruth Barrett presents the award to Tina Holt.

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School of business honoree



(Special photo)

Hardin-Simmons University School of Business in Abilene recently honored Shaylee Richardson, right, of Pampa during the annual Queen Awards program. Richardson received the Jesse N. Fletcher Award as "the outstanding student in the school of business," and the Texas Society of CPA's Accounting Excellence Award. Dr. Jimmie Monhollon, dean of the school of business, presented the award.

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends and neighbors who were so kind to us during our recent bereavement and to express gratitude for the cards, memorials, and floral offerings.
Familles of
Bo Dyer

AGRICULTURE

The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

Wheat (bear)

Outlook: From a seasonal standpoint, the wheat market is already past the point of no return. This time of year, barring weather problems, wheat futures and cash prices generally head south from May into early July. In fact, this year it looks as if the wheat production outlook in the U.S. is improving. Timely and generous rains are helping yield

days and there is still plenty of time. Apparently futures traders are more focused on the large overhanging old crop corn stocks and it is really too early in the season to talk about summer heat or dryness. This week we keep the bear in the box, as it does not look as if a bottom has yet to be formed. Yet, we recognize the entire growing season is yet ahead of us and as summer

(which favors dry, hot Midwestern summers) before the crop is even planted it is way too early to bet on a record large crop.

Strategy: Hedgers: Selective hedgers are out of all long futures at a break-even level. Of course, you sold all your old crop cash beans a long time ago. No new recommendations at this time.

Traders: Traders remain long November beans from under 495. Risk to 480 and leave the upside profit objective open at this time. **Cattle (Bull)**

Outlook: The cash market, and futures as well, have been ominously quiet over the past few weeks. The demand side of the equation has a feel like its improving; the cash market has a firm tone, yet the market participants seem to be wary of a crash which is seemingly around the corner. It has not materialized, yet the worry is it will and fairly soon. The Cattle on Feed Reports tell us there are very large placements of cattle in the feedlots indicating hefty supplies starting in a month or so and lasting all through the summer. The June and particularly the August futures are trading at deep discounts to the near term cash market. Are they right? Is the market overly bearish and discounting an event that will never come? Time will tell, but remember common wisdom is not necessarily wisdom which will enrich you.

Strategy: Feeders: Feeders still own at the money put options from higher levels in the June through August time periods. Puts protect your downside but never limit your upside potential.

Cow/calf operators: Cattle feeders remain buy-hedged at an average price in the 68-69 range basis the May forward futures. Hold until you buy your replacement feeders.

Traders: Based on a previous recommendation you are long August futures from 6195. Risk 150 points for an objective of 6450.

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George Kleinman is president of Commodity Resource Corporation (CRC), a licensed brokerage firm which specializes in marketing strategies using agricultural futures and options. CRC welcomes questions - they can be reached at 1-800-233-4445.

potential which is offsetting the reduction in planted acres. In the coming months, the market could additionally be pressured from larger than normal amounts of wheat hitting the market as government loans mature. Yet, wheat prices are already cheap, and as such it is hard to envision a "crash and burn" from current low levels. However, barring any surprises, the market could easily fade another 20 cents or so as harvest approaches.

Strategy: Hedgers: We have recommended preselling 25 percent of anticipated new crop production from above \$3 basis the July Chicago futures. Look to sell another 25 percent on rallies above 275.

Traders: If you took last week's recommendation, you are out of all long positions with a modest profit.

Corn (Bear)

Outlook: Even with planting delays, this market has not been able to mount much of a weather rally. It looks as if the market is not concerned with these delays, and probably for good reason. With modern equipment, the corn crop can be planted in mere

approaches anything could potentially happen.

Strategy: Hedgers: Look to sell 25 percent of new crop production using the December futures on rallies above 250.

Traders: The market is too cheap to sell, but no reason at all to be a buyer. Remain on the sidelines.

Soybeans (Bull/Bear)

Outlook: The bears cannot understand why the soybean market continues to outperform corn and wheat. Some of the reasons are: a) soybeans are cheap in relation to corn and wheat on a historical basis; b) excellent soy oil demand; and c) slow farmer selling. The belief is once the crop is successfully planted, barring any adverse weather, prices will collapse. This is certainly possible; however, I would be hesitant to short beans at this early stage in the growing season. After all, prices are historically cheap. The statistics may show large carryover supplies, but Asia appears to be turning the corner and export demand looks as if it could strengthen. This could reduce these stocks rather quickly. Finally, in a La Nina year

Extension In Progress

Precipitation Enhancement Information Meeting

The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District is hosting a meeting on the possible implementation of a Precipitation Enhancement program in our area. The meeting will be Monday, May 10, at 7 p.m. at the district office in White Deer.

Speakers for the evening will be George W. Bomar, A. Wayne Wyatt, and Scott Holland. I know its hard to believe it will be dry again, but one thing for sure; it will!

Focus Forum Meetings

In March, we held public forums to determine the issues most important to citizens in Gray County for the next 3-5 years. At these meetings, residents brought out several important issues and were asked to vote on the five most important issues. The vote came out like this: Create Value-added Agriculture Products, Economic Development, Positive Community Outlook and Promotion, Higher Education Possibilities, and Underground Water Conservation.

The next step is to take each of these issues and define goals and identify action strategies for dealing with each. We are having separate meeting dates for each focus group to do exactly that, and they will all meet at the Gray County Annex. Below is the list of dates and times. Call if you



Danny Nusser
Gray County
Extension
Agent-
Agriculture

plan to attend any or all of these meetings.

Economic Development - Friday, May 7, 7 a.m.; **Higher Education Possibilities** - Monday, May 10 - 7 a.m.; **Water Conservation** - Monday, May 10 - 11 a.m.; **Positive Community Outlook and Promotion** - Tuesday, May 11 - 7 a.m.; **Create Value-Added Agriculture Products** - Thursday, May 13 - 7 a.m.

Wheat Turnrow Meeting - May 12

We will meet at the replicated dryland wheat variety plot at Don Campbell's farm on the corner of the Loop and Hwy. 70 north of Pampa. This plot has several varieties that might be of interest to you, and we will discuss each variety and their characteristics.

Dr. Brent Bean will also be present to answer any questions related to wheat or any other information you might need.

The meeting will be May 12, at 5 p.m. Call if you have questions.

Soybean research may help cancer patients

WASHINGTON (AP) - Agriculture Department scientists are searching through leftovers from soybean oil and protein extraction for components that might help cancer-free people avoid the disease.

The idea, according to the Agricultural Research Service, is to turn DNA-friendly compounds, called chemoprotectants, into food additives and pharmaceuticals. Some natural and synthetic chemicals cause DNA disruptions that sometimes result in malignancies, but chemoprotectants help protect against irreversible cell damage, ARS said.

Soybeans and other foods contain substances called antioxidants that can help prevent cell mutations. Some of the antioxidant soy extracts, which are called isoflavones, are marketed as food additives.

ARS scientists at the National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research in Peoria, Ill., and other scientists at the University of Illinois in Champaign are looking for new chemoprotectants.

The soy leftovers make up a gooey molasses that has been used as livestock feed. Chemoprotectants isolated from the leftovers could become, pound for pound, more valuable than the main processed soy products. A light brown powder called phytochemical concentrate, or PCC, isolated from the molasses, contains a mixture of these potent materials.

In the research, university scientists are exposing cell cultures of Chinese hamster lungs and ovaries to PCC components prepared by the ARS scientists. Then they challenge the cells with a chemical known to induce tumors. Later, they assess DNA breakage in the cells and identify the most protective PCCs.

In preliminary studies, mice fed certain PCC components seem to be protected from some forms of cell damage. These components include molecules that are much more antimutagenic than flavonoids, which are antioxidants found in many foods.

The research, supported in part by the United Soybean Board, may serve as a model for research on other foods, ARS said.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Animals with four stomachs, known as ruminants, may be protected from an affliction known as grass tetany by a new tall fescue grass called HiMag.

When ruminants - cattle, sheep, goats and deer - have too little magnesium in their blood, they can get grass tetany.

Also known as hypomagnesemia, grass tetany is often fatal. It causes an estimated \$50 million to \$150 million in livestock production losses each year in the United States, according to the Agricultural Research Service.

Commerce alive, well at N. Dakota bison ranch

GRANVILLE, N.D. (AP) - At the Big Sky Buffalo Ranch, checking the Internet for meat orders is on the list of daily chores, along with tending the herd of 350 bison that roam vast pastures in north-central North Dakota.

Big Sky sells its buffalo meat to customers all over the world via the Internet, providing a financial boost while many farmers and ranchers are struggling to stay on the land.

"You have to find other avenues to bring money into North Dakota," Cathy Ulland said as she drove by herds of buffalo on her family's pasture. "We know we don't have much in North Dakota."

Ulland's father, Duane Woodall, started Big Sky in 1982 with five head of buffalo. It was a hobby, something to supplement his farm and ranch income. But bison ranching has become big business in recent years, while traditional farming and ranching has hit hard times because of bad weather and low prices.

Big Sky started to focus on bison - and the Internet - as an alternative. Ulland said the ranch sells about the same amount of buffalo meat by computer as it does at its small store in downtown Granville, also known as McGillicuddy City.

The ranch started selling online four years ago, and it has bolstered sales every year. Big Sky ships buffalo meat to every state, and it sells buffalo jerky strips worldwide from Granville, population 400.

"Granville or New York City, it doesn't matter. We're on an even playing ground there," said Sue Blikre, Internet office coordinator for the Minot-based Central North American Trade Corridor Association. The business promotion group creates World Wide Web pages for companies and cities throughout North Dakota.

Big Sky customers can fill out an order form on the ranch's Web site and have the meat shipped the next day in a special container to keep it cool. Buffalo meat is more expensive than regular beef, but the product is leaner and lower in fat and cholesterol.

Not all North Dakotans like the higher-priced meat, but that doesn't matter for people elsewhere who are willing to pay more for a delicacy.

"Before they would have to depend on the local market with people buying buffalo. Some of us can't afford buffalo, but the people on the East Coast sure can," Blikre said. "They've made a lot of sales all over the country."

Big Sky is the only North Dakota ranch to sell bison meat on the Internet, Ulland said. The North American Bison Cooperative processing plant in New Rockford has an informational Internet site, offering recipe and menu ideas for the food service industry, said Chad Bullinger, marketing manager for the co-op.

Soybean motor oil tested

A new motor oil developed in part by the soybean checkoff is being tested in a cross-county journey across America. The motor oil, used in a Ford F-150 pickup truck, contains soybean oil and may offer improved engine efficiency and conserving energy.

"We believe that we will have a choice of motor oils in the future," said United Soybean Board (USB) New Uses Committee Chair Gene Lewis, a soybean farmer from Hardinsburg, Ind. "This new motor oil is another example of how soybean check-off investments are developing new uses for soybeans, increasing domestic utilization and adding value to our crop."

The month-long road test, known as InterSTATE 2000 (Sustainable Technology from Agriculture Test Expedition), began in southern California and will wind through 18 states, several major cities and end in Washington, D.C. on May 21. Researchers from Agro Management Group, Inc. of Colorado Springs, Colo., are driving one truck using the new motor oil and another truck using conventional, petroleum-based oil. The cross-county journey is designed to demonstrate the efficiency of the product, which contains soybean oil, in prolonged automotive use under a variety of driving conditions.

The purpose is to demonstrate the ability of the bio-based motor oil and compare it to the conventional motor oil," said Tim Lambert, vice president of Agro Management and one of the truck drivers. "We hope this test will reinforce existing data, both from laboratory tests and pilot programs conducted using nearly 100 fleet vehicles."

Initial research shows that new oil reduces harmful emissions, improves mileage, has less metal wear and reduces the potential for soil and water contamination from spills or illegal disposal. The USB New Uses Committee has singled out lubricants as one of five potentially lucrative markets for new products developed from U.S. soybeans. The others include adhesives, plastics, coatings and inks, and specialty products such as solvents. The federal government predicts soy utilization in industrial uses will grow to 55 million bushels by next year and to 135 million bushels by 2005.

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UIL



(From left) Chris Shaffer, Trey Ford, Jack Leland, and (front) Milissa Session recently participated in the Accounting and Computer Team category in the UIL competition. (Special photo)

Equitherapy being utilized at West Texas A&M Horse Center in Canyon

CANYON — With the help of a good-natured horse, people suffering from cerebral palsy, head injuries and autism can enjoy their therapy. Winner's Circle Equitherapy, a non-profit organization that practices its brand of medicine at the West Texas A&M University Horse Center, serves people with all sorts of ailments through a unique therapy program.

of only a handful affiliated with a university in Texas. "There are so many areas you can use this program. It helps in emotion and anger control as well

According to WCE Executive Director Kathy Thompson, the benefits of equitherapy abound. A horseback ride stimulates the inner organs of the physically disabled through the walking movement of the horse. The steps in saddling a horse teach occupational therapy patients sequencing skills. Speaking to a horse increases the vocal volume of a speech therapy patient. Therapy sessions can be scheduled 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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About 50 volunteers, made up of community members and WTAMU students, give their time to help therapists and certified riding instructors treat more than 150 patients per month. People interested in volunteering to aid Winner's Circle patients need to be able to walk for 30 minutes at a time and provide support for the patient as necessary. Experience with horses is not necessary.

as therapeutic riding," Rebekah Bachman, instructor of agriculture, said. Bachman teaches Introduction to Hippo Therapy at WTAMU, where students learn about requirements and certification of such a program.

During the therapy sessions, volunteers walk beside the horse and keep a constant hand on the patient for safety. Games like putting rings on poles then taking them off or throwing balls into buckets create interaction and communication between the horse, patient and volunteer.

"We want Panhandle people to be aware of our program, and now we are trying to get involved with schools, too," Thompson said.

"When a patient comes for three or four months you can see a huge difference from the time they started," Kellye Fondy, a sophomore equine industry business major from Slaton, said.

WCE has added programs for Special Olympics participants that increase their self-esteem. Events such as western pleasure, showmanship and trail obstacles give the Olympians experience with horses and a chance to compete at local, state and national levels. The Special Olympics, which hail from towns all over the Panhandle, meet for practice from 2-4:30 p.m. Sundays at the WTAMU Horse Center.

The program, now in its 10th year, is the only program of its kind in the Panhandle and is one

Alyssa Nichols, one of the Olympians, qualified for the World Games beginning June 26 in Raleigh, N.C., where she will compete in multiple riding events.

"Alyssa is thrilled to be selected. She's been riding for a couple of years and she loves horses, so this is quite an opportunity for her," Alyssa's mom Annette Nichols said.

For more information about Winner's Circle Equitherapy, call Thompson at (806) 351-1316.

Rolling Plains Agriculture Day slated in Vernon this month

VERNON — Farmers can update their crop production and management skills, learn more about new technologies and crop diversification options, and glimpse new small grain varieties in the field at a May 13 Agriculture Day at the Texas A&M University research farm in Chillicothe.

"This half-day event will offer farmers a wealth of knowledge and ideas. Registration starts at 8 a.m. The program will begin at 8:30 a.m. with concurrent morning sessions on crops and land use alternatives," said Dr. Don Robinson, resident director of Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center here. "There is no charge to attend."

"Our keynote lunch speaker is Robert Lemon, Texas Agricultural Extension Service agronomist. He will talk about why

producers can't continue farming like their grandfathers' did, and how farmers can keep their operations viable in the future."

Other speakers and their topics are: —J.C. Banks, Oklahoma State University Extension cotton specialist, "Transgenic Cottons for Weed and Insect Control," and "Ultra-Narrow Row Cotton."

—Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist, San Angelo, "Integrating Wildlife Leases into Farm-Ranch Enterprises."

—Jody Bellah, R.A. Brown Ranch, Throckmorton, "Triticale: A New Forage-Silage Alternative for the Rolling Plains."

—Brent Bean, Extension agronomist-Amarillo, "Constraints to Corn Production in the Rolling Plains."

—John Sij, Research and Extension agronomist, Vernon, "Alternatives for Crop

Diversification in the Rolling Plains."

—Charles Leamons, Texas Department of Agriculture seed quality and certification director, "Plant Variety Protection: What it Means to Rolling Plain Producers."

"Producers can take a crops field tour at the research farm, as well as attend presentations by our speakers," Robinson said. "We'll also have several equipment and product displays from area agri-businesses."

During the field tour, producers can learn about "New Small Grain Varieties for the Rolling Plains" from Steve Caldwell, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station research associate in small grains breeding. He will showcase the first triticale variety, and two new wheat varieties, that will be released by Texas A&M this year.

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ENTERTAINMENT

'eXistenZ' requires its own glossary

By MATT WOLF
Associated Press Writer

"My friend has a biopot problem," someone announces relatively early on in "eXistenZ," in the kind of remark that isn't surprising in a David Cronenberg film.

Recent Cronenberg movies have featured mutating talking bugs ("Naked Lunch") and grisly car wrecks that act as sexual stimulants ("Crash").

So why shouldn't the Canadian writer-director make a film whose world is so self-enclosed, and occasionally so gross, that it requires its own glossary?

By the end of "eXistenZ," you'll know more about bioports than you perhaps ever thought necessary, not to mention Game-Pods, UmbyCords and a particularly unwelcome phenomenon known as a Neural Surge.

The film's title, with its peculiarly placed capital letters, comes from a game that taps directly into the central nervous system.

As such, eXistenZ is the brainchild of the world's greatest game designer, Allegra Geller. Geller is played by Jennifer Jason

Leigh, who keeps in check the nervous tics and hyperactivity she usually displays in her characters.

At the start of the film, Allegra is unveiling her new creation — "it's not just a game; it's an entirely new game system," we are told — when an assassin breaks into the conference room just as the players are readying their own long-awaited fantasy ride.

Allegra is whisked away by Ted Pikul (Jude Law), whose own problem is that he has no biopot of his own.

Enter Willem Dafoe, looking withered, as a country gas station attendant who before long is drilling the base of Ted's spine in an effort to get him properly rigged out.

"Where are our real bodies?" says Ted prior to freaking out.

Still to come is the Chinese restaurant excursion guaranteed to put you off that cuisine for life. Never again will viewers of "eXistenZ" order the "special."

What does it all mean? The material is rife with metaphoric potential, even if its relationship to the novelist Salman Rushdie ("The Satanic Verses") and his headline-grabbing Iranian death

sentence seems pretty tenuous, no matter what Cronenberg says. (In interviews, the director has described his film as a parable of "how an artist on the run dealt with being condemned to death.")

With talk of an "unformed world whose rules and objectives are unknown," the film seems to be positing an alternate reality that comes into being only to be destroyed.

Other moments suggest a commentary on AIDS, as Allegra ports herself into a diseased pod, so as to transmit the infection into all the other pods.

The film's trick ending throws all prior surmises up for grabs, however, in its appropriation of the playwright Pirandello, who remains a literary pioneer of the ever-thinning line between reality, illusion and gamesmanship.

Cronenberg might well argue that "eXistenZ" shouldn't be overinterpreted, and the feeling remains throughout that this most sober and serious-minded of directors is indulging in what is almost a lark (albeit one requiring a strong stomach).

The problem is that "eXistenZ" isn't clever enough, its ground rules in no way clear enough, to

engage an audience that may already feel sated this season by alternate universes, between "The Matrix" and "Star Wars: Episode One — The Phantom Menace."

And though it boasts an impressive Anglo-American-Canadian cast, including Ian Holm and Sarah Polley from "The Sweet Hereafter," the mutant creatures and bodily invasions are what you remember, not the people themselves.

In a sense, the perpetual

expression of befuddlement worn by the young British actor Law, here affecting a fine American accent, is the truest image for the film as a whole.

"eXistenZ," distributed by Miramax Films, is a Robert Lantos production, running 97 minutes. It is rated R which — given some of the goopy, squidgy special effects — could stand for "revolting."

Motion Picture Association of America rating definitions:

G — General audiences. All ages admitted.

PG — Parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

PG-13 — Special parental guidance strongly suggested for children under 13. Some material may be inappropriate for young children.

R — Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

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Billboard music charts

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.)

Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

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

1. "Livin' La Vida Loca," Ricky Martin. C2.
2. "No Scrubs," TLC. LaFace. (Gold)
3. "Kiss Me," Sixpence None The Richer. Squint. (Gold)
4. "Every Morning," Sugar Ray. Lava. (Gold)
5. "Believe," Cher. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
6. "What's It Gonna Be?!" Busta Rhymes (feat. Janet). FlipMode. (Gold)
7. "Heartbreak Hotel," Whitney Houston (feat. Faith Evans & Kelly Price). Arista. (Platinum)
8. "Who Dat," JT Money. Tony Mercedes.
9. "Fortunate," Maxwell. Rock Land.
10. "Give It To You," Jordan Knight. Interscope.

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Hot Adult Contemporary

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

1. "Angel," Sarah McLachlan. Warner Sunset.
2. "(God Must Have Spent) A Little More Time on You," N Sync. RCA.
3. "You'll Be In My Heart," Phil Collins. Walt Disney.
4. "Believe," Cher. Warner Bros.
5. "Kiss Me," Sixpence None The Richer. Squint.
6. "From This Moment On," Shania Twain. Mercury.
7. "Angel Of Mine," Monica. Arista.
8. "Written In The Stars," Elton John & LeAnn Rimes. Curb.
9. "All I Have To Give," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
10. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden. Columbia.

Mainstream Rock Tracks

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

1. "Heavy," Collective Soul. Atlantic.
2. "Mas Tequila," Sammy Hagar. MCA.
3. "One," Creed. Wind-up.
4. "Lit Up," Buckcherry. DreamWorks.
5. "Whiskey In The Jar," Metallica. Elektra.
6. "Why I'm Here," Oleander. Republic.
7. "Living Dead Girl," Rob Zombie. Geffen.
8. "My Own Worst Enemy," Lit. RCA.
9. "What It's Like," Everlast. Tommy Boy.
10. "Whatever," Godsmack. Republic.

Modern Rock Tracks

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

1. "My Own Worst Enemy," Lit. RCA.
2. "Praise You," Fatboy Slim. Skint.
3. "One," Creed. Wind-up.
4. "Better Days (And The Bottom Drops Out)," Citizen King. Warner Bros.
5. "Blue Monday," Orgy. Elementree.
6. "Heavy," Collective Soul. Atlantic.
7. "New," No Doubt. WORK.
8. "Falls Apart," Sugar Ray. Lava.
9. "Why Don't You Get A Job?," The Offspring. Columbia.
10. "Ends," Everlast. Tommy Boy.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

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

1. "Please Remember Me," Tim McGraw. Curb.
2. "Wish You Were Here," Mark Wills. Mercury.
3. "You Won't Ever Be Lonely," Andy Griggs. RCA.
4. "Gone Crazy," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
5. "Hands Of A Working Man," Ty Herndon. Epic.
6. "Two Teardrops," Steve Wariner. Capitol.
7. "Anyone Else," Collin Raye. Epic.
8. "How Forever Feels," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
9. "Man! I Feel Like A Woman!," Shania Twain. Mercury.
10. "Write This Down," George Strait. MCA Nashville.

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Top Country Albums

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Come On Over," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Platinum)
2. "Wide Open Spaces," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
3. "Always Never The Same," George Strait. MCA Nashville. (Platinum)
4. "Double Live," Garth Brooks. Capitol. (Platinum)
5. "Everywhere We Go," Kenny Chesney. BNA.
6. "Faith," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
7. "Maybe Not Tonight," Sammy Kershaw. Mercury.
8. "I'm Alright," Jo Dee Messina. Curb. (Platinum)
9. "Everywhere," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
10. "Evolution," Martina McBride. RCA.

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TPMHA: May is National Mental Health Month

AMARILLO — Mental health means something to everyone. For many, it means minding stress levels and striking a healthy balance between work and home. For those suffering from mental disorders, mental health means learning to manage and overcome their illness. May is the 50th anniversary National Mental Health Month and the theme for this year is "To Your Health! Mental Health Matters." Mental health professionals and advocacy groups across the nation are preparing for this month-long campaign to focus the country's attention on mental health issues.

"Mental health matters to me and to the Panhandle," said, Sandy Skelton, executive director, Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority. "It should matter to every individual, family, business, and community like other health concerns. It's that important."

Mental illness is found in people of all ages, races, cultures and economic conditions. In Texas, 1998 statistics indicated there were nearly 2.89 million individuals — nearly one in six with some form of mental illness. Over 640,000 Texas children, from birth through age 17, can be identified as having an emotional disturbance. Over 650,000 — or about one in 30 — Texans have depression, manic depressive disorder or other depressive disorders. Nearly 160,000 — about one in 100 — Texans experience schizophrenia disorders and about 30,000 new cases occur each year. Mentally ill people and their families just want the same treatment that physical illnesses receive in healthcare, insurance and public attitudes.

In the Panhandle over 10,000 people — adults and children, have a mental or emotional problem. However, some do not receive treatment because of stigma, misunderstanding and lack of access to appropriate and affordable healthcare. This troubling fact has dire consequences. The costs to individuals and families are seen in school troubles, financial difficulties, substance abuse, family problems and even suicide.

Last week was National Suicide Prevention week. Suicide is the ninth leading cause of death in the United States with one suicide

occurring on average every 17 minutes. It is estimated that over half of the annual suicides in this country involve the use of a firearm.

Every year over 18,000 U.S. men and women kill themselves with a gun. Almost half of all firearm-related deaths in the U.S. each year are attributable to suicide. Most suicides occur in homes, and guns stored in the home are used for suicide 40 times more often than for self-protection.

Tipper Gore, Mental Health advocate, said, "many things come to mind when we think about our health — watching our weight, exercising, scheduling vaccinations for kids. But what about mental health? It's an integral part of our overall health and just as important as physical health. Science and research tell us how much mental health and physical health are interrelated. Studies have revealed cause and effect relationships between mental disorders and physical disorders. We know that depression can increase the risk of developing heart disease. We also know that one in four cancer patients suffer from depression."

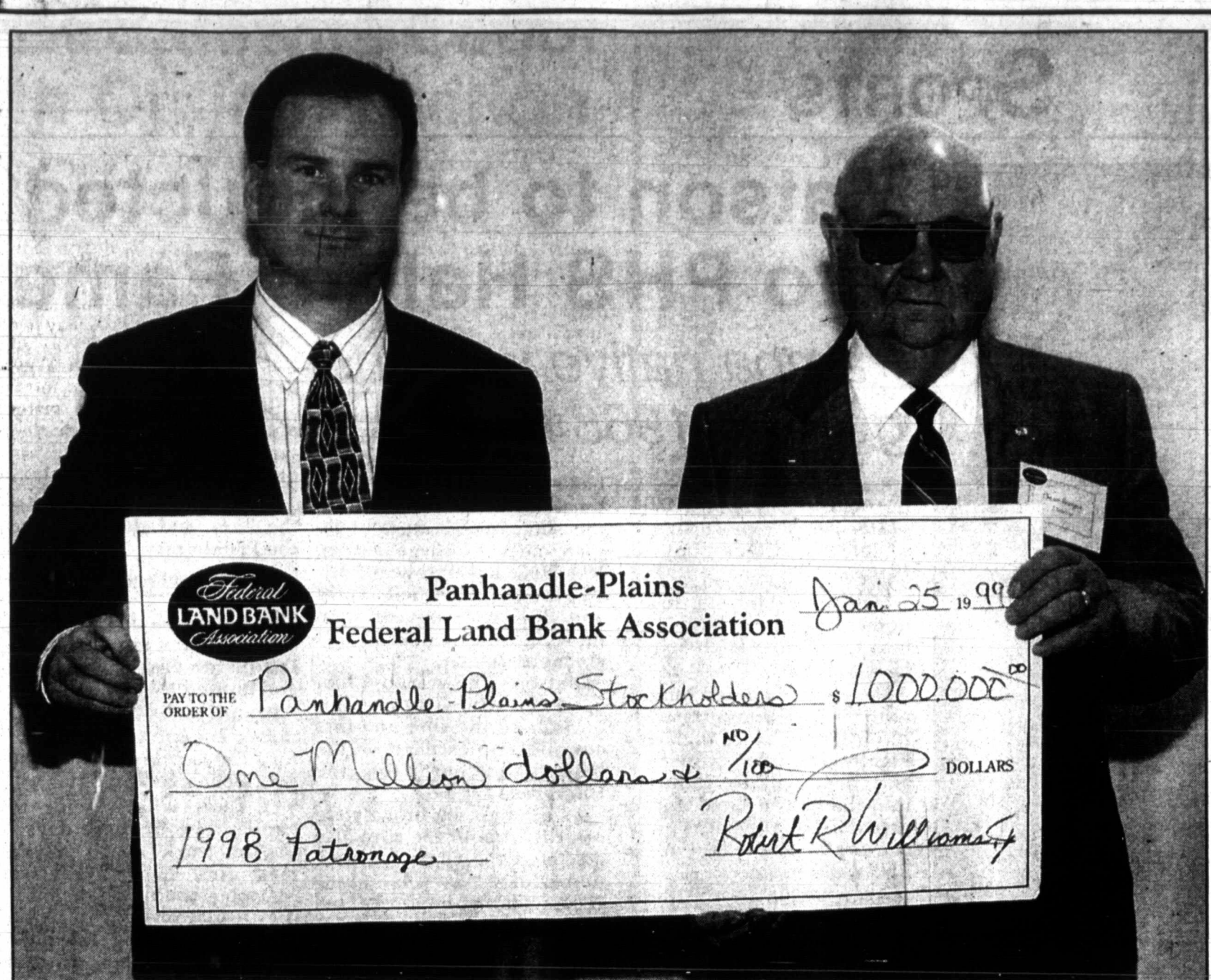
Mental health disorders are common, diagnosable and treatable, according to Gene Ann Grant, TPMHA Family and Community Education director. "The brain is just like any other organ of the body and when it is sick, it needs medical help. First the person has to admit he has a problem, then seek services by seeing a physician, psychiatrist, and/or counselor," said Grant.

In a crisis situation a person can call the Suicide Crisis Center at 1-800-692-4039 or 806-359-6699 which is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. TPMHA staff can be reached during the day-Adult Services at (806) 337-1000, Child & Adolescent Services at (806) 354-2191, and Homeless at 371-7716. With the advance of medicines, many mentally ill people are able to have a wonderful quality of life. The key is for the mentally ill person is to be compliant with their prescribed treatment and medicines.

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority is one of 45 mental health centers in the state. It is governed by a nine-member board of trustees who provide oversight for the operations of the center. The board consists of representatives from the 21 counties that are served by the agency in the panhandle. It meets monthly and conduct business in accordance with public Open Meetings laws of Texas. Board members are Dean Copeland, Chair, Pampa; Larry Campbell, Vice-Chair, Amarillo; Steve Cornett, Secretary/Treasurer, Canyon; The Hon. Willis Smith, Higgins; Liz Ladd, Amarillo; Diane Scroggins, Borger; and Sandy Duck, Amarillo. Two new board members will be appointed in the near future.

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority has offices in Amarillo, Hereford, Pampa, Borger, Dumas, Clarendon and Perryton. TPMHA Child and Adolescent Services has offices in Amarillo, Hereford, Pampa, Borger, Clarendon, Perryton, and Dalhart.

For more information regarding services offered by the agency or a speaker on mental health issues for adults and/or children, call Gene Ann Grant, Family and Community Education director at (806) 354-2191.



Holding the 1999 Patronage Check are (left-right) Alan Eubank, assistant vice president, and Dean Burger, director.

Panhandle-Plains FLBA announces \$1 million distribution at meeting

Pampa — Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association formally announced a \$1 million cash patronage distribution to member-stockholders during its annual meeting held recently at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. Approximately 210 Panhandle-Plains stockholders, directors, spouses, special guests, and employees attended the association's annual meeting.

"This is the third consecutive year Panhandle-Plains FLBA has added value to membership in the association by putting profits in our stockholder's hands. The Board and Management are certain that changes underway within the Farm Credit Bank and in the Association itself will continue to strengthen our financial position. As such, we will continue to provide superior service at the least possible cost to our customers," said Jerry Oswald, board chairman, and Robert R. Williams Jr., CEO.

Stockholders re-elected Dean Burger of Pampa, Wayne Garrett of

Gruber, and elected new board member Daniel Krienke of Perryton. Other board members include Jerry Oswald of Abernathy, Ronnie Hopper of Petersburg, Dean Turner of Matador, Ervin J. Davis of Happy, Larry Fairchild of Adrian, Dennis Babcock of Panhandle and Steve Brown of Floydada.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Kenneth Chambers, field inspector for the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association. Chamber's is a resident of Dawn.

Headquartered in Pampa, Panhandle-Plains FLBA is a member owned agricultural lending cooperative which provides longterm financing for agricultural real estate purchase, refinance, and improvement. The association has approximately \$142 million in loans outstanding to farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness in 17 counties. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton, and Plainview.

DPS accepting applications for new trooper trainees

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety is seeking applicants who want to begin a career as a Texas state trooper. Applications are now being taken for a rigorous six-month recruit training academy that will begin Sept. 27 in Austin.

"First and foremost, we want the best qualified applicants we can recruit," said Lt. Curly Colquitt, who heads the DPS's recruitment effort. "We are also placing a special emphasis on recruiting qualified women and minority applicants, since these two groups have historically been underrepresented in law enforcement."

The application deadline is June 11 for out-of state residents and June 25 for Texas residents. Anyone interested should contact their nearest DPS office for more information and an application packet. "This is a great opportunity for someone who wants to join one of the country's elite law enforcement agencies," said Colquitt.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, be at least 20-years-old by the time they are accepted as trooper-trainees, be of good moral character, meet certain vision requirements and have at least 60 hours of college (prior law enforcement or military experience may be substituted).

A final conviction (including probation) for any DWI, DUI, family violence or felony automatically will disqualify applicants. The screening process will include verification of written and oral statements and overall scrutiny of the applicant. Physical, psychological and drug testing also are required.

Graduates initially are assigned to one of the department's uniformed services — Highway Patrol, License and Weight or the Driver License Division. After gaining experience, troopers may apply for promotions within those or other areas of the DPS.

Country Heart Gala



Suzanne Courtney displays the painting "Leave Me Alone" by Dr. Mohan during the American Heart Association's Country Heart Gala, recently. Standing is Dale West and sitting in the foreground is Dr. Kamnani.

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AG DAY

Other field tour presentations will focus on "Weed Control in Wheat," by Todd Baughman, Extension agronomist, Vernon; and "Relay Strip Cropping to Move Beneficial Predator Insects into Cotton," by Jeff Slosser, Texas A&M research entomologist, Vernon.

"Producers also can earn four Continuing Education Units (CEUs) by attending the field day. These CEUs are approved for both Texas and Oklahoma producers," Robinson noted. "Our 250-acre Chillicothe research farm is located 5 miles southwest of Chillicothe on FM Road 392."

For more information on the May 13 Agriculture Day in Chillicothe, call the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center at (940) 552-9941.

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TENNIS

PAMPA — Summer tennis camps will be held in Pampa for all ages, beginner, intermediate and advanced.

Pampa High tennis coach Carolyn Quarles urged residents to come and join the fun. For more information, call Quarles at 665-9401.

SOFTBALL

VERNON — Weatherford defeated Pampa 11-0 Friday in the Region 1-4A softball semifinals at Vernon Junior College.

Pampa, in just its first year of University Interscholastic League softball, ended its season just two victories short of a state tournament berth. The Lady Harvesters finished with a 14-5 record.

PAMPA — Phil Pet posted a pair of victories last week in the Optimist 7-9 year-old girls' softball league.

Phil-Pet defeated J & M Machine 26-11.

Diane Mechelay and Kara Stephens each hit long drives and Paeg Alvey had a double.

Phil-Pet also defeated Culberson-Stowers 23-7. Yesenia Flores hit a long drive for Phil-Pet.

BASEBALL

PAMPA — First State Bank of Miami defeated Celanese 16-11 in a 9-10 league game last week.

Leading hitters for First State were Jake Booze a single, one RBI and three runs scored; Colby Greenhouse a double, one RBI and one run scored.

Joshua Humphrey, Tyler Hall and Dakota Gilleland had one hit each for Celanese.

Winning pitcher was Darius Kimberling, who gave up two hits while striking out nine and walking four.

Celanese rallied for 10 runs in the last two innings, but was unable to catch FSB, which scored six in each of two consecutive innings.

GENERAL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers and Dallas Stars already advertise at each other's games, have links to the each other on their Web sites and share a weekly television program. They have the same owner.

Now, they also have the same president.

Stars president Jim Lites was given the same job with the Rangers on Friday as owner Tom Hicks attempts to merge the clubs' front offices. Lites joins a small fraternity of people in charge of multiple pro sports franchises.

"Jim is very energetic, he's very competitive and he's very focused," Hicks said. "This will mean more access to sports entertainment for baseball fans and hockey fans. It also means Jim Lites will be a very busy person."

The Rangers and Stars have been working together since Hicks bought the baseball team last summer. He bought the Stars in December 1995.

Hicks envisions one business team running both clubs while keeping separate the hockey and baseball specialists. He had the perfect opportunity to try it when Rangers president Tom Schieffer resigned last week to help develop the area around The Ballpark in Arlington.

BASKETBALL

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Spurs are the No. 1 seed in the Western Conference, but they aren't taking the No. 8 Timberwolves lightly.

Especially Kevin Garnett. "He's a great player. He's a handful every time he steps on the court. He's got a great work ethic. He's loaded with talent. And he's one of the best players in the league," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said.

Garnett and his Minnesota teammates face the Spurs in a best-of-5 first-round playoff series starting today in the Alamodome.



(Pampa News photo)

Randy Matson addresses the Pampa crowd when the street between the football field and high school was named in honor of the Olympic champion.

Glo-Valve avenges an earlier defeat

PAMPA — Glo-Valve Service avenged an earlier defeat to Cabot Corporation with a 5-2 victory behind a stingy defense and the pitching of Tyson Hickman Thursday at Optimist Park.

Hickman went the distance to pick up his first win of the year. He allowed one earned run on two hits while striking out eight and walking three.

Heath Miller was the story for Cabot. He allowed three hits, one earned run and walked three while striking out four. He lashed out both Cabot hits. Tyler Doughty finished up the pitching duties for Cabot, striking out four in pitching two perfect innings.

Hickman aided his own cause with a one-out double in Glo-Valve's third inning. He stole third and scored on a ground out by Eric Kingcade. Mateo Campos walked and stole second. He came all the way in to score when Christopher Moody was safe on an error to give Glo-Valve a 2-0 lead.

Glo-Valve stretched its lead in the fourth inning without a base hit. Mitchell Crow walk, Matt Parks' smash was too hot to handle and Craig Stone walked to load the bases. Hickman was safe on a fielder's choice to chase home Crow, but Parks also scored after a Cabot error on the play. Kingcade picked up his second RBI of the evening with another ground out scoring

Stone. Ryan Hansen had the other hit for Glo-Valve, but was forced out in the second inning.

Miller manufactured a run for Cabot in the fourth inning. His ground ball was kept from being an extra base hit by a diving Kingcade. An errant pickoff attempt allowed the alert Miller to speed all the way to third. He scored on a passed ball.

In the Cabot sixth inning, Adam Brown walked and took second on a wild pitch. He was sacrificed to third by Zac Ammons and scored on a solid double by Miller.

Crow with a fly ball catch in right field in the first inning and Kingcade with a difficult stop in the sixth had the outstanding defensive plays for Glo-Valve. Moody had another caught stealing. Josh Reynolds made a good stop and a perfect throw to catch Hickman at first base for Cabot's outstanding fielding play.

Glo-Valve improved its season record to 1-1. Cabot dropped to 1-2.

In the late game, Rotary Club walked past Celanese Corporation 17-2 as Jerod Molar with relief help from Clayton Hall picked up his first win of the year. The loss tumbled Celanese out of first place. Rotary is 1-2 on the season. Celanese is 2-1.

Celanese is scheduled to make up a rained-out game with Glo-Valve Service Saturday at 4 p.m.

Fernandez continues hot streak as Jays beat Texas

TORONTO (AP) — Tony Fernandez continues to amaze.

The 36-year-old Fernandez had a career-high five hits as Toronto beat the Texas Rangers 9-6 Friday night.

"This guy is a marvel," Blue Jays manager Jim Fregosi said. "When I was 37, I was done. The strenuous exercise he does every day, what he does between innings when he's playing, would tire most people out."

Fernandez, who works out for a half-hour after every game, raised his average to a league-leading .383 after going 5-for-5 with three doubles and two singles, including an RBI double in the eighth.

"When he gets locked in, there isn't anybody better," Blue Jays first baseman Carlos Delgado said. "He just said to me last week, 'The older I get, the better I get.'"

Delgado was 3-for-4 with a

two-run homer, and the Blue Jays backed Pat Hentgen (2-1) with 17 hits, tying a season high. Toronto overcame a pair of home runs by Juan Gonzalez to stop a three-game losing streak.

Gonzalez had a solo homer off Tom Davey in the sixth and a three-run homer off Dan Plesac in the seventh, raising his season total to seven and pulling Texas to 7-6.

Gonzalez, who has two multi-homer games this season and 35 in his career, has six homers in his last seven games.

"I'm swinging the bat well," he said. "I just feel good about my approach to hitting."

Tom Goodwin and Mark McLemore hit consecutive solo homers for Texas in the first.

Hentgen, who allowed just two hits after the first inning, gave up three runs, five hits and four walks in five innings. He appreciates the offensive support Fernandez provided.

Matson to be inducted into PHS Hall of Fame

Pampa native won the gold at 1968 Olympics

Randy Matson. He became the world's greatest shot putter and the most famous athlete to come out of Pampa.

Matson is returning to his hometown to be inducted into the Pampa High School Hall of Fame.

He will be honored May 20 with a community-wide reception at McNeely Fieldhouse from 5:30 to 7 and then will be inducted into the hall of fame during ceremonies the next day, starting at 9:50 a.m. in the PHS auditorium.

Heidi Schneider Roupp and Eugene Anderson will be inducted along with Matson.

After winning the silver medal in the 1964 Olympics as a 19-year old, Matson reached the top four years later when he won the gold medal with a throw of 67-4 3/4ths at the Olympics held in Mexico City. Matson had already made history a year after the '64 Olympics when

he became the first athlete to break the 70-foot barrier in the shot put during a collegiate meet at College Station. His 70-7 1/4 throw electrified the track and field world and during a six-year span he would throw over 70 feet six more times.

Matson, who stands 6 foot 6, was a schoolboy champion in both the shot and discus and also excelled on the basketball court for the Harvesters.

As a junior, he broke state records in both the shot and discus at the Class 5A meet in Austin.

A year later, he broke his own records at the state meet and quickly became one of the most sought-after high school athletes in the nation.

Matson, was contacted by over 100 major colleges, and according to author Carlton Stowers, there was at one time a college coach sitting in the living room, one on the phone, two on the front porch and two more sitting

in a car in the driveway of the Matson home on West Browning Street.

Stowers, a free-lance writer and newspaper reporter, wrote "The Randy Matson Story," in 1971.

Matson signed a copy of the book and donated it to the PHS library.

Matson settled on Texas A&M as his college choice and he proceeded to overwhelm the competition in the Southwest Conference and around the nation.

Record-setting performance became commonplace for "The Gentle Giant," as he was nicknamed.

"I know what's going to happen one of these days," Baylor track coach Clyde Hart once said. "We'll see Matson standing on the middle platform at the Olympics, getting his gold medal. He'll peel off his warmup suit and underneath it, he'll have a big S on his chest. Then he'll fly away and we'll all wonder if we really saw him."

Matson lives in College Station where he became head of the University's fund-raising activities.

Area golfers brave weather for Hospice Benefit Scramble

Eighteen teams braved wind and rain recently to compete in the ninth annual BSA Hospice Benefit Golf Scramble at Hidden Hills Golf Course, north of Pampa.

"If it was for anything but Hospice..." one player commented while donning stocking cap and coat before starting the tournament. Despite cloudy skies, cool temperatures and high winds, the 72 players from throughout the Texas Panhandle and Oklahoma assembled for the shotgun start at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 1.

Shortly after 12 noon, David Teichmann, Hidden Hills Golf pro, called the tournament due to rain and lightning. All 18 teams had completed at least 10 holes, he said. Winners of the tournament were declared on their scores after the first 10 holes, based against par, Teichmann explained.

A family team composed of Chuck White and his three sons, Doug, Steve and Scott, won first place in the Woods Flight with a score of six under par.

Second place in this division was awarded to John

Darby, Ralph Wilson, Howard Musgrave and Jerry Steed.

A four-way tie for third, fourth and fifth places was declared between these four teams, all of which had a four under par score: John Davis, J.C. Beyer, Durward Dunlap and David McFarridge; Elmer Wilson, Buzz Tarpley, David Fatheree, and Don Evans; Larry Etchison, Lee Garcia, Benny Silva and Derek Bigham; and Tommy Hill, Kelly Everson, Bill Bridges and Mike Hargas.

First place honors in the Duvall Flight went to the team of Jim Osborne, Brent Bryant, Doug Reinholt, and Miles Warner with a three under par score.

A two-way tie occurred for second and third places between the teams of Dr. William Buck, John Tarpley, Dr. Gregory Kelly and Jeff Nicklaus and another family team - John Jones, Billy Jones, Shirley Jones and Jake Jones. Both teams scored two under par.

A tie was also recorded for fourth and fifth places between the family team of Vince Simon, Ed Hale, Robert Simon and Bill Simon

and Robbie Pepper, Travis Johnston, Scott Harrelson and Roy King. These teams scored one under par.

Robbie Pepper, one of two women participating in the tournament, brought in the longest drive.

"Closest to the Hole" prizes were won by Elmer Wilson, J.T. Lamberson and Derrick Bigham.

Proceeds from the annual benefit Golf Scramble go to BSA Hospice of Pampa/Borger (formerly Hospice of the Panhandle), a not-for profit agency that provides compassionate and competent in-home care for terminally-ill patients and their families in five counties of the Texas Panhandle.

Last year, Hospice of the Panhandle spent more than \$18,000 to care for patients and families for whom it would receive no form of reimbursement.

BSA Hospice serves all appropriate patients and their families through funding Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, memorials, donations, and fundraisers.

For additional information about hospice care for the terminally ill and their families, call (806) 665-6677.



(Special photo)

Bundled up against the cold wind and rain, Shirley and Jake Jones of Amarillo unload their clubs at the end of the BSA Hospice Benefit Golf Scramble.

DFB downs Cabot in Optimist action

DFB won over Cabot 8-5 in an 11-12 league game last week at Optimist Park.

Shane Goldsmith had a triple and double to lead DFB while Braydon Barker had a pair of singles.

Leading Cabot were Jarod Moler with a triple and Tyler Klein and Ahea Brown, a double each.

Catcher Weston Teichmann had a good defensive game as he caught three pitchers. Barker struck out the side in the bottom of the sixth.

Goldsmith was the winning pitcher and Barker got the save.

(7-8 year-olds) last week.

Leading hitters for J & J were John Luke Covatt, Heath Skinner and Hayden Skinner three hits each, Justin Fuentes, Tucker Brown and Justin Miller two hits each.

Hayden Skinner, Heath Skinner and John Luke Covatt made some great defensive plays.

Daniel Kirkland had 2 hits while Evan Coleman and Gage Carruth had one hit each for Franks.

Ledrick defeated Wastewater 8-1 in the Optimist 7-8 Pitching Machine League.

Keenan Lott had a single, double and a run batted in for Ledrick.

J & J Motor Company defeated Franks 11-1 in the Rookie League

Gwynn celebrates early with key base hit as Padres rally by Braves

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

That'll teach John Rocker to try to throw a fastball past the old man.

Tony Gwynn, two days shy of his 39th birthday, lined a two-run single past Rocker's ear that helped the San Diego Padres rally in the eighth inning Friday night for a 4-3 win over the Atlanta Braves.

The Braves led 3-1 when Rocker relieved with runners on second and third and one out at San Diego. The lefty reliever with a 100 mph fastball tried to get ahead with a heater, and instead Gwynn turned it into his 2,969th career hit.

"That pitch to Gwynn was a good 0-0 pitch, but he guessed right," Rocker said.

In other NL games, Florida downed Los Angeles 6-3, Philadelphia stopped Colorado 8-1, St. Louis beat Pittsburgh 4-2, Cincinnati defeated Chicago 3-2, Arizona topped New York 14-7, Houston downed Montreal 5-2 and San Francisco beat Milwaukee 4-3.

San Diego won in its first matchup with the Braves since beating them in last year's NLCS in six games. Since then, the Padres have lost several key players, a major reason why they're last in the NL West.

"There's a whole different bunch of guys, you know, a whole different set of problems we have to deal with," Gwynn said. "It's kind of like growing pains. It's going to take guys time to jell."

Gwynn, now hitting .394, took second on the throw home and scored the go-ahead run on Phil Nevin's single.

Marlins 6, Dodgers 3
Rookie Bruce Aven connected for the first pinch-hit grand slam in Florida history, and the Marlins stopped an eight-game losing streak.

Aven's first career slam made him 5-for-8 with nine RBIs as a pinch-hitter this year.

Florida started a nine-game trip following a 2-11 homestand, its longest of the year. Adrian Beltre homered for Los Angeles.

Phillies 8, Rockies 1
Larry Walker's home run extended Colorado's scoring streak to 14 straight innings — tying the NL record — before Curt Schilling took over at Coors Field.

The Rockies, who scored in every inning in their previous game at Wrigley Field, matched the NL mark of the 1894 Pittsburgh Pirates and 1949 New York Giants. The Boston Red Sox set the major league record of 17

in 1903.

Schilling (5-1) shut down the Rockies after Walker's homer in the first inning, pitching his 51st career complete game. Schilling also hit an RBI single for Philadelphia.

Cardinals 4, Pirates 2
Shawon Dunston hit a two-out, two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning as St. Louis won at Busch Stadium.

Darren Bragg, a defensive replacement in right field, made an error in the top of the ninth that helped Pittsburgh score twice and tie it. But he drew a two-out walk in the bottom half and Dunston connected off Rich Loiselle.

Dunston also had two infield singles and made a running catch in center field that saved a run.

Reds 3, Cubs 2
Kevin Tapani stopped a record streak against the Cubs, but closer Rod Beck gave up Barry Larkin's game-winning, two-run single with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning at Cincinnati.

Chicago allowed a run in 13 straight innings — an NL record — before Tapani pitched a scoreless first.

In the ninth, Beck (2-3) gave up a one-out single to Michael Tucker and a two-out double to Sean Casey. Chicago chose to pitch to the slumping Larkin, who doubled inside the third-base line.

Astros 5, Expos 2
Jose Lima became the latest Houston pitcher to get a key hit as the Astros beat visiting Montreal.

Lima (5-1) won his fifth straight decision, giving up nine Expos hits in a complete game.

Lima's RBI single capped a three-run sixth inning. He went 2-for-3 and gave Astros pitchers 12 RBIs this season.

Diamondbacks 14, Mets 7
Luis Gonzalez extended his hitting streak to a team-record 20 straight games with a home run as Arizona broke loose against Orel Hershiser.

Tony Womack had four hits, including two triples, and Matt Williams had three hits and drove in three runs. New York lost its third in a row.

Hershiser (2-3) was tagged for nine runs and nine hits in 4 1-3 innings.

Giants 4, Brewers 3
On a night whipped by gusts up to 25 mph, Jeff Kent hit a wind-swept homer that led San Francisco over Milwaukee.

Chris Brock (3-2) pitched seven solid innings and stopped the Brewers' four-game winning streak. Milwaukee had won seven straight on the road.

Tom Landry is hospitalized

DALLAS (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry is undergoing treatment for leukemia in a local hospital, according to his son, Tom Jr., The Dallas Morning News reported in today's editions.

Landry, 74, entered the hospital Tuesday and is expected to remain under the care of physicians for the next 30 days.

"Fortunately, this was diagnosed at an early stage and treatment was begun immediately," the younger Landry told the newspaper. "The family and doctors are optimistic that they will be successful in their efforts."

The family requested that details of where Landry is being treated remain undisclosed.

There are several types of leukemia, a cancer that impairs the production of blood cells. In all types, abnormal white cells proliferate in the bone marrow, crowding out healthy blood cells. Other organs, such as the liver, spleen or lymph nodes, may stop functioning properly if infiltrated by the diseased cells.

Leukemia is curable, with transfusions, anti-cancer drugs and radiation therapy.

Landry coached the Cowboys for 29 seasons from their founding in 1960 until 1988.

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

National League					American League				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	19	9	.679	—	San Francisco	18	12	.600	—
New York	17	12	.586	2 1/2	Los Angeles	18	13	.582	1/2
Philadelphia	15	13	.536	4	Arizona	16	14	.533	2
Montreal	8	19	.296	10 1/2	Colorado	11	14	.440	4 1/2
Florida	7	22	.231	12 1/2	San Diego	11	17	.393	6

East Division					Central Division					West Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	18	10	.643	—	Houston	18	10	.643	—	San Francisco	18	12	.600	—
Pittsburgh	16	12	.571	2	St. Louis	16	12	.571	2	Los Angeles	18	13	.582	1/2
Baltimore	14	14	.500	4	Pittsburgh	14	14	.500	4	Arizona	16	14	.533	2
Toronto	13	13	.500	4	Milwaukee	13	13	.500	4	Colorado	11	14	.440	4 1/2
Minnesota	13	15	.464	5	Cincinnati	12	15	.444	5 1/2	San Diego	11	17	.393	6

Thursday's Games				
Game	Score	Time	Notes	Key Player
Pittsburgh 13, St. Louis 3	13-3	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Chicago 13, Toronto 6	13-6	7:05 p.m.	Final	Ryan Dempster
Cincinnati 3, Chicago 1	3-1	7:05 p.m.	Final	Jeff Brantley
Houston 5, Montreal 2	5-2	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 2	4-2	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Atlanta 14, New York 7	14-7	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
San Diego 4, Atlanta 3	4-3	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
San Francisco 4, Milwaukee 3	4-3	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Florida 6, Los Angeles 3	6-3	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum

Saturday's Games				
Game	Score	Time	Notes	Key Player
Chicago (Jeter 2-1) at Cincinnati (Neagle 0-1)	5-0	7:05 p.m.	Final	Jeter
Philadelphia (Bennett 0-0) at Colorado (Bohanon 5-0)	3-0	7:05 p.m.	Final	Bennett
New York (Yoshii 1-3) at Arizona (Benes 2-2)	4-0	7:05 p.m.	Final	Yoshii
Milwaukee (Woodard 2-2) at San Francisco (Ruster 1-1)	4-0	7:05 p.m.	Final	Woodard
Montreal (Hermanon 2-3) at Houston (Reynolds 5-1)	8-0	7:05 p.m.	Final	Hermanon
Pittsburgh (Benson 1-2) at St. Louis (Jimenez 2-2)	8-10	7:05 p.m.	Final	Benson
Atlanta (Glynn 1-3) at San Diego (Aashy 4-1)	10-0	7:05 p.m.	Final	Glynn
Florida (Hernandez 1-3) at Los Angeles (Brown 2-2)	10-0	7:05 p.m.	Final	Hernandez

Sunday's Games				
Game	Score	Time	Notes	Key Player
Chicago (Sanders 0-3) at Cincinnati (Bere 2-0)	1-15	1:15 p.m.	Final	Sanders
Pittsburgh (Silva 0-2) at St. Louis (Aybar 2-0)	2-10	2:10 p.m.	Final	Silva
Montreal (Pavano 1-4) at Houston (Holt 0-4)	2-35	2:10 p.m.	Final	Pavano
Philadelphia (Ogca 2-2) at Colorado (Kile 2-2)	1-15	2:10 p.m.	Final	Ogca
New York (Reed 0-0) at Arizona (Daal 2-3)	4-05	2:10 p.m.	Final	Reed
Atlanta (Maddux 4-1) at San Diego (Hiltchuck 2-1)	4-05	2:10 p.m.	Final	Maddux
Milwaukee (Nomo 0-0) at San Francisco (Gardner 0-2)	4-05	2:10 p.m.	Final	Nomo
Florida (Sanchez 0-4) at Los Angeles (Park 3-2)	4-10	2:10 p.m.	Final	Sanchez

American League				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	19	9	.679	—
Tampa Bay	16	15	.516	4 1/2
Toronto	16	15	.516	4 1/2
Baltimore	14	14	.500	5
Baltimore	11	17	.393	8

Central Division					West Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	20	8	.714	—	Texas	14	14	.500	—
Chicago	14	13	.519	5 1/2	Oakland	15	16	.484	1
Detroit	14	16	.467	7	Seattle	13	16	.448	2
Kansas City	12	15	.444	7 1/2	Anaheim	13	17	.433	2 1/2

Thursday's Games				
Game	Score	Time	Notes	Key Player
Tampa Bay 5, Kansas City 4	5-4	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Baltimore 4, Chicago 2	4-2	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Baltimore 3, Texas 2	3-2	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Oakland 3, Toronto 2	3-2	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Cleveland 8, Seattle 4	8-4	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Detroit 4, Anaheim 2	4-2	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
San Diego 5, Minnesota 1	5-1	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum

Saturday's Games				
Game	Score	Time	Notes	Key Player
Anaheim (Belcher 1-2) at Boston (Wakefield 1-3)	1-05	1:05 p.m.	Final	Belcher
Tampa Bay (Van 1-0) at Cleveland (Nagy 3-2)	1-05	1:05 p.m.	Final	Van
Baltimore (Kamieniecki 0-0) at Detroit (Blair 0-4)	1-05	1:05 p.m.	Final	Kamieniecki
Seattle (Garcia 3-1) at New York (Hernandez 3-2)	1-35	1:05 p.m.	Final	Garcia
Texas (Morgan 4-2) at Toronto (Wells 4-1)	4-05	1:05 p.m.	Final	Morgan
Oakland (Haynes 1-4) at Chicago (Snyder 4-1)	7-05	1:05 p.m.	Final	Haynes
Kansas City (Rosado 1-1) at Minnesota (Perkins 0-1)	8-05	1:05 p.m.	Final	Rosado

Friday's Major League Lineups				
Team	Starting Pitcher	Outfield	Infield	Pitching
ANAHIM	000 000	000 000	000 000	0 6 1
BOSTON	002 002	00x 00x	00x 00x	6 10 2

BASEBALL (Continued)

Olivares, Magnante (6), Levine (7) and Walbeck, O'Brien (8); P.Martinez, Wakefield (9) and Varitek. W—P.Martinez, 6-1. L—Olivares, 3-3.	Texas 200 001 300 — 6 7 0	Toronto 401 011 02x — 9 17 1
M.Clark, Loaiza (4), Gunderson (6), Patterson (7), Venistro (8), Crabtree (8) and L.Rodríguez; Hentgen, Davy (6), Plesac (7), Koch (8) and Matheny. W—Hentgen, 2-1. L—M.Clark, 2-3. Sv—Koch (1). HRs—Texas, T.Goodwin (1), McLamore (1), Ju.Gonzalez 2 (7). Toronto, C.Delgado (6).	Baltimore 103 401 000 — 9 12 0	Detroit 000 003 010 — 4 10 0
Musina, Crocco (7), Bones (7), Fetters (9) and C.Johnson; Thompson, N.Cruz (4), Kida (8), M.J.Anderson (9) and Aasmus. W—Musina, 5-1. L—Thompson, 4-3. HRs—Baltimore, Belle (6), C.Johnson (2). Detroit, Haselman (2), Kapler (3).	Oakland 000 010 000 — 1 7 1	Chicago 240 001 00x — 7 10 1
Candiotti, Rigby (8) and Hinch; Pargue, Simas (7), B.Ward (9) and Fordyce. W—Pargue 4-2. L—Candiotti, 2-4. HRs—Chicago, Thomas (4), Konerko (2), C.Lee (1).	Seattle 000 000 100 — 1 5 2	New York 000 035 20x — 10 10 1
Suzuki, E.Weaver (6), Se.Spencer (6) and D.Wilson; Irbau, Naulty (8) and Posada. W—Irbau 1-0. L—Suzuki 0-1. HRs—Seattle, R.Davis (8). New York, Jeter (6).	Kansas City 003010010 — 5 9 1	Minnesota 010000 000 — 1 7 0
Appier, Whisenant (7), Service (9) and Spehr; Milton, J.Mays (7) and Steinbach. W—Appier 3-2. L—Milton 0-3. HR—Kansas City, Beltran (4).	Tampa Bay 013501 100 — 11 13 3	Cleveland 001104 77x — 20 21 3
Witt, R.White (6), Aldred (7), Mecir (7), Gallard (8), Reker (8) and Fishery; Gooden, Wagner (4), S.Reed (8), Deluca (8) and S.Alomar. W—Wagner 1-0. L—Mecir 0-1. HRs—Tampa Bay, McGriff (11). Cleveland, R.Alomar (5), Fryman (6), Cordero (3), Justice (2).	NATIONAL LEAGUE	Chicago 000 002 000 — 2 6 1
Tapani, Beck (9) and Santiago; Harshbarger, Reyes (8), Graves (9) and Taubensee. W—Graves, 2-3. L—Beck, 2-3. HR—Cincinnati, Casey (4).	Cincinnati 000000 012 — 3 13 0	
Montreal 200 000 000 — 2 9 2		
Houston 100 103 00x — 5 8 0		
M.Batista, Smart (7) and Widger; Lima and Bako. W—Lima, 5-1. L—M.Batista, 2-1.	Pittsburgh 000000 002 — 2 13 3	St. Louis 001 100 002 — 4 6 2
Schmidt, Loiselle (8) and Osk; Oliver, Botalico (8), Acevedo (9), Radinsky (9) and Marrero. W—Radinsky 1-0. L—Loiselle 3-2. HR—St. Louis, Dunston (2).	Philadelphia 00021050 — 8 14 1	Colorado 100 000 011 — 1 7 1
Schilling and Lieberthal; Thomson, Leskovic (6), DeJean (8), Wainhouse (9) and J.Reed. W—Schilling 5-1. L—Thomson 0-4. HRs—Philadelphia, Ducey (2). Colorado, L.Walker (7).	Atlanta 300 000 000 — 3 4 0	San Diego 000 100 03x — 4 9 1
Millwood, Remlinger (7), Seanez (8), Rocker (8), McGlinchy (8) and E.Perez; Clement, Wall (6), Boehringer (8), Hoffman (9) and Nevin. W—Boehringer 1-1. L—Rocker 1-2. Sv—Hoffman (4).	Florida 000 100 500 — 6 8 2	Los Angeles 00120000 — 3 9 0
Springer, Edmondson (7), Mantel (9) and Fabrega; Dreifort, Mills (7), P.Borbon (7), M.Maddux (8) and Hundley. W—Springer 1-4. L—Dreifort 4-2. Sv—Mantel (1). HRs—Florida, Aven (2). Los Angeles, Beltré (2).	New York 101 310 100 — 7 12 1	Arizona 410 051 30x — 14 15 1
Hershiser, Manzanillo (5), Watson (7), Benitez (8) and Piazza, Pratt (8); Stottmyre, Holmes (6), Frascatoro (8), B.J.Anderson (9) and Stinnett. W—Stottmyre 4-1. L—Hershiser 2-3. HRs—New York, Alfonzo (4). Arizona, L.Gonzalez (7).	Milwaukee 002000 100 — 3 8 1	San Francisco 002 00000x — 4 7 1
Roque, Weathers (4), Plunk (7) and Nilsson, Hughes (3), Brock, Embree (8), Johnstone (9), New (9) and Servais. W—Brock 3-2. L—Roque 0-3. Sv—New (10). HR—San Francisco, Kent (5).		

BASEBALL (Continued)

National League Cardinals				
Game	Score	Time	Notes	Key Player
St. Louis 3, Phoenix 1	3-1	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Friday, April 23				
Detroit 5, Anaheim 1	5-1	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Buffalo 3, Ottawa 2, 2OT	3-2	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Dallas 3, Edmonton 2	3-2	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Saturday, April 24				
Pittsburgh 4, New Jersey 1	4-1	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Phoenix 4, St. Louis 3, OT	4-3	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Carolina 3, Boston 2, OT	3-2	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Toronto 2, Philadelphia 1	2-1	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Colorado 3, San Jose 1	3-1	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Sunday, April 25				
Pittsburgh 4, New Jersey 2	4-2	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Phoenix 5, St. Louis 4	5-4	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Detroit 4, Anaheim 2	4-2	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Buffalo 3, Ottawa 0	3-0	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Dallas 3, Edmonton 2	3-2	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Monday, April 26				
Carolina 3, Boston 2	3-2	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Toronto 2, Philadelphia 1	2-1	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Colorado 2, San Jose 1, OT	2-1	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Buffalo 4, Ottawa 3, Buffalo wins series 4-0	4-0	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
New Jersey 4, Pittsburgh 2	4-2	7:05 p.m.	Final	Tim Lincecum
Phoenix 2, St				



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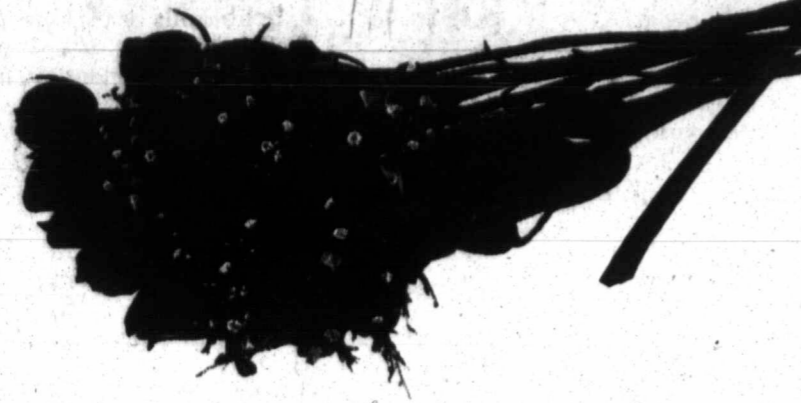
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The second reason I love you is your emotions. When you laugh it is like my life seems so perfect and wonderful. You laugh in a way that makes me feel so happy. You cry and it seems like my life has fallen apart. It makes me want to cry with you. You're happy, I'm happy You're sad, I'm sad.

The third reason I love you is you took care of me in a way no other mother ever in this world could. You gave me a roof over my head that was perfectly clean and neat. You put food on the table that you cooked every night. You bought clothes for me that fit so perfectly.

I love you so much for everything you have done for me every single day.

Love,
Your Daughter,
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Dear Mother,

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Love truly,
Jacklyn Cargill

Jacklyn Cargill--Tie for Fifth Place
Travis Elementary



Dear Mom,

I think you are loving and caring even though you have to work until five o'clock you are always there when I need you. You teach me how to cook and draw. You are even better than Paco. You can cook better than I can because you've had more experience than me. You are a good driver too. I want you to teach me how to drive. It's not that I don't want Papa to it's just that I want you to do it the most. I love you. You are the only mom that I love. Well, I love my birth mom too. You make me feel good that I have a mom that loves me a lot. You care for me. You are the best mom I have ever had. You make me feel better when I am sick and you are always there when I need you. We will always have each other. Even if I was to die today, we would always have each other and if you were to die today we would still have each other. We will have each other forever. I never want to leave you. You are my only hope to be there when I need you. You are going to be my best mom I ever had so don't leave me. You are the sweetest mom I have ever had.

I love you,
Sara Swan

Sara Swan -- Third Place
Travis Elementary



(Pampa News photo by ReDonn Woods)
First place essay contest winner Levi Case surrounded by (left) his homeroom teacher Connie Foote; grandfather, Harvey Rochelle; grandmother, Jo Rochelle; his English teacher, Ann Watson and Downtown Business Association President Ken Rheams.

Dear Grandma,

Here are some reasons why I love you. Without you I wouldn't be here. Thank you for raising me so well. You have taken care of me almost all of my life and you have done a good job. You are the best Grandma ever. I have lots of fun with you. Thank you for the wonderful room you gave me. I really enjoy it. You are the best Grandma a boy could ever have. You are the apple of my eye. Thank you for the wonderful bike that you have given me to ride and play with my friends. I think you are special. You work hard for Papa and me and I am so proud of you. You are the most wonderful grandma in the whole world and that's a fact. You are full of wonders that no one else can do. There is nothing I'd rather do than play with you. I think you are the best cook that has ever melted cheese. As they say in that commercial, you work hard to make life better, and that's a fact. I'm glad I live with you. I thank you for all the fun and exciting things that you do for me. You are the best in the west, south, north and east, as cowboys say. You are the best grandma ever and I am proud of you. The only think wrong with you is that you work too hard and you need a vacation. This summer I think we should go to Miami, Florida and go see the Dolphins play a football game. That would be great, don't you think?

Love,
Levi

Levi Cave--First place
Travis Elementary



My Stepmom

Hello, my name is Meleah and my stepmom's name is Melissa. She is the best because she helps my dad take care of me. She gives me food to eat. She gives me clothes to wear. She gives me a bed to sleep in. She gives me toys to play with. She lets me let my friend come to my house. She lets my friend spend the night at my house. She lets me spend the night at my friend's. She works so we have stuff. She helps me to do my homework. She does my hair. She pays a lot of money so me and my sister have things. She pays a lot of money so we can watch T.V. She buys puzzles so me and my sister can do them. She pays my doctor bills. She takes good care of me when I am very sick. She pays the transit to take me to school.

Meleah Parr -- Honorable Mention
Austin Elementary



The Best Things About My Mom

My name is Nicole Newhouse and my mom's name is Nancy. My mom is the best mom in the world because she is friendly and caring. She makes the best pound cake. I like her chocolate chip cookies, too. My mom is the best mom in the world because she is always encouraging and she is always there when you need her. She cooks for me, cleans and so much more I can't even name it all. When I grow up to be a mom I want to be just like her. She always shows diligence and you can almost never see a frown on her face. My mom is also the best mom in the world because she loves me and my family. My mom buys me clothes, shoes and lots more. My mom is also the best mom in the world because she is always joyful. My mom buys my school supplies and candy. You can always count on her when you need to. My mom is the best.

Nicole Newhouse -- Fourth Place
Austin Elementary

My mom's name is Tracy Juan and my name is Jamie Juan. Let me tell you about my mom. She is a very nice lady. She did a good job raising my brother and I. She talks with me about my troubles. I know she loves me by the way she acts. She restricts me from certain dangers. She is special to me because she is always there for me. A story about me and how I learned she loves me alot happened when I was about four. I was playing with my friend and I fell onto my bike and severely cut my head. I walked into the house crying and bleeding. When she saw me she got a cold towel and put it on my head until it healed. And that really showed me she loved me. Another story happened on Valentine's Day. My friend, brother and I were rough-housing. I was on my brother's back and tickling him. (My mom was in Amarillo at the time.) He fell back and I hit my head on the dresser. I cut my head and had to get stitches. When I got home she had come all the way from Amarillo and was scolding me as usual. When my dad passed away she would stay with me and cry with me until I fell asleep. These stories tell you how much my mom cares for me and that is what makes her special to me.

Jamie Juan--Tie for Second Place
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School



Dear Mom,

I am writing this letter to tell you how much I love and always will appreciate you.

The first reason why I love you is because you are always there for me. When I need help on my homework you are always there to help me. When I forget to pack my lunch I can call you and you will bring me something even if you are very busy doing something at work that is important.

The second reason I love you is because you gave me my life. If it weren't for you having me I couldn't be here with you loving and appreciating you. And sometimes trusting me even when you really, really shouldn't. I couldn't be here running, playing and having fun with my friends and you.

The third reason I love you is because you love me for who I am. You don't make fun of me when I don't do something perfect. You tell me that I tried my best. You don't expect me to be perfect at everything I do. I may not be the most perfect daughter in the world but you don't care how perfect I am. You treat me equal.

In this letter I told you how special you are to me. I hope you will always remember my letter.

Love,
Kristen.

Kristen Roye -- Tie for Fifth Place
Travis Elementary



Dear Mom,

I love you for bringing me here on Earth. Thank you for teaching me my manners and making me a good student. Thank you for being a caring person and helping me make good grades. Thank you for all the teachers I had and have taught me. Thank you for loving me and teaching me about God and Jesus. Thank you for taking care of when I am sick. Thank you for being the best mom ever. You're the best mom in the whole world and you buy me stuff you never had. You care for me and feed me. Thank you for sending me to the best school ever, here in Pampa. Thank you for having me on Martin Luther King's birthday and for all the stuff I have. Thank you for helping me make my first Holy Communion and Confirmation. Thank you for having my brother and my sisters. Thank you for letting me have pets like dogs, cats and fish. Thank you for keeping me and my brother and sisters.

Love,
Hector

Hector Leal -- Second Place
Travis Elementary



Mr. and Mrs. K.N. Kirby

Kirby anniversary

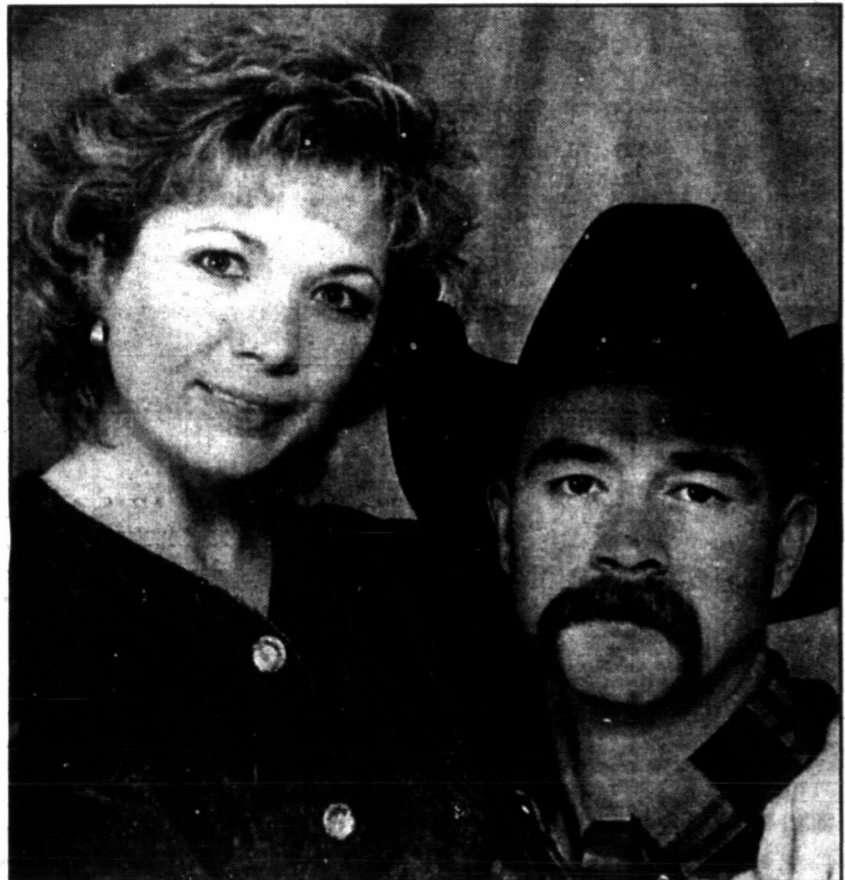
Mr. and Mrs. K.N. Kirby will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m. May 15, 1999, at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. Children of the couple will host the reception.

K.N. Kirby and Marie Palmer were married May 18, 1949, at Wichita Falls. The couple have been Pampa residents for the past 39 years.

Mr. Kirby retired from Pampa Fire Department in February of 1987 after 30 years of service. He is a member of Pampa Masonic Lodge.

Mrs. Kirby has worked for Cabot Corporation for 10 years. She is a member of Order of the Eastern Star.

Children of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. David Kirby of Oklahoma City, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kirby of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Kirby of Lubbock. They have 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Debra Sue Banks and Shawn Karr

Banks-Karr

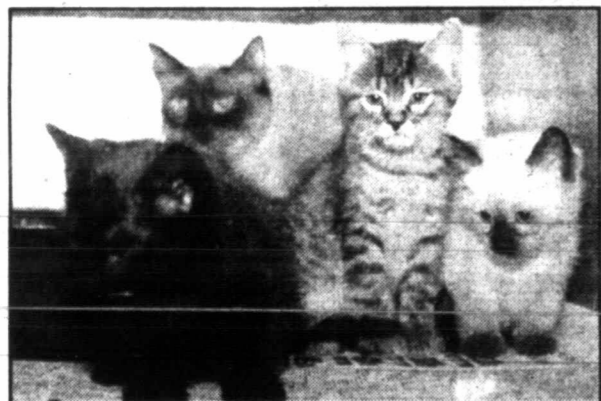
Debra Sue Banks and Shawn Karr, both of Amarillo, were wed April 30 at First Christian Church in Tucumcari, N.M., with James J. Witcher, of the church, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Kenneth Banks of Pampa and Phyllis Porter of Phoenix, Ariz. She is a 1988 Pampa High School graduate and is currently employed as a claims supervisor at Bonin Insurance Agency in Amarillo.

The groom is the son of Bart and Linda Karr of Amarillo. He attended River Road High School and is currently employed as a welder at Hide-A-Bed Trailer Manufacturing in Amarillo.

The couple intend to make their home in Amarillo.

PET of the WEEK



Your choice ... large female Siamese seal point short hair, small Siamese seal point short hair, small gray tabby short hair, small black short hair. All So Cute!

For information about these pets or any other Contact the Animal Shelter at 669-5775 or come by their location at Hobart Street Park. Office hours are Monday-Friday 5 p.m.-6 p.m.; Sat., Sun. & Holidays 11 a.m.-12 noon and 4 p.m.-5 p.m.

The Pet of the Week is sponsored by Royse Animal Hospital and The Pampa News

Menus

May 10-14

<p>Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Breakfast pizza. Lunch: Steakfingers, whipped potatoes, corn, peaches, hot rolls.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Cook's choice. Lunch: Cook's choice.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Yogurt, toast. Lunch: Hamburger, French fries, burger salad, pickle slices, apple tart.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, sausage patty. Lunch: Chicken fajitas, flour tortilla, onions and bell peppers, refried, mixed fruit.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch: Ribecue on a bun, potato wedges, baked beans, applesauce.</p> <p>Lefors Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Toast, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Spaghetti, meat sauce, garlic toast, green beans, salad, fruit, milk.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Rolls, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets or patties,</p>	<p>whipped potatoes, corn, rolls, fruit, milk.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Muffins, sausage, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Soft tacos, cheese, beans, salad, fruit, milk.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: French toast sticks, tacos, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburger patties or steak-fingers, potatoes, spinach, rolls, fruit, milk.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwiches, pickles, Fritos, salad, fruit, milk.</p> <p>Meals on Wheels MONDAY Stew, cornbread, oatmeal cookies.</p> <p>TUESDAY Tator tot casserole, cabbage, blackeyed peas, cake.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Pork roast, cream style corn, baked apples, graham crackers.</p> <p>THURSDAY Steakfingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, peaches.</p> <p>FRIDAY Oven-fried chicken, macaroni and cheese,</p>	<p>zucchini and tomatoes, prunes.</p> <p>Senior Citizens MONDAY Chicken fried steak or salmon patties, mashed potatoes, corn, spinach, beans, German upsidown cake or tapioca, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>TUESDAY Beef tips and noodles or chicken enchiladas, sour creme potatoes, hominy, Spanish rice, pinto beans, French Vanilla Cake or chocolate icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, fried okra, carrots, beans, cherry chip cake or coconut creme pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>THURSDAY Chicken strips or barbecue sausages, mashed potatoes, brussell sprouts, baked beans, lemon pound cake or rice pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>FRIDAY Fried cod fish or chili rellenos with cheese sauce, potato wedges, squash casserole, pinto beans, chocolate cake or egg custard cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.</p>
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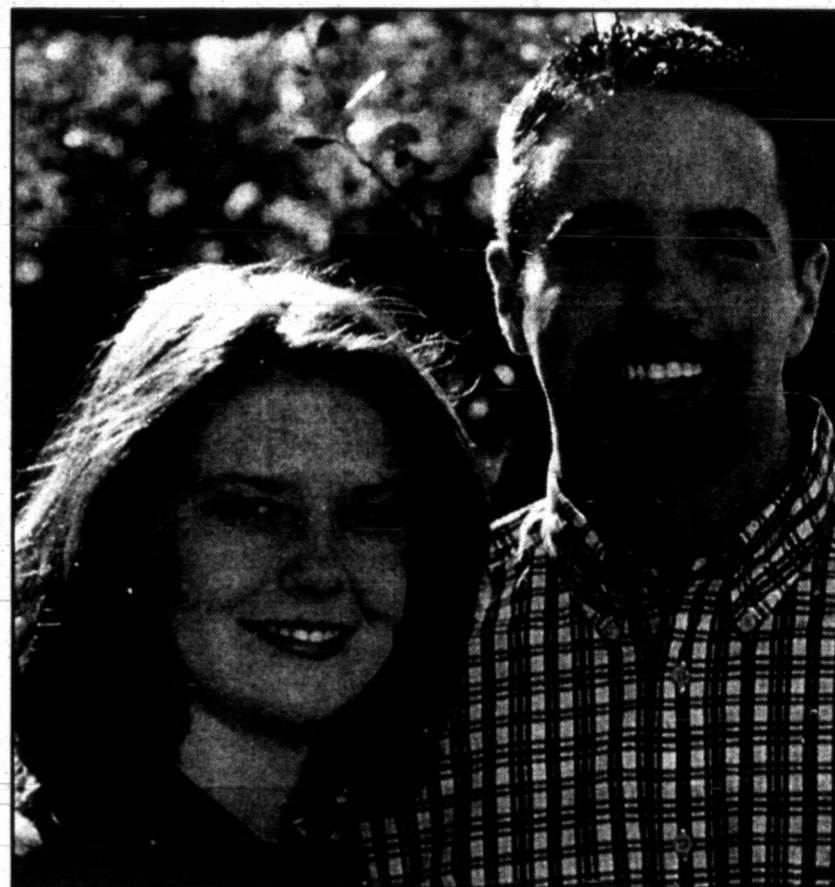
Heather Morgan and Brady Brogdin

Morgan-Brogdin

Heather Morgan and Brady Brogdin, both of Pampa, plan to wed June 12 in First Christian Church in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ken and Tammy Morgan of Pampa. She is a 1995 Pampa High School graduate and is currently a volunteer at First Christian Church office. She is also active in Pampa Recreational Softball.

The prospective groom is the son of Robert and Nancy Brogdin of Pampa. He is a 1989 Pampa High School graduate and attended Texas State Technical Institute. He is currently employed at R&B Body Shop, is active in Red Neck Motor Sports and is a member of American Trap Shooting Association.



Tiffany Dawn Schelin and Tommy Dold

Schelin-Dold

Tiffany Dawn Schelin and Tommy Dold, both of Lubbock, plan to wed July 10 in First Baptist Church Ford Chapel at Lubbock.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mendell and Laura Best Schelin of Lubbock and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Best of Lubbock, formerly of Pampa. She graduated from Lubbock High School at Lubbock and is currently attending Texas Tech University.

The prospective groom is the son of Tom and Kandy Kelley Dold of Lubbock and is the grandson of Helen Kelley Bell of Amarillo, formerly of Pampa, and the late William H. Kelley and Alvin R. Bell. He graduated from Coronado High School at Lubbock and is currently attending Texas Tech.

Lifestyles Policies

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.
2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before Thanksgiving and Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.
3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.
4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.
5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.
6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.
7. Information that appears on engagement, wedding and anniversary forms will be used at the discretion of the editor. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come first serve basis due to limited space. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. (Tuesday at 12 noon the week of Thanksgiving and Christmas) though this deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.

Delta Kappa Gamma
Delta Kappa Gamma National Honor Society met recently at First United Methodist Church in Pampa. Member initiation was held for the following: Lisa Greer and Roberta Hendricks, both of Pampa, Tyna Horn of Fort Elliott, Fran Milton of White Deer, Sharon Kay Morris of Miami and Maxine Stephens of Lefors. Priscilla Talley of Miami was reinstated into the chapter. Ceremonial Committee members

are Betty Cain, Kathy Flume and Pauline Phillips.

Entertainment was provided by Spanish Dancers of Pampa High School under the direction of Roger Reyna and assisted by Eunice Moreno. The group of 20 high school students presented a cultural program utilizing traditional Latin music and pop rock with a Latin flavor.

Hostesses at the meeting were Beverly Baker, Willie Mae Mangold and Cheryl Lewis.

The May meeting will be held at Pampa Country Club.

20th Century Club
Twentieth Century Club met April 27 at the home of Evelyn Warner with President Nancy Coffee presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Committee reports were given on education, community activities, the arts and national affairs.

—Mary Jarvis was welcomed as a new member.

—Martha Kothmann presented the program "Bits and Pieces," a collection of passages and quotations from inspirational people.

The spring luncheon will be at 12 noon, May 11 at Kothmann's home.

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Pampa Nursing Center
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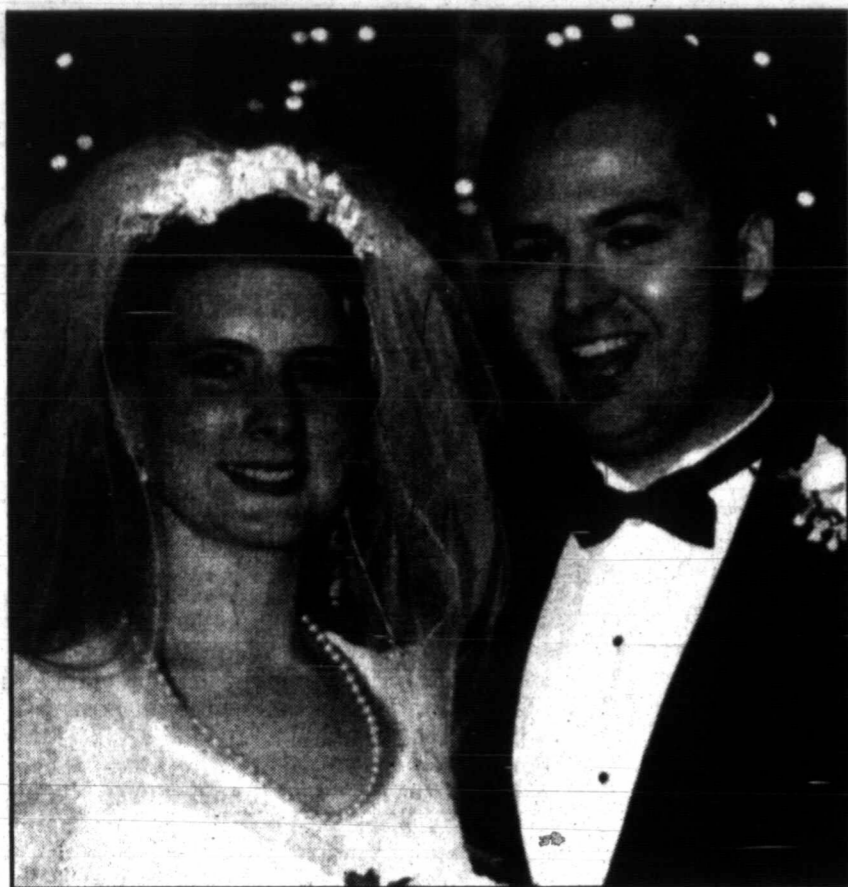
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Malissia Lee Wildman and Daniel Jacob Aranda
Wildman-Aranda

Malissia Lee Wildman of Las Cruces, N.M., and Daniel Jacob Aranda of Albuquerque, N.M., were wed Dec. 26, 1998, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Las Cruces with Monsignor John Anderson officiating.

The maid of honor was Teresa Wildman, sister of the bride of Las Cruces. The bridesmaid was Kimberlee Wildman, cousin of the bride of El Paso. The flower girl was Christina Wildman of Arlington.

The best man was Benjamin Aranda of Las Cruces. The groomsmen was Jason Ackleson. The ring bearer was Earl Hughes.

The ushers were Chris Wildman of El Paso and Michael Wildman of Las Cruces.

A reception was held following the service in Mesilla Valley Inn.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wildman of Las Cruces, is the granddaughter of Mrs. Tom Wildman and the late Tom Wildman of Albuquerque and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barrett of Pampa and is the great-granddaughter of Martha Matheny of Pampa. She is currently employed with Rio Rancho Public Schools at Albuquerque.

The groom is the son of Joyce and Daniel Aranda of Albuquerque. He is currently employed at Intel Corporation in Albuquerque.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to the Florida coast and intend to make their home in Albuquerque.



Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Barton

Barton anniversary

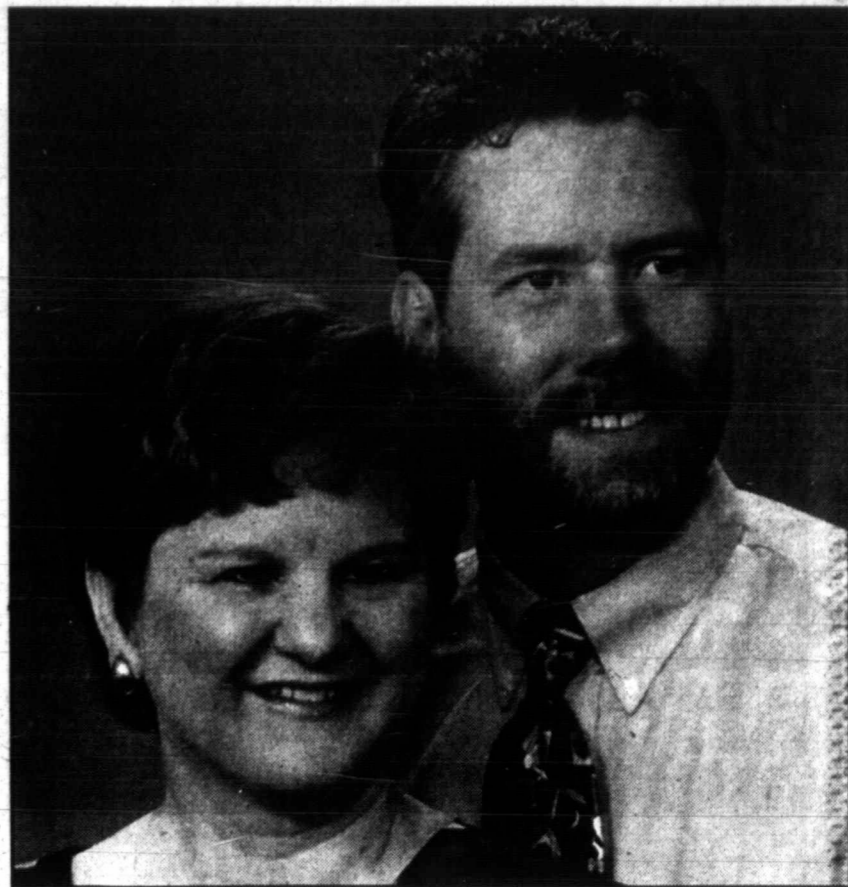
Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Barton will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary this month in Dallas. The reception will be hosted by children of the couple.

E.L. (Bart) Barton and Vera Mae Stevens were married May 8, 1954, at Holy Souls Catholic Church in Pampa. The couple have been Pampa residents since 1950 and belong to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Mr. Barton retired from Santa Fe Railroad in 1991 after 42 years of service.

Mrs. Barton retired in 1992. She worked for Gray County Clerk for eight years and for County Judge as secretary for eight years.

Children of the couple are Mary Edna Barton of Denton and Kip S. Barton of Dallas.



Julie Jo Hughes and Kevin Duane West

Hughes-West

Julie Jo Hughes and Kevin Duane West, both of Wichita Falls, plan to wed July 10 in Colonial Baptist Church at Wichita Falls.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mary Jo and Ray Doyle Hughes of Wichita Falls. She graduated from Midwestern State University, receiving a bachelor of science degree. She is currently a registered nurse employed at Hospice of Wichita Falls.

The prospective groom is the son of Roland and Dixie West of Pampa. He graduated from West Texas A&M University and is currently employed as a contract administrator for the U.S. Air Force at Sheppard AFB.

Community Calendar

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAY
9 - **FIRST PENTECOSTAL** "Singing", 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., 1700 Alcock. For more information call Mina Towery, 665-8529.

9 - **NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS** will meet at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Columbia Medical Center Office Bldg. For more information call 665-1653.

13 - **BOYS SCOUTS OF AMERICA** District monthly meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, 525 North Gray at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Doug Cooper, 669-2959.

13 - **BAND SPRING FESTIVAL**
13 - **GRAY COUNTY TAFCE CLUB** Progressive meets at 2 p.m. For more information contact Christine Griffin, 665-8062.

14 - **NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS** will meet at 7 p.m. at the Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 North Banks. For more information call 669-6700.

14 - **GRAY COUNTY TAFCE CLUB** Pam meets at 10 a.m. For more information contact Virginia Horton, 665-8045.

16 - **NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS** will meet at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Columbia Medical Center Office Bldg. For more information call 665-1653.

16 - **GRAY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION** will co-sponsor with White Deer Land Museum Dr. Frederick Rathjen, Professor Emeritus, author "Red

River Wars" local part of state wide focus. For more information call 669-8041.

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

18 - **THE GREATER PAMPA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** monthly luncheon will be held on May 21 to honor the Pampa Hall of Fame precipitants.

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

20 - **GRAY COUNTY TAFCE CLUB** Evening Stars regular meeting at 7 p.m. For more information contact Pam Lash, 669-1868.

21 - **NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS** will meet at 7 p.m. at the Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 North Banks. For more information call 669-6700.

21 - **THE GREATER PAMPA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** monthly luncheon will be held at the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 North Ballard. The Pampa Hall of Fame recipients will be recognized. Chicken Express will cater. For reservations please call the chamber before 9:30 a.m. on the 21st at 669-3241.

Newsmakers



Mary Christine Hoover

GOODWELL, Okla. — Mary Christine Hoover, 1993 Pampa High School graduate and daughter of Dannie and Angie Hoover, recently received her bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Oklahoma Panhandle State University at Goodwell. Hoover minored in natural science.

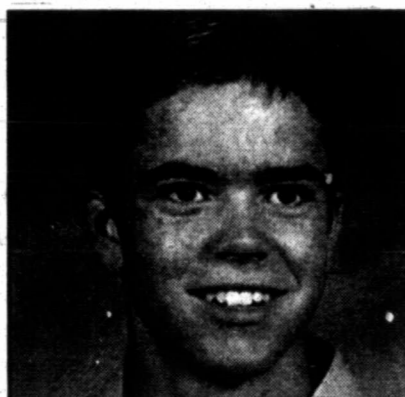
While attending OPSU, Hoover belonged to Colours flag team, OPSU Band, science club, Lady Aggie Softball Team and Readers' Theater. In addition, she was secretary of the Dorm Council, was dorm floor representative and was a debate judge at Boys' Ranch. She also helped establish interactive television at OPSU while serving as an I.T.V. assistant at the university.

Hoover completed her student teaching at the fifth grade level at Travis Elementary School in Pampa.

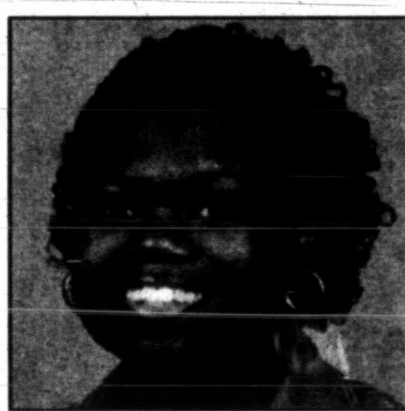
WEATHERFORD, Okla. — Southwestern Oklahoma State University has announced Jennifer Erin Frogge' of Pampa is among 503 students accepted as freshmen to the university for the 1999 fall semester.

Frogge' was among 119 high school seniors attending the third freshmen orientation clinic at SWOSU recently.

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced Jeremy Buck, Zane



Colby Brazile



Farcett W. Patrick

Powers, Colby Brazile, and Farcett W. Patrick, all Pampa High School students, were named United States National Award Winners. Buck received a USAA award in Leadership and Honor Roll, Powers in Honor Roll, Brazile in Business Education and Patrick in English and History and Government.

The academy bestows the USAA award on fewer than 10 percent of all American high school seniors.

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CLUB

El Progreso
El Progreso Club met April 27 at Pampa Country Club with President Carolyn Smith presiding. Members answered roll call by completing the sentence "I'm happiest when —"

Members will send letters to Steve Allen to support his crusade to bring back family safe TV.

Pat Youngblood presented the booklet, "Friendship Is a Very Special Thing" by C.R. Gibson. Those present remembered the friendship shown by recently deceased members.

Finsterwald-Mick
April Dawn Finsterwald and Christopher J.R. Mick, both of Mobeetie, plan to wed June 12 in First Baptist Church of Mobeetie. The bride-elect is the daughter of Bob and Mary Nell Finsterwald of Mobeetie. She graduated from high school at Fort Elliott in 1997 and currently attends Amarillo College where she is pursuing a degree as a medical data specialist. She is presently employed at AC.
The prospective groom is the son of Terry and Sheila Mick of Mobeetie. He will graduate from Fort Elliott High School this spring and plans to attend Amarillo College in the fall. He is currently employed at Thriftway in Wheeler.

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Membership drive



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Your once-a-year opportunity for superb music is at hand. Board members working the phones for the Pampa Community Concert Association drive for new memberships for the 1999-2000 concert are (from left) Curt Beck and Lilith Brainard. Volunteers are calling on all present members to renew their memberships, and are also inviting many other friends to join for the first time. Everyone in Pampa and the surrounding area is most cordially invited to join. Tickets for the four concerts, presented by Community Concerts LLC of New York, are \$25 for adults; \$10 for students; and \$60 for family memberships. Please call Lilith Brainard, 665-0343 to reserve your membership today. Tickets will be mailed prior to the first concert.

Lovett Children's books

Lovett Memorial Library recently announced new arrivals to the children's section. The new selections are as follows:

Fiction

"Not Just a Summer Crush" by C.S. Adler; "Cam Jansen and the Catnapping Mystery" by David A. Adler; "My Friend Bear" by Jez Alborough; "Born of Elven Blood" by Kevin J. Anderson and John Gregory Betancourt; "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" by Judi Barrett; "Sitting Ducks" by Michael Bedard.

"The Berenstain Bears Go to School" by Stan and Jan Berenstain; "Beyond the North Wind" by Gillian Bradshaw; "Winning" by Robin F. Brancato; "Clifford's First Snow Day" by Norman Bridwell; "The Enormous Egg" by Oliver Butterworth; "Life Magic" by Melrose Cooper; "Greenwitch" and "Silver on the Tree" by Susan Cooper.

"The Bumblebee Flies Anyway" by Robert Cormier; "The Orphan's Tent" by Tom De Haven; "Big Anthony" by Tomie de Paola; "I Know What You Did Last Summer" by Lois Duncan; "The Black Stallion's Blood Bay Colt" by Walter Farley; "Penelope" by Penelope Farmer; "The Moonlight Man" by Paula Fox; "A Flag for Grandma" and "Polar Star" by Sally Grindley.

"Second Cousins" by Virginia Hamilton; "Tex" by S.E. Hinton; "Santa Mouse and the Ratdeer" by Thatcher Hurd; "Big Lips and Hairy Arms" by Jean Jackson; "Miss Spider's ABC" by David Kirk; "Horrible Harry Moves Up to Third Grade" by Suzy Kline; "From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler" by E.L. Konigsburg.

"Trevor's Wiggly-Wobbly Tooth" by Lester L. Laminack; "The Race" by Carol Matas; "The Clever Cowboy" by Angela McAllister; "Junebug and the Reverend" by Alice Mead; "Martha Walks the Dog" by Susan Meddaugh; "Monster Stew" by Mitra Modarressi; "The Empress of Elsewhere" by Theresa Nelson; "My Friend Flicka" by Mary O'Hara; "Zoom Broom" by Margie Palatini; "The Crossing" by Gary Paulsen; "My Worst Friend" by P.J. Petersen.

"Rainbow Fish and the Big Blue Whale" by Marcus Pfister; "Mrs. Mack" by Patricia Polacco; "10 Minutes Till Bedtime" by Peggy Rathmann; "Curious George and the Hot Air Balloon," "Curious George and the Puppies," "Curious George Feeds the Animals," "Curious George Goes to a Chocolate Factory," "Curious George Goes to a Movie," "Curious George in the Snow," "Curious George Makes Pancakes," and "Curious George's Dream" by Margret and H.A. Rey.

"Avalanche" by Michael J. Rosen; "Harry Potter

and the Sorcerer's Stone" by J.K. Rowling; "Dove Dream" by Hendle Rumbaut; "The Dragon of Lonely Island" by Rebecca Rupp; "Squids Will Be Squids" by Jon Scieszka; "Where Are You?" by Francesca Simon; "Cambios Para Josefina," "Feliz Cumpleanos, Josefina!" and "Josefina Entra en Accion" by Valerie Tripp.

"The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain; "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" by Jules Verne; "My Town" by William Wegman; "McDuff's New Friend" and "Yoko" by Rosemary Wells; "Merry Christmas, Davy!" by Brigitte Weninger; "If You Come Softly" by Jacqueline Woodson.

Non-fiction

"Draw 50 Aliens" by Lee J. Ames; "El Nino" by Caroline Arnold; "Dreams and Wishes" by Susan Cooper; "Learn About Texas Dinosaurs" by Elena T. Ivy; "Let's Talk About Going to a Funeral" and "Let's Talk About When Someone You Love is in the Hospital" by Marianne Johnston.

"Africa: 1500-1900" by Constance Jones; "Seven at One Blow" by Eric A. Kimmel; "Learn About Texas Birds" by Mark W. Lockwood; "My Parents Think I'm Sleeping" and "A Pizza the Size of the Sun" by Jack Prelutsky; "Encyclopedia of the Presidents" by David Rubel; "Africa: The Struggle for Independence" by Dennis Wepman; "Learn About Texas Indians" by Georg Zappler.

Series

"Festivals of the World": "Chile," "Finland," "Greece," "Netherlands," "Nigeria," "Poland," "South Korea."

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Choir



(Community Camera photo)

The Pampa High School Concert Choir traveled to Boston, Mass., for its spring tour on May 5 and will return May 10. The group was to tour many historical sites in the area and participate in a harbor cruise and attend a Broadway musical. They were to perform at a service at the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Boston and sing the national anthem at a Boston Red Sox game at Fenway Park. Above, the PHS Choir rehearsing for their upcoming trip to Boston. Choir members are Ryan Black, Clay Britton, Lance Burton, Christopher Crow, Aaron Fernui, Joshua Gibson, Meredith Hendricks, Kyle Keith, Ashley Knipp, Lindsay Langford, Katy McEwen, Callie McGrady, Lindsey Mitchell, Ryan Sells, Celeste Stowers, JoAnna Wheeley, Jessica Williams, Katherine Zemanek, Tiffany Bruce, Lee Carmichael, Kimberly Cory, BreAnn Dennis, Mary Grace Fields, Hayle Garrison, Jeremy Hall, Greg Hartman, Dillon Hill, Melea Jouett, Courtney Lang, Rachel Ledford, Jacob Lewis, Danette Navarrete, Helen Orr, Patrick Parsons, Maria Rodriguez, Kris Ann Rogers, Traci Shelton, Kristen Stephens, Brittany Street, Windy Wagner, Rebekah Warner, Andrea Abbe, Maurey Bell, Holly Brooks, Amanda Browning, Kimberly Clark, Kaci Cooper, Russ DuBose, Randall Ellis, Andy Fernui, Rose Fruge, Valerie Lee, Jennifer Mackie, Kory Nickell, Zane Powers, Thann Scoggin, Lindsay Scribner, Molly Seabourn, Shawna Snapp, Colby Street, Melissa Lawrence, Angela Murray, Maegan Dyer, Catherine Morse, Angie Cloud, Tara Perkins, Stacie Winegeart, Jessica Morrison, Crystal Angel.

Contest targets owners of older pets

TOPEKA, Kan. — The relationship with an older pet is like no other. Owners of older pets cherish the special relationship that comes from a lifetime of raising, teaching and watching these pets grow and mature whether they have had the pet since it was a puppy or kitten or have only recently adopted an older cat or dog from the pound.

Of the 120 million pets in the United States, more than 40 percent are seniors. In addition, many Americans don't realize their dogs and cats are considered seniors at age 7 — not 11 or 12 — which according to surveys, is when most pet owners consider their pet a senior.

Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc., is partnering with Dr. Marty Becker, co-author of "Chicken

Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul" and thousands of veterinarians across the country to launch a nationwide "Living with an Older Pet Essay Contest." The contest, which runs from May 1, 1999, through July 15, 1999, encourages pet owners to share their "tales" of heroic acts, funny moments or loving memories with Hill's, and, for a few contestants, with a much larger audience.

The author of the first place essay will receive a year's supply of Hill's pet food, a free veterinary "7th Year Health Check" for his or her older pet, a chance to have his or her essay published in a future edition of "Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul," as well as an autographed copy of the book. To celebrate, Dr. Becker also will

make a special appearance at the first place contestant's veterinary clinic to conduct a "personal" book signing.

The second place essay will receive a six-month supply of Hill's pet food and the third place essay will receive a three-month supply of Hill's pet food. Both second and third place essays will receive an autographed copy of "Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul." A free copy of "Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul" will be awarded to the authors of the top 2,000 essays received.

For contest rules and regulations, visit the Hill's website at www.hillspet.com or write to: Hill's "Living with an Older Pet" Essay Contest; Attention: Kelli Williams; 423 West 8th Street; Kansas City, MO 64105.

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LETTERS

ideas so enraged the Jewish establishment they killed him. He wasn't the only one over the years to be killed fighting the powers that be.

In the U.S.A., it really started getting serious about the 1840's when some people thought the Declaration of Independence meant black people too.

Another major change was by left-wing workers fighting the industrial tycoons such as Rockefeller, Carnegie, Henry Ford, etc. I don't know where they got the idea they should have a safe work place with a living wage and "the pursuit of happiness."

Another example, in the 20th century, was women thinking they should be allowed to vote, or to own businesses and control their own property.

In the 1960's, religion again got into the act. When running for president, John Kennedy with his background, seemed to think Catholics were equal to Protestants.

The "civil rights" area was big, and it was probably a left-wing event, too. Who in the world gave that little old lady in Atlanta, Rosa Parks, the idea that after paying her money she was good enough to sit in the front of the bus? How about Governors George Wallace and Orval Faubus standing in the school house door or sending the National Guard to keep students outside?

Do you remember federal troops enforcing federal law guaranteeing the equal rights of all men, with reference to education?

This next example is a little off the subject of equal rights, but it's a good one about left-wingers. Probably, without these extremists, that we hated at the time, we would still be in Vietnam. The "powers that be" would never have admitted we needed to get out and quit sending our young men to die, without some strong hints.

With this background, I'll get to my real subject matter. I think homosexuals were also meant to be protected by our Declaration of Independence and Constitution. To the best of my knowledge, I don't know any homosexuals and have never been approached by one, but I get tired of hearing the attempts of the "powers that be" passing their special laws restricting their equal rights. They try to pass laws saying they can't be insured, they can't work here or there, they can't be married or adopt children. They may or may not be a bad influence, but evidently all of their parents weren't so good either, if they caused them to be so bad.

We have had homosexuals from the beginning of time. They have been in all cultures. Our native Americans had them also. I believe our government needs to let our churches minister to

them as they see fit and quit trying to pass morality laws of any kind. Unless an action endangers the general public such as murder and theft, the government (local, state, or national) should not interfere.

However, we do need a national "Hate Crimes" law. If you don't think we do, try to remember that in Mississippi, a white man has never been convicted of murdering a black man. Without a national law against slavery, we probably would still have pockets of it. Crimes against homosexuals will be treated differently in California than in the southern Bible Belt. Before we strip a segment of our population of their rights, they first should be charged, prosecuted and convicted of a crime against humanity.

The Constitution guarantees equal rights for ALL citizens, not just a chosen few.

Calvin Lacy
Pampa

Book describes present situation

To the editor:

Why is it that I see daily pictures of burning villages, refugees and massacre victims in Kosovo and no pictures at all of Kurdish victims of far worse atrocities in Turkey? There are hundreds of thousands of Kurdish refugees. Their villages have been bombed and strafed by Turkish helicopters and jets, supplied by the United States. Why are the Albanian separatists treated as freedom fighters in the U.S. media, while the Kurdish guerrillas are called terrorists? Why is an independent Kosovo deemed good and an independent Kurdistan bad?

The media coverage reminds me of the situation MIT professor Noam Chomsky describes in his book, "Manufacturing Consent." Chomsky points out that extensive coverage was given to enemy atrocities in Cambodia while simultaneously there was a near complete blackout of coverage of U.S.-supported atrocities in East Timor.

There is a logical explanation for the fact that a superpower like the United States is willing to use its Air Force in support of a guerrilla army. After the Soviet Union and most of Eastern Europe went capitalist, only one socialist state remained, Yugoslavia. Therefore, the breakup of Yugoslavia was very important to the United States and other capitalist countries.

The Kurdish guerrillas are leftist in political orientation. The last thing the United States would want to see in the oil-rich Middle East would be a socialist Kurdistan.

The prime motivating factor of U.S. foreign policy is the preservation of capitalism and enhancement of corporate power and profits. The tender concern expressed by government officials and the media for refugees and victims of atrocities is for

public consumption only.
Gary Sudborough
Bellflower, Calif.

Evolution is misrepresented

To the editor:

Evolution has stirred controversy for a long time. Some mistakenly believed it was a theory, scientific, and a comprehensive description of how animal life, plant life, and the earth were formed. All it has to present as evidence are fanciful pictures painted by imaginative artists, some misinterpreted rocks and some bones.

With new truly scientific discoveries of DNA, the way the human brain works, and how the very complicated bodily functions depend on the amazingly complex blood cells, evolution has been relegated to being just a bad guess or false idea.

To our fellow Americans who have bought the bad guess, try to overlook your emotions and consider how the earth and all within it came about. Because the origins cannot be duplicated, one must accept that such a complex beginning depended on a complex beginner. The "blind chance" guess of evolutionists is simply not an adequate description.

An honest evolutionist understands that two main arguments against the bad guess are men and women and the incredibly complex life forces within them which are reproduced in their children.

The fact of a Creator is important to each American as the source of our inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. If the lies of the United Nations and the evolutionary socialists who control it are accepted, then a handful of appointed international bureaucrats decide our rights. That is exceedingly dangerous to all of our futures.

Sharlene Taylor
Amarillo

Fishing shouldn't require a license

To the editor:

Fishing. It's fun, rewarding and a good way to get exercise. You're having fun until someone comes up and ruins your fun because you don't have a fishing license.

Well, I didn't have one and I got a ticket.

What I don't understand is why we should have to have a piece of paper saying we can fish. Fishing is something we should have the right to do with our families instead of worrying about a piece of paper.

My fine was \$80. He dropped \$20 because I spent \$19 to get a piece of paper. Just another way to swipe more money (that we work hard for) out of our pockets.

Susannah Velasquez
Pampa

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NEWSMAKERS

USAA winners are selected based on academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher, director or other qualified sponsor.

Buck, Powers and Patrick were all nominated for the honor by PHS counselor, Starla Kindle, and Brazile was nominated by Sherrell Wheeler, a teacher at PHS.

Buck is the son of Mike and Shirley Buck of Pampa and is the grandson of Bryan and Betty Buck of Pampa and Jack and Katie Clements of Ardmore, Okla.

Powers is the son of Tim and Janice Powers of Pampa and is the grandson of Nell Warren of Pampa and Sue Powers of Dothan, Ala.

Brazile is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Trimble of Pampa and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stowers of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brazile of Amarillo.

Patrick is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. I.L. Patrick of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Mrs. Merlene Heame of Midland and the Rev. and Mrs. A.L. Patrick of Odessa.

The students will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook published nationally.

BORGER — Frank Phillips College recently announced its 1998-99 graduates.

Students receiving diplomas include: Brad J. Been, Patricia Antonia Cabrales, Carlyn A. Dyer, Kristofer K. Earl, Deradah Weldon Gosselin, Sarah Gosselin, Christina Denise Hendrick, Crystal M. Hopper, Theresa G. Malone, Janice S.

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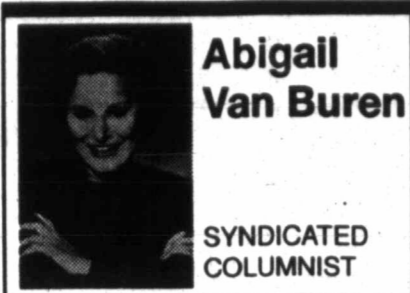


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Mothers-in-Law Deserve Additional Thanks Today

DEAR ABBY: I read your column every day, although it always makes me sad to hear the problems so many of your readers have with their mothers-in-law.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ROSALIE: What a lovely tribute. You are blessed with a daughter-in-law who considers you to be a treasure, and from the tone of your letter, it's obvious the feeling is mutual.

TO HIS MOTHER

"Mother-in-law" they say, and yet, Somehow I simply can't forget 'Twas you who watched his baby ways, Who taught him his first hymn of praise, Who smiled on him with loving pride, When he first toddled by your side.

creep. And when he bruised his tiny knee, 'Twas you who kissed it tenderly. "Mother-in-law" they say, and yet, Somehow I never shall forget How much I owe To you, who taught him how to grow.

You trained your son to look above, You made of him the man I love. And so I think of that today When with thankful heart I'll say, "Our Mother." ANONYMOUS

DEAR ABBY: For the second time, I have read the little verse in your column about singing to our little ones: "Richer than I you will never be, I had a mother who sang to me." The verse makes me cry, but I am so happy that I was able to do that for my daughter. She was my only child, and I always sang to her

while she was growing up. She developed cancer in her 50s, and I was by her bedside for many months. She would ask me to sing to her when she was in pain and could not sleep. I would sing the beautiful old hymns, and when she was dying I was given the strength to sing softly to her. The sadness will always be with me, but I have some great memories. MARY E. MATHEWS, ANTIOCH, TENN.

DEAR MARY: Please accept my sincere sympathy for the tragic loss of your daughter. Be assured the sound of her mother singing familiar melodies brought her great comfort during her last days.

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Horoscope

MONDAY, MAY 10, 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) Happy take a back seat. Seeking out new information and expertise proves to be frustrating. Be sensitive, yet discuss key issues. Finances are a major issue. Use your intuition, but do not make a firm decision until late tomorrow. Rethink your preparation for a key project. Tonight: Do your own thing. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Eye your goals, though an associate causes an uproar over what you think is important. You could be overly serious, but a little precaution goes a long way. You simply do not see another's financial judgment as being correct; challenging him might be necessary for long-term security. Tonight: Join a friend. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Maintain a high profile, even if you feel a bit insecure. Your vision might be slightly negative right now. A boss or another whom you respect pushes you hard to see life from his perspective. Avoid an either/or situation. Use your diplomatic skills. Tonight: Others look to you. CANCER (June 21-July 22) An overview proves helpful when others scatter and can't seem to get organized. You might feel pressured by life's demands. Learn to delegate and prioritize.

Emphasis is on long-distance travel, publishing and new possibilities. Check out a special offer. Tonight: Catch up on e-mail. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take time for key associates and partners; air out ideas and get to the bottom of problems. Use your creativity and listen to your instincts. A boss may be testy, but this is nothing new. Be careful when dealing with a flirtatious associate. Trouble could be brewing! Tonight: One-to-one relating. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Others present their cases and are full of information. Let your sense of humor come out when dealing with loved ones and friends. You might want to do your own research, but you may be blocked. A domestic matter complicates an otherwise clear day. Be patient while working this through. Tonight: Accept an invitation. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Allow others to put in their two cents' worth. You don't have much control over a partner's harsh point of view. Your method of communicating could use some revision. Work needs to be your highest priority. Don't get distracted. Tonight: Do something relaxing. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Allow your imagination to reign freely, but be very careful with money matters. You might need to revamp your finances. A partner wants to be helpful, and he stimulates your creativity. Plug it into your work as well as your personal life. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Get down to basics with others. They don't always have to agree with you. Revise your approach to a key project; success is likely. Allow others to play more

important roles in your daily life. You don't need to carry all the weight; ask for another's support. Tonight: Cozy at home. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Reach out to others; make calls. Ingenuity remains high; discussions help you make solid decisions. You could find another somewhat difficult to approach. Don't make too much out of this or upset yourself. Use your creativity to make another understand. Tonight: Talking up a storm. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You don't always get the full story. Frustration could be high with a friend who seems to thwart your best interests. Family and responsibilities weigh heavily on you. Consider financial alternatives. You come up with wonderful ideas if you are open. Tonight: Not all indulgence is expensive. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You are personality plus. Listen carefully to a friend who could be dour at times, but who has a good suggestion. Though communication is stilted, you can break through and make your point. Be careful with a power-hungry business associate. Tonight: Your call. BORN TODAY Singer Bono (1960), actor Jason Brooks (1966), singer Dave Mason (1946)

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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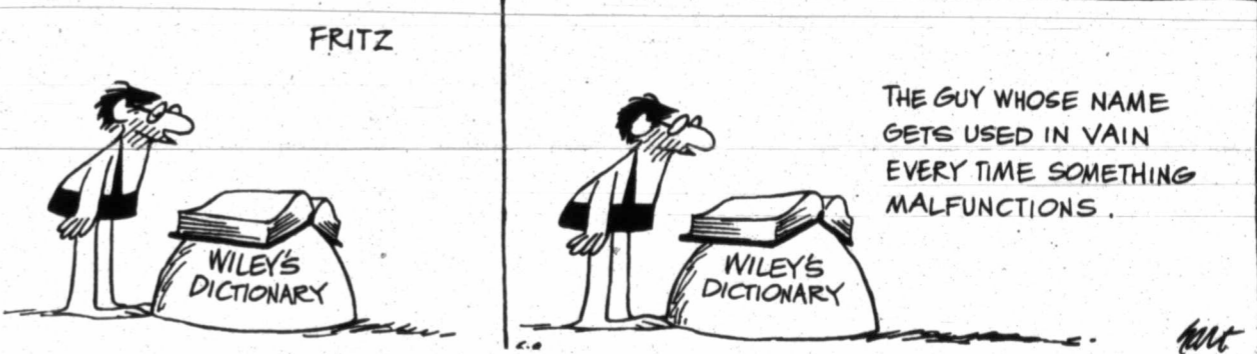
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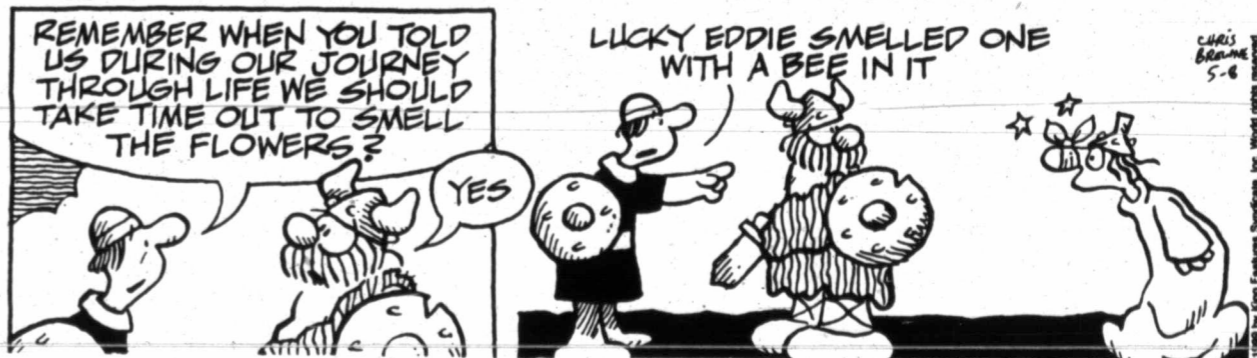
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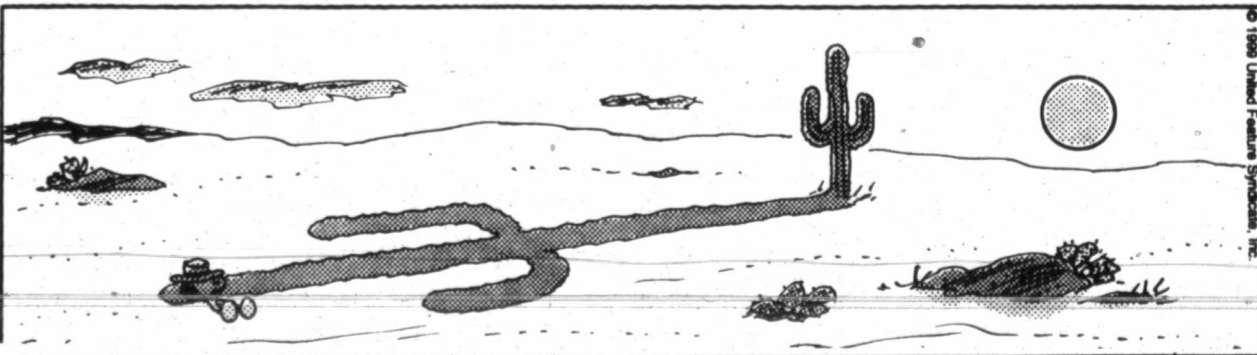
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Dog helps woman cope with panic attacks

By MARY PEMBERTON
Associated Press Writer

CATONSVILLE, Md. (AP) — The smell of a cigarette. The sound of footsteps behind her. Little things like these can trigger Lisa Conti's panic attacks and return her to the night she was raped.

She remembers the day in 1987 when, as an Army private in South Korea, she was jumped from behind, dragged into a car and driven to a place where she was raped by four men and tortured with lit cigarettes. She begins sweating and can't breathe.

"I could be sitting at home, all by myself, and I could have one," Ms. Conti said, sitting on her living room couch, her arm tucked around her dog, King, her fingers stroking his black fur.

Ms. Conti rescued King from an animal shelter in May 1994 on the day he was to be euthanized. Little did she know he would end up saving her.

"King is my lifeline to the world," Ms. Conti said. King, a 6-year-old spaniel mix, is a registered service dog. He senses when Ms. Conti is going to have a panic attack and sometimes can help prevent them.

Guide dogs for the blind have been around for 80 years, but using dogs for "invisible disabilities" is relatively new. Dogs now are being trained to help people with such problems as depression, bipolar disorder and agoraphobia, said Susan Duncan, manager of the service dog center at Delta Society, a nonprofit group in Renton, Wash., that promotes the health benefits of animals.

No one knows for sure how King senses when Ms. Conti is about to have a panic attack. He may be responding to changes in scent caused by changes in body chemistry, Ms. Duncan said.

Training will reinforce what the dogs will want to do naturally when their owners are distressed: lean against their owners, nuzzle them and stand between them and a crowd.

"When I would have a panic attack, he would come up and put his body against me," Ms. Conti said. "It helped keep me out of what was happening inside."

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, people with physical and mental impairments that "substantially limit one or more major life activities" can have a trained service dog with them.

Despite the law, Ms. Conti says she has a hard time getting people to understand that King is entitled to go where she goes.

Shari Sternberger, founder of National Capital Therapy Dogs in Highland, Md., says taking away a mentally disabled person's service dog is equivalent to removing glasses from a near-sighted person or a cane from someone with a limp.

Ms. Conti has been turned away from restaurants, shops, even the Baltimore Orioles ballpark. Recently, she got a photo identification card for King from the Department of Veterans Affairs that she hopes will help people understand her disability.

By the time Ms. Conti was discharged from the Army on April 21, 1989, her psychological problems were overwhelming. Over the next six years, she was hospitalized more than 100 times. She was too fearful to walk to the end of her driveway.

Dr. John Butchart, a staff psychologist at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Baltimore, thought a companion dog would be good for her. He had no idea the dog would be critical to her feeling of well-being.

"Before she got this animal she was extremely timid, very retiring, almost agoraphobic," he said. "Now she is different. ... She has become much more assertive, far more confident."

Ms. Conti, who was last hospitalized in 1996, takes no psychiatric medication. She holds a job and is going to college to become a park ranger. Although she has two or three panic attacks a month, she says they are tolerable, thanks to King.

More Images ...



This landscaped area provides a bit of tranquility to those who enter. The photo was submitted by Evelyn Farmer for the countryside category in the Pride '99 photo contest.

Deputy finds baby caked in mud after tornado

By RENEE RUBLE
Associated Press Writer

CHICKASHA, Okla. (AP) — The baby's eyes and ears were caked with mud, but she made a wonderful sound for her rescuer.

"I never thought I'd be so happy to hear a baby screaming," Grady County Deputy Robert Jolley, 27, said Friday. He found 10-month-old Aleah Crago in the debris at the base of a tree after Monday night's tornado.

The child's grandmother died and her father was critically injured in the storm, which killed 41 people in Oklahoma. Her mother was hospitalized briefly and Aleah had a small cut on her head and some bruises.

Mother and daughter are together at a hotel.

Portions of the baby's rescue were captured on Jolley's video camera in his patrol unit.

Robert Williams, the baby's grandfather, told CNN that the tornado sucked his daughter, Amy Crago, her husband, Ben Molton, and the baby from the closet where they had sought shelter.

Williams' wife died when a trailer slid into the closet.

Jolley found Williams searching for the others and then began to look for them, and came upon the baby about 100 feet from the family home.

"She was cradled at the base of a tree, her little face in the mud,"

Jolley said.

"I saw a slight movement and it caught the corner of my eye," Jolley said. The baby, with curly brown hair and dressed in overalls and a little T-shirt, was covered in mud and not making any noise.

She began to scream when he picked her up.

"I was just excited that she was alive," he said.

Jolley had the baby for 45 minutes as he drove around looking for a rescue worker to treat her. He drove with the baby in his lap, her head on his chest. He talked to her, telling her "keep crying, keep crying" as he thought about his own 18-month-old child, Tia.

Select few see new 'Star Wars'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Summer blockbuster? Without a doubt. A sci-fi masterpiece that will please all its fans? Probably not, but it's got some cool effects.

That's the buzz on the new "Star Wars" movie, now that it has been finally seen by a select few.

"Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace" was screened Tuesday night in eight North American cities for movie theater executives, their families and — apparently — a bundle of "Star Wars" fans who somehow finagled some tickets.

Almost immediately, early reviews hit cyberspace, followed by the reactions to the reviews, then the reactions to the reactions, along with all manner of counter-claims and insults over the movie, which opens nationwide May 19.

"Guys, it's a movie!" responded Tom Sherak, distribution head of 20th Century Fox, which is releasing the film for George Lucas. "It isn't the Bible! It's fun, it's enjoyable, it's escapism. But it's a movie."

Uh huh. In what was titled "What I believe to be the FIRST review anywhere on the Internet," Ronald Epstein wrote on his Home Theater Forum Web site (www.hometheaterforum.com) that while he was impressed, the movie may not satisfy hard-core "Star Wars" fans.

"It looks like 'Star Wars,' it smells like 'Star Wars' and it feels like 'Star Wars.' However, is it a 'Star Wars' that we are going to walk away satisfied with? Well ... perhaps, but not for everyone," Epstein wrote.

While the amateur critics loved the action sequences and most of the effects, including what they found to be an incredible underwater sequence, some reviewers thought the two-hour-plus movie dragged a bit in places, that it was a little too kid-oriented and that one of the computer-generated characters, Jar Jar Binks, was annoying.

Such views were quickly countered by those who, like Jerry Rhoades on Home Theater Forum, pronounced movie "PHENOMENAL!!!!"

"Don't watch it to analyze and match other people's reviews and thoughts to the film, just sit back,

relax and enjoy the ride," he said. "I did."

On a leading "Star Wars" Web site, www.theforce.net, a writer using the nickname BetterJedi wrote: "Wow! What a film. I'm going to have to see it about 10 or 15 times to take it all in."

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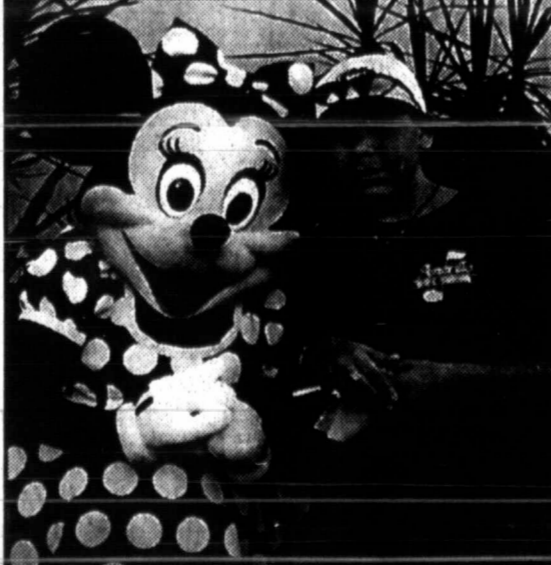
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Charter school finance records in poor shape

DALLAS (AP) — Financial records of a nonprofit corporation with charter schools in Denton and Dallas are in such disarray that Texas Education Agency auditors are not able to determine what happened to the money.

Life's Beautiful Education Centers charter schools at Denton and Dallas failed to pay, at least \$163,000 in teacher salaries and deducted medical insurance from some paychecks without paying the insurance companies, according to TEA auditors.

Thomas Canby, an agency auditor, told a State Board of Education Committee on Thursday it will take several weeks to determine what happened to all the money.

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High school prom belles emerge from tornado rubble

EDMOND, Okla. (AP) — The girls of Del City had seen twisters turn their neighborhoods to splinters. But on this night, it was their own reflections in the mirror that took their breath away.

Three days after Monday's tornadoes, students from rival Edmond North High School collected more than 600 gowns along with shoes, makeup and beaded purses and offered them to the Del City High School girls for Saturday night's junior-senior prom.

On Thursday night, the Del City girls went to Edmond North to pick out their dresses.

They glittered in sequins. Shimmered in floor-length satin. Crossed and uncrossed their arms shyly. Tugged at

the thin straps.

"Do you like it?" 15-year-old Sarah McCormick asked, turning hesitantly before the restroom mirror in a two-piece number that revealed her belly-button ring.

"Oh, it's so cool!" a cluster of girls from Edmond North gasped over her shoulder.

Last fall, these same students yelled from opposite sides of a stadium as their football teams battled on the field.

After the tornadoes, Edmond North officials heard that some Del City girls had lost everything and had nothing to wear for their prom, which will be held in Oklahoma City. (The theme, selected before the twisters hit, will be "A Time to

Remember.")

The Edmond North student council jumped into action.

"A lot of people might say there's other important things to worry about, but for us, the prom is so important," said student council president Marilyn Klopp, 18, adding that it took her three hours to get ready for her own prom in April.

The calls went out. Gowns poured in. A local tuxedo shop promised to take care of the boys. Dorothy Kelly brought 125 prom dresses from her formal shop in Oklahoma City. "It's just one less disappointment, don't you think?" she said.

On Thursday, an Edmond school bus rolled up to Del City High, which has

been turned into a relief shelter, to take the girls to a try-on session. With downed phone lines hampering communication, only a few got on board for the 20-minute drive to Edmond.

Rain leaking through the holes in the roof of Miss McCormick's home ruined the royal blue gown she bought two weeks ago. She was unprepared for what she saw inside Edmond North.

Gold gowns, red gowns, black gowns, short gowns, puffy gowns — gowns of all sizes hung in neat rows. Hundreds of shoes, even size-11 pink pumps, spilled across the floor. Tubes of lipstick, bottles of nail polish and eye shadow compacts — donated new by cosmetic saleswomen — covered a table.

Nelisha Hamilton, a Del City sophomore, grinned shyly as an Edmond North student rubbed makeup into her cheek, looking for the right match. Then a group of girls led her to the gowns.

"How about this green one? Or this red one?" they said excitedly.

A few hours and many gowns later, she dropped a sequined, steel-colored fabric over her head.

Mouths fell open. "That's it!" they cried.

Darnett Edwards, who has been living with her grandmother since the storm destroyed her apartment, settled on a slim black gown with a velvet top. "This takes your mind off things," she said.

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