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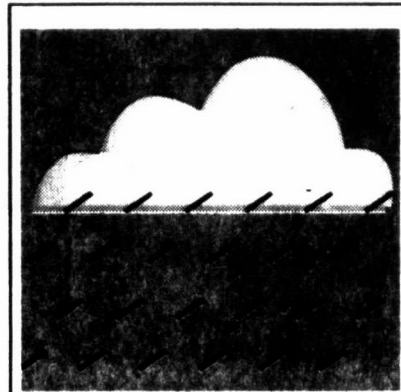
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PAMPA — The 70th annual Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce dinner will be tonight at 7 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The 1998 Citizen of the Year will be announced and Janice Ralston Sons, a humorist, will entertain. Tickets are \$20 at the door and \$15 if paid in advance.

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$10 million. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 5, 28, 38, 43, 44, and 45. Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$14 million.

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Fort Worth woman who said she and her husband wanted to teach her preteen children about sex has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for aggravated sexual assault.

The woman, whose identity is being withheld to protect her children, pleaded guilty Tuesday to two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child. She was sentenced Wednesday.

- William E. "Bill" Carey, 72, retired employee of Northern Natural Gas Company.
- Sue McFall, 89, former employee of Montgomery Ward.
- Bertha Dyer Moore, 87, retired manager of the Sweetbriar Shop.
- Juanita Romines, 76, homemaker.

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Sales tax returns continue decline

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

There was more bad news this week in the monthly sales tax report which shows January's city receipts dropped 16.02 percent under the amount returned during the same time period last year.

"It was way worse than I thought it was going to be," City Finance Director John Horst said today. "This brings things back where I first thought they were going to be."

He was making reference to an earlier prediction that the city's budgeted shortfall of receipts would total as much as \$160,000 this year. Last month Horst thought that figure might drop to about \$140,000.

"Last month I said it (annual shortfall) wasn't going to be that bad but this brings us back to that if the trend continues," he said. "It really was worse than any of us (city staff) thought."

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While hopeful the local economy will get better, Finance Director John Horst said, "it will be really tough to recover" the budgeted tax receipts unless there is marked improvement before the fiscal year ends Sept. 30.

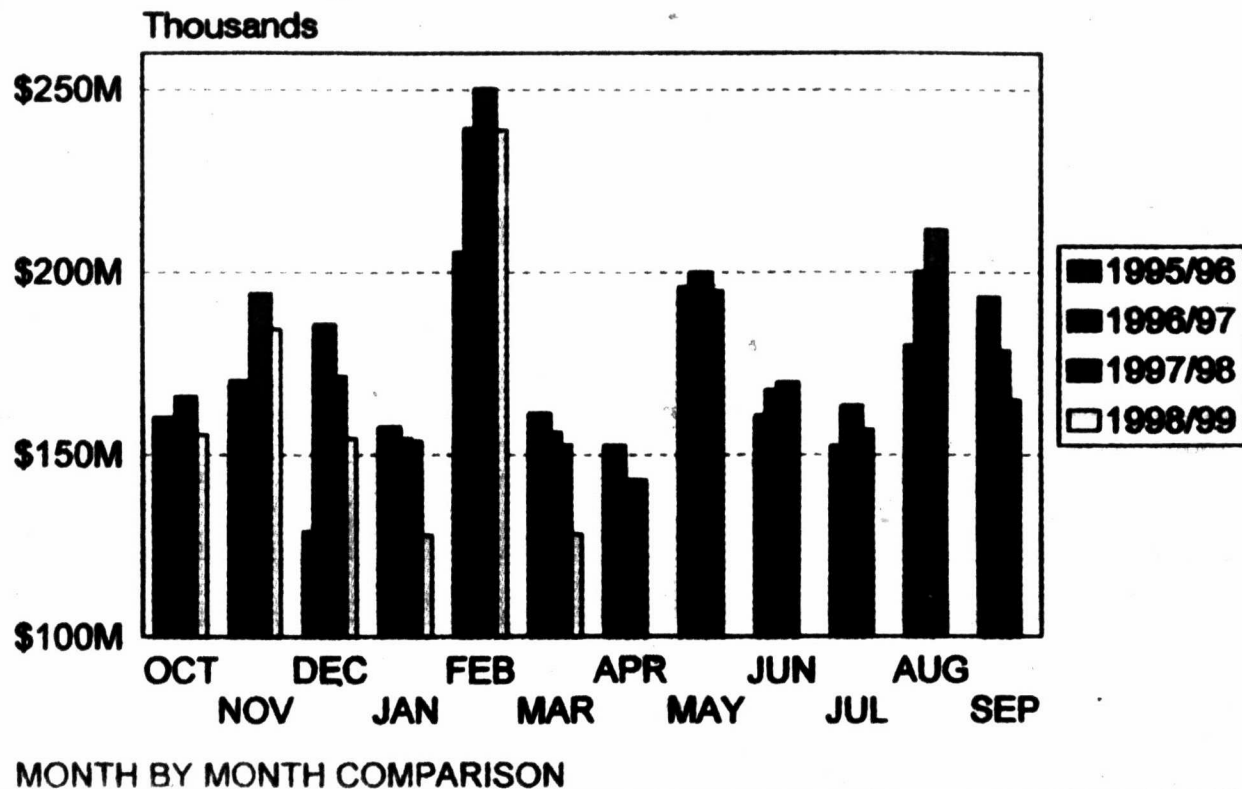
there is marked improvement before the fiscal year ends Sept. 30.

In January, Horst said the city collected \$128,167 in tax receipts as compared to the budgeted expectation of \$150,570. The average January return based on 1993-97 figures is \$146,785.

"I've talked to some local merchants, both in the service and retail sectors, and they tell me their sales are down," the

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CITY OF PAMPA SALES TAX COMPARISON



Shamrock's St. Patrick event offers lots to do

SHAMROCK — Amarillo's Big Texan Opry will headline the entertainment at St. Patrick's Day Celebration Friday night banquet here.

The Big Texan Opry, featuring the 72 Oz. Quartet, will provide the entertainment for the Pre-St. Pat's Banquet at 6:45 p.m. Friday at the Shamrock Area Community Center. The Miss Irish Rose Scholarship Pageant winner will be introduced at the banquet.

Saturday's festivities begin with registration for the St. Patrick's Day Car Show in the parking lot of the First Baptist Church, 401 N. Main.

Though it's optional for car show entrants, they are being encouraged to drive the autos in the parade.

The annual St. Patrick's Day parade down Main Street begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. The Old Settlers Reunion will be at 10 a.m. at the fire station.

The arts and crafts fair is open from noon to 6 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. There will also be food booths.

The Irish Stew Cook-off and auction will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday in the lot next to the

First National Bank.

Donegal Beard Contest judging will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday. The Lad and Lassie Contest will be at 1 p.m. Saturday. The Miss Irish Rose Pageant is at 3 p.m. Saturday.

A motorcycle rally is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Saturday from the Community Center. A bull buck-out will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the rodeo grounds.

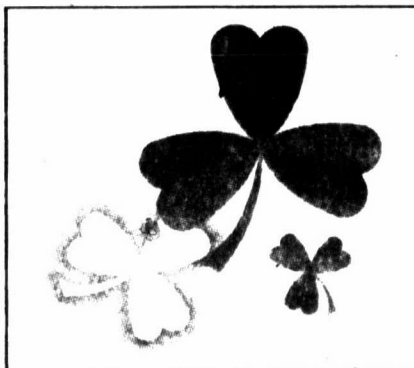
A Student Memorial Dedication will be at 6 p.m. Saturday at Shamrock High School.

There will be Gospel singing beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday.

A teen dance with live music will begin at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Old J.C. Gym. Admission is \$3 per person. The adult dance, featuring the band Blue Steel, will begin at 9 p.m. at the Shamrock Community Center. Admission is \$10 per person.

The carnival at the foot of the water tower will open at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Sunday will feature the St. Patrick's Golf Tournament at Shamrock Country Club as well as the on-going carnival.



Parent questions reasoning behind 90-minute classes

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY
Managing Editor

"I'm not here to complain about teachers, counselors; I haven't had any bad experiences," said parent Dottie Fraser. "But do you have any statistics on the accelerated block system? I was under the impression that everyone was doing it."

Fraser approached the Pampa ISD Board of Education during the public comments portion of the last meeting to discuss concerns she has with the accelerated block system at Pampa High School.

Armed with statistics and information from regional officials, Fraser said PHS is the only high school of the 60 high schools in Region 16 using this type of "accelerated block" system.

The accelerated block system, which has students attending four 90-minute classes for a credit each during a half a year's time, was introduced to PHS in 1995, replacing the seven 45-minute periods that last all year.

(See PARENT, Page 2)

After going to a two-day seminar where she sat through four 90-minute time blocks, Fraser said she found difficulty paying attention for the long periods.

"I thought about the kids doing that ... you can't realistically believe quality teaching is going on five days a week."

Drug seizure vehicle auction nets over \$27,000

Drug dealers contributed over \$27,000 to the 31st District Attorney's Office of John Mann.

The contributions weren't voluntary; the money was gained yesterday at a public auction selling of three cars and a tractor-trailer rig seized in Wheeler County when the drivers were arrested for smuggling drugs.

The 31st District consists of five counties including Wheeler and Gray and the money will go into the general operating budget of the district attorney.

The vehicles included a 1992 Toyota Celica that sold for \$6,900, a 1995 Volvo Station Wagon that sold for \$1,150, a 1987 Dodge Shadow that sold for \$1,000. The tractor-trailer was seized when DPS Trooper Kevin King found 200 pounds of marijuana after a traffic stop. The

Investigator Bill McMinn believes the bid winners got a good deal but, "it wasn't a give-away either."

trailer sold for \$4,400 while the cab went for \$14,000.

Bill McMinn, the 31st District Attorney Investigator, said he appreciates the public support, and he thought the public responded well.

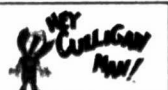
A crowd of about 100 people was present for the auction, hoping for a good deal. McMinn believed the winners got a good deal but, "it wasn't a give-away either."



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

31st District Attorney Investigator Bill McMinn (right) oversees the auction of several vehicles while Juvenile Probation Officer Albert Nichols and Gray County Deputy Sana Alexander help spot bidders. Sheriff Don Copeland watches in the background. (See related photo on Page 10)

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Services tomorrow

COOPER, Jesse Theodore "Ted" Sr. — 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Wheeler.

Obituaries

WILLIAM E. "BILL" CAREY

BELLA VISTA, Ark. — William E. "Bill" Carey, 72, a former White Deer resident, died Friday, March 12, 1999, at Amarillo. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Bella Vista Community Church with the Rev. David McKay officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bella Vista Funeral Home and Crematory.

Mr. Carey was born at White Deer and graduated from White Deer High School in 1943. He attended John Tarleton University and West Texas State University. He married Alice Bonner in 1956; she died in 1993. He had been a Bella Vista resident since 1984. He retired from Northern Natural Gas Company after 32 years of service.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II and the Korean War.

Survivors include a daughter, Carmen Garcia of Odessa; a son Mark Carey of Tempe, Ariz.; two sisters, Wilda Fay Anderson of Amarillo and Maxine Milligan of Dallas; a brother, Marion Carey of Hobbs, N.M.; and two grandchildren.

SUE McFALL

VICTORIA — Sue McFall, 89, a former Pampa resident, died Wednesday, March 17, 1999. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa with the Rev. Jim Teeter, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. McFall was born Sept. 30, 1909, at Childress. She moved from Hedley to Pampa in 1928. She married John McFall on June 25, 1932, at Pampa; he died Feb. 16, 1970. She had been a Victoria resident since 1993, moving from Pampa. She was a sales clerk with Montgomery Ward for 10 years and belonged to St. Paul United Methodist Church and Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include a daughter, Sue Lynn Hatcher of Victoria; two sisters, Margaret Sheppard and Lee Holt of Navasota; a brother, R.O. McFarling, Jr., of Bryan; and three grandchildren.

BERTHA DYER MOORE

Bertha Dyer Moore, 87, of Pampa, died Wednesday, March 17, 1999. The body was cremated and consequently will not be available for viewing. Memorial services will be scheduled at a later time.

Mrs. Moore was born Oct. 3, 1911, at Valley Mills. She moved from Pampa to Gallup, N.M., in the early 1930s. She married Gordon Moore on Jan. 29, 1933, at Saver, Okla. While her husband managed the El Rancho Hotel in Gallup, she managed the hotel gift shop. She later owned-operated the Sweet Shop, where she was known as "Aunt B" by all her young patrons. She also worked for Sellards Jewelry Store and R. & R. Dress Shop for several years. Most people remember her from the Sweetbriar Shop which she managed for 18 years, retiring in 1975. She returned to Pampa on April 1, 1994.

She was a charter member of B.P.O.E. She was preceded in death by a sister, "Bill" Williams; and by two nephews, Ray Williams and Beryl Williams.

Survivors include her husband, Gordon, of the home; three nieces, Barbara Williams and her husband, Bill Calloway, both of Pampa, and Jerilyn Moore and Linda Cavaglia, both of Fresno, Calif.; two nephews, John Moore of Alameda, Calif., and James Moore of California; a great-niece, Terry Lemons of Pampa; and three great-nephews, Nick Williams of Pampa, Rob Williams of Amarillo and Eddie Williams of Abilene.

The family requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church Building Fund of Pampa or to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

JUANITA ROMINES

Juanita Romines, 76, of Pampa, died Wednesday, March 17, 1999, at McAllen. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Romines was born March 1, 1923, at Okmulgee, Okla. She married James "Peewee" Romines on May 29, 1943, at Pampa. She was a homemaker and a member of First Assembly of God Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by eight brothers.

Survivors include her husband, James, of the home; a daughter, Shirlene Topper of Pampa; two sons, Keven Romines and Freddie Romines, both of Pampa; two sisters, Mildred Salsman of Pampa and Ilene Baxter of Stillwater, Okla.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Pampa Sheltered Workshop.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	2.52		
Milo	3.24		
Corn	3.66		
Soybeans	4.01		

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

Occidental	16.15/16	NO
Magellan	129.26	
Puritan	20.35	

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

America	65	up 1/4
Arco	20 3/4	dn 1/16
Cabot O&G	14 15/16	up 3/16
Chevron	86 1/8	up 1/2
Coca Cola	67 1/4	up 7/16
Columbia HCA	18 7/16	dn 1/8
Enron	69 1/8	up 1 1/2
Halliburton	37 1/2	up 3/8
IRI	3 7/8	up 3/16
KSE	21 3/16	dn 3/16
Kerr McGee	32 3/4	up 5/8
Lubrizol	37	up 5/8
McDonald's	44 1/8	up 9/16
Mobil	94 1/8	up 1
New Atmos	23 15/16	up 9/16
NOI	99 7/8	up 1/2
Pennaco	99 11/16	up 13/16
Phillips	44 3/16	up 3/8
Pioneer Nat. Res.	79 1/16	up 15/16
SLB	59 15/16	up 3/16
Tenneco	29 13/16	dn 1/16
Texasco	57 3/16	up 1/16
Ultramar	20 11/16	up 3/8
Wal-Mart	96 7/8	up 1/2
Williams	39 1/4	dn 1/4
New York Gold	282.80	
Silver	4.98	
West Texas Crude	15.08	

Correction

In the Wednesday story concerning the seizure of \$10,000 in cash Deputy Paul Sublett said his dog Czar hit on the drug odor on the money but he did not use the dog in any way to search the occupants of the vehicle. Sublett said using the dog on people is not legal.

Police report

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

Wednesday, March 17

Phillip Brandon Odom, 21, 1111 E. Harvester, was arrested on warrants.

Burglary was reported in the 200 block of North Nelson.

Sexual assault was reported in the 600 block of North Christy.

Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, March 17

Jerome Bradshaw, 47, 600 Plains, was arrested on charges of violation of probation/assault.

Accidents

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

Wednesday, March 17

An unknown person driving a black Oldsmobile Cutlass approximately a 1985 year model was attempting a U-turn at Ward and Browning and struck the 1989 Ford Bronco driven by A.E. Hudson, 69, 1020 N. Dwight, and then fled the scene. No injuries were reported. Police are investigating.

April Elaine Kirby, 35, 617 Dean, was cited for unsafe speed for the conditions when her 1983 Ford Bronco started sliding on gravel on Gray D due in part to high winds. When the left wheels regained traction the vehicle rolled over onto its left side. Kirby, the other adult passenger, and three children were wearing seat belts and reported no injuries.

Fires

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

Wednesday, March 17

11:41 a.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to the 2200 block of North Russell on a grass fire.

12:18 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to Gray 5 and Gray D on a automobile accident.

1:35 p.m. — One unit and one personnel responded to the 1900 block of Hamilton on a CO check.

4:28 p.m. — Two units and five personnel responded to the 800 block of North Dean on an oil spill.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, March 17

12:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to County Road D and Gray 5 on an auto accident; no one was transported.

6:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

7:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of North Dwight and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

7:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

Thursday, March 18

4:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to Northwest Texas Hospital.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL

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

THEE PLACE

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

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Join us on Thursday, Mar. 18 in the Cafeteria of Pampa Regional Medical Center (formerly called Columbia Medical Center of Pampa). The program begins at 7 p.m. and adjourns by 8 p.m. for refreshments and a time to get better acquainted. The topic will be The Natural Way of Prayer-Being Free to Express What You Feel Deep Within. Friends, family members and others are always welcome. Need a ride to the meeting? Call Betty Whitson (after 5 p.m.) at 669-2198 or Linda Norris at 665-2654. In case of bad weather, call Pampa Regional Medical Center at 665-3721 to see if the program has been canceled.

PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. March 25 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. For more information, call (806) 669-0568 or 665-4718.

AMARILLO INVENTORS ASSOCIATION

Amarillo Inventors Association will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 23 in Room B of the Amarillo Public Library, 4th and Buchanan.



No injuries were reported shortly after noon yesterday when April Elaine Kirby lost control of her Bronco on Gray D and overturned. See "accidents" in the daily record on this page for details.

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TAXES

finance director said. "I hope there are some out there who are doing well."

One of those with whom Horst spoke, a contractor who makes home improvements, "... told me he had less work lined up now than he has had in many years."

To help bring the city's budget back in line, Horst said all department heads have been asked to make

two percent cuts. That should save about \$166,000.

The suggestions are being turned in this week, will be reviewed, then presented to city commissioners for action, Horst said.

Regarding January's numbers, Horst said it is possible the ice storm had a negative affect on spending by keeping people inside — people who began spending again in February.

"... But we won't know the answer to that until we get February's report which will come in about the middle of next month," he said.

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PARENT

In school district region 17, there are only 3 high schools of 70, "less than 1 percent" using the block system, said Fraser.

"Our kids come out of seven period schedules at the middle school," Fraser said. "What's wrong with using the traditional seven periods?"

Her main reasoning against the block system has to do with its lack of "choices" for students.

"Looking on paper, students can earn eight credits a year instead of seven," she said.

But because of athletics, she said, students have to use two full

credits to stay involved in a sport all year long. This limits the number of credit choices students can take, said Fraser.

"Life is about choices. School is about exploring options ... how

can they explore in art and music?" Fraser asked.

She also said she believes a lot of homework is getting done during the 90-minute class periods so that there are "not two classes being taught" in one period as is suggested by block plan proponents.

"Plus the attention span," said Fraser.

After recently going to a two-day seminar where she had to sit through two 90-minute time blocks each day, Fraser said she found difficulty paying attention for the long periods.

"I thought about the kids doing that ... you can't realistically believe quality teaching is going on five days a week," she concluded.

Because the school board cannot take any action based on public comments, John Curry, board president, thanked Fraser for her time and concerns on the matter.

\$10 million Medicare fraud settlement reached

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas home health care company has agreed to pay \$10 million to settle a Medicare fraud lawsuit filed by a whistleblower and the federal government.

HomeCare Concepts of America Inc. reached the settlement in a lawsuit filed against Infusion Management Systems Inc., which HomeCare bought in June 1996.

The U.S. attorney for North Texas, Paul Coggins, and representatives of Infusion Management said Wednesday that the fraud happened before HomeCare bought the company.

Former Infusion Management employee Jennifer Thomas filed the lawsuit in 1996 on behalf of the federal government. She alleged that Infusion Management officials defrauded Medicare and others.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Rain today with a high in the low 40s and northeast-east winds from 20-30 mph. Tonight, rain turning to light snow with a low in the low 30s and a north wind at 10-20 mph. Tomorrow, cloudy with a 60 percent chance of light snow changing to rain with a low of 40 and north winds at 10-15 mph. High yesterday 59° the overnight low 35.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — A winter storm watch is in effect for tonight. Tonight, periods of snow. Snow accumulations of up to 4 inches possible. Low 25 to 30. North wind 10-20 mph. Friday, cloudy with a 60 percent chance of light snow. Snow possibly changing to light rain in the afternoon. High around 40. North wind 10-15 mph. Extreme Southern Panhandle/Low Rolling Plains — Wind advisory in effect tonight northwest south plains and southwest Panhandle. Tonight, periods of rain, rain changing to snow late. Periods of snow northwest with total accumulations of around 4 inches possible. Low 25-35. Friday, a chance of snow in the morning, snow changing to rain by afternoon. Mostly cloudy with a high in the 40s.

PERMAN BASIN/UPPER TRANS PECOS — Tonight, cloudy and windy with a chance of rain, rain may mix with snow late north. Low in the 30s. Friday,

mostly cloudy with a chance of morning showers. High in the 50s. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, cloudy and cooler with a chance of showers. Low 40 to 45. Friday, cloudy and cool with a slight chance for showers. High 50 to 55. Far West Texas — Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain or snow. Low 30-35. Friday, partly cloudy. High in the upper 50s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Snow advisory Guadalupe Mountains today. Tonight, partly cloudy. A slight chance of lowland rain and mountain snow. Lows 30-45. Friday, partly cloudy. High near 50 mountains to near 60 lowlands.

NORTH TEXAS — Flash flood watch today for the western two-thirds of region. Tonight, rain likely. Rain may be heavy at times central and east. Lows 39 west to 55 south-east. Friday, rain likely north. A chance of rain south. High 50 to 65.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, isolated rain showers east of the I-35 corridor through midnight. Otherwise, mostly cloudy and cooler. Lows in the 40s hill country, 50s south central. Friday, mostly cloudy. High in the 60s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Some storms may be severe or produce heavy rain. Lows in the lower 60s. Friday, showers and thunderstorms likely.

The board could, however, choose to make it an agenda item for a later meeting and discuss it then.

City briefs

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JOHN HAGEE'S new devotional book His Glory Revealed. Available at The Gift Box Christian Bookstore, 669-9881. Adv.

PAMPA SHRINE Club meeting Friday at 6 p.m. Covered dish. Adv.

Highs in the upper 60s. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s to around 60. Friday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s to lower 70s.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO

Winter storm warning through tonight central and north central mountains and adjacent east slopes and highlands. Snow advisory through tonight northeast and east central plains. Snow advisory today south central mountains, north-west mountains and the upper Rio Grande valley. Tonight, snow continuing northern mountains and northeast. Mostly cloudy elsewhere with scattered snow showers tapering off after midnight. Becoming partly cloudy southwest. Lows teens and 20s mountains, mid 20s to lower 20s elsewhere. Friday, mostly cloudy with a chance of snow showers central and northeast. Becoming partly cloudy and warmer west. High 40s to mid 50s mountains and north, mid 50s to lower 60s south.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, cloudy with a chance rain or snow northwest, showers and possibly a thunderstorm southwest and showers elsewhere. Heavy rain possible southwest. Low 35 to 40. Friday, a chance of rain mixed with snow northwest and showers elsewhere. High in the 40s.



(Special photo)

Present at the ribbon-cutting ceremony held recently in honor of the grand opening of the newly constructed playground at McDonald's are (left-right) Bill Bridges, Lee Waters, Frank Crebase, regional manager, William and Marietta Benda, owners, Dawn Hulsey, manager, and Clay Rice and Ken Rheams, both representatives of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

Hospice to sponsor grief seminar

"Putting the Pieces Back Together," a free, five-session seminar for persons experiencing grief, begins at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 25, and will continue for the next four consecutive Thursday evenings, April 1, 8, 15 and 22.

The five-week seminar, sponsored by BSA Hospice of the Panhandle, is open to the public at no charge. Those who are interested in attending may pre-register by calling 665-6677 or they may enroll at the first session on March 25. Classes will meet at BSA Hospice of the Panhandle's conference room, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa.

"This seminar can be helpful to persons who are trying to put the pieces of their life back together after a loss," explains Sherry McCavit, manager of the non-profit organization which has served terminally-ill people and their family in this area since 1988.

"Those attending the seminar can learn about the grief process, increase their understanding of what they are experiencing and know that they are not alone in their grief," McCavit said.

Session topics include coping with stress; understanding the grief process; dealing with anger, guilt, sadness and loneliness; helping yourself and others grieve; and handling the holidays and special dates.

Facilitators for the seminar are to be John Southern, M.Ed., LPC, LMFT, of Amarillo, and BSA Hospice of the Panhandle Bereavement Coordinator Blanche Ryel, RN, of Borger.

Southern, a licensed professional counselor and licensed marriage and family therapist, is associated with West Pines Psychiatric Services, Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center, and is a consulting counselor for BSA Hospice of the Panhandle.

Ryel, with more than 30 years nursing experience, has served as bereavement coordinator for BSA Hospice of the Panhandle for three years. She received her RN degree from St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing in Wichita, Kan.

In order to get the most from the seminar, organizers recommend that participants have not experienced the death of a loved one within the past three to six months.

Since 1988, BSA Hospice of the Panhandle, a not-for-profit organization associated with Baptist St. Anthony's Health Systems, has cared for more than 1,100 persons with life-threatening illnesses and their families in Carson, Donley, Gray,

Hutchinson, Roberts and Wheeler counties.

For more information about Hospice of the Panhandle's "Putting the Pieces Back Together" grief seminar or about care in general, call (806) 665-6677.



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Opinion

Ambiguous 'war' is waged in Texas

■ Operators of eight-liners find themselves in legal limbo.

In the nebulous world of bureaucrats, the boundaries begin and end with government regulation. They are slaves to rules and regulations.

But what happens if the same branch of government happens to be sending mixed messages?

Such is the case with the State of Texas and the continuing saga of the legal status of eight-liners, the casino-style slot machines that have been in bureaucratic limbo for months.

Until former Texas Attorney General Dan Morales ruled last year that the machines were illegal, parlors were proliferating around the state. In most cases, the machines paid jackpots in tickets that could be redeemed for gift certificates at designated businesses. None of the "winnings" could be in cash.

But fueled by the vocal opposition of Gov. George W. Bush, and activated by Morales' ruling, the Texas Department of Public Safety waged a war on the eight-liners.

In some areas, machines were confiscated and parlor operators were arrested. Opponents of the crackdown, meanwhile, questioned why the DPS considered the machines to be a threat to "public safety" and wondered if the law enforcement agency didn't have higher priority crime to fight.

And despite the campaign by the DPS, some operators switched their machines to pay off with free games and kept the doors open. The operators say other arms of state government issued business permits and continue to collect taxes on the proceeds from the machines.

What's more, the DPS has been somewhat ambiguous on enforcement plans.

In late February, the DPS announced it would be cutting back on eight-liner raids because it had limited manpower in its Special Crimes Unit and said local law agencies would be responsible for policing the parlors.

But as soon as operators took that declaration to mean that they needed to check with local law officers for guidance, the DPS amended the statement to say it would continue to conduct raids if local agencies aren't taking care of the chore. And many local agencies are inclined to look the other way rather than get caught up in the confusion. Of course, there's not a single local law enforcer in the state who should not have something better to do.

And to offer another gray area, the DPS has said the machines that have been altered to pay in free games are just as illegal as those that pay tickets to be redeemed for gift certificates. But enforcement of the free-game machines won't be as vigorous as that of machines that can result in the winning of merchandise.

In other words, no clear guidelines have been established. No new court cases have created any sort of legal precedent. No laws have been passed in the Texas Legislature.

Properly licensed operators are being run out of business (operations sanctioned and taxed by the state) by the bureaucratic intimidation of threat of arrest and seizure of machines (and the subsequent legal costs).

An attorney general's opinion that eight-liners are illegal (and especially the opinion of a politician who no longer holds office) is not sufficient to warrant the cost to taxpayers of this DPS crusade (again, perhaps at the behest of Gov. Bush).

A clear legal precedent or action by lawmakers, not unilateral bureaucratic meddling, should be the impetus that tells eight-liner operators whether they will be allowed to practice their brand of free enterprise and entertainment. After all, the state of Texas has its "Lotto" and scratch-off games that are just as objectionable from a moral perspective.

In other words, government NEVER should be the only game allowed in town!

—Odessa American

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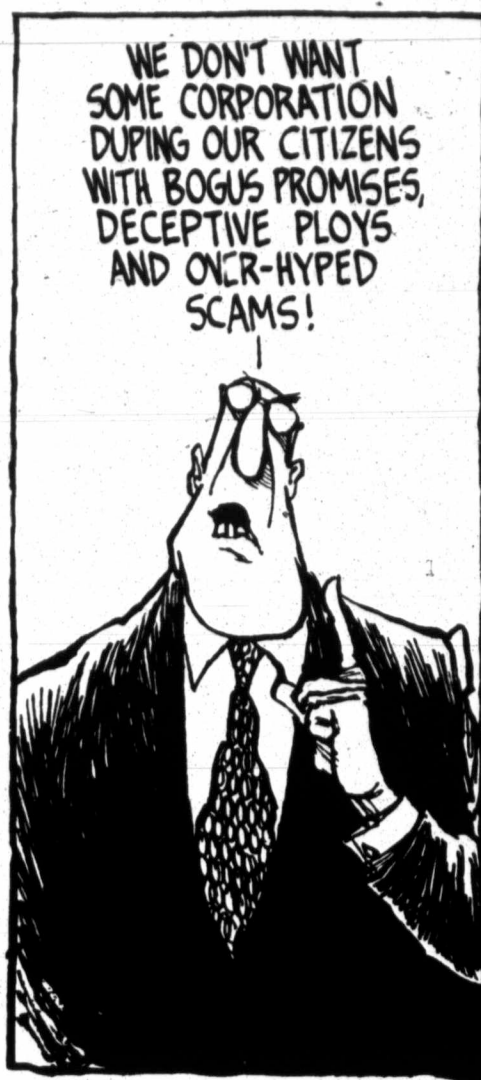
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Paper or plastic is the question

Paper or plastic?

It's a question I've encountered at the grocery store for several years. Almost five years ... since I first started doing my own grocery shopping. It seemed like the question had gone away for a while, but now I'm hearing it again.

It's not a bad question. I like having choices. Sometimes it's just a little difficult for me to come up with the answer, although I almost always say "plastic." (Though I have been known to get paper for the heck of it.)

If I go plastic, I have the opportunity to carry five bags on my wrists and stumble into the house with the majority of my groceries.

Plastic minimizes trips to the car.

Plastic bags are easy to keep around for future bag-worthy projects. I can stuff them messily under my sink or jam them all in this cool, little, baggy holder my sister-in-law made for us.

Paper, on the other hand, is reminiscent of a forgotten time.

Random Revelations
Miranda G. Bailey
Pampa News staff writer

Who can forget the time, for instance, the jelly jar fell right through the bottom of the paper sack and shattered all over the kitchen floor? (They never fall out of the bag outside, it's always inside, right before you get to the kitchen counter, OF COURSE.)

Brown paper bags make us feel like we're helping the environment. And like milk, paper is good for the body; it means you'll have to go to the car at least six

times to get all the groceries safely in the house.

Safety, however, is not really an issue concerning either paper or plastic. Both ways something is determined to fall out. Now that I think about it, I always run the risk of losing one of my toe nails.

Who ever thought of groceries as a health hazard?

Of course they are definitely a budget hazard. I never spend the same amount at the grocery store. I find it's a little hard to make a monthly budget when I go and pay \$22.15 one day and half my life savings the next. Either way I feel like I went to the store to get what I needed.

Paper or plastic ... I guess whatever I end up choosing, it's really a win-win situation — at least for the two little cats at my house who crawl in the bags and think they're hiding from the rest of the world ... now there's an interesting idea ...

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 18, the 77th day of 1999. There are 288 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 18, 1959, President Eisenhower signed the Hawaii statehood bill.

On this date:

In 1766, Britain repealed the Stamp Act.

In 1837, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, was born in Caldwell, N.J.

In 1909, Einar Dossau of Denmark used a shortwave transmitter to converse with a government radio post about six miles away in what's believed to have been the first broadcast by a

"ham" operator.

In 1931, Schick Inc. marketed the first electric razor.

In 1937, more than 400 people, mostly children, were killed in a gas explosion at a school in New London, Texas.

In 1962, France and Algerian rebels agreed to a truce.

In 1965, the first spacewalk took place by Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov.

In 1974, most of the Arab oil-producing nations ended their embargo against the United States.

In 1979, Iranian authorities detained American feminist Kate Millett, a day before deporting her and a companion for what were termed "provocations."

Ten years ago: The space shuttle Discovery landed at Edwards Air Force Base in California, completing a five-day mission.

Five years ago: The space shuttle Columbia returned from a two-week mission. Published reports said first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton had made nearly \$100,000 from the commodities market in the late 1970's on an initial investment of only \$1,000.

One year ago: Julie Hiatt Steele, a former friend of Kathleen Willey's, released a sworn affidavit undercutting Willey's claim that President Clinton had made an unwanted sexual advance toward her in 1993.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Peter Graves is 73. Author George Plimpton is 72. Composer John Kander is 72. Author John Updike is 67. Nobel peace laureate and former South African president F.W. de Klerk is 63. Country singer Charley Pride is 61. Singer Wilson Pickett is 58. Actor Kevin Dobson is 56. Actor Brad Dourif is 49. Singer Irene Cara is 40. Actor Thomas Ian Griffith is 37. Singer James McMurtry is 37. Singer-actress Vanessa L. Williams is 36. Olympic gold medal speedskater Bonnie Blair is 35. Rock musician Jerry Cantrell (Alice in Chains) is 33. Rapper-actress Queen Latifah is 29. Rock musician Stuart Zender is 25.

The reason Jasper is scathed ...

The intense beam of media coverage turned toward Jasper over the past year is reminiscent of the lonesome ant that we as kids used to unmercifully fry under the intense beam of a gimme magnifying glass. On those gruesomely hot West Texas summer days, ants popped like overheated aerosol cans.

Despite the concentrated beam of media attention and the brutal East Texas summer looming, Jasper doesn't seem to be on fire. After sending one man to death row for the monstrous killing of James Byrd, Jr., Jasper seems to hold out a sign of hope that small-town America might have a more formidable answer to racism than their larger neighbors, some of whose leaders seem to hold themselves out as bastions of social change while their inner-city underbelly seethes with the protestations of angry minorities.

The reason Jasper is scathed — it will forever be known as the community where three white men dragged a lone black man to his death behind their pickup truck — but has not exploded with penned up racial tension is the community's measured move toward shared power and acceptance. Jasper is the difference between racial tolerance and racial embrace.

It is within that clutch of shared values that Jasper teaches some lessons.

The lessons had been, until recent events, tucked away in southeast Texas. And in an odd way James Byrd's mortifying death has shed some light on how a radically diverse community can press toward shared power without destroying its own social fabric. The lessons are particularly germane to American community leaders who often seem befuddled about how to handle crises that threaten to further divide whites and their minority neighbors.

Jasper folk tell it lesson by lesson.

Lesson one: Admit your faults but don't dwell on them. Jasper city leaders never made claims

Billy Smith
Guest columnist

that their community was a racially utopian society.

"Jasper is not without sin, but I think we have some things to boast about," said Deep East Texas Council of Government Executive Director Walter Diggles, who is black. "The white community made it clear to the black community that they were just as appalled by the murder as anyone."

Nonetheless, city leaders made efforts during their many national news opportunities to portray Jasper as a stunned community trying to learn from its horrific experience. Jasper County Sheriff Billy Rowles identified the second lesson Jasper has taught us in his response to a question offered by a national television news reporter. To the question, "What have you learned?" Sheriff Rowles told the story in his east Texas drawl of seeing a black woman and her young crying as he was about to seat himself in his pickup truck. "In the past, I probably would have waved or something. This time I walked up to them and had a talk."

Lesson two: Racial tolerance is not racial embrace. The national discussion about racial tolerance is far too shortsighted. Merely tolerating racial opposites is parallel to the tolerance you showed your kid brother. You didn't want anything bad to happen to him but otherwise you just ignored him. Advocating a color-blind

society requires each of us to basically ignore one another. Is it really possible to ignore skin color? Jasper seems to have done more embracing and less tolerating.

"When the nation took a snapshot of Jasper, it wasn't what they expected," Diggles said. What they expected, as one national reporter explained in her late night report was a "racially divided community, but that's not what I found."

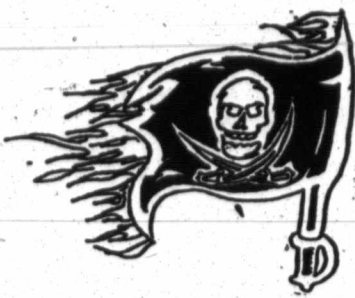
Lesson three: Actively recruit and develop city leaders of color who run on broad-based platforms. City leaders can claim that they've washed their hands of racism, but it rings hollow against a backdrop of all-white city leaders, business executives and cultural leaders. In Jasper's case, black leaders have filled many critical political and business positions, starting with its mayor, R.C. Horn.

"Communities with large minority populations have to be willing to cultivate diversity. It would have been hard to make the statement we did without having minorities in positions of leadership. That didn't happen over night," Diggles said. He said local blacks gained political power by burying the race card. Diggles reiterated this to reporters often during the initial wave of media coverage.

"I don't represent the black community. I represent Jasper," he said.

The Jasper approach of racial healing and unity even caught attention of nationally syndicated black columnist William Raspberry, who prophesied long before the first trial got underway that Jasper might "come through not merely okay but as a stronger, more racially unified example for America." Jasper seems to understand: embrace is closer than tolerance to a racially utopian society.

(Billy Smith is an instructor of mass communications at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.)



Pirate Pride

Lefors
High



Difficult to Control Grassy Weeds

Pirate Pride editor
Jeremy Pierce

The following grassy weeds or sedges are very difficult to exterminate from fine turf grass areas. The primary means for removal are either by shovel or using a non-selective herbicide.

Common Bermudagrass

This is a warm season perennial grass, which is also called wiregrass. It spreads by both rhizomes (below ground stems) and stolons (above ground stems). It not only aggressively invades cool season turf areas but also flowerbeds, walks and driveways. Its roots have been found six feet deep in the soil. Cooler fall temperatures will discolor bermuda, causing it to turn brown during the winter.

Since its root system is so complex, herbicide applications are the only means of management. The systemic herbicide glyphosate (Roundup),

using two applications in August, is the best method to manage common bermudagrass. Reseeding or sodding treated areas with proper fall and winter fertilization will promote desirable cool season grasses.

Nimblewill

This is another warm season perennial grassy weed reproducing by stolons or by seed. Patches appear whitish brown during the winter in cool season lawns. It has a coarser texture than bluegrass and is distinguished by a bluish-green color during the summer.

Proper fall and winter fertilization of cool season grasses may help to manage this weed. However, in extreme cases complete renovation is necessary.

Dallisgrass

Dallisgrass is a coarse textured warm season perennial bunchgrass. It is grown as a forage grass in the southern U.S. but it is an objectionable grassy weed in the Mid-Atlantic region. Dormant during

the fall and winter, dallisgrass initiates new growth in the late spring.

Its wide blades are often very hairy, which make it easy to identify. Persistent hand weeding will help manage low populations of dallisgrass as well as heavy fall and winter fertilizations.

Methanearsonate herbicides (MSMA or DSMA) may be applied in early summer to selectively manage this weed. However, two or three applications will be necessary every 7-10 days.

Perennial Bunchgrasses Including Tall Fescue and Orchardgrass

These grasses, which are often mistaken for crabgrass in fine textured lawns, can firmly establish themselves from seed in weak lawn areas. Their wide blades can quickly ruin the beauty of a lawn.

The best way to eliminate them is to dig them out with a shovel, replace the soil and reseed or sod the area. The use of

a non-selective herbicide such as Polyphosphate (Roundup) is also effective but will leave unsightly dead areas after killing the bunchgrasses. Complete renovation may be necessary.

Annual Bluegrass

This is the worst and most widespread grassy turf weed on golf courses in the U.S. and is becoming more of a problem on home lawns. Plants with lime green leaves form areas which continually produce white seedheads no matter how closely it is mowed. Due to its shallow fibrous root system, annual bluegrass blooms out every summer after producing its seed. In the fall it germinates, crowding out desirable turf species.

Moderate summer watering and proper mowing will aid desirable turf and help reduce annual bluegrass. Pre-emergence herbicides may be applied in late summer or early fall to prevent annual bluegrass germination. However, no other seeding of desirable turf can be done at this time after the pre-emergence is applied.

Bentgrass Roughstalk Bluegrass

These grasses are very similar in appearance and occur in similar types of conditions. They both spread by above ground runners and by seed. They are very low growing and fine textured and do best in lawns in wet shady areas.

Once established they spread to sunnier areas which causes a problem in that they may go totally dormant in July and August. There is no selective control for these grasses. Spot treatment with Roundup and overseeding may help temporarily but unless the soil conditions are changed, the problem will persist.

Information gathered from Pro-Lawns-Plus.

FURBY!!!

Pirate Pride editor
Jeremy Pierce

The Junior Class of Lefors will be raffling a Furby starting on April 1st. It will be raffled for one month. If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket, please call Rick Pierce at 835-2434. The Furby has a pink stomach with a gray body splotted with black spots. Its eyes are green. It is still in the original package. Tickets are two dollars apiece.

400 Heather Howard placed 1st with a time of 70.01 seconds
200 Heather Howard placed 5th with a time of 32.65 seconds

Lefors Boys

400 relay they placed 2nd with a time of 47.81
800 Michael Steele placed 2nd with a time of 2:23.16
Chris Alexander placed 3rd with a time of 2:23.65
400 Kody Franks placed 1st with a time of 56.28
Jesse Callaway placed 5th with a time of 60.79
Caleb Barnes placed 6th with a time of 61.03
200 Dee J. Preston placed 5th with a time of 26.16
1600 Chris Alexander placed 4th with a time of 7:00.97

1600 relay 3rd place with a time of 3:57.75
High Jump Kody Franks placed 3rd with a height of 5'6"
Michael Steele placed 4th with a height of 5'6"
Triple Jump Michael Steele placed 3rd with a distance of 37'1"

Junior High Girls

2400 Savanah Smith placed 1st with a time of 11:32.21
Amanda Daugherty placed 2nd with a time of 11:37.72
400 relay 1st place with a time of 61.51
100 Julie Davenport placed 3rd with a time of 14.44

2 + 1 = 21

Assoc. Editor
Dee J. Preston

Lefors I.S.D. has recently hired a new math teacher. His name is Mr. Danny Seabourn, resident of Pampa. He is happily married with two children, a son and a daughter. He attended classes at Frank Phillips Junior College in Borger for two years, and then attended West Texas for two years.

Before Mr. Seabourn accepted the job in Lefors he was working as an accountant for an oil and gas service.

Working as a math teacher in Lefors in a way is a new experience, he says it is much smaller than he is accustomed to. But teaching math in my opinion seems to come natural to him. This isn't the first time he has been a math teacher, he taught at Amarillo Independent School District for five years.

I believe he will be great all the students seem to really like him so far. When I asked him if he had a specific teaching philosophy he stated "I like to make it fun" I have no doubt that this is a plus with the students.

100 Julie Davenport placed 3rd with a time of 14.44
400 Stephanie Spotts placed 5th with a time of 85.38
200 Katie Barnes placed 5th with a time of 33.09
1200 Savanah Smith placed 1st with a time of 5:20
1600 2nd place with a time of 5:19.43
Shot Katie Barnes placed 1st with a distance of 23'10"
Long Jump Julie Davenport placed 2nd with a distance of 12'5 1/2"

Junior High Boys

110 Hurdles Aric Luedecke placed 2nd with a time of 23.53
200 Hurdles Aric Luedecke placed 1st with a time of 35.74
1200 Adam Kent placed 5th with a time of 5:09.12
Shot Mase Furgerson placed 3rd with a distance of 29'1"
Long Jump Adam Kent placed 6th with a distance of 12'3"
Discus Josh Jackson placed 4th with a distance of 75'2"

PIRATES
RELAYS

STRANGE BUT TRUE

staffwriter
Chris Alexander

Holy Mail

Friends of a British man who died of lung cancer received "wish you were here" postcards several days after his cremation saying he was enjoying heaven, newspapers reported Thursday.

Former builder Johnny Morgan signed the address "Heavenly Heights" on hundreds of notes reminding friends of the good times they had shared.

Morgan, who was 66, gave the cards, many adorned with pictures of harp-playing angels, to a friend with orders to distribute them after he died.

His campaign from beyond the grave started at his cremation at Narberth, near Haverfordwest in Wales, when a letter handed to a friend said the undertaker had forgotten to put a fire extinguisher in the coffin. A note to the crematorium said: "I told you I was ill."

Morgan has requested that his ashes be blasted out to sea in a rocket later in March.

Snake Eyes

A former Malaysian zookeeper has claimed a world record for staying with 250 poisonous snakes in a tiny cubicle for 35 days.

Witnesses said Mohamad Noor Abdullah, better known as Mahaguru Seni, stepped out of the air-conditioned cubicle Saturday after beginning his feat on February 7.

The 51-year-old man had been shut away with highly venomous king cobras and other reptiles at a shopping center in Malaysia's northern state of Penang.

Noor, who had said he wanted break the record of his son-in-law who lived with 150 cobras for 27 days in December, was accused of being cruel to the reptiles.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) blamed Noor for the death of 40 snakes.

An SPCA official said: "Reptiles are not used to being in a cramped environment."

One witness quoted Noor as saying Saturday that he would attempt to break his own record in two or three years' time.

Lawn Mowing Tips

Pirate Pride editor
Jeremy Pierce

When mowing your lawn, never cut more than one-third of the blade at any cutting.

With a bluegrass/fescue lawn gets to 4 and a half inches tall, cut it down to three inches. If the grass grows to six inches tall and you are cutting half the blade, it is a extreme shock to the root system. This will make the grass more vulnerable to disease, insect problems and drought. It is best to keep your bluegrass/fescue lawn at a two and a half to three inch cutting height. Zoysia lawns should be maintained at one to one and a half-inch cutting height.

Your mower blade should always be at it's sharpest. The blade should be able to cut through paper smoothly, if it doesn't, take it to a repair shop and have it sharpened. This should cost about ten dollars. A dull blade will shred the grass leaves. This will also make the grass more susceptible to heat, disease and drought problems.

During the long dry spells in the summer here in the Panhandle, try to water the day before mowing. This is a precaution taken to prevent the shred of grass leaves when cutting. The damage is already done if you wait till after you mow to water the lawn.

"One morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas. How he got into my pajamas I'll never know."

Groucho Marx in
Animal Crackers, 1930

Pirate Track

staff writer
Amanda Sprouse

On chilly but sunny day in March, Lefors held its annual Pirate Relays track meet. Many teams came, only one would walk away with the overall team champion plaque.

Those lucky teams would be Miami for the high school boys, Groom for the high school and junior high girls, and Samnorwood for the junior high boys. The Lefors Pirates finished 4th with 81 points in the boys division and the girls finished with 16 points to take 8th place. The Lefors Bandits also did well with the girls placing 3rd with 92 points and the boys placing 7th with 31 1/2 points.

Some other scores are as following.

Lefors Girls

800 Heather Howard placed 3rd with a time of 2:47
100 Amanda Sprouse placed 6th with a time of 16.09 seconds

Both stories found here came from the Oddly Enough News site, a part of the Excite network. More stories like these can be found at <http://nt.excite.com/202/1182/>.

Cousins No Longer Kissing In Quarrel Over Baby's Name

DEAR ABBY: My cousin "April" recently learned from a family member that I am pregnant. She was also told that if we have a boy, I intend to name him "Frank" after a dear uncle who passed away recently.

April immediately telephoned me and told me I couldn't name my child after my uncle because she's trying to get pregnant and intends to use the same name. She demanded I choose a different name so she could honor our uncle in this way.

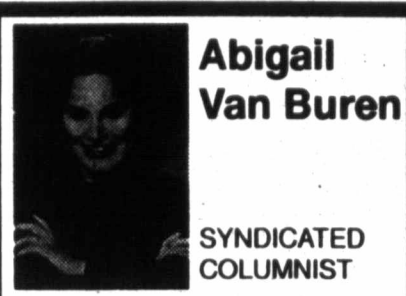
Abby, April is not pregnant, and my baby is due in June. My husband was very upset by what she said, and told me never to speak to her again. My father says that when it comes to naming a baby, the first one born is the first one named.

April thinks I'm being rude and selfish by "doing this to her." My father says it doesn't matter because we live 2,000 miles apart.

Is there a tactful way to handle this without stirring up a feud with my cousin?

IN A BIND

DEAR IN A BIND: You say in your letter "our uncle" — however, if Cousin April is Uncle Frank's daughter, I see her point. But if Uncle Frank was her uncle, too, I see no reason why your child shouldn't be named anything you wish. If she uses the same name, the boys could be given different



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

middle names, which would minimize confusion — and because they live so far apart, I doubt it would inconvenience anyone. Cousin April should lighten up.

DEAR ABBY: I recently received a copy of a wonderful poem. It's supposed to be one that Audrey Hepburn shared with her family during her last Christmas, just weeks before she died. If that's true, it says a great deal about how that much-admired woman lived her life. I don't know who the author is, but perhaps you'll find it worth sharing with your readers.

MORTON WRIGHT, GRANADA HILLS, CALIF.

DEAR MORTON: There's some inspiring philosophy in the poem, and it's well worth sharing. Read on:

Beauty Secrets

For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.

For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people.

For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.

For beautiful hair, let a child run his fingers through it once a day.

For poise, walk with the knowledge you never walk alone.

We leave you a tradition of the future. The tender loving care of human beings will never become obsolete.

People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, redeemed and redeemed. Never throw anyone away.

Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm.

As you grow older, you'll discover that you have two hands: One for helping yourself, the second for helping others.

You have great days still ahead of you. May there be many of them.

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Whatever it is that nags you and is at the back of your mind needs to be discussed. Others respond to your inquiries. What you accomplish now can make up for days of less productive work. Humor marks your interactions. Recognize your value, both financially and emotionally. Tonight: Treat loved ones to dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Others brim with ideas and suggestions. Zero in on what you want in your unique style. You might not want to brag about your abilities, but don't worry; another does it for you! Still, keep some details under wraps. Tonight: Others seek your company.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Aim for what you want professionally. You are finally recognized for what you offer. Don't take a back seat; be active. Do not let a heartfelt project fall to the wayside. Contact bosses and those you need behind you. You finally see a gain in return for your hard-earned work. Tonight: Do something just for you!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Others come to you with important information, but your mind is on other matters. You might not be seeing the whole picture. Don't mix an opportunity to open

your mind via travel or a workshop. Others admire your approach and learn from you. Recognize your role with co-workers. Tonight: Find your friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Listen to an associate's feedback and brainstorm. Together you come up with solutions and break new ground. Be more in touch with your long-term goals; visualize and discuss them. You come out way ahead. Others look to you for advice and direction. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Reach out, make calls and listen to another. You are pleased by your choices. Count on friends and co-workers, who come through in a spectacular manner. Discussions over money succeed. Others are finally working with you! Tonight: Take off ASAP.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Clearly the ball is in another's court; you like what happens anyway. Work proves creative and rewarding. Something special is offered. There is no time like the present to start a new diet or health regime. Make an appointment for a checkup. Tonight: For two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Feedback doesn't always make you smile. Right now you have an unusual opportunity to apply your imagination and creativity to work and daily life. Use care with a flirtation or a personal relationship. Others do care — perhaps more than you do! Tonight: Out for dinner and good times.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Opportunity strikes on the homefront. Don't turn this one down. You feel a lightning, a new understanding. Inge-

nuity soars. A relationship opens doors for you as it eases your mind. Allow yourself time to complete a key project. Tonight: Finish work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ News lets you do something you have wanted to do for a long time. Check out an investment or new purchase carefully. Add more positives to your life. Don't allow yourself to feel overwhelmed. Try another way of looking at things. Tonight: Hang out with a favorite person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Keep communication flowing and don't settle for less than what you feel entitled to. Now you can land that financial deal you have been longing for. Others respond. A family member still proves to be testy. Accept him as he is. Allow more caring to flow. Tonight: Head home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Key in on finances. Talk about security and a partnership. There is no point in being shy right now. Follow through on what you think is right. Don't hold back, but use your sense of decorum. You could discover you were the biggest obstacle to the conversation. Tonight: Visit and swap jokes.

BORN TODAY

Actress Ursula Andress (1936), actress Glenn Close (1947), actor Patrick McGowan (1928)

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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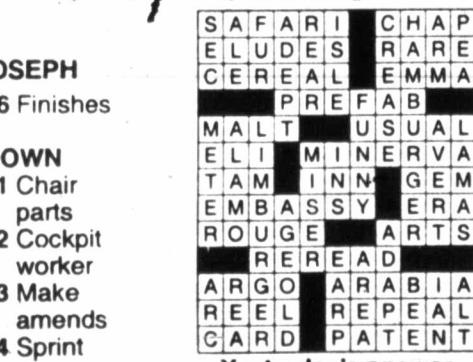
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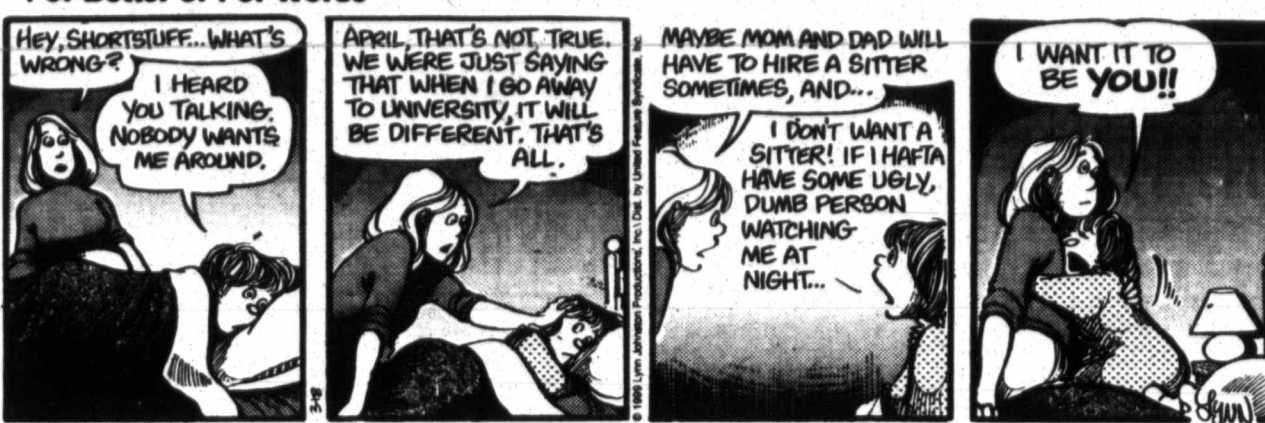
Looking at all this stuff, I can't help but think of all the games that came to an abrupt end."

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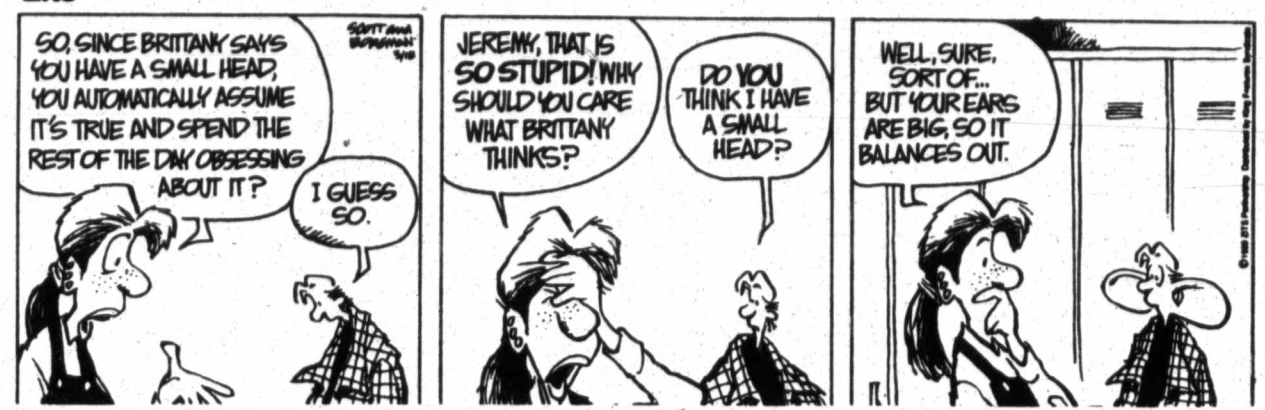


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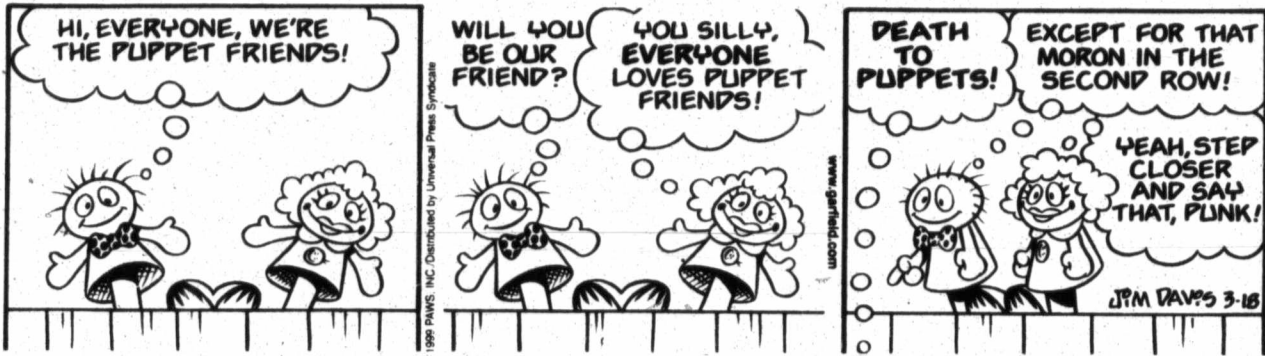
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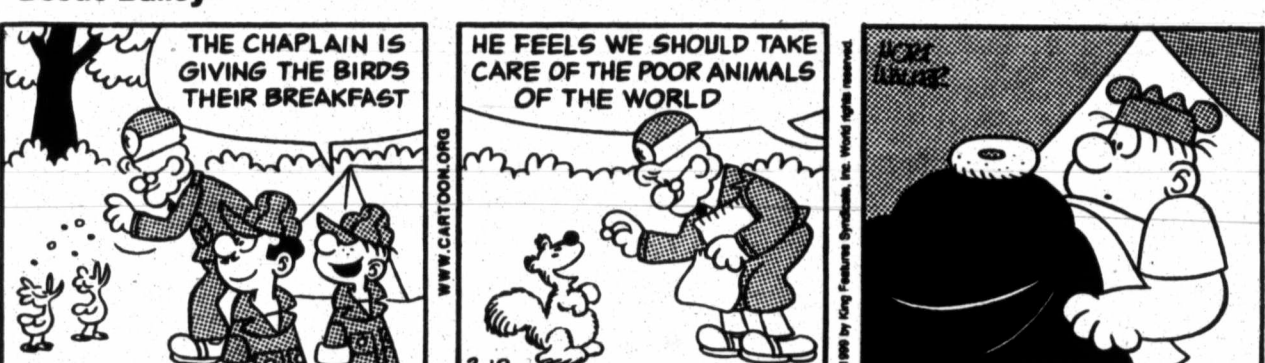
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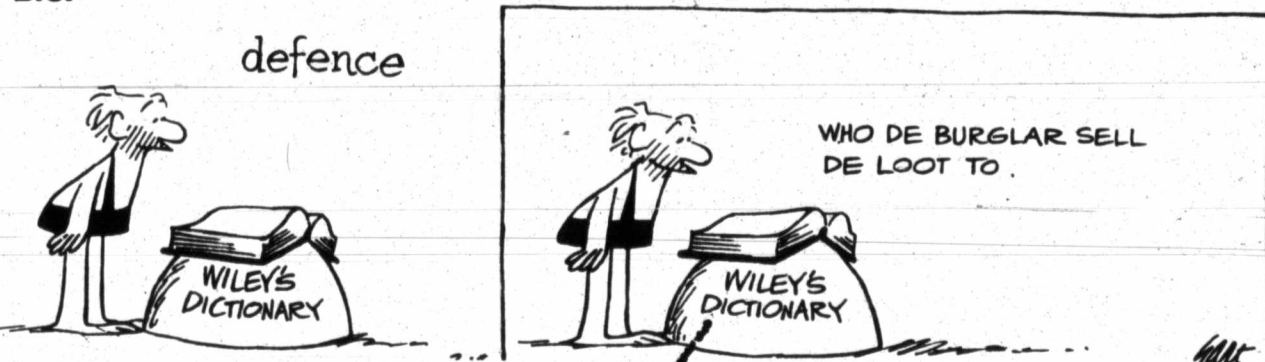
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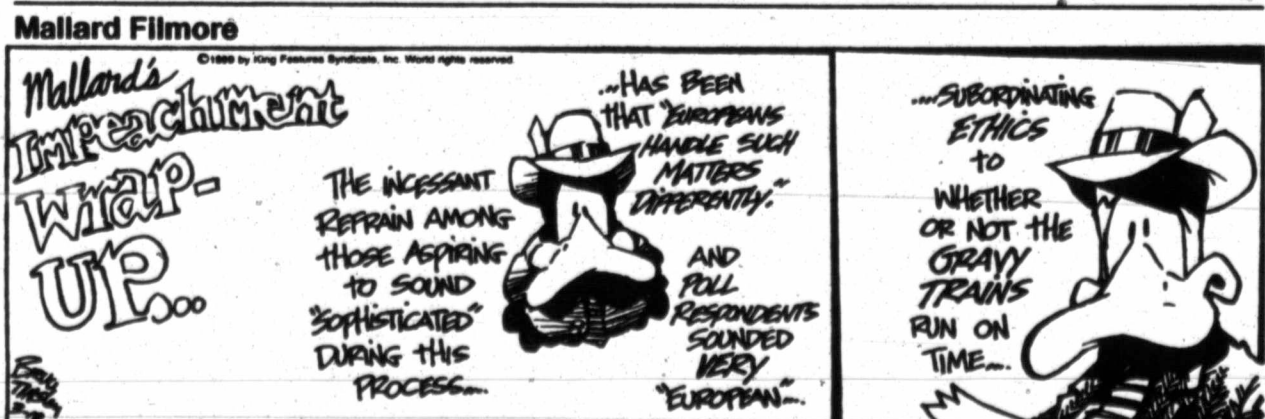
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SPORTS

Notebook
FOOTBALL

IRVING, Texas (AP) — A deal between Carolina Panthers free agent wide receiver Rocket Ismail and the Dallas Cowboys is in the works, according to published reports today.

A source told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that Ismail's agent, Jack Mula, is in negotiations for a deal that could come as soon as today.

Mula told The Dallas Morning News that he expected the receiver to pick a team this week.

"I gave all the final information to Mr. Ismail this afternoon and he and his wife are making a family decision," Mula said.

GENERAL

PAMPA — Baseball and softball programs for youngsters 5 to 15 years of age are now available at the Pampa Kids-Youth Club.

Signups will be held at the MPAC building (between the high school and baseball fields) from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on March 20 and March 27. There is a \$20 signup fee.

For more information, call Sonny or Tinde Haskins at 669-7762 or 669-6732.

The season begins May 4 and lasts through June 29.

To keep costs down, the club is accepting donated baseball and softball equipment or charitable contributions.

Call Larry Lenderman at 669-2035 or Rusty Gallagher at 669-7179.

Coaches and other volunteers will not have to pay fees or club dues.

BASEBALL

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Boston Red Sox starting pitchers have been roughed up in three of the team's last four starts, and time is running out in spring training.

On Wednesday, Tim Wakefield allowed eight hits and six earned runs in four innings and the Texas Rangers went on to a 7-5 win.

The Rangers had 13 hits and Lee Stevens led the way going, 3-for-3 and driving in two runs.

Tom Goodwin doubled, scored twice and drove in a run as Texas won its fifth straight game. Lou Merloni hit his third spring home run for the Red Sox.

"The ground balls just weren't hit at anybody. I felt good and could have pitched another inning," said Wakefield.

Wakefield, Pat Rapp, and Saberhagen have all given up at least five hits and three runs in their most recent outings.

The lone Boston exception has been staff ace Pedro Martinez. Despite allowing five hits in four innings on Monday, Martinez struck out seven Pittsburgh Pirate batters and held them to one run.

In Wednesday's game, Goodwin doubled and scored in the first. Boston tied it in the bottom half on Nomar Garciaparra's RBI single.

Texas hit five straight singles in a five-run second, capped by Stevens' two-run single. Troy O'Leary later hit a two-run double for the Red Sox.

Pampa girls meet
El Paso Ysleta in
regional tourney

PAMPA — The Pampa girls' soccer team meets El Paso Ysleta in the Class 4A regional quarterfinals at 1 p.m. Friday at C.J. Kelly Park in Midland.

After Pampa's history-making win over El Paso Parkland in Tuesday's area round, the Lady Harvesters are in the favorite's role against Ysleta.

Parkland was the District 2-4A champion while Ysleta placed third in the same district. Pampa has a 10-7 record while Ysleta is 7-8.

"We couldn't have asked for a better draw. I'm real thrilled about it," said Pampa coach Lori Petulea.

Pampa shut out Parkland 2-0 on goals by Desiree Vigil and Danielle Martinez and freshman goalie Samantha Ford collected her fourth shutout of the year. Jessie Maddox and Vigil had assists.

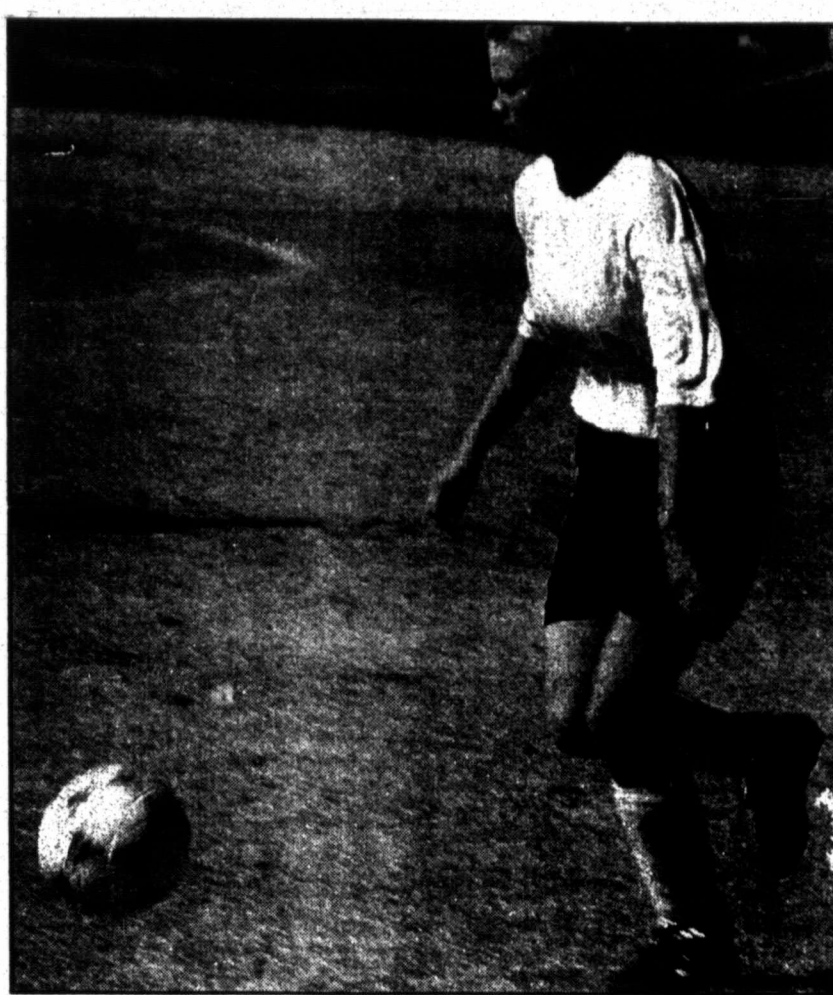
"It was a huge win," Petulea said. "The girls really stepped up and demonstrated they were ready for the playoffs."

Team members include Lori Lindsey, Tanja Horsager, Annette Botello, Allison Earl, Samantha Ford, Aubrea Ward, Misty Northcutt, Candace Cathey, Jessie Maddox, Danielle Martinez, Desiree Vigil and Jessica Burns. Vigil leads the team in scoring while Northcutt is the assists leader.

Six freshmen are starters, which means the Lady Harvesters are primed to make a slew of playoff appearances in the future.

"Every year we're going to get stronger and stronger," Petulea said. "Hopefully, we'll be going to state, if not this year, soon."

Pampa's win over Parkland was the first playoff victory in school history for the girls' soccer program.



(Pampa News photo)
Pampa senior Jessie Maddox had an assist in the win over El Paso Parkland.

WBU wins
first round

JACKSON, Tenn. (AP) — Hazel Taylor scored 22 points and grabbed eight rebounds Wednesday as Wayland Baptist overcame a sluggish second half to beat St. Edward's 93-77 in the first round of the NIAA Tournament.

April Jordan scored 13 of her 15 points in the first half as Wayland Baptist (28-5) took a 49-26 lead at the break. But the Flying Queens went cold in the second half, scoring just five field goals over 15 minutes.

A pair of free throws by Kendra Harrell got St. Edward's (17-11) within 72-64, but Wayland Baptist regained its shooting form and hit eight of 10 free throws down the stretch for the victory.

Jacqueline Godoy scored 18 for the Flying Queens. Jennifer Averett scored 15, and Shaun Weaver added 11.

Harrell led St. Edward's with 22 points. Carol Hamilton scored 21 and Nichole Wiattrek had 17. J.J. Riehl scored 11.

WAYLAND BAPTIST 93, ST. EDWARD'S 77
Wayland Baptist (28-5)
Bennett 0-4 0-2 0, Taylor 10-17 2-3 22,
Averett 4-5 7-7 15, Martin 1-5 3-8 5,
Weaver 4-8 3-5 11, Weir 0-0 0-0 0, Stride
1-3 5-6 7, Godoy 5-7 7-7 18, Jordan 5-6 4-
4 15, Foote 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-53 31-42
93.

St. Edward's (17-11)
Hamilton 7-19 5-8 21, Wachmann 0-2 0-0
0, Wiattrek 4-9 9-10 17, Duffy 1-5 0-0 2,
Harrell 9-15 4-8 22, Johnson 0-1 0-0 0,
Canfield 0-0 0-0 0, Koenig 2-3 0-0 4, Riehl
5-8 1-2 11, Estel 0-1 0-2 0. Totals 28-63 19-
30 77.

Instant replay is back and everyone is happy

PHOENIX (AP) — Instant replay is back in the NFL, and almost no one is unhappy, not even George Young, the league vice president who was against replay for 14 years before helping to develop a compromise.

A system that will allow each team two challenges per game to officials' calls was implemented 28-3 by the owners Wednesday.

What put it over the top was a suggestion by commissioner Paul Tagliabue to use a "replay assistant" for the final two minutes of each half and any overtime. Tagliabue developed the idea with help from Young, who as general manager of the New York Giants always voted "no" against replay.

"The main thing the coaches objected to was the last two minutes," Tagliabue said. "So I said 'Why not make it 28 and two, going to something like the old replay system in the final two minutes and letting the coaches coach?'"

"George Young said 'That might do it' and break the logjam in terms of votes, and it did."

The new system will have to be renewed next season, but if it

avoids the kinds of bad calls that decided several games last season, that will be a formality.

"We are implementing this system to correct the major, major, big mistake," said Seattle coach Mike Holmgren, co-chairman of the competition committee.

Last season, as coach of the Packers, Holmgren was the victim of a controversial call, an apparent fumble by San Francisco's Jerry Rice that probably would have led to a Green Bay victory in a game the 49ers went on to win.

Replay was in effect from 1986 until 1991, but was voted out in 1992, in large part because it was delaying games. It's been voted down every year since.

The old system used a replay official who could stop the game on a questionable call and make the decision. In this one, he'll only challenge calls in the final two minutes of each half and in overtime.

The rest of the time, the coaches will have two challenges, losing a timeout if they're found wrong on a shot for one year," said Tampa Bay's Tony Dungy, one of the few coaches with questions about replay.

Canadian boys capture
Sunray Golf Invitational

SUNRAY — Canadian shot a 305 to win the Sunray Invitational this week. Gruver was second at 330. Tulia was third at 343.

Canadian's Cody Mixon was medalist with a 73 and teammate Travis Lovins followed with a 74. Other Wildcat scores were Jason Floyd 77, Chris Cox 81 and Taylor Sims 86.

Third-place medalist was Charlie Stavlo of Gruver with a 75.

White Deer A also competed in the 15-team field and finished 11th with a 380. Justin Freeman shot a 90 to lead White Deer. Other White Deer scores were Joe Mize 94, Jonathan Warminski 97 and Matt Henderson 99.

Tulia finished third with a 343. Daniel Kinser led Tulia with a 76.

White Deer B had a 461.

Scores were Brent West 107, Matt Kirby 107, Michael Griffith 115 and Chris Hill 132.

In other tournament play, Wheeler shot a 393 to win the Farwell Girls' Invitational by 16 strokes over Clayton, N.M.

Fort Elliott placed fourth in the 8-team tournament with a 453.

Bekah Morrison led Wheeler with a 90. Janae Goad had a 95 for Fort Elliott.

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Youth compete for scholarships

AMARILLO — The Pampa Harvester Lanes Jr.-Sr. Bowlers recently participated in a tournament at Amarillo Bowl in Amarillo. They walked away with several awards, including first place in the team division.

Team members include Ashleigh Burns, Matt Gomez, Cory West and Jake Woodruff.

Cory West also received first in Division A scratch while Matt Gomez received second in Division C scratch. Ashley Burns placed third in Division B scratch.

Also bowling in the tournament were Matt Woodruff, Gordon West, Brandon Milligan, Tony Miller, Schuyler Danner, Christopher Moody and Kelly Brown.

The Jr.-Sr. Bowlers plan to compete in other scholarship tournaments. They will travel

Bowling

to Tulsa, Okla. on June 24-27. Then they will enter the state tournament in San Antonio on July 9-11.

HARVESTER LANES — PAMPA

Harvester Women's League		
Team	Won	Lost
Davis Minit Mart	31 1/2	16 1/2
O'Brien Enterprises	30	18
H & H Sporting	30	18
Harvester Lanes	26	22
DBR H2O Vending	25 1/2	22 1/2
Keyes Pharmacy	25	23
Schiffman Machine	24	24
Peggy's Place	22	26
Wendell's Roofing	21	27

Week's High Scores		
Team	High game	High series
Davis Minit Mart	562	1,574
High handicap game	Davis Minit Mart 654	High handicap series: Davis Minit Mart 1,850

Individual		
Team	High game	High series
Peggy Smith	215	High series: Peggy Smith 575

series: Peggy Smith 575; High handicap game: Nell Henderson 246; High handicap series: Peggy Smith 647.

Ladies Trio League

Team	Won	Lost
www.pc2net.com	56	32
Ward's Tree Service	51 1/2	36 1/2
Schiffman Machine Co.	51	37
Chaney's Cafe	50 1/2	37 1/2
Knowles Auto Center	46 1/2	41 1/2
Holmes Sports Center	45 1/2	42 1/2
Jernigan Tax Service	45 1/2	42 1/2
Southwest Collision	43 1/2	44 1/2
Hall's Construction	43	45
K B Machine	38	50
Regional Eye Center	34	42

Week's High Scores

Team
High game: Schiffman Machine Co. 535; High series: Schiffman Machine Co. 1,520; High handicap game: Schiffman Machine Co. 621; High handicap series: Schiffman Machine Co. 1,778.
Individual
High game: Carla Schiffman 196; High series: Carla Schiffman 557; High handicap game: Geneva Schiffman 220; High handicap series: O'Nita Robinson 626.

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All Times EST EAST REGIONAL First Round Friday, March 12 At Charlotte Coliseum Charlotte, N.C. Tennessee 62, Delaware 52 Southwest Missouri State 43, Wisconsin 32 Duke 99, Florida A&M 58 Tulsa 62, College of Charleston 53 Second Round Sunday, March 14 At Charlotte Coliseum Charlotte, N.C. Duke 97, Tulsa 56 Southwest Missouri State 81, Tennessee 51 At The FleetCenter Boston Temple 64, Cincinnati 54 Purdue 73, Miami 63 At Continental Airlines Arena East Rutherford, N.J. Regional Semifinals Friday, March 19 Duke (34-1) vs. Southwest Missouri State (22-10), 7:38 p.m. Purdue (21-12) vs. Temple (23-10), 9:55 p.m. Regional Championship Sunday, March 21 Semifinal winners, 2:40 p.m. SOUTH REGIONAL First Round Thursday, March 11 At The RCA Dome Indianapolis Oklahoma State 69, Syracuse 61 Auburn 80, Winthrop 41 Ohio State 72, Murray State 58 Detroit 56, UCLA 53 At Orlando Arena Orlando, Fla. Maryland 82, Valparaiso 60 Creighton 62, Louisville 58 St. John's 69, Samford 43 Indiana 108, George Washington 88 Second Round Saturday, March 13 At The RCA Dome Indianapolis Auburn 81, Oklahoma State 74 Ohio State 75, Detroit 44 At Orlando Arena Orlando, Fla. St. John's 86, Indiana 61 Maryland 75, Creighton 63 Thursday, March 18 At Thompson-Boling Arena Knoxville, Tenn. Regional Semifinals Maryland (28-5) vs. St. John's (27-8), 7:38 p.m. Auburn (29-3) vs. Ohio State (25-8), 9:55 p.m. Regional Championship Saturday, March 20 Semifinal winners, 6 p.m. MIDWEST REGIONAL First Round Friday, March 12 At The Bradley Center Milwaukee North Carolina Charlotte 81, Rhode Island 70, OT Oklahoma 61, Arizona 60 Michigan State 76, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 53 Mississippi 72, Villanova 70 At The Superdome New Orleans Utah 80, Arkansas State 58 Miami, Ohio 59, Washington 58 Kansas 95, Evansville 74 Kentucky 62, New Mexico State 60 Second Round Sunday, March 14 At The Bradley Center Milwaukee Oklahoma 85, North Carolina Charlotte 72 Michigan State 74, Mississippi 66 At The Superdome New Orleans Miami, Ohio 66, Utah 58 Kentucky 92, Kansas 88, OT At Trans World Dome St. Louis Regional Semifinals Friday, March 19 Michigan State (31-4) vs. Oklahoma (22-10), 7:55 p.m. Miami, Ohio (24-7) vs. Kentucky (27-8), 10:15 p.m. Regional Championship Sunday, March 21 Semifinal winners, 5 p.m. WEST REGIONAL First Round Thursday, March 11 At McNichols Arena Denver Iowa 77, Alabama-Birmingham 64 Arkansas 94, Siena 80 New Mexico 61, Missouri 59 Connecticut 91, Texas-San Antonio 86 At Key Arena Seattle Gonzaga 75, Minnesota 63 Stanford 69, Alcorn State 57 Florida 75, Pennsylvania 61 Weber State 76, North Carolina 74 Second Round Saturday, March 13 At McNichols Arena Denver Connecticut 78, New Mexico 56 Iowa 82, Arkansas 72 At Key Arena Seattle Gonzaga 82, Stanford 74 Florida 82, Weber State 74, OT At America West Arena Phoenix Regional Semifinals Thursday, March 18 Gonzaga (27-6) vs. Florida (22-8), 7:55 p.m. Connecticut (30-2) vs. Iowa (20-9), 10:15 p.m. Regional Championship Saturday, March 20 Semifinal winners, 3:40 p.m. THE FINAL FOUR At Tropicana Field St. Petersburg, Fla. National Semifinals Saturday, March 27 East champion vs. Midwest champion, 5:42 p.m. South champion vs. West champion, 30 minutes after first game National Championship Monday, March 29 Semifinal winners, 9:18 p.m.	
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**Xavier, Oregon
are headed for
New York City**

CINCINNATI (AP) — The court was covered with joyous students, James Posey was hoisted above the crowd and the song "New York, New York" filled Cincinnati Gardens.

For a team that entered the National Invitation Tournament with little enthusiasm, Xavier certainly has warmed to it.

The Musketeers reached the NIT semifinals with one of their most stirring comebacks of the season on Wednesday night, setting off the big celebration.

Posey played through back spasms and Xavier overcame a 16-point deficit to beat Princeton 65-58. The Musketeers (24-10), who won the NIT in 1958, will play either Butler or Clemson at Madison Square Garden on Tuesday.

"Now we're starting to believe we can win it all," Posey said.

Oregon also reached the semifinals by beating Texas Christian 77-68 in Fort Worth on Wednesday night. The Ducks (19-11) will play either California or Colorado State.

The other two quarterfinal games will be tonight.



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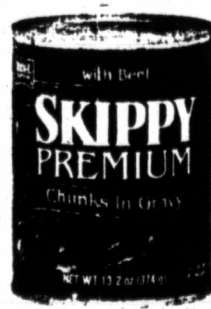
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Juvenile Probation Officer Albert Nichols (left), and Gray County Deputy Sana Alexander discuss who got in the bid while D.A. Investigator Bill McMinn (partially hidden) and Gray County Chief Deputy J.R. Walker help out. (See related story and photo on Page 1)

Texas judge bans slacks for female lawyers, witnesses

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A federal bankruptcy judge isn't cutting female attorneys and witnesses any slack on courtroom attire.

As of this week, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Massie Tillman is requiring skirts for all women appearing before his Fort Worth court.

"Women are to wear a dress, skirt and jacket or skirt and blouse in the courtroom," the written rule states. "Women are not to wear pants or pantsuits."

The 61-year-old jurist declined to discuss the rule. Like most judges, he requires male attorneys to appear in coats and ties.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that staff members for 13 of the 17 other federal district and bankruptcy judges from Dallas to the Panhandle said they do not ban slacks for women.

U.S. District Judge Joe Fish of Dallas has told

female lawyers verbally not to wear pants in his court, but he has not put the rule in writing, an unidentified staff member told the newspaper.

The U.S. Supreme Court requires only "conservative business dress."

Dan Schweitzer, Supreme Court attorney for the National Association of Attorneys General, said he would not recommend slacks for women or anything other than dark suits and white shirts for men appearing before the high court.

But the National Organization for Women calls such rules "silly." Tarrant County prosecutor Mollee Westfall, who does not appear before Tillman, agreed.

"I think everyone who says women shouldn't be wearing anything but skirts for the courtroom, they should just try it for themselves for a few days and see how they like it," she said.

Prairie fire consumes 50,000 acres; two-day attack contains giant blaze

THEDFORD, Neb. (AP) — Hundreds of exhausted firefighters battled flare-ups from a massive prairie fire that has consumed more than 50,000 acres of range land.

A 44-year-old volunteer firefighter from nearby Dunning died of a heart attack Wednesday, another firefighter

suffered smoke inhalation and several other minor injuries were reported.

Fanned by gusty winds, the fire charred a 40-mile long swath of north-central Nebraska grassland about 300 miles northwest of Omaha. Crop dusters from nearby towns — pressed into service to pour water and fire retardant on hot spots — buzzed the fire like divebombers.

Up to 300 people from in and around Thedford were evacuated before firefighters declared victory over the blaze Wednesday morning. By evening, firefighters had nearly extinguished a flare-up about three miles west of town.

Gov. Mike Johanns declared a state of emergency to make state

resources available to help fight the fire. "I've seen some prairie fires, but this was truly incredible," Johanns said.

"That ranchland is burned up, and it's not going to grow back for a while. Any cattle and calves that got in the way of that fire in all likelihood are lost," he said.

The cause of the fire, believed to have started Tuesday, was not immediately known. The governor said a charred — and apparently abandoned — farmstead appeared to be the starting point.

The path of the fire was up to 10 miles wide in places. One rural house was destroyed and officials said an unknown number of cattle perished in the sparsely settled region.

Local producers could benefit if loans inacted

Pampa area producers could benefit as a result of U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla of San Antonio and Texas Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews efforts to get the U.S. Small Business Administration to begin making SBA disaster aid available to small independent oil producers and service companies who have been hard hit by the current decline in domestic crude oil prices.

SBA Administrator Aida Alvarez and U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson recently announced a collaborative effort to determine whether SBA credit programs can be used to help small independent oil producers and service companies overcome economic difficulties related to low oil prices.

In a letter, Matthews and Bonilla urged Alvarez to permit oil and service companies to apply for a host of SBA disaster loans as soon as possible. "Crude oil producers are in dire need of immediate assistance from the SBA, and these loan programs can be used to help them through difficulties," Bonilla said.

SBA has provided loan guarantees to the oil and gas industry in the past, but the numbers are relatively small — just 27 loans in the period from fiscal year 1987 to FY 1996. Most of the nation's independent

domestic crude oil producers have fewer than 500 employees, and thus meet the SBA size standard for this sector.

Matthews said, "This is one of those cases where the U.S. government can make it easier for eligible producers and service company owners to use small business assistance programs to ride out this crisis in the domestic oil and gas industry."

Bonilla and Matthews urged SBA loans such as the 7(a) loan guarantee be made available to those small companies struggling to meet the debt service of conventionally financed loans.

"At the very least, we believe SBA should use its authority to ensure that the oil and gas industry gets the help it needs, and the way to do that is through the Small Business Disaster assistance now," the congressman and commissioner said.

The crisis among oil companies is the result of a worldwide glut in crude oil production, especially linked to high foreign production. The surplus has resulted in per barrel prices for crude oil dropping to less than \$12.50 per barrel. The Department of Energy estimates the difference between the per barrel prices and production costs can be as great as \$5 per barrel.

Is your church youth or other group having an event? Don't forget to take along a Community Camera and share the fun with other readers of The Pampa News!

Amarillo Heart Group

Agustin Cabrera-Santamaria, MD and Staff of the Amarillo Heart Group will be relocating to 916 N. Crest Rd. Suite 102 effective April 1st, 1999. To make an appointment call 665-3595 or 1-800-355-5858

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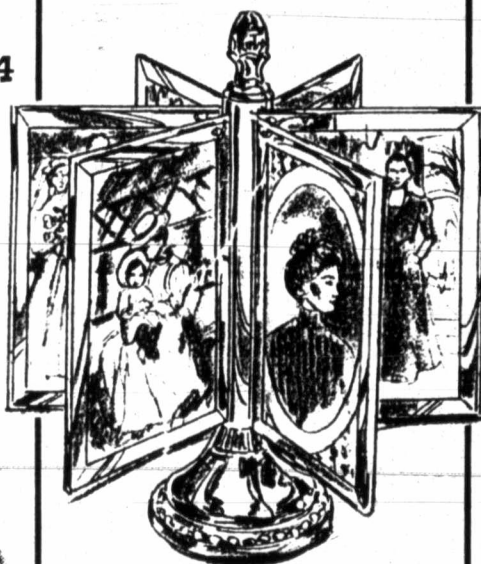
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