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## State Senate approves water bill

AUSTIN (AP) — As the rainless days wore on last year, rivers dried up, farmers' fields cracked and nearly all the ground water districts across the state had no plan to deal with the situation.

City councils quickly enacted water use provisions, such as odd-numbered houses sprinkling their lawns on one day and even-numbered houses sprinkling on another.

But those were Band-Aid solutions, temporary fixes for a problem that stood to jeopardize the state's economic viability.

On Thursday, the state Senate took a major step toward correcting the problem by unanimously approving what could become the state's first-ever statewide water conservation and drought management plan.

The bill will now head to the House for consideration.

Texas is one of only three of the 12 Western states without a state drought plan. New Mexico and Wyoming are the others.

The Texas Water Development Board estimates that without planning, shortages could arise that would leave 15 percent of the state's urban water demands unmet by the year 2010. Such a shortage would result in a loss to the Texas economy of up to \$40 billion, the board reported.

Ironically, the bill was approved on a day when rains covered the Capitol and flash flood warnings were in effect.

"Disregard the weather outside and the bountiful rainfall and think back to last summer, when there was no rainfall," said Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, the bill sponsor.

"Clean, abundant water in Texas must be a guarantee. There are not any radical provisions to this bill, but it contains several pieces that fit together like a puzzle." Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock has called the bill the most important facing lawmakers this session.

"We have laid the foundation and the framework for a plan that will make sure Texas has enough water to meet both the

current needs of our homes and businesses and the demands our growing population will put on the state's water resources in the next century," Bullock said.

Last year's drought, which resulted in federal disaster relief for 95 percent of the state's 254 counties, cost the Texas economy more than \$5 billion.

For decades, lawmakers have been unable to agree on a bill creating a statewide water plan because the regions of the state are so diverse, and drought hadn't directly affected all parts of the state at once — until last year. That disaster has mobilized lawmakers into action.

"For those of us in urban areas, water has always seemed plentiful," said Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth. "Whenever you turn on the spigot, the water flowed. It took a disaster to hit us right between the eyes to wake us up."

Under the bill, local water districts and irrigation districts would submit to a regional planning group designated by the Texas Water Development Board. A

committee representing the regional planning group would then come up with a water conservation plan for the region.

The combination of the regional plans would form a statewide plan.

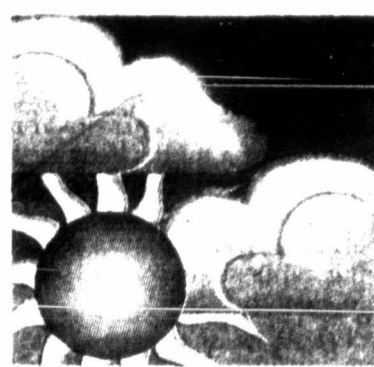
The Water Development Board would be required to designate the regions by Sept. 1, 1998. The regional plans would have to be submitted by Sept. 1, 2000.

If a region failed to meet the deadline, no water district in the region could qualify for state grants or loans.

A constitutional amendment sponsored by Brown would consolidate \$1.2 billion in bonding authority for the Water Development Board to assist local water districts with new projects or improvements.

The bill doesn't alter the state's "right of capture" policy, which allows property owners to pump as much water as they please from their property.

Current law, however, already allows individual ground water districts to limit pumping and well spacing through local votes.



Low tonight in upper 30s. High tomorrow in mid 50s. See Page 2 for weather details.

### Spring forward

Daylight-saving time begins; remember to set your clock forward one hour Sunday morning.



PAMPA — The Subway Sandwich shop and National Bank of Commerce have set up a medical fund for Mary Mathis, who suffered a massive stroke on March 25.

Mathis is the mother of Bridget and J.J. Mathis and a long time employee of Subway.

Mathis suffered a stroke and has had two surgeries to remove blood clots from her brain.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund should contact Rosa at NBC.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. (AP) — American Airlines pilot leaders today recommended that its membership approve a tentative contract with the nation's largest domestic airline.

In a 12-6 vote, the Allied Pilots Association executive board said the plan now would be presented to American's 9,300 pilots for a vote in the next few weeks after a series of informational meetings across the country, said Jim Sovich, president of the union.

"The issue has now been placed in your hands by the board of directors," Sovich said.

Under the proposed contract, American pilots would get raises totaling 9 percent through 2001 and stock options.

And within four years, the company would end a second-tier wage scale adopted in the early 1980s.

But throughout the contract negotiations, the stumbling block has been whether American or pilots for subsidiary American Eagle would fly new regional jets entering the subsidiary's fleet.

The tentative contract is sure to meet stiff resistance from some members of the union, who contend it would give American the right to make drastic job cuts.

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### The creek is full



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Runoff from the heavy rains of the past two days flood over the hike and bike trail in Highland Park as waters rush through the Red Deer Creek bed. The storm system left 4.62 inches of moisture on Pampa. Tonight's forecast calls for possible thunderstorms, with strong winds and cooler temperatures expected tonight and Saturday.

## Residents asked to get involved in stopping child abuse

By LAURA HALEY  
Staff Writer

*This is the last article in a series concerning how the community of Pampa is dealing with the problems of child abuse and neglect in the area.*

Children report to school with an empty stomach. Some have no clean clothes or a winter coat for those cold months. An infant has a flat spot on the back of his head from where he has lain on his back for the past several months since birth. He giggles as people pass by, excited just to see anyone.

These are cases of neglect. These cases happen here in Pampa.

People often don't understand neglect and often believe it is the same as child abuse. But it is not. Neglect is the failure of a parent to take on the necessary responsibilities to ensure a child's physical and mental growth.

Such things that qualify as neglect include failing to feed children and provide an adequate, healthy living environment. This is especially critical in young children, who need the food to provide the physical strength to develop properly. In addition, they also need human interaction to develop emotions and the proper social skills.

Barbara Kirkham, director of the Community Day Care Center, works closely with Child Protective Services in dealing with neglected and abused children. The day care offers a safe



haven for children under the care of protective services and also ensures the children receive the proper meals and interaction needed to develop properly.

Kirkham has been manager of the day care for 18 years, and during those years she has seen many children pass through her doors. But, in the past few years, Kirkham's main concern has been the decreasing number of children the day care is receiving through Child Protective Services.

"That's concerning to me, because where are they?" she said. "We haven't rid ourselves of neglect or abuse."

Although this would indicate a

good sign to many, Kirkham worries that the decline in the number of cases is due to the state's changing priorities concerning neglect. She believes the state no longer considers neglect a high priority and that this is part of the problem of the increasing number of abuse cases across the nation.

"We all know neglect leads to abuse," she said, adding that she does not feel it should have been dropped as a priority.

If neglect is addressed sooner, Kirkham believes, the number of children encountering abuse would decline. By stopping the neglect, Kirkham also believes that families have a higher chance of stopping the cycle of abuse and neglect.

And child abuse and neglect is a cycle that never ends until the circle is broken. Victims become abusers as adults, continuing the cycle for the next generation.

In the past 18 years, Kirkham has seen generations of families go through the day care, each generation under Child Protective Services. In one case, she has seen as many as three generations of the same family. There is no doubt in her mind that abuse travels in cycles — the younger generations learning from the older.

"We become a product of our experiences," she said, noting that it's the experiences and role models that need to change for a child to become a healthy productive adult. "We need our community to care about teenagers

## Authorities arrest witness in Proctor murder case

Jerry L. Chance, the man wanted as a possible material witness in the Richard Lamont Proctor murder case, has been apprehended.

According to Pampa Police Department detectives, Chance was arrested in Lubbock County Wednesday by representatives of the U.S. Marshal Service Fugitive Apprehension Unit.

Police Chief Charlie Morris said, "We attribute the arrest to the excellent cooperation we received from the news media and the citizens who responded to that request."

Chance was returned to Gray County jail following a bond hearing

on an unrelated charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Justice of the Peace Bob Muns has set bond at \$3,000.

Statements from local residents have led police to believe Chance may have seen the shooting of Proctor. Detectives said Chance's associates report he may have previously released information about the case.

Detectives are interviewing Chance about the events surrounding Proctor's shooting.

Chance was picked up at a home in Lubbock County.

Proctor's murderer remains at large.

## Space station air system breaks

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The main device to remove carbon dioxide from air inside the Russian space station Mir is broken, and U.S. astronaut Jerry Linenger and his two crewmates are relying on a backup system, NASA said today.

The three men have an eight-day supply of lithium-hydroxide canisters to purge carbon

dioxide from the air, NASA spokesman Rob Navias said. More canisters are supposed to arrive on a Russian supply ship scheduled to launch Sunday.

The primary carbon-dioxide removal system malfunctioned Thursday while Linenger and the two cosmonauts were making repairs aboard the 11-year-old station, Navias said.

in their daily life."

There can be several indicators of abuse or neglect, said Olson. These indicators include difficulty trusting others, constantly on the alert, sleeping problems, poor scholastic adjustment and academic progress, behavioral problems, developmental lags in emotional and developmental growth, poor self esteem, eating problems and difficulty focusing attention on tasks.

Although these are not all the indicators, they are usually some of the more prevalent ones. But, warns Olson, just because a child may exhibit some of these signs it does not necessarily mean he/she is being abused. Then again, some abused and neglected children do not exhibit any of the symptoms, she said.

If anyone suspects abuse or neglect, however, it is much better to report the incident, said Olson, who noted it is not a person's job to judge but to report what they have seen or suspect. It is then up to Child Protective Services to judge whether abuse or neglect is taking place.

In addition to the civic obligation, all citizens also have a legal obligation to report incidences of child abuse. Anyone who knows of an abuse but fails to report the incident can be held responsible.

Abuse or neglect cases can be reported to Child Protective Services, 669-6806; the Child Abuse Hotline, 1-800-252-5400; the Pampa Police Department, 669-5700; or the Gray County Sheriff's Office, 669-8022.

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# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**BOCKMON, Elmer Bryan "Shorty"** - Graveside services, 1 p.m., Plymouth Cemetery, Wellington.  
**CHO, Karla Jan** - 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, Pampa.  
**CROSSLAND, Vera Lorene** - Graveside services, 2 p.m., Shamrock Cemetery, Shamrock.  
**KENDRICK, Marion Clark** - 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Groom.  
**LYLE, John S.** - 10 a.m., Calvary Baptist Church, Alamogordo, N.M.

## Obituaries

**JESSIE BAILEY**  
 Jessie Bailey, 85, of Pampa, died Friday, April 4, 1997. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.  
 Mr. Bailey was born Aug. 6, 1911, at Bryan, Texas. He married Trudie Irvine in Pampa; she died June 27, 1994. He had been a Pampa resident for 40 or 50 years. He retired from Ingersoll Rand International and had worked for a number of years as custodian of First United Methodist Church. He was a member and deacon of Oklahoma Street Church of Christ.  
 Survivors include a stepson, Lenroy Bowie of Liberal, Kan.; a sister, and a niece, Geneva Adams of California.  
**ELMER BRYAN "SHORTY" BOCKMON**  
 LEFORS - Elmer Bryan "Shorty" Bockmon, 100, died Wednesday, April 2, 1997, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Plymouth Cemetery at Wellington with the Rev. Dean Driver, pastor of Samnorwood Baptist Church, and the Rev. Lewis Ellis, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lefors, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Adams Funeral Home of Wellington.  
 Mr. Bockmon was born Nov. 28, 1896, at Cleburne, to John Henry and Mahala Ann Shackelford Bockmon. His family moved to Collingsworth County in 1902 from Cleburne. He married Esther Clement on March 1, 1941, at Sayre, Okla. He farmed on the family farm, retiring in 1976. The couple moved to Lefors in August of 1996 to be near family. He was a Baptist.  
 He was preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters.  
 Survivors include his wife, Esther Bockmon of Lefors; a son, Russell Bockmon of Lefors; four grandchildren, Ron Brashears, Rod Brashears, Bryan Bockmon and Nikki Bockmon; and three great-grandchildren, Bryan Brashears, Caitlyn Brashears and Cody Brashears.  
 The family requests memorials be to Plymouth Cemetery.



Elmer Bryan "Shorty" Bockmon.

**KARLA JAN CHO**  
 Karla Jan Cho, 34, of El Paso, a former Pampa resident, died Wednesday, April 2, 1997, at El Paso. Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Pastor Lonny Robbins, of Trinity Fellowship Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.  
 Mrs. Cho was born March 30, 1963, at Groom, Texas. She was a 1981 Pampa High School graduate. She had been a lifelong Pampa resident until moving to El Paso six months ago.  
 Survivors include a daughter, Lindsey Cho of Bakersfield, Calif.; a son, Matthew Cho of Bakersfield; a mother and stepfather, Leona and Robert Ray of Pampa; four sisters, Cheryl Vinson and her twin Kelly Richey, both of Amarillo, and Terry Searl and Julie Vinson, both of Pampa; seven brothers, Jeffrey White, Scott Vinson and Hank Vinson, all of Pampa; Tracy Vinson and Jimmy Vinson, both of Austin; David Vinson of Seabrook and Steve Vinson of Amarillo.  
 The family will receive visitors at 1001 N. Sumner and 911 E. Browning.  
 The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

**VERA LORENE CROSSLAND**  
 SHAMROCK - Vera Lorene Crossland, 77, died Wednesday, April 2, 1997. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Shamrock Cemetery with the Rev. Joe G. Jernigan, pastor of Calvary Christian Fellowship Church in Shamrock, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.  
 Mrs. Crossland was born at Wynnboro, Texas. She married Delmer Crossland in 1948 at Albany, Texas. She had been a Shamrock resident since 1957. She was a member of First Baptist Church.  
 Survivors include her husband, Delmer Crossland of Shamrock; two daughters, Glenda Ann Ferguson of Wynnboro and Freida Gayle Coon of Seattle, Wash.; a son, Delmer Ray Crossland of Shamrock; a brother, J.B. Mills of Hot Springs, Ark.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Accidents**  
 The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**THURSDAY, April 3**  
 A 1995 Chevy K-1500 pickup driven by Daniel Anthony Gutierrez, 30, 1715 Dogwood, and a 1991 Ford Mustang driven by David Benjamin Padgett, 19, Pampa, collided at the Hobart and Harvester intersection. Gutierrez was cited for following too closely.  
 A 1993 Dodge Dakota driven by Joseph Willard Dooley, 75, 818 Reid; and a 1979 GMC Sierra driven by Michael Limol Dickinson, 24, 313 Miami; and a 1997 Chevy Z-71 driven by Alton Merle Curry, 43, 1212 Mary Ellen, collided in the 1400 block of North Hobart. Citations are pending.

**Stocks**

The following grain quotations are provided by Antevy Grain of Pampa

Wheat	1.97
Milo	1.48
Coro	1.16

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation

Occidental	23 3/8	up 3/8
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation

Magellan	79.43
Puritan	17.27

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

Amoco	84 1/8	dn 1/8
Amc	129 5/8	up 5/8
Celanese	24	up 1/8
Citibank	16 1/8	dn 1/8

## Obituaries

**MARION CLARK KENDRICK**  
 GROOM - Marion Clark Kendrick, 76, of Groom, died Thursday, April 3, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. R. Bryan Richardson, of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Groom City Cemetery under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.  
 Mrs. Clark was born at Groom and had been a Groom resident most of her life, graduating from Groom High School in 1936. She was also a 1939 graduate of West Texas State College. She taught school in White Deer, Levelland, El Paso and Groom. She married Meredith Kendrick on 1940 at Amarillo. She had lived on a farm north of Groom where her parents and grandparents lived since 1910. She was instrumental in the development of the Groom Community Center and was a charter member of the Brush and Pallet Club. She was a member of the Needle Club, the Order of the Eastern Star, First Baptist Church and Ruth Sunday School Class.  
 Survivors include her husband, Meredith; a daughter, Janis Ann DeLoach of Lubbock; two sons, William D. Kendrick of Duncan, Okla., and Robert Arlin Kendrick of Montgomery; three sisters, Bernice Hartzog of Farwell, Mable Beardsley of New Castle, Wyo., and Lucille Smith of Mesquite; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.  
 The body will be available for viewing Saturday from 10 a.m. until service time at the church.  
 The family will be at the family home in Groom and requests memorials be to Groom Volunteer Ambulance Service, Crown of Texas Hospice or Ware Memorial Care Center.

**JOHN S. LYLE**  
 ALAMOGORDO, N.M. - John S. Lyle, 85, a former Pampa, Texas, resident, died Wednesday, April 2, 1997, at Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo. Services will be at 10 a.m. MST Saturday in Calvary Baptist Church at Alamogordo with the Rev. Rondal L. Killgore officiating. Burial will be in Monte Vista Cemetery under the direction of Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home of Alamogordo.  
 Mr. Lyle was born April 29, 1911, at McCloud, Okla. He worked at Cabot Corporation in Pampa as an engineer in the oil industry, retiring in 1975. He had been an Alamogordo resident since 1987. He was a member of the Artist Guild and First Baptist Church of Alamogordo.  
 He was preceded in death by his wife, Inez A. Lyle, in 1980.  
 Survivors include three daughters and two sons-in-law, Kay Fisher of Alamogordo, Judy and Travis Friend of Midland, Texas, and Linda and Larry Flippo of Artesia, N.M.; a son and daughter-in-law, John S. and Annette Lyle, Jr., of Amarillo; 11 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

**KAY HOWARD VANDIVER**  
 MIDLAND - Kay Howard Vandiver, 44, a former Pampa resident, died Thursday, April 3, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Darrouzett High School Auditorium at Darrouzett with the Rev. Gary McDonald, pastor of First Baptist Church of Darrouzett, and Dr. Marcus Adair, director of Faith Bible Center in Canyon, officiating. Burial will be in Darrouzett Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.  
 Mrs. Vandiver was born Dec. 14, 1952, at Beaver, Okla. She was a graduate of Darrouzett High School at Darrouzett and received a bachelor of arts degree from Wayland Baptist University. She later earned an RN degree from Midland College. She had been a Midland resident since 1982 and worked for Midland Memorial Hospital for five years as a surgical nurse on the heart team. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Midland and was a former member of First Baptist Church of Pampa.  
 Survivors include her parents, Bob and Peggie Howard of Darrouzett; a sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Steve Giles of Pampa; a brother and sister-in-law, Randy and Shirley Howard of Darrouzett; a maternal grandmother, Edith Travis of Booker; three nephews, Chadd Giles and Cole Giles, both of Pampa, and Ryan Howard of Darrouzett; and two nieces, Aaron Howard and Cali Howard, both of Darrouzett.  
 The family requests memorials be to the American Diabetes Association or to First Baptist Church of Darrouzett.  
 The body will lie in state until 8 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Home and from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday and until service time Sunday in the Good Samaritan Funeral Home in Booker.

**Fires**  
 The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**THURSDAY, April 3**  
 7:20 p.m. - Two units and three personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident at 1400 N. Hobart.  
 9:28 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to 2715 Aspen for a good intent call.  
 9:43 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to 1608 N. Nelson for a good intent call.

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**THURSDAY, April 3**  
 Theft of a \$300 motor home spare tire was reported in the 2300 block of Christine.  
 Theft of various merchandise was reported from Alco, 1207 N. Hobart.  
 Theft of a 20-year-old wooden clarinet valued at \$300 was reported at the Pampa Middle School.  
 A driving while intoxicated incident was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

## Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**THURSDAY, April 3**  
 Gray County deputies responded to the 700 block of East 14th for a suspect evading arrest.  
 Gray County deputies responded to 300 Tignor for an agency assist for Taylor County.  
 Gray County deputies to the intersection of Frederic and Henry on a driving while intoxicated call.

**Arrests**  
 Michael McGavock, 31, Courtyard Apartments,

## Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**THURSDAY, April 3**  
 9:12 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.  
 2:09 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to Northwest Texas Hospital.  
 2:43 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the

## Calendar of events

**PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL**  
 Pampa Area Literacy Council office will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.  
**PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB**  
 Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Marie Jamison at 669-2945.  
**THEE PLACE**  
 Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.  
**CLEAN AIR AL-ATEEN**  
 Clean Air Al-Ateen will hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. at 810 W. 23rd. For more

**Arrests**  
 Thomas Dale Reddick, 19, 1014 Sumner, was arrested on five municipal warrants. He remains in custody.  
 Melissa Ann Portillo, 19, 521 Yeager, was arrested on three municipal warrants. She was released on bond.  
 Dewayne Ray McBee, 23, 1328 N. Starkweather, was arrested on three municipal warrants. He was released on bond.  
 Joel Lopez, 33, 1132 Juniper, was arrested on three assault warrants. He remains in custody.  
 Zwalyne Marcell Brown, 20, 805 Oklahoma, was arrested on four instant warrants. He remains in custody.

was arrested on charges of probation violation and evading arrest. He remains in custody.  
 Jayme Lynn Nation, 21, 316 Tignor, was arrested on charges of probation violation and unauthorized absence from a correctional facility. He remains in custody.  
 Jerry Lee Chance, 43, Midland, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He was also being sought as a material witness in the Proctor murder case. He remains in custody.  
 William Wayne Roe, 62, Skellytown, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense. He remains in custody.

1100 block of Varnon drive on a possible trauma. There was no patient contact.  
 7:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Hobart and Randy Matson Avenue on a motor vehicle accident. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.  
**FRIDAY, April 4**  
 12:38 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1800 block of North Sumner on a medical call. No one was transported.

information, contact 669-0407 or 669-3988.  
**PAMPA SHRINE CLUB SPRING BARBECUE**  
 The Pampa Shrine Club will have its 4th annual Spring Bar-B-Que, all you-can eat, at the Sportsman Club on South Barnes, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 6. Tickets are: Adults, \$6; children, \$3; children under 6 eat free. Proceeds go to the Crippled Children's Transportation Fund. For more information, call 665-6037.  
**MOBILE MEALS**  
 The Southside Senior Citizens Mobile Meals menu for Saturday, April 5, will be baked chicken, green peas/carrots, rolls and cookies.

## Weather focus

**LOCAL FORECAST**  
 Tonight, chance of evening thunderstorms. Windy, with southwesterly winds 25-35 mph and gusty. Mostly clear and cooler with a low in the upper 30s. Saturday, variable cloudiness, cooler and windy with a high in the upper 50s and northerly winds 25-35 mph and gusty. Saturday night, windy with a low in the mid 30s. Thursday's high was 56; the overnight low was 51. Pampa received an additional 2.37 inches of moisture in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today, bringing the two-day total to 4.62 inches.  
**REGIONAL FORECAST**  
 West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, mostly clear, windy and cooler with high winds watch in effect. Lows in mid to upper 30s. Saturday, windy and cooler, with highs in mid to upper 50s. Saturday night, continued windy with lows from near 30 to upper 30s. South Plains: Wind advisory tonight South Plains. High wind watch Saturday all

areas. Tonight, windy. Lows mid 40s to low 50s. Saturday, windy. Highs mid 60s to low 70s. Saturday night, fair. Lows in mid to upper 30s.  
 North Texas - Tonight, cloudy with rain and thunderstorms likely, rain may be heavy at times west and central. Lows 58 to 64. Friday, cloudy and warmer with showers and thunderstorms. Some storms may be severe and rain may be heavy at times. Windy west and central. Highs 72 to 79.  
 South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, cloudy with thunderstorms, some possibly severe with large hail and damaging winds. Lows in mid 50s, near 50 Hill Country. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs near 80, mid 70s Hill Country. Upper Coast: A flood and flash flood watch is in effect for tonight. Tonight, cloudy with occasional thunderstorms, some possibly severe with large hail and damaging winds. Lows in low 60s inland to near 70 coast. Saturday, decreasing clouds. Highs near 80 inland to upper

## City briefs

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**MUST SELL** business, located in Pampa Mall, The Coffee Cafe, a great business for a family. Very reasonable priced. Negotiable. Call 665-7026 for showing. Adv.  
**PAMPA SHRINE CLUB** Spring Barbecue, Sunday April 6th, 11-2 p.m. Sportsman Club on S. Barnes, take-outs available. Adv.  
**"ALWAYS PATSY Cline,"** Alt's Tour '97, will be presented Saturday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Adults \$10, students \$5. Tickets available at St. Matthew's Day School, First Bank Southwest, Malcolm Hinkle, Inc., also at the door. Adv.  
**ADULT EXERCISE** and Dancercise Classes, Madeline Graves Dance & Gymnastics Center, 1345 S. Hobart. Enroll at first class session Tuesday, April 8th (morning class) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Thursday 10th (evening class) 7:45 p.m.-8:45 p.m. Adv.  
**TAX SERVICE;** Glenda Brownlee, 625 Whittensburg, Borger - 274-2142 or 800-600-2670. Adv.

**GREEN THUMB** Weed-N-Feed, 3-16 lb. bags \$10. Check our bargain of the month. Frank's True Value, 638 S. Cuyler. Adv.  
**OUR GREENHOUSE** is overflowing with lots of blooming annuals, perennials, groundcovers, roses, hanging baskets and more. Watson's Feed & Garden, Hwy. 60 East. Adv.  
**HOME DELIVERY.** All carriers are independent contractors and The Pampa News is not responsible for advance payments of two or more months made to the carriers. Please pay directly to the News Office any payment that exceeds the current collection period. For your protection make checks payable to The Pampa News.  
**CHANEY'S CAFE** - Friday 5-8 p.m. Catfish, turkey and dressing, chicken fried steak, sanchos, peach cobbler. 716 W. Foster. Adv.  
**JACKSON & Perkins** Roses are in! Lots of colors and varieties. Watson's Feed & Garden, 665-4189. Adv.  
**OAK DINING** Table with 6 chairs for sale, 669-1428. Adv.

**BUD AND Max** cleaned out the bunkhouse. Sale - Saturday April 5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 413 Rider St. Saddles, tack, all kinds of goodies, Mountain Man clothes and knives, clothes all sizes, toys, dolls. Adv.  
**BALLOON BOUQUETS** gift baskets and plant arrangements for every occasion - birthdays, get well, anniversary, secret pal, congratulations and any other occasion you can think of call Celebrations, 665-3100. We deliver, 1617 N. Hobart. Adv.  
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## Teen Leadership helps middle school youth see world more positively

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE  
Staff Writer

In an age where gang violence and gun-carrying juveniles make daily headlines, the Teen Leadership classes, under the direction of Pampa Middle School Principal Tim Powers, is striving to make a difference in the way Pampa's youth see their world.

Teen Leadership students learn the values of positive affirmation, community involvement, honesty, integrity, respect and common courtesy.

Some people say these are standards that should be taught at early ages by the families of students. But in an era of single-parent families, two-parent working families and general negativity towards society, many young people have a difficult time finding anything positive in their lives.

This class, which has been approved by the Pampa school board, though in its first year, has been a huge success with students, teachers and parents.

According to students in the class, they have learned to deal with their siblings without constant fighting and bickering. They say their parents can see a difference in their attitudes, which of course lessens the stress of everyday family living.

The students participate in a round-table discussion every day and discuss problems and solutions which they have faced in the past 24 hours.

Members of the class greet each other with a smile, a hug or a handshake as a sign of acceptance.

"This is a big part of the class," said Debbie Sewell, teacher of one of the classes. "We want the students to be able to accept everyone as they are, in an acceptable manner."

The students actively participate in the discussions, projects and events in the class. Everyone has something important to say and deserves the right to be heard.

The students practice active listening skills, then use problem solving strategies to develop acceptable answers to conflicts in their daily lives.

The lessons the students learn go farther than just the classroom or their families.

The students take their positive attitudes of everyone helping in their own way into the community and volunteer to do projects that benefit that community.

Teen Leadership students have painted a house in desperate need of paint, raised money for the American Heart Association through their Hoops for Heart project and taken joy to some elderly citizens with an Easter egg hunt and the companionship that the elderly so often crave.

Alternatives are a big part of the lessons learned by Teen Leadership students. One of their lessons centered on truth and the fact that a small lie is still a lie.

The students were assigned to go for a full day without telling even the smallest fib. The students were to find an alternative for the tiny white lies that get told each day. For some it was relatively easy, for others it was more difficult.

One student was asked by her mom if a pair of shoes looked all right with a particular outfit. The student hedged, but instead of giving a truthful answer of No, the girl said "On you it's fine."

The class decided it would have been better if the girl had said another pair would look better.

"This is just one of the white lies we tell everyday," said Sewell. "So the lesson here is that honest communication would have served just as well, and no one would have had their feelings hurt."

This is the first year for the Teen Leadership class, but many of the eighth graders have expressed a desire to continue the class in high school.

Currently there are plans for more classes to be added to the middle school grades as well as high school level.

School board member Pat Kennedy said, "The effects on these students is just remarkable. It says quite a bit about a program which encourages students to address not only each other, but everyone they meet, in a friendly, courteous fashion."

## Miracle Network Baby Contest winners



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandrige)  
Cylea King, 20 months-old, and Breyden King, 7 months, took the top honors of the Miracle Network Baby Contest sponsored by the Pampa Wal-Mart. The store raised \$431.21 through this contest alone. All the proceeds will go to the Miracle Network.

## Meteorologists: Cutbacks could harm forecasts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Weather Service's plan to make up for budget shortfalls by cutting jobs could have "potentially tragic consequences," some of the nation's most respected meteorologists are warning.

"The recent announcement of significant cuts in the budget of the National Weather Service and their impact on the weather service's capability to warn of severe weather and flood hazards to protect life and property is cause for deep concern," 26 past presidents of the American Meteorological Society wrote Commerce Secretary William Daley this week.

Weather service officials have stressed that the cutbacks, ordered to close a \$27 million budget gap, won't harm public safety. But that conclusion has been contested within the weather service's own management ranks.

Among the signers of the Daley letter were two former weather service directors and a past administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which is the weather service's parent agency.

They asked Daley, whose department oversees NOAA and the weather service, to consider providing the money necessary to make up the budget shortfall. Such a move could be accomplished by shifting priorities within Commerce and NOAA, they said.

Commerce and NOAA public affairs officials said Thursday they hadn't seen the letter and couldn't immediately provide comment.

Two weeks ago, the weather service announced its intent to shut down its Southern Region headquarters in Texas and pare back staffing at its hurricane center in Florida and tornado-tracking center in Oklahoma.

The regional headquarters in Fort Worth will be closed later this year and its duties split between regional offices in New York and Missouri. The Fort Worth office, with a staff of 60, now oversees field operations in 10 states from New Mexico east to Florida.

Agency officials said they were forced to scale back some operations, cut up to 200 jobs and keep vacant jobs unfilled because Congress provided \$27.5 million less this year.

Their assertion that public safety won't be harmed has been met with strong disagreement within the weather service, by lawmakers and emergency preparedness officials in Texas, Florida and other coastal states.

"This thinning of the weather service staffing increases the risk of warning failures with potentially tragic consequences," the Meteorological Society members wrote.

## GOP senators tentatively back tax plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Giving more momentum to a House-written tax plan designed to replace local school property taxes, Senate Republicans say the plan appears to meet their top objectives.

Members of the Republican Senate Caucus, who make up the majority of the 31-member Senate, on Thursday said they want to look at the details of the pending House plan but "conceptually" agree with it.

The plan, still pending before a special House committee, would expand the state business tax to all forms of business except sole proprietorships.

Only corporations currently pay the tax, which is based on either profits or capital assets. Various forms of partnerships, which could include doctors, lawyers, accountants and other profes-

als, would become subject to the tax under the House proposal.

The plan also would expand the number of goods and services subject to the state sales tax and would raise some other taxes, such as those on cigarettes and alcohol.

The money raised, about \$5.7 billion in the first two years, would replace money lost when local school property taxes are lowered from an average of \$1.50 per \$100 in value to 50 cents per \$100 value for residential property and \$1 per \$100 in business property.

Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, head of the Senate GOP caucus, said the 17 Republican senators want five things from the plan:

- Fairness.
- A substantial property tax cut.
- An overall tax cut.
- Some measure to keep local

school taxes from rising again in the future.

Elimination of the so-called Robin Hood school funding formula that forces rich school districts to share money with poorer districts.

"We believe they are on the right track," Mrs. Shapiro said of the House bill.

Some concern had been raised after Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, head of the House Republican Caucus, said he and fellow Republican Gov. George W. Bush opposed the idea of taxing all businesses, including partnerships, under the current business tax.

For months, Bush has said he wants all businesses taxed equally. But to do that, he proposed a new business tax with a \$500,000 deductible to replace the current business tax.

## WT's Co-Op gives students work experience

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's Cooperative Education Program (Co-Op) is giving WTAMU students a chance to become part of the everyday work force before they graduate from college.

Co-Op is an academic partnership between the University and local employers to provide students with a method of learning that integrates work experience and classroom instruction. Students are employed in practical, paid positions directly related to their educational and career goals.

"The biggest payback these students can get is a chance to experience the real world," Steve Sellars, director of Cooperative Education, said. "They can get

hands-on experience in the field they are studying before they graduate."

Cooperative Education has placed more than 60 students this year with several different employers in the area.

"The Co-Op program provides a huge opportunity for students to take," Sellars said. "While working, students can decide whether their field of study is right for them, and it's great for resume building."

To qualify for a Co-Op placement, students must be enrolled at WTAMU, have completed 30 hours of course work, have a grade-point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and commit two semesters to the program.

Pampa students currently placed in the Co-Op program are Nathan Dawes, a junior computer information systems major, Pantex; and Kasia Lewis, a junior pre-physical therapy major, Integrated Health Services.

The Co-Op program began three years ago at WTAMU and has since placed 139 students with jobs. There are 292 students enrolled in the program.

Cooperative education was founded in 1906 at the University of Cincinnati and is now offered in some version by 1,000 colleges and universities around the country.

For more information about cooperative education opportunities, call Career Services at (806) 656-2345.

## State employees help charities

AMARILLO — Past history proves state employees want to give to local charitable organizations.

The State of Texas employs more than 6,700 people in the Panhandle. From college workers to prison guards, from highway maintenance crews to veterinary researchers, Panhandle state employees gave more than \$60,000 to local charities during the State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) last year.

The entire campaign, including

state and national federation gifts, raised more than \$78,000.

The SECC provides state employees with a listing of legitimate, responsible charitable organizations.

If your organization wants to be considered for inclusion in the SECC listing of charitable organizations, contact the local campaign manager, the United Way of Amarillo/Canyon, at (806) 376-6359. The deadline to submit an application is Wednesday, April 9.



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## Amarillo Civic Center schedules home and garden show

AMARILLO — This weekend, the Amarillo Civic Center will be home to a show to help Tri-State area residents beautify, improve and enjoy their homes with the help of area home builders, remodelers, decorators and landscapers.

Over 115 different exhibitors will fill more than 30,000 square feet of the Civic Center with the newest and latest ideas for homes, yards and gardens. The public will see new products and learn about new services from businesses within our Tri-State area.

Again this year, Boatmen's First presents the annual Tri-State Home and Garden Show in association with Oldies Radio and SuperTalk 1440AM KPUR.

Again this year is a "show within a show" as area health care providers participate in the Home Health & Fitness Expo. This gathering of health and wellness

providers has doubled in size from last year and features the latest products, services and technology for implementing a complete, professionally managed home health program. The Health Expo is sponsored by Dr. Elaine Cook of Advanced Skin Treatment Center.

Gifts and door prizes will be available, including the chance to register to win a \$1,000 cash prize. Entries are automatically registered for the Name Game Sweepstakes which begins the week of April 7 on KPUR.

Those attending may visit with builders, building suppliers and decorators and see displays of home furnishing, spas, home entertainment, floor and tile, cabinets, greenhouses, plants and shrubs, pictures and frames, security systems, doors and windows, pianos and organs, cookware and more, including the products and service

of firms involved with Home Health Care.

The show will be in the Amarillo Civic Center's Exhibit Hall and Meeting Room, located at the North entrance (off 3rd Street) of the Civic Center complex. Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 6, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is \$3 for adults. Free admission for adults 55 and over also for children 15 and younger when accompanied by an adult.

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This newspaper is dedicated to furnishing information to our readers so that they can better promote and preserve their own freedom and encourage others to see its blessings. Only when man understands freedom and is free to control himself and all he possesses can he develop to his utmost capabilities.

We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment.

Wayland Thomas  
Publisher

Larry D. Hollis  
Managing Editor

## Texas Editorials

### The Dallas Morning News on the State Board of Education:

One thing can be said for certain: State Board of Education meetings are no longer dull.

The usually calm sessions have been turned upside down by heated charges that a national public education conspiracy is about to infiltrate the Texas schools.

Six board members, supported by Christian conservatives, are fighting a new curriculum plan on the basis that it will tie this state's schools to "liberal" national education standards.

The six also claim technical courses recommended for the curriculum are an attempt by industry to have available cheap labor.

The Texas Business and Education Coalition, a group of educators and top business executives, is infuriated by the charges. And rightly so. The coalition supports courses that help high school students prepare to enter the work force. But the organization also strongly supports greater math, education and science requirements.

Another false claim is that the new curriculum can be linked to one source — the National Center on Education and the Economy.

The center was retained to help develop the curriculum standards. But dozens of committees and scores of educators and private citizens spent months drafting the document.

The conspiracy theorists are jeopardizing the board's most important assignment in years. Nothing is more critical to public education than clear guidelines, outlining what students are expected to know.

The board will take up the first section of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills plan on April 9. The State Education Board should use this meeting to get back on track. The new curriculum deserves to be adopted.

### Waco Tribune Herald on state board and grade inflation:

In an effort to give young Texans a better shot at success, Texas school students now must take Algebra I rather than lower-level math courses. The change was a welcome boost toward tougher academic standards.

And just to make sure young Texans obtain the benefits of Algebra I, the State Board of Education required an end-of-course test to measure learning. This was a wise precaution. It is too easy for teachers to give students undeserved passing grades.

As it turns out, many Texas teachers are handing out undeserved passing grades to students. An amazing 83 percent of students flunked the Algebra I end-of-course test.

Grade inflation and social promotions ruin the educational opportunities of students who pass courses they have not mastered and are promoted to the next grade level where they are doomed to fail unless they are again given grades and promotions they have not earned. That's what happens when young Texans get into high school barely able to read or perform basic math. That's when they discover that they are locked out of most of the doors that open to life's opportunities.

To be fair, many teachers privately complain that they are pressured by principals and administrators to not flunk students. They also complain when they receive students who have not mastered the material needed to keep up with current course work. To the detriment of students ready to learn, teachers must endeavor to bring socially promoted students up to speed. Even good students suffer from the practice of grade inflation and social promotions.

It turns out that the Texas Education Code clearly outlaws grade inflation and social promotions.

Standardized tests and end-of-course tests are needed to ensure that Texas school children are learning and to identify educators who should be penalized for violating their legal and professional responsibilities.

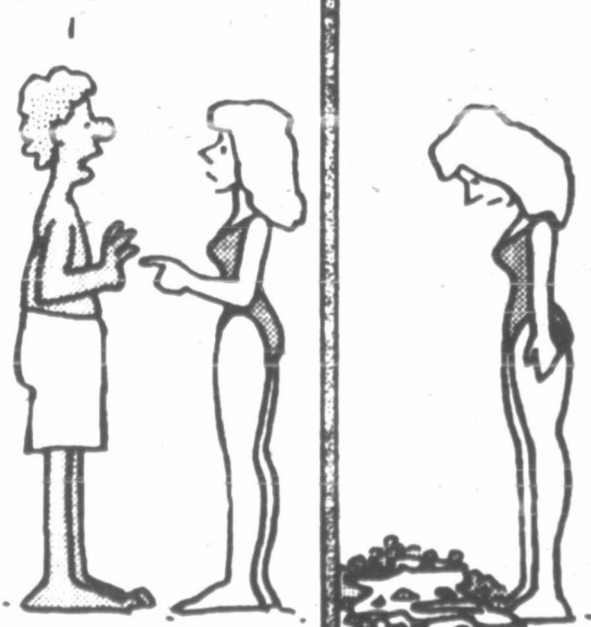
### Thought for Today

'The culture of chaos is not about finding common ground. It is about having one's say and having one's way.'

— Ervin S. Duggan, TV executive

### Berry's World

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Cliche: Politics is the art of the possible.

Reality: You can't possibly know what's possible 'til you've tried out the varied possibilities.

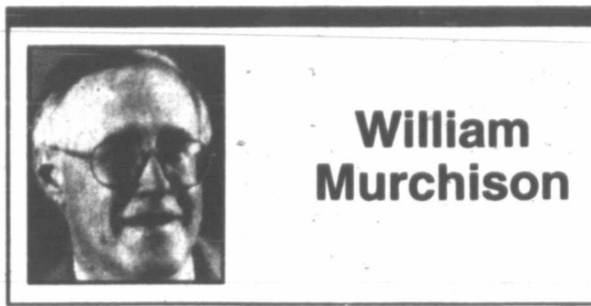
Which is why eleven House conservatives were exasperated enough the other day to block a funding increase for House committees, including the campaign funding mess. The conservatives think the leadership isn't trying anything but their fast fraying patience. They wanted some formal recognition of their concerns, followed by some action.

Recognition they got — in a closed door meeting with Newt & Co. One of the rebels described the occasion as "a very hostile environment." The environment made scant impression on Oklahoma's Steve Largent, the pro football Hall of Famer, who told the gathering: "You can't intimidate me. I've been in the NFL. I had 280-pound linebackers that wanted to kill me." A compromise was duly patched up: The rebels would vote for a 30-day extension in current funding levels. Back to business after Easter.

Business? About time the house of Newt got down to business. Concerning their party's unwillingness to set and follow a political agenda, the rebels have every right to be irked. No agenda is visible without a microscope.

What do congressional Republicans want to do? What's their purpose in life, their reason for being on Capitol Hill? Presumably to do things differently than congressional Democrats would do them. Well, you can't really tell by looking.

As if burned by all his bum personal publicity over the past year, Speaker Gingrich has turned



William Murchison

from bad boy into Boy Scout. He speaks the language of cooperation instead of confrontation.

House conservatives have been especially vexed at the leadership's seeming indifference to tax cuts, which should be the centerpiece of any Republican economic agenda. Newt flogged through the House a restoration of the airline ticket tax while voicing a preference for budget balancing.

This sort of thing sits poorly with taxpayers who are doubtful that the government's economic concerns are greater than their own. After the recent rebellion, Newt was moved to say in a speech, "I'm deeply committed to lowering taxes." No doubt we will see in due course how deep is "deeply."

The trickiness of the enterprise at hand — dealing with Bill Clinton — commands deep sympathy. A president who will say anything that circumstances dictate is hard to deal with; Republicans in the last Congress learned this painfully.

The pain has made them cautious. As Mark

Twain observed, a cat that has sat on a hot stove won't sit on one again — and won't sit on a cold one, either. But what is a leader's job? Isn't it to find ways and means of getting a legislative meal cooked, whatever temperature the stove starts out at?

Last go-round, we had the Contract with America. It was great — and energizing. So it didn't all get done. So what? What we had was a benchmark for the gauging of effort and achievement. This year, no Contract is visible. With nothing to excite the troops, should we wonder that the troopers' eyelids droop?

We don't even hear anymore about overhauling the tax system a la Dick Armey or Bill Archer. The need for the overhaul is keener than ever, but the requisite enthusiasm has drained away. The Lincoln Bedroom's host commands the political heights. And he shouldn't.

Can anybody figure out what the Republican Party wants to accomplish in the current Congress, beyond working toward a budget compromise and maybe — maybe — embarrassing the givers and takers of foreign campaign funds? I, for one, can't. Not without bifocals, anyway.

True, they're trying to stop the partial-birth horror. There are other horrors, all the same, having to do with federal dominance of life in these United States: socially, culturally, economically, politically. Don't these horrors similarly require confrontation?

The House rebels rub and re-rub our noses in that noisome question. Awful smell: essential service.

## Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, April 4, the 94th day of 1997. There are 271 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 4, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was shot to death in Memphis, Tenn.

On this date:

In 1818, Congress decided the flag of the United States would consist of 13 red and white stripes and 20 stars, with a new star to be added for every new state of the Union.

In 1841, President William Henry Harrison succumbed to pneumonia one month after his inaugural, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to die in office.

In 1850, the city of Los Angeles was incorporated.

In 1887, Susanna Medora Salter became the first woman elected mayor of an American community — Argonia, Kan.

In 1902, British financier Cecil Rhodes left \$10 million in his will to provide scholarships for Americans at Oxford University in England.



# Don't trust new TV rating system

TV networks are trying to quell public dissatisfaction with the new TV-show rating system.

By now you've probably seen ratings of "TV-G," "TV-PG," "TV-14" (analogous to "PG-13" movies), and "TV-M," for viewers who are ostensibly "mature," in the TV listings in your local paper and briefly at the start of each program.

These ratings are probably better than nothing. But while such a system may be (kinda, sorta) adequate for movies, it's not nearly enough for TV.

Why? Well, think about it. Movie ratings are supplemented with a wealth of information on content, in the form of preview articles, reviews and even advertising. Parents are able to read about upcoming movies in magazines and newspapers weeks, and often months, in advance. They have at least a chance of making an educated decision, in plenty of time.

With TV, it's a whole different story. First of all, it's right in your living room. Shows come bursting onto the screen with comparatively little warning. If you want to know what's in the program, all you have to go on is what you already know about the show, plus a one-line description in *TV Guide*. Instead of alerting parents to sexual, violent or other so-called "adult" (an euphemism for trash) content, the TV industry — the same people who produce the objectionable stuff in the first place, by the way — slap on a "rating" and believe they've done as much for parents as the movie-rating system has done. They haven't.

# Manufacturers are ignoring space

Long before Americans landed on the moon, space enthusiasts were promising cities in orbit, space factories turning out exotic products and hotels where tourists could play in zero gravity.

Almost 40 years since America launched its first satellite, and billions of taxpayer dollars later, none of this has come to pass. No one is recovering from heart surgery in the weightlessness of a space hotel, no superpure medicines are being produced in orbiting mini-labs, and no child can claim birth away from Mother Earth.

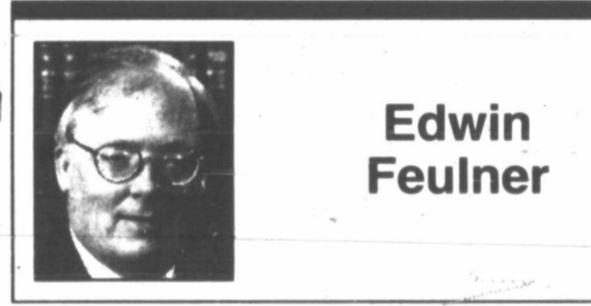
Commercial ventures that have come to fruition include satellites that relay telephone and television signals, photograph the weather on Earth, discover mineral deposits and advise farmers where to plant and when. Through global positioning, satellites can let the driver of a car pinpoint his location.

Other than that, the business community has turned its back on space.

"Corporations contacted tend to assume that space access is, and will remain for some time, impractical, dampening enthusiasm for ventures which require human space flight," says the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies. "Without the eager participation of an innovative private sector, commercialization cannot develop wings."

In Congress there is a periodic clamor to "privatize" space — taking it out of the hands of the government. But the fact is that space is a beautiful woman without a suitor. Research is too expensive and profits too iffy for even the largest corporations.

"To this day, industry access to space is much more complicated, much more regulated and much more expensive than the usual research and development costs here on Earth," says Charles



Edwin Feulner

The so-called V-chip, to be installed in all new TV sets starting next year, will screen TV programs, but according to the same flawed rating system. Until that system is improved, the V-chip will only screen out the trashy shows the producers are willing to declare trashy.

In the latest issue of *Policy Review: The Journal of American Citizenship*, syndicated columnist Frederica Mathewes-Green has compiled a list of "parents guides" that are a far better resource for assisting parents in regulating the tube. For example:

The Parents Television Council recently released its third annual *Family Guide to Prime Time Television*, which offers background on every major network entertainment show, rating each with a traffic signal: Green means "family-friendly," yellow "may be inappropriate for youngsters," and red warns of sex, violence or language that could

render it "unsuitable for children." The *Family Guide* covers the 1997 TV season. Copies are \$9.95. Contact: Parents Television Council, 333-South Grand Ave., Suite 2900, Los Angeles, Calif. 90071. Tel: 213-621-2506.

The *Family Entertainment Review* includes reviews of music, television, film, World Wide Web sites and software. Inquiring parents will find *Family Entertainment Review* a comprehensive and energetic guide to many forms of popular entertainment. A subscription costs \$36 for twelve issues, \$18 for six. Contact: P.O. Box 81, Hollywood, Calif. 90078. Tel: 1-800-811-9086. Web site: <http://www.fai-nilyentertainment.net>.

*Plugged In*, published by Focus on the Family, is a monthly newsletter offering brief descriptions of films, TV shows, videos and rock music. Each issue analyzes a TV show in-depth with a cautious, even-handed approach, making it one of the better guides available to television-wary parents. A one-year subscription is \$20. Contact: Focus on the Family *Plugged In*, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80995. Tel: 1-800-232-6459.

If such publications begin to have an impact on the viewing habits of enough families, maybe TV moguls will come up with a rating system that tells parents what they need to know. Until then, parents should heed the words of twelve-year-old Jessica Muskar, who told the *Washington Post*: "I read that 'TV-PG' stands for 'Too Vague,' Parents Give up."

### Harry F. Rosenthal AP Special Correspondent

D. Walker, who flew on three shuttle flights in the mid-1980s to run a drug purifying experiment with great commercial promise.

It worked, but advances in genetics made space manufacturing for the drug superfluous.

How can government help? "With something that is considered a dirty, obscene act these days: Use federal money and research to assume a lot of the risk for industry," says Walker, who now markets space services and products for McDonnell Douglas.

Edward Gabris, who heads NASA's space development and commercial research division, says industry doesn't view NASA as a reliable partner.

"There's nobody beating down our doors," he says. "When we begin to have truly recognized breakthroughs, space research will take off on its own. Clearly the communications industry did."

He points out that throughout American history, there has been partnership between government and industry. The spike that completed a transcontinental railroad track in 1869 was driven into land owned by Uncle Sam.

The first satellite successfully rocketed into orbit by the United States in February 1958. But it still costs \$10,000 to put one pound of anything into space, a fact that clearly distresses NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin. He wants it cut to

\$1,000 a pound in ten years and to hundreds of dollars a pound in 20.

Gabris says that a locker-sized experiment flown on the space shuttle would go down from today's \$70,000 to \$3,500. The shuttle has flown between 60 and 80 such payloads in each of the last three years.

The space station, when it finally is completed early in the next decade, should ease the access problem. The United States would have a continuous presence in orbit, with facilities to keep experiments running.

Not so in 1997.

"We have not had sufficient flight opportunities over the past decade to clearly demonstrate the benefits of weightlessness," says Mark Uhran, NASA's manager of space station utilization planning.

"We do research maybe 10 days, twice a year," he says. "A laboratory on the ground works 365 days a year."

He said Goldin is considering establishment of a space venture fund to help industry finance experiments. In the space station era, he said, the pace of research should quicken and returns should be more readily apparent.

"What we really hope is that eventually any products that are produced (in space) would provide incentive to the private sector to build its own free-flying platform, laboratories and production facilities."

"We don't want the government to be in the business of building production facilities," Uhran says. "We want the government to do the up-front development work, the basic research, that enables industry to pursue the production facilities at their own costs."

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## Nation briefs

### Earthquake, aftershocks strike Los Angeles area

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A mild earthquake and a series of aftershocks struck the Los Angeles area early today, jarring residents awake and shattering windows. There were no reports of injuries.

The quake happened at 1:26 a.m. and some residents reported feeling it for several minutes. There were several strong aftershocks.

"The shaking was very violent in the bed, and I weigh 300 pounds and so it's not easy to shake me," said John Kenney, who lives in Beverly Hills. "We live in a building that's very well built ... and this thing rocked us pretty good."

The epicenter of the 3.3-magnitude earthquake was three miles northeast of Inglewood, said Nick Scheckel, a seismologist with the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

Los Angeles-area police received numerous reports, but none involving injuries. Los Angeles firefighters fanned out in "earthquake mode," searching the city for any problems.

### Driver tries to save six prisoners in flaming van

DICKSON, Tenn. (AP) — The driver of a van could only watch as his passengers, six handcuffed and shackled prisoners, were burned to death in a fire so hot it welded the van's doors shut.

Anthony Wilson, 33, of Memphis burned his arms and feet Thursday as he tried to rescue the prisoners trapped in the van along a Tennessee highway.

"The driver could not even get close to the back of the van to open the door," said Lt. Mike Dover of the Tennessee Highway Patrol. "He made a gallant effort to try to get the prisoners out but was unable to do so because of the flames and heat of the fire."

The van had pulled over because of mechanical problems on Interstate 40, about 45 miles west of Nashville.

The fire was apparently started by a broken drive shaft that pierced the fuel tank, investigators said. Winds spread the flames toward the prisoners, who could only have been let out through the van's back door.

### Clinic puts controversial transplant policy on hold

CLEVELAND (AP) — A policy that would allow doctors to remove organs from brain-damaged patients before they are declared brain-dead was considered last year by a top heart transplant center.

The Cleveland Clinic Hospital put the plan on hold in October until legal issues are resolved. A prosecutor warned the practice could be considered homicide.

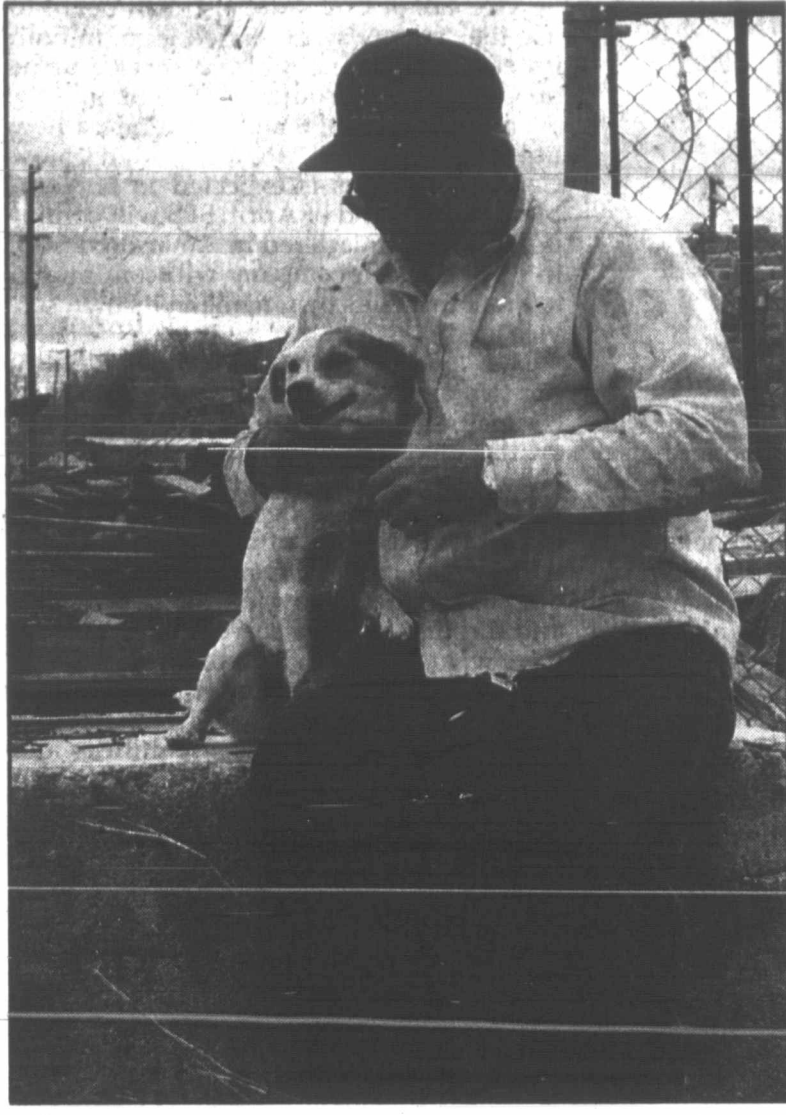
The so-called "non-heart beating protocol" sought to improve the speed of organ donation. The legal concern was that it could cut off life support from brain-damaged patients if no pulse was felt in the neck for at least two minutes. The removal would require approval from relatives of the patient.

Because organs are in high demand for transplants and deteriorate without oxygen, there is a premium on declaring death quickly.

Dr. John Clough, the hospital's director of health affairs, said clinic officials have met with Cuyahoga County Assistant Prosecutor Carmen Marino.

"We went and discussed it with him and were surprised to learn that he considered this potential homicide," Clough said Thursday. "We said we wouldn't perform it without informing him, but we have not said that we would never do it."

## Salvage operation



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromarlie)

Bill Robinson and his dog, Figgitt, sit on a part of the foundation support of what is left of an old lumber yard structure on Atchinson Street, waiting for others to deliver a flat-bed hauling trailer. Jack Robinson purchased the dilapidated structure for salvage materials. In September 1996, a crew of about four to six men began dismantling the two story, 40 foot x 40 foot building facing Atchinson, and another 40 foot x 150 foot warehouse located at the rear of the lots. "It has been a slow process, but one of these days it will all be cleared away," said Robinson, a retiree who sometimes helps his son to oversee the work. Another tear-down project at the end of the street will be started sometime this summer. He said he is not able to help with the hard stuff, but sometimes he and Figgitt help along with small jobs.

## Regents request inquiry into alleged contribution pressure

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Chancellor William Cunningham has been asked by members of the University of Texas Board of Regents to review allegations that high-ranking officials were pressured to make contributions to powerful state politicians.

Jude Valdez, a vice president at the University of Texas at San Antonio, claims in a federal civil rights lawsuit that his career was ruined when he expressed discomfort about making a contribution to Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

Valdez was one of many higher education officials who gave to Bullock between 1992 and 1996.

An analysis of campaign donation records by the *San Antonio Express-News* shows that more than 152 university presidents, vice presidents, deans, their spouses and other officials as well as members of university development boards gave \$186,300 to Bullock.

The donations were accepted by the Bullock campaign in the same span of days each year, the newspaper reported.

Regent Martha Smiley of Austin said Thursday that Cunningham has "undertaken a review to see if there was anything that could be interpreted as pressure to make a contribution."

The other eight regents either

did not return messages or were not available for comment Thursday, the newspaper reported today.

Cunningham also did not return repeated requests for an interview.

In a statement released through a spokesman, he said, "It is very important that no university official apply any pressure on employees to participate in any political activity."

"I remain confident that no such pressure has been exerted. Nevertheless, we are reviewing all our procedures to make sure that everything we do is appropriate and proper."

The newspaper said numerous UT employees and ranking university officials, including the chancellor and campus presidents, called their colleagues to solicit contributions.

On some occasions, the checks were collected at university offices during the work day, the newspaper reported.

It was unclear what Cunningham's review would cover or who would conduct it.

But Cunningham has talked with some regents and "the procedure will be reviewed, but it is short of what most people would believe is an investigation," UT spokesman Monty Jones said.

## Federal Communications Commission approves pricey digital television plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — A movie buff, William Brown can see himself plunking down several thousand dollars to buy a wide-screen digital TV set with cinematic-quality pictures. But Kai Butler is not as enthusiastic about getting rid of her existing TV set.

Brown and Butler reflect both the opportunities and the challenges broadcasters and TV set makers face as they begin to implement the next generation of television in the United States: digital, which promises superior picture and sound quality to current analog TV sets.

New digital TV sets, now estimated to cost \$5,000 initially, should be in stores by Christmas 1998, says Gary Shapiro, president of the Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association. At least 23 stations have promised to begin providing some digital programs by then.

But after nine years the current system of analog broadcasting dies, meaning that Brown and Butler will either have to buy new TV sets and new digital VCRs for well above \$500 or spend \$100 for converters to use their existing TV sets.

All the changes are coming about under a plan adopted by the Federal Communications

Commission on Thursday that sets the ground rules for broadcasters' switch to digital technology.

"I don't think the government should decide that I have to spend money on something else just to entertain myself," says Butler, a 44-year-old executive assistant from Washington.

While the new sets will have better picture and sound, a "converted" digital signal fed to today's analog set will produce no better picture and audio than the analog set already provides.

If the new digital sets sell as briskly as VCRs did when they debuted, prices should come down quickly.

Brown, a 53-year-old Amtrak engineer from Richmond, Va., cannot wait for them to be available. Brown predicts he will "probably be one of the first ... I believe in good quality and I don't mind spending extra money to get good and reliable quality."

Manufacturers predict the new sets will sell like hot cakes. They are estimating up to 20 percent of all TV households will have them in six years. VCRs, one of the best-selling consumer electronic products ever, took nine years to get 20 percent penetration.

But Marie Farmer of Temple

Hills, Md., thinks \$2,000 — let alone \$5,000 — is too much, and sees no reason for the switch. "I'm enjoying TV the way it is," said the 41-year-old postal worker.

Even if they buy new sets, most of the nation's nearly 68 million cable TV subscribers will have to use their TV's rabbit ears or rooftop antenna to receive digital signals, cable officials say.

Tele-Communications Inc.'s system in Hartford, Conn., is now the only cable operator in the country that has gone digital. More cable systems are getting ready but until they do, viewers will have to rely on antennas.

The FCC will let stations decide whether to move to an even better form of digital, called high-definition television. Many will, predicts Eddie Fritts, president of the National Association of Broadcasters.

"The dazzlement is real. It's genuine," Fritts said.

With the digital technology, TV stations could cram more services into their airwaves space. For example, they could offer sports scores to laptop computer users or establish separate pay-for-view sports channels. But the FCC will require them to continue free TV service.

## Woman sues after air bag injury causes blindness

EL PASO (AP) — Of the four people in Carol Collins' Ford station wagon on the day she rear-ended a truck two years ago, only she had the added protection of an air bag. That was her misfortune, she says.

The bag deployed as a result of a 12-mph crash, slamming into Mrs. Collins' face at 200 mph, crushing her eyes and leaving her legally blind, according to a lawsuit filed Thursday against Ford Motor Co.

Mrs. Collins and her husband, Steve, are seeking compensation for her injuries, loss of income and medical expenses. The suit does not specify a dollar amount and Mrs. Collins indicated the case is about more than money.

"I'm filing this lawsuit so that I can tell as many people as possible, particularly short people, about the dangers of air bags. Mainly so no one else has to go through what I went through," she said.

The lawsuit accuses Ford of negligence for using an air bag designed to deploy at low-velocity impacts, for not warning drivers that sitting too close could be dangerous and for not considering the effects on short drivers when testing the safety of the air bags.

The lawsuit says the air bag actually made Mrs. Collins' 1990 Mercury Sable more dangerous for short drivers. Mrs. Collins is 5-foot-1 and had to

sit close to her steering wheel.

"It had the effect of being at the front end of a shotgun," said her attorney, Mark Davis.

Davis noted that of three children in the car at the time of the Oct. 9, 1995 accident, one suffered only minor injuries and the other two were not injured at all.

A Ford spokeswoman in Detroit said she had not seen the lawsuit so she could not comment on the specific allegations. Jennifer Flake added that Ford stands behind the air bags installed in its vehicles.

"When used properly with the safety belt system, air bags are one of the most effective tools to prevent injuries and fatalities," Flake said.

## Judge arrested for beating ex-wife asked to resign

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — City Council members have asked a municipal judge to resign after he was arrested for the second time in a year on charges of beating his ex-wife.

The unanimous vote to ask for the resignation of Municipal Court Judge Jerry Valdez Jr. came only hours after he was arrested at his private law office on Thursday.

Valdez, 46, was charged with assault-bodily injury and violation of a protective order for an Easter Sunday incident in which police reports state he beat his ex-wife and then ran

from her apartment when she called 911.

Valdez posted a \$200,000 bond Thursday, but was kept in jail under a court-imposed 24-hour "cooling off" period.

Valdez was found innocent in August on a charge of beating the woman after she testified that bruises she suffered resulted from falling while in the couple's bedroom as the two were having a discussion.

Since the initial allegation of domestic violence, Valdez and his ex-wife, Deborah Morales Valdez, have had a tumultuous and highly publicized relationship, including his arrest, their wedding just before his trial, allegations of child abuse and their divorce, in the span of about a year.



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### PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF PAMPA

#### TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Pampa will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 1997 at City Hall, 200 W. Foster/210 W. Kingsmill, during a regularly scheduled City Commission meeting in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of the TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Robert Eskridge, City Manager, at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall at 669-5750 or 669-5710/VOICE TDD, if necessary, to arrange for assistance. Wheelchair access is on the West side of the building. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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## State briefs

**Officials won't dismiss drug charges against dead man**  
**ROCKWALL (AP)** — Robert Staley didn't show up for his day in court again this week, but no one's out beating the bushes for him. That's because he's been dead for a year.

However, the August 1995 cocaine-possession charge against him is very much alive. The county's legal system has kept the case alive, repeatedly resetting pretrial hearings because no death certificate has been received.

Until the death certificate arrives, Staley is officially a bail jumper in the eyes of the law.

"We have to have a death certificate," said Judy Perser, court administrator for state District Judge Sue Pirtle. "Then we will gladly lay him to rest."

### More picketers arrested in machinists strike

**WICHITA FALLS (AP)** — Fifty-eight people have been arrested in three days of picketing outside Sheppard Air Force Base as the Machinists union continues its strike against Lockheed Martin Corp.

Eighteen arrests came Thursday, the day before negotiations were to begin concerning the union's demands against Lockheed and JN&C Maintenance Inc., two new aircraft maintenance contractors at Sheppard.

The strike against Lockheed and JN&C began Tuesday. Negotiators from the International Association of Machinists were to begin talks with the companies today about salaries, seniority and the rehiring of 100 machinists who were laid off in the transition.

The arrests came despite a court order directing police to allow union pickets to cross the streets and stand on traffic medians.

### Woman's disappearance still a mystery one year later

**IRVING (AP)** — Roji Varghese has spent the last year peering into white cars, hoping he'll find the one that leads to his wife, who vanished a year ago without a trace.

"If we had like a clue, somewhere to look, we'd still be looking, but we're at a dead end," he said.

The last time Varghese heard from his wife, Reena, was on April 4, 1996, when she called to say she was leaving work.

She walked to the parking lot in a mist, after dark — with two other nurses at Methodist Medical Center in Dallas and got in her white 1990 Toyota Corolla, apparently headed home.

She carried no more than \$10 cash because, as a new mother concerned about her weight, she was afraid she'd spend it on her lunch break. She'd been back at work only three days and was still breast-feeding three-month-old Sarah.

Varghese started worrying when his wife didn't reach their Irving home in half an hour, so he tried the cell phone that she always plugged in when she got in the car. No answer. Minutes later, he called the hospital, then the mobile number again. Fifteen minutes later he asked hospital security to check if her time card was punched and her car was gone. They were.

## SPS switches to dynamic new 'energy swirl' logo



**SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY**

**AMARILLO** — A dynamic, red "energy swirl" is a key feature of Southwestern Public Service Company's new logo — unveiled by the electric utility to emphasize that "a dynamic, evolving SPS will have what it takes" as the energy industry moves toward competition nationwide.

Bill Helton, chairman and chief executive officer of Southwestern Public Service Company, said the new logo and a new, upcoming advertising campaign are intended to communicate that in a radically changing electric utility industry, "SPS not only will meet our customers' expectations, we'll aim even higher."

The advertising campaign, which will be paid for by the utility's shareholders, not its customers, consists of three TV commercials and a family of print ads, which will be introduced throughout 1997.

The first television commercial features an SPS lineman climbing to the top of a utility pole so tall it breaks through the clouds — and continues through earth's atmosphere and into space. A voice-over explains that SPS is highly regarded for its dependable service, has some of the lowest rates in the nation and, in an increasingly competitive utility environment, "will aim even higher" to continue to satisfy customers.

Helton said that during the next several

years, "It is probable that all of our customers will have a choice among energy providers — eventually selecting electric service from competing suppliers in the same way we pick long distance telephone service from competing long distance suppliers. We want to establish that we will reach higher and higher, going above and beyond what might be expected, so that we will remain our customers' energy supplier of choice."

Customers in SPS-served areas of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas will begin to see the logo and the related advertising during the next several months. SPS last revised its logo in 1977.

SPS's proposed merger partner, Public

Service Co. of Colorado, also will begin to use the "energy swirl"-based logo, in both its electric- and natural gas-service areas in Colorado and southern Wyoming.

The merger of SPS and PSCo into a new holding company to be called New Century Energies is expected to be completed by the end of April. SPS will continue to be headquartered in Amarillo; PSCo, in Denver. Each company will continue to operate under its own name in its own service area.

The "energy swirl" logos will identify the two as members of the same family of companies. Upon completion of the merger, the logo will include the tag line, "A New Century Energies Company."

Helton, who will become the chairman and chief executive officer of NCE, which will be based in Denver, said, "We want our customers to know — through these ads and through how we serve them — that we have what it takes to help them be successful in the changing energy marketplace."

New Century Energies will be the parent company of operating electric utilities and of various wholly owned subsidiaries that provide energy marketing services, engineering, construction management and power generation expertise throughout the world.

## Church closes day care center, issues edict to working mothers

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)** — A Baptist church has closed its day care center, saying working mothers neglect their children, damage their marriages and set a bad example.

A letter from the First Baptist Church of Berryville told parents that families could get by on one salary if they went without such luxuries as "big T.V.'s, a microwave, new clothes, eating out and nice vacations."

The closure infuriated parents left without a place to take the children in Berryville, a small town 160 miles northwest of Little Rock.

"I don't think any of us are try-

### ABC to make movie about computer cult

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Hollywood is into Heaven's Gate. ABC confirmed Thursday that it has signed a deal with a former member of the cult, Richard Ford, to produce a TV movie based on his personal account.

A network source who spoke on condition of anonymity termed the agreement "strictly a development deal," meaning there is no guarantee the project will make it to the screen.

Ford, also known as Rio D'Angelo, drove with his boss, Nick Matzorkis, to Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., last week and discovered the 39 dead cult members.

Ford had received a Federal Express package containing videos in which his former colleagues said their last goodbyes before killing themselves in hopes of being picked up by a UFO trailing the Hale-Bopp comet.

Ford, 43, worked as a World Wide Web page designer for InterAct Entertainment, which is owned by Matzorkis. The deal was signed in conjunction with InterAct and the Kushner-Locke Co., a production company.

The film will be "a spiritual and compelling story that will allow viewers to find out what really happened," said Peter Locke, Kushner-Locke co-chairman. "We have the person who knows everything. People are fascinated by this."

ing to copy a man's role, whatever that role may be," said Katrena Alexander, 44, who runs a manufacturing company with her husband. "I still don't know what those roles are. My husband does dishes just like I do."

Her daughter, Keanna, was enrolled at the day care center

for a year before it closed March 14. The girl cried when she heard the news.

"I don't know of too many people here who can survive on one person's salary, especially if that salary is minimum wage," Mrs. Alexander said Thursday. "This is just something that

shouldn't have happened in this decade."

On Feb. 14, members of the First Baptist Church's Corner Stone Day Care board told parents in a letter that the church would close the center in the spring and reduce tuition until then.

## America Online extends refunds by two months

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Admitting that a \$350 million system overhaul hasn't worked, America Online Inc. said it will offer refunds to customers who had trouble logging on during February and March.

AOL, in settling one of many class-action lawsuits brought by frustrated subscribers, agreed to refund up to \$10 to those who had trouble dialing in during the past two months. Customers can already get up to \$40 each for access troubles in December and January.

Like that deal — reached with 36 states in January — the expanded agreement applies to all of AOL's roughly 7.5 million U.S. customers. A judge had given the deal preliminary approval.

George Vradenburg, AOL's chief counsel, said the company reached Thursday's settlement to put the issue behind it.

The refunds were prompted by an outcry from frustrated consumers and state law enforcement officials. In December, AOL began offering unlimited online time for \$19.95 but its system couldn't handle the demand; customers trying to log on frequently got nothing but busy signals.

AOL spent \$350 million to buy new high-tech equipment to handle the crush, including 75,000 modems added the past two months, but problems persisted.

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# Postal Inspection Service makes mail theft high priority

FORT WORTH - The Postal Inspection Service has made prevention and awareness of mail theft and mail vehicle break-ins a high priority.

For example, in the Los Angeles area 524 cases in 1993 and 519 cases in 1994 were investigated involving vehicle break-ins. In 1995, this number fell to 296 cases and in the first eight months of fiscal year 1996 there were only 103 cases.

This dramatic decrease in vehicle break-ins can be directly attributed to the mail theft prevention and awareness programs instituted by the Los Angeles Division of the Postal Inspection Service, some of which are discussed below.

L.A. established check day patrols on which 50-100 postal inspectors hit the streets with the letter carriers on the days government checks are delivered.

Another innovative program is the

"Honk and Loop." In this program the carriers honk their horns as they park in a neighborhood on government check day. Residents then come outside or watch the carrier from their windows. If they see any suspicious activity, they call 911 and the Postal Inspectors.

L.A. has also instituted a Joint Community Task Force to combat crimes against postal workers and an "Adopt-A-Carrier" program. The Fort Worth Division is establishing some of the same programs. However, there were only 10 vehicle thefts in the division in 1996 and 14 in 1995.

Nationally, the Postal Inspection Service has created a Volume Mail Theft Task Force. This task force is working with research and development to develop more secure postal vehicles and better locks for collection boxes and residential delivery boxes.

Rewards for information and services

leading to the arrest and conviction of those who rob a postal employee (up to \$25,000) and for other types of mail thieves (up to \$10,000) are available nationwide.

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• Finally, form a Neighborhood Watch program. Stop mail thieves in their tracks and get all that is coming to you.

# Hong Kong bar dedicated to dissidents ponders its future under Chinese communist regime

HONG KONG (AP) - When Hong Kong's future leaders talk about curbing criticism of China, Grace Ma has special reason to pay attention.

Her downtown bar, Club 64, is full of the sort of things China detests: posters of jailed dissidents, graffiti ridiculing the Communist government, tributes to victims of the 1989 crackdown on protesters at Tiananmen Square.

Even three months before Hong Kong returns to China,

such gestures of protest are a normal part of Hong Kong's political culture. After July 1, they will be a test of China's promise to safeguard Hong Kong's freedoms.

Joseph Chan, a member of the Urban Council that licenses bars, doesn't think Club 64 will be shut down.

"There is freedom of speech," he said in an interview. "This is small stuff. What they say in there is not our business."

But Chinese leaders have indi-

cated that may not be the case. Elsie Leung, Hong Kong's future attorney general, has been quoted as saying that slogans such as "Down with Li Peng," the Chinese premier, will be unlawful.

Tucked among the trendy bars and restaurants of the Lan Kwai Fong nightlife district, Club 64 has plenty to offend the average Communist Party loyalist.

Political leaflets are stacked on the counter. A photo of Wei

Jingsheng, China's most famous jailed democracy activist, is pasted on the wall.

Graffiti ridiculing the Chinese Communist Party and its leaders is scribbled on the walls. Mock Chinese government certificates, issued to model workers or "units," poke fun at China's bureaucratic reward system.

"Very advanced private enterprise unit - Club 64," says one.

The club offers tea, beer and a gathering place for Hong Kong's small band of hard-core democ-

racy campaigners. "This is a place where we can talk," says Ma. "We're not doing anything violent. We are telling the truth."

The name Club 64 commemorates the June 4, 1989 crackdown. The "64" stands for sixth month, fourth day.

China always has defended what happened at Tiananmen Square, and would like Hong Kong to forget it and concentrate on the future. But every June 4, Hong Kong democrats remember it with a public vigil. The

question is whether they can do so on June 4, 1998.

Ma, a divorced mother of two with an intense gaze, divides her time between Hong Kong and Canada, where she emigrated in 1995, joining the 386,000 who left in the aftermath of Tiananmen Square. Thousands, including Ma, have come back, having secured foreign residency rights as an escape hatch in case the handover goes sour.

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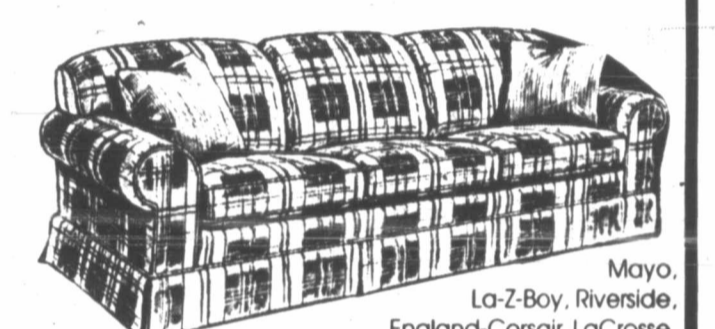
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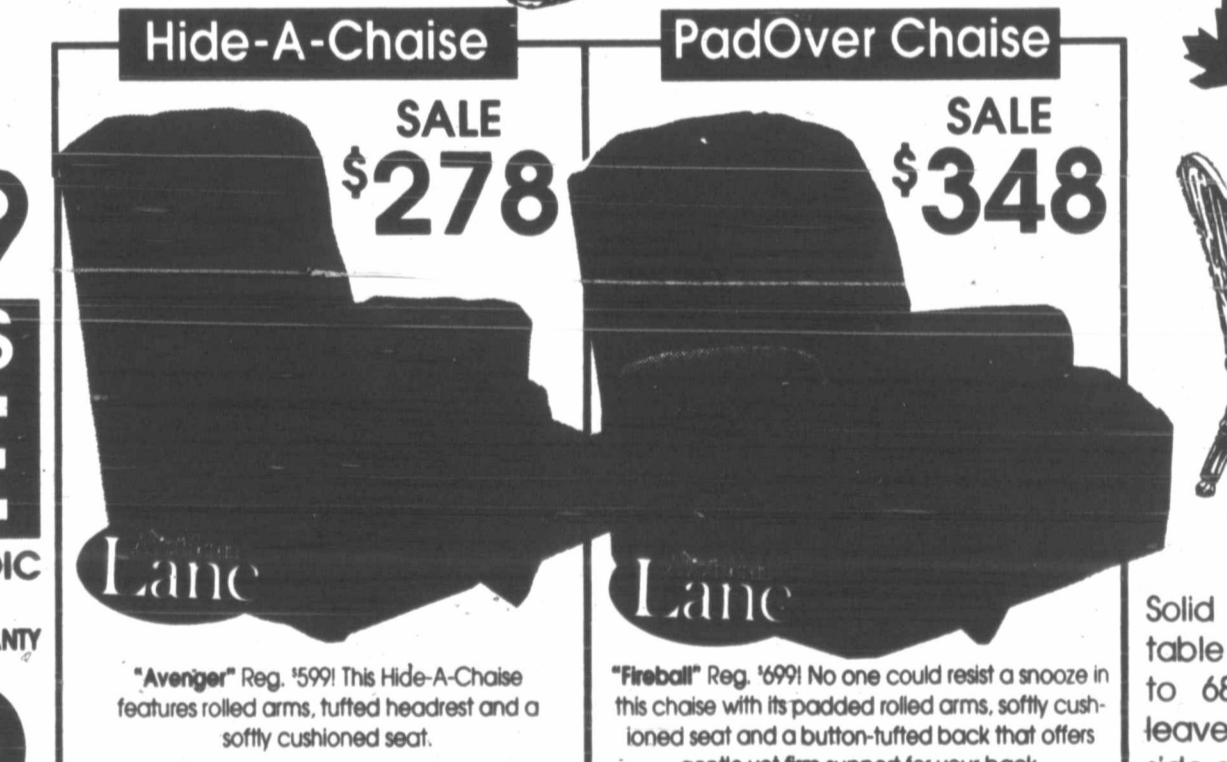


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## RELIGION

## Hundreds of churches are abandoned or falling apart

By JOHN HUGHES  
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT (AP) — St. Albertus is a sacred place for Theresa Manning, the place where she prayed as a little girl, her son was baptized and her mother had her wedding and funeral.

St. Albertus is a church no more. The Detroit diocese closed it in 1989 because of a shrinking congregation.

"I figured once they consecrated a church it would be there forever and ever ... until it brought itself down," Mrs. Manning says inside the empty church, her voice ringing in the marble interior.

Rows of pews that could seat 1,200 sit empty before what used to be the church altar. A vessel that held the relics of saints is barren. A faulty boiler gives the church a wintry chill. Gritty chunks of plaster have fallen from the spiraling, Gothic ceiling.

So Mrs. Manning and other former church members are trying to preserve the 112-year-old building. They gather weekly to board up windows in the school, clean and paint the church and rectory,

and make sure the church's old boiler is still running.

"This is my heritage. This is me. This is how I was brought up," Mrs. Manning says. "I cannot see something that was part of my heritage destroyed."

St. Albertus is one of many religious buildings that went up during the U.S. population booms of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, when construction materials were cheap and abundant.

The result was a flowering of structures, often built to mimic some of the radiant structures of Europe. Many were bedecked with elegant sculpture, marble floors, fine paintings and brilliant stained glass.

"These are the creme de la creme of buildings because people invested their souls into them and spared no expense," said A. Robert Jaeger, co-director of Partners for Sacred Places, a Philadelphia preservation group.

Hundreds of the buildings were left behind as people fled cities for the suburbs. In some cases, new faithful may revitalize an abandoned church or synagogue. Others are no better-equipped than their predecessors to handle building upkeep.

"There are more treasures to maintain than there

are people to maintain them," said Katherine Clarkson, executive director of Preservation Wayne, a Detroit-area group. "We've gone from being a very tightly woven city to being a very thin muslin."

Some aging church buildings are beyond repair. At Temple of the Good Samaritan in Detroit, a former pastor split the church in half when he built a false ceiling to save heating costs.

Marooned in the upstairs of the 1873 red-brick church is the top of its original sanctuary with vaulted ceilings, the original brass-pipe organ, ornamental light fixtures and stained-glass windows.

The 107-member Pentecostal congregation is saving money for a new building after struggling to maintain the former St. Paul German Evangelical Lutheran's decaying roof and malfunctioning furnace. Twelve companies have refused to insure the building.

Returning the church to its previous form is out of the question, church members said. Their hope is the city will purchase the property for new development.

"To maintain the building or to even bring it up

to code... would be very costly for us," said Pastor Jose Hernandez, speaking through an interpreter. After St. Albertus closed, the non-profit Detroit Landmarks bought the property from the diocese for less than \$100 on behalf of The Polish American Historic Site Association.

As Mrs. Manning and her group work to preserve the building, there's talk of converting the rectory into a hospice and using the church as a religious museum or as space for concerts or for the diocese. But for now, group members hold a monthly Mass, give tours, occasionally rent out the space and raise money to maintain the building.

Mrs. Manning said association members needed the help of an anonymous donor last fall to pay more than \$12,000 in overdue heating bills.

"There is no steady, weekly income," said Michael Krolewski, the association president. "I think we're pretty steady now, but it's a challenge on a daily basis."

Whatever the fate of the 1885 building, Krolewski said he's certain it will never be a Catholic parish again. But Mrs. Manning is less certain.

"We can never say never," she said. "I haven't given up hope."

## Prime time has little time for religion

By DAVID BRIGGS  
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — In an episode of *Roseanne*, Dan turns to God after suffering a heart attack. On *NYPD Blue*, Andy Sipowicz struggles with questions of faith after losing a son. And on the comedy *Naked Truth*, the lead character is so impressed with a nun she meets that she considers a religious vocation.

The nun sensitively responds: "Your spirit's thirsty. ... You come to me and you want to drink the whole ocean. Maybe what you need is just to start with the first glass."

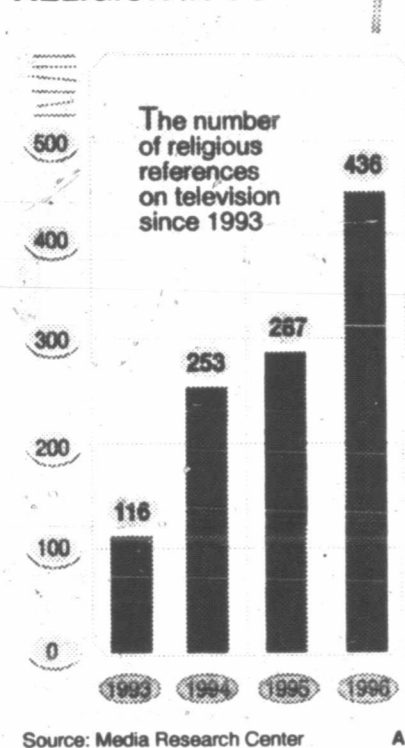
Those examples illustrate how religion is showing up more often on television and, in general, how it is more often portrayed in a positive light.

The bad news of a recent study of religion in prime time, however, is that crime and violence still overwhelm portrayals of faith on the small screen, and that devout believers still tend to be typecast as criminally insane.

How realistically does prime time portray matters of faith?

The short answer: Not very. Religion is a scarce commodity in prime-time TV, appearing about once every four hours," said the

## RELIGION IN TV



Source: Media Research Center

report from the Media Research Center in Alexandria, Va.

And viewers are not pleased.

In a recent national poll commissioned by *TV Guide*, two-thirds of respondents said television has become less religious and less moral in the past five years. And in a nation in which

nine in 10 Americans profess a belief in God, people would like to see more of their faith reflected in television.

Eighty-two percent of respondents said they would like to see more references to moral issues on television, while 68 percent said they were eager to see more prime-time spirituality.

The national telephone survey of 804 adults was conducted Feb. 21-22 by Peter D. Hart Research Associates of Washington. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

The Media Research Center survey confirms the impressions of poll respondents. In studying more than 1,800 hours of programming on the six broadcast networks, researchers found 436 treatments of religion, ranging from throwaway quips to plot lines.

That represents almost a four-fold increase since the center began the study in 1993, but still works out to about only one mention of religion in every four hours of prime time.

Another welcome development from the center's perspective is that when religion has been mentioned in prime time, it is more than twice as likely to be presented in a positive than a

negative light, the study found. In 1993, negative references outweighed positive ones.

Much of the improvement in prime-time spirituality can be traced to the success of the CBS hit *Touched by an Angel*, in which an angel intervenes in the lives of humans.

The show already has produced the spinoff series *Promised Land*, and Warner Bros. has added the series *7th Heaven* to its lineup.

Steven Reddcliffe, editor in chief of *TV Guide*, said television appears to be on the road to meeting the public's desire for shows in which religion and spirituality are a meaningful part of the characters' lives.

"*Touched by an Angel* is a success, and nothing succeeds like success," he said.

L. Brent Bozell III, chairman of the Media Research Center, is not so sure which way the television industry will move.

He said television executives are showing schizophrenic tendencies, developing some new shows with spiritual themes while others continue to take potshots at traditional morality.

"The jury is very much out," Bozell said. "I think they need a shrink — or a priest."

## Calvary Baptist to begin 'smorgasbord' Sunday School classes

Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, would like to remind those in search of that special Sunday School class that Sunday, April 6, will begin the "smorgasbord" of Sunday School classes.

"Inside These Walls" helps new members to understand where and how they "fit" in the total ministry of Calvary Baptist Church. "Family Enrichment" is designed to enhance families from the foundation up. This course helps people understand the Biblical principles of the family and how to strengthen the family as a whole.

"A Study in Daniel" gives a historical account of the faithful Jews who lived in captivity and shows how God is in control of

heaven and earth. "Men at Work" is designed to help men do more than learn their role. It will help them to discuss and find support from other men just like them.

"Video Link" allows those attending the class to link up with their favorite teachers like Charles Swindoll, Zig Ziglar and others in studying many of the different lessons for which these men and women are known.

The two enticing additions to the "smorgasbord" menu are "Pursuit of Excellence" and "The Holy Spirit With You Forever."

"Pursuit of Excellence" is designed to dwell deeper than the normal Sunday School, offering a challenging course that will help attendees thirst more for

the Word of God.

"The Holy Spirit With You Forever" is divided into two parts: "Understanding the Spirit" and "Living in the Spirit." The first part is designed to help believers deepen their understanding of the Holy Spirit's identity. The second part explores implications of the Spirit's presence in believers, focusing in on the Spirit's work in freeing people, giving them spiritual gifts, fashioning their lives and sealing them for the day of redemption.

Those interested in any of the classes are invited to attend the Sunday School "smorgasbord" at the church. Classes start at 9:45 a.m.

## Orthodox rabbis dismiss other groups as 'non Jews'

NEW YORK (AP) — A national Orthodox rabbinical group asserted this week that the less strict Reform and Conservative teachings followed by most American Jews "are not Judaism at all."

"It is prohibited to pray in a non-Orthodox temple at any time," said the 600-member, New York-based Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, the oldest organization of rabbis in the United States.

Many Orthodox rabbis have long taken exception to the religious practices of the Reform and Conservative branches — which encompass 80 percent to 90 percent of Jews in North America — charging that they condone

assimilation and intermarriage. Making an official proclamation lent support to efforts in Israel to codify into law an Orthodox definition of who is Jewish.

A leader of the Reform movement responded sharply, saying the group of Orthodox rabbis is "sad and pathetic," and calling its views an expression of "fanaticism."

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said North American Jews find the Reform and Conservative branches "meaningful and authentic" in meeting Jews' religious needs "in today's democratic and pluralistic society."

The Orthodox rabbinical group, founded in 1902, issued its

declaration at a news conference where some rabbis offered passionate support.

"We consider a secular Israeli to be more intellectually honest than a Conservative rabbi," because the former "doesn't change the religion," said Rabbi Aryeh Rabag, a member of the union's executive board.

"There is only one Judaism: Torah Judaism. The Reform and Conservative are not Judaism at all, but another religion," the rabbi's statement said.

Rabbi Hersh Ginsberg, acting chairman of the union's board, said that "any child born of a Jewish mother is a Jew."

The Orthodox rabbis' statement also said they were against "conversions and homosexuali-

ty," which "are repugnant not only to Torah Judaism, but also to common morality."

They defined "Torah Judaism" as the laws God gave Moses on Mount Sinai, which they say define Judaism and cannot be changed.

The definition of who is a Jew is crucial to an Israeli law that makes any Jew eligible for citizenship. Israel's parliament is considering a bill that would disqualify conversions performed abroad by Reform and Conservative rabbis. Yoffie has called that bill "a declaration of war" on American Jews.

Orthodox rabbis control all conversions in Israel, where the Reform and Conservative movements are tiny.

## Survey: Scientists' belief in God remains stable since 1916

NEW YORK (AP) — When sociologist James Leuba polled scientists in 1916 and found that about 40 percent believed in God, he predicted that figure would drop. Eighty years later, it looks like he was wrong.

A new survey designed to reproduce the 1916 project suggests that about 40 percent still believe in a god who answers prayers.

Leuba thought belief in God would drop among scientists as

education improved, but he didn't have any polling evidence for that claim, said historian Edward J. Larson of the University of Georgia in Athens.

That's why Larson took another look at it, he said Thursday. The result appears today in the journal *Nature*.

Leuba drew 1,000 names randomly from a reference book of American scientists, choosing biologists for half his sample and

splitting the remainder among mathematicians and physicists or astronomers. Larson's survey followed the same procedure so it could be compared to Leuba's data.

The results can't be extrapolated to all scientists in those disciplines, so no margin of error was calculated, Larson said. The study also excluded other scientists like ecologists and geologists, Larson said.

The new poll found 39.3 percent believing in God, versus 41.8 percent in 1916, a change Larson said isn't statistically significant. About 45 percent said they didn't believe in God, compared with 41.5 percent in 1916, which is on the borderline of being significantly different.

And 14.5 percent said they were agnostic or had doubts, versus 16.7 percent in 1916, not a significant difference.

## Religion briefs

PAMPA — Joy Kerley of Duncan, Okla., will be speaking in the 10:30 a.m. service Sunday, April 6, at First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler, located at Cuyler and Hwy. 60.

Kerley is known internationally for her unique gift of communicating eternal truths with humor and insight, and her ability to speak to men, women, couples and youth with equal ease, according to Pastor Mike Moss.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Pastor Moss at 665-5941 or 665-6060.

PAMPA — The Church of the Good Shepherd will be celebrating the dedication of its new church building at 422 N. West this Sunday, April 6, and Sunday, April 13, at 3 p.m. each day.

Pastor Nathan Hopson of HiLand Pentecostal Church in Pampa will bring the message this Sunday, and Pastor Pat Youngquist will be the guest speaker at the Sunday, April 13, service.

A celebration meal will be served after each service. For more information, call 669-3129.

PAMPA — Faith Advent Christian Fellowship, 320 N. Rider, will be featuring Chad Grisswold of Clovis, N.M., at the morning services on Sunday, April 6.

Grisswold ministers to all ages through Christian pantomime performing to contemporary Christian music. He will be performing during the 11 a.m. morning worship hour.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call 669-9887 or 665-6262.

PAMPA — St. Mark CME Church, 406 Elm, will be having its monthly breakfast from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. Saturday, April 5. Donations will be accepted.

NEW YORK (AP) — In a church that has been ministering to immigrants for more than a century, Catholics from around the New York City area gathered to condemn new federal immigration rules.

The Rev. Dennis Sullivan, pastor of the 134-year-old St.

Teresa's Church, and several other priests, announced the formation of a new organization, Voices for Immigrant Justice.

"We believe it is the function of the church to protect and promote human dignity ... and that isn't determined by whether one is a citizen of the U.S. or not," said the Rev. John Duffell of the Ascension Church in Morningside Heights.

The new law makes it easier to deport foreigners who are in the United States illegally. It also abolishes Supplemental Security Income, a monthly cash benefit for the poor, elderly and disabled, from anyone who is not a citizen or who lacks 10 years' work experience.

PINEY CREEK, N.C. (AP) — Not long before she died, Ruth H. Hendrix said she would leave "a little something" to Mount Zion United Methodist Church.

That little something turned out to be \$1.1 million. Mrs. Hendrix, a retired schoolteacher, was 89 when she died on Sept. 14, 1995. She left stock and land valued at \$1.1 million to the small church even though she wasn't a member of the congregation.

Her parents and several of her relatives are buried in the church's cemetery.

Mrs. Hendrix's generosity stunned church officials. "It's a remarkable thing," said Robert E. Black Jr., chairman of the church's board of trustees. "It was a real surprise to all of us."

Neighbors and acquaintances say Mrs. Hendrix was a frugal woman whose wealth came as a surprise to many.

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Retirements and reassignments have opened nine positions on the bishop's cabinet of the United Methodist Church's Virginia Annual Conference, the largest turnover in its 213-year history.

Under the reorganization, the cabinet will include for the first time two women and two blacks.

While there have been both female cabinet members and black cabinet members, "this is the first time we've had this combination," said the Rev. Alvin J. Horton, the conference's director of communications.

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## Man's Visits To Nudist Camp Reveal Problem To Girlfriend

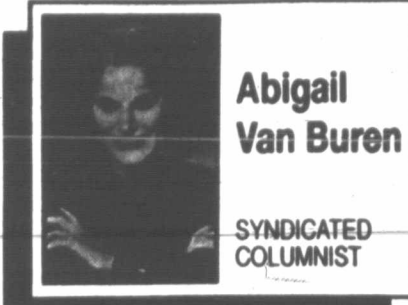
DEAR ABBY: I have met a wonderful, sweet, caring man who says he loves me. He's honest, pulls no punches, is a hard worker and has many other good qualities. We are both divorced adults and we get along beautifully. I think he would make a great husband, but there's a problem: He is a nudist.

He spends one to two Sundays a month at his nudist club. He has invited me to accompany him, but he knows I'm very uncomfortable with this and will not go. He expects me to believe that he just enjoys the sun and is not going to look at other women. When I believe this, I'll show him my oceanfront property in Arizona!

Since we both work, it is difficult for us to see each other during the week. As far as I'm concerned, he's made it clear that he values his Sundays at the nudist club more than he values time with me. I love him, but I can't handle this nudist business, and I'm about ready to call it quits.

DISGUSTED IN FLORIDA

DEAR DISGUSTED: Contrary to what you believe, most nudists do not go to their clubs to stare at others. Nudist clubs have rules against gawking and other inappropriate behavior. Nevertheless, the lifestyle is not for everyone. If you are not comfortable joining your boyfriend on his Sunday visits to the nudist camp and are unhappy about his going without you, it is



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

doubtful that you are headed for a happy relationship, no matter what wonderful qualities the man may possess.

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from Hugo Borreson who said that the civil rights movement in the 1960s "reminds us of how violent white Christians really are." He also includes some 5,000 lynchings that have taken place in history as a supportive example of white Christians' brutality.

It is true that there have been atrocities committed over the centuries by those who call themselves Christians. It is also true that Christianity teaches nonviolence and love toward your neighbor (and your enemy, for that matter). But it is absolutely not true that simply calling yourself a Christian means that you are one.

The Bible says that we will know a Christian by his actions. The

traits listed in Galatians 5:22-23 (love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control) are demonstrated in the Christian. Do you think that the so-called "Christians" responsible for the 5,000 lynchings in history fit this description?

Those who call themselves Christians but do not live like it are often called hypocrites, and rightly so. However, the presence of hypocrites does not discredit the Christian faith. Rather, it brings shame to those who stoop so low as to say one thing and do another.

VANESSA HARIKUL, 16, MOORPARK, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: In a recent response, you asked — perhaps quixotically — "How do you say 'Your solution was better than mine' in Latin?"

Try: "Explicatio tua est melior quam mea."  
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## Horoscope



Your Birthday

Sunday, April 6, 1997

An old friend you were extremely close to might come back into your life in the year ahead. Your buddy, who has always been popular, might introduce you to a new circle of friends.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The edge you'll have over your competitors today will be a stronger will to win. This is the equalizer if the going should get tough.

Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Persons you've helped previously will be eager to reciprocate today. Call upon tried and true backups, not new friends who are untested.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Because of your enthusiasm for a new endeavor, an old project might be neglected today. Neither one has to be denied if you devote equal time to each.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are in a very good achievement cycle, so make an effort to focus on meaningful objectives today. Stick to goals that entice you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might have to tell an associate something unpleasant for his or her own good, and you won't avoid your responsibility. What you say will be very helpful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may have to work closely with someone who is a bit touchy today. Take pains to treat this person appropriately, if you do, you'll be treated similarly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The pace your mate establishes today might not be as rapid as yours. For the sake of harmony,

get in step with his or her tempo. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You will probably not get any handouts today, yet you can reap impressive rewards if you're prepared to build a deal from the bottom up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you're involved in a competitive, fun activity today, don't take the event too seriously. Win with grace or lose with class.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A heavy-handed approach will only create greater problems in any domestic disruptions today. A light, tender touch, however, will help smooth things out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This is the right day for you to make a neglected call, either in person or on the phone. Be receptive, because it could turn into an enjoyable development.

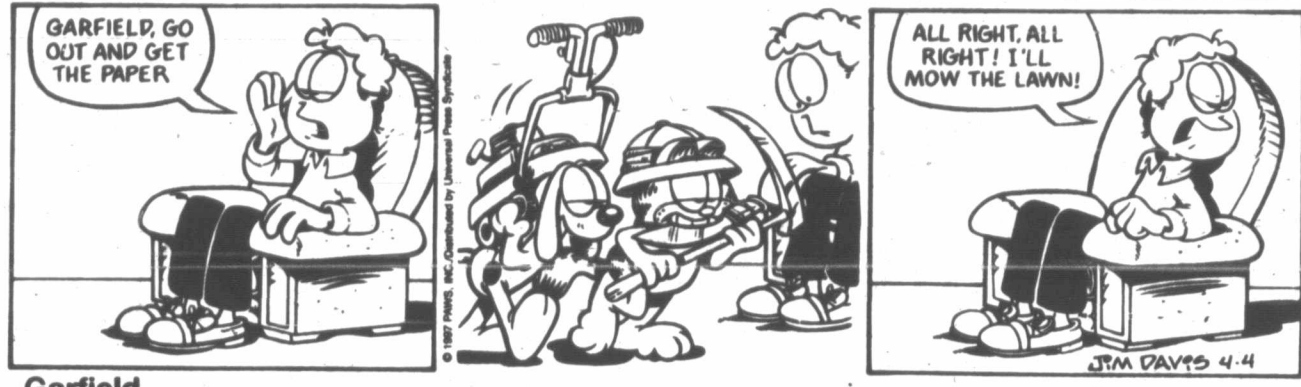
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It might be necessary for you to be a trifle stubborn in your commercial dealings today. However, don't ask for more than you deserve, nor accept less.  
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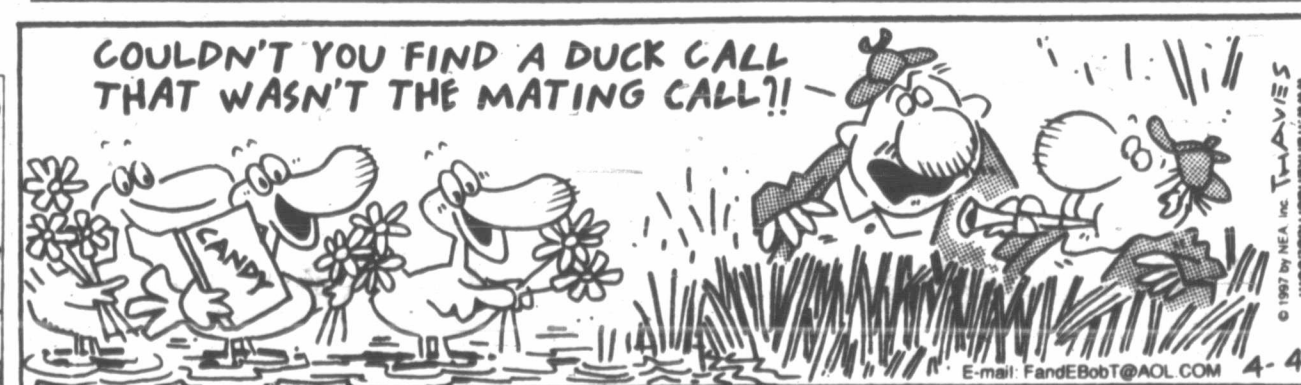
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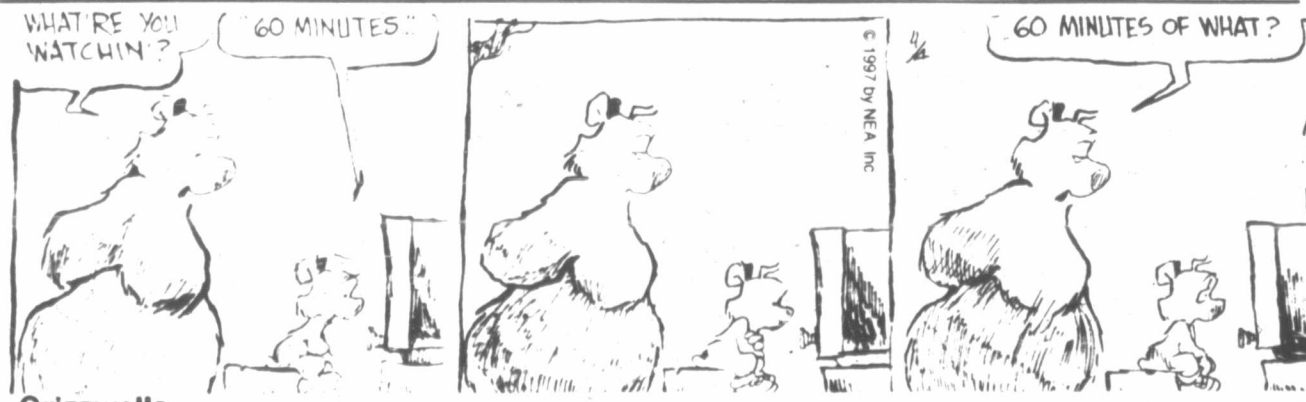


"We don't need a Tickle Me Elmo. We have a Tickle Me PJ!"



"Ignore the pleading looks—he can take the bus."

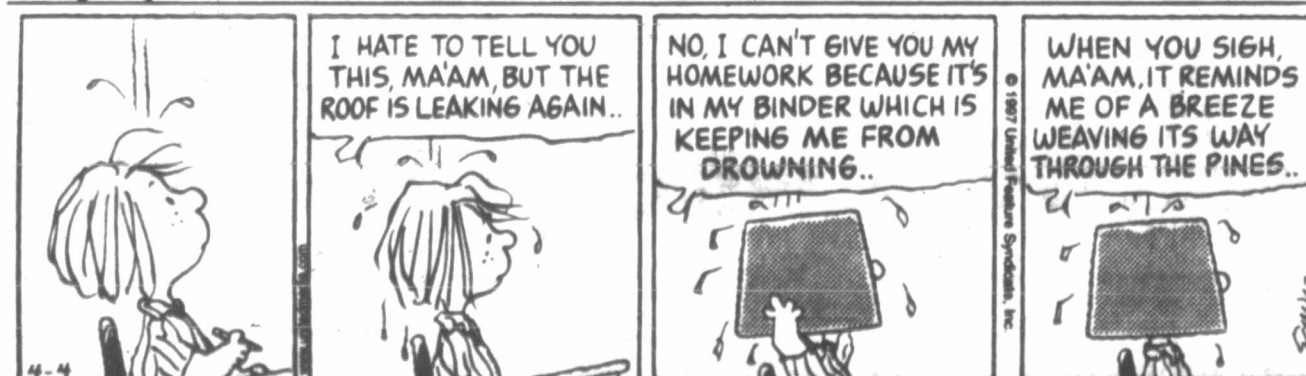
### The Family Circus



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# SPORTS

## Rain washes out Batteries 500 qualifying

### Notebook

#### RODEO

**BORGER** — The Frank Phillips College Plainsmen of Borger competed at the Odessa Rodeo last weekend. Kenny Gee placed third overall in the bareback event and Misty Myers placed fourth overall in breakaway roping. J.D. White also placed fifth in the long go of the bull riding event, but was bucked off in the short go. The team was sixth overall out of 14 teams in its first rodeo of the spring. The Plainsmen are entered in the Howard Junior College Rodeo this weekend in Big Spring.

#### SOCCER

**PFLUGERVILLE, Texas (AP)** — The two-day University Interscholastic League soccer tournament is scheduled to open today at Pflugerville. In the girls' final four, Plano (21-3-1) and Klein (23-2-1) open the 15th annual tournament at 12:30 p.m., followed by another semifinal between San Antonio Churchill (24-0-1) and Arlington Martin (20-3-2) at 2:30 p.m. Two boys semifinals will wrap up the day's play. Klein (25-2) and Wichita Falls Rider (23-2-2) play at 5:30 p.m., followed by Grapevine (23-0-1) and San Antonio Lee (17-5-3) at 7:30 p.m. The Plano girls are making their eighth trip to the state soccer meet. They won the state championship in 1986, 1988 and 1989. In the boys' division, Grapevine is a previous winner, having captured the title in 1990. The girls' championship game is scheduled for noon Saturday, followed by the boys' title match at 2:30 p.m.

#### BASKETBALL

**LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)** — Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp has declined to pursue a job with the Houston Comets of the Women's National Basketball Association, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported Friday. "I've made a decision to stay at Texas Tech at this point," said Sharp, who has posted a 350-120 record in 15 years, including one national championship. "I really appreciate the honor of being invited to talk to Houston. But there are a lot of things I want to accomplish at Texas Tech, and I want to be here." Had she sought the Comets job, Sharp might have been reunited with one of her star players, Olympian Sheryl Swoopes. Sharp is finishing the first year of a five-year contract at Tech.

#### GOLF

**SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP)** — Everyone in the first round of the Tradition had to cope with the weather. Gil Morgan wore a stocking hat. J.C. Snead used the chill to focus on his resolve not to get greedy. Morgan, Snead, John Jacobs, Isao Aoki and Simon Hobday coped best, each finishing at 6-under-par 66 Thursday when record cold and intermittent rain stretched the Cochise Course at Desert Mountain. Jack Nicklaus, who designed the 6,954-yard layout and has won on it four times in seven tries, replaced his 1-iron with a 5-wood and used it four times. "I haven't used it more than once in a tournament that I can ever recall," Nicklaus said. "Maybe twice. I mean, I've never used it four times in a round. But I think the golf course played a lot longer." The high in nearby Phoenix was 58, breaking a 52-year-old record for lowest high temperature, and on the mountain-side course, the mercury never got above 50. Snead said the conditions forced him to play better. "I was just going to try to make a swing and not worry the ball all that much, just try to hit it pretty straight and concentrate on making a good swing and try to hit it solid," he said.

By MIKE HARRIS  
AP Motorsports Writer

**FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)** — Rick Mast loves going to new race tracks. They seem to bring out the best in him. His best showing in an inaugural event came at the 1994 Brickyard 400 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway — when Mast won the pole. "I hadn't thought about that first-race thing until somebody brought it up the other day," Mast said Thursday after rain postponed until today the opening round of time trials for the inaugural Interstate Batteries 500 at the new Texas Motor Speedway. "Honestly, any time I've gone to a new

race track, I've done well, even back in the Busch (Grand National) Series. "When we went to Nazareth (Pa.) the first time, I won. The first time I went to Nashville, I won. The first time I went to Loudon (N.H.), I should have won and wound up finishing fourth." Mast likes it, but can't really explain it. "The first time we went to Indy, I sat on the pole and ran good and have run good there ever since," he said. "At that time, I thought it was the experience factor. These guys have all been to all these race tracks a million times, and I was there for the first time and it takes a little while to get on it.

"Then, we go somewhere new, we are all going there green and I just seem to do well. It doesn't really make any sense." Ricky Rudd, driving a Ford, was the fastest in practice at 186.974 mph Thursday — the first official business day on the virtually untested superspeedway. "There were no big surprises out there," Rudd said. "It's a fast-track without much room to pass in the corners." Terry Labonte, the defending Winston Cup champion, was next in a Chevrolet at 186.884, followed by teammate Jeff Gordon at 186.793. The new track quickly proved how treacherous it can be.

Winston Cup drivers Ricky Craven and Mike Wallace, as well as Busch Series drivers Randy LaJoie and Elliott Sadler crashed in separate incidents. All escaped injury except Craven, who was taken by helicopter to Parkland Hospital in Dallas, where he was in serious but stable condition with a concussion and a fractured right shoulder blade. With more rain expected today, some drivers said they were concerned about the possibility that NASCAR would have to set the lineup by car-owner points and dates on entry blanks as it did last month for the race at Richmond, Va. "I'd rather at least take a

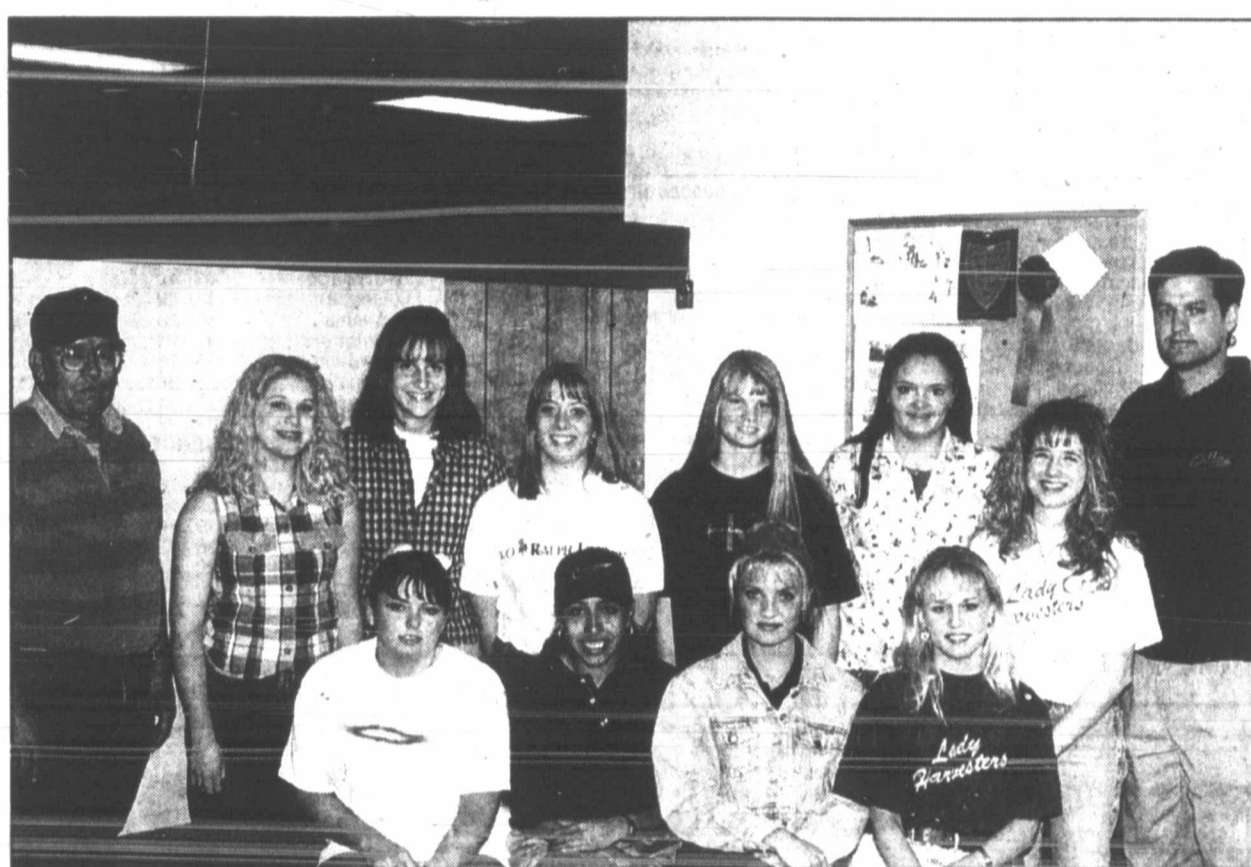
chance on qualifying," said Bobby Labonte, who is fourth in the points. "We could be 11th (in qualifying) and still be in good shape." "The track has changed since we tested here three weeks ago. It's just different, no better, no worse. It just takes a little bit to get adjusted to." Mast, whose fast lap Thursday was 183.968, expects the track to be difficult to race on. "It's pretty neat out there by yourself," he said. "But you have to absolutely use every inch of it." "I was trying to explain a lap to somebody, but it don't do justice to it unless you're sitting in the car with me."

### 7th grade boys finish second at Dumas meet

**DUMAS** — The Pampa 7th grade boys track team finished third at the Dumas Middle School Meet. Pampa was fourth in the 8th grade division. Pampa 7th grader Orlando Madrid set a new school record in winning the 200 with a time of 24.78. Gonzalo Salazar, another Pampa 7th grader, won two events, the 2400 and 1600. Dumas won both 7th and 8th grade team titles. Pampa 7th-8th grade competes in the Valleyview meet today. Pampa's Middle School meet has been switched to April 10 instead of April 11. Starting time is 4:30 p.m.

#### Dumas Track Meet

**7th Grade Division**  
Shot: Justin Lemons, third place. Discus: Aaron Willis, fourth place; David Sigala, fifth place. Triple jump: Orlando Madrid, fifth place. Long jump: Orlando Madrid, fourth place; Justin Lemons, sixth place. 2400: Gonzalo Salazar, first place (8:59.19); Matt Crow, fourth place. 400 relay: Pampa, second place (Justin Lemons, Ryan Nash, Orlando Madrid and Ty Elledge). 800: Zach Groves, sixth place. 100: Orlando Madrid, first place, 11.94; Michael Campos, fourth place. 400: Sedrick Drew, third place. 800 relay: Pampa, fourth place (Justin Lemons, Nick Jennings, Oscar Ortega and Javier Solis). 300 hurdles: Javier Solis, fifth place; Ty Elledge, sixth place. 200: Orlando Madrid, first place, 24.78, new school record. 1600: Gonzalo Salazar, first place, 5:40.12. 1600 relay: Pampa, first place (Sedrick Drew, Nick Jennings, Tanner Dyer and Michael Campos).  
**8th Grade Division**  
Shot: Taylor Harris, second place; Jeff Warren, third place; Ryan Black, sixth place. Discus: Jeff Woodruff, third place; Jason Burklow, fifth place. Triple jump: Johnny Cortez, fifth place. Long jump: Tony Beck, third place. 2400: Armando Triango, first place, 8:42.47. 400 relay: Pampa, fourth place (Johnny Cortez, Josh Gibson, Jonathan Munn and Tony Beck). 110 hurdles: J.J. Roark, third place; Tony Beck, fourth place. 100: Josh Larkin, sixth place. 800 relay: Pampa, fourth place (Johnny Cortez, Josh Gibson, Jonathan Munn and Tony Beck). 200: Jonathan Munn, third place. 1600: Armando Triango, third place. 1600 relay: Pampa, fourth place (J.J. Roark, Josh Larkin, Jason Burklow and Jake Woodruff).



Lady Harvesters' softball players are taking to the streets to help raise money for the upcoming season. Pictured are (front row, l-r) Jamie Humphrey, Patti Montoya, Sondra Wright and Jaimie Reed; (back row, l-r) Pat Montoya, Lady Harvesters' coach; Kimberly Clark, Kelsey Yowell, Summer Morris, Jessica Maddox, Jessica Conner, Sarah Fields and Daren Brown, Dillas pitcher. Brown is also an assistant coach for the Dillas.

### Lady Harvesters softball, Dillas join partnership

The Pampa Lady Harvesters softball team will be selling tickets to the Amarillo Dillas baseball games throughout the month of April to help support the softball program. Half of the proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support the softball league for the spring and summer of 1997. The ticket packages will include two tickets to any 1997 home game, redeemable at the Dilla ticket office after May 12. The selling period for the fundraiser will last until April 30. For more information on tickets or games, call Pat Montoya at 665-7200, Jimmy Clark at 669-7782 or Mike Sells at 665-7464. Tickets are also available at the Pampa High School Athletic Office. The Lady Harvesters start playing their games April 14 at Hobart Street Park. The softball program is for girls 13 through 19 years of age.

## Fernandez wins debut with Marlins

By TOM WITHERS  
AP Sports Writer

Alex Fernandez was pitching for his family, friends, and the Florida Marlins, his hometown and himself. Now that's a little pressure. But Fernandez came through in his much-anticipated hometown debut Thursday night, leading Florida to an 8-2 victory over the Chicago Cubs. Jeff Conine hit a first-inning grand slam and Moises Alou drove in two runs to give Florida a three-game series sweep and Fernandez a night he'll never forget. "I've pitched in the playoffs, and I've pitched well in the playoffs," Fernandez said. "But this was something different. There were a lot of people who know me in the crowd. I could tell when they called my name out. It was a wonderful night, and the best thing is that we won." The Miami native signed a \$35 million, five-year contract in

December after seven seasons with the Chicago White Sox, and his arrival in South Florida helped spur excitement in the area's Latin community. Fernandez allowed one run in 6 2-3 innings before leaving to a standing ovation from the crowd of 32,592, which included dozens of friends and relatives. "It was an emotional feeling I'll never forget," he said. "It was bigger than great." Elsewhere in the National League, it was Montreal 9, St. Louis 4; Atlanta 3, Houston 2; Colorado 7, Cincinnati 1; the New York Mets 4, San Diego 1; Los Angeles 2, Philadelphia 1; and San Francisco 7, Pittsburgh 5. With Fernandez pitching, Marlins officials hoped for a sellout, but the crowd fell nearly 10,000 below capacity. "I can't worry about that," Fernandez said. "Trying to get major-league hitters out is enough for me to do." The three-game sweep was

Florida's first against the Cubs, who managed just 15 hits in the series and were outscored 16-7. The Marlins are off to the fastest start in their five-year history and are three games above .500 for the first time since May 20, 1994. "They've brought in some quality guys," Cubs manager Jim Riggleman said. "They've put together one heck of a ballclub." Alou, who went 3-for-4, singled home Florida's first run in the first inning following a pair of walks. Devon White reached on an infield single, and Conine followed with his third career grand slam to make it 5-0. "Hitting a home run — there's nothing like it in baseball," Conine said. "There might be nothing like it in sports, especially when the bases are loaded." **Expos 9, Cardinals 4** At Montreal, Shane Andrews, Rondell White and David Segui homered as the Expos completed their first three-game sweep to open a season.

St. Louis, the defending NL Central champion, dropped to 0-3 for the first time since 1988. The Expos have won 11 of their last 15 games against the Cardinals. Carlos Perez won his first start since Sept. 22, 1995, allowing four runs and seven hits in seven innings. He missed all of last season following shoulder surgery. Rookie Dimitri Young hit his first major league homer, a two-run drive in the third, and drove in three runs for the Cardinals. Alan Benes took the loss. **Braves 3, Astros 2** At Houston, Fred McGriff ended Darryl Kile's no-hit bid with a home run in the seventh, and the Braves rallied for their first win of '97. McGriff's shot to left made the score 2-1, and Jeff Blauser and Keith Lockhart hit sacrifice flies in the eighth to put Atlanta ahead. Tom Glavine allowed six hits in seven innings for the win, and Mark Wohlers struck out three in the final 1-1-3 innings for the save.

## Pampa Breakers win Plainview Tournament

#### BASKETBALL

**PLAINVIEW** — The Pampa Breakers, coached by Robert Dixon, won the 13 and under division of the Plainview Sharpshooters Girls Basketball Tournament held recently in Plainview. Cali Covalt's 15 points led Pampa over Borger Above The Rim, 45-32. Other Breakers scoring were Misti Northcutt, 12, Jennifer Lindsey 10, Lindsey Narron 5 and Ashley Derington 3. The River Road Wildcats fell to the Breakers, 56-25, in the second round. Scoring for Pampa was Derington with 11, Erin Raber 9, Covalt 7, Lindsey 6, Leslie Ward 5, Randa Morris 4, Narron 4, Northcutt 4, Ashlei Jordan 3 and Mandy Rains 3. In the final game, Pampa defeated the Plainview Sharpshooters, 54-35. Lindsey led Pampa in scoring with 17 points. She was followed by Northcutt with 11, Derington 6, Narron 6,

Rains 4, Covalt 4, Raber 4 and Ward 3 points. Breakers with outstanding defensive efforts were Rains, Lindsey and Northcutt. Rebounding leaders were Morris, Narron, Raber and Sabrina Johnson. SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — All Shawn Bradley could do is sit on the bench and watch his teammates lose yet another game. With the 7-foot-6 center limited by foul trouble to just one minute after halftime, the Dallas Mavericks were officially eliminated from playoff contention Thursday night in a 106-90 loss to the Golden State Warriors. It was Dallas' season-worst ninth straight loss. Bradley had four points and three blocked shots while playing nine minutes in the first half.



The Pampa Breakers (above) won the 13 and under division of the Plainview Sharpshooters Tournament last month. Team members are (front row, l-r) Mandy Rains, Leslie Ward, Cali Covalt, Misti Northcutt, Ashley Derington and Ashlei Jordan; (back row, l-r) Sabrina Johnson, Jennifer Lindsey, Lindsey Narron, Randa Morris, Erin Raber and coach Robert Dixon.

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# Psychologist studies resiliency of kids

AMARILLO — Why are some children with troubled childhoods or who face great adversity able to bounce back and lead a successful life while others follow paths of self-destruction?

Dr. Robert Brooks, clinical psychologist on the faculty of Harvard Medical School, said a child's ability to bounce back, or to be resilient, is such an important concept, it has become a passion of his.

Brooks, who lectures across the country, will present "Working With Angry Kids: Strategies for Fostering Resilience, Motivation and Self-Esteem" at the Cal Farley's Sixth Annual Child Care Conference April 10-11 at the Central Church of Christ, 15th and Monroe, in Amarillo.

Brooks, 54, said while researching resiliency, adults were asked to look back at their childhood and pick the most important thing that helped them become resilient.

"In almost every study there is one answer: 'along the way I had an adult who truly believed in me and stood by me,'" Brooks said during a recent phone interview. "We have to make sure, in our homes, schools and communities, there are more and more adults available who will guide kids. Once these adults are available, we have to make sure they're knowledgeable about things that help kids to learn and get motivated and how to foster a kid's self-esteem."

In the early years of his career, Brooks was responsible for a "tough group of kids" in a locked-door unit at a psychiatric hospital. During the two-day workshop, Brooks will share his past frustrations and anger while working with these children.

"What I found is that, if anything, anger begets anger," Brooks said. "Soon I had an unhappy staff and unhappy kids, and certainly I was very unhappy. I felt I wasn't doing very well by these kids, and I was getting worn down. I had to do a lot of soul-searching. I had to try to understand things in a different way."

He discovered that a child's anger and resistance were usually linked to low self-esteem, feeling incompetent and not being able to succeed in school.

"In a lot of these kids was a sense of hopelessness, kids who felt, 'I have nothing to lose anymore,'" Brooks said. "You see it today—kids who say, 'I don't think I'm going to be alive when I'm 19.' So they're real risk-takers."

After shifting his philosophy and "changing the script," Brooks said he developed a way to provide kids with experiences where they can really shine — where they're strengthened. He calls this the "strength-based model," which is one of the core issues of his workshop.

Brooks said the whole concept of resiliency is based on hope and that focusing on a child's strength will lead to a child who is less violent,

less angry and more helpful. At the conference, Brooks will further define resiliency and describe the factors that help children to be resilient.

Brooks has been honored and recognized for his extensive work with children and families. He recently completed a one hour program for PBS and appears regularly on Boston television stations. Brooks is author of numerous publications, including *So That's How I Was Born!* and *The Self-Esteem Teacher*.

For his work with the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs, Brooks received the Gubernatorial Award for Distinguished Public Service. He is a member of the professional advisory board of the National Center for Learning Disabilities and the board of Children and Adults With Attention Deficit Disorders (CHADD).

Cost of the conference is \$45 and includes lunch both days. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, April 10. The workshop will break at 4:30 p.m. Thursday and resume Friday at 9:30 a.m. Brooks will conclude the last session at 2:30 p.m. The workshop is designed for anyone who cares for children.

Amarillo College approves this program for ten contact hours (one CEU for social workers, licensed professional counselors and child care professionals). For more information, contact Carrie Garms, conference coordinator, at 372-2341 or 800-687-3722.

## DNA tests begin in Ramsey case

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — DNA testing in the JonBenet Ramsey murder case began this week after her parents decided

against sending their own expert to watch, a city spokeswoman said Thursday.

John and Patricia Ramsey were considering sending a representative to oversee the testing at the Germantown, Md., laboratory, but their lawyers decided it was unnecessary.

The testing at Cellmark Diagnostics is expected to take six weeks.

Police still have not interviewed the Ramseys. The two sides have not agreed on conditions for the questioning.

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## Writers Guild votes to correct old script credits for blacklisted writers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The writers of some of Hollywood's best-known films are getting the credits they were long denied since they had to work under fake names to get around a McCarthy-era blacklist.

The Writers Guild of America has been replacing their pseudonyms with the real names, and

recently voted to correct the credits for two dozen films.

Among the 1940s-1970s movies affected by Monday night's vote are *Born Free*, *Hellcats of the Navy*, *Inherit the Wind* and *The Robe*.

Brian Walton, executive director of the guild's West Coast branch, said Wednesday that "these sad

and unfortunate actions of the past" will be rectified with the help of the movie industry.

The guild began a program in 1968 to begin correcting inaccurate movie and TV show credits, confirming pseudonyms or proving that someone fronted for a writer. It had already

announced credit changes for ten films including *Roman Holiday* and *Lawrence of Arabia*.

The blacklists began when Sen. Joe McCarthy accused State Department officials of being communists, fanning attacks against people suspected of communist leanings or affiliation.

## Holiday Inn to locate on WTAMU land

CANYON — It's been more than a year coming, but plans for a motel to be located on 2 1/2 acres of West Texas A&M University property in Canyon will soon move from the contract table to the construction site.

A 65-unit Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites, to be located on the northeast corner of 4th Avenue and Hospital Drive, will include six suites, meeting rooms, a business center, and swimming pool and patio area. Daily rates will range from \$48-\$55 for rooms and \$75 and up for suites.

Original plans negotiated with Americal Inc. called for a Fairfield Inn, according to Gary Barnes, WTAMU vice president for business and finance; however, the Marriott Corporation could not accommodate some of the University-requested enhancements under existing terms.

"We're are pleased to have found a corporate partner who can provide all the services and amenities we require," Barnes said. "Holiday Inn is, of course, nationally recognized for affordable, high quality lodging. We feel this partnership will be extremely beneficial to WTAMU, the community and Americal Inc."

According to estimates, the motel will employ a staff of 22-25 and could have an economic impact of \$5 million during construction and \$2 million each year thereafter.

The University will receive \$25,000 the first year and \$5,000 annually for the next 49 years under terms of the lease agreement with franchise-owner Americal Inc.

Construction is expected to start in May, and developers hope to begin accommodating guests Sept. 1.

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