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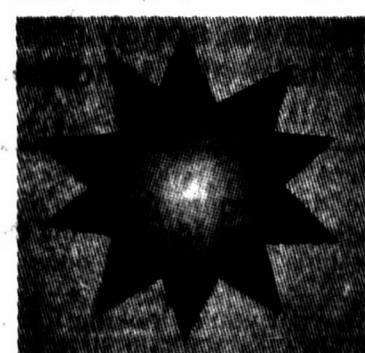
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PAMPA — Early voting for the April 11 runoff election starts Monday, April 3 and continues through April 7. Early voters may cast ballots from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the second floor courtroom in the Gray County Courthouse. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is April 4. Call the Gray County Clerk's office at 669-8004 to apply.

PAMPA — The Friends of the Library book sale at Lovett Memorial Library continues this afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. On Monday and Tuesday sale hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. New books are added daily. Donations to the Friends are also accepted at the sale.

PAMPA — Gray County Red Cross will offer the following classes during April: Adult CPR, 6-10 p.m., Monday, April 3; First Aid, 6-10 p.m., Tuesday, April 4; and Infant and Child CPR, 6-10 p.m., Thursday, April 6. For more information or to register, contact the local Red Cross at 669-7121.

- Morris A. 'Slim' Mason, 69, rancher.
- Audra Lee Sargent Dehls Mayo, 63, homemaker, nurse's aide.
- John Clarence Shirley, 24, cowboy for CRI Feeders.
- Rafael G. Trujillo, 83, resident of Canadian.

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Wireless callers' IDs to register for 911

Caller location will also be pinpointed within three miles

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Being unable to locate cellular 911 callers will soon come to an end in the Texas Panhandle.

As more and more people own cellular phones, emergency dispatchers are receiving increasing numbers of 911 calls from motorists as they travel the highways.

The number of cellular customers grows about 30 percent a year.

Pamela Nelson, who is 911 coordinator at Panhandle Regional Planning Commission in Amarillo, said the system is about to change.

The system which serves the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle is expected to be completed by mid-summer. The program which is statewide is expected to be completed in most Texas locations by fall.

By fall, all wireless-phone companies will be required by the Federal Communications Commission to give emergency dispatch centers the ability to identify and call back cell-phone users in distress.

The change also includes tracking the nearest tower receiving a cell phone's signal, narrowing the search radius for a call to about three miles.

Nelson said the PRPC is preparing to process information in order to be ready for the change by mid-summer. She said they have begun collecting data from various telephone carriers. Boundary maps

of telephone towers in the area are also being prepared.

She said the calls will basically be rerouted. She said the location will now appear on the 911 screen at the dispatch center noting the location and be more like hard line calls.

During January, 2000, alone she said 911 wireless calls made in the panhandle totaled 542, said Nelson. She said there was no way to track the total number of cell calls made to Pampa. In Dallas, city officials logged more than 50,000 emergency calls from cell phones in January, which is about 39 percent of all 911 calls.

Mobile-phone subscribers in Texas have been paying .50 cents a month to finance 911 technology upgrades for almost three years. Until the FCC set firm deadlines for carriers to provide the service, fewer than two percent of the nation's 911 centers received basic caller identification data.

By October, 2001, the FCC also will require wireless carriers to either install tracking devices inside cell phones or

upgrade their towers' tracking capabilities to better pinpoint callers who are unable to give their location.

If wireless carriers choose to go with signal locators in their handsets, FCC guidelines state the upgraded phones should be available to consumers in spring 2001.

"We encourage all 911 cell phone callers to be aware of where they are and to give as explicit instructions as possible," said Nelson. She suggests callers locate landmarks to help guide rescuers to their location or try to give a general location to assist emergency workers.

Nationwide, about 40 percent of all 911 calls come from cell phones, according to industry figures.

Nelson reminds residents that cell phones are a good tool for safety which can be used in times of car trouble or other similar instances.

Local emergency providers are looking forward to the new 911 system being initiated soon.

Rural/Metro says losses won't affect their services here

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Although the company recently reported a second-quarter loss of \$75 million and is in the middle of a drastic restructuring program, local ambulance service provider Rural/Metro Corp. has no plans to leave Pampa, said Pampa-Borger General Manager Carla Adams.

"We are planning on being in Pampa forever," said Adams. Rural/Metro has been in Pampa since 1984.

She related the problems the nationwide ambulance provider is experiencing are due to the Balanced Budget Act of 1998. "Because of the Balanced Budget Act, we are having a hard time getting our reimbursements from Medicare and insurance companies," said Adams.

Insurance companies are now required to follow the same guidelines as Medicare in determining what diagnosis and charges are acceptable for payment, she said.

Adams said the ambulance company's situation is no different than any other ambulance service. Rural/Metro is required to disclose the financial information because they are on the stock exchange.

"It's no different than what any other ambulance provider company is going through," she said. "It's that companies not on the stock exchange don't have to disclose the information. It's tough."

A restructuring process that will cut some non-emergency services in cities nationwide will not largely affect the ambulance service operation in Pampa.

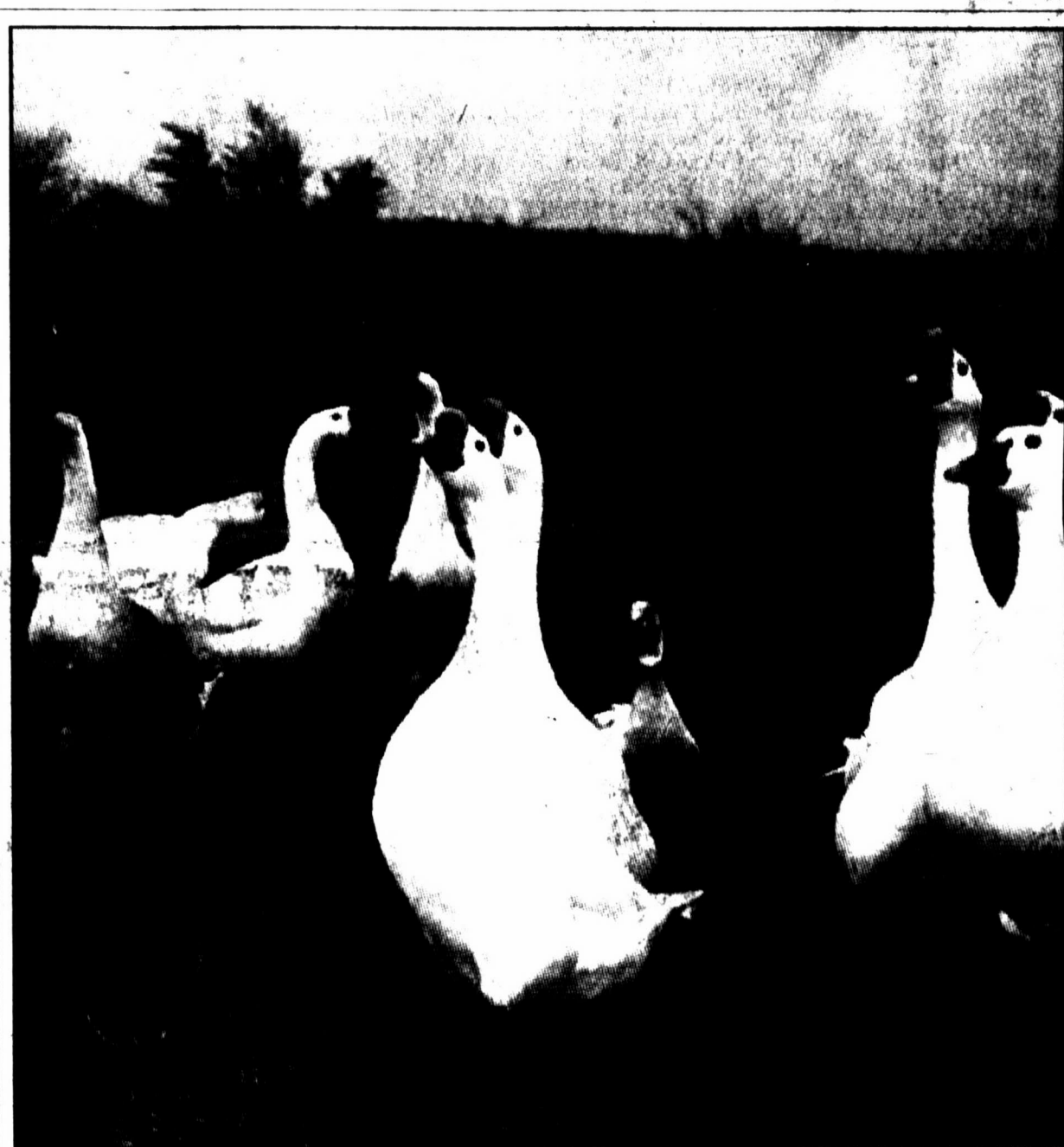
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Needed: Nursing home advocates for aging agency

Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is seeking volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program.

The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents' rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation.

Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsman program. For more information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Shirley Sheldon, Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Recent rains have had everything coming up just ducky for this gaggle of geese and a lone duck at Recreation Park. But it is back to warmer and dry weather today.

Trail ride date moved to April 8

Yesterday's trail ride at Lake Meredith has been rescheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, April 8 at Cedar Canyon overflow parking lot. The free, three to four hour trail ride is not suitable for beginners. Riders with moderate experience may participate.

Future trail rides will be open to beginners. Riders must bring a current Coggins test certificate and should plan to pack a snack, water and lunch. For more information, contact Pam Griswold at Lake Meredith NRA, (806) 857-3151.

Sunday snapshot



Birth date and place: June 19, 1982, Pampa.

Family: Mom, Linda; brothers, Cody and Blue.

When I grow up I want to be: Journalist, lawyer, news anchor.

My personal hero: My mom.

The best advice I ever got was: God allows you to fall so that you will reach back to Him for help.

My classmates think of me as: Witty, friendly.

The best word or words to describe me: Funny, caring.

People will remember me as being: Fun to be around.

The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: Jesus, my two grandfathers and Adam Sandler.

My hobbies are: Reading, exercising.

My favorite sports team is: Rangers.

The last book I read was: "The Scarlet Pimpernel."

My favorite possession is: My car.

The biggest honor I've ever received is: Making the top 10 percent or being in the National Honor Society.

My favorite performer is: George Strait.

I wish I knew how to: Drive a standard.

My trademark cliché or expression is: "Ah, too sexy!"

My worst habit is: Staying up too late.

I would never: Do drugs.

The last good movie I saw was: "Runaway Bride."

I stay home to watch: Old movies.

Nobody knows: Yeah, right, like I'm going to tell that one.

Someday I want to drive a: Pinkish red Mustang convertible.

My favorite junk food is: Chocolate chip cookies.

My favorite beverage: Milk.

My favorite restaurant is: Shorty Smalls in Oklahoma City.

My favorite pet: Gonzo, my cat.

My favorite meal is: Steak, baked potato and chocolate cake with raspberry glaze.

I wish I could sing like: Celine Dion.

I'm happiest when I'm: With my friends and family.

I'm tired of: School.

I have a phobia about: Spiders.

The electrical device I couldn't live without is: Radio.

The biggest waste of time is: Complaining.

If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: Go to St. Mary's private college.

If I had three wishes they would be: Unending wishes, endless supply of money, peace and love throughout the world.

If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: More things to do. Example: Mall, movie theater - anything.



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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

SHIRLEY, John Clarence — Memorial services, 11 a.m., Nazarene Church, Guymon, Okla.

Obituaries

MORRIS A. 'SLIM' MASON

McLEAN — Morris A. "Slim" Mason, 69, died Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at Amarillo. Graveside services were Saturday in Hillcrest Cemetery with the Rev. Norman Jones officiating. Burial was under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mr. Mason was born Oct. 14, 1930, at Throckmorton; to Levi Mason and Willie Tapper Mason. He had been a lifelong resident of the Texas Panhandle prior to moving to Oklahoma eight years ago.

He was a rancher, a cattleman and a U.S. Korean War veteran.

Survivors include two sons, Elden Mason of Elk City, Okla., and Allen Mason of Sayre, Okla.; a sister, Mildred Edins of Abilene; two brothers, Malcom Mason of Oregon and Melvin Mason of Vega; and four grandchildren.

AUDRA LEE SARGENT DEHLS MAYO

Audra Lee Sargent Dehls Mayo, 63, of Pampa, died Friday, March 31, 2000, at Wheeler. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Mayo was born Feb. 18, 1937, at Skellytown. She had been a Pampa resident since 1937. She married Gerald Mayo on Oct. 22, 1977, at Pampa; he died in 1985. She was a nurse's aide for several years and was a homemaker and a member of Church of God of Prophecy.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Winford Sargent, in 1987.

Survivors include a son, Roby Dehls of Las Vegas, Nev.; two daughters, Pam Moree of Pampa and Lee Ann Green of Dennison; three sisters, Maudine Rayburn of Houston, Drucella Hamrick of Phoenix, Ariz., and Marcella Stokes of Lufkin; five brothers, LeRoy Sargent of Fritch, Preston Sargent, Jack Sargent and Tony Sargent, all of Pampa, and Dallas Sargent of Kingfisher, Okla.; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice.

JOHN CLARENCE SHIRLEY

GUYPON, Okla. — John Clarence Shirley, 24, formerly of Guymon, died Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at Goodwell. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Nazarene Church with the Rev. Terry Armstrong officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home.

Mr. Shirley was born at Guymon and attended school there, graduating from high school in 1995. He married Jayme Lynn Peterson in 1997 at Stratford. He lived at Goodwell and was a cowboy employed at CRI Feeders.

Survivors include his wife, Jayme; two daughters, Carly Shirley and Jaylyn Shirley; his parents, J.B. and Darlene Ketcherside of Guymon; a sister, Melissa Bales of Guymon; three brothers, Jimmy Shirley and Brian Ketcherside, both of Guymon, and Jason Ketcherside of McLean; and his grandparents, Earl and Amy Brewer of Guymon and John W. Shirley of Hugo.

The family requests memorials be to Carly and Jaylyn Shirley in care of Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1112, Guymon, OK 73942.

RAFAEL G. TRUJILLO

CANADIAN — Rafael G. Trujillo, 83, died Wednesday, March 29, 2000. Services were Saturday in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery with

the Rev. Jimmy A. Robinson, pastor of Abundant Life Assembly of God Church, officiating. Burial was under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mr. Trujillo was born at Buena Vista and moved to Canadian in 1997 from Roswell, N.M. He married Julia Villalpando in 1935 at Carlsbad, N.M.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Eloisin Trujillo, in 1982, and David Trujillo, in 1999.

Survivors include his wife, Julia; four daughters, Elena Ornelas and Cecilia Tavaréz, both of Roswell, Yolanda Chavez of Jackson, Miss., and Elizabeth Lankford of Canadian; five sons, Elias Trujillo of Colorado Springs, Colo., the Rev. Enrique Trujillo, Albert Trujillo and Rodolfo Trujillo, all of Roswell, and Daniel Trujillo of El Paso; a sister, Elfrida Rojas of Carlsbad; 35 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Police report

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

Friday, March 31

Jacob Coby Woodruff, 17, Coffee Street, charged with failure to attend school, failure to appear.

Shonda Davis, 29, 524 Lefors, arrested on warrants for public intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Ambulance

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

Friday, March 31

4:03 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Wilks at Brown and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

5:12 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart and transported one to PRMC.

10:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Starkweather and Yeager and transported three to PRMC.

10:22 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the Pampa Mall and transported one to PRMC.

10:50 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of South Nelson; no transport.

Fires

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

Friday, March 31

12:31 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 2100 block of North Wells for smoke removal.

4:02 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to Love and Wilks on an auto accident.

5:10 p.m. - Two units and five personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart on an auto accident.

10:26 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 2500 block of North Perryton Parkway on a first responder call.

10:55 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 900 block of South Nelson on a first responder call.

Emergency numbers

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Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700
SPS.....	1-800-750-2520
Water.....	669-5830

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RURAL/METRO

Based in Scottsdale, Ariz., Bob Riley, chief executive officer of the company's west region, said the company is experiencing the same as other companies in the industry in getting reimbursement for the work they do.

Locally, Rural/Metro averages 135-140 calls a month for ambulance service. Not all patients require transport to a medical facility, but the majority of the time a transport is made to a hospital.

If an insurance company decides transportation of a patient by ambulance does not meet their criteria, payment to the ambulance service may not be made.

Adams says the local company will not decline to take a patient to the hospital if they are called. She said if a patient does not appear to require an ambulance her staff will advise the patient about the insurance companies criteria. Adams said in such instances the local personnel will advise if the patient could go by private vehicle.

"We want to let people know up front if their insurance will not meet guidelines," she said. "We want to be honest with the people, and we don't want to have to raise rates."

Adams said the local ambulance service is doing everything feasibly possible to keep the patients being left with a huge bill. She said the public needs to understand the restrictions all facets of the health industry are facing following the Balanced Budget Act.

"Our local citizens need to understand and they can help," said Adams.

"Locally, we have cut as much as possible. We are not cutting our staff. We still are providing paramedic Medical ICU units," she said. "We are not cutting our quality of care."

Rural/Metro in Pampa is subsidized by the City of Pampa and Gray County. The total subsidy is approximately \$7,400 a month with the two entities splitting the cost.

She said in the past the company has worked on accrual, but with the new procedures being implemented the local companies cannot spend any more than they bring in.

Adams said the specially trained ambulance personnel are involved in the community by giving free CPR classes, helping with Special Olympics activities and doing free ambulance stand-bys at the rodeos. They also work with the HOST program and Meals on Wheels in Pampa.

Jack Brucker, president and chief operating officer of Rural/Metro said, "The realities of the health care environment today have led us to take these difficult steps. We are confident, however, that this is the best path to reinforce the foundation of our company and to provide financial results that meet the expectations of our key stockholders. We remain committed to our roots in 911 emergency service and to our principles of providing outstanding patient care and quality fire and safety services within the 450 communities we serve."

"What's happening is we are going to have to do more with less like everyone else in the health-care industry," said Riley.

Workers create makeshift offices in homes, schools after Fort Worth tornadoes

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Warren Gould still shows up for work at his law firm on the fifth floor of the Cash America International building in downtown Fort Worth, even though his office there no longer exists.

With help from his wife, Sandra, and seven coworkers, Gould now spends his days wearing a hardhat and gardening gloves instead of a business suit, plying through piles of glass rather than legal documents.

The office is in shambles: There aren't any windows, soggy ceiling tiles litter the floor and tendrils of wire snake in all directions.

"Oh, my computer! I think I'll bet it is," Gould said on Friday as he hoisted the dented beige computer case. "Well, I don't know what it is, but it's close."

He is among thousands of workers in the city's central business district displaced after a pair of deadly twisters wove their way through the area Tuesday evening. One struck Fort Worth. The other hit neighboring Arlington and then Grand Prairie. Four people were killed and another is presumed dead.

Insurance adjusters estimate damage to Tarrant County — where Fort Worth and Arlington are — at \$450 million.

Seven hundred out of 3,000 Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce members will require some sort of assistance — from new office space and cleanup services, to computers and telephone equipment, agency spokeswoman Netty Matthews said.

"Computers are probably one of the biggest things," she said. "They need to get data removed

The office is in shambles: There aren't any windows, soggy ceiling tiles litter the floor and tendrils of wire snake in all directions.

from their computers."

Gould spent the day sorting through books, financial documents and case files, loading them into green plastic bins and hauling down the stairs.

"You don't know what you're looking for. The things that you couldn't live without all of a sudden become things you wonder why you ever needed," said Gould, who estimated damage to the office at \$200,000.

American International officials said it could take six months to make repairs to the building.

Gov. George W. Bush has declared Tarrant County a disaster area, and damage assessment teams from the Federal Emergency Management and the Small Business Administration arrived Friday to help state leaders prepare paperwork for federal assistance.

Tarrant County College has made computers, meeting rooms and Internet connections available to companies on a first-come, first-serve basis, said spokeswoman Linda Garcia.

"I just kind of feel sorry for them," she said.

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Actor to buy JFK Jr. loft

NEW YORK (AP) — Actor Edward Burns has negotiated a deal to buy John F. Kennedy Jr.'s loft apartment in the trendy TriBeCa neighborhood, the Daily News reported today.

Burns, who has appeared in such films as "Saving Private Ryan" and "She's the One," negotiated a bid less than the reported minimum \$2.5 million asking price, the newspaper said.

The 2,400-square-foot loft, in a nondescript former commercial building, has been on the market via sealed bids by Sotheby's International Realty. Kennedy paid \$700,000 for the loft in 1994.

Burns, a native of Long Island, still must receive

approval from the property's co-op board.

A spokeswoman for Sotheby's realty declined comment to the Daily News. Mara Buxbaum, Burns' publicist, said the actor had no comment.

TriBeCa — the nickname comes from the phrase "triangle below Canal Street" — is a former industrial area of 19th century warehouses, factories and lofts whose facades belie the luxury conversions within. Actor Robert DeNiro and other notables live in the area.

Kennedy; his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy; and her sister Lauren Bessette were killed in July when the plane Kennedy was piloting crashed.

Names in the news ...

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actress Halle Berry faces a misdemeanor charge of leaving the scene of an accident in which she and the driver of another car were injured.

The charge, filed Friday by the District Attorney's office, stems from a Feb. 23 crash at a Sunset Strip intersection. Sheriff's deputies allege Berry ran a red light and then fled the scene.

The actress, who suffered a gash in her forehead that required 22 stitches, was driving a rented Chevrolet Blazer in the early morning accident, authorities said.

The other driver had to be extricated by firefighters. In a negligence suit filed against Berry on March 9, Hatal Raythatha said her car was totaled and she suffered a broken wrist, as well as back and neck injuries.

If convicted, the 31-year-old star of the HBO movie "Introducing Dorothy Dandridge" could face up to one year in county jail and a \$10,000 fine.

NEW YORK (AP) — A lawyer for Sean "Puffy" Combs has asked a judge to dismiss gun and bribery charges filed against the rapper in the aftermath of a nightclub shooting, or to try him separately from other defendants.

The charges stem from a shooting at Times

Square nightclub Dec. 27 when a man allegedly threw money in Combs' face. Jamal "Shyne" Barrow, a Combs protege, is accused of shooting three people during the dispute. Another co-defendant is Combs' bodyguard, Anthony Jones.

Combs' lawyer, Benjamin Brafman, said Friday that the rap mogul was unaware that a gun was on the front floor of the Lincoln Navigator in which he and actress Jennifer Lopez fled the club. He noted that the couple sat in the rear.

Brafman also said the 30-year-old Combs, who's free on \$30,000 bail, and Lopez, who was not charged, arrived at the club in other cars, and had been in the sport utility vehicle just minutes before it was stopped by police.

Combs could get up to 15 years if convicted.

LIVERPOOL, England (AP) — John Lennon's half-sister unveiled a road sign proclaiming Liverpool as the "Birthplace of the Beatles."

"I think John would have been highly amused with the sign, but also proud," Julia Baird, 54, said Friday. "People come to Liverpool from all over the world because of the Beatles. I think it's a fabulous idea that the City Council has sought to remember and celebrate its famous sons in this way."



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

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T.O.P.S. #41

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

VIEW 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 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any workshop.

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior

Citizens. 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.

CCPC

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer the following continuing education courses: "Bible as Literature," instructor Linda Haynes, 6-7 p.m., March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2 and 9; and "Microsoft Access '97," instructor Tex Buckhaults, 1-3 p.m., April 3, 10, 17 and 24. Cost for each course is \$25. For more information, call 665-8801.

AHA ART GALA

The local chapter of the American Heart Association will hold its annual Art Gala and Auction fund-raiser at 7 p.m. April 8 at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

WORTH THE WAIT

Worth the Wait will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, April 17 in Pampa Middle School Library. Last year's survey results will be discussed as well as a proposed new survey tool to be administered to students in May. The meeting is open to the general public, most especially parents of sixth-12th grade students. The information will be presented in both English and Spanish. For more information, contact Worth the Wait at 669-6222.

BUSINESS SEMINAR

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service has announced a meeting for small business owners is slated from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 6 at Frank Phillips College in Borger. The program will feature the following speakers: Don Taylor, WTAMU College of Business; Dick Novotny, FPC Business Instruction; and Joe Frank Wheeler, Borger Chamber of Commerce. Cost of registration is \$15 and covers cost of materials and lunch. For more information, call the Gray County Extension office by Tuesday, April 4 or contact Tom Benton at (806) 878-4026.

HOSPICE CELEBRATION

Crown of Texas Hospice families, volunteers and staff will gather to

celebrate the memories and lives of loved ones at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2 at St. Mary's Church, 1200 S. Washington, Amarillo. A reception, hosted by Crown of Texas Hospice volunteers will follow. For more information, call (806) 372-7696.

AFR RADIO BIBLE CHALLENGE

American Family Radio will air "The Great American Family Radio Bible Challenge" at 7 p.m., Monday, April 3 on KAXH 90.9 FM. The program will consist of 30 questions from the Old and New Testaments, interviews with Bible scholars, archeologists and Bible Land guides. Listeners will be able to choose from multiple-choice questions. The program will be hosted by Jeff Chamber and J.J. Jasper. The answers will be posted on the Net at AFRNET.

AMARILLO AREA

PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

Amarillo Area Panhellenic Council will hold a Rush Information Meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16 at 700 S. Avondale in Amarillo. All senior high women interested in going through Rush should attend the meeting to receive important information on Rush packets and deadlines. A short video and discussion will be presented. For more information, call Helen Benton, (806) 353-9139 or (806) 679-5808.

INVESTMENT SERIES

Greg Brown and Richard Russell, A.G. Edwards and Sons, Inc., will present a series of investment topics during the noon hour each Thursday in April in Room #102 of Clarendon College-Pampa Center. The series is free and the public is cordially invited.

ed to bring a lunch and attend the sessions. The series will cover: "Stock Market History and Trivia," April 6; "Mechanics of the Stock Market," April 13; "The Federal Reserve System and the Stock Market," April 20; and "Stock Analysis - Technical vs. Fundamental," April 27.

CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Top O' Texas CattleWomen will award one \$500 scholarship and two \$250 scholarships to high school seniors who are planning to major in an agricultural, nutritional or health-related field in college. These scholarships are available to students living in Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts or Wheeler Counties. Applications — now available at schools in these counties — must be received by April 28 and should be mailed to Sandra Christner, P.O. Box 522, Wheeler, TX 79096. The winners' schools will be notified in early May prior to graduation.

BEEF

AMBASSADOR CONTEST

Top O' Texas CattleWomen is seeking youth between the ages of

15-19 to participate in its Beef Ambassador Contest. To be eligible, youth must have turned 15 as of Jan. 1, 2000. Participants will present a 5-8 minute illustrated lecture about beef and/or the beef industry. The local CattleWomen will provide information packets and all information must be referenced at the conclusion of the presentation. Local competition will be held in April. The local winner and runner-up will compete in the state contests June 5 and 6 in San Antonio. Assistance for travel will be available. State prizes will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000 for first place and \$500 for second place. In addition, \$1,500 will go towards the state winner's travel expenses to compete nationally Nov. 3-5 in San Francisco. For more information, call Berkle Clements, (806) 274-6073; Sally Wicker, (806) 323-6962. The local contest will cover the following counties: Hutchinson, Carson, Gray, Roberts, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hemphill, Wheeler, Collingsworth. (For more COE's, see page 6)

'Honoring Our Heritage' day



(Community Camera photo)

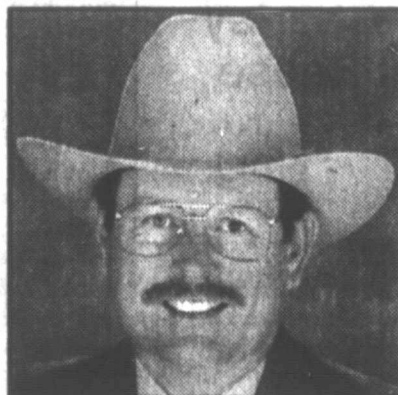
Pampa Mayor Bob Neslage recently signs a proclamation making Saturday, April 15 "Honoring Our Heritage" day, with dedications to be made for the National Register of Historic Places and Recorded Texas Historic markers. The dedication will be at 2 p.m., April 15 in the Court Room of the Gray County Courthouse. Also at that time a tribute will be made to John and Ted Gikas, avid community and church supporters and operators of Coney Island Cafe for over half a century. Above: County Judge Richard Peet displaying the historical marker for the courthouse, Darlene Birkes, chairman, Gray County Historical Commission, and Mayor Neslage.

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I would like to thank everyone who voted for me in the Republican Primary. Although I am out of the race I am still concerned about the outcome of the election. I now endorse Randy Stubblefield and would ask my supporters to do the same.

Thank you,
Curtis Dalton

I am Michael Ray and I am asking you to help me in supporting Randy Stubblefield. If you voted for me in the primary election, I would ask you to now vote for Randy. Randy served the citizens of Gray County and especially Lefors with concern while he was sheriff. I know he will continue to do this as constable.

Sincerely yours,
Michael Ray

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Happy 75th Birthday Nanny

Love ...
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\$80,000.00 per year working only part-time with so much time spent on his civil practice and out of our district making extra money? Our district deserves better!!

Why does our current DA only work part-time when there are so many pending cases in our district, some waiting as long as six years to be prosecuted (and still waiting)? With two (2) courts and five (5) counties represented in the 31st District, our people deserve to have a full-time District Attorney!!

Other District Attorneys in the Panhandle and South Plains:

DA Name	District	Counties Represented	Full Time	Part Time
Clay Ballman	84 th	Hutchinson, Hansford	X	
Barry Blackwell	69 th	Dallam, Moore, Sherman, Hartley	X	
Bruce Roberson	84 th	Ochiltree	X	
Donald Davis	222 nd	Oldham	X	
Randall Sims	100 th	Carson, Hall, Collingsworth, Childress, Donley	X	
James Farren	47 th	Randall	X	
Roland Saul	222 nd	Deaf Smith	X	
Terry McEachern	64 th	Swisher, Hale	X	
Jerry Matthews	64 th	Castro	X	
Rebecca King	47 th	Armstrong, Potter	X	
Gary Goff	286 th	Hockley	X	
Mark Yarbrough	154 th	Lamb	X	
Becky McPherson	110 th	Dickens, Briscoe, King, Cottle, Floyd	X	
Bill Sowder	72 nd	Lubbock	X	
Dan Mike Bird	46 th	Hardeman, Wilbarger	X	
John Mann	31st	Gray, Roberts, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Wheeler		X

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Inside the
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Rep. Mac Thornberry

Medical research
is a national priority

What could you buy with a billion dollars? Probably a lot of things, but how about a few extra years with your children and grandchildren?

It sounds impossible, but that's what your tax dollars could be buying next year because of a billion dollar increase in medical research funding which the House of Representatives approved recently.

The funds were approved as part of the federal budget for next year. For several years, Congress has made medical research a top priority, and I think it is money well spent. Thanks to advances in medical research, the average American can today expect to live 30 years longer than Americans did at the beginning of the 20th century.

Today, a good part of this research is being done at the National Institutes of Health. The NIH was created in the late 1800s when scientists were just beginning to understand that bacteria were the cause of resistant infectious diseases. The NIH now has 25 institutes and centers and has produced more than 80 Nobel Prize winners.

Over the past few years, it seems like hardly a day has gone by that we haven't heard how researchers at NIH and elsewhere have come up with a new cure or a new way to fight some disease. I think it is appropriate for the federal government to help fund medical research.

We can put a price tag on many of the things we buy every day. We can even put a price tag on how much it costs to cure or prevent diseases. But it is hard to put a price tag on buying extra time to spend with our loved ones.

Thought for today

"Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves."

—William Pitt

From our files ...

40 years ago

A stray bullet narrowly missed a Santa Fe Railroad employee as he sat in the caboose of a freight train.

A mayor and two councilmen will be elected by voters in Skellytown tomorrow.

Mrs. Dona Cornutt was presented a Certificate of Recognition by Dr. E. Douglas Carver designating her as Pampa's Woman of the Year at a tea held in the City Club Room.

25 years ago

Pampa's incumbent mayor and two city commissioners were returned to office with a better than 3 to 1 vote margin.

A Disaster Assistance Center opened at 2 p.m. in Lefors to begin the massive federal and state disaster assistance program initiated when President Ford declared Gray Co. a major disaster area.

Public meetings have been called for in the hope of determining how much interest Pampans have in seeing a junior college established here.

10 years ago

Gray County Commissioners' Court on Monday enthusiastically endorsed an effort by the city of Pampa to receive a five-year grant for a comprehensive drug program.

Coronad Hospital has reached an agreement with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to provide care for some prisoners housed in Amarillo's new maximum security prison.

The fate of where the Community Supervision and Corrections Department will place rests with the Gray County Commissioners' Court, County Judge Carl Kennedy said Monday.

Oil situation needs more attention

Now that OPEC has agreed to pump more oil, President Clinton wants the big oil companies to pass along the savings as quick as possible.

It's a good idea, but my guess is the oil companies will go for all they can get. Word is we can expect prices to continue to rise through a good part of the summer. (Got to get those vacationers, after all).

While we have been paying high prices at the pump for the past little while, I haven't heard enough people complain. Neither have I heard people worry that our country isn't doing more to reduce our reliance on oil from the Middle East.

Well, yea, there was that guy who wants to drill up Alaska and pipe oil to God knows where then load it on big tankers.

Exxon Valdez, anyone?

I don't remember where this was filmed, but while watching some news last week, there was a story about what it cost to fill up different vehicles. Some of the drivers questioned said they didn't want to know ... gotta have gas anyway.

Now, I admit I drive a bigger car than I used to. I went from a four-cylinder Honda to a six-cylinder Toyota. My mileage is a little less but still in the mid-to-high 20s on the road; a little less in town.

But how about those big honkin' SUVs? The news clip I was talking about featured the largest ... the Ford that outdid the Suburban in size ... the Excursion, I think it is. Anyway, it cost 70 bucks to fill the thing up.



Kate B.
Dickson

associate publisher/editor

I must confess, I guess. There are two Suburbans in my extended family. My brother has one and my nephew has one. My brother, Dick, uses his to pull a boat and a travel trailer ... not at the same time, I hope. Nephew John uses it to haul children — Cassie, 6, Rachel, almost 4 and Baby Kate, 17 months. Cassie likes to sit in in what she calls "the way back." That's the third seat. It's also a duck hunting vehicle. (John's yellow Lab, however, has trouble telling the back from the front and once jumped square on the middle of the hood. Not good for the paint job).

At least Dick and John and families use their big rides for hauling, hunting, towing, etc. But for some Atlanta commuter to tool around in ... that's another thing.

But I digress.

And when you add super gas-eatin' machines to the whims of the oil barons in the Middle East it is no wonder we have more demand than supply.

And another thing. Cutting the gas tax ain't gonna help. All that will do is cut out money for much needed road repairs and it won't raise the supply by an ounce.

All of us are going to have to face the fact that our lifestyle — our country's economic well being — can be put in a world of hurt by the simple turning off of our supply of foreign oil.

Granted, all of our non-domestic supply doesn't come from the Middle East, but enough of it does to cause us great pain.

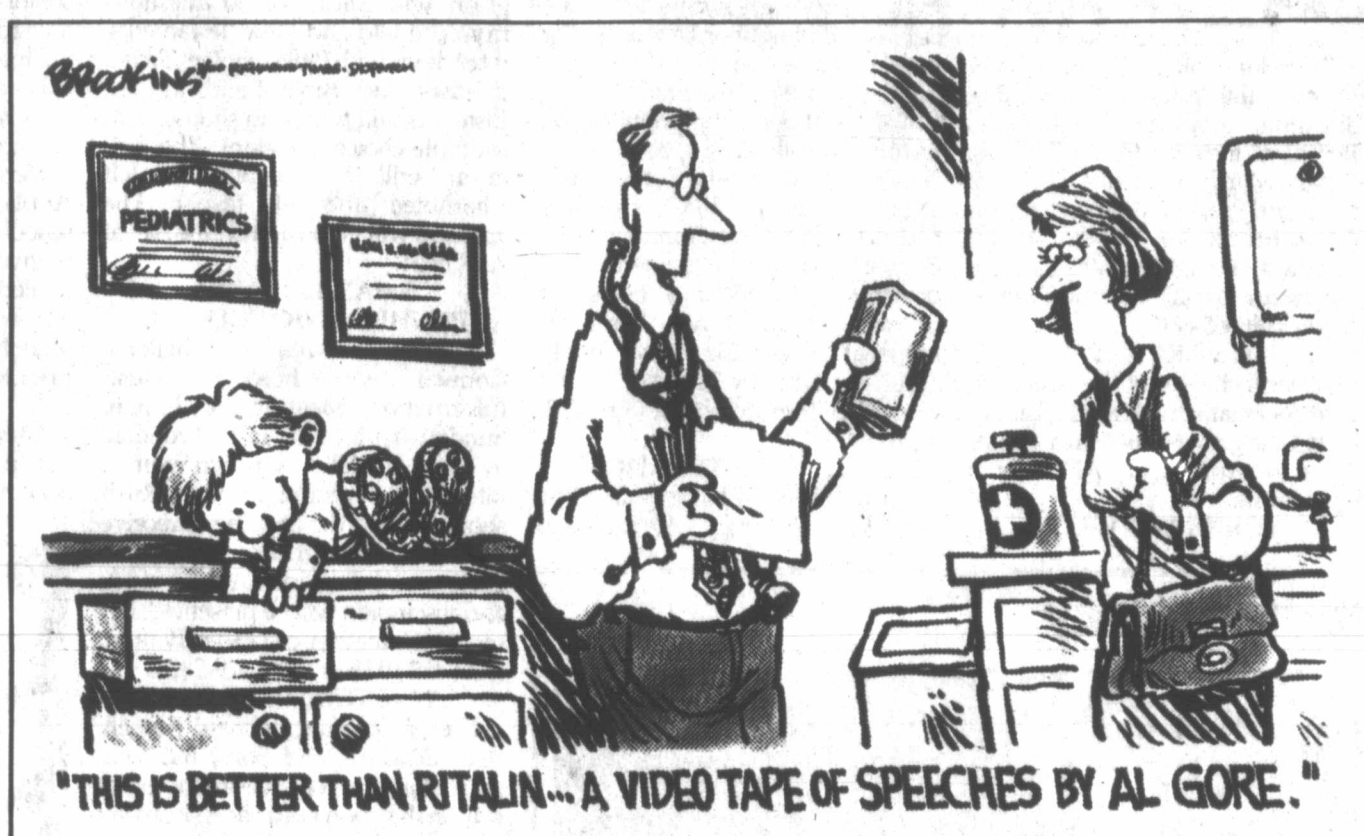
But I fear it is a pain we'll soon forget once the flow is increased. Most likely our false sense of security will return.

But what we really need to do is come out of our complacency and demand our government leaders use legislation to put greater emphasis on energy conservation and innovation.

To do otherwise is to let someone else be master of our domain.

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Thought you'd like to know. Last Sunday we ran a front page, second second spread on some animals at the Pampa Animal Shelter that needed homes. Without adoption ... well, you know the drill. I'm glad to report that every one, with the exception of one grown cat, now has a loving home. A tip of the hat goes out from the animal lovers at The Pampa News to all you lifesavers.

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Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, April 2, the 93rd day of 2000. There are 273 days left in the year. Daylight-saving time began at 2 a.m. local time. Clocks should have been set forward one hour.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 2, 1917, President Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy."

On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon landed in Florida.

In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.

In 1805, storyteller Hans Christian Andersen was born in Odense, Denmark.

In 1860, the first Italian Parliament met at Turin.

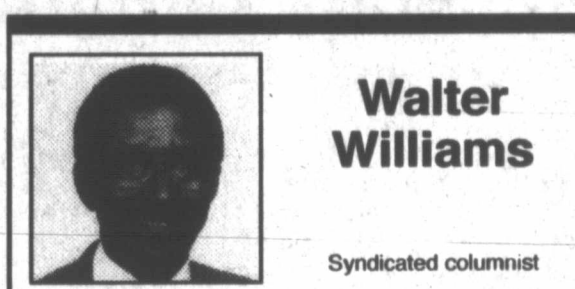
A couple of perplexing current events

There are a couple of current events that have caught me without an answer.

The first is the recent Austrian election that brought the Freedom Party into a coalition government with Austria's conservative People's Party. The Freedom Party has opposed former Soviet bloc countries joining the European Union and has taken an anti-foreigner stance. Its recently resigned leader, Joerg Haider, is on record having praised some aspects of the Nazi era. As a result of Austria's new ruling coalition, there have been calls for sanctions against Austria. Ursula Koch, president of Switzerland's Socialist Party, expresses much of the European sentiment, saying, "Receiving Austrian government members is not very wise; it distances us from basic European values."

Europe reeks with socialists. Socialists criticizing Haider and the Freedom Party is like the frying pan calling the pot black. Hitler's Nazis were horrible people who committed horrible deeds. But Nazi murder cannot even begin to measure up to murder committed by socialists in Europe and elsewhere.

Let's look at the tally. At worst, Adolph Hitler and his henchmen were responsible for the brutal murder of 21 million people. But there's much more blood on the hands of socialists. Stalin and his successors were responsible for the murder of at least 62 million people. American and European leftist's favorite guys, Mao Zedong and his successors, were responsible



Walter
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for the murder of 35 million people. Recent information coming out of China puts the number closer to 50 million.

You say, "What do you mean, American leftist's favorite, Mao Zedong?" Just think back to college campus demonstrations during the 1960s, when campus radicals marched around singing the praises of Mao and waving Mao's red book. The fact of the matter is that socialism differs little from Nazism. Even the word Nazi is short for National Socialist German Workers Party. What's puzzling to me is why would Europeans, and the Clinton administration, condemn Haider and his Freedom Party and say nothing about Europe's socialists who've praised Mao Zedong, Karl Marx and socialism?

Here's the second perplexity that's much closer to home. Gasoline and oil prices are shooting through the roof. People are fretting about the effects high fuel prices have on the economy and poor people. Many of those who fret about high fuel prices are the same people

who fret about the lack of "affordable housing." Many of those who fret about high fuel prices are the very people who I've called for restricting our supplies of oil, namely the environmentalists and their congressional allies. They've managed to place an estimated 16 billion barrels of oil off limits in northern Alaska. They've gotten drilling restrictions in numerous off-shore oil sites. As a result of our environmentalist's agenda, we've become increasingly dependent on foreign sources of oil.

These environmentalists are the same people who fret about affordable housing, but they call for mandates for open air spaces, green areas, restrictions on the height of buildings and rent control. All of these actions restrict the supply of housing.

Guess what a restricted supply of housing means for housing prices? If you said housing prices rise, go to the head of the class. By the way, the term affordable housing is nonsense. Send me a picture of an affordable car, affordable vacation, affordable furniture or affordable house.

Albert Arnold Gore Jr. and his environmentalist minions are now pushing for the elimination of "urban sprawl." If they have it their way, land-use in suburban and rural areas will be restricted. What do you think that'll do to the supply? We ought to be glad that today's environmentalists didn't make their appearances earlier; if they had, we'd probably be a Third World nation.

Welfare state penalizes the productive

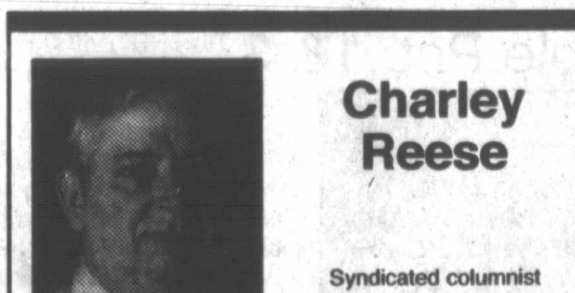
A welfare state is a slave state. The slaves are the productive citizens whose taxes are used to support the unproductive. The beneficiaries are simply the politicians who take the money from the productive people and use it to buy the votes of the unproductive.

Stripped of all the folderol, I believe that is a fair description.

The first step in persuading people to accept this form of slavery is to blur the distinction between charity and government programs. Charity is voluntary. Government programs are coercive.

If you wish, as an act of kindness, to pay for someone else's child care, that is charity. When the government taxes you in order to pay for someone else's child care, that is coercion. You are given no choice (except, of course, to either pay your taxes or go to jail).

More people should ask themselves if it is fair that they should be penalized for working hard and providing for themselves and their families. Is it fair for a person who works hard to provide health insurance for his or her family to be forced to provide free health care for others whose only qualification is that they don't work so hard? Is it fair to a single mom working hard to pay for her child's day care to take part of her earnings to pay for the day care of other people's children? Is it fair for families who struggle and save to finance their children's education to also be



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taxed to provide free education to others?

The answer is no. A welfare state is neither fair nor just. It is frankly robbing the productive to provide the money to buy the votes of the unproductive. That's why the original founders of this country did not consider that government had any role at all to play in charity. You can read the Constitution from start to finish, and you will find not one word that authorizes Congress or the president to take money from the American people and give it to people the politicians wish to benefit, either domestic or foreign.

It might even surprise you to know that, for most of the nation's history, the government did not do so. Social needs were left to the families and the churches. It was Franklin Roosevelt who first blurred the distinction between rights and economic benefits. No one has a "right" to any economic benefit provided at another's expense.

Today when you hear politicians and journalists talk about filling or meeting "needs," you should immediately ask this question: Whose needs, and at whose expense shall these needs be met? Don't make the mistake of saying, "At the government's expense." The government has no money at all except that which it takes from its productive citizens in the form of taxes.

When these socialist mugs say that the "government should," just automatically translate that in your mind as "the government will force me to" do whatever. The government does not pay for any of these public benefits. You do. And you are made the poorer because income you have earned with your labor is taken away from you and your family and spent by others on others.

Former congressman Jack Kemp used to make a good point: Whatever you tax, you discourage, and whatever you subsidize, you encourage. And the government taxes work, savings and investments, and it subsidizes unemployment, indigency and improvidence.

Another important difference between charity and government welfare is that the recipients of charity know that they are being done a favor and are usually grateful. Recipients of government welfare quickly come to view it as entitlement and are forever disgruntled. I've seen America go from a minimal welfare state to a maximum welfare state. It has not been an improvement.

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Business highlights ...

Hot economy spurs fast growth rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The red-hot U.S. economy, powered by heavy spending by consumers and the federal government, was roaring ahead at an annual rate of 7.3 percent in the final three months of 1999, the fastest growth rate in nearly 16 years, the government reported Thursday.

The October-December rate of increase in the gross domestic product, the nation's total output of goods and services, represented the strongest quarterly performance for this long economic expansion, which began in March 1991.

Economists were left to marvel at the economy's strength at a time when other recoveries have long since faltered. This recovery became the longest in U.S. history in February and celebrated its ninth birthday this month.

Nasdaq flirts with worst day ever

NEW YORK (AP) — The Nasdaq composite index narrowly averted its worst day in history Thursday, ending a volatile session sharply lower as investors bailed out of the high-tech stocks that have run up dramatically in recent months.

A confluence of factors battered the sector, but analysts said investors' growing uneasiness about the high prices for many technology stocks was the biggest contributor to the selloff.

The Nasdaq fell 186.78 to close at 4,457.89, a loss of 4.0 percent. With less than 30 minutes remaining in the session, the Nasdaq was down 289 points before recovering ground as investors guessed that the index had reached rock-bottom.

Gore: Hybrid engines coming from Big Three

WASHINGTON (AP) — Within four years, the Big Three automakers will be mass-producing vehicles with hybrid engines that will significantly increase gas mileage, Vice President Al Gore said Thursday.

Representatives from Ford Motor Co., General Motors Corp. and DaimlerChrysler AG appeared with Gore to showcase high-mileage test cars developed under the Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles, a joint effort started in 1993 by the Clinton administration and automakers.

Under that program, the administration challenged automakers to develop by 2004 production prototypes of a family-size sedan that got at least 80 miles per gallon.

Icahn prepared for Nabisco bid

NEW YORK (AP) — Financier Carl Icahn is prepared to make a \$1.3 billion cash tender offer for roughly 31 percent of Nabisco Group Holdings Corp., saying he favors a quick sale of the entire company. Nabisco Group shares surged on the news.

The plans Icahn outlined in a letter Thursday represent his most ambitious effort yet to gain control of the company that was created when RJR Nabisco Holdings spun off its cigarette holdings in the face of mounting legal challenges to tobacco companies.

Earlier this month, Icahn disclosed he had acquired 8.9 percent of the Nabisco Group stock and planned a proxy fight for election of his own nominees to the board. He had previously backed three failed proxy fights for control of the RJR board. In a statement from its headquarters in Parsippany, N.J., Nabisco Group said its board would review Icahn's proposal and urged shareholders to take no action in the meantime.

Northwest Airlines faces legal challenge

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Northwest Airlines, no stranger to accusations of unfair competitive practices, faces a new legal challenge by a low-fare carrier that says Northwest muscled it out of several routes from Detroit in the mid-1990s.

Spirit Airlines, a low-fare carrier based in Miramar, Fla., said in

a complaint filed in Detroit federal court Wednesday that Northwest forced it to abandon flights from Detroit to Boston and Philadelphia by slashing prices and flooding those routes with new flights.

Northwest, the nation's fourth-largest carrier, dominates service in Detroit, one of its three hubs, with about 75 percent of all passengers who pass through Detroit Metro Airport. Spirit handles about 2 percent of Metro's passengers, flying mostly to East Coast resort cities.

Hedge fund operator liquidating

NEW YORK (AP) — Julian H. Robertson Jr., a scion in financial markets, told investors Thursday that he is liquidating the \$6 billion Tiger Management investment funds, calling the current market frenzy for technology stocks a "Ponzi pyramid destined for collapse."

Robertson took 18 years to build Tiger into the largest hedge fund family in the world with assets of \$23 billion. Tiger's demise took just 18 months.

Robertson's reversal of fortune highlights the radical shift in the markets to technology and Internet stocks and away from traditional industries. And Robertson, who stuck with his strategy of picking undervalued industrial stocks, is still in a state of disbelief.

European Central Bank holds rate pat

MADRID, Spain (AP) — The European Central Bank kept its key interest rate unchanged Thursday amid growing confidence that inflation is leveling off in the 11 countries using the euro currency.

The bank announced the decision after its 17-member governing board met in Madrid instead of its home base in Frankfurt, Germany, hoping to raise its visibility and counter criticism that it is too nebulous in its decision-making.

Thursday's decision not to raise the bank's main refinancing rate was largely expected, especially after the ECB boosted the rate a quarter-point to 3.5 percent on March 16.

FTC investigating Yahoo! Inc.

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission is investigating Internet powerhouse Yahoo! Inc. to see whether its consumer information practices violate federal regulations.

The Santa Clara-based company has been asked to turn over documents to determine if it complied with the FTC's consumer protection regulation against the use and disclosure of user data, Yahoo! revealed in its annual report filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Thursday.

The investigation also includes Yahoo!'s acquisition last year of GeoCities, which helps people set up their own Web sites, the company said.

J.P. Morgan to join online bank venture

TOKYO (AP) — U.S. investment bank J.P. Morgan and Co. said Thursday that it will join an online bank venture led by Sony Corp. that eventually will allow customers to make transactions through Sony's PlayStation2 video game console.

J.P. Morgan will spend \$14.2 million for a 4 percent stake in the Sony-led group, which also includes Japan's Sakura Bank Ltd., which will invest \$56.9 million for a 16 percent stake. Sony will contribute \$284.4 million, or 80 percent of the bank's \$355.5 million start-up capital.

High gas prices don't deter gas guzzler sales

DETROIT (AP) — Rising gas prices haven't stopped the decade-long climb in sales of gas-thirsty sport utility vehicles.

By all indications, the SUV market continues to rage. Automakers are selling as many as they can build. Dealers can't keep enough on their lots. And customers say fuel economy isn't a major concern when they shop for a new SUV.

Gas prices have soared from an average of under \$1 a gallon at this time last year to \$1.59 now, according to the Lundberg Survey of some 10,000 gas stations. The increase has accelerated recently, with a gallon rising from \$1.33 in January.

'Wonderland' brings concerns from mental health professionals

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — After kicking off a campaign for more accurate depictions of mental illness, South Carolina's top mental health official sat back to watch the premiere of the ABC drama "Wonderland."

Stephen Soltys didn't like what he saw Thursday night. "Psychiatric patients are real people. You don't treat them like they're human trash that you can do anything with," Soltys said, referring to a doctor on the show who took a nicotine patch off his arm and slapped it on the forehead of a patient.

Critics say the drama set in a criminal psychiatric hospital shows "reckless indifference" to the mentally ill. The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and the National Mental Health Association have asked the network to air a disclaimer before each episode.

Laurie Flynn, executive director of the National Association for the Mentally Ill, has seen the second and third episodes. She wants a disclaimer that the show contains violent scenes and is not representative of people with mental illness.

In the first episode, a schizophrenic who stopped taking medication shoots several people in Times Square. In a later episode, the man kills himself after realizing what he has done.

An ABC spokesman referred questions to producer Peter Berg, who said in a statement Tuesday that the show's purpose was "to provide a catalyst for honest dialogue about the often misunderstood and inaccurately represented world of the mentally ill."

Berg's spokeswoman did not return a message seeking further comment.

Flynn said most people with mental illness never exhibit violent or aggressive tendencies and "Wonderland" perpetuates stereotypes.

"It's not even representative of an emergency room, not even representative of the chronically mentally ill," Flynn said. "It's so compressed — everybody is a weirdo, everybody is a freak, everybody is dangerous."

It's that image that Soltys is trying to combat. The South Carolina program asks volunteers to monitor news and entertainment media for images of mental illness, then write newspapers and television stations to applaud positive portrayals and correct those seen as inaccurate.

"The big issue is to try to reduce the stigma so that people will not be afraid to get treatment," said Soltys, the director of the state mental health agency. "There are some people who absolutely will not go to a mental health clinic or a psychiatrist's office, fearing people will say, 'They're just not right.'"

"All I can tell you is that a program like 'Wonderland,' if done appropriately, can really help to reduce the stigma," he said. "On the other hand, if the people they put on 'Wonderland' reinforce some of the myths, it can really enhance the stigma associated with mental illness."

Father guilty of injecting daughter, friends with methamphetamine

PAPILLION, Neb. (AP) — A father who prosecutors and defenders said just wanted "to be cool" was found guilty today of repeatedly injecting his daughter and two of her teen-age friends with methamphetamine.

Dennis Avery, 50, could get up to 95 years in prison for three counts of child abuse, three counts of drug distribution and one count of drug possession.

In a tense courtroom packed with about 40 people, including the girls and their parents, Sarpy County District Judge William Zastera announced the verdict and set sentencing for June 2.

Prosecutor Tricia Freeman said Avery was trying to get close to his daughter, now 16, and two friends aged 16 and 17, injecting them with the drug from fall 1998 to last October.

"He just kind of wanted to be popular with the kids," she said in her closing argument. "He wanted to be cool."

Defense attorneys argued there was no proof Avery injected the girls with the drug. The girls could testify knowledgeably because they saw Avery use it, said defense attorney Gregory Pivovar.

"Dennis Avery is a cool dad who tried to be a cool guy," Pivovar said in closing arguments Thursday.

"He tried to impress them with the fact that he did meth. You see it once and you know how it's done."

Freeman said Avery injected two of the girls 20 to 30 times, and one possibly 75 times, with "crank," a slang term for methamphetamine.

She said he took the girls to buy the drug, bound their right arms with thick rubber bands before injections, showed them how to cook the drug and taught them how to cover up needle marks with make-up.

Pivovar said the teen-agers' testimony was contradictory and could not be trusted.

He admitted Avery was a methamphetamine addict, but said prosecutors failed to prove he gave the drug to the children. Without that proof, Pivovar said, Avery couldn't be convicted of drug distribution or child abuse.

A forensic scientist testified that a vial found in Avery's garage tested positive for methamphetamine. Pivovar said a connection between the vial and any substance injected had not been established.

Two of the girls testified that Avery made sexual advances to them and paged them at school. One said he wrote her love letters and made a collage of her photographs.

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I have been asked by people why I want the job of Constable. My answer to them has been, "I care about the people of Gray County and what happens to them." I want the chance to serve the people of Gray County again.

I respectfully ask for your vote in the runoff election. Please get out and vote. early voting is April 3rd through 7th at the Gray County Courthouse. The election is April 11th. Voting precincts 2, 10 & 13 will vote at the Gray County Courthouse.

Paul Sublett
Paul Sublett



(Special photos)

Above: (left, front row, l-r) Participating in Community Christian School's annual Missions Focus unit study were second graders Megan Gragg, Gabrielle Powell, Jocelyn Kennedy, Kimberly Curtis; (back row, l-r) Luke Watson, Corbin Clifton, Savannah Smith, Corban Brown, Jon Murray and Kirsten Sturgill, teacher. (Right, l-r) Fourth and fifth graders Camber Blehler, Tiffany Mitchell, Nicole Sturgill, Jon Hildebrandt and Myra Carlisle, teacher.

Community Christian School holds annual Missions Focus unit study

Students at Community Christian School recently completed their annual Missions Focus unit study. "Let the Islands Praise Him!" was the title of the unit study.

Students explored the five island nations of the Philippines, Indonesia, Australia, Micronesia,

Tonga and Japan. They learned about the culture, climate, government, language, people, art and music of these island nations. Teachers incorporated the island study into all the subject areas, and students presented a special Missions Day chapel service which included, among many

things, songs and a choral reading presentation.

Two events topped-off and ended the missions focus. Classes conducted a "Penny War" from which all proceeds went to the Association of Christian Schools International to support Christian schools in these island nations. And

finally, girls donned grass skirts and leis, and boys donned straw hats and leis for a festive luau and party.

Second grade students won a Coke party for bringing the most offering, and fourth and fifth graders won a Coke party for winning the penny war.

CCPC to offer continuing education courses

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer several continuing education classes beginning next week. The classes will cover various topics such as computers, the Internet and Certified Nurse Aid training. The following classes are scheduled:

—Introduction to Database Management using Access '97 with Tex Buckhaults as instructor will be from 1-3 p.m. for four weeks beginning April 3.

—An intro to the Internet class will be from 7-10 p.m. for three weeks beginning April 5.

—Certified Nurse Aid course will be from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., April 10-21. Enrollment is limited to the first 12 students registering.

—Medication Aid Update for certified medication aides will be from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., April 8.

For more information, call CCPC at (806) 665-8801.

Calendar of events

LIFE AFTER LOSS

American Cancer Society and Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a four-week "Life After Loss" seminar for those who have recently suffered the loss of a loved one from 5:30-6:30 p.m. April 4, 11, 18 and 25 at Crown of Texas Hospice, 10000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo. To register or for more information, call (806) 353-4306.

BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

A Bluegrass Festival sponsored by Washington Cattle Co. will be held April 14-15 at Flomot. For reservations or for more information, call (806) 469-5278 or (918) 605-2444.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1 p.m. throughout April. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is seeking volunteers to serve as advocates for nursing home residents as part of its Ombudsmen program. The Ombudsmen will visit residents of long-term care facilities and help resolve complaints involving residents rights, quality of life and quality of care. Once accepted into the program, volunteers complete a three month internship including intensive training and supervision in preparation. Ideal candidates will have strong sense of fair play, excellent problem-solving skills, good relationships with older people and the ability to devote two hours a week to the residents served by the Ombudsmen program. For more information, contact Jeff Price, regional Ombudsman, or Shirley Sheldon, Ombudsman Program Aide, at 1-800-642-6008; or write P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX, 79105.

SPRING SWING GARAGE SALE

The third annual "Spring Swing Regional Garage Sale" will be held April 1 on Hwy 287 from Electra to Quanah. Tables of wares will be displayed on courthouse squares and throughout the towns. For more information, call Vernon Chamber of Commerce, 1-800-687-3137, Quanah C of C, (940) 663-2222, or Electra C of C, (940) 495-3577.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and BSA Health System will conduct breast cancer screening clinics April 10 at First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster in

Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 359-4673 or 1-800-377-4673.

DHS

The Texas Department of Human Services will hold public hearings to seek citizen comment on program directions and services to be provided by agencies receiving federal block grants during State Fiscal Years 2002-03. The meetings are slated: 5 p.m., April 11, 12401 S. Post Oak, Power Center, Houston; 12:30 p.m., April 20, 6611 Boeing Dr., Region 19 Education Service Center, El Paso; 5 p.m., April 25, 3220 N. Botanic Gardens Dr., Auditorium, Fort Worth; and 1:30 p.m., April 27, 1901 S. 24th, Tropical TX Mental Health Mental Retardation Center, Edinburg. Written comments may be sent to Gary Bego, Health and Human Services Commission, P.O. Box 13247, Austin, TX 78711 or via e-mail at gary.bego@hhs.state.tx.us.

FAMILY LIFE MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Family Life Radio will sponsor Lubbock Family Life Marriage Conference April 14-16 at Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza in Lubbock. Early registration is \$75 per person until day of conference and \$90 at the door. A special "bring a friend" rate will be \$60 for two couples together. For more information, call (806) 767-4754.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN CLUB

The Butterfly Garden Club of America is offering free butterfly garden seeds (with growing instructions). To receive a packet, send a long SASE with two stamps to: The Butterfly Garden Club of America, P.O. Box 629, Burgin, KY 40310. Limit one free packet per household. Additional packets are available for \$1 each.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Midland Genealogical Society will host a "Spring Seminar" with John Philip Colette, a genealogist of Washington, D.C., from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. April 29 in First Presbyterian Church in Midland. Pre-registration is \$25 or \$30 at the door. For more information, call Jo Ann Clark at (915) 697-8113.

TSTC TECHNOLOGY DAY

Texas State Technical College at Sweetwater will host Spring Junior/Senior Technology Day. Activities will include campus tours, personal tours, admission and financial aid assistance and much more. For more information, call (915) 235-7300 or toll-free 1-800-592-8784 before March 10. Reservations are required.

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

The Texas Agriculture Extension Service and "Progressive Farmer" magazine will sponsor the following four two-day seminars on estate planning and taxes: March 22-23, Best Western Lubbock Regency, Lubbock; March 29-30, Fort Worth Chapter TSCPA Training Facility, Fort Worth; April 13-14, The Brazos Center, Bryan; and April 20-21, Thompson Conference Center, Austin. The registration fee is \$100. To register or for more information, call Sharon Wehring-Foster at (409) 845-2226 or e-mail s-wehring@tamu.edu.

TEACHERS CONSERVATION INSTITUTE

Registration is currently under way for Texas Forestry Association's week-long Teacher's Conservation Institute summer workshop to be held June 25-30, July 9-14 and July 16-21. Teachers will receive a first-hand look at forestry in East Texas by touring forest product mills, a Tree Farm, a logging operation, a nursery and a seed orchard. They will also be trained in Project Learning Tree and Project WILD. The first session is currently full but spaces are still available for the other two sessions. Registration is \$75 and includes all food, lodging and materials for a week. For a free brochure or for more information, call TFA at (409) 632-TREE; e-mail ccalhoun@tex-forestry.org; or write P.O. Box 1488, Lufkin, TX 75902.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES MEETING

Lea County Archaeological Society will host the 35th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Federation of Archaeological Societies beginning with registration at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 1 at Sibley Environmental Center in Midland. The registration fee is \$10. Activities will include: an archaeological fair, flint knapping, pottery making, weaving, rock art painting and face painting. The public is cordially invited to attend and the fair is free to all comers. For more information, contact Louis Robertson at (915) 523-3025.

CASE

Cultural Academic Student Exchange, a non-profit educational organization, is seeking host families for its foreign exchange student program. For more information, call (877) 846-5848.

THC AWARDS

Texas Historical Commission is accepting award nominations for individuals, groups or organizations who merit recognition for outstanding contributions to historic preservation. Awards are divided into a number of program areas and will be presented at the annual statewide historic preservation conference May 4-6 in San Antonio. Award packets are available from THC History Programs Division, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX, 78711-2276. For more information call, (512) 463-5853.

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Letters to the editor

Optimist program to hold baseball sign-up ...

To the editor,

It has been my privilege to coach Pampa Optimist baseball for more than a quarter of a century. In the past few weeks, I have been favorably impressed with the managers and coaches who will be guiding our young people in Optimist baseball and softball this season. They are excited about the upcoming season. They express their coaching philosophy in terms such as "fun," "attitude," "sportsmanship," "team work," "exercise," "friends," "developing," "nurturing," and all the other benefits to boys and girls who play baseball or softball.

It is rewarding to see our young people gain self-confidence through athletics and to see how it transfers to other aspects of their lives. Each year I pray that I will have a positive effect on the lives of the children entrusted to me. I may not always succeed with each child, but I always try. As I look back at the hundreds of boys and a few girls I have had the opportunity to coach, I am proud of who they have become, and the small part I have played in their lives. One of the things which helps me realize what we are really doing is a statement by a former player: "You taught me more than baseball."

At the Optimist Club we use baseball as a tool to build better boys. We try to teach them about the game of life as well as throwing, catching and hitting. Many of the players who have been through the Optimist program are returning as coaches to give back to the program they benefited from. Many families' lives revolve around their children and Optimist Park in the summers. Many kids give back to the Optimist program while they are still in school.

Sign-ups for Optimist baseball and softball will be from 5:30-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week at the Optimist Building. We welcome boys and girls of all races, colors and creeds from ages 5 to 15. If they are involved with other programs, such as soccer, basketball or even another baseball program, we still have a place for them. Every kid will be assigned to a team. Every kid will play. Every kid will have an opportunity to realize their dream of being an athlete.

Last year we had 150 more players than the year before. The program is growing. It would be a shame for a child to miss out. We have scholarships available. If you have children from 5 to 15, please get them signed up. You'll be glad you did. Your children and the community will benefit from their participation.

See you there.
John W. Warner
Pampa

Lone Star State focus of eighth grader's 'travel project'

To the editor,

I am an eighth grade student from San Leandro, Calif. I have chosen your fine state to do a "travel project." I would appreciate any help your readers could give me — post cards, pamphlets and other memorabilia would be wonderful. This assignment is due toward the end of April. Thanks very much.

Tony Machado
C.O. John McLens
1170 Fargo Ave.
San Leandro, CA 94579

Skellytown school is a vital part of the community

To the editor,

In the March 22 edition of *The Pampa News*, there was a story about Skellytown Junior High being moved to White Deer beginning in the 2000-01 school year. The front page headline read "The end of an era." It should have read, "The beginning of the end of Skellytown School." In my opinion, anyone who believes that closing the Skellytown School isn't on the agenda of White Deer ISD Superintendent Robert Parks and the majority of the school board are deluding themselves.

At the beginning of this school year, Mr. Parks announced that the district needed to conduct a re-configuration study of our students to make better use of the district's money. To that end, a so-called re-configuration committee was selected to look at the situation and make recommendations to the school board. However, the members of the committee were not given any monetary figures to work with

so that they could see where the problem was. Town meetings were held supposedly to allow Skellytown and White Deer residents an opportunity to give "input" to the committee.

More than once during these meetings, Mr. Parks was asked for the same monetary figures that would show that something needed to be done. Specifically, a breakdown of the cost per student in both campuses. His answer was, "We don't have those figures available."

Give me a break! He is asking town residents and committee members to help give answers to a problem that he can't or won't prove exists. Question: How are we supposed to make intelligent suggestions when we don't know what the problem is? Answer: We can't! I believe that the committee and the town meetings were just a "smoke

screen." To hide the fact that decisions were already made, they didn't need or want our "input." After all, if economics are the reason changes are necessary, why were the figures not given to either the committee or the general public, unless he was trying to hide something?

One of the problems that Mr. Parks pointed to was the dwindling number of students in Skellytown school. Then the school board votes to take away our junior high? The only thing that will do is, a year or two down the road they can come back and say that the amount of students in the school aren't enough to keep it open.

(See, LETTERS, Page 9)

Junior Service League



(Community Camera photo)

The Junior Service League of Pampa recently inducted the following new members: (left-right) Jennifer Reed, Charlene Gee, LeeErin Freeman and Misty Hood.

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AGRICULTURE

Texas wheat producers bugged out by pests

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — With everything that is "bugging" wheat producers, crops may not be worth saving this season, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports. Although the greenbug population is beginning to decline, the warm weather is bringing in Russian wheat aphids that will likely do just as much damage.

District Extension director Dr. Bob Robinson of Amarillo said these intruding pests will likely cause producers to graze their already suffering wheat crops.

"These bugs are brought in by the warm weather, and eat foliage," he said. "With the price of wheat at under \$2 per bushel, it is not worth spraying these insects."

Russian wheat aphids are a type of aphid that arrived in the United States in 1986. Through the late eighties and early nineties, the insect looked as though it would be a major problem for producers in Texas.

The pest is now considered a periodic pest, and one that is likely to be more prevalent during a drought.

Extension agronomist Dr. Travis Miller of College Station said about two-thirds of the state's wheat crop is in very poor condition, and these bugs certainly don't help.

"Aphids and drought go hand in hand," he said. "Both the greenbug and the Russian wheat aphid are exasperated by the wheat season."

Miller said some regions are seeing more invasion by the bug than others.

"The numbers are still low in regions like the Rolling Plains," he said. "But areas like the High Plains have a lot of bug injury."

Miller said both of the insects contribute to the demise of a wheat crop, and there is very little that can be done during a drought.

"Entomologists don't recommend treatment," he said. "Wheat yield is so low that producers would lose more money spraying the pest than they would earn from the crop."

Extension entomologist Dr. Carl Patrick of Amarillo said when this pest arrives, producers should know the signs.

"The Russian wheat aphid is the same size as the greenbug, but it is more of a lime green, and its body is oval," he said. "This pest's toxin leaves purple and chloric stripes on the plant, which eventually leads to death of the leaf."

Patrick agreed that spraying would not be economical during a drought, but he gave a solution that might work instead.

"Beneficial insect populations like parasitic wasps and ladybugs will help take care of the detrimental pests," he said. "A lot of greenbugs have been treated already this year, and the populations may be able to transfer over to the incoming aphid populations."

Pests can be the determining factor during a drought, and many producers choose to graze in hopes for a better spring crop.

For those who are still not sure which way to get rid of these pests, Patrick said the Extension Service can help.

"The Extension Service has an economic threshold table," he said. "If a grower is finding Russian wheat aphids in his field, they can tell him how to sample it and give him the best economical solution to his problem."

District Extension director Charles Neeb of Fort Stockton said the three to four inches of rain that fell across Far West Texas will help with spring planting season but may not help cattle.

"Pastures received some much needed rain," he said. "However, cattlemen are continuing to cull herds in anticipation of the long, hot summer."

Neeb said the rain was beneficial, but the past will still cause fewer vegetables to be cultivated.

"Some spring vegetable land is being prepared," he said. "But past prices are such that less will be planted this year."

In some parts of the district, there is no new growth of grass or forage, but Neeb said fruits are beginning to bloom.

"Blooming of peach trees is occurring, and pecan buds are breaking on trees," he said. "Apples have bloomed in most orchards."

District Extension director Randy Upshaw of Dallas said most crops in the district are ready to be planted, and most others are faring well.

"Land preparation has increased in the past week," he said. "Although planting of corn and grain sorghum are being delayed by wet weather."

Upshaw said top soil has decent moisture, but subsoil moisture is lacking. Despite this, pastures are looking good.

"Livestock are in good condition," he said. "Prices are strong, and ponds are beginning to fill."

With scattered showers and warm temperatures, Upshaw said wheat has a good yield potential, and other crops are showing just as much likelihood to prosper.

"The district had 85-degree temperatures Friday afternoon," he said. "Forage crops are loving this."

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture is short to adequate. Rains from 1 to 4 inches reported. Land preparation halted until soil dries. Wheat improving. Greenbugs no longer a problem; Russian aphids increasing. Range grasses greening up.

Cattle condition good.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture is short. Rainfall from 2 to 7 inches, hail, high winds reported. Pastures, wheat responding to moisture. Potato planting complete. Onion transplanting complete. Supplemental feeding continues. Land preparation continues.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture is adequate. Soil retaining rainfall. Moisture should improve wheat quality. Stocker cattle on wheat making significant gains. Fruit trees in full bloom. Pecan trees are budding. Ranges, pastures improving. Rain filled stock tanks.

NORTH TEXAS: soil moisture is very short to surplus. Grain and corn planting delayed by wet weather. Scattered showers, mild temperatures reported; subsoil moisture is lacking. Good peach crop expected. Pastures in good condition. Cattle doing well; ponds filling.

EAST TEXAS: soil moisture is short to adequate. Rainfall recorded. Winter pastures, legumes responding to moisture. Cattle in good condition. Spring garden planting under way. Early peaches doing well. Ryegrass and clovers making good progress.

FAR WEST TEXAS: soil moisture is very short. Irrigated wheat is short and struggling. Pastures received much needed rain. Producers culling herds in anticipation of long, hot summer. Onions, chili being planted. Peach trees blooming; some frost damage.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture is very short to short. Scattered showers reported. Wheat outlook is poor due to lack of moisture. Deep soaking rains needed to plant sorghum. Heavy supplemental feeding, water hauling continues. Fruit trees blooming.

CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture is very short. Producers continue feeding hay; they're concerned about stock tank water levels. Home gardening beginning. More rain is needed for summer pastures.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: soil moisture is short to adequate. Fields too wet for planting. Cotton planting beginning. Sorghum, corn stands look good. June bugs causing problems in gardens. Pastures greening up.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: soil moisture is short. Sporadic rainfall recorded in northern part of district. Forage availability below normal. Corn, sorghum have been planted; dryland fields not expected to survive. Vegetable harvest making good progress.

COASTAL BEND: soil moisture is surplus. Weed problems due to heavy rainfall. Fields too wet for planting. Topsoil crusting causing emergence problems for newly planted cotton. Rice planting continues; dry subsoil requiring increased flushing of fields.

SOUTH TEXAS: soil moisture is short to adequate. Planting winding down. Most corn fields emerging and progressing well. Pastures in fair to good condition. Sugarcane responding to recent rains. Melons, watermelons progressing with little pest infestation.



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Recent rain small step in easing water needs of Oklahoma farmers

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Some rain has fallen across Oklahoma during the past week, but it may not be enough to help some of the state's farmers.

"If you've received the recent rainfall you're doing good," said Fred Wyatt, a rancher from Hollister in southwestern Oklahoma.

Wyatt hasn't seen a substantial rainfall since last fall. It's only rained enough to stir up the dust, he said.

Some farmers are having to haul water in or dig out their ponds to compensate for the lack of moisture, Wyatt said.

"But hopefully, Mother Nature will give us something pretty quick," he said.

Wyatt was able to install about 21 miles of water lines on his land with the help of a government program.

"I'm one of the fortunate ones. We worked all winter and that has helped us a bunch," he said. "If they (other farmers) didn't dig out their pond or do anything, they're in terrible shape."

According to the latest report from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, east central, south east and south central Oklahoma are still below normal rainfall levels for the year.

Brian Vance, board hydrologist, said the levels for those regions are 72 percent, 73 percent and 74 percent of normal, respectively.

The rain that has been falling recently is helping those dry areas out tremendously, he said.

Officials at the state Agriculture Department are calling the rainfall "a million dollar rain pattern," said spokesman Jack Carson. The rain will undoubtedly help crops that were in danger, he said.

"It's just a real Godsend for our farmers and ranchers," Carson said. "These early rains are

extremely important for agricultural development. There's really not an aspect of agriculture it didn't affect."

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota State University researchers are crossing breeds of small haired sheep with more traditional ones to produce a larger variety of sheep with hair.

NDSU animal specialist Roger Haugen said the market for wool is so bad that ranchers pay more to shear the sheep than they get for wool at the market.

Why not, he reasoned, develop a breed of sheep that produces hair instead of wool, hair that does not need shearing?

"The entire sheep industry has changed," Haugen said. "Fifteen years ago, a third of sheep producers' revenue came from wool."

Not anymore. Haugen says the change was prompted by the elimination of federal subsidies for wool. Producers now have shifted their attention from wool to producing meat, and are looking for ways to cut costs, he said.

NDSU researchers have mated rams from haired breeds such as Katahdin and Wiltshire Horn with ewes from traditional Hampshire and Columbia varieties. The resulting lambs have hair rather than wool.

Haugen said earlier research suggests it takes three generations of cross breeding to transfer the no-wool characteristic to conventional sheep breeds. He said NDSU's program will test that premise.

Haugen is part of a team of researchers who hope to make haired sheep available to producers through a combination of artificial insemination and breeding enough animals to distribute.

Texas cattle on feed report

AUSTIN — Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.83 million head on March 1, up 8 percent from a year ago. According to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the estimate was down 2 percent from the Feb. 1 level. Producers placed 430,000 head in commercial feedlots during

February, up 8 percent from a year ago, and down 9 percent from the January, 2000 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 490,000 head during February, up 11 percent from a year ago. Monthly marketings were up 5 percent from the January, 2000 total.

On March 1, there were 2.27 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains,

80 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was up 7 percent from last year, and down 2 percent from the January total.

February placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 354,000 head, a decrease of 7 percent from the January total. Marketings were up 3 percent from last month, to 386,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 11.33 million head on March 1, 2000. The inventory was 9 percent above the 10.42 million head March 1, 1999.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.88 million head, 4 percent above 1999. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 351,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 476,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 596,000 head; 800 pounds and greater totaled 457,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 2.05 million head, 12 percent above February 1999, and 11 percent above 1998.

Feeders in the historical seven monthly states with feedlots having a capacity of 1,000 head or more reported 9.70 million head on feed March 1, up 9 percent from last year and 10 percent above March 1, 1998.



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LETTERS

When that happens, there will be a group of very good teachers out of a job, and property values in Skellytown will go down the tubes. Over the last 20-odd years that we have made Skellytown our home, we have bought and sold property and one of the first questions a potential buyer with school age children will ask is "where do the kids go to school?"

Why would anyone with school age kids want to move to a community where they must send their kids 10 miles away to school? In *The Pampa News* story, Mr. Parks is quoted as saying that he didn't believe that taking away the junior high would cause anyone to move away. If that is the last change that is made, he's probably right, but if the school closes, then what?

My wife and I have been considering a move out of this area for quite some time, for reasons having nothing to do with the school, she was much more reluctant than I about moving until this problem arose, but now we will be leaving when school is out this year. We are not alone in our fear of this happening, since we have made our decision to leave I have lost count of the number of people who have told me they wish they could leave, too. And it is the fear of losing the school that is making these people want to leave.

What could the district gain if Skellytown school were to close? Currently, the taxes paid by residents of White Deer and Skellytown are shared between the schools in both towns. If Skellytown were to close, then all of that money and the school equipment such as computers and so on would be used by one campus. However, what if Skellytown could separate and form its own district?

Old time residents will remember that the two used to be separate. And there is no reason they couldn't be again. I understand that all that is needed to do that is to petition the State Legislature for the right to separate and form another district. Then, all of the taxes paid by Skellytown residents would benefit Skellytown students. Imagine what kind of a school that would make for Skellytown kids! Then there could be more money available for things such as advanced courses that would give the students a leg up in this more and more competitive world. Skellytown Elementary has already been rated as an exemplary campus, but with the advantages that could be offered as an independent district, improvements could be made and the Skellytown community would be more attractive to young families.

Perhaps, best of all, would be the advantage of being able to elect a school board and hire a superintendent that could concentrate their efforts on Skellytown alone.

Rick Woody,
Skellytown

Students display of respect was a nice thing to do ...

To the editor,

I conducted funeral services for Mrs. Velma Heil Wednesday, March 8. On the way to the cemetery, we passed the Pampa High School on Harvester Street.

I was impressed by the way the students stopped and stood respectfully as the funeral procession passed, even those who were playing on the tennis courts.

What a nice thing for them to do. We hear bad things about our youth. I saw some good things going on. God bless.

Howard Swinney, retired Church of Christ minister

WTAMU to present Showcase of Music

CANYON — Students in the West Texas A&M University Department of Music and Dance will showcase their talent in instrumental, classical, jazz and choral music at WTAMU's 19th Annual Showcase of Music beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, April 14 at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

The annual program netted more than \$20,000 for student scholarships last year and more than \$250,000 since the program's inception. The two-hour performance, sponsored by the Amarillo Globe-News, includes soloists, chamber ensembles and a 100-member choral and instrumental group.

"Since all the money raised goes to scholarships, this showcase is very important to our department and to the students," Doug Storey, associate professor of music and chair of the Music Showcase Committee, said.

Groups slated to perform include Symphonic Band, Double Reed Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, French Horn Choir, Music Therapy Club, Clarinet Choir, Combined Choir, Sforzando, Jazz Band, Trumpet Choir, Flute Choir, Piano Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble and WTAMU Orchestra.

A saxophone quartet made up of four WTAMU students won the Jent's House of Music Showcase Student Competition and a spot on the Showcase program. The group's members are Corey Black, bari-

tone saxophone and a senior music major from Odessa; Gilbert Del Bosque, alto saxophone and a senior music major from Brownville; John McDaniel, alto saxophone and a sophomore music major from Midland; and John Tegmeyer, tenor saxophone and a freshman music major from Las Cruces, N.M.

A traditional preconcert show will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium lobby. The runner-up in the student competition, I Musici, will perform "Carmina Burana, Movement 9" by Carl Orff, arranged by John Krance. I Musici, which stands for the musician in Italian, is a student organized wind ensemble made up of about 60 performers.

"This is definitely the most exciting concert the department produces each year," Dr. Ted DuBois, head of the Department of Music and Dance, said. "The groups have prepared some of their finest work for this performance."

Admission to the concert is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets are available in Canyon from the WTAMU music office located in Room 102 of the Fine Arts Building on the WTAMU campus, and in Amarillo from Tolzien Music Company and Randy's Music Mart. Tickets are available at the door; all seats are general admission. For more information, contact the Department of Music and Dance at (806) 651-2840.

All-Region Jazz Band



(Special photo)

Eleven Pride of Pampa Band members earned places in the All-Region Jazz Band recently. The students participated in a concert and clinic with Doug Storey, professor at West Texas A&M University. Pampa had more students in the jazz band than any other school in the region. Above: (left-right) Ryan Bradley, Wesley Warren, Matt Dyer, Josh Ellis, Kandra Poole, Jonathan Brockington, Amanda Lee, John Johnson, Amanda Dyson, Reece Watson and Bradley Stucker.



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Ill-effects of asbestos often crop up years later

By BEN DOBBIN
Associated Press Writer

IRONDEQUOIT, N.Y. (AP) — Dave Creighton didn't venture outside his air-conditioned home for six humid weeks last summer.

In the fall, no longer able to resist the lure of the outdoors, the stocky 56-year-old dressed up in blaze orange, borrowed a small tractor and trundled through the woods behind his hunting buddies. But he found himself gasping for air and soon quit from exhaustion.

Creighton thinks his lungs were irreparably damaged in the mid-1960s, during his early years as a mechanic stripping turbines at Rochester Gas & Electric Corp. He never felt any ill-effects at the time. Thirty years sailed by before he noticed a shortness of breath.

The culprit is asbestos, the onetime miracle insulation fiber that now kills as many as 10,000 people a year in the United States.

Since his diagnosis in 1996 with asbestosis, a scarring of the lungs that leaves victims prey to cancer and heart failure, Creighton's lung capacity has been steadily declining. It is now just 60 percent of what it should be.

Sitting at his kitchen table in this Rochester suburb with his wife, Nancy, he lists the good things he can't do anymore: Fish, camp, tramp up and down hills, haul wood for a chainsaw-artist friend, help neighbors out with "bull work."

"I don't do any of that anymore," he said, lower lip quivering, eyes opening wide to hold back the tears. "It's been something I would never wish on my worst enemy."

In 1972, the federal government banned the use of asbestos in workplaces, chiefly shipyards, chemical and power plants, construction sites and other industrial locations where it had been valued

Some 27 million American workers were exposed to asbestos between 1940 and 1980, Nicholson found. Deaths from asbestos-linked cancers peaked at 9,000 to 10,000 a year through 2000 and will slowly fall but remain substantial for three more decades, he said.

for its insulation and fireproofing powers since the turn of the 20th century.

But 20 to 40 years can pass before the inhaled needlelike fibers manifest themselves in harmful ways — from relatively mild lung impairment to a string of deadly cancers.

"There is this sort of time-bomb effect," said Dr. William Beckett, a University of Rochester professor of environmental medicine. "Many people who have worked with asbestos are very concerned about it and get frequent checkups."

A 1982 study by Mount Sinai School of Medicine predicted 365,000 asbestos-related deaths by 2030, and those findings are largely holding up, said lead researcher Dr. William Nicholson, a professor emeritus of community medicine at the New York City school.

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"It may very well go the way of polio," said lawyer Dennis Herron, who helped Creighton obtain Social Security disability compensation, worker's compensation and out-of-court payments from assorted companies that made, sold or distributed asbestos.

In this manufacturing region of nearly 1 million people on Lake Ontario's southern shore,

lawyers handle "a solid 100 asbestos cases a year," said Herron's former partner, Joe Rinere. In the latest settlement in January, 17 retired Rochester Gas & Electric workers were paid \$2 million. Three are already dead of cancer.

Above all other product-liability cases, asbestos lawsuits clog dockets in state and federal courts. About 200,000 claims are pending, and as many as 1 million have been filed so far, said Beth Caputo of Mealey Publications, which tracks litigation in the nation's courts.

Asbestos makers have already forked out tens of billions of dollars in damages, and dozens of companies have been bankrupted. The erratic scale of payouts, however, is quickening a debate in Congress over how courts should handle the torrent of claims.

Tony Giancursio, 67, a plumber who apparently was exposed while training as a pipe fitter at Eastman Kodak Co.'s film manufacturing plant in the 1950s, had a lung removed soon after his diagnosis in 1996 with mesothelioma, a rare cancer of the chest and abdomen that killed him inside nine months.

An athletic, 200-pound ex-Marine with eight children, Giancursio could no longer eat solids and became tormented by the smell of food. His stomach ballooned as he wasted away.

"He was in such pain," said his wife of 44 years, Grace. "Every night, he was afraid to

go to sleep. He'd want each one of the kids to stay over. To see a big, healthy man like he was end up being an absolute skeleton, it was a horrible nightmare."

Aside from worrying about lung cancer, Creighton fears his breathing will get shallower until he is tethered to an oxygen machine.

After a two-year stint as a Navy machinist, Creighton joined his hometown utility in 1964. Working on a turbine repair crew, he often had to remove huge chunks of brittle asbestos insulation with a claw hammer.

"There were days I can remember turning back and looking at that machine and it was one big cloud, nothing but asbestos," he said. "We wore no protective uniforms or masks."

Many of his former colleagues died before reaching retirement. Creighton's disability keeps him from the everyday tinkering around the house he once enjoyed so much.

"He was a very physical person. He could open anything — I don't care how tight it was," his wife said with a laugh, prompting Creighton to lift up his arm to display the flabbiness of his muscles.

Sometimes, the reminders cut deeply. At a zoo a few years back, his toddler grandson "put his arms up for me to pick him up and carry him," he recalled. "I couldn't carry him that far. You don't think that didn't hurt?"

One thing that keeps him going, he said, is the prospect of touring the country in their unused motor home once his wife retires with a pension in 2002 from her job as a high school math teacher.

"I've still got things to keep me living," Creighton said firmly. "It's not the quality that I'd like, but you go on."

AHA Art Gala



(Community Camera photo by Nancy Paronto)

Tricia Nera, volunteer for the American Heart Association, thanks Amy Pennington, physical therapist, for the Cardiac Rehabilitation program at Pampa Regional Medical Center for its support of the American Heart Association's annual Art Gala slated at 7 p.m. April 8 in M.K. Brown Auditorium. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 665-0356.

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Researchers exploring water quality management

BUSHLAND — At the Bushland USDA-Agricultural Research Service and Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station experimental feedlot here, a remarkable team of scientists is quietly going about their work. Their findings, however, may well affect the way cattle feeding operations are designed and operated all over the state.

To the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the facility and its research are of particular interest. The results of research here could eventually find its way into the water quality management plans the TSSWCB certifies for smaller feedlot operators as part of its mission to reduce agricultural sources of nonpoint source pollution, noted Charley Rodgers, manager of the TSSWCB's Hale Center regional office.

Water quality management plans are voluntary, site-specific plans, which include land treatment practices, production practices, technologies and implementation schedules. These plans ensure farming or ranching operations are carried out in a manner consistent with state water quality goals.

"There are many states that haven't gotten to the point of trying to develop guidelines. The State of Texas is really ahead in this area," noted Dr. Nolan Clark, laboratory director and agricultural engineer, ARS.

Other partners working with ARS and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station include West Texas A&M University, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. Texas Tech University and New Mexico State University are also active in the research programs.

Researchers are examining all

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facets of cattle feedlot operations. Part of their work involves scrutinizing the design and management recommendations currently being made to feedlot operators. Scientists are also looking at new ideas which could mean improved animal nutrition and health, a lessening of feedlot impacts on water quality, and the ability of feedlot operators to continue to maintain food safety and quality.

"We have a unique capability of being able to go in and monitor and double check all of the design parameters that we use. We can evaluate the processes and make sure we have the best guidelines. We can see if everything that we are saying in calculations matches up with what is actually happening in a managed feed yard," Clark said.

The heart of the on-going research centers around 18 cattle pens, each designed to hold 10-15 head of beef cattle. The row of rectangular pens slopes downhill at a precise 4.0 percent slope, with each pen terminating in what looks like a giant funnel. Near the end of the funnel, or flume, is a monitoring station.

"We are instrumenting each pen individually so we can measure the run-off from each pen. We are not only measuring the amount of run-off, we are also sampling the run-off and deter-

mining all of its components. The procedure varies from one project to the other as to what we look at in detail," Clark explained.

One aspect of research at the facility is looking at what cattle are fed. Researchers are studying how different mixtures and amounts of nutrients are digested by cattle, and in particular, how feed affects the animals' waste.

"Right now we are looking at the role a particular yeast product has on increasing nutrient digestibility and reducing waste output," said Dr. Wayne Greene, professor and animal science ruminant nutritionist, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and West Texas A&M University.

"If we can find a treatment that increases feed digestibility by five percent, we would reduce the amount of waste excreted by that animal by 25 percent," Greene said.

Other research is looking at how manure from feedlots can be integrated into other systems of agricultural production. Scientists will be using manure from the feedlot to fertilize wheat, sorghum and native vegetation in adjacent test pastures.

"This is going to be a showcase for land area requirements for balancing certain nutrients," added Dr. Brent Auvermann,

assistant professor, agricultural engineering/environmental systems, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"We will be able to show producers, in terms of soil samples, why we say you need 'x' number of acres for land application of waste, per head of beef cattle," Auvermann said.

"There's a lot of things going on here that allow us, with a few head of cattle, to study everything from animal health, animal performance, to water and air quality, and manure and wastewater utilization," said Dr. John Sweeten, professor and resident director of research, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

One of the newer areas of research is air quality, which includes odor, ammonia, and dust control. It is especially important to determine how practices for water quality management also influence air quality parameters. The two have rarely been studied together, yet those are the concerns that the producers are facing over the next few years," Sweeten said.

Though they come from diverse backgrounds and specialize in different areas of research, the scientists here do have one thing in common, a sense of pride in the work they are doing.

"I think this is a tremendous service to the general public, though much of the public is not even aware of the service that's provided," Clark noted.

"What the State of Texas is doing, especially through the TSSWCB, is allowing producers to come in and develop a system to protect water quality," he said.



(Special photo)

Concrete flumes at the end of each pen help researchers at the experimental feedlot in Bushland measure nutrient run-off in various cattle feeding trials.

Community Calendar

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY announces a children's program at 10 a.m. each Tuesday from Jan. 11-May 16. Open to all children ages 18-months to five years. Programs include crafts and stories.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS meet the fourth 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. **RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION** meets at 2 p.m. the third Monday of every month at the Senior Citizens Center. For more information, contact Carolyn Smith, 665-5158.

FIRST PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH hosts "Second Sunday Singing" from 2-4 p.m. the second Sunday of each month. Singers and musicians from all over perform congregational singing. The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, call Mina Towey, 665-8529.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM will celebrate its 30th anniversary in the Year 2000. A new exhibit, "A Season of Change, 1900-200," will go up in January to celebrate the anniversary and the millennium. The exhibit will run from January-September.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM will be selling leaves and rocks to go on the new bronze Heritage which is in the Holland Wing. The items may be purchased all year as memorials and tributes to families, family members and friends.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER support groups for victims of family violence — both women and children — meet every Thursday evening. For more information, call Diane about the adult support groups, 669-1788, and Nita about the children's support groups, 669-1131.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER Coordinating Council meets

once a month. For more information, call Ann, 669-1131.

MEALS ON WHEELS Garage Sale, 900 N. Frost, will be every Monday throughout February and April. For more information, call Cindy Gindorf, 669-1007.

PAMPA YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER Water Aerobics class will be from 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Frankie Hildenbrand, 669-3713, or Lee, Betty or Liz at Pampa Youth Center, 665-0748. **PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL** office will be open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. PALC volunteers work with people who need basic reading/writing skills as well as English as a second language. For more information, call 665-2331.

GIRL SCOUTS are still taking orders for cookie sales. The cookies will arrive in Pampa Feb. 18 and will be delivered March 9. Look for booths in area businesses. To place an order, contact a Girl Scout or call 669-6862 or 665-2751.

GRAY COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY HEADQUARTERS located in the Combs-Worley Building, 120 W. Kingsmill, Suite 202. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 669-1276.

APRIL TRALEE CRISIS CENTER National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Tralee will coordinate a project to help with community awareness. For more information, call 669-1131.

8 - HEART GALA ART AUCTION and reception to benefit Heart Research, American Heart Association, at the M.K. Brown Auditorium. Cost is \$15 per person. For more information, call Veronica Kirkwood, 665-0356.

15 - NATIONAL REGISTER PLAQUE DEDICATION and Community Awards will be at 2 p.m. in Gray County Court House, second floor, court room. For more information,

call Darlene Birkes, 665-2913.

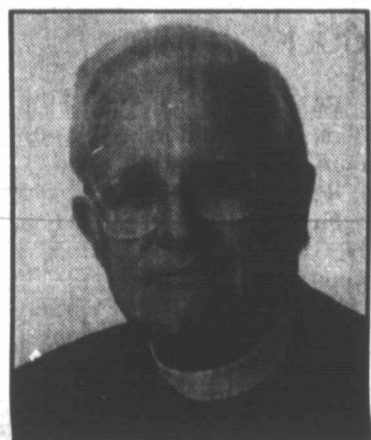
18 - PAMPA SOCCER ASSOCIATION "Annual Meeting" will be at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, call 669-1273 and leave a message.

18 - THE GREATER PAMPA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Luncheon will be held in the M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

20 - PFAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. For more information, call 665-0343.

20-22 - ACT I COMMUNITY THEATRE will present "A Night of One Acts" directed by Eric DeMar and Debra Hartman. For more information, call Berinda at 665-9369 or Shelia at 665-3291.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Preaching Mission



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church is pleased to announce that The Rt. Rev. Sam Husley, Former rector of St. Matthew's and retired bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas, will be the preacher for St. Matthew's annual preaching mission on April 9th and 10th. Bishop Husley was the rector at St. Matthew's from April, 1966 to May, 1973. He later served as Bishop of the Diocese of Northwest Texas from December, 1980 to December, 1997.

Bishop Husley will preach and celebrate the Holy Eucharist on Sunday, April 9th at both the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services. Breakfast will be served between the two services. Bishop Husley will preach at the 6:00 PM service on April 9th and at 12:15 PM and 7:00 PM on Monday, April 10th.

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BASKETBALL

CANADIAN — Senior guard Josh Ellison of Canadian was named to the Class 2A All-State second team this season by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

The 6-0 Ellison averaged 12 points per game, 6.6 rebounds and 3.5 assists for the Wildcats this season. He was the named the district's most valuable player.

Ellison has been the Wildcats' top scorer the past two seasons and is a three-year letterman.

FISHING

PAMPA — The High Plains Bass Anglers, an affiliate of the Honey Hole BCA, opened the 2000 fishing season at Lake Alan Henry.

Bill Allen took top honors with a total of 8.44 pounds. Randy Hinds was second (7.06) and Benny Baker was third (3.80).

Allen won the Big Bass award with 4.79 pounds.

A total of 11 members fished the tournament.

For more information about the club, contact Benny Baker at 665-6111 or Keith Woods at 665-3379.

The club meets the first Tuesday of the month at Topographic Land Surveyors, 2225 Perryton Parkway at 7:30 p.m.

GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills Seniors Association held a four-man scramble last weekend.

Results are as follows:

First place: Jerry Davis, Howard Wells, Bill Abernathy and James Lee, 64.

Second place: Jerry Dorman, Jim Bridges, Waldon Haynes, O.K. Lee and Rex Courter, 65.

Third place: Jack Mitchell, T. Lamberson, Jack Davis and Gene Winegart, 65.

Fourth place: Bob Conway, Bob Brandon, Irvin Williams and Everett Butler, 66.

BASEBALL

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Willie Mays was too busy to cry. "I didn't have time, I guess," said the Hall of Famer, who was at the center of daylong grand-opening festivities Friday for the San Francisco Giants' new \$320 million waterfront ballpark.

"I'm sure sometime I'll cry and I'm sure you guys will find out about it. I think this is the kind of thing that will hit me in about a week."

On the same day the Giants' inaugurated their new park with an 8-3 exhibition victory over the Milwaukee Brewers, the team paid tribute to the greatest player in its storied history, unveiling a 9-foot tall statue of Mays outside the main entrance. Later, Mays threw the ceremonial first pitch to his godson, Barry Bonds.

Even the stadium's address presented a link to the center fielder: 24 Willie Mays Plaza.

"I'd like to say I feel like the luckiest man in the world for having so many friends," Mays said at the statue unveiling, which drew a noontime crowd of 5,000 people.

The tributes to the 68-year-old Mays, regarded as one of the best all-around players in baseball history, ranged from Mayor Willie Brown's proclamation of "Say Hey Kid Day," to remembrances from former Birmingham Black Barons teammate Rev. Bill Greason to the hand-crafted signs in the crowd reading simply "Thanks No. 24."

"I'm just happy they decided to do this while you're living. I wouldn't want to have come out here and said, 'As I knew him ...'" Greason said.

Also on hand for the statue unveiling were commissioner Bud Selig, who flew back from baseball's season-opening series in Japan between the Mets and Cubs, actor-comedian Bill Cosby, two of Mays' former managers, Herman Franks and Charlie Fox, former Giants great Bobby Thomson, and the 2000 edition of the Giants.

College Volleyball signees



Redlands Community College of El Reno, Okla. signed Pampa volleyball players Anne Gaddis and Lindsey Earl to athletic scholarships. Pictured (front, l-r) Redlands coach Kristin Berglan, Gaddis, Earl and Pampa head coach Carmen Pennick; (back, l-r) Anne's mother, Kelley Bowers; and Lindsey's parents, Velma and Melvin Earl. Gaddis is a 5-11 middle blocker and Earl a 5-8 setter and outside hitter.

Two favorites are left after 62 games

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sixty-two games have come and gone, five rounds of play are in the books.

Just two teams remain in the NCAA women's basketball tournament, and to no one's surprise, they are top-ranked Connecticut and No. 2 Tennessee. The Philly final that most everyone expected is here at last.

The two giants of their sport will square off Sunday night in the national championship game, their third meeting this season and the second time they have played for the NCAA title.

Those who played it safe with their brackets got this one right.

"I think everybody has been waiting for this game," Connecticut's Shea Ralph said. "It's definitely fate. It's going to be a big battle. We've prepared, we've worked hard and we're ready for it."

Connecticut (35-1) and Tennessee (33-3) most assuredly have been waiting for this chance.

UConn, which beat Penn State 89-67 in Friday night's semifinals, has not been to the championship game since it beat Tennessee 70-63 to win its only title in 1995.

Tennessee, a 64-54 winner over Rutgers, won three straight titles from 1996-98. But coach Pat Summitt's team didn't even get to the Final Four last year, losing

Women's Final Four

to Duke in the regional final.

"I was saying to Pat Summitt the other day, you know, years like last year when they have the best team and they don't get here, I think God does that to you to make you appreciate the years you do get there even more," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said.

"One little thing can go wrong and you don't make it. Being good is not good enough. So the fact that we are good enough and fortunate enough to be here, I think we cherish this as much as anything."

The Huskies and Lady Vols split their regular-season games, each winning on the other's court. Both have All-Americans and both have talent that extends deep into their benches. Any one of several players is capable of a big night. In the semifinals, it was the point guards.

Connecticut's Sue Bird and Tennessee's Kara Lawson both scored 19 points.

Lawson helped Tennessee crack Rutgers' baffling matchup zone in the second half after the Scarlet Knights (26-8) stymied the Lady Vols for much of the game. Bird went 5-for-7 on 3-point shots, had five assists and

did not commit a turnover.

"She has been the MVP of our team this year," Ralph said. "She has taken us for a wild ride in the tournament and every time we need to step up, she takes our team where we want to go."

Connecticut showed off its stunning depth in beating the Lady Lions (30-5), who were in their first Final Four. Ralph a first-team All-American, scored only nine points. Svetlana Abrosimova, another first-team All-American, scored 14 but made only 4-of-12 shots.

That did not slow the Huskies in the least. Reserve Ashja Jones scored 16 points and Tamika Williams came off the bench to get 10.

"We got contributions from everybody," Bird said.

Andrea Garner led Penn State with 19 points and Lisa Shepherd scored 15. Connecticut alternated defenders on point guard Helen Darling, the Big Ten's player of the year, and held her scoreless.

"It was just an off night for me," Darling said. "There was nothing I could do about it but continue to play hard. I think that's what I did, try to pick it up defensively and create some turnovers. Offensively, I wasn't playing well. You have those nights sometimes."

Rutgers did what it had to do against Tennessee, which was pin the Lady Vols in a halfcourt

game with its pesky defense and patience on offense. For the longest time, Tennessee couldn't find an open spot anywhere.

Then Lawson took charge by driving right into the teeth of the defense. She had two key baskets and national player of the year Tamika Catchings scored five points as Tennessee broke a 36-36 tie with a 13-3 run and led the rest of the way.

"I think in the first half we really played on our heels and we weren't in the attack mode," Lawson said. "We let Rutgers dictate how we were going to play offensively. So in the second half, we really wanted to push tempo and try to put them on their heels."

Catchings finished with 13 points and 12 rebounds after scoring just two points in the first half. Michelle Snow added 10 points and blocked seven shots, a Final Four record.

Shawnetta Stewart, Tasha Pointer and Linda Miles each scored 11 points for Rutgers, which has advanced farther in the tournament each succeeding year in the past three. But it was small consolation for coach Vivian Stringer, who spent 12 years at nearby Cheyney State.

"I am impatient because I just don't believe we have to go through those steps," Stringer said. "I just felt like this was the moment, this was the time."

Berkman's homer rallies Astros past Yankees

HOUSTON (AP) — Lance Berkman is headed for Triple-A New Orleans to start the season but at least he left a positive impression.

Berkman hit a solo homer in the ninth inning Friday night to rally the Houston Astros to their eighth last-at-bat victory of the spring and they remained unbeaten in two games at new Enron Field with a 6-5 victory over the New York Yankees.

"As much fun as it is, it's still a business and things like that are out of my control," Berkman said. "We've got a great bunch of guys down there and while it's fun to be in this ball park, as soon as I get down there, I know I'm going to enjoy playing with those guys."

Berkman led the Astros with seven spring training homers and Ricky Ledee led the Yankees with seven homers this

spring, including the first ever in Enron Field on Thursday night and he hit another Friday that gave New York a 5-4 lead.

"It seems easy to hit the ball out of here," Ledee said. "The ball really seems to fly. During batting practice, you saw a lot of balls go out. I think this is going to be a good hitter's ball park."

Trailing 5-4 after Ledee's homer, the Astros tied it in the eighth on Julio Lugo's sacrifice fly and won on Berkman's homer off Mike Stanton (0-1). Doug Henry (1-0) pitched the ninth for the victory.

The Astros new home has agreed with Jeff Bagwell. He went 3-for-4 in Thursday's opener and he was 2-for-3 Friday with two RBIs.

After going hitless Thursday night, Yankees catcher Jorge Posada hit a solo homer in the fifth inning that tied the score at

3-3 and hit an RBI double in the sixth that tied the score at 4-4.

Bagwell had put the Astros ahead 4-3 with a run-scoring single in the fifth inning.

The Astros got a 3-0 lead in the third inning off starter David Cone on a grounder by Craig Biggio and singles by Bagwell and Ken Caminiti.

Cone, making his final start before the regular season, went 4.1 innings, allowed nine hits, four earned runs and walked two.

"I felt good tonight," Cone said. "All my stuff was there. I'd like a better result, but they have a good lineup and they put it to me. You have to give them credit because they're a good team."

"I thought my stuff was the best of the spring. I'd like to be a little sharper with my location but I had all my pitches. I think I'm ready to go."

Jose Lima pitched six innings with eight hits, two walks and five strikeouts. He allowed 30 homers last season and has given up six this spring.

"I'm not complaining. I got to the sixth inning and threw 93 pitches," Lima said. "The thing is, this doesn't count. This is spring, but as long as I get my innings, in I'm happy. I learned a little more about this park."

Despite hit power, manager Larry Dierker expects Berkman to begin the year in Triple-A.

"He's got opposite field power like I haven't seen before," Dierker said. "He'll definitely make you rethink your whole idea of how much experience a guy needs. But when we step back and set this all in perspective, we'll probably come up with the same conclusion, but it sure has been fun watching him this spring."

NBA races tighten up

By The Associated Press

The NBA's playoff seeding races got as little tighter, with Charlotte passing Toronto in the East and Seattle moving within a half-game of Sacramento in the West.

Charlotte got a career-high 31 points from Anthony Mason to beat Toronto 110-101 in overtime Friday night, and Gary Payton had 35 points and 16 assists in Seattle's 123-108 victory over Sacramento.

In other games, the Los Angeles Lakers beat Philadelphia 100-88, Indiana beat Minnesota 109-85, Orlando beat New Jersey 103-97, Phoenix beat Detroit 98-97, Utah beat Golden State 114-97, New York beat Vancouver 89-83 and Washington beat Boston 104-102.

Mason also had 14 rebounds and a season-high 11 assists as the Hornets scored eight straight points in overtime to clinch their fifth straight win and overtake slumping Toronto for fifth place in the East.

Mason also was 15-for-15 from the free-throw line and has hit 26 in a row.

"We knew it was going to be a dogfight," Mason said. "We were able to impose our will on them in overtime."

Besides his offensive feats, Mason also found the energy to guard Toronto's Vince Carter, who scored a team-high 31 points but was only 12-of-30 shots from the field.

"We just have to shake it off," Carter said. "It's rough time for us right now. Things didn't go our way."

The Raptors have lost six of their last seven games.

SuperSonics 123, Kings 108

At Seattle, the Sonics (41-31) moved within half-game of the Kings (41-30) in the race for seventh spot in the Western Conference standings.

The Sonics scored a season-high 69 points in the first half in rolling to a 20-point lead. The Kings got no closer than 15 during the second half.

The Sonics beat the Kings for the first time in three meetings this season. The teams played for the final time in the regular season on April 18 in Sacramento — a game that could decide the seventh and eighth spots.

Vin Baker was more than a 6-foot-11 jump shooter against the Kings. He grabbed 14 rebounds, blocked a shot and took two charges. Rashard Lewis came off the bench and added 20 points and eight rebounds.

Predrag Stojakovic led the Kings with 23 points. Chris Webber had 22 points, 12 rebounds and six assists.

Lakers 100, 76ers 88

At Los Angeles, Shaquille O'Neal had 37 points, 14 rebounds and eight blocks as the Lakers won their eighth straight and 27th in 28 games.

O'Neal moved ahead of Philadelphia's Allen Iverson in the NBA scoring race as Iverson was held to 15 points on 6-of-20 shooting. O'Neal is averaging 29.07 points to Iverson's 28.918.

Matt Geiger had 20 points and Toni Kukoc 19 for the 76ers.

The victory ran the Lakers' record against Eastern Conference teams to 26-3, with Sunday's game against the New York Knicks their last against an Eastern Conference opponent.

Pacers 109, Timberwolves 85 At Indianapolis, Reggie Miller scored 19 first-half points, becoming the 25th-leading scorer in NBA history, and finished with 26.

His showing represented a turnaround from Indiana's last three games, all losses. The Pacers' career scoring leader connected on just 15-of-41 shots from the field, scoring 41 points, over that span.

"We have a month left to get ready for the playoffs. We were playing a team that has been playing very well since the All-Star break," Miller said. "We moved the basketball. We got some good shots and our defense was in sync tonight. We were rotating."

Travis Best matched his career high of 27 points, shooting 12-of-16 from the field, and Jalen Rose added 21 for Indiana.

Magic 103, Nets 97

At Orlando, Ron Mercer scored a game-high 22 points and Bo Outlaw finished with 16 points, nine rebounds and seven assists.

Managers, coaches named in 9-10 Cal Ripken League

Managers and coaches in the Optimist 9-10 Cal Ripken Baseball League were announced by Commissioner Mondo Ramirez this week.

"We are delighted to have several new managers to blend in with managers who coached last year," he said. "We need more coaches in our league," Ramirez said. "We are expecting more teams and need adults to help." He can be reached at 665-1248.

Joe Davis will return to manage Dunlap Industrial for a second time. He previously coached in T-ball, the pitching machine leagues and the 16 to 18 league. This win be his seventh year to coach Optimist baseball. He and his wife, Kin-4 have two sons, Adam, 18, and Jacob, 10.

He has worked for Celanese for 10 years. He is currently an emergency brigade commander.

"My whole world revolved around Optimist baseball in the summers when I was growing up," Davis said. "I am enjoying giving the kids of today the opportunity I had then. I never realized how much the adults sacrificed when I had the opportunity to play ball. It makes me appreciate what they did for me."

"I think a lot about the coaches I had in the past, the things they did, the things they said to me," Davis continued. "I hope to have the same positive influence on kids today that my coaches had on me when I was growing up. It is a warm feeling to have friends who are 9 and 10 years old."

Steve Busse will manage Dean's Pharmacy for a second year. "I have helped coach baseball in other towns, and this is my second year to coach here," Busse said. "I grew up in Pampa Optimist baseball and went from the Farm League all the way through Babe Ruth." He is employed for Agrum in Borger as a rotating equipment specialist.

He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Busse has three boys: Jerrod, 13, Taylor, 10, and Jeremy, 9. He helped coach The Storm in Optimist football last year.

"I am pleased to give back to the program which gave so much to me," Busse commented. "I want the boys to have fun and have a good experience with it. It is a lot of fun for me too." Busse explained his goals in coaching: "I built a good relationship with the adult coaches who helped me when I was growing up. I want the kids to have a good relationship with adults other than their parents. This will help them feel more comfortable with adults." He will be assisted by Scooter Bradshaw.

Ron Carr returns to manage First State Bank of Miami again.

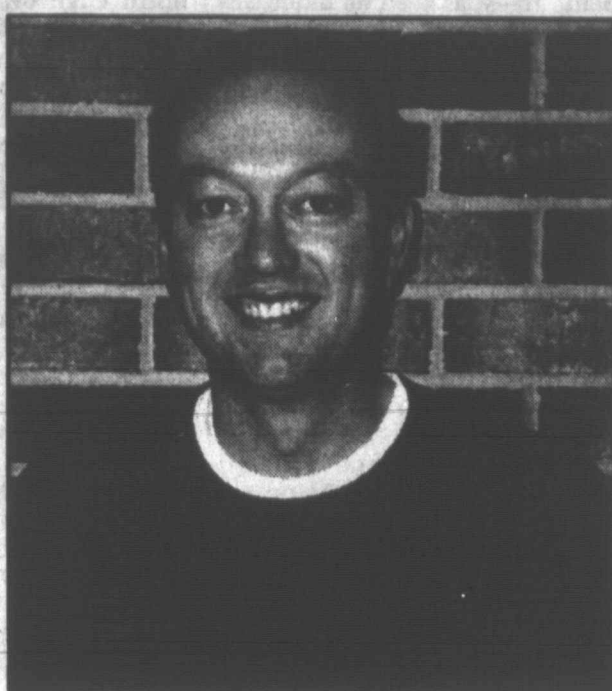
He has coached Optimist football for a year, Optimist basketball for two years and baseball for a year. He is self-employed at Ron Carr Construction. He and his wife, Sandy, have three children. Jonathan, 11, Aaron, 9, and Shelby, three.

"I feel teaching kids how to work as a team and teaching them to put in the effort to accomplish their goals will benefit them in whatever they do later in life," Carr said. "Being involved in sports can deter a lot of young people from getting in trouble on down the road. Last year the community of Miami got behind our baseball teams. We had huge crowds at the games held in Miami. Optimist baseball was a very positive experience for our players, our parents and our community."

Ed Copeland is the new manager of The Operating Company. This is his second year to coach baseball. He has coached indoor soccer for two years and outdoor soccer for five years.

Copeland and his wife, Amanda, have two children. Colby is nine. Haley is six. Copeland is a deacon, an adult Sunday School teacher and preaches on Wednesday nights for the Faith Advent Christian Fellowship Church in Pampa. He is employed by the Gray County in the District Adult Probation Department.

"I am looking forward to working with the kids,"



Dan McGuire is an assistant coach of The Operating Company.

Copeland declared. "It is important to help the kids become better people through sports. Baseball increases their physical and mental abilities and helps in their adult lives if they participate when they are children. I think sportsmanship and fair play are very important things for kids to learn from baseball." He will be assisted by Dan McGuire and Randy Dyson.

The new manager for FirstBank Southwest is Monte Covalt.

Covalt has coached Optimist baseball or softball for 10 years. He has coached Optimist football two years, Optimist girls' basketball for seven years and a year in Optimist boys' basketball.

Covalt coached soccer for two years. He has served as Commissioner of Optimist Girls' Basketball for two years and Optimist Boys' Basketball for a year. He has been on the Optimist Board of Directors for six years and is currently serving as President. An employee of Celanese for 13 years, he is a member of the First Baptist Church. He and Laura, his wife, are the parents of Calli 16, Abbi, 13, and John Luke, 9.

"I played Optimist baseball from the time I was nine until I graduated from high school," Covalt said. "I am enjoying giving back to the community which helped me so much when I was growing up. So many coaches gave their time teaching me to make good choices in life and helping to shape me to be the person I am today," Covalt explained. "I learned many things through Optimist sports, I want to share with the youth of today that our goals are achievable if we are willing to have the dedication to work hard enough."

Billy West will take over the manager's duties for Celanese. He has worked for Celanese as an operator for three years. He is married to Mistie. They have two children: Coleby, 9, and Brett, 2. He has coached baseball for two years. This is his first year to be a manager.

West is a Deacon for the Calvary Baptist Church. He has taught an adult marriage Sunday School Class for five years. He has helped with Vacation Bible School for six years and with the Hallowed House at Halloween for four years.

"I like helping kids," West said. "I played baseball nearly all my life. Baseball helps kids to meet new people, have fun and get good exercise too."

"All players will need to sign up on April 4, 5 or 6 at the Optimist Building," Ramirez said. "Players who were in the 9-10 League last year will usually remain on the same team. Players moving up from the 7-8 League and players who did not play last year will need to tryout. We are looking forward to having a great time this year."

Sindelar leads BellSouth Classic

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — Joey Sindelar is as qualified as anyone to discuss slumps.

He's been mired in one so far this season, missing the cut in six events before turning things around to take a one-stroke lead into today's third round of the BellSouth Classic.

He's gone through other slumps during his first 19 years on the PGA Tour.

Do they worry him? "It depends on what is wrong," said Sindelar, who has overcome a broken wrist and stress fracture in his foot.

"For the last month and a half, I feel like a guy walking around and there is a bunch of rakes in the front yard and I keep stepping on them and hitting myself in the nose."

Sindelar said he has had slumps where he wasn't playing well and didn't know where he was going. "That," he said, "is bad."

This slump isn't like that, he said.

"This slump is more of a scoring ability. Come on let's get with it, quit making the dumb mistakes kind. Got to play your way through this rather than the ball-striking kind of slump that is very painful, and I am very happy to not be there."

His slump hasn't shown itself during his first two trips around the hilly TPC Sugarloaf layout north of Atlanta.

He shot a 6-under-par 66 on Friday for a 10-under 134 total.

John Huston was second after a 67.

It took an even-par 144 total to make the cut. Seventy-seven players survived the cut, and one more may join them early today when Jimmy Green shows up to play the 18th hole. He elected not to finish Friday when the horn blew to suspend play for darkness.

He stands at 1 under through 17 and needs a bogey or better to survive the cut.

First-round leader Paul Stankowski and Phil Mickelson were two strokes back. Stankowski shot a 70, and Mickelson had a 69.

Six others were tied at 137 — Harrison Frazar with a 68, Dave Stockton and Gary Nicklaus with 69s and Jean Van de Velde, Blaine McCallister and Kenny Perry with 70s.

Starting on the back nine, Sindelar parred the first four holes before putting together

consecutive birdies with 8- and 15-foot putts. He missed a 3 1/2-footer for birdie on No. 16.

Sindelar made a 30-foot birdie putt on No. 2, and a 10-footer No. 3. He made a short birdie putt on No. 7, and closed with a six-footer on the ninth green.

Huston had seven birdies and two bogeys in his round, sinking two putts of 20 feet and another from 30 feet.

Defending champion David Duval shot a 69 for a 142 total. Greg Norman, who designed the course, bogeyed his final four holes but still make the cut with a 144 total. He shot a 73.

Nick Price, who was two shots off the lead when the day began, ran into trouble early when he took a 10 on the par-4 fifth hole, taking two penalty strokes when his ball rolled back off the green into a creek. He shot a 77 to miss the cut with a 145 total.

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Gardening: The Queen's hidden garden

By AUDREY WOODS
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — Buckingham Palace, smack in the middle of one of the biggest and busiest cities in the world, has a hidden 40-acre garden that provides sanctuary not just for the royal family but for an amazing variety of wild plants and insects.

This green oasis is unseen by the buses and taxis that thunder along the perimeter, bound for Victoria train station or the traffic hubs of Hyde Park Corner and Trafalgar Square.

It is beyond the view of the crowds of visitors that ebb and flow outside the front gates to hear the brass bands of the changing guards and gawk hopefully at the curtained windows.

Late summer visitors who tour the palace staterooms get a glimpse of the garden on their way to the gift shop, and a series of garden parties in summer offers thousands of people the best opportunity to see the royal flower beds, stroll about the green velvet lawns and sip tea beside the ornamental lake.

But for most, the gardens of Buckingham Palace are a mystery hidden behind a high brick wall and guarded by state-of-the-art electronic gadgetry.

Here, Queen Elizabeth II can take her pet dogs for a gambol on the green or stroll along the herbaceous border to mull over matters of state.

And here, for over more than three years, a troupe of naturalists discreetly has been making an inventory of the garden's flora and fauna for the first time in 35 years.

The survey, published in December by the London Natural History Society, reveals that the palace garden is a valuable urban nature habitat.

"The population of all the wildlife there is very healthy. It's actually quite exciting," said entomologist Colin Plant, the society's vice president.

To an ordinary householder, 40 acres (16 hectares) may sound like a large garden. But a smaller one, Plant said, "wouldn't act, as this does, as a wonderful reservoir of wildlife in central London."

Some of London's biggest and most-used public green spaces are near the palace and technically are royal parks. They are crisscrossed by paths and have ponds that are home to many species of fowl.

"I suspect quite strongly that if the Buckingham Palace garden wasn't there, quite a lot of stuff people can see in the royal parks wouldn't be

there," Plant said in an interview.

The critical element, he said, is the seclusion of the palace. "You don't get nesting blackbirds in the shrubbery where you get 1,000 people a day walking past the bush," he noted.

The naturalists found 325 types of wild and naturalized plants — including some surprises.

Most have wonderful names.

Marsh pennywort, adder's-tongue, hare's foot clover, coral-root, pink water-speedwell, dog violet and heath bedstraw all have a good foothold in the queen's backyard, but are rare elsewhere in the capital.

A wild orchid — *dactylorhiza fuchsii* — has sprouted beside the lake. Its arrival was tracked back to a tough little plant that had been rescued from a building site in the neighboring county of Essex in 1993 and deposited in the palace garden yard. There, the saucy seedling made itself right at home and brazenly propagated itself in neighboring pots of iris. Eventually, it took root in a clump of iris at the edge of the 3.9-acre (1.6-hectare) lake.

Some 250 trees provide a buffer against the noise and pollution of constant traffic, plus added privacy now that skyscrapers loom in central London.

Like the rest of the country, the palace lost its elms — 100 of

them — to Dutch elm disease. But there are many London plane trees, as well as alder, silver birch, oak, lime and fine specimens of sycamore, arbutus, catalpa and mulberry, and a very rare Chinese chestnut.

In 1961, the queen added a curving avenue of 34 Indian horse-chestnut trees at the north-west corner of the palace.

The basic plan of the garden dates from the 1820s, when King George IV commissioned William Aiton to redesign what had been the gardens of the Duke of Buckingham. The king's father, George III, had bought the mansion in 1761, but it didn't become an official residence of the monarch until Queen Victoria's accession in 1837.

More than 200 hollies, mostly dating from Victoria's reign, keep the garden green even in winter and support a population of Holly Blue butterflies. The brick walls are not much used for climbing shrubs, but pyracantha, cotoneaster, escallonia and chaenomeles do scale the wall nearest the royal mews.

Many bulbs are naturalized in the garden, including bluebells, snowdrops, daffodils and grape hyacinth. Seasonal bedding includes tulips, the varieties of which are changed every year.

The herbaceous border, conceived by the present queen's

father, King George VI, stretches 175 yards (meters) along the north edge of the garden. It is mulched with a compost of garden clippings and manure from the adjacent horse stables at the Royal Mews.

Chemicals are kept to a minimum. The staff — head gardener Mark Lane and nine assistants — "is very conservation-minded," Plant said. Lane is in charge of the day-to-day running of the garden, but major projects are discussed with the queen.

It was Lane who initiated the naturalists' study and asked the London Natural History Society to organize it, Plant said. The gardeners were "terribly supportive of the survey — very, very helpful," he said.

They tend the lawns meticulously, of course, but some areas of the 20 acres (8 hectares) of ornamental grasses are allowed to grow long to provide wild habitat for insects and animals.

The insects provide dinner for visiting pipistrelle bats and 30 species of bird that nest in the gardens. Gray herons, which breed not far away in Regent's Park, are regular visitors to the garden. Sparrowhawks hunt there and tawny owls have nested at the edge of the property.

Eight Bhok flamingos that had graced the palace lake met a shocking fate during a 1996 freeze when an urban fox found its way into the gardens and was able to cross the ice for an exotic

meal. An array of ducks and geese now replace them.

There aren't many mammals except gray squirrels, wood mice and an occasional fox. A rat was observed digging up tulip bulbs in the mid-1980s, but any of his brethren who choose to visit are eliminated quickly.

Of the lower forms of animal life, there are 21 species of mollusks, including a most unusual visitor from Spain — the slug *Lehmannia valentiana*, which has settled down firmly without benefit of a visa.

These slugs are found elsewhere in Britain only "very occasionally," the report said, starting with a first sighting in Belfast in 1948.

The 112 species of spider include two that had not been sighted in London before.

Plant points out that in the more than three decades since the last survey, the garden and the nearby parks have grown ever more isolated from the open countryside as urban sprawl has linked up London and the suburbs.

The greater the distance, the less likely that flying creatures — particularly insects — will make the trip.

This only increases the value of the palace garden as a reservoir of wildlife.

"It's crucial that it is secluded," Plant said. And once living things are established there, he said, "of course they're going to hop over the walls."

Planning child's birthday party can be fun, original

By The Dallas Morning News

So your child is having a birthday, and a party at the playground or pizza parlor just won't do.

For those moms and dads who would rather do the party themselves, here are three themes featuring ideas from invitation to cake and ice cream.

POOCH PARTY

Invite kids to a party where they are the dogs!

Make an invitation in the shape of a dog bone made of construction paper.

Ice a cake with paw prints on top. Let the kids eat cake and ice cream out of bowls without spoons, just like dogs.

ACTIVITIES:

— Paint faces: Depending on the children's ages, this can be a kid or adult activity. Check out Snazaroo Zoo (Krause Publications, \$9.99) for ideas.

— Wear dog collars made of construction paper, sequins and jewels from a craft or hobby store. Ear headbands can be created out of construction paper or sewn out of fake fur.

— Have a dog show: The kids can compete for the best face painting or dog imitation. Make sure everybody gets a ribbon!

— Hold a sniffing contest: Set out three bowls (rose petals, cinnamon and dirt). Cover with towels, and let the kids guess the contents.

— Teach kids to "walk the dog" with a yo-yo.

— Puppy love: Show the children how to love their puppies. Ask an expert for help, then show grooming and obedience techniques.

— Identify the dog game: Hang a poster showing different dog breeds. Give each child a bag full of clues. Then ask them to identify their dog using the poster as a guide.

PARTY FAVORS:

Yo-yo, animal pencil toppers, animal stencils

WILD WEST PARTY

Dress-up is part of the fun in this party. Guests are asked to come attired in Western wear.

Cut an invitation in a boot shape of construction paper and attach to a bandanna. The bandanna can then be used for the costume.

A star pan will help you bake a cake in the shape of a sheriff's badge. Use candles in the shape of cowboy boots.

Ask each child's parents to supply a photo of their child. The pictures can be used to make miniature "wanted" posters for name tags.

ACTIVITIES:

— Cattle roundup obstacle course: Children use a broom to sweep a balloon through an obstacle course.

— Lasso contest: Set up a bicycle or turn a sawhorse into a cow, and let the kids practice lassoing it.

— Rubber-band gun shooting contest: Set cans on a fence and let

the kids shoot them off. Be sure to supervise and limit the number of kids shooting at one time. Have the children wear safety glasses.

— Campfire sing-along

PARTY FAVORS:

Bandanna, Sheriff badges, Rubber-band guns, Plastic toy horse, T-shirt or name tag

BUG PARTY

Kids will be crazy about the critters at this party.

Cut a ladybug out of construction paper for the invitation. Cut two circles out of contrasting construction paper. This is the bug body. Cut one circle in half for the wings. Cut another smaller circle for the bughead. Glue the head to the top of the large circle. Then attach the wings to the body with a small brass fastener. Write the invitation on the wings and the location inside on the body. They will have to open the wings to see the complete invitation. Decorate with magic markers or cut out paper and goofy eyes.

Costumes are homemade bug hats. Use paper or plastic bowls. Color the paper bowls with magic markers, crayons or paint. Attach legs of cutout paper and goofy eyes. Make antennae out of pipe cleaners. Use ribbon to hold the hats in position on the kids' heads.

Make a caterpillar cake with cupcakes. Line up cupcakes and frost the top and sides. Decorate with colorful candy. Add black jellybeans for eyes and licorice for antennae. The cake can be as long as needed to serve each child a section.

ACTIVITIES:

— Racing Bugs Game: Make bugs from cones of egg cartons. Decorate with pipe cleaners, cut paper and goofy eyes. Race the bugs down a homemade ramp by placing a rolling ball under each cone.

— Bug Pass Relay: In this team event, kids pass a plastic spider ring from one to another in plastic spoons held in their mouths.

— Tangled Web Relay: Teams challenge each other to create a tangled web with yarn on the back of a chair. The first person on each team creates the web. The second person in line has to untangle the OTHER team's web. The third person starts the process again by creating another tangled web and so forth.

— Give each child a small container full of real ladybugs. Explain how the bugs help plants, and let them release the bugs into the garden.

PARTY FAVORS:

Spider rings, plastic bugs, and plastic squirt bugs, Love bug magnets, Bug hat, Bug racer, Flower stickers, Packet of flower seeds.

SOURCES: The Penny Whistle Any Day Is a Holiday Party Book, (Simon and Shuster); The Best Birthday Parties Ever! A Kid's Do-It-Yourself Guide (Millbrook Press) and veteran party-planning mom Pam Lang of San Antonio.

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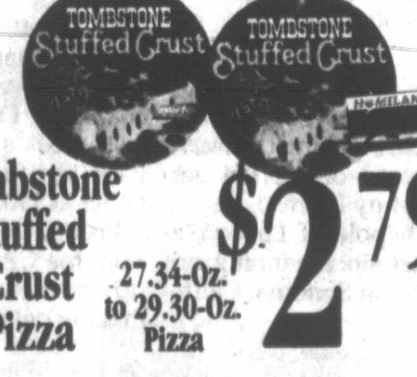
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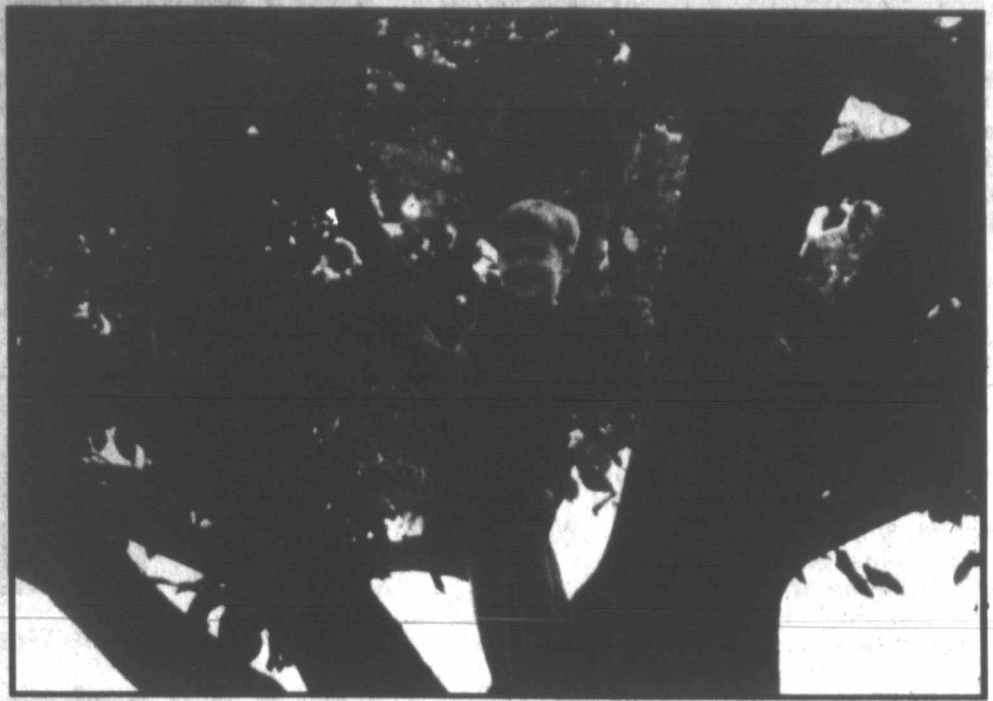
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Jacob Gething swinging in his backyard



Micah Boggs enjoys playing in a large Mulberry tree in his grandparent's front yard.



Keenan Lott rides his horse "Fancy."



Riley Kay Mitchell, Merrit Jo Mitchell and Emily Kay Stout make us thankful for little girls.



Dylan Cain, 9, was surrounded by leaves in his backyard last fall.



Seth Stout is one of our future cowboys.

These photos are among the many which were submitted in the Images photo contest. In the coming week, many more will appear throughout *The Pampa News*.

A special section of Images was featured in the Pride special edition in Friday's, March 31, *The Pampa News*.

Menus

April 3-7

Pampa Schools

MONDAY
Breakfast: Pancake and sausage on a stick, syrup.
Lunch: Teriyaki chicken or pizza, sliced carrots, broccoli, rice pilaf, pears.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast.
Lunch: Charbroiled patty or chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, tossed salad, fresh fruit, hot rolls.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage patty.
Lunch: Tacos or burritos, corn, lettuce and tomatoes, mixed fruit, cornbread.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, sausage patty.
Lunch: Ribcue on a bun or chef salad, French fries, pinto beans, cookies.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage patty.
Lunch: Fish strips or hot dogs, sliced potatoes, tossed salad, peaches, hot rolls.

Lefors Schools
MONDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast pockets, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Frito pie, beans, crackers, salad, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Toast, cereal, juice, milk.
Lunch: Chicken pot pie, spinach, salad, rolls, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Pizza, corn, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Muffins, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Soft tacos, beans, salad, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, toast, cereal, juice, milk.

Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwiches, pickles, salad, fruit, milk.

Senior Citizens
MONDAY
Chicken fried steak or chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, green beans, beets, beans, chocolate cake or cherry creme pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY
Salisbury steak or chicken enchiladas, onion potatoes, Spanish rice, squash casserole, beans, cherry vanilla cake or butterscotch icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, cabbage, peas/carrots, butter beans, lemon pound cake or cherry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY
Chicken strips or barbecue beef with onion rings, potato salad, corn cobbles, baked beans, pineapple upsidedown cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY
Fried cod fish or stew, potato wedges, California blend, beans, strawberry shortcake or tapioca cups, hot rolls, garlic toast or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels
MONDAY
Chicken chow mein, egg rolls, hominy, cake.

TUESDAY
Catfish, pinto beans, potato salad, cake.

WEDNESDAY
Hamburgers, tater tots, jello.

THURSDAY
Beef stroganoff, broccoli, carrots, peaches.

FRIDAY
Baked chicken, rice pilaf, green beans, sliced apples.



Julie Renee Gortmaker and Craig Andrew Saunders

Gortmaker-Saunders

Julie Renee Gortmaker and Craig Andrew Saunders, both of Vienna, Va., plan to wed April 29 in First Baptist Church of White Deer.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garry Gortmaker of White Deer. She graduated from White Deer High School and holds a bachelor of arts degree in speech communications and religion from Baylor University. She is currently employed as an assistant area director of Northern Virginia Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Saunders of Vienna. He graduated from James Madison High School and holds a bachelor of arts degree in accounting from Texas Lutheran University and a master's of business administration degree in finance from George Mason University. He is currently a certified financial planner employed with American Express in Northern Virginia.

Newsmakers

GREAT LAKES, Ill. — Navy Hospitalman Apprentice Michael S. Mitchell, son of Debbie and Darrel Mitchell of Miami, recently graduated from Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes.

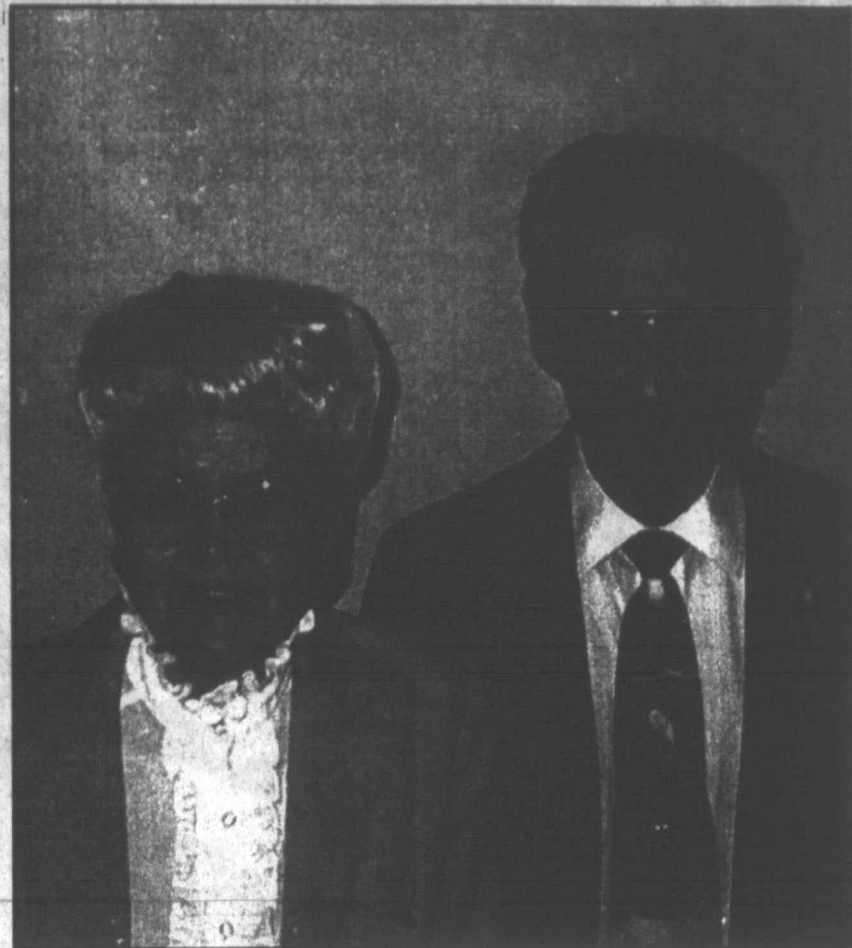
During the 14-week course, Mitchell learned a wide range of medical procedures used to provide first aid and assist Navy doctors and nurses. Mitchell also received an intro-

ductory instruction for service in a variety of medical environments, from fleet hospitals and shipboard medical departments to fleet Marine forces and medical administration offices.

Mitchell graduated from Miami High School in 1997 and joined the Navy in May 1999.

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced Trevor Stowers of Pampa was recently named a United States National Award Winner in Leadership.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Quarry

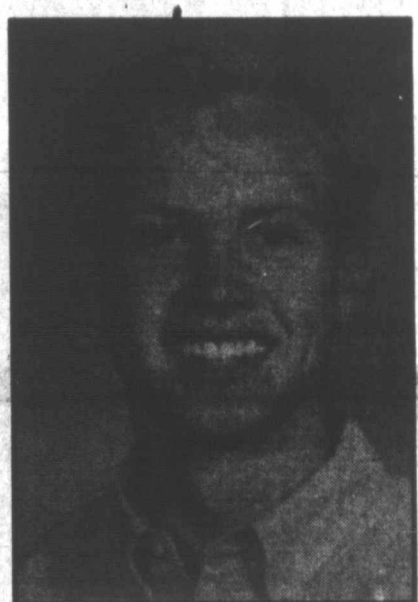
Quarry anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. James Quarry will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with a trip to the Texas coast.

James Quarry and Clara Lincycumb were married March 31, 1940, at Pampa. The couple have been Pampa residents for the past 60 years and have been members of Central Baptist Church for 37 years.

Mr. Quarry worked for Coca Cola for 37 years, retiring in 1989. Mrs. Quarry worked for the City of Pampa for 11 years, was a licensed vocational nurse for 22 years, was an office nurse for Dr. Frank Kelley and Dr. Nom K. Lee, respectively, and worked in insurance physicals for 15 years, retiring in 1993. She belongs to Pampa Garden Club and Top O' Texas Republican Women's Association.

Children of the couple are Clarice Doss of Pampa. They have three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Trevor Stowers

and Tonja Stowers of Pampa and is the grandson of Betty and Vernon Stowers of Pampa and Jim and Audie Atherton of Atlanta, Ga.

AMARILLO — Amarillo medical graduates joined other medical students across the nation in recent annual Match Day ceremonies to find out where they will spend the next three to five years in specialty training.

Students begin visiting and ranking residency programs during their third year of medical school. At the same time, residency programs are ranking the students according to how well they will fit into their programs. All the numbers are fed into a computer and the resulting matches are announced every year nationwide on "Match Day."

Donnie Berry, son of Ernest and Kathleen Berry of Pampa, matched into the pediatrics program at the University of Oklahoma, COM, in Oklahoma City, Okla.

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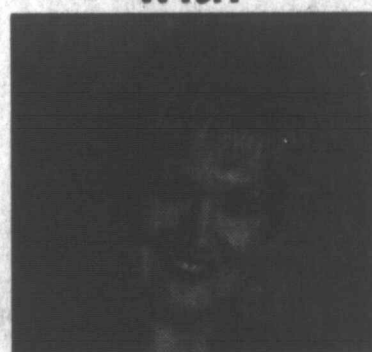
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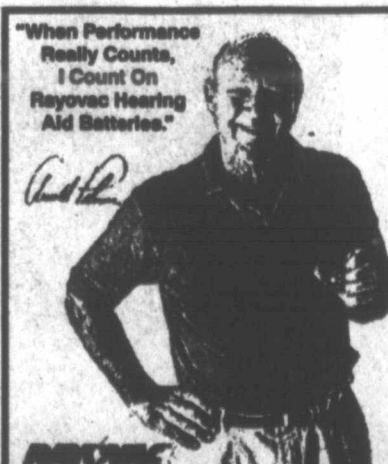
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20th Century Club

Twentieth Century Club met March 28 at the home of Mrs. Darville Orr. Members answered roll by revealing "What Lost Charm of Yesterday do You Miss?"

Mrs. Buck Worley gave a book review of "The Best School Year" by Barbara Robinson.

The next meeting will be April 11 at the home of Mary Wilson.

Magic Plains ABWA

The Magic Plains Chapter of American Business Women's Association met March 13 at Sirlain Stockade with President Margaret Hall presiding. After one correction, the minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved as printed in the bulletin. Twelve members and one guest were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Ballots for Woman of the Year and Boss of the Year were distributed to chapter members to vote on and the recipients will be announced at the Bosses Night Banquet slated at 7 p.m. March 31 at the Masonic Lodge on Kentucky. Members were asked to bring: 1) two covered dishes to go with the brisket bought by the chapter; and 2) two men's gifts and two women's gifts to be used for door prizes. This year ABWA is observing their 50th anniversary and LaNella Hensley, chairman of the event, plans to use this for the theme. Invitations need to be mailed so members were encouraged to get names to Brunetta Stewart for the mailing list as soon as possible.

—The nominating committee was elected to get new officers for the coming year. Evelyn Boyd, Wynona Seeley and Estelle Malone were elected to help on this committee.

The program was given by Nancy Paronto, supervisor for the volunteers and Patient Advocate for Pampa Regional Medical Center. She showed a video and presented the program on

"Advance Directives" which became law in September of 1999. This is an individual's right to make health and end-of-life decisions under the law in Texas. Paronto encouraged members to sign a Medical Power of Attorney to take care of options if they have a terminal illness or have an illness that is irreversible.

Hostess for the meeting was Donna Swindle and door prizes were won by Seeley and Glenda Malone.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 10 at Sirlain Stockade.

PPQG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met March 23 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Two guests were among those present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Nine members participated in "Show-and-Tell."

—Kathy White reported Jackie Reis, Nancy Richling and Linda Fisher, all of Lubbock, will act as judges for PPQG Quilt Show slated this fall. Reis taught a seminar for the Guild in the spring 1999 entitled "Stellar Rotation."

—Brenda Donelson announced the Raffle Quilt is basted and ready for members to hand quilt. The goal is to have the quilt completed before summer. Those wishing to hand quilt on the Raffle Quilt should contact Donelson.

—Vallie Futch proposed PPQG purchase a large piece of plywood to be used as a quilt-basting table. The 96" x 48" table will be available for use by all members at Sand's in downtown Pampa.

—Members returned nautical theme quilt blocks for Susan Carter and miniature paper-pieced log cabins for Laura Davis in the Friendship Block Exchange. Joyce Taylor distributed patterns and background fabric for her selection in the FBE. Taylor's blocks are simple boy or girl appliqué.

—Davis distributed chapters three and four in the PPQG Millennium Mystery Quilt project. Included in the chapters were patterns for the second and third block styles to be used in this quilt (out of a total of 11 different block

patterns.) Twenty-five members are participating in this project.

—The program for the evening was a sewing bee where members finished stuffing and sewing heart-shaped pillows. The pillows are a community-outreach project on the part of the Guild and are to be donated to breast cancer patients in the Pampa and Amarillo area.

—Reminder to all PPQG members that the deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 10th of the month. All information should be given to Christine Griffin, newsletter editor.

The PPQG door prize was won by Teresa Wavra and the Sand's Fabric and Quilt Corner prize was won by Doris Foster.

The next PPQG regular meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 27, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. The scheduled program is a demonstration on making chenille. For more information, call (806) 779-2115.

Altrusa

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met March 28 at Pampa Country Club with President Kadda Schale presiding. Julie Cooke and Christy Parker served as greeters. Guests Lori Fulton and Bonnie Holmes were among those present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Community Service Committee reported on the Camp Safe Haven Project and asked members to donate one or more camp items.

—Members will meet at Meredith House on April 10 to fill Goody Bags for Lamar students taking the TAAS test.

—The Book Fair will be held on April 17 at Lamar School. Members were asked to volunteer

to help.

—District Conference will be held April 7-9 in Waco.

—The accent "The Kitchen Table" was given by Sue Baker.

—A Heart of an Angel award was presented to Doria McAndrew for outstanding service as the editor of the club newsletter, "Altrusa Views."

—The program was given by AFS student, Felix Staehli, who gave a narration and slide presentation on his home country - Switzerland. Staehli is staying with the Craig Shaffer family.

The next meeting will be at 12 noon April 11 at Pampa Country Club.

Pampa Garden Club

Pampa Garden Club met March 13 at the home of Cynthia Mann with President Thelma Bray presiding. Twelve members were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

—The Treasurer's Report was given by Ruth Barrett, and Dale Grayum and Barrett presented the Beautification Committee and the Telephone Committee reports.

—Plans were discussed for the District Meeting of Garden Clubs slated March 14 in Amarillo.

—Mann and Grayum addressed members on the December Festival of Trees. The entry fee will be \$5 for small trees and \$10 for large trees.

—Gardener of the Year was voted on by secret ballot and will be announced at the May luncheon.

—The program was presented by Grayum and Bonnie Wood on annuals, perennials and the Yucca plant.

The next meeting will be April 10. A field trip is in the offing.

Woods anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Woods of Skellytown celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary April 1, 2000, with a bowling party at Harvester Lanes in Pampa. Children of the couple and a niece, Kim Newman of Pampa, hosted the event.

Jackie Woods and Renee Annis were married March 28, 1975. The couple have been Skellytown residents for the past 24 years. Children of the couple are Angel Woods of Oak Harbor, Wash., Charra Woods of Skellytown and Krystal Jacklyn Woods of the home.



Hayley Camille Truelock and Matthew Kent Rheams

Truelock-Rheams

Hayley Camille Truelock and Matthew Kent Rheams, both of Lubbock, were wed March 11 in Country Home Bed and Breakfast at Canyon with Roy Shave, a Church of Christ minister of Oklahoma, officiating.

The matron of honor was Robyn Rhoades of Friona. The bridesmaid was Kelsey Pollart of Hooker, Okla. The flower girls were Mikayla Silva of Kirtland, N.M., and McKenzie Rhoades of Friona.

The best man was Brooks Gentry of Lubbock. The groomsmen were Cory Griggs of Canyon. The ring bearer was Brandon Grimsley of Pampa.

The ushers were Ryan Rhoades of Friona and Adrian Briseno of Amarillo.

Registering the guests was Kim Grimsley.

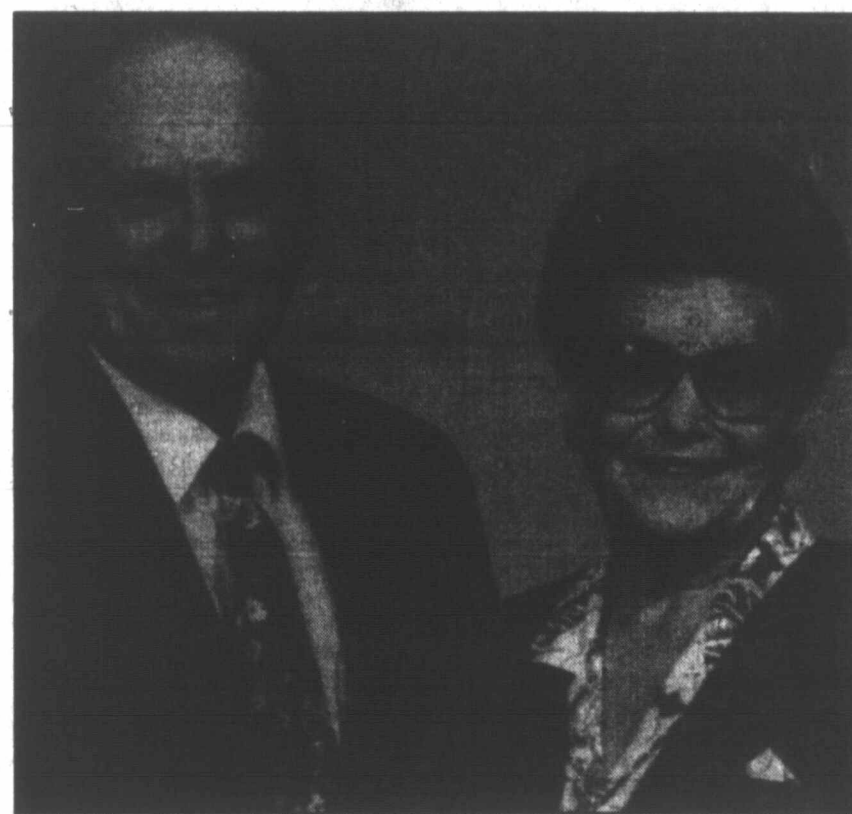
Music was provided by Nancy Shave of Oklahoma.

A reception was held following the service at the bed and breakfast with Annisa Sims of Amarillo and Tammie Rudd of Kirtland serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Ronnie and Janet Truelock of Nara Visa, N.M., and is the granddaughter of Tom and Laverne McLain of Hart and Clyde Truelock of Aztec, N.M. She is attending DATS (Dental Assisting Training School), and is currently employed at Bealls of South Plains Mall.

The groom is the son of Ken and Stephane Rheams of Pampa and is the grandson of Mary Rheams of Lumberton, Miss., and Paul and Pat Stewart of Pampa. He is attending Texas Tech University and is currently employed at Zales of South Plains Mall.

The couple planned a honeymoon trip to Angel Fire, N.M., and intend to make their home in Antonito, Colo.



Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Sipple

Sipple anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Sipple of Electra celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary April 1, 2000. Children of the couple hosted the reception.

Edwin E. Sipple and Birnell Copenhaver were married April 1, 1975, at Lawton, Okla., and made their home in Electra. They belong to First Baptist Church of Electra and volunteer with Senior Citizens Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Sipple retired from C.E. Natco of Electra after 25 years of service. He is an active member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4145 and Electra Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Mrs. Sipple, a former Pampa resident, retired from the medical practice of Dr. P.E. Fish of Electra in 1981. She is an active member and officer of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and EMH Auxiliary.

Children of the couple are James E. Copenhaver of Wichita Falls, Karen C. Dye of Electra, Harold L. Sipple of San Antonio, Eddie H. Sipple of Grand Rapids, Mich., Debbie Peterson of Richland Hills and Cathy Chrisman of Lipan. They have five grandchildren.

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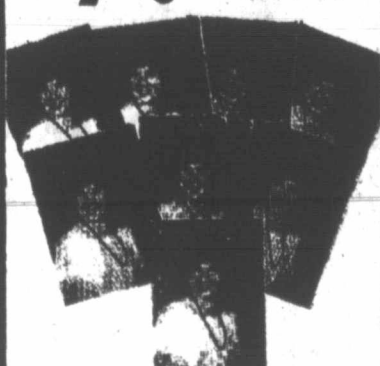
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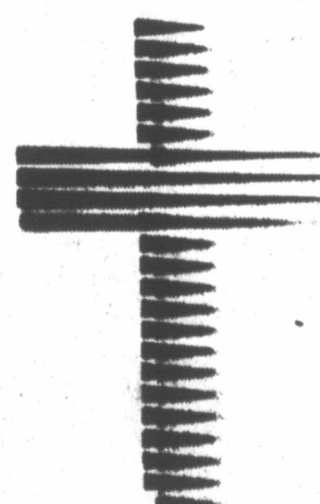
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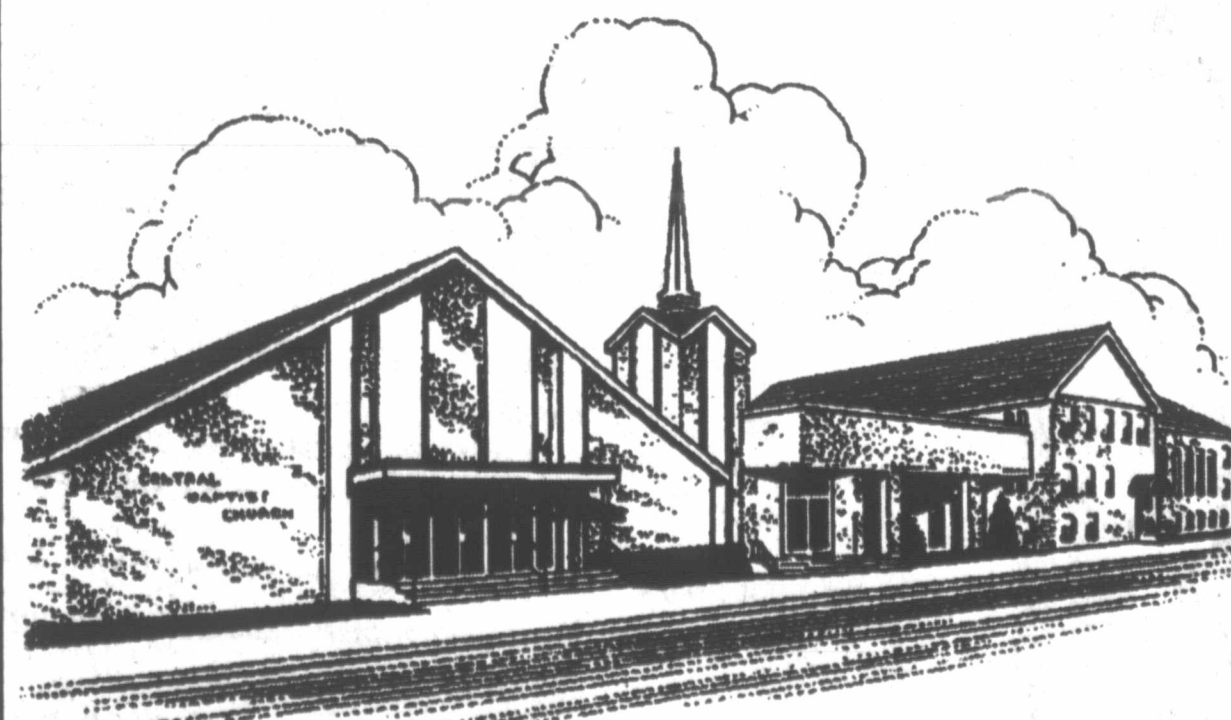


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Male elementary teachers thrive on challenges

By FRANK TREJO
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Steve Lichtenwalter isn't just one of the guys at his workplace. He is the guy.

Although there are a handful of male teachers in the seventh and eighth grades at Harry Stone Montessori Academy, a Dallas public school, Mr. Lichtenwalter, 39, is the only man at the pre-kindergarten through sixth-grade level.

And, it's not an unusual situation for him and other male elementary school teachers throughout the country.

"In college there were many (education) classes where I was the only male," Mr. Lichtenwalter said. "For me it really hasn't been a problem. I've always worked well with younger children. And people are

very supportive. Most people really want a male role model in the school."

Experts note that while there has been progress for women going into traditionally male work roles, the reverse has not happened for men.

Nationwide, women make up 80 percent to 90 percent of elementary school teachers. And when it comes to the earlier grades — pre-kindergarten through third — the percentages are even higher.

In Dallas public schools, 14 percent of elementary teachers are men. All but one of the other North Texas school districts contacted reported that male teachers make up less than 10 percent of elementary school faculty; Fort Worth officials said 22 percent of their elementary teachers are men.

Those who have studied the phe-

nomeron say the reasons for the disparity are varied and complex — from perceived or real sexism to society's stereotypical expectations of men to men's sense of what it means to be masculine.

Several male teachers in the Dallas area said they cherish their jobs, despite the challenges and that they are an extreme minority.

"It's fun to come to work," said 24-year-old Cory Wilson, a Kansas native who teaches third grade at Grapevine Elementary School. "It's a job you just like to do because of the kids. They're really excited and happy that you're here."

"When they learn something, their faces light up. It's fun to see that, and it makes you realize that you are making a difference."

Mr. Wilson said he originally wanted to teach high school. But

during college he did some work in a second-grade class and was hooked.

Some men acknowledged that they initially had misgivings about what was expected of them. Elementary school is still seen as a nurturing environment and, as second-grade teacher Gary Mantz said, a lot of men don't see themselves in "nurturing-mothering" roles.

He said he is in elementary education because he believes that it establishes the foundation upon which all formal education is based.

"It was hard at first, and I did feel kind of goofy when you sing nursery rhymes and things like that," said the 28-year-old Grapevine teacher. "But you know what, the kids don't even notice. All they care about is that you're there and they can depend on you."

Individual style

Mr. Lichtenwalter, a Dallas elementary school teacher for 10 years, said it depends on an individual style.

"Even as a pre-K teacher or whatever, you can focus your teaching toward your own style and the way you want to do it," he said. "I didn't do a lot of that (singing and nursery rhymes). ... It's just not my style."

Rachael Gray, president of a Plano teachers group, said there is no question that male elementary teachers are greatly valued in most schools.

"I think it's extremely important for men to be in the elementary grades," Ms. Gray said. "Yes, there is a great deal of nurturing and mothering that does take place at that level, but there also is a great need for daddying, especially in today's world when there are so many kids who don't have a father at home."

Mr. Mantz said he views education as a partnership between parent and teacher. But he said it's a challenge to gain acceptance from parents whose children have never had a male teacher.

"At first some of them are kind of wary and it may take them longer to be open about their child to me," he said.

Guarded behavior

Several of the men said they believe that they must be more guarded than women in their behavior around children.

"I think it is unfortunate, but I do feel like I need to be more careful about things like hugs," Mr. Mantz said. "I will still occasionally hug a child, but I'm very careful about it. And, one of the things I make sure about is to never be alone in the room with a student with the door closed."

Tom Roussin, 34, a fifth-grade teacher at Reinhardt Elementary School in Dallas, said he, too, sometimes senses a "double standard" about what is acceptable for male and female teachers.

"It's a horrible example to bring up, but one thing that comes to mind is that I would never ever think about going into the girls' restroom if there was some kind of trouble in there," he said. "But a woman teacher would be able to go into either one (boys' or girls' restrooms) for something like that."

Although they are a minority in the schools, the male teachers said they generally feel welcome and accepted by their female co-workers.

Mr. Roussin described his school as a big family in which everyone looks out for one another.

At Grapevine Elementary, Mr. Wilson, who is two years out of college, said he sometimes feels like he has "a lot of moms out here, a lot of people who take care of me."

"Before I started, I wasn't sure about being around so many women all the time and not having

a lot of guys to talk with," Mr. Wilson said. "But it really has been no problem at all."

Acceptance varies

Christine L. Williams, a sociology professor at the University of Texas at Austin, said that although the teaching profession and most larger school districts are generally very receptive to male teachers, the sentiment is not universal.

Dr. Williams said that while researching her 1995 book, *Still A Man's World: Men Who Do Women's Work*, she found some rural Texas districts that had unofficial, but very real, policies of not hiring men to teach children below the third grade.

"That is related to negative stereotypes about men and their nurturing capacities and unfortunate stereotypes about the motives of any man who would want to be around young children," Dr. Williams said.

Bret Burkholder, a former elementary school teacher who now is a counselor and coordinator of men's programs at Pierce College in Fuyallup, Wash., said examples of bias against men in education abound. He said there is an unfounded fear that men are more likely than women to molest young children — what he called presumption of "guilty until proven innocent."

"Two years ago, I walked into my son's elementary school and right away I was confronted about who I was and what I was doing there," he said. "Yet I've seen countless moms going into the school with no questions asked."

Mr. Burkholder still remembers how years ago, as an elementary school teacher, he played catch with the kids at lunch time. Often there were bunches of children holding onto his hands or legs.

One day the principal called him to the office, to admonish him about showing too much affection.

"I never heard of any female teachers who did the same sort of thing being warned against it," he said.

Dr. Williams said she believes that few men enter — and fewer stay in — elementary education, for the most part, because of the roles men see themselves in.

"The general societal stereotypes about men and their masculinity and the fact that teaching is a relatively low-paying profession mean many men don't want to go into that field," she said.

Changing roles

And, she said, those men who go into elementary education are more likely than women to go on to teach at higher grades or into administration — a so-called glass escalator. Mr. Lichtenwalter, for example, hopes one day to lead a public or private school. Joseph Mucha, 31, a second-grade teacher at Dove Elementary in the Grapevine-Colleyville district, earned a master's degree in administration a couple of years ago in anticipation of eventually moving on to administration.

Mr. Burkholder disagreed. It's not so much what men feel their roles should be as what roles they believe society will allow them to enter.

"There are some pretty narrow avenues males walk in this culture, and certainly work is one of those on which we are judged," he said.

Mr. Roussin, the Reinhardt Elementary teacher, said he believes that money is a big factor in keeping men out of the field. He noted that his younger sister, a physical therapist, started out making \$10,000 a year more than he did in his first job.

"But I can't think of a more important and worthwhile job than being a teacher," he said. "There would be no doctors, lawyers or astronauts if it wasn't for those teachers."

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Dobson installs tower at Wheeler

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Dobson Cellular Systems recently announced the addition of a new tower near Wheeler, Texas.

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Studies: Women land wrong, lack strength and hurt knees

By IRA DREYFUSS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Coming down from a layup may be harder on a woman's knees than a man's because the women do it wrong, a study suggests.

But other new research indicates women's greater rate of injuries to the anterior cruciate ligaments, which bind the upper and lower leg bones together at the knee, also may be due to different patterns of muscle use — or simply being in worse physical shape.

"Women are seeing higher forces transmitted across the joint, and their ability to protect the joint needs to be better," said Dr. Edward M. Wojtyls of the University of Michigan.

Wojtyls and his colleagues looked at the angle of the knee as 10 men and 10 women jumped down from heights of about 10, 20 and 30 inches. That's about the distance of vertical jumps in college basketball — "right in the ballpark, but if your vertical jump is above 30 inches, you are doing good," he said.

At the 20- and 30-inch distances, women landed more straight-legged than did men, the researchers found. The knee angle was about 7 degrees for women but about 16 degrees for men.

In a sense, landing straight-legged misses the point of having a knee. The leg is supposed to act as a shock absorber in falls, bending to reduce the impact. A straighter landing puts more of the impact of the falling body on the joint.

A small difference in knee angle creates a far bigger difference in impact, because more of the weight of the falling body is absorbed by the joint, Wojtyls said.

The study looked only at a direct jump down because this is simpler to study. But the real load on the knee in sports would have to be greater, Wojtyls said. Driving for a layup or going up for a rebound would change the momentum, adding twisting strains to the direct impact of descent, he said.

Women especially need to protect their knees, but there is no solid research on how to do it,

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Wojtyls said. It may not be as simple as putting more bend into the knee, he said. Women may also need to build muscular strength and endurance, and to put extra effort into practicing the moves in their sport, he said.

"It's not just strength — it's probably the integration of the muscles, which muscles you call upon and, more importantly, the reflex patterns which are preprogrammed," Wojtyls said. "The key thing is, we have to learn what this desired pattern is before we teach it, and at this point, we don't know for sure."

Wojtyls presented his findings at the Orlando, Fla., meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

Another study presented at the meeting looked at muscle differences between 25 female and 26 male collegiate athletes. The researchers, using equipment to evaluate nerve and muscle activity, watched the athletes do knee bending and extension exercises.

Women tended to rely on one set of muscles, the quadriceps in the front of the leg, more than did men, said Dr. Klane White of the University of California, San Diego. The hamstrings in the back are supposed to work in tandem with the quadriceps to help to stabilize the leg. So, if women can be taught to change their muscle movements, they might reduce their risk of ACL

injuries, he said.

A third study at the conference examined the risk of ACL injuries among men and women. The four-year look at West Point students by West Point doctors found an injury rate of 0.04 percent for females but only 0.027 percent for males.

And a separate study, not presented at the conference, suggested that women's leg injuries in general may be related to their not being in as great shape as they could be. In this project, researchers followed 509 men and 352 women through eight weeks of Army basic training. The study was being published in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*.

The study did not look at the anterior cruciate ligament specifically, but did look at visits to clinics, many of them for leg injuries such as stress fractures, which are small but painful cracks in the bone.

Women had about twice the rate of injuries that men did, and the women's rate of serious injury that cost at least one day of lost duty was 2.5 times higher, the study found.

However, the apparent sex difference seems to be really a difference in strength and fitness, said researcher Nicole S. Bell of Social Sectors Development Strategies, Boston, a contract research organization that worked on the project with the Army.

"The people who ran slow got hurt regardless of whether they were male or female," Bell said. "The people who ran fast did not get hurt regardless of their gender."

The problem seemed to be that women were more likely to enter basic training without being in good enough physical condition, Bell said. One possible solution to the injury problem could be to assign trainees to levels of conditioning appropriate to their levels of fitness, her paper said. This would let the less-fit progress more slowly while their fitness improves.

On the Net: American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons: <http://www.aaos.org/>

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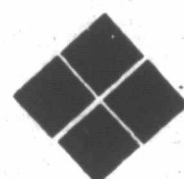
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- ♦ Pelvic floor muscle training with biofeedback is 85% effective in alleviating symptoms of stress and mixed incontinence (Hirsch et al, Urogynecology Journal 1999)

Who would benefit most from this treatment?

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- ♦ Talk to your family physician about your interest in the program for incontinence
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ENTERTAINMENT

Documentary urges active response to cancer diagnosis

■ Half of American men and one-third of American women are diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lives. There are 1.2 million new cancer diagnoses each year in this country, and 560,000 people die from the disease.

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Joseph Lovett would have had enough personal incentive to make a documentary about cancer had he been thinking only about his father, dead at age 48 from colon cancer.

That's only where his family's sad saga begins. The same disease killed his brother Raul at 55. His sister, Tricia, died of ovarian cancer at 61. Lung cancer claimed his brother Bill at 63.

If Lovett didn't have regular screenings of his colon, one of which detected the beginning stages of cancer, "I would be dead today," he said.

In his 2 1/2-hour documentary, "Cancer: Evolution to Revolution," Lovett tries to erase the stigma of cancer and empower people who have been diagnosed with the disease. The show premieres on HBO Thursday at 8 p.m., and will also be shown next Wednesday and on April 8, 11 and 17.

"Doing a film on cancer has allowed me to face my own fears," he said. "I've learned that there is a whole new way of thinking about and dealing with cancer."

Half of American men and one-third of American women are diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lives. There are 1.2 million new cancer diagnoses each year in this country, and 560,000 people die from the disease.

Yet it's still a word spoken only in whispers among many people, if at all.

"There's been such a denial about the disease," Lovett said. "We hear people all the time saying, 'I don't know anyone who has had cancer.' That's just not possible. It's like saying, 'I don't know anyone who is Jewish or gay.' Well, you just haven't asked that many people."

In terms so simple and expressive to be almost frightening, the documentary describes the latest theories about how cancer develops. Instead of being a foreign invader like a virus, cancer is a traitor — a good cell that misbehaves and then multiplies, explains Dr. Richard Klausner, director of the National Cancer Institute.

Cancer used to be considered a death sentence. Now, however, most patients diagnosed will not die because of that cancer.

The film introduces Gary Schine, a businessman from Providence, R.I., who was diagnosed with hairy cell leukemia and told that he was going to die because there was no cure. Schine and his wife did their own research and located a clinical trial of a potential cure. He's been cancer-free for nine years.

Those kinds of stories convinced Lilly Tartikoff, widow of television executive Don Tartikoff, to get involved as one of the documentary's narrators.

Her husband's cancer was initially misdiagnosed and — against his instincts — he sought second opinions and more aggressive treatment. Tartikoff is convinced this

added 16 years to her husband's life.

It's the documentary's most insistent message: Take control of your own health. Seek second opinions, learn everything you can about your disease through the Internet, and be aggressive about treating it. Don't assume the first doctor you see knows everything about all forms of cancer; things are changing all the time.

"It's easier and simpler to just believe in your doctor," Tartikoff said.

Lovett tells the stories of different cancers through patients who are living with them. There's Jessica Turri, an 11-year-old leukemia patient in Memphis, and Vanessa Colbert, a 41-year-old breast cancer patient in Houston, who uses support groups to help her cope.

HBO is launching a companion Web site, at HBO.com, together with leading cancer organizations and specialists to disseminate more information. In the documentary, phone numbers and Web addresses are constantly flashed on the screen. It makes the film drier, but the information might literally be a life-saver.

"People are stunned at how much support is available to them for free," Lovett said.

The documentary stresses the need for early detection and screening, which Lovett believes kept him alive. Cervical cancer, for example, is almost totally preventable if the signs are caught in time. And older men should get their prostates checked regularly, the film urges.

"If we wait for the symptoms to bring us to the doctor, it's generally too late," Lovett said.

Arnold Stittin, a colon cancer patient, travels to France for drugs that aren't available to him in the United States. Despite some initial encourag-

ing signs, Stittin dies from the disease — the documentary's sobering reminder that despite advances, cancer is still a formidable adversary.

Also sobering was the experience of Anthony Radziwill, who worked with Lovett at ABC News. Lovett, a veteran television producer who

reported on the AIDS epidemic for ABC, became involved in the cancer project partly through Radziwill.

A nephew of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Radziwill wasn't able to see the project through to completion; he died of cancer last summer a few days after his 40th birthday.

The chance to save other lives was the driving force of the documentary.

"I think this is an example of how television can be used at its best," Lovett said.

EDITOR'S NOTE — David Bauder can be reached at dbauder@ap.org

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. "Maria Maria," Santana (feat. The Product G&B). Arista. (Platinum)
2. "Say My Name," Destiny's Child. Columbia. (Gold)
3. "Breathe," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Nashville)
4. "Amazed," Lonestar. BNA. (Gold)
5. "Bye Bye Bye," 'N Sync. Jive.
6. "Thong Song," Sisqo. Dragon/Def Soul.
7. "There You Go," Pink. LaFace. (Gold)
8. "Show Me The Meaning Of Being Lonely," The Backstreet Boys. Jive.
9. "Get It On Tonight," Montell Jordan. Def Soul.
10. "That's The Way It Is," Celine Dion. 550 Music.

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The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10

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

1. "No Strings Attached," 'N Sync. Jive.
2. "Supernatural," Santana. Arista. (Platinum)
3. "War & Peace Vol. 2 (The Peace Disc)," Ice Cube. Lench Mob/Best Side.
4. "Reinventing The Steel," Pantera. EastWest.
5. "Unleash The Dragon," Sisqo. Dragon. (Platinum)
6. "Dr. Dre — 2001," Dr. Dre. Aftermath. (Platinum)
7. "On How Life Is," Macy Gray. Epic. (Platinum)
8. "WWE: World Wrestling Federation — Aggression," Various Artists. Priority.
9. "The Writing's On The Wall," Destiny's Child. (Platinum)
10. "Devil Without A Cause," Kid Rock. Lava. (Platinum)

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Hot Adult Contemporary

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1. "I Knew I Loved You," Savage Garden. Columbia. (Gold)
2. "Breathe," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
3. "That's The Way It Is," Celine Dion. 550 Music.
4. "Amazed," Lonestar. BNA. (Gold)
5. "Show Me The Meaning Of Being Lonely," The Backstreet Boys. Jive.
6. "Back At One," Brian McKnight. Motown.
7. "Someday Out Of The Blue," Elton John. DreamWorks.
8. "You'll Be In My Heart," Phil Collins. Walt Disney.
9. "I Do (Cherish You)," 98 Degrees. Universal.
10. "You Sang To Me," Marc Anthony. Columbia.

Mainstream Rock Tracks

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

1. "Kryptonite," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
2. "Stiff Upper Lip," AC/DC. EastWest.

Modern Rock Tracks

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

1. "Otherside," Red Hot Chili Peppers. Warner Bros.
2. "What If," Creed. Wind-up.
3. "No Leaf Clover," Metallica. Elektra.
4. "Voodoo," Godsmack. Republic.
5. "Higher," Creed. Wind-up.
6. "Only God Knows Why," Kid Rock. Top Dog.
7. "Stacked Actors," Foo Fighters. Roswell.
8. "Pardon Me," Incubus. Immortal.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

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

1. "How Do You Like Me Now?," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
2. "The Best Day," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
3. "Lessons Learned," Tracy Lawrence. Atlantic.
4. "Love's The Only House," Martina McBride. RCA.
5. "Been There," Clint Black (w/Steve Wariner). RCA.
6. "Carlene," Phil Vassar. Arista Nashville.
7. "My Best Friend," Tim McGraw. Curb.
8. "Because You Love Me," Jo Dee Messina. Curb.
9. "Buy Me A Rose," Kenny Rogers (w/Alison Krauss & Billy Dean). Dreamcatcher.
10. "The Way You Love Me," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.

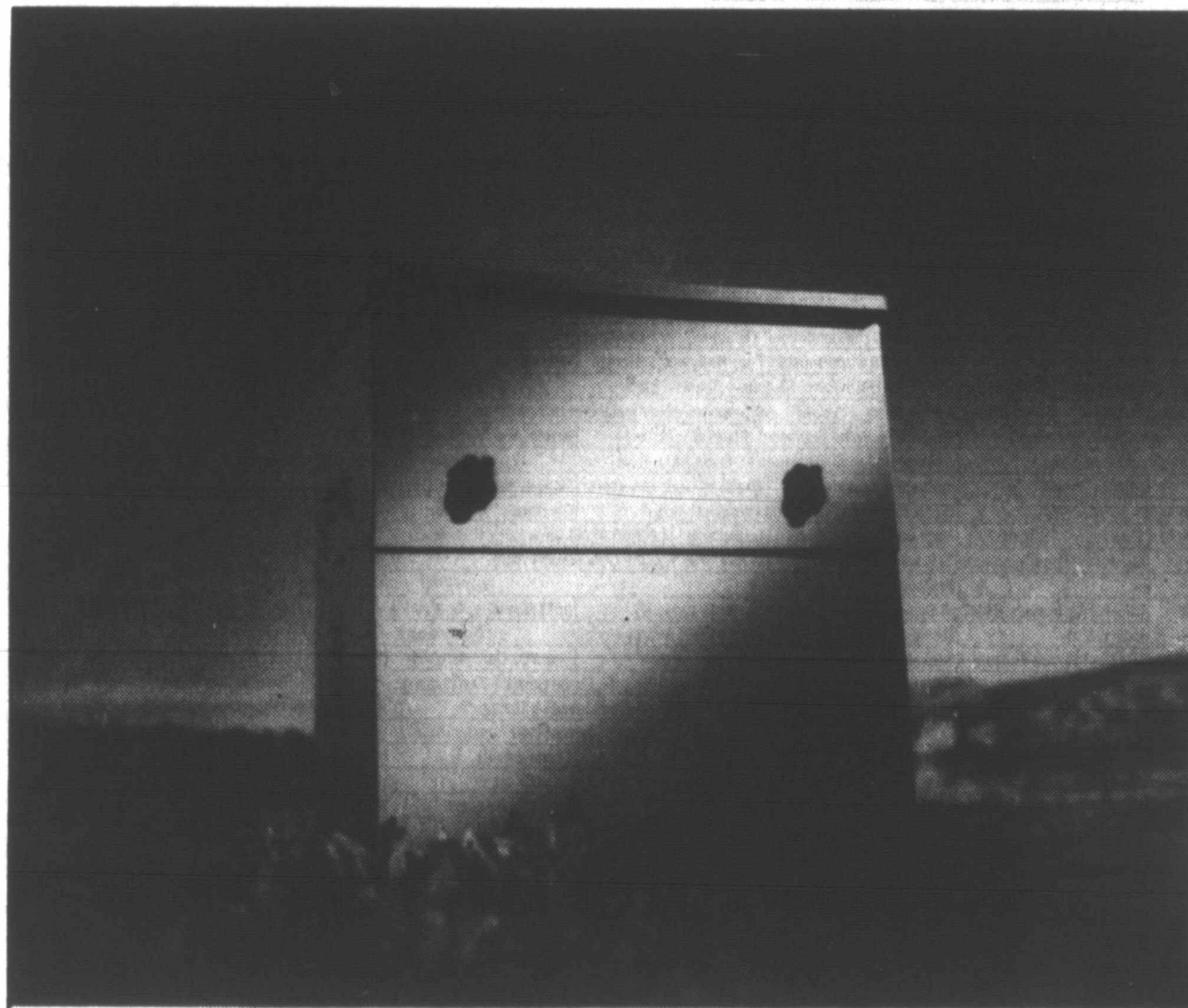
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Top Country Albums

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1. "Fly," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
2. "Latest Greatest Straitest Hits," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
3. "Breathe," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
4. "Come On Over," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Platinum)
5. "Lonely Grill," Lonestar. BNA. (Platinum)
6. "Wide Open Spaces," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
7. "A Place In The Sun," Tim McGraw. Curb. (Platinum)
8. "The Whole SheBang," SheDaisy. Lyric Street. (Platinum)
9. "How Do You Like Me Now?," Toby Keith. DreamWorks.
10. "Under The Influence," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville. (Platinum)

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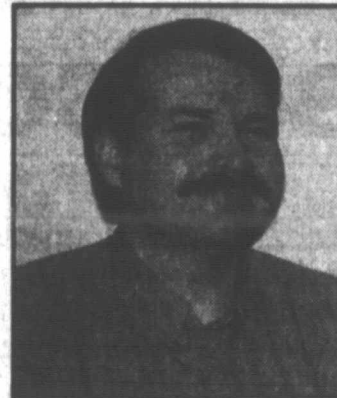
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Chris's opponent has not been able to secure full-time employment with any law enforcement agency to include the Pampa Police Dept. When professional law enforcement officers don't want an individual around, that in itself speaks volumes. Who better to judge the quality of an individual than his professional peers.

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Lifesaving in Theory Is Not Same as Lifesaving in Fact

DEAR ABBY: I think I'm losing my sanity — or am I being extremely sensitive?

My husband of nine months and I were having a discussion recently regarding a newspaper article we had read about a man who drowned trying to save his wife in the ocean. Unable to swim, he dove in, trying to save the life of his love, and they both drowned.

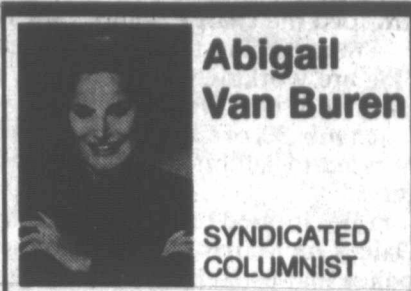
I foolishly asked my husband if he would try to save me if I was drowning, and got a very unexpected response. He told me that if it appeared that both of us would drown, he would not jump in to save me.

We have one child together, and he is the stepfather to my three children. When I asked him if he'd jump in to try to save his infant son, he immediately replied, "Yes." When I asked him to explain why he wouldn't die trying to save the love of his life, he stated that in all lifesaving classes, people are taught to evaluate the situation (i.e., make sure the rescuer wouldn't also die) before trying to save another life.

I'm sorry, but I would die trying to save my four children or him, for that matter, even if I had less than a 1 percent chance of living through the ordeal. I wouldn't be able to live with myself if I didn't at least try to save a loved one.

Please tell me I'm not crazy. Maybe I'm just a hopeless romantic, but something seems very wrong here.

HURTING HEART



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR HURTING HEART: You are neither crazy nor hopeless. However, you should be aware that it is impossible for a person to project accurately what he or she "would" do in a life-threatening emergency. In other words, if your husband were to see you going down for the third time, there's no telling for certain that he wouldn't throw caution to the wind. And as you're the mother of four children, there's also no guarantee that you'd jeopardize your own safety to pull him from a burning building.

My advice to you, for the sake of your marriage, is to stop playing "What if?"

DEAR ABBY: My question concerns two stray cats, one male, one female, who appeared at my back door within the last year or so. Both are somewhat timid, but look as though they are in good health, aside from being very hungry. They don't bother my other cats, and it's

no problem for me to feed and shelter them.

Here's the problem: Neither of these animals has been "fixed." I have made numerous attempts to find the owners, with newspaper ads and walking the neighborhood, but no one has come forward. I would like to take them both to the vet, but since I'm not sure there is an owner, I don't know if this is the "proper" thing to do.

I hate to think of the number of unwanted kittens that could be created because of this type of neglect, but do I have the right to do this to an animal that isn't really mine?

KITTY LOVER

DEAR KITTY LOVER: If you are feeding and sheltering the cats, and no one in the neighborhood knows to whom they belong and no one has answered your newspaper ads — then the cats were probably dumped or left behind by their owners. By all means have them neutered. You'll be doing your little furry friends an enormous favor — not to mention acting like a responsible and generous adoptive parent. Bless you!

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Horoscope

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2000

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) ***** You are vivacious, and others know it! Reveal different facets of your personality. You thoroughly enjoy what is being said today. Ask for what you need. Be tolerant with an abrupt friend. Head in a new direction. Tonight: Beam in whatever you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Use the morning hours to your benefit by completing an important project. You might not see eye to eye with a boss or authority figure. Work with him, as opposed to against him. Seek better understanding. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Examine another's suggestion. An offer might seem too good to be true. A friend comes through for you in a pinch. Distant communication is unpredictable. Sort out information; seek other sources. Your sense of direction comes out. Tonight: Rent a movie.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Make calls early in the morning, when communication is most effective. Demands and responsibilities command your attention later. Eyes turn to you. Someone needs your advice on how to handle an unpredictable partner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Dance through changes, remaining sure of yourself. Deal with partners in the morning; design long-term objectives later. Calls, research and brainstorming are favored. You make an impression where you couldn't before. Tonight: Catch up on e-mail.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Others appear to have the controlling interest. Defer and trust that everything will work out. Your willingness to open up to new technologies and different styles sets you apart. Financial stability comes from an awareness of new methods. Tonight: Be especially nice to a partner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Charge into work. Focus on tying up loose ends and completing projects. You get a lot done quickly when your efficiency is tested. Schedule meetings for the afternoon, when your creativity peaks. Evaluate and make decisions. Tonight: Ever social — even if it is Monday!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Your imagination could take you in some interesting directions. Listen to your sixth sense with a child or in a new, forming relationship. Dig into work, funneling some of your ingenuity there. There is no stopping you right now. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Your ability to evaluate and see the big picture allows you to handle events in a more dynamic manner than most. Converse and share ideas while your creativity is stimulated. Express

your feelings to a family member. Tonight: Romp the night away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Share your thoughts this morning. Don't hold your ideas back. Zoom in on what is right for you. Check out an investment, which could involve a home or property. Some people find you quirky with funds. Stay levelheaded. Tonight: Make it a family night.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Reveal your needs in a way that another can really hear. Feelings are rather intense. Be open to possibilities. Reach out. Others see you as impulsive and creative. Keep conversations flowing. There isn't a clear "yes" or "no" presently. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Your appeal to another is undeniable. Think through a decision carefully; you might be inclined to be impulsive or make unusual choices. Be indulgent, yet know when to draw the line. Establish limits for yourself as well. Tonight: Your treat!

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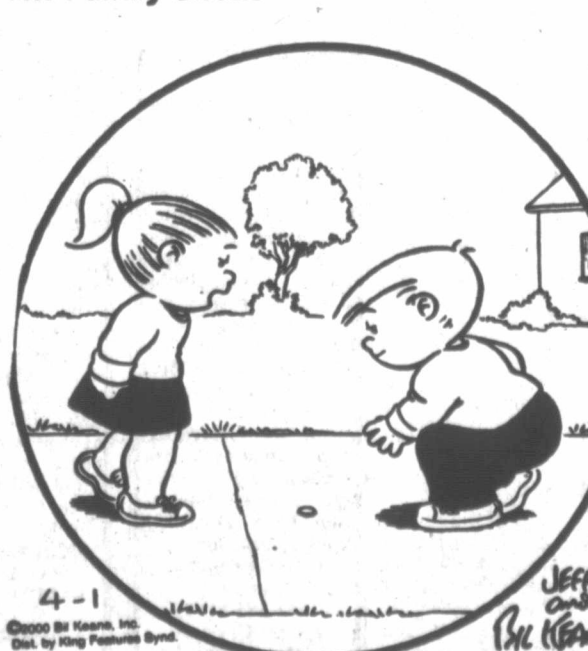
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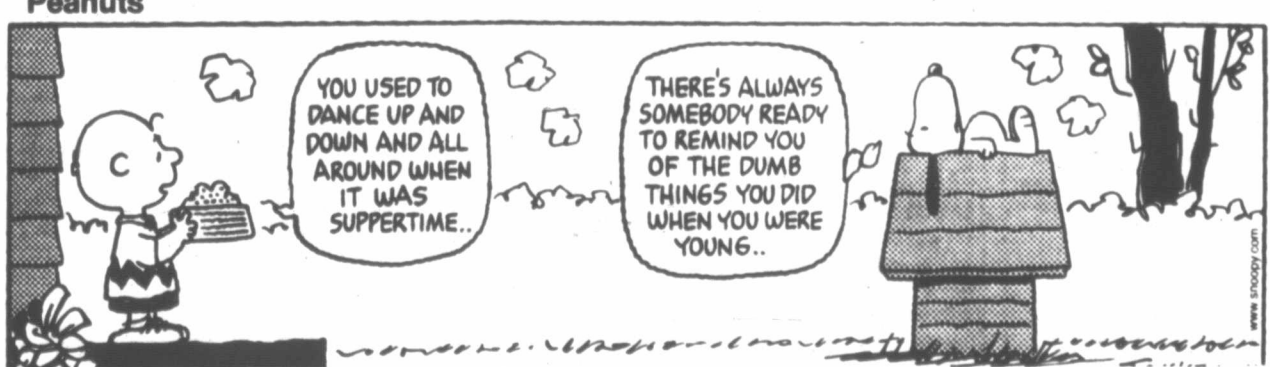
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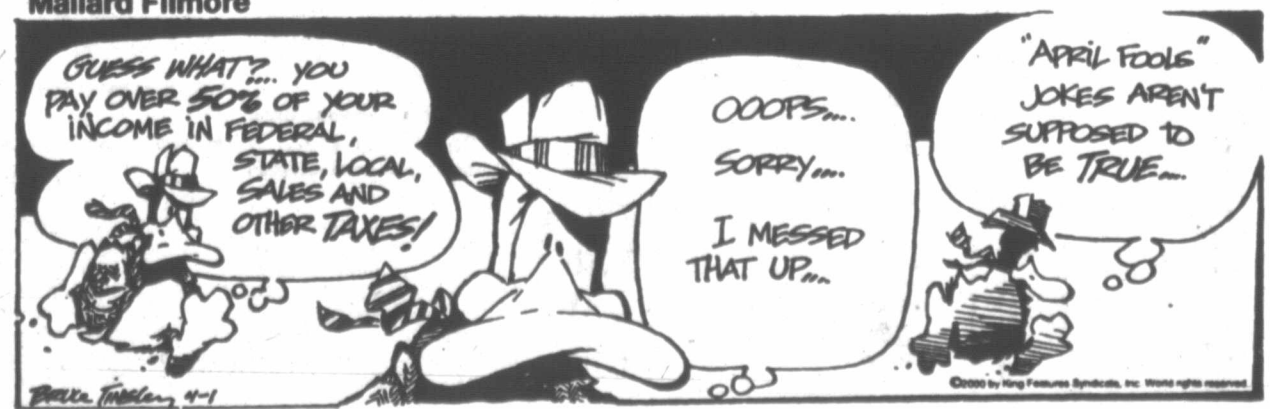
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Charges dropped against father who offered baby for sale

EASTPOINTE, Mich. (AP) — A father who offered his 10-month-old daughter for sale did a despicable thing, but didn't violate the law as written, a judge said in dropping charges against the man.

District Judge Paul Cassidy said Lawrence B. Schaub's action did not amount to child abandonment as defined in Michigan law, and dropped the charge against him Tuesday.

"We are going to file our appeal," prosecutor Carl Marlinga said. "We are working on paperwork, and we should have that ready by the first of next week."

Schaub, 30, of Clinton Township, was arrested March 15. Police said he tried to sell his daughter for \$60,000 to an undercover police officer.

Police located the mother, Idora Schaub, 29, in Garland, Texas, near Dallas, on March 22 working at a gas station. Chesterfield Township police had listed her as a missing person Monday.

Idora Schaub told investigators she and Schaub have been estranged for the past several months and she has a new boyfriend. She claimed she came to Texas after arguing with Schaub over his fathering a child with another woman and his refusal to sign papers to put the couple's 10-month-old daughter up for adoption.

Michigan has no law against selling a child, so Schaub was charged with child abandonment.

On Thursday, the girl and two older siblings were temporarily placed in the custody of a grandmother in Eastpointe. The mother told investigators last week she planned to return to Chesterfield Township to try to gain custody of her three children.

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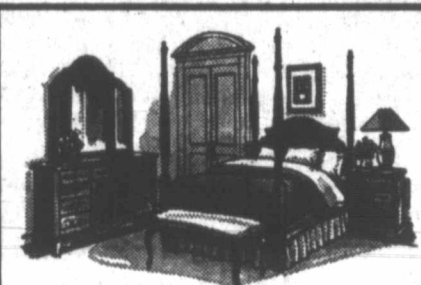

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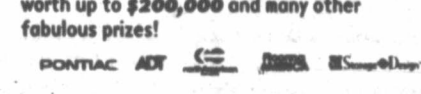
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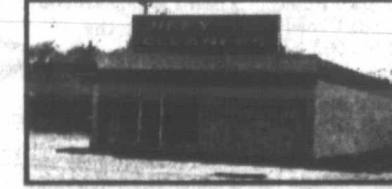
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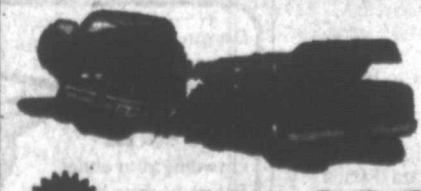
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