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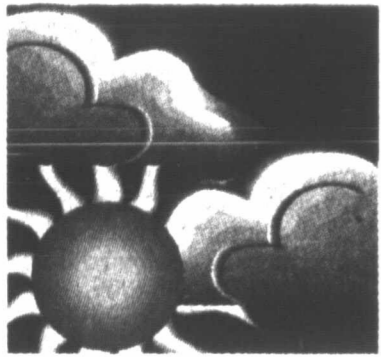
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High today is 72.  
Tomorrow's high, 78.  
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**PAMPA** — The Dr. V.E. von Brunow Park fund got a boost when city commissioners agreed to give the project \$7,000 from the water bill donation fund. The money represents carryover amounts from the 1995-96 and 1996-97 budget years. The money, along with \$5,000 from the McCarley Foundation and \$1,000 from the Pampa Area Foundation for Outdoor Arts, will help buy trees, a fence, sprinkler system, a shelter, lights, benches and other items.

**PAMPA** — People tired of living and working along a dusty dirt section of Kentucky just after it crosses Price Road are ready to put their money where their mouths are.

City Commissioners voted unanimously on the first reading Tuesday to make an exception and allow strip paving (no curbs and gutters) on a short section of the road — all to be paid for by those who live and work there.

Wallace Bruce of Adobe Operating told commissioners, "That road is rough as a cob. I've been around to everyone and just about everyone is willing to help pay."

Bruce noted the thick dust can't be kept out of buildings, some of which contain expensive equipment that can be harmed by the dirt.

"And they're not going to pave until all the money's been collected," he said.

"Let us sign people up and get the money and we'll give it to the city," Bruce said. "Please pave our road."

- Eldred W. James, 53, father of a Pampa resident.
- Marissa Kay Moxon, infant.
- Monta C. Taylor, 92, long-time Pampa resident.
- Joseph "Cowboy" Yocum, self-employed auctioneer and U.S. Army veteran.

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## Playground project takes another step forward

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
For the News

Organizers took another step toward a Super Playground for area children at an organizational meeting Thursday in M. K. Brown Auditorium.

The proposed Super Playground, to be designed by local children and built by community volunteers at a cost of approximately \$100,000 has been okayed by the City of Pampa to be built in Highland Park, near Clarendon College - Pampa Center.

For one Pampa mother of three

little girls, the Super Playground organizational meeting held special meaning.

"It took two years to get here," said Cindy Aler. "I talked to the Parks board about this two years ago. Judy Elliott (Parks & Recreation Board member) is a good friend of mind. I asked her if I could talk to the board about this playground. I had seen a segment about one like it on 'Sesame Street' and I wanted to see if we could do one in Pampa."

Bob Leathers, architect and developer of community-built parks designed by children, had

been featured on numerous television programs, including the famous children's show, "Sesame Street," and "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood."

"I had seen it on Sesame Street and I thought, 'I love this idea. Why can't we do something like that here?'"

Aler and her husband, Scot, are the parents of three daughters, Kathy, 7; Libby, 4; and Jocelyn, 4 months.

"My husband Scot said he'd even take a day off from work to help with it," she added.

Surprisingly, a re-run of the "Sesame Street" program also

influenced Pampans Kathy White, Stuart Stoffle and their two sons, to learn more about the Super Playground Thursday evening.

"It was funny. I saw it on Sesame Street last Thursday morning and I thought that it was interesting, then my son Kelly came home with the letter about it from school that afternoon," White said.

Kelly gave his idea for the playground's design, "I want an alligator tunnel that goes up and down when you go through it."

"I like the idea of something that everyone is involved in,"

said Stoffle, adding he would be interested in helping build the playground.

Primary purpose of the meeting, organized by members of Pampa Rotary Club International, was to show the public slides of similar parks which had been built throughout the country and to encourage people to volunteer for 10 committees needed to successfully complete the project.

Karen Smith and Shannon Buck volunteered to co-chair the child care committee. Dee Dee Laramore has agreed to lead the See PLAYGROUND, page 2

## Students 'running' for success

By MIRANDA G. BAILEY  
Staff Writer

The Southwestern Bell Pioneers presented two pairs of shoes to one boy and one girl in the third grade at Lamar for the most improved grade average over a six-week period this month.

Third grade students Jon Nathan Stewart and Stephanie Preston were awarded the free, shiny new Nike tennis shoes at a special "Running for Success" presentation for Lamar's entire third grade by the pioneers.

"We are hoping this will help give the students an incentive to improve their grades and also help in Taas test results. The project will include 25 schools in the West Texas Council for a total of 50 pair of tennis shoes," said Southwestern Bell Pioneers President, Marsha Cockrell.

The schools chosen for the

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(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Southwestern Pioneer past president Ed Barber (left) and current president Marsha Cockrell with Lamar students Jon Nathan Stewart and Stephanie Preston.

## Seaboard Farms CEO takes a look at the Top O' Texas

By JEFF WEST  
Staff Writer

Pampa is still in the race for a pork processing plant but no decisions are planned for a while.

That's what Seaboard Farms CEO Rick Hoffman said in a recent visit to Pampa.

He was in town to have a look around the area and talk with officials about the possibility of building a hog processing plant in the area. Pampa is in the race with as many as six other communities in Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma, but Hoffman said the company is in no hurry to make a decision.

"The decision has to do with factors that aren't time related," he said. "The sourcing of animals will be the biggest consideration as to when a decision needs to be made," he said.

Hoffman said the plant would process four million hogs a year, or about 16,000 head a day. With

just under 200 hogs per truck, he said, that would be around 80 trucks a day. He said that while the company would buy hogs from this area, they are not looking to place any hog farms here or encouraging anyone to build

The location of those animals will be one of the more important factors in deciding the best location for the plant. He said many of the factors Seaboard is considering are in Pampa's favor.

**"The decision has to do with factors that aren't time related," said Seaboard Farms CEO Rick Hoffman.**

them here.

"We are in the process of putting our production of hogs into place. We have facilities under construction in Oklahoma and we have large numbers of people in Kansas looking at sites and contacting farmers about contracting for production of animals. We are also in the process of sourcing animals from third parties to be delivered to the plant.

"From the location and proximity to our customer base it is an ideal site," he said. "We sell a very large percentage of our products to the Texas market, the Oklahoma market, and the California market. Then we sell a lot to Japan and Mexico

so the further we come to the southwest part of the U.S. the closer we get to our customer base."

Other factors he said that were in Pampa's favor were the proximity to Amarillo and the airport, a lot of good highways and the Pampa school system.

"You have a very strong school district for our employees. For recruiting management See CEO, page 2

## Roach drops lawsuit against Canadian paper

Roberts County Attorney Rick Roach said this week his decision to drop his lawsuit against *The Canadian Record* and co-editor Laurie Ezzell Brown was for personal and financial reasons.

Brown said she's surprised but was glad it is over.

Roach had sued in November, accusing Brown of writing letters to *The Pampa News* and *The Booker News* that contained false statements and misleading innuendos about him. Roach also accused *The Canadian Record* of running an editorial that was libelous.

"My decision to dismiss the Canadian lawsuit," Roach said Wednesday, "was based purely on personal and financial reasons and had nothing to do with the merits of my claims against Laurie Ezzell and *The Canadian Record*."

Brown said she was surprised by Roach's actions.

"We were expecting to begin depositions the end of this week," she said Wednesday. "We were completely surprised by his actions. We were fully prepared to defend ourselves

against his charges, and we will continue to express our opinion."

The lawsuit stemmed from Roach's 1996 race for 31st District Attorney against incumbent John Mann.

Roach said that Brown's endorsement of Mann came as no surprise.

"The letter, which was the basis of my libel lawsuit and which Ms. Ezzell caused to be printed in *The Pampa News* and other area newspapers (the week after the election had been decided, I might add)," Roach said, "speaks for itself."

Brown said there was no settlement.

"We're just glad it's over," she said.

A lawsuit filed against *The Pampa News* under its prior ownership of Freedom Communications was dismissed earlier this year.

"Regarding the joint dismissal of *The Pampa News* case," Roach said Wednesday, "I can only say that all matters in dispute have been resolved and the case has been dismissed with prejudice against the refiling of the same."

## Flowers for you . . .



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Spring has sprung with flowers and trees across Pampa blossoming and in full bloom. These tulips fill the yard of Bill Milligan at 316 S. Henry.

## Sunday Snapshot



Name: Cindy Jenkins

**Occupation/Activities:** Pampa News Carrier  
**Birth date and place:** 8-31-57, Slaida CO.  
**Family:** Husband, Mike; Mother, Priscilla; Sister, Linda  
**My personal hero:** Jesus Christ and the Doctor  
**The best advice I ever got was:** "Be honest"; "Don't steal."  
**People who knew me in high school thought:** I was nice and too shy.  
**The best word or words to describe me:** Honest and easy going.  
**The four guests at my fantasy**

**dinner party would be:** President Clinton, Clay Walker, Alan Jackson and Sawyer Brown.  
**My hobbies are:** Doing plastic canvas.  
**The last book I read was:** a Western  
**My favorite possession is:** My home.  
**The biggest honor I've ever received is:** Getting my diploma for graduating from high school.  
**My favorite performer is:** John Wayne  
**I wish I knew how to:** type

better and play a guitar.  
**My worst habit is:** not drinking enough water.  
**The last good movie I saw was:** "Quite Man" with John Wayne.  
**My favorite junk food is:** potato chips  
**My favorite beverage:** Dr. Pepper  
**My favorite restaurant is:** Red River Steak House  
**My favorite pet:** Dog and cat  
**For my last meal, I would choose:** Fried chicken, green salad and a baked potato.  
**I'm happiest when I'm:** final-

ly off work or the when the bills are finally payed.  
**I regret:** not doing the things that were important.  
**I'm tired of:** High prices on things and the psychics on t.v.  
**I have a phobia about:** ticks  
**The electrical device I couldn't live without is:** T.V.  
**If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is:** pay bills off, get a new car and give money to the friends that have been good to me.  
**If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be:** the drinking water.

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The Zion Lutheran Church members are now preparing for their annual "Big Z" Barbecue and Silent Auction for next Saturday, April 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church on 1200 N. Duncan. The Dinner menu for the annual event includes brisket, sausage, potato salad, cole slaw, beans, relish, homemade bread, cobbler, tea and coffee. The \$7 tickets may be purchased from any member at the door or by calling the church at 669-2774. Above, Frankie Hildebrandt (left) and Sue Thomas from a past dinner.

## Paula Jones says she will appeal her civil lawsuit dismissal

DALLAS-(AP) — Paula Jones spoke for only 20 seconds before she needed more than a minute to regain her composure.

Then starting her news conference again with her husband's reassuring arm on her shoulder, a weeping Mrs. Jones announced that she thought she has a strong enough case to appeal the dismissal of her sexual-harassment lawsuit against President Clinton.

"Despite the continuing personal strain on my family and me, in the end, I have not come this far to see the law let men who have done such things dodge their responsibility," she said Thursday while wiping the tears from her face.

Mrs. Jones said she was surprised when a federal judge on April 1 dismissed her allegations that Clinton had violated her civil rights by exposing himself and requesting oral sex in a Little Rock, Ark., hotel in 1991.

"I was shocked because I believed what Mr. Clinton did to me was wrong and that the law protects women who are subjected to that kind of abuse of power," she said.

Mrs. Jones' husband, Stephen, told The Washington Times in an interview published today that Clinton could end the entire matter with only a few words and no monetary damages. "Zero dollars to us and the words, 'I was there. I was wrong. I'm sorry,'" he said.

On a state visit in Chile, Clinton said he had felt good about the dismissal of the 4-year-old civil lawsuit and declined to comment on the latest turn. "It's a very unusual political environment, but I'm just not going to let the politics get in my way," he said.

Mrs. Jones' appeal sets the stage for a legal battle that could be lengthy.

She said she had to take time to weigh the question of an appeal against the continuing stress on her husband, Stephen, and two young sons.

Mrs. Jones said in her statement from a lectern in a hotel ballroom that she had also considered the fact that the court's ruling affects many women.

After delivering her statement, Mrs. Jones took no questions and only occasionally whispered to her husband. At one point she became animated, vigorously nodding her head when asked if she hoped to see more formal support from women's groups.

Jones lawyer Donovan Campbell said his team was

confident of its case accusing Clinton of harassment.

"There is no one-free-flash rule" in the law, he said.

Campbell, of the Dallas law firm of Rader, Campbell, Fisher & Pyke, said the appeal to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis will be made within the next two weeks.

The appeal will challenge U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright's finding that damages other than emotional harm are necessary, that an Arkansas "outrage" law was not violated, and whether the president's "suppression-of-evidence and obstruction-of-justice campaign" should be considered.

In Washington, Clinton attorney Robert S. Bennett distributed a written statement saying, "We are confident that the appellate court will not permit Paula Jones and her supporters to pursue this case."

"It is unfortunate that our legal system can nonetheless continue to be abused by Mrs. Jones' political and financial supporters who wish to harm the president," Bennett added.

The appeal will be supported financially by the Rutherford Institute, a Charlottesville, Va.-based foundation.

"We're in it for the long haul no matter what it costs," said John Whitehead, a foundation attorney who was careful to limit his commitment to legal expenses and not attorney fees.

If the appeals court overrules the lower court's dismissal, more years of litigation will be in the offing for Clinton, who is the first president to be questioned under oath as a defendant.

"We frankly don't care if he's president of the United States or busing tables at Luby's Cafeteria," Campbell said, adding that mediation is an option.

"The suggestion of mediation has been made and has been made by our side," he said. "Unfortunately to date, the other side has not considered the offer."

## Drunken driver convicted of first-degree murder

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — A drunken driver who had eight previous DWI convictions before he struck and killed a 4-year-old girl was sentenced today to life in prison without parole.

Timothy Blackwell, 37, declined to comment at his sentencing, remaining rigid and silent as he did during his trial.

"We thought that when he had a chance to say something, he would have at least said something to us," said Sherry Dail, whose daughter, Megan, was killed.

While the sentence brings some closure for the family, she said, "we have to work through this on a daily basis — day to day. It's never really over."

Blackwell's sentence for Megan's death in February 1997 was mandatory. He was convicted Thursday in a rare case in which a drunken driver was found guilty of first-degree murder.

"Mr. Blackwell can see his son every day," Mrs. Dail said. "We can't see Megan. But

she's going to live. She's going to live in our memories."

Public defender Bob Brown said he planned to appeal, but declined to elaborate on why. Before the sentencing, he had asked for a new trial, arguing that Blackwell did not receive a fair and impartial proceeding. Superior Court Judge Orlando Hudson rejected the request.

Blackwell crossed the center line in his pickup and struck a van, killing Megan, whose father was at the wheel. Blackwell's blood-alcohol level was 0.13 percent, above the 0.08 legal limit in North Carolina.

Prosecutors said there was insufficient evidence to seek the death penalty.

Defense lawyers had urged jurors to return a verdict of involuntary manslaughter, arguing that Blackwell showed no malice when he got behind the wheel of his truck.

But District Attorney Jim Hardin Jr. relied on the state's felony-murder rule. The law

allows a defendant to be charged with murder for a death that happens during the commission of a felony, even if the death is unintentional.

Prosecutors won murder convictions in similar cases in North Carolina last year, in Washington state in 1996 and in California in 1995.

In Blackwell's case, the state contended he committed the felonies of assault with a deadly weapon when he struck two vehicles and injured Megan's parents and her two brothers.

Karyn Brown, executive director of the state chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, said punishing someone as a murderer who may not have intended harm was a proper use of the felony-murder rule.

"A gun isn't a weapon until you put bullets into it, and a car isn't a weapon until you put a drunken driver behind the wheel of 3,000 pounds of steel," she said. "That becomes a weapon."

## Mir's cosmonauts step outside to work on installing new engine

MOSCOW (AP) — Mir's cosmonauts ventured outside the space station today to work on the installation of a new thruster engine — their fourth spacewalk in a busy month for the Russians.

The engine keeps the Mir's solar panels pointing toward the sun so they can absorb the maximum amount of energy. The old engine, in operation since 1992, had to be replaced.

During the last spacewalk Saturday, cosmonauts Talgat Musabayev and Nikolai Budarin detached and jettisoned the old engine.

Today's six-hour spacewalk to

prepare for installing the new engine started about 15 minutes behind schedule, after Budarin had to fix a last-minute problem with his space suit's radio.

"I can almost lip-read him but cannot hear," Musabayev said at one point.

Mission Control chief Vladimir Solovyov ordered the cosmonauts to return to the station if they had further problems.

"Boys, let's make the walk," Solovyov said. "But if you encounter communication outages, you must return. Don't underestimate these things. You cannot work while

lip-reading."

Completing the installation, the cosmonauts will step outside Mir again Wednesday to put the new thruster in place.

At five spacewalks in a month, it's an unusually heavy schedule for the Russians.

American Andrew Thomas, the third man on board, filmed the work of his crew mates. The spacewalk ended shortly after 10 a.m. EDT, with the cosmonauts completing all the work they had planned.

"The spacewalk was quite productive," Solovyov told reporters afterward. However,

he added, "I want to emphasize that it was rather tense, both for the crew and for us."

After a series of breakdowns last year, Mir has been running virtually trouble-free in recent months. Ground controllers decided it was a good time to carry out a series of maintenance jobs on the 12-year-old station.

Officials have said they probably will abandon the Mir next year, when a new international space station should be ready to handle a crew. Russia and the United States are among 15 countries involved in the project.

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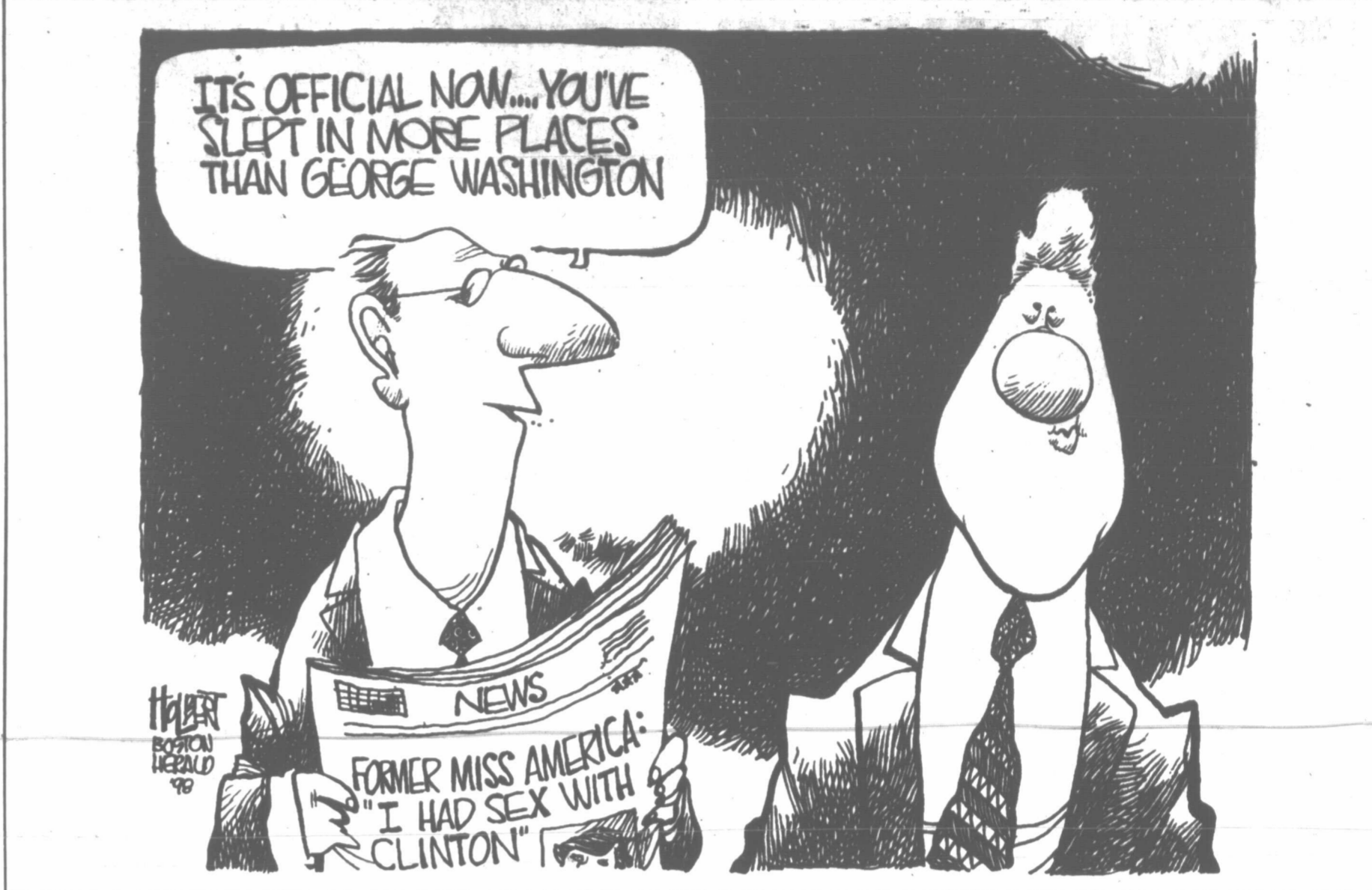
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Inside the  
 Beltway

with

Rep. Mac Thornberry

**Pork barrel politics is alive and well in Washington, D.C.**

The House of Representatives approved a highway spending bill recently intended to fix bridges and patch roads around the country.

There are some good things in this bill. For instance, Texas will get more of our tax money back. Where we used to get 76 cents back for every highway dollar we send to Washington, we'll now receive around 90 cents. This is an improvement that's long overdue.

But in the end, I couldn't support this bill because it busts the budget and was filled with pork. Congress passed a balanced budget plan last summer that set strict spending limits to eliminate the deficit. Now that we've achieved a budget surplus, this highway bill spends \$26 billion more than was budgeted. To make matters worse, the bill provides no clue as to where the extra money will come from. It only says that spending offsets will be figured out down the road, which may mean more cuts in agriculture and defense.

And as for the money that is being spent, not all of it is going to fix bridges and patch roads. Nearly \$10 billion dollars in the bill will be spent on 1,467 "special" projects around the country. These projects include \$3 million for a PBS documentary on "infrastructure awareness" and \$7 million for a train museum in Allentown, Pa. In addition, more money will also be spent on bike trails and mass transit.

Fortunately, the Senate passed a better plan - so there's still a chance that a reasonable highway bill will make it to the president's desk. But in the continuing battle to change the way Washington works, the debate - and the spending and pork barrel projects that went along with it - shows that we've still got a long way to go.

**Thought for today**

"To him whose elastic and vigorous thought keeps pace with the sun, the day is a perpetual morning."

Henry David Thoreau  
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**Liberalism's urban legacy**

At the end of World War II, the population of Washington, D.C., was 900,000. Today, its population stands at 528,000 and declining. Just during the 1990s, the city has lost 78,000 residents.

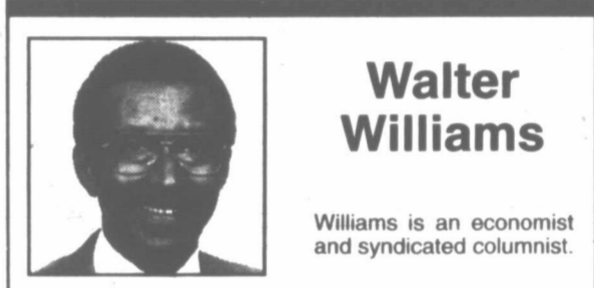
But Washington isn't alone in population loss. Steven Hayward's article "Broken Cities: Liberalism's Urban Legacy," in the March/April 1998 issue of Policy Review, shows that 10 of America's 25 largest cities have had significant population losses, including Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Chicago and, of course, Detroit.

Atlanta, for example, has seen its population decline by 19 percent since the '60s and its suburban population rise by 386 percent.

Back in the '60s and '70s, liberals blamed the exodus on racism, namely "white flight" to the suburbs. Since the '70s, blacks have been fleeing cities at a faster rate than whites. For example, Washington has 140,000 fewer black residents now than it had in 1970. The black populations of Cleveland, Chicago, Philadelphia and St. Louis have also fallen.

As one would suspect, blacks want better and safer schools for their kids, and they don't like to be mugged and have their property vandalized any more than white people. And just like white people, they too can't wait for Bekins to move them out.

Driving the city exodus is a process that I call accumulative decay. When schools are rotten,



**Walter Williams**

Williams is an economist and syndicated columnist.

streets are unsafe and dirty, and the city services decline, the first people to leave are those who care the most about neighborhood amenities and have resources to move on to greener pastures.

In a word, the city loses its most able people first. They tend to be replaced by people who don't care as much and/or who don't have the resources to get out. Because the best people, those who put more into the city's coffers than they take out in services, are gone, politicians raise taxes and/or city services deteriorate. That sets up the conditions for the next round of people to leave.

Businesses, which depend on these people either as employees or customers, also leave. Eighty percent of all new jobs are created in the suburbs, and the amount of suburban office space is a third higher than downtown office space. The typical political response to a declining tax base is to raise taxes even more, and

hence create incentives for more businesses and residents to leave.

A smart mayor could reverse this trend by paying more attention to efficiency rather than equity. Regardless of any other goal, a mayor's first order of business is to retain what economists call net positive fiscal residua, a fancy term for keeping those people in the city who put more into the city's coffers than they take out in services. That might require discrimination in the delivery of city services such as better lighting, greater safety, nicer libraries and better schools in wealthier neighborhoods.

Since many middle-class people leave because of school quality, another measure would be for mayors to support school vouchers. That way, parents who stayed wouldn't be faced with paying twice in order for their kids to get a good education - through property taxes and private-school tuition.

Some might protest that city-service discrimination is unfair. I might agree, but it's even more unfair for cities, once the magnets of opportunities for low-income people, to become economic wastelands.

Big cities can be revitalized, but it's going to take mayors with guts to do what's necessary to reverse accumulative decay, including ensuring safe streets and cracking down on petty crimes and misdemeanors, such as public urination, graffiti, vandalism, loitering and pan-handling.

**Today in history**

**By The Associated Press**  
 Today is Sunday, April 19, the 109th day of 1998. There are 256 days left in the year.  
 Today's Highlight in History:  
 One hundred years ago, on April 19, 1898, Congress passed a resolution recognizing Cuban independence and demanding that Spain relinquish authority over Cuba. President McKinley was also authorized to use military force

to put the resolution into effect.  
 On this date:  
 In 1775, the American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington and Concord.  
 In 1892, the prototype of the first commercially successful American automobile was completed in Springfield, Mass., by Charles E. Duryea and his brother Frank.  
 In 1897, the first Boston Marathon was run from Ashland, Mass., to Boston. Winner John J.

McDermott ran the course in 2 hours, 55 minutes, 10 seconds.  
 In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.  
 In 1943, during World War II, tens of thousands of Jews living in the Warsaw Ghetto began a valiant but futile battle against Nazi forces.  
 In 1945, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Carousel" opened on Broadway.  
 In 1951, Gen. Douglas

MacArthur, relieved of his command by President Truman, bid farewell to Congress, quoting a line from a ballad: "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."  
 In 1982, astronaut Sally K. Ride and Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first woman and first African-American to be tapped for U.S. space missions.  
 In 1989, 47 sailors were killed when a gun turret exploded aboard the USS Iowa.

**Are we a nation complacent?**

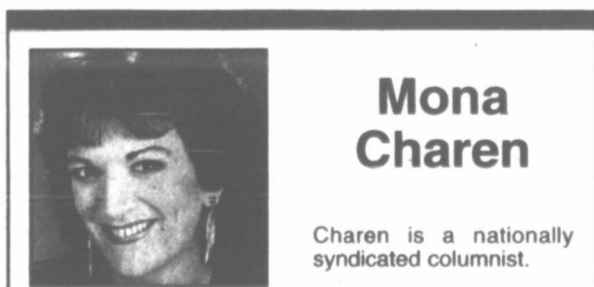
It has been 15 years since we were declared "A Nation at Risk" due to our failing education system. The national response to the 1983 report was genuine alarm. We had just endured a deep recession and were bombarded with stories about the Japanese juggernaut.

Last month, the Third International Math and Science Survey released data showing that American 12th graders lag behind the entire world - except Cyprus and South Africa - in math and science achievement. Yet, as Bill Bennett put it, the national response seems to be "Whatever." Have we gone from "A Nation at Risk" to "A Nation Complacent"?

Though the survey results did evoke alarm from some education experts, parent organizations and conservative columnists, there was a bored shrug from other quarters. Several Harvard types wrote articles explaining away the dismal showing of America's kids, and still others argued that with the world's most booming economy, it makes no difference how our students stack up on mere academic tests. The Japanese, with an almost prostrate economy, don't scare us right now. So, why worry?

A group of 30 education reformers - several of them members of the original commission that issued the Nation at Risk report - met in Washington recently to answer that question.

In the first place, it isn't true that our education system is irrelevant to our economy. Our economy has many strengths - flexibility, innovation, resilience - that compensate for our sclerotic education system. America prides itself, rightly so, on its leadership in the information economy. But as Floyd Kvamme, a partner at a large firm in California's Silicon Valley explained, we must import a large number of



**Mona Charen**

Charen is a nationally syndicated columnist.

technically trained people (23 percent of workers in California's high-tech industries are immigrants) to make the information sector run. And even with immigration, there are 400,000 high-paying jobs going begging in Silicon Valley.

Beyond economics, though, the argument for radically altering the education system is that it is denying to millions of American children - particularly, but not exclusively, minorities - a chance at the American dream.

Milton Friedman once pointed out that capitalism benefits the little guy far more than the wealthy. Under capitalism, it is ordinary people who get a chance to have their own possessions, space and leisure. As Friedman said, to the rich, it doesn't matter if they have hot and cold running water or running servants.

We are a wealthy country that can well afford to ensure that every child, not just the children of privilege, gets a great education. Yet, the benefits of capitalism do not flow to the average person when it comes to education because our education system lacks capitalism's driving engine - competition.

Dr. Checker Finn, president of the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation and a leading education

philosopher, proposed at the meeting a list of reforms that would learn from other nation's successes as well as draw upon our own national strengths.

- 1) Institute national assessments that would be independent of politics.
  - 2) Pass a charter school law in every state.
  - 3) Eliminate geography as a determinant of school assignment. Or, in other words, let parents choose their children's schools.
  - 4) Strap the money to the back of the child - that is, fund students, not schools.
  - 5) Don't force programs, like bilingual education, that parents don't want.
  - 6) Use proven pedagogic methods and real curricula (no more whole language and whole math).
  - 7) Eliminate teachers who don't know their subjects. (According to Diane Ravitch of New York University, the majority of middle-school teachers are teaching subjects in which they neither majored nor minored in college.)
  - 8) Offer merit pay for great teachers.
  - 9) Lengthen the school day or year - or both. (In Japan, students attend 220 days per year as compared to our 180.)
  - 10) Include parents much more in running the schools, participating in classrooms and more.
- As Leah Vukmir, director of Wisconsin's Parents Raising Educational Standards in Schools, noted, parents around the nation complain about the same problems - low standards, too little direct instruction, fad teaching methods and no accountability. Every parent who wants the best for his or her children, and every American who wants the best for the country, should seriously consider Finn's list.

# Letters to the editor

## Children are precious commodity

To the editor:  
Children depend on those who care for them to provide for their health, safety and emotional well-being. When parents and other caregivers are not able to meet this responsibility, the result to children and to society is often tragic.

Last year in Texas, more than 34,000 children were victims of abuse and neglect. In our own community, Child Protective Services received 132 reports of child abuse and neglect and 49 children were confirmed as victims.

Abused and neglected children often carry the burden of their experiences into adulthood in the form of substance abuse, depression, physical disabilities, learning difficulties, criminal activity and the continued cycle of child abuse. This cost to the lives of children also means increasing costs of care systems such as child welfare, education, health care and juvenile justice. Clearly, when a child suffers, our community suffers.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is a time to reflect on what we are doing as a community to support children and families. Children don't come with instructions and too many parents face raising their children without the knowledge and support they need and deserve. We all have opportunities to reach out to parents in our families, neighborhoods, places of worship and places of employment. This April, let's make sure all parents know that their hard work is valued. Think of what it will mean for the future of children and the future of our community.

Leona Willis  
President of Gray County Child Welfare Board

## Where is all the money going?

To the editor:  
This is in regard to the letter written by John Warner about the Optimist baseball program. We would like to enlighten the community who may not already know how the Optimist really works. It was stated that many people believe that their baseball program is the "finest" in the state. Obviously, they've only lived in Pampa.

He mentioned how this club shouldn't be run any different from the Pampa Jaycees and the Pampa Kiwanis Club. We would like to mention the other two clubs are for "men." We know by bringing "KIDS CLUB" to Pampa that we have people who love to volunteer their time to help provide a fun and productive organization with low costs.

About the costs that were stated: Why is it that whenever "ordinary" people inquire about expenses they are denied access to see where the expenses and donations really go? If there is no question to where all the money goes, people would not be denied to look into this organization. Remember this is a non-profit organization that gets "heavy" donations from major corporations for tax right-offs which of course were not published. These corporations assume if they give money to a non-profit organization it will be used for the right reasons.

We would like to acknowledge the fact that John Warner was obviously misled on expenses. It's common knowledge that maintenance done to the parks are performed by inmates (free labor) and the buildings are taken care of by the coaches. (We were personally told we had to maintain the upkeep of the gym when we were coaching.) Again, FREE labor, so who is getting \$8,500? Utilities (water, electricity, trash etc.) are paid by the city, again FREE. As for the telephone it averages \$14 a month, totaling \$168 yearly, so where is \$9,432 going? Jerseys — you mean T-shirts — are not \$10 each, it averages \$5 to \$5.75 each, depending where they are purchased here in Pampa. We've had parents tell us that their child had received a used T-shirt, so where is \$2,500 going?

Medical insurance was stated for Babe Ruth and Little League. The Optimist isn't involved with Little League, they're in Bambino. Little League rules are very strict and nobody would be able to change the system like they've been able to do with Bambino (their own rules for their benefit). Also, Little League is more widely used and recog-

nized, so why wouldn't the "best" organization in Texas be in it? Also, it was stated that insurance to cover our children ran \$3,000 a year. It only costs approximately \$4 a child which averages \$2,000 a year so where is \$1,000 going? Ball caps had a figure of 620 at \$3 each totaling \$1,860 yearly, yet there are only approximately 500 kids which would not be enough to allow 120 coaches for this sport, maybe 30, so where is \$270 going? Trophies are another issue that is very important to address. Why is it that not every child is recognized for doing their best (at every age group?) When you only give out trophies to winners what are you saying? Emphasizing winning obviously.

Also, the supposedly 1998 expenses that were written show that this year every single item for baseball will have to be purchased. I don't think so! We all know they're not having to buy ALL new equipment for our kids or for maintenance. I guess they assume people believe whatever they speak. It doesn't take an accountant to itemize everything that has been stated nor an IRS agent to realize funds are not where they say they are going. So the figure given of \$59,510 is not an accurate figure.

The statement that there was a compromise with people who wanted to coach but not be a member of the club also needs to be brought to the community's attention. It was not stated that nobody can be a manager of a baseball team unless he's a member, why? For the Optimist to even stay open they have to have so many members; otherwise, they will have to give it up to another non-profit organization. This is why they "force" memberships on people that don't want to be a part of this organization. We have spoken to many people that said they had canceled their memberships, yet they still receive membership newsletters. They believe their name is still on the membership list to have enough "numbers" to stay open.

This information can be verified! There are numerous people in this community that will not be associated with this type of behavior. We also agree, but because we have only one choice for where our children play baseball — at least for now — we will have to pay a high cost but will continue to fight for our children.

Sonny and Tinde Haskins  
Pampa

## Pampa is losing the game of life

To the editor:  
This letter is in response to Mr. Dan Rose's letter in the Sunday, April 12, issue of The Pampa News. You Go!! Get it!!

I grew up in Pampa, and I do miss the "old Pampa." I may not have the right to speak my mind on this issue, but I am going to anyway. We (my family and I) live in Amarillo and have for several years now. My husband and I have talked about moving back to Pampa, but, what is there to move back to? There is absolutely nothing to move back to. No jobs, no homes, two very important things for survival.

As I said, we both grew up in Pampa and would love to move back. We have two small children and I would love to see them grow up in a small town atmosphere. The "rat race" gets old in a hurry. There are opportunities that our children will miss due to "big city" living. The number one thing is grandparents. Pampa is where they are, and this is a great loss in my eyes. So, I have to agree wholeheartedly with Mr. Rose. Wake up Pampa! You're losing the game of life!

Melanie Hazle  
Amarillo

## Allow TIFA a chance to help

To the editor:  
Do you have a loved one incarcerated? You are not alone! TIFA — The Texas Inmate Families Association — now has several chapters across Texas. To have a loved one convicted of a serious crime is a devastating event and as the family of an inmate, many times you may feel you are alone and no one understands. We continue to give our unconditional love to that incarcerated family member even though society is understandably hostile to our prison population.

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You may not know how to obtain information on such issues as the inmate's status, visitation rights, health and safety. TIFA assists its members in dealing with local, state and federal criminal justice agencies on such matters. TIFA works with its members to maintain and strengthen the offender's ties with his or her family members, a vital step in the offender's rehabilitation.

This past September, TIFA was invited to Austin to speak before the Senate committee investigating the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The committee is looking into the hiring and educational requirements of correctional officers, inmate abuse, the grievance process and overall accountability. They also will be looking into the medical procedures with the University of Texas Medical Branch, Texas Tech University and TDCJ. This committee will make recommendations for policy changes for TDCJ, medical and jail standards. TIFA members are not only being asked what the problems are, but also the possible solutions.

TIFA members meet at their local chapter monthly and all chapters meet at the TIFA annual convention, this year to be held Oct. 10 in Austin, Texas. TIFA members receive the quarterly newsletter, "Contact".

The sounds of many voices are louder than one. We need your voice; come join us. If you have a family member or friend in TDCJ, TIFA is for you. For more information about TIFA, call (972) 216-1580. TIFA is a non profit unincorporated association. If interested in starting a TIFA chapter in your area you may write to TIFA or call our voice mail at: TIFA P.O. Box 181253 Austin, Texas 78718. Voice mail, (512) 448-6368.

## A pig is a pig is a pig ...

To the editor:  
A pig is a pig is a pig! An all pigs I have been around cause a stench and the aggregation of flies.

When I was growing up, I often thought my Dad located our pig pen deliberately far from our living quarters just so I would have to carry the slop buckets a long way. I soon came to realize the real reason.

I don't have to take my nose to Guymon or any other place raising hogs to know they cause a big stink!

If quality of life and our environment are important (they have to be) then what is it that we plan to leave our next generations? Mounds and mounds of flies and hog feces. Along with that ever present stink.

But then perhaps the hogs that may be brought to our area are the kind that take showers every day, use a good deodorant and most importantly — are potty trained!

Ray Velasquez  
Pampa

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## Monica Lewinsky works to defray costs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Monica Lewinsky is paying off some legal bills by working at the office of her attorney, William Ginsburg, her father says.

"She tries to defray the cost by working, and doing work there, filing and getting things together," her father, Bernard Lewinsky, said Thursday on CNN's "Larry King Live."

He said the former White House intern's future in public relations or the law has been jeopardized by a former friend who taped their conversations, a zealous prosecutor and a press corps that has made normal family life a memory.

Independent counsel Kenneth Starr is investigating the nature of Lewinsky's relationship with President Clinton, whether she lied about it and whether she asked her former friend, Linda Tripp, to lie. Tripp turned her secret tapes of their conversations over to Starr as evidence.

The ensuing hubbub has made it impossible for Monica Lewinsky to date, see her brother or confide even in her father, Bernard Lewinsky said.

"She's very disturbed that she

has no life right now," he said. "She's afraid she'll put all of her friends in jeopardy if she talks to them."

Lewinsky said he has not asked for details of his daughter's relationship with Clinton out of respect for her, but acknowledged steering clear of particulars for fear of being subpoenaed.

"There's no reason for me to get dragged in just because I talked to my daughter," he said.

Lewinsky dodged a question from a young female caller who asked whether his daughter accepts any responsibility for her predicament.

"The crime here is the taping itself," he said.

Lewinsky also used the show's international audience to air the address for his daughter's legal defense fund.

A Los Angeles-area oncologist, Lewinsky said his family has been victimized by the scandal and haunted by the fear that Ms. Lewinsky may go to prison.

"The fear that I fear is exactly what they fear when they get the diagnosis of cancer," Lewinsky said. "We have an unknown, we don't know where it's gonna go, we don't know when it's gonna finish."

### Lola Mae Roach

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part. A special thanks to family, friends, Pampa Nursing Center and Hospice Of The Panhandle.

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### PHS Choirs winners at Region I UIL competition

The Pampa High School Choirs competed in the Region I UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest held at Randall High School and the Pampa choir won a record 5 Sweepstakes. PHS was the only school choir to have sweepstakes by all the choirs.

The choirs were judged in concert by Lou Ann Wimberly, Houston; Allan Andrews, Dallas; and Dr. Charles Rives, Tarleton State University, Stephenville.

Judges for sightreading were David Scarcella, Houston; David Glenn, Arlington; and Norris Blevins, Houston. To receive the coveted sweepstakes award a choir must be awarded a first division by at least two judges in both concert and sightreading. The Pampa Choirs received a first division from every judge.

The judges were extremely complimentary of all the Pampa choirs. Of the Concert Choir one judge wrote, "I will need to find new adjectives to describe this choir. An incredible performance." One sightreading judge wrote, "I am extremely impressed with this choir."

The students were outstanding on both days of the contest. To achieve what they did is an outstanding feat not accomplished by choir departments from the largest schools in Texas.

We are proud of how they represent our school and community," choir director Fred Mays said.

Receiving the sweepstakes award were the Concert Choir, performing "Praise The Name Of God With A Song" by Kogpke, "Beati Quorum Via" by Stanford, and "Die Nacht" by Rheinberger; the Concert Men's Choir performing "Sing Me A Song Of A Lad That Is Gone" by Porterfield, "Somebody's Calling My Name" by Whalum and "Be Thou My Vision" arr. by Hunter; the Concert Women's Choir performing "Nightfall" by Bright, "Nightingale" by Butler, and "Sing Praises, Sing Praises" by Newbury; the Mixed Choir performing "Cantate Domino" by Pitoni, "O Praise the Lord with Heart And Voice" by Haydn, and "Rejoice In The Lord" by Steffani; Women's Choir performing "Psalm 150" by Lewandowski, "Annunciation" by Pfautsch, and "Hey Nonny No!" by Kowalski.

This is the thirteenth consecutive sweepstakes for the Concert Choir and the eighth consecutive sweepstakes for the Women's Choir. The Concert Choir will now travel to the Winterpark Music Festival in Winterpark, Colorado. Directors for the Pampa HS Choirs are Fred Mays and Susie Wilson.



(Community Camera photo)

(from left, backrow) Susie Wilson, Josh Blackman, Andy Fernuik, Brad Allen, Tabby Lane, Kristen Stephens, Fred Mays (front row) Mindee Stowers, Amanda Howell, Riffany Bruce and Lindsay Langford.

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### Drunken driver convicted of first-degree murder

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) - A drunk driver who prosecutors said had eight previous drunk-driving convictions before he struck and killed a 4-year-old girl was sentenced Friday to life in prison without parole.

Timothy Blackwell, 37, declined to comment at his sentencing, remaining rigid and silent as he did during his trial.

"We thought that when he had a chance to say something, he would have at least said something to us," said Megan's mother, Sherry Dail.

While the sentence brings some closure for the family, she said, "we have to work through this on a daily basis - day to day. It's never really over."

Blackwell's sentence for killing Megan Dail in February 1997 was mandatory. He was convicted Thursday in a rare case in which a drunken driver was found guilty of first-degree murder.

"Mr. Blackwell can see his son every day," Mrs. Dail said. "We can't see Megan. But she's going to live. She's going to live in our memories."

Public defender Bob Brown said he planned to appeal, but declined to elaborate on why. Before the sentencing, he had asked for a new trial, arguing that Blackwell did not receive a fair

and impartial proceeding. Superior Court Judge Orlando Hudson rejected the request.

Blackwell crossed the center line in his pickup and struck a van, killing Megan, whose father was at the wheel. Blackwell's blood-alcohol level was 0.13 percent, above the 0.08 legal limit in North Carolina.

Prosecutors said there was insufficient evidence to seek the death penalty.

Defense lawyers had urged jurors to return a verdict of involuntary manslaughter, arguing that Blackwell showed no malice when he got behind the wheel of his truck.

But District Attorney Jim Hardin Jr. relied on the state's felony-murder rule. That allows a defendant to be charged with murder for a death that happens during the commission of a felony, even if the death is unintentional.

Prosecutors won murder convictions in similar cases in North Carolina last year, in Washington state in 1996 and in California in 1995.

In Blackwell's case, the state contended he committed the felonies of assault with a deadly weapon when he struck two vehicles and injured Megan's parents and her two brothers.

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# Postal clerk shot to death

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**  
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — A clerk was shot to death at a post office Friday, and police were holding a possible suspect identified in broadcast reports as a part-time mail carrier.

Postal inspector Linda Kirksey confirmed that the shooting happened just before noon at the Northaven postal station in northwest Dallas.

Ms. Kirksey would not say who was involved, but broadcast reports said the victim was a woman who worked for the Postal Service for 13 years. She said the suspect was a 27-year-old man who had worked part-time for less than a year at the office.

The assailant was wearing a uniform when he opened fire, according to the reports.

The manager of a car wash across the street from the post office said he heard what sounded like two shots, then saw a man run out of the building and jump into a car's passenger side before speeding off westbound.

"I was just trying to calm the rest of my employees down," Marc Martinez, 30, of Royal Car Wash said. "Then an ambulance showed up, police cars showed up."

He said several other people also fled the post office.

Customers may not have seen the attack because it happened at the back of the building, a police officer said. The officer, who refused to be identified, said that no one else was wounded.

**"I was just trying to calm the rest of my employees down," Marc Martinez, 30, of Royal Car Wash said. "Then an ambulance showed up, police cars showed up."**

# Store chain pulls Cookie Monster T-shirts following obscenity complaint

By **DEBORAH MENDEZ**  
Associated Press Writer

DENVER (AP) — William Medina and Claudia Luevano thought they were buying a cute outfit for their young son, Willie. Instead, they say, the talking shirt blurted an obscenity.

Their complaint has led Kmart Corp. to pull thousands of talking children's Cookie Monster T-shirts from 2,100 stores nationwide.

The shirt has the Sesame Street character at the wheel of a dump truck filled with cookies, with a button children can push to hear the message, "Stand back. Here comes cookies. Mmmm, delicious."

Medina and Luevano said Thursday they heard an obscene phrase instead of "Stand back" on the \$12.99 shirt and shorts set they bought Saturday for their 19-month-old son at a Denver store.

"I was showing everybody and they were saying it's the same word," Medina said.

Michelle Jasukaitis, a corpo-

rate spokeswoman at the company's Troy, Mich., headquarters, said officials listened to one of the shirts and couldn't make out any of the microchip message.

"We don't know what went wrong with the microchip on these T-shirts. We're looking into it. We have had no other problems with the other styles of talking Sesame Street T-shirts," she said.

She said the company pulled

the sets "because of the nature of this concern." Customers can return the shirts to any Kmart for a full refund.

Kmart ordered 300,000 of the sets from Bend, after three weeks in the stores, about 150,000 are left, Jasukaitis said.

A Bentex receptionist said Thursday the company's spokesman was on vacation and unavailable for comment.

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# SPORTS

## Notebook

**BASEBALL**  
**PAMPA** — Pampa defeated Perryton, 8-5, in a 9th grade baseball game earlier this week.

Robert Stokes led Pampa's hitting attack with a double and two singles. Kevin Schaub had a double and walk; Shawn Strate single and walk; Jason Burklow, single; Kyle Keith, double; Tony Beck, single and stolen base; Jeff Warren single.

Winning pitcher was Strate.

"We just made two errors and that was a lot less than we've been making," said Pampa coach Jason Murphree.

Pampa freshmen have a 3-6 record after losing to Pampa junior varsity, 7-3, Friday.

**TORONTO (AP)** — Roger Clemens looked sharp in his first start in 10 days, pitching 6 2-3 innings Friday night to lead the Toronto Blue Jays to a 6-1 win over the Chicago White Sox.

Clemens (2-1) had removed himself after throwing just seven pitches in an April 7 start because of a strained groin muscle. The right-hander was forced to skip a start in Texas before being cleared to face the White Sox.

Clemens allowed one run and five hits, walked two and struck out seven. Under nearly identical circumstances last year, Clemens returned after missing a start because of a groin strain and shut out Texas for seven innings.

Shawn Green went 2-for-4 with two RBIs and Jose Canseco homered for the Blue Jays.

Albert Belle and Frank Thomas went a combined 0-for-8 with five strikeouts. Belle is batting just .109 in his last 46 at-bats, and Thomas is 1-for-10 since being moved to fourth place in the batting order.

The Blue Jays got a run in the first when Shannon Stewart doubled and scored on Green's double.

The same two combined for a run in the third as the Blue Jays made it 3-0. Stewart singled and Tony Fernandez grounded out.

## Franchise quarterbacks are rare commodities

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Florida State defensive end Andre Wadsworth has the highest grades on almost every NFL team's scouting board.

Yet Wadsworth will be only the third player picked in today's NFL draft.

That's because franchise quarterbacks are rare commodities.

"Everyone knows I don't like high first-rounders," says Bobby Beathard, the general manager of the San Diego Chargers, who traded up to second behind Indianapolis to get either Peyton Manning or Ryan Leaf, depending on which one the Colts take.

"But when you have a quarterback who can carry you for

### NFL Draft

10-12 years, you've got to be in position to take him."

Barring a startling upset, Manning, the second-generation quarterback from Tennessee, and Leaf, who went to Washington State because it's become a production line for NFL quarterbacks, will become the first quarterbacks to go first and second in the draft since Drew Bledsoe and Rick Mirer in 1993.

Bledsoe, another Washington State, has already been to a Super Bowl with New England, but Mirer has so far been a bust. His best year was his first with Seattle and he failed as a starter with Chicago last season after

being traded to the Bears for a first-round pick.

Mirer's problems demonstrate that there are rarely sure things in the NFL — even highly rated quarterbacks.

For example, the quarterbacks of the '80s and '90s were not first-rounders. Joe Montana was taken by San Francisco in the third round in 1979 and Brett Favre went to Atlanta in the second in 1991 and was traded to Green Bay the next season. Two quarterbacks taken in the first round that season — Dan McGwire by Seattle and Todd Marinovich by the Raiders, are no longer in the NFL.

Dan Marino, who holds or will hold nearly every NFL passing record, was barely a first-rounder, the sixth quarter-

back picked and 27th overall selection in that 1983 draft in which six QBs went in the first round.

Those ahead of him: John Elway and Jim Kelly, but also Todd Blackledge, Tony Eason and Ken O'Brien.

Then there's the 1971 draft, the only one in which quarterbacks went 1-2-3. The first by New England was Jim Plunkett; the second, by New Orleans, Archie Manning, Peyton's dad; and the third, by Houston, Dan Pastorini.

All had long careers, but none developed into a Hall of Famer.

Plunkett was a disappointment in New England, was cut and signed by San Francisco. He finally blossomed a decade into his career, when he signed

with the Raiders and quarterbacked them to a Super Bowl victory in 1981.

Manning played with distinction for consistently losing franchises in New Orleans, where he spent 12 of his 14 NFL seasons.

It wasn't his fault, but he remains the quarterback with the worst winning percentage in NFL history.

Pastorini was a solid quarterback for a good Houston team that had the misfortune of playing in a division with the great Pittsburgh teams of the '70s. He played nine years for the Oilers, then finished his career with one season each as a backup for the Raiders, Rams and Eagles.

## McLean's Eakin takes All-around cowboy honor at Prep Rodeo

**CANYON** — Monty Eakin of McLean won all-around cowboy honors a Tri-State High School Rodeo, hosted by the Randall Rodeo Club.

Randus London, Freedom, was all-around cowgirl. Eakin finished in the top three in three events and collected 39 points.

**Tri-State Rodeo results (top 3 places)**

Barrel Racing: 1. Brianna Brooks, Canadian, 16.329 seconds; 2. Andrea Whaley, Wheeler, 16.458; 3. Ashley Sultemeier, Lubbock, 16.539.

Breakaway roping: 1. Randus London, Freedom, 3.010 seconds; 2. Jacey Richardson, Wheeler, 3.560; 3. Ashley Sultemeier, Lubbock, 3.630.

Pole bending: 1. Lindsay Tidwell, Pampa, 20.698 seconds; 2. Randus London, Freedom, 20.715; 3. Brianna Brooks, Canadian, 20.776.

Goat tying: 1. Kori Merrick, Wheeler, 9.490 seconds; 2. Randus London, Freedom, 9.850; 3. Wendy Waggoner, Lubbock, 9.910.

Calf roping: 1. Monty Lewis, Hereford, 9.780 seconds; 2.

Rodey Wilson, Hereford, 10.810; 3. Monty Eakin, McLean, 11.360.

Ribbon roping: 1. Monty Lewis, Hereford, 5.920 seconds; 2. Monty Eakin, McLean, 6.110; 3. Josh Morris, Lazbuddie, 6.390.

Team roping: 1. Jordan Satterfield-Hereford; Pecos Alford, Hereford, 6.970 seconds; 2. Joe Mac Boggeman-Hereford; Bucky Williams, Swisher, 7.008 seconds; 3. Neal Stanfield-Lazbuddie; Koby Smith, Lazbuddie, 7.610 seconds.

Steer wrestling: 1. Roper Slavin, Canadian, 12.620 seconds; 2. Monty Eakin, McLean, 13.700; 3. Wyatt Young, Stratford, 20.170.

Bull riding: 1. Mike Johnson, Wheeler, 88 points; 2. Rowdy Thomas, Gruver, 74; 3. Kelly Thomsen, Canadian, 73.

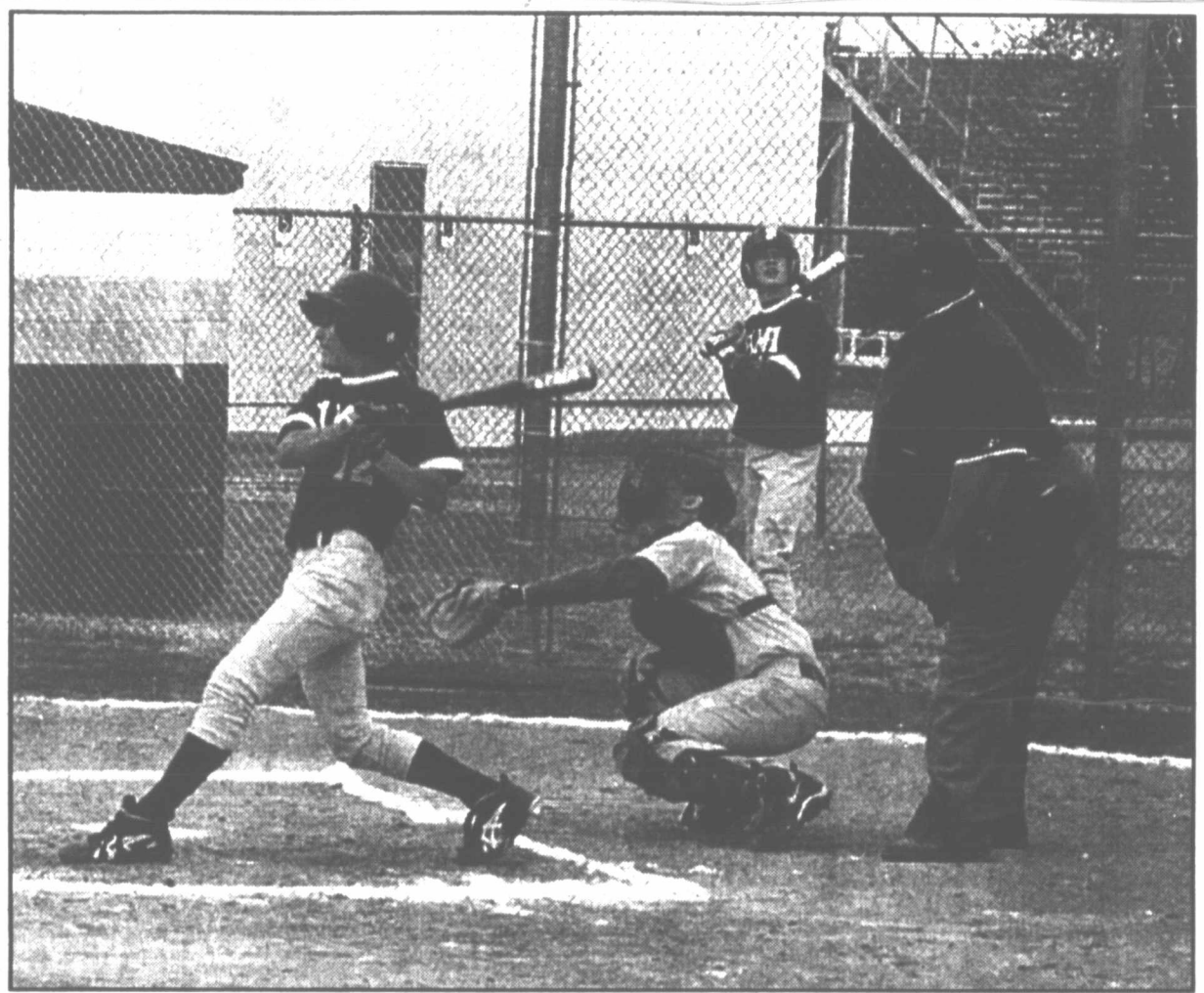
Bareback: 1. Luke Pitts, Swisher, 67 points; 2. Matthew Burrow, Boys Ranch 66; 3. Neal Daniel, Childress, 62.

Saddle bronc: 1. Neal Daniel, Childress, 69 points; 2. John Bowen, Childress, 63; 3. Leland Wood, Childress, 62.

All-around cowgirl: Randus London, Freedom, 33 points.

All-around cowboy: Monty Eakin, McLean, 39 points.

## Swinging Solano



Gil Solano of the Pampa junior varsity swings at a fastball during a game Friday between the Pampa JVs and freshmen squads. The junior varsity won, 7-3.

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## Longhorns club Aggies in Big 12 tilt

**AUSTIN (AP)** — Mark Cridland and Mike Kolbach combined for five RBIs to lead Texas over Texas A&M, 12-5, Friday.

Texas took the lead with two runs in the first inning. The Longhorns (17-23-1, 5-10 Big 12) sent in six in the fourth for a 8-0 lead. The streak was led by Cridland, who had a two-run single and Sobek, who had a base-hit home run.

Craig Kuzmic had a two-run

home run and Eric Sobek hit a solo home run for the Aggies (32-14, 14-8) in the sixth to close the gap to 8-3.

Brian Ivy led a four-run sixth for the Longhorns, driving in a two-RBI double. Texas had six players with multiple hits.

Texas starter Scott Dunn (4-5) took the win, and pitched the first complete game of his career. Aggie Starter Brian Rupp (7-4) took the loss.

## Rangers extend win streak to five games

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** — Mark McLemore's RBI double keyed a six-run third inning Friday night as the Texas Rangers extended their winning streak to five games with a 6-4 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

Roger Pavlik (1-1) pitched 3 1-3 innings of one-hit relief after replacing Rangers starter Darren Oliver in the fourth.

John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his third save as Texas won for the seventh time in eight games. At 10-4, the Rangers matched the second-best start in franchise history.

Rafael Palmeiro drove in two runs for the Orioles, who dropped their third straight.

Palmeiro's two-run double in the third gave the Orioles a 2-0 lead, but the Rangers chased starter Scott Erickson (3-1) with seven hits in the third.

Orioles shortstop Mike Bordick committed a fielding error on Tom Goodwin's leadoff grounder, and McLemore's double made it 2-1.

Juan Gonzalez, Ivan Rodriguez, Lee Stevens and Kevin Elster added RBI singles in the inning, and Erickson was

done after allowing 10 hits and four earned runs in 3 2-3 innings.

Baltimore closed to 6-4 in the fourth on Bordick's RBI double and shortstop Elster's fielding error.

The Orioles put the first two runners on in the fifth, and Texas manager Johnny Oates brought in Pavlik, a former starter. The right-hander got out of the jam with a double play and a groundout.

Notes: Texas started 10-4 in 1996 when the Rangers won their first AL West title. The 1989 Rangers began the year 12-2. ... Baltimore placed ace Mike Mussina on the 15-day disabled list due to a wart on his right index finger. ... The Rangers activated right-hander Danny Patterson and designated right-hander Julio Santana for assignment. Patterson was the Rangers' primary set-up man last year before undergoing right shoulder surgery on Sept. 30.


## Arizona rallies past Marlins

**PHOENIX (AP)** — The Arizona Diamondbacks won consecutive games for the first time as Matt Williams' run-scoring infield single sparked a three-run eighth inning Friday night in a 7-5 victory over the Florida Marlins.

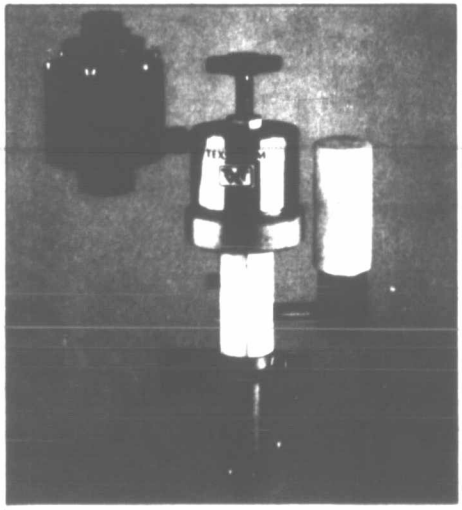
With the score 4-all, Devon White reached on a bad-hop single off Vic Darenbourg (0-1) and stole second. Jay Bell was intentionally walked and Travis Lee walked, loading the bases.

Williams followed with a grounder deep behind the bag at second and Craig Counsell couldn't get the force at second. Yamil Benitez followed with a two-run single.

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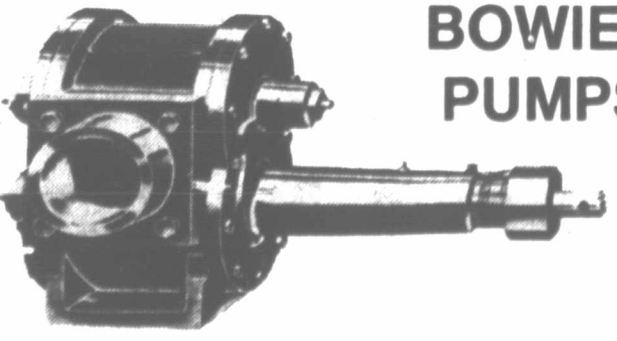
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## Graves' gymnastics students bring home top honors from area competition

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Jenee' Watson took 1st on trampoline in the 9-10 year old age division. Finishing 1st on trampoline in the 11-12 year old age division were Nichole Dyer, and Staci Clay. Clay also finished 1st in tumbling in the 11-12 year old age division. Rhiannon Casados placed 1st in tumbling in the 11-12 year old age division.

Earning 2nd place in tumbling was Carrie Clay in the 9-10 year old age division, Nichole Dyer and Ashlie Stout in the 11-12 year old age division.

Taking 3rd place in both tumbling and trampoline was Jenna Munsell in the 3-4 year old age division, while Jessica Miner placed 3rd in tumbling in the 7-8 year old age division. Kaylee

Greenhouse placed 3rd on trampoline in the 9-10 year old age division while Jenee' Watson placed 3rd in tumbling in the same age division. Kaylie Brewer and Monica Eakin both took 3rd in tumbling in the 11-12 year old age division. And Ashlie Stout placed 3rd on trampoline in the 11-12 year old age division.

Fourth place winners were Danielle Zuniga on trampoline in the 5-6 year old age division. Marie Irvine in both tumbling and trampoline in the 5-6 year old age division. Calee Henley on trampoline in the 7-8 year old age division, and Kaylie Brewer on trampoline in the 11-12 year old age division.

Taking 5th place honors were Chaslyn Tull on trampoline in the 5-6 year old age division; Keely Adams on trampoline in the 7-8 year old age division; Calee Henley and Bridget Craig in tumbling in the 7-8 year old age division; and Carrie Clay on trampoline in the 9-10 year old age division.

Finishing in 6th place were Caylee Steward in tumbling in

the 3-4 year old age division; Emily Barrett and Chaslyn Tull in tumbling in the 5-6 year old age division; Shannon Clay in both tumbling and trampoline in the 7-8 year old age division; and Rhiannon Casados on trampoline in the 11-12 year old age division.

Taking 7th place was Danielle Zuniga in tumbling in the 5-6 year old age division; Shelby Clay in both tumbling and trampoline in the 7-8 year old age division; and Bridget Craig on trampoline in the 7-8 year old age division.

Finishing in 8th place was Brittney Cottrell in both tumbling and trampoline in the 7-8 year old age division; Kaylee Greenhouse in tumbling in the 9-10 year old age division; and Monica Eakin on trampoline in the 11-12 year old age division.

Taking 9th place was Jessica Miner on trampoline in the 7-8 year old age division. And finishing in 10th place was Caylee Steward on trampoline in the 3-4 year old age division and Keely Adams in tumbling in the 7-8 year old age division.



(Community Camera photo)

Back row, left: Staci Clay, Kaylie Brewer, Carrie Clay, Rhiannon Casados, Kaylee Greenhouse, Nichole Dyer; third row, left: Keely Adams, Jenee' Watson, Bridget Craig, Nicole Clark, Brittney Cottrell, Calee Henley; second row, left: Jenna Munsell, Shannon Clay, Ashlie Stout, Jessica Miner, Shelby Clay; front row, left: Chaslyn Tull, Danielle Zuniga, Caylee Steward, Marie Irvine and Emily Barrett.



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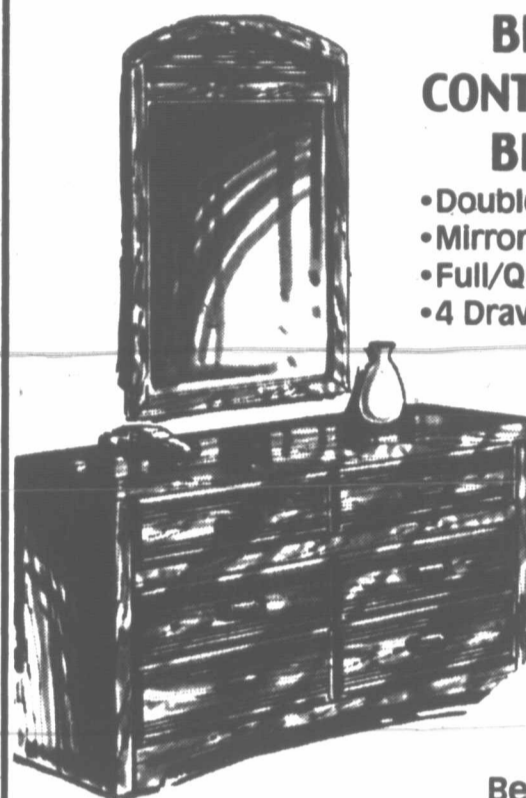
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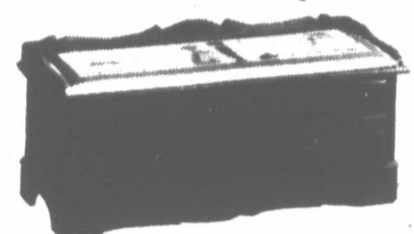
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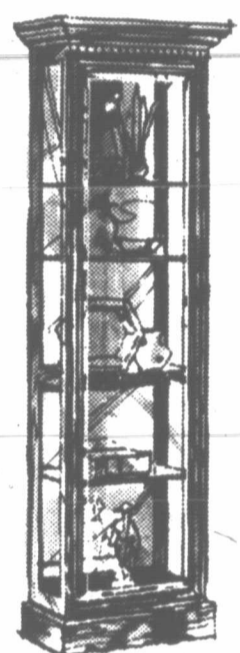
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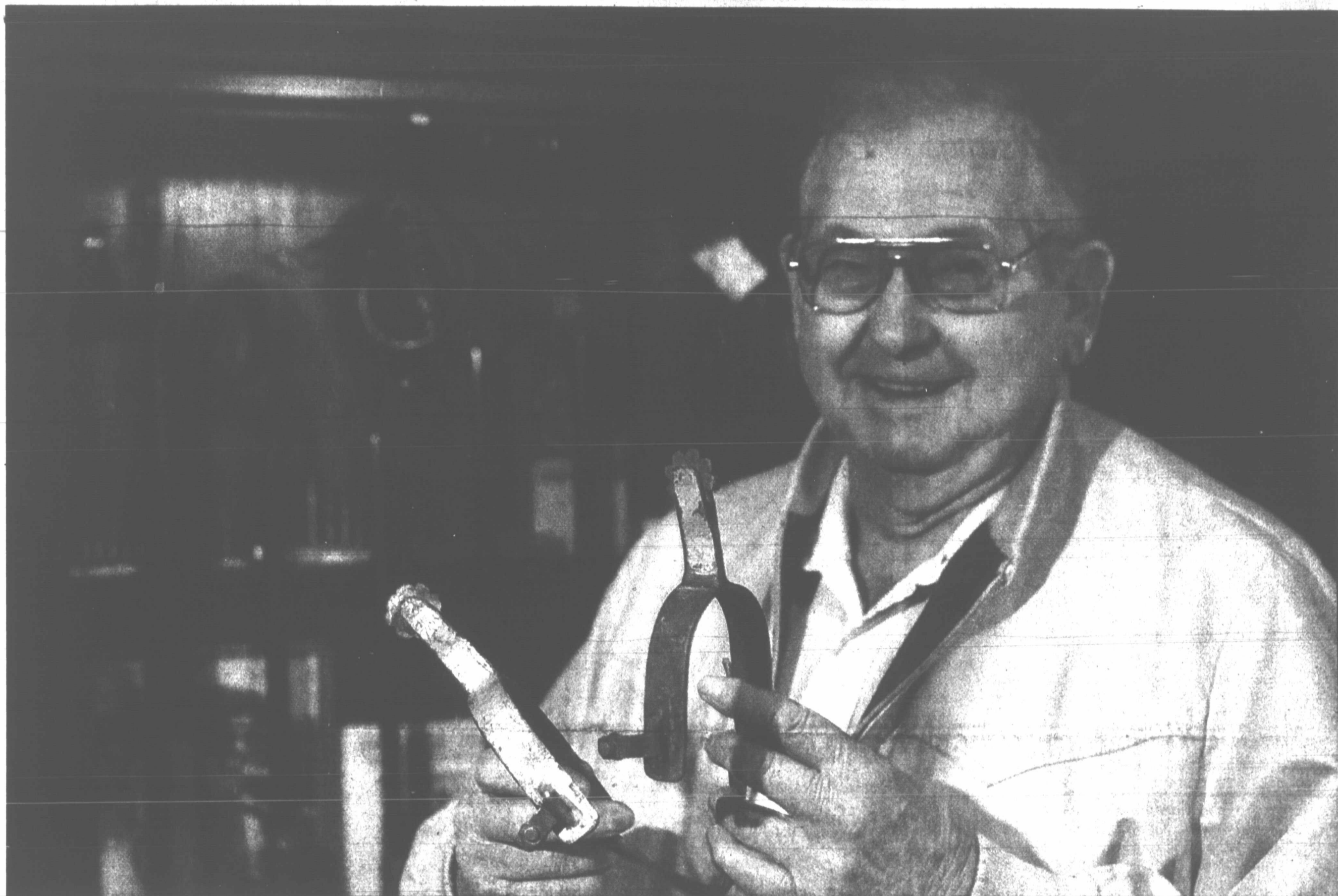
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## LIFESTYLE

# Spurred to greater things



Now that he's been making spurs for three decades, Floyd McMinn claims to be a little embarrassed by the first pair he and his son made. Still, he's proud of the wear they received from his oldest son, Bill. Floyd later made another pair, a smaller pair for his second son, Mark, when he was a lad. As Mark grew, so did the size of the spurs. Over the years, Floyd has made a number of spurs for various members of his and his wife's family.



Family is important to Floyd McMinn. And perhaps this is no better apparent than with the spurs that he has been making over the last half century.

"The first ones I ever made were those that Billy and I made before we ever moved from Childress," Floyd McMinn said, sitting in the living room with Imogene, his bride of more than 50 years.

Born in Oklahoma, Floyd grew up in Childress.

"My Dad came to Childress County in 1906," Floyd said.

His wife's father moved to Childress County in 1912.

"We both went to school there in Childress," Floyd said. "She went to Tell. I went to Childress and High Point."

Both of their boys were born there in Childress.

Their oldest son, Bill McMinn, got his first horse in 1958.

"When he got his first horse, he wanted a pair of spurs," Floyd said. "Billy used to break horses all the time."

The McMinn's had a garage, radiator shop and car lot in Childress in those days.

"We got back there in the garage one day and whooped him up a pair," Floyd said. "I mean to tell you they looked like clubs. I've still got those things."

It was something that Floyd worked on with his son.

"Whatever Billy wanted, Billy got," Floyd laughed. "At that time, he was the only child."

That was the first pair of spurs, Floyd made.

"After we moved up to Lefors, I made several pairs," Floyd said.

Their youngest son, Mark, was just two weeks old when Floyd took a job in Lefors in August, 1961. It wasn't long before Floyd had made a junior sized pair for the couple's second son.

Although he's sold some spurs, most of the spurs that Floyd's made, he's given to family members.

"There's very few I ever sold," Floyd said. "I give them away. I give them to kin folks and such as that."

Junk iron and scraps of steel have been imbued with magic in Floyd's shop. Not



Floyd can often be found in his shop located in his garage at home. McMinn made a series of his own tools to assist him in his work. They are as simple as a marked block of wood. Coupled with his power tools, McMinn manufactures a variety of sizes and shapes of spurs.



only has the metal taken an artistic utility form, it has become part of the artist, a part he shares with those who are close to him.

"One pair, I made for my great niece's husband," Floyd said. "They live on a ranch north of Childress. I made a pair for her husband. He wanted some heavy spurs. Most people want light spurs. That's one reason I make them out of stainless steel now."

The first few pairs of spurs were made from scrap iron. Floyd started making them out of stainless steel in the 1960s. He's made many of his own tools to bend the metal into shape and jigs to hold them in place.

"The ones I do now are all cold," Floyd said. "It's stainless steel. You can't cut that with a torch. You have to saw it, grind it or file it. I don't have a forge so I work it all cold."

The first stainless steel spurs Floyd made were for his own use.

"I used them for several years," Floyd said. "Finally, one Christmas, I gave them to one of my grandsons and made the other grandson a pair of stainless steel spurs like them. We had two grandsons. You couldn't give one something without giving something to the other."

Two or three years ago, Floyd made a pair for each of two of Imogene's nephews that live in California.

They wrote thank you notes to Floyd. Their father, Randy Belt, wrote a poem

about Uncle Floyd and sent it along.

"He used to live with us," Floyd said. "I'd take him with us when we'd be working cattle. He thought that was the grandest thing that'd ever happened to him."

There was another nephew, Charlie Eudey, that grew up under the tutelage.

"Every step I made, he made three right there with me," Floyd said. "I made him a pair. I gave him my saddle. That little fellow, every where I went, he went with me. The way I got him started was when I got down to Lefors, there was a bunch of Shetlands. Shetlands were real popular then."

They wanted somebody to break them so Floyd put Charlie on them.

"Gosh, those things'd throw him,"

Floyd said. "He was skinned from one end to the other, but he'd get right back up on 'em. He was just crying up a storm. He was mad. He'd get back up on 'em and here he'd go again."

When he was 12 years old he was breaking horses for other people.

"He was a natural," Floyd said.

Working with metal isn't anything new for Floyd. Even in the Pacific during World War II when Floyd was in the Navy, he worked as a machinist. But his fascination with spurs has increased since he retired. It's not unusual to find him out in the garage and working on his spurs.

"It keeps him out of my hair," laughed Imogene.

Floyd has a pair of spurs that he made using gears from a 1946 Chevrolet school bus windshield wiper system for rowels. The hinge that the leather straps attach to were taken from an old fire extinguisher.

Today, Floyd usually uses store bought rowels, although occasionally he still makes some out of quarter inch washers. He designs, cuts and grinds his own shanks, some with chap guards, some without. The buttons on the spurs are made from carriage bolts.

But it's not the metal of the spurs that matters. It's the metal of the family that keeps it together.

"I'm right proud of my boys," Floyd said, "and that thank you letter from my nephews means more to me than money."



Mr. and Mrs. McRoy Wright

## Wright anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. (Velma) McRoy Wright celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary April 9, 1998. Children of the couple are Windell and Linda Wright, Pauline and Grant Cambern and Helen and Bill McGill.



Mr. and Mrs. J.L. (Pete) Etheredge

## Etheredge anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J.L. (Pete) Etheredge celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 18, 1998, in the parlor of Central Baptist Church. Children of the couple hosted the reception.

Pete Etheredge and Bessie Lineycomb were married April 17, 1948, at Childress. They have been Pampa residents for the past 48 years and are members of Central Baptist Church. Mr. Etheredge was employed with Ingersoll-Rand, retiring in 1984. Children of the couple are Jessie and Sherry Etheredge of Pampa and Barbara Mulanax and Billy and Debbie Etheredge, all of Dumas. They have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Lawley

## Lawley anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Lawley will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m. April 25 at Pamcel Hall at Celanese. Children of the couple will host the reception.

Harold B. Lawley and Ruth Marie Castka were married April 30, 1948, at First Presbyterian Church in Pampa. The couple have been Pampa residents since marriage and are members of West Side Church of Christ. Mr. Lawley is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He was employed as a petroleum engineer at Kewanee Oil Company in Pampa for 25 years, retiring in 1977, and has owned-operated Production Consultants, Inc., since 1974.

He is a charter member and past president of Panhandle Chapter of A.I.M.E. He is a Scout master and Silver Beaver member of the Boy Scouts and is past president of the Oddfellows Lodge in Pampa.

Mrs. Lawley worked for First National Bank in Longview and Pampa for four years; for Bucaneer Stamp Store in Pampa for seven years; and retired from Nortex Engine Company after 15 years of service. She has served as secretary-treasurer of Production Consultants, Inc., from 1974 until the present.

She is a charter member of Pampa Theta Rho and has served in various offices of the Rebekah Lodge of Pampa including past noble grand, secretary to the president, past district deputy, past Youth Committee member to the Rebekah Assembly of the State of Texas and was past secretary-treasurer of the Panhandle Association of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

Children of the couple are Shari Sublett, Larry Lawley and Deborah Ferrell, all of Pampa. They have eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## Lifestyles Policies

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

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Hollie Hauck and Joshua Parsons

## Hauck-Parsons

Hollie Hauck and Joshua Parsons, both of McLean, plan to wed April 25 in the Assembly of God Church in McLean.

The bride-elect is the daughter of David Hauck of McLean and Donna Carroll of Macomb, Okla. She is currently employed as activities coordinator of McLean Care Center.

The prospective groom is the son of Kathy-Gee and Russell Parsons, both of Pampa. He is currently employed as a nurse assistant at McLean Care Center.



Katrina Morgan and Reginald Miles

## Morgan-Miles

Katrina Morgan of Arlington and Reginald Miles of Mesquite were wed April 4 at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa with Tom A. Williams of Plairtview officiating.

The matron of honor was Angela Williams of Midland. The maids of honor were Melanie Morgan of Austin and Tammy Brown of Arlington. The bridesmaids were Angela Henderson of Dallas, Shemeka Black of Duncanville, Donna Lewis of Lancaster, Dori Miller of Pampa, Shellie Dalton of Amarillo, Nicole Walker of Tulsa, Okla., Tamika Williams of Fort Worth and LaKrisa Morgan, tomorrow's bride, of Amarillo. The flower girls were Carleisha Walker and Brianna Blount, both of Tulsa.

The best men were Kavon Graham and Steven Murrell, both of Tulsa. The groomsmen were Michael Davis, Jayson Walker and Alan Blount Jr., all of Tulsa, Cary Loggins of Belton, Mo., Fred Taylor of Houston, Caleb Cobbins of Box Springs and Tyrone Maxey of Duncanville. The ring bearer was Sager Brown of Arlington.

The ushers and candlelighters were Brandon Knutson of Irving and Daryl Perkins of Amarillo.

Registering guests was Sonya Bunton of Inglewood, Calif. Music was provided by Esther Blount of Tulsa and Danielle Knighten of Dallas.

A reception was held following the service at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium with LaShoun Walker and Freda Wilson, both of Arlington, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Columbus and Pearl Morgan of Pampa. She is a graduate of Pampa High School and the University of North Texas. She is currently employed as a resource English teacher at David W. Carter High School in Dallas.

The groom is the son of Cosetta Walker of Tulsa. He is a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School at Tulsa and Oklahoma State University. He is currently employed as a restaurant manager at Mesquite.

The couple planned a honeymoon cruise to Baja, Mexico, and intend to make their home in Mesquite.

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**Lawley 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

*In honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Harold and Ruth Lawley, their children cordially invite you to join with friends and family in celebration at a reception on Saturday, the twenty-fifth of April from two until four in the afternoon at Pamcel Hall in Pampa, Texas.*

Club News

Club news is published strictly on a first come first serve basis due to limited space. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. though this deadline does not guarantee publication. Thank you.

Pampa Garden Club

The Pampa Garden Club met March 9 at the home of Georgia Holding with Holding serving as hostess.

Members discussed a field trip to Memphis.

Holding presented a program on dollar plants and day lilies or Hemerocallis. She gave background information and hints to successful planting.

The next meeting will be April 21 at the home of Alice Gray.

Altrusa

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa met April 14 at the Pampa Country Club with President Jeanne Mitchell presiding. Mary Wilson and Kathy Phillips served as greeters.

The accent was given by Ruby Royse who read a humorous article entitled "Martha Stewart's Letter to Erma Bombeck."

The following announcements were made:

—Lamar Library Book Fair will be April 14-17. Volunteers are needed.

—Bi-City Meeting meeting will be April 28.

—District Conference will be May 1-3 in San Antonio.

—Annual reports from officers and chairmen are due May 12.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. April 28 at the Pampa Country Club.

Progressive F.C.E.

Progressive Family and Community Education Club met April 9 in the home of Helen

Baumgardner with President Ruth Barrett presiding. Thirteen members and five visitors were present.

Minutes were approved as read. Roll call was conducted to the theme of the "oldest thing in your home." The treasurer's report was given by Belle Lee. Marilyn Butler spoke on the district meeting held recently in Dalhart.

A crafts program was presented by Butler.

Eva Dennis gave several household tips.

The thought for the day was read by Christine Griffin, and the door prize was won by Barrett.

Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met April 7 at the home of Alice Raymond with President Madeline Gawthrop presiding.

Plans were discussed concerning the club's 50th year coffee and tea.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. April 21 at the home of Gawthrop south of the city.



Jill Ann Hargett and Richard Dale Payne

Hargett-Payne

Jill Ann Hargett of Kingwood and Richard Dale Payne of College Station plan to wed May 16 in All Faith Chapel on Texas A&M University campus at College Station.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald J. Hargett of Kingwood. She is a 1993 graduate of Kingwood High School and received a degree in psychology from Texas A&M in 1997. She is currently student teaching at Bammel Middle School at Spring.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Payne of Pampa. He is a 1993 Pampa High School graduate. He plans to graduate from Texas A&M with a degree in history this May. He served as executive officer of Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Company K-2 and will be commissioned as a naval flight officer also in May.



Shelly Kay Flaherty and Chad Aaron Brooks

Flaherty-Brooks

Shelly Kay Flaherty and Chad Aaron Brooks, both of Weatherford, Okla., plan to wed May 9 in Cornerstone Church at Bethany, Okla.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Kent and Loretta Flaherty of Pampa. She is a 1994 Pampa High School graduate and is currently attending Southwestern Oklahoma State University's School of Education with plans to graduate this fall. She is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, an education honor society, and Chi Alpha Sorority.

The prospective groom is the son of the Rev. David and Linda Brooks of Piedmont, Okla. He is a 1996 graduate of Vannossa High School at Piedmont and is currently a sophomore at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, where he is a member of the rodeo team and Chi Alpha Fraternity.

Beauty industry exploring scientific research, specifically antioxidant properties of green tea

NEW YORK (AP) — If sipping a cup of tea is soothing to the soul, could the topical use of tea be a balm for the skin?

Cosmetics counters are steeped in fragrances and skin care products that contain green tea, the ingredient du jour in the world of beauty. Chamomile, oolong, Earl Grey and jasmine also are making appearances.

Basically the beauty business is picking up on scientific research, noting especially the antioxidant properties of green tea when applied to the skin. In Japan, research has indicated a correlation between green tea and a reduction in the incidence of skin cancer.

Estee Lauder looked at research where topical application of green tea reduced skin damage caused by free radicals such as sun and pollution. Now the company has nine products that include tea.

"We believe that in all of our products it is absolutely essential to provide the most perfect protection to the skin from the damage caused by the environment," Dr. Daniel Maes, vice president of research and development at Estee Lauder, says. "And that protection can only be achieved from the treatments with antioxidants like green tea."

Just as tea leaves are a hot commodity in skin care, so is tea tree oil, not a tea at all but a natural antiseptic taken from an Australian tree. It is in products from Tea Tree Solutions.

"More and more people are now recognizing tea as very balancing," says Jody Billet, founder of Tea Tree Solutions in Hauppauge, N.Y.

In Los Angeles, you can sip tea in a bamboo garden, then shop for teas to take home for soothing baths and eye compresses. The Elixir Tonics & Teas store, opened in 1996, offers both and counts

Julia Roberts, Steve Martin and Cameron Diaz among buyers of teas and herbs.

Jeffrey Stein, founder of the tea-house, says tea's popularity

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begins with the fact that people today want to be healthy. He said it is a result of young people in the 1960s, '70s and '80s who abused their bodies and now realize the body has limits.

"Rather than use up what nature has given, now there's an interest in preserving, maintaining and actually reversing nature or maximizing what's left," he says.

Stein says today's young people, "The New Cool" generation as he calls them, are revolting against the flash and buzz of the last two decades and are more reflective. Thus, he says, buying

chamomile or yellow mountain tea for the eyes or bath seems natural to them.

Across the country, products with some form of tea are proliferating. Country Life, based in Hauppauge, has a new line of sipping tea called Long Life Teas. Its Desert Essence division also has a line of beauty products based on tea.

Cononal's new bath powder contains starch and green tea. Shiseido's Body Exfoliating Scrub contains tea seed oil. Origins offers four Tea Soaps and Eye Doctor, a moisturizer with ginseng and green tea extract.

Green tea is the draw in Avon's Stress Shield Serum, Clinique's Skin Calming Moisture Mask, and Waterleaf's line of bath products. Some of the newest hair products also contain green tea, including those from Rusk and Pure Elements.

"Tea is all about the leaves," says Molly Fiedler, product and technical affairs manager for Thymes Limited in Minneapolis. "The difference between jasmine, oolong and green teas is the way it is processed. All are from the camellia flower leaves."

Thymes Limited put oolong, green tea, ginkgo leaves, orange blossom and jasmine in its Tea Thymes fragrances for bath and body. "There's something incredibly soothing and comforting about tea," she says.

Bulgari is the leader in tea-infused personal fragrance products. Its Eau Parfume, with green tea as the main note, was formulated as a discreet gift for Bulgari jewelry customers but became so popular that in 1992 it was distributed at retail. Last year, the company introduced Bulgari Extreme, which increased the green tea note to 15 percent from 4 percent in Eau Parfume. Other Bulgari fragrances incorpo-

rate jasmine and Darjeeling.

"In 1992 there were few fragrances with green tea," says Anne Lively, marketing director for Fragrances Exclusive Inc., a division of Chanel and maker of Bulgari fragrances. She said green tea was added for its aroma and "because of its calming, soothing effect."

"The whole story with Eau Parfume is that it is a fragrance that is refreshing, revitalizing and at the same time calming."

Other popular tea fragrances include CK One, a top seller; Route du The "way of the tea," exclusive to Barneys; and Felissimo 56, with Earl Grey tea, at Felissimo, a Japanese boutique in New York. Green Tea fragrance by H2O mixes Granny Smith apples, mint and green tea.

Crabtree & Evelyn's newest fragrance is a garden of tea delights: Song de Chine was inspired by ancient Chinese walled gardens (places to calm the heart), and has tea notes of jasmine and oolong.

Sharon Stone, a devotee of Bulgari Extreme, has been quoted as saying she'd bathe in it if she could.

Children who sew get ahead

NEW YORK (AP) — Children who know how to sew are likely to have an edge in the high-tech economy of the future, says the Home Sewing Association.

Activities like sewing or painting inspire creativity and problem-solving skills, according to a clinical study commissioned by the HSA. But kids who spend their free time playing with hand-held computer games or watching television do not.

The study involved 100 students between ages of 8 to 12 and was designed by Dr. Robert H. Reiner of New York University's psychiatry department.

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April 20-24

**Pampa Schools**  
**MONDAY**  
Breakfast: Donuts.  
Lunch: Pizza, English peas, pasta salad, pears.

**TUESDAY**  
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast.  
Lunch: Corn dogs, French fries, vegetarian beans, apple crisp.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls.  
Lunch: Philly sub sandwich, onions, bell peppers, corn, fresh fruit.

**THURSDAY**  
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage patty.  
Lunch: Tamales, enchiladas, tossed salad, pinto beans, apple sauce, cornbread.

**FRIDAY**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast.  
Lunch: Baked potato, ham, grated cheese, broccoli, pineapple, cheese rolls.

**Lefors Schools**  
**MONDAY**  
Breakfast: Waffles, cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Soft tacos, beans, salad, cheese, fruit, milk.

**TUESDAY**  
Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits, toast, cereal, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Barbecue wieners, broccoli, macaroni and cheese, rolls, fruit, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Breakfast: Muffins, toast, cereal, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

**THURSDAY**  
Breakfast: French toast sticks, toast, cereal, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Cheeseburger macaroni, green beans, rolls, fruit, milk.

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

Lunch: Hamburgers, barbecue, cheese, salad, tator tots, fruit, milk.

**Meals on Wheels**  
**MONDAY**  
Impossible pie, okra and tomatoes, corn, plum cake.

**TUESDAY**  
Sausage spaghetti, green beans, cauliflower, jello.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Barbecue beef, baked beans, potato salad, apricots.

**THURSDAY**  
Baked ham, spinach, sweet potatoes, banana.

**FRIDAY**  
Chicken patties, macaroni and cheese, pickled beets, applesauce.

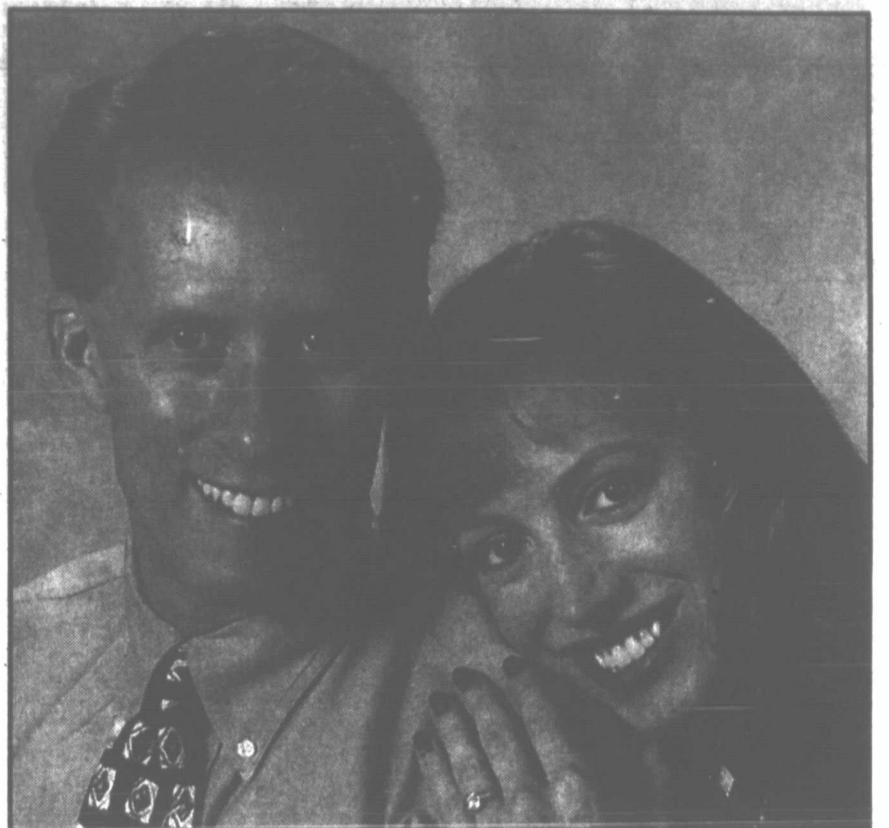
**Senior Citizens**  
**MONDAY**  
Chicken fried steak or chicken breast on wild rice, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, German chocolate cake or cherry creme pie, hot rolls or cornbread.

**TUESDAY**  
Lasagna or salmon loaf, onion potatoes, brussell sprouts, zucchini squash, beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, ugly ducking cake or butterscotch pie, hot rolls or cornbread.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, butter beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, cheesecake or banana nut cake, hot rolls or cornbread.

**THURSDAY**  
Barbecue sausages with onion rings or chicken and noodles, parsley potatoes, turnip greens, blackeyed peas and snaps, slaw, tossed or jello salad, banana pudding or devils food cake, hot rolls or cornbread.

**FRIDAY**  
Fried cod fish or burritos with chili and cheese, potato wedges, Spanish rice, pinto beans, slaw, tossed or jello salad, brownies or tapioca, garlic breadsticks, hot rolls or cornbread.



Ellen Breaux and Steve Kotara

## Breaux-Kotara

Ellen Breaux and Steve Kotara plan to wed June 13 in the University of Dallas Chapel of the Incarnation at Irving. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mrs. Gerald P. Breaux of Fort Worth. She attended Paschal High School in Fort Worth and is a graduate of Southwestern University, receiving a bachelor's of art degree in psychology in 1989. She earned a master's of art degree in clinical and counseling/psychology from Southern Methodist University in 1991 and a jurisprudence degree from SMU School of Law in 1996. The prospective groom is the son of Nancy Paronto of Pampa. He is a 1980 Pampa High School graduate and received a bachelor's of art degree in politics from the University of Dallas in 1984. He earned a jurisprudence degree from Texas Tech University School of Law in 1987. He is currently a lawyer in Dallas.

## Newsmakers

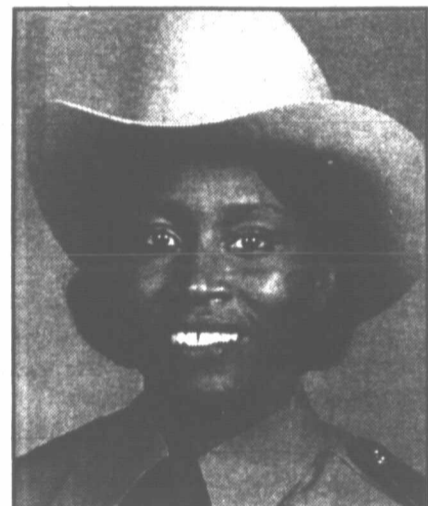
Jason Jones, a 1995 Pampa High School graduate, was recently named drum major for the 1998 Howard Payne University Yellow Jacket Marching Band. He attended Angelo State University for two years prior to transferring to Payne last fall. Jones is ranked as a junior and plans to graduate in May 1999. He has maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout his university career and is currently an assistant coach for the Howard Payne University Lady Jacket Basketball program.



Will Morrison

LUBBOCK — Will Morrison, sixth grade student at Murfee Elementary School in Lubbock, son of Frank and Lynette Morrison of Lubbock and Brad and Elizabeth Kozak of Dallas, is a member of a Future Problem Solvers team at Murfee Elementary.

The team recently won first place in a preliminary competition and will



Teresa P. Briscoe

compete in state competition April 25 at Austin.

Future Problem Solvers teams are given a situation in which each team must provide problems and solutions. The team with the best solution for the underlying problem wins.

The preliminary problem was "Women in the Work Place." The problem for state competition will be "Nontraditional Families."

The team advancing at state will compete in the nationals.

Morrison is the grandson of Don and Fran Morrison and Phoebe Reynolds and is the great-grandson of Ruth Morrison.

FORT WORTH — Tandy Corporation has announced its 1998 Tandy Technology Scholars. Only the academic top two percent of

graduating seniors are eligible to receive certificates recognizing their academic achievements.

The program, funded by Tandy Corporation and administered by Texas Christian University, is in its ninth year. The program is open to all accredited high schools in the United States. Recipients were selected by a panel of educators and approved by the National Advisory Council of Tandy Technology Scholars.

The following Pampa High School students were awarded certificates of academic excellence: Amy Harvey, Kimberly McKandles, Michael Plunk, Heather Robben and Andrea Rodriguez.

AMARILLO — Teresa P. Briscoe of Amarillo recently completed the Texas Department of Public Safety's 113th Training Academy in Austin. Briscoe was among 138 trooper cadets graduating from the 27-week school, one of the lengthiest continuing training programs in the nation and the longest training academy offered by any law enforcement agency in the state.

The cadets enrolled in the academy in September and completed 1,187 hours of instruction. Classes included criminal law, traffic law, arrest procedures, accident investigation, first aid and other law enforcement subjects as well as classes aimed at developing self-esteem and goal-setting skills.

Trooper Briscoe will be assigned to the Driver's License Division in Houston West Orem.



Holly Hinton and Kevin Sheridan

## Hinton-Sheridan

Holly Hinton and Kevin Sheridan were wed April 3 at Diamond Head Beach, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, with Jeffrey Oehley of Oahu officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Lusk of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hinton of Clarendon. She is a graduate of West Texas A&M University, receiving a bachelor's of science degree in social work in 1996. She is currently employed with the Texas Workforce Commission as a JTPA representative.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sheridan of Smith Creek, Mich. He is a graduate of the University of Findlay, receiving a master's of science degree in environmental management in 1996.

The couple honeymooned in the Hawaiian islands aboard the S.S. Independence and intend to make their home in Pampa.

## 4-H Futures & Features

**Council Meeting**  
The Gray County 4-H Council will meet at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 19 at the Annex.

**4-H Rodeo**  
A Gray County 4-H Youth Rodeo planning meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Fashion Show**  
Thirteen Gray County 4-H Clothing Project members will represent us at the District Fashion Show on Saturday, April 25 at the

Pampa Middle School. The 4-Hers will compete in the following categories: construction division, buying division or fashion design. Good luck to all these 4-Hers.

**Geranium Sale**  
The Gray County 4-H Annual Geranium Sale is scheduled for 9 a.m., Saturday, May 2 at the Dobson Cellular Phone parking lot and at the Coronado Center parking lot. Please take time to help advertise and make plans to work at the sale.

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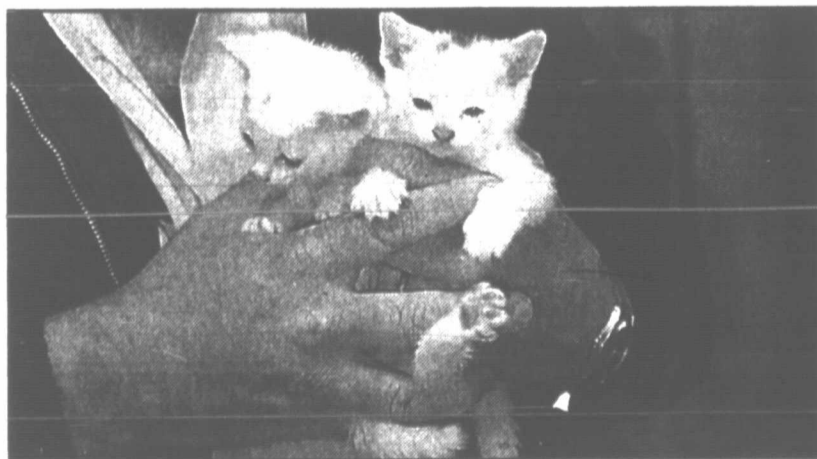
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Widow refuses to rest on her laurels

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The path leads out from the 1930s, Spanish-style home and winds through an invitingly green canyon. It is the same path that writer and social critic Aldous Huxley took for his daily walk, and the one his widow follows today.

At age 86, the energetic Laura Archera Huxley isn't content to sit and admire her view at the edge of the Hollywood Hills, which includes the startlingly close "Hollywood" landmark sign.

She also refuses merely to tend proud memories of her husband, who died at age 69 in 1963 and whose works include the provocative novel "Brave New World."

Instead, Mrs. Huxley is an active champion of the goals the couple sought to advance, including children's rights, environmental protection and the bold exploration of human potential.

The English-born Aldous Huxley's influence was far-reaching. He coined the term "ecology," inspired the name for The Doors rock band (taken from his novel "The Doors of Perception") and was an early LSD experimenter along with the controversial Timothy Leary.

"Brave New World," published in 1932, is Huxley's most durable legacy. It paints a bleak view of a futuristic society in which efficiency has replaced love and freedom. Babies are born solely via test tube and feel-good drugs control the population.

Its title has become an alarmist catchword, summoned by critics of genetic engineering, mood-numbing drugs (such as the novel's Soma) and artificially aided conception.

"Brave New World" was the basis of a 1980 TV movie (with Bud Cort and Keir Dullea) and now returns to television in a sleek, compelling new version starring Peter Gallagher, Leonard Nimoy and Rya Kihlstedt.

NBC TV presents the movie at 9 p.m. EDT Sunday.

The Huxley estate has no involvement with the project. Huxley sold the movie rights to his book in the 1930s for \$2,000, a sum that his widow wryly recalls was pocketed by an agent to finance his vacation.

The novel's dark theme reveals only one side of the author, Mrs. Huxley said.

"Sometimes he was a pessimist, but he also thought that man, given a chance, had such extraordinary charity, such extraordinary genius," she said.

"If there is a book of his I would like to read more, it is 'Island' (1962). It is really a masterpiece. It's the other side of 'Brave New World'."

"In 'Brave New World' he was warning us; in 'Island' he says what could happen if we were just a little more loving. Any parent should have this book," Mrs. Huxley remarks.

Families and children are the focus of Mrs. Huxley's foundation, Our Ultimate Investment.

Its goal is "bringing children up loving the world, rather than fearing it as many children do," she says in softly accented tones of her native northern Italy.

Laura Archera, a violinist who made her Carnegie Hall debut as a teen-ager and went on to become a writer, film producer and therapist, met Huxley in 1948. Both had settled in the Los Angeles area.

A novice moviemaker at the time, she sought advice from writer-director John Huston on a film she wanted to make about the palio, the horse race of Siena, Italy.

"He said, 'You have to have a package,'" Mrs. Huxley recalled. "I said, 'What's a package?' 'A writer, a star and a director. There's a writer, name of Aldous Huxley, he's well-known. You should go and see him.'"

The film never was made, but the visit began a friendship with Huxley and his wife of 35 years, Maria, that continued until Maria's death from cancer in 1955. A year later, Laura and Aldous Huxley were married.

## Chart toppers

By The Associated Press

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

**TOP SINGLES**  
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1. "Too Close," Next (Arista) (Gold)
2. "All My Life," K-Ci & Jojo (MCA)
3. "Let's Ride," Montell Jordan featuring Master P & Silk the Shocker (Def Jam)
4. "Frozen," Madonna (Maverick)
5. "You're Still the One," Shania Twain (Mercury) (Gold)
6. "Romeo and Juliet," Sylk-E. Fyne featuring Chill (RCA) (Gold)
7. "Body Bumpin' Yippie-Yi-Yo," Public Announcement (A&M) (Gold)
8. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden (Columbia) (Gold)
9. "Nice & Slow," Usher (LaFace) (Platinum)
10. "Sex and Candy," Marcy Playground (Capitol)

**TOP ALBUMS**  
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1. "Titanic Soundtrack," (Sony Classical) (Platinum)
2. "Let's Talk About Love," Celine Dion (550 Music) (Platinum)
3. "I Got the Hook-Up! Soundtrack," (No Limit)
4. "Backstreet Boys," Backstreet Boys (Jive) (Platinum)
5. "Savage Garden," Savage Garden (Columbia) (Platinum)
6. "Still Standing," Goodie Mob (LaFace)
7. "City of Angels Soundtrack," (Warner Sunset)
8. "Love Always," K-Ci & Jojo (MCA) (Platinum)
9. "Ray of Light," Madonna (Maverick)
10. "Left of the Middle," Natalie Imbruglia (RCA)

**COUNTRY SINGLES**  
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1. "Bye Bye," Jo Dee Messina (Curb)
2. "You're Still the One," Shania Twain (Mercury)
3. "Then What?" Clay Walker (Giant)
4. "This Kiss," Faith Hill (Warner Bros.)
5. "Perfect Love," Trisha Yearwood (MCA)
6. "Two Pina Colodas," Garth Brooks (Capitol)
7. "Dream Walkin'," Toby Keith (Mercury)
8. "If I Never Stop Lovin' You," David Kersh (Curb)
9. "Out of My Bones," Randy Travis (DreamWorks)
10. "I'm From the Country," Tracy Byrd (MCA Nashville)

**ADULT CONTEMPORARY SINGLES**  
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1. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden (Columbia)
2. "My Heart Will Go On," Celine Dion (Music)
3. "My Father's Eyes," Eric Clapton (Reprise)
4. "As Long As You Love Me," Backstreet Boys (Jive)
5. "You're Still the One," Shania Twain (Mercury)
6. "Give Me Forever (I Do)," John Tesh featuring James Ingram (GTSP-Mercury)
7. "I Don't Want to Wait," Paula Cole (Imago)
8. "Something About the Way You Look Tonight," Elton John (Rocket)
9. "Recover Your Soul," Elton John (Rocket)
10. "How Do I Live," LeAnn Rimes (Curb)

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1. "Let's Ride," Montell Jordan featuring Master P & Silk the Shocker (Def Jam)
2. "Too Close," Next (Arista) (Gold)
3. "All My Life," K-Ci & Jojo (MCA)
4. "It's All About Me," Mya featuring Sisqo (Interscope)
5. "Body Bumpin' Yippie-Yi-Yo," Public Announcement (A&M)(Gold)
6. "A Rose Is Still A Rose," Aretha Franklin (Arista)
7. "Romeo and Juliet," Sylk-E. Fyne featuring Chill (RCA)(Gold)
8. "Money, Power & Respect," The Lox featuring DMX & Lil' Kim (Bad Boy)
9. "Nice & Slow," Usher (LaFace) (Platinum)
10. "No No No," Destiny's Child (Columbia) (Platinum)

**MODERN ROCK TRACKS**  
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- (While the other charts are based on retail sales, this list is compiled from radio station airplay reports.)
1. "The Way," Fastball (Hollywood)
  2. "Closing Time," Semisonic (MCA)
  3. "I Will Buy You a New Life," Everclear (Capitol)
  4. "Sex & Candy," Marcy Playground (Capitol)
  5. "Don't Drink the Water," Dave Matthews Band (RCA)
  6. "Push It," Garbage (Almo Sounds-Interscope)
  7. "Wishlist," Pearl Jam (Epic)
  8. "My Own Prison," Creed (Wind-Up)
  9. "My Hero," Foo Fighters (Capitol)
  10. "Shimmer," Fuel (550 Music)

## Port Arthur musician plays guitar with whole heart in every sound

By JANE McBRIDE  
Beaumont Enterprise

PORT ARTHUR, Texas (AP) - It's a sound like no other.

It begins as a soft moan, then lifts and soars into a full-blown wail that brings goosebumps and makes the hair on the back of your neck quiver.

The music that comes when Betty Williamson Hickman slides a bar across the strings of a steel guitar can break your heart, then heal it again.

Betty learned to play a Dobro at her daddy's knee. John E. Williamson taught standard and steel guitar lessons but soon found his daughter had moved to a place he couldn't follow.

Although her dad was "learn't" in music, Betty says, she never mastered reading notes. Her music comes from a place she describes by placing a hand over her heart and saying, "It starts here." She lifts a slim hand in the air. "Then it moves through here." She presses her fingers to the Dobro and says, "And into here."

She raises her hand and places it over the listener's heart, saying, "And, hopefully, into here."

Betty developed her style by following her dad's melodies. He'd take the lead. She'd fill in, losing herself in the music, not knowing what notes she was playing.

Betty can play blues, bluegrass, jazz, country, gospel and just about anything else that evokes emotion. She loves Jerry Lee Lewis (especially his song "More and More") and Hank Williams. But, as she says, "if it doesn't move me, you can forget it. I like songs that have lived, that'll never go away."

Betty was so good that the Louisiana Hayride and Grand Ole Opry and even Bob Wills came calling. Betty was tempted. But her father advised her to think through what Wills was asking.

"(Bob Wills) told him that this would lead me to a nightclub life, Betty remembers about her principled, God-fearing father. Wills told him he would take care of me. It was such an opportunity, but things happen in the music industry that shouldn't. I knew I could play cryin'-in-your-beer music all night long, but I'm careful about what I play. I didn't want the nightclub life," Betty says. "And I'm not famous."

That's OK by her. Her daddy told her, "Betty, you'll never be famous playing a steel guitar. Other people will get the honor. Your job is to put them on top. If you ever get haughty or show off, put it down and don't play again. You stay sweet and humble."

Although for most of her life Betty has played in small venues like school auditoriums, the church around the corner or the festival up the road, there have been performances on much larger stages that brought her a national audience of admirers.

Like the first annual National Slide Guitar Festival in August of 1997 in Brevard, N.C., which attracts the best. Betty laughs when she describes all the "wonderful young men" with funky clothes and long hair. "You know, typical musicians," she says with affection. "It was another world for me, considering I've led a sheltered life."

They asked Betty to conduct a program. She didn't know who would join her on stage or what kind of music she would play. All around her, people were playing what she calls "hard rock blues."

Betty had planned to play "How Great Thou Art" - so she did, along with a song she wrote called "Betty's Blues."

She captivated them - this woman seated with perfect posture, perfectly coiffed silver hair and elegant hands skimming up and down the length of a classic Dobro.

"There's not a string I don't play or a fret I don't hit. When I finished, everyone was bawling and squalling," she says. "All these men would come over and say, 'I never saw a woman slide guitar player before.' You wouldn't think they'd have anything in common with me. I'm 68 and these kids are in their 20s. It was so touching. They'd hug me and say, 'We never thought we could love somebody like we do you.'"

Now, Betty says, she gets cards and letters from the guys who, first wondered what she had to offer at a slide guitar competition. Betty took first place in her division.

The lush mountains around Brevard provided a breathtaking backdrop for the beauty of Betty's music. She was interviewed by CNN and a writer in the January issue of Acoustic Guitar called her playing at Brevard brilliant.

Betty says she was thrilled to play with such greats as Blind Cootie Stark, a Piedmont Blues guitarist and singer who heard her music floating in the air and asked, "Who is that?"

Someone answered, "That woman from Texas."

Cootie asked, "Can you bring her here?" So he led Betty to Cootie, who introduced himself and asked her, "Can you play my music?" She told him she'd love to try. They jammed together. When they were through, Cootie asked Betty what she looked like.

## Entertainment highlights

By The Associated Press  
Entertainment highlights during the week of April 19-25:

45 years ago: George Stevens' "Shane" premiered at New York's Radio City Music Hall. The film starred Alan Ladd, Jean Arthur, Van Heflin and Jack Palance.

40 years ago: Dion and the Belmonts' first single "I Wonder Why" was released by Laurie Records.

35 years ago: Life magazine's cover story was "Cleopatra - Most Talked About Movie Ever Made." The four-hour film, starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton, was a cinematic misfire.

20 years ago: Bob Marley and the Wailers performed at the "One Love Peace Concert" in Kingston, Jamaica. It was Marley's first public appearance in his homeland since being wounded in an assassination attempt 18 months earlier.

10 years ago: Public television's Fred Rogers received a lifetime achievement award for his work with young viewers. The award was presented to Rogers, creator of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," by the Dolores Kohl Education Foundation.

And former entertainer Sonny Bono was inaugurated as mayor of Palm Springs, Calif. Bono was elected mayor on April 12, one day after his ex-wife Cher won an Oscar for her role in "Moonstruck."

Five years ago: The Austrian government honored Julie Andrews with a gold medal, 28 years after she twirled on an Alpine hillside, warbling her love of "The Sound of Music." The film was based on the story of the singing von Trapp family. The family fled Austria after that nation was annexed by Germany in 1938. The von Trapps settled in Vermont.

One year ago: U2 kicked off its "PopMart" tour in Las Vegas. The concert was the first of more than 40 stadium events scheduled in the first stage of the tour, the band's first in nearly five years.

Spoken 10 years ago: "I had 19 years in the film industry and 19 years in government service, so I've had equal careers at the moment." - Former child star Shirley Temple Black, celebrating her 60th birthday.

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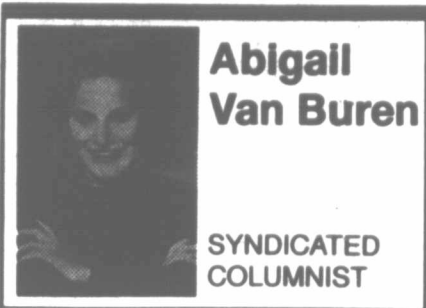
# Donation of Organs Turns Tragic Loss Into New Life

**DEAR ABBY:** Our beloved daughter-in-law died following an auto accident two years ago. Bonnie was in terrific condition and had entered the Chicago Marathon. While she was still in high school, Bonnie had made it known that she wished to be an organ donor.

When it became apparent that the only thing keeping her alive were the machines, our son was approached and asked about organ donation. He told the doctors to "take all of them." Thus, our daughter-in-law became an organ donor for five major lifesaving transplants (heart, lungs, two kidneys and liver) in addition to skin, cartilage, etc.

Tim has received letters (with names deleted) from the recipients and their families. All are thankful that their quality of life is now normal; some wouldn't be alive without the new organs. This knowledge is the only thing that has made sense in this tragic loss. It has made our suffering tolerable. The slogan says it all: "Don't take your organs to heaven. Heaven knows we need them here."

Years ago, I had the privilege of cheering for Rod Carew in Minnesota. It was with deep sorrow that I read of his search for a matched donor and the loss of his daughter for the lack of that match. At one time, I was a bone marrow donor, so I take pride in the fact that doctors and scientists learn from each procedure. However, they can do these high-tech procedures only if they



**Abigail Van Buren**

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have donors. We are all potential lifesavers. Abby, please continue to urge your readers to tell their families they wish to be organ donors, and to be tissue-typed for bone marrow donation. Blood donations are also needed.

**PHIL FAABORG, MIDDLETOWN, IOWA**

**DEAR PHIL:** My condolences on the untimely loss of your beloved daughter-in-law. Your son, Tim, is to be commended for his compassionate and generous response in the face of personal tragedy. Your powerful letter is a timely reminder that April 19-25 is Organ Donor Awareness Week.

Readers, as important as it is to become an organ donor — if you choose to do so — it's equally important to make your wishes known to your doctor and the members of your family. Then if an emergency arises, there will be no surprises.

**DEAR ABBY:** I read the letter from "Retired Military Man," who suggested using our closed military bases for training young people. I am a retired female veteran and have always thought it is a waste to close bases after so much money has been put into them.

Military bases are like small towns. They have everything within walking distance — grocery stores, shopping centers, banks, barber/beauty shop, medical clinics, gyms and much more. I think they would make excellent retirement communities. Retired folks could live in reasonably priced homes and have the services they need close at hand. It would also provide hundreds of jobs for people in the community.

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## Horoscope

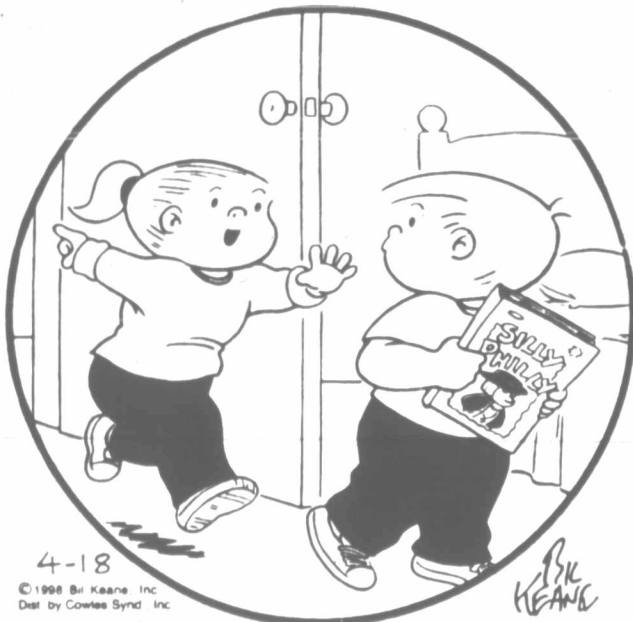
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Relationships will become more significant for you in the year ahead. You will be lucky in the alliances you establish and you will bring luck to those with whom you'll be involved.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Today you could be extremely effective if you're required to deal with an unconventional project or venture. Let your resourcefulness and experience prevail. Major changes are ahead for Taurus in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions 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.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Something unorthodox might occur today that could have a positive effect on expanding your outlook. Your enlightenment may come

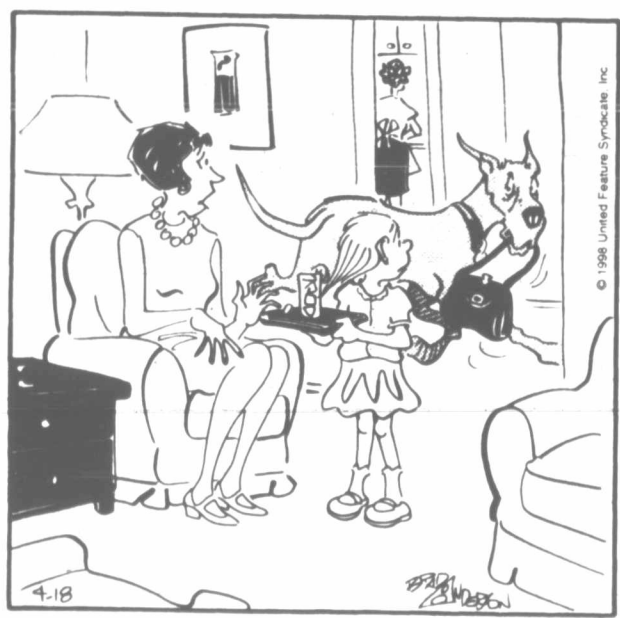
through a strange conduit.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Problems that appear to be unresolvable to others are likely to have obvious solutions as far as you're concerned. Speak up today if you know the answers.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Allow the little flashes of insight and inspiration you get today to guide you in your decisions. They could prove to be very helpful.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** A good imagination is your best tool today for furthering your ambitions. Don't be afraid to ask a lot of "what if" questions instead of saying "it can't be done."  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Something pleasant could develop for you today through a person you recently met socially. It'll make both of you realize how much you have in common with one another.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Your focus will shift to lots of little things today that you can do for people you like. You'll enjoy doing what you can and they'll appreciate your efforts.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** There's

a possibility you might run into someone today you least expect to encounter. It will be a person with whom you've been wanting to touch base.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Today looks rather encouraging for you where your material or commercial interests are concerned. Be alert at all times, because if something develops, you'll have to move swiftly.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Even though you appreciate the traditional, your mind is likely to dwell in futuristic realms today where you will later be spending lots of time and effort.  
**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Things should go well for you today if you're as concerned about the interests of others as you are with your own. Conversely, slowdowns are indicated if you get too self-involved.  
**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Make a point of maintaining a fluid schedule, because today's most exciting developments could be those that aren't planned by you or others.

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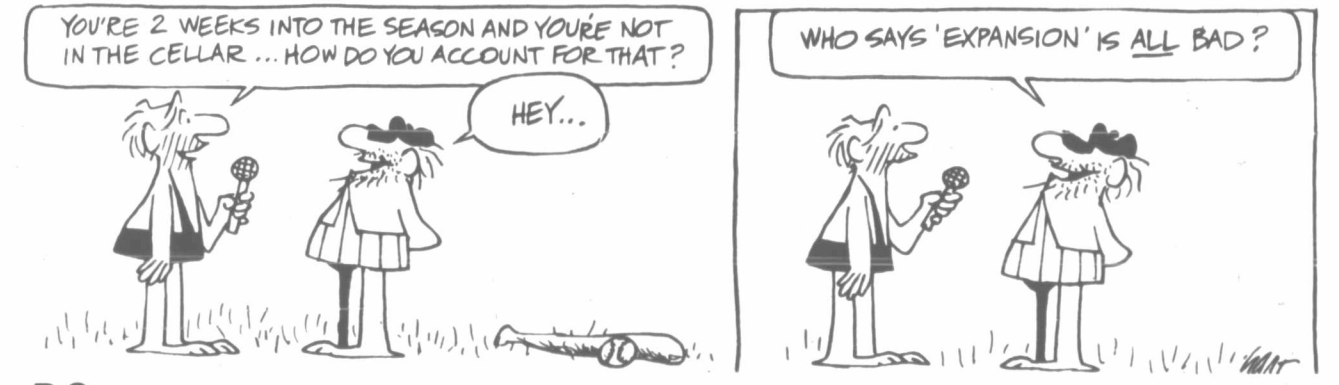
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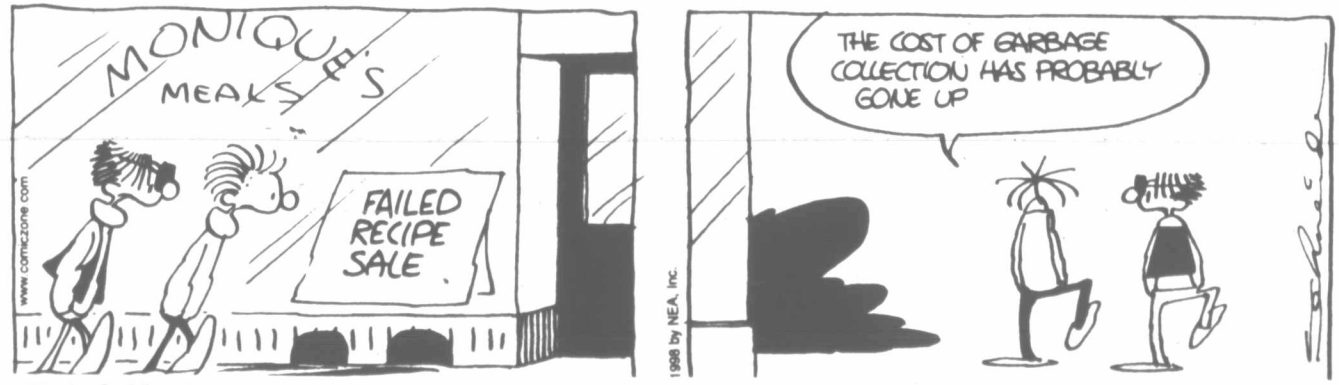
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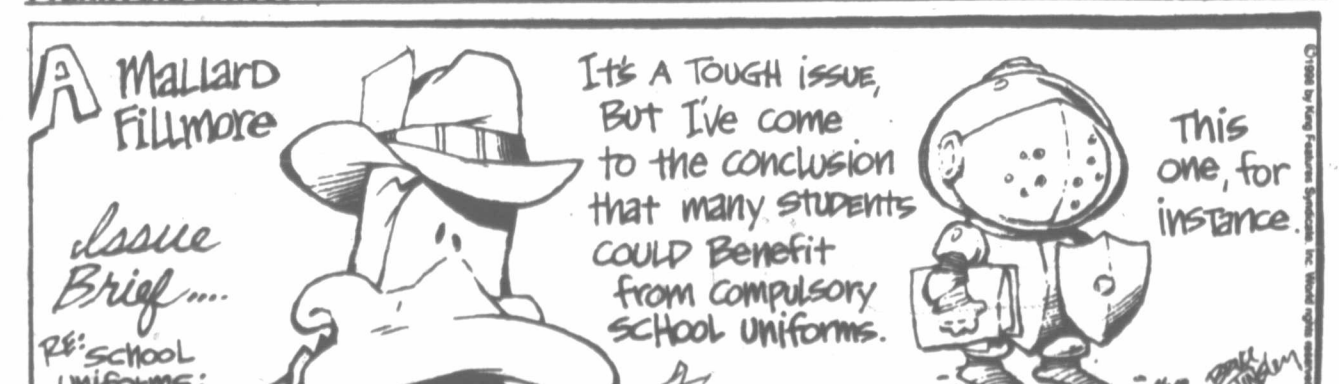
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# TSSWCB says trimmings project illustrates composting benefits

TEMPLE — The yard trimmings many Texans consider garbage and throw out with their household trash could hold the key to opening up landfill space and improving water quality throughout the state.

A recently completed demonstration project funded by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 319(h) program, showed that compost and wood clippings from yard trimmings could be used to significantly benefit two problem areas affecting urban and agricultural sectors in Texas — water contamination from eroding farmland and the growing scarcity of landfill space.

Part of the project's objective was to determine the effectiveness of using compost to increase the water infiltration of erodible soils, making them less likely to be blown or washed away. When water carries away topsoil as runoff (particularly from erodible land), it can carry soil and agricultural chemicals into drinking water supplies. This is known as nonpoint source pollution.

Increasing the amount of water entering the soil, infiltration, will reduce the likelihood of it being eroded. Tests at a demonstration site in Big Spring indicated the addition of wood chips and compost can significantly enhance a soil's infiltration, said Scott McCoy, program specialist/compost recycling section, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Water infiltration, the amount of water entering the soil, improved from 10.7 percent on uncomposted soils to 11.3 percent when compost was applied at 10 tons per acre; 12.1 percent with 20 tons of compost

per acre; 15.1 percent with 10 tons of wood chips per acre; and 21 percent with 20 tons of wood chips per acre, according to TNRCC figures.

Ken Awtrey, Piney Woods RC&D coordinator, Nacogdoches, orchestrated the use of yard trimmings compost collected at the Lufkin city landfill for use on plots at a nearby vegetable farm. The test area contained typical, sandy, east Texas soil, and showed a marked improvement in structure after the addition of compost, Awtrey said.

Many people are beginning to realize the benefits of compost, particularly when used to aid soils supporting crops like cotton, which doesn't add much organic material to the land. Even with rates of application as low as five tons per acre, soil benefits would accrue over a period of years, Awtrey said.

The project's second goal was to measure how diverting yard wastes into compost might lessen the burden on landfills. Last year, approximately 11 million tons of compostable materials were put into state landfills, according to the TNRCC.

Composting sites in Pampa, Big Spring and Lufkin were set up to process yard clippings and brush and document amounts of compostable materials diverted from the landfill.

In Pampa (population 20,000) yard trimmings diverted from disposal in the city landfill amounted to: 2,909 tons during 1994; 3,649 tons in 1995; and 3,525 tons in 1996. Close to 20 local residents come to the Pampa landfill each week for the free compost.

In Lufkin, (population 31,000) approximate amounts of brush and yard trimmings

composted during the project were: 3,900 tons in 1995; 4,500 tons in 1996; and 6,556 tons in 1997. Dennis Webster, superintendent of solid waste/recycling for the city of Lufkin, predicted 1998 amounts to double last year's figures.

Between 20-25 cubic yards of compost are sold weekly to commercial and private users for \$5 a cubic foot. Loading is done by the city at no charge.

Most of the trimmings diverted at the Big Spring (population 23,000) site were wood chips, said Howard Shivers, Big Spring superintendent of solid waste. During 1997, the landfill processed 15,000 tons of wood chips and 20 tons of compost.

In addition to increasing the water-infiltration of erodible soils and saving landfill space, compost applications also boosted production of crops grown at demonstration sites.

Cotton yields at a project site in Big Spring improved from 110.4 pounds of lint per acre with no compost added to: 152 pounds of lint per acre with 20 tons of wood chips added per acre; and 163.3 pounds of lint per acre with 40 tons of compost added per acre, according to TNRCC figures.

At a demonstration site in Pampa, grain yields increased from 24 bushels per acre with no compost added, to 37 bushels per acre with 30 tons of compost added per acre.

Partners in the project with TSSWCB included the TNRCC, the Big Country Resource Conservation and Development Area (RC&D), the North Rolling Plains RC&D, the Wes-Tex RC&D, the Piney Woods RC&D and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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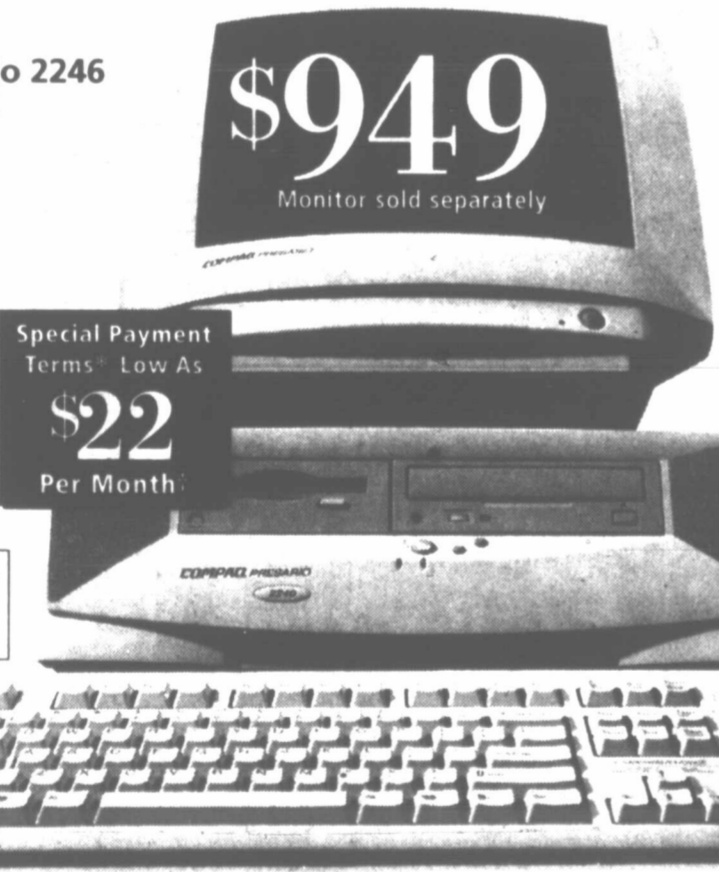
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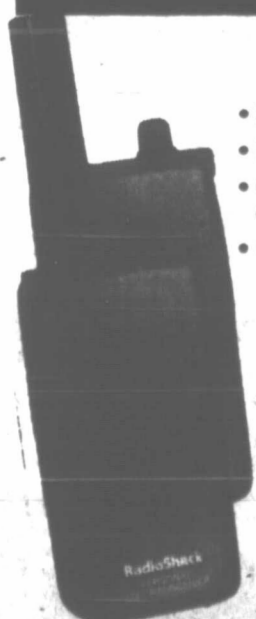
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# AGRICULTURE

## Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers announce new policy resolutions

DALLAS — Members of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association passed several policy resolutions expressing concern on animal health, food safety, taxation and other state and national issues. Two of the resolutions specifically outline new programs that will take the association boldly into the next millennium, says C. Coney Burgess, TSCRA president of Amarillo.

The action came on the final day of the group's 121st annual convention held recently in Dallas.

TSCRA will officially adopt a horse program that will provide horse enthusiasts with training and safety programs, branding demonstrations and a horse identification program that will help TSCRA inspectors and sheriffs' offices recover horses if they are stolen.

The association will allot \$20,000 for promotion of the fund-development efforts of TSCRA's Corporate Development Council. Objectives of the council are to reduce the basic registration cost of the TSCRA annual convention; secure funding for no less than eight ranch gatherings/member-

ship activities per year; underwrite at least five horse safety/training meetings per year; and continue work with current partnerships to help underwrite a minimum of 20 outreach educational meetings, convention and trade show activities, and additional member-oriented benefits.

TSCRA encourages Congress to repeal the current Internal Revenue Code entirely and replace the income tax system with a single-rate, broad-based consumption tax. This consumption tax should be imposed half on business-to-business sales and half at the retail level. It should exempt all salaries, savings, investments, food, medicines, prescribed medical care and housing. All imports would bear this tax and exemptions would be provided for all exports. A super majority vote of Congress should be required to raise the tax rate.

The Special Fever Tick Committee of TSCRA recommends funding for the standard use of IVOMEK-treated corn to eradicate fever ticks in white tail deer and other ungulates. The committee indicated that the pasture vacation option offered by

the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has been compromised by fever tick infestations of wild ungulates, specifically white tail deer. USDA's Agricultural Research Service has conducted research, including field trials, successfully demonstrating the effectiveness of feeding deer IVOMEK-treated corn for eradicating fever ticks. The practice eradicated ticks for the first time in 40 years in some infested areas.

TSCRA opposes the American Heritage Rivers Initiative and any federal proclamation or initiative which would in any way intervene into our local matters and local authority over the rivers of Texas.

Since food safety is of high concern to both consumers and producers of beef, TSCRA petitions the USDA to expedite the rule-making process to make cold pasteurization available to the industry. Cold pasteurization has been proven to be both safe and effective to help ensure the safety of beef.

TSCRA urges the Department of Transportation to return to its policy of mowing all highway and farm-to-market road rights-of-way in the fall of 1998. The association reports that only a portion was mowed in 1997, and the tall vegetation created a dangerous fire hazard to those rural area during the winter of 1997-98.

TSCRA is a livestock trade association based in Fort Worth with 14,000 members who own or control approximately two million head of cattle on millions of agricultural acres, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma.

## The Market Forecaster

By George Kleinman

### Wheat (Bull/Bear)

**Outlook:** This wheat market has been tough. I guess I should clarify that statement. Wheat has been a tough market for the bulls and most farmers, the bears (those betting on lower prices) have been on easy street. Chicago futures (the weakest of the bunch) have just reached five year lows. Kansas City is at four year lows (second place.) Minneapolis, the relative strongest of the weak, is at two year lows. Minneapolis is the milling quality spring wheat which is relatively scarce, yet the farmers in the Northern Plains and Canada have developed a scarce interest in planting it this year. The price does not entice. The common wisdom is that the export market is sick (which is basically true), and the winter wheat crop is in excellent shape (also true.) One must ask, however, how much of this bearish news is already discounted in price? After all, the winter crop is still far from in the bin, and low prices should stimulate new export business. I think we must be close to the bottom now, but as commodity traders are fond of saying, "the trend is your friend." So I guess the next challenge is to look for some sign of a change in the trend to signal our bottom.

**Strategy: Hedgers:** Looking back, I wish we had obtained some forward coverage by pre-selling new crop prior to the recent plunge. It does not make sense at this point to potentially get in deeper trouble by selling "in the hole." Stand aside. Take the risk of the marketplace.

**Traders:** We were stopped out of our Minneapolis position, despite a bullish spring wheat acreage report. Stand aside for now.

### Corn (Bull/Bear)

**Outlook:** The corn market has been tough for farmers and bulls alike, just like wheat. The USDA corn stocks data is considered bearish. Feed use looks to be falling, at the same time as export demand. A few years ago, China turned from the largest exporter in Asia into an importer. Prices were much the same as now. Back then, we correctly saw this as a watershed event which eventually reduced domestic stocks to such an extent that prices reached all-time highs, exceeding \$5 a bushel. Well, it is now almost three months since China once again stopped export-

ing corn in Asia. This time, however, the big export demand (which could dramatically alter the supply/demand balance) has not materialized. We have to remember that some of the major Asian currencies have plummeted, by as much as 50 percent and in some cases (like Indonesia) more. Our farm commodities while cheap in dollar terms are very expensive to some of our important foreign customers. At this time, the market needs a surprise (weather, perhaps?) to shock it out of its doldrums.

**Strategy: Hedgers:** Hedge 10 percent of new crop production at 275 or higher in the December contract. We will wait for a weather induced rally over the coming months to extend coverage.

**Traders:** We remain on the sidelines.

### Soybeans (Bear)

**Outlook:** Perhaps the one positive for this market, which has been in a well entrenched downtrend, is the fact the Brazilian harvest is just about half over. Historically, the halfway point for the South American harvest has marked a low point for soybean futures prices. This harvest selling pressure is already discounted in the market, due to prehedged, and the entire North American growing season lies ahead of us. The soybean market has met my immediate downside objectives, but I am not ready to put the bull back in the box just yet. I think the risk of weather problems is heightened this year versus most. Look at history. Yet, with the record large acreage the market will assume all goes well until there is evidence on the contrary. Once this evidence starts to show itself, the risk of a major "weather-scare rally" will begin.

**Strategy: Hedgers:** I'm looking for a better opportunity to hedge new

crop in the coming months as much of the current bearish news appears discounted in price.

**Traders:** We are out of our last short position at a profit and are on the sidelines.

### Cattle (Bull)

**Outlook:** It now appears we correctly identified the double bottom in the cattle market which was formed the beginning of the month. This should be an important price low which I believe will hold for a long time to come. Now that it appears the market has worked through the burdensome front end loaded supply, the fundamentals for cattle appear bullish. The total cattle inventory is estimated to be only 99,501,000 head in 1998. This will be the first time in five years the total inventory will be under 100 million head. The cow herd is now the smallest since 1993 and near all-time lows. Estimates are the cow slaughter will be down five percent for the rest of the year. Calf numbers are down. Feeder cattle numbers are down even more, and recently placements into feedlots are running up to 20 percent less than a year ago. All this is happening just as the grilling season begins. By the end of the year, I anticipate futures will be trading in the mid-70s or higher.

**Strategy: Feeders:** Remain unhedged in June forward at this time looking for better opportunities.

**Cow/calf operators:** We have previously covered all short feeder position. Remain unhedged anticipating higher prices down the road.

**Traders:** You may have missed our buy point in the August futures (6720 or lower) by the time you received your issue. This recommendation remains valid, and we may have one more chance. Risk up to 200 points for a longer term trade.

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## Longhorn registrations set record in '90s

FORT WORTH — The Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America recorded a record number of registrations and

transfers at the end of 1997. In December, the TLBAA registered the highest number of registrations in any month of


this decade. There was a year-to-date increase of 7.93 percent in registrations and 5.21 percent in transfers. In addition, TLBAA membership showed a substantial increase of 12.53 percent over the same time last year.

"We are really pleased about these figures," said Don L. King, executive director. "The membership numbers indicate to us that more persons are realizing the value of the Texas Longhorn genetics and that older members are renewing their membership and maintaining their interest in the TLBAA. The registration and transfer numbers show us that more cattlemen are utilizing purebred genetics in their herds. From these figures and those at the first of 1998, we expect this trend to continue as we move into the next century."

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**PAMPA CHESS CLUB** meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Coronado Inn. We offer casual but competitive games against opponents of various strengths and ages, free instruction by expert chess players, and a free newsletter. For more information contact James A. Shook at 669-0227.

**APRIL**

**20 - CITY OF PAMPA** Planning and Zoning Commission will have a meeting to determine the Goals for Pampa going into the 21st Century. This meeting will be at the M. K. Brown

Auditorium at 7 p.m. All interested citizens are invited. For more information contact Janie Shed, 665-3761.

**20 - HIDDEN HILLS WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION** will have their "Play Day" at Hidden Golf Course starting at 6 p.m.

**20 - HIDDEN HILLS LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION** beginning at 5:30 p.m. All ladies welcome. For more information please call Robbie, 669-9710.

**20 - PAMPA RETIRED TEACHERS** meeting at 2 p.m. at the Pampa Senior Citizens at 500 West Francis. For more information call 669-2144.

**20 - CITY OF PAMPA** will have an open forum meeting regarding the goals of Pampa. Starts at 7 p.m. in the M. K. Brown Auditorium. Pampa residents are invited to participate.

**21 - PAMPA CHESS CLUB** will meet at the Coronado Inn at 7 p.m. for a Rated Speed Chess Tournament. Visitors are very welcome! For more information contact James A. Shook, 669-0227.

**21 - CHAMBER MONTHLY LUNCHEON** in the M. K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community building, 200 North Ballard. Sponsored by Hospice of the Panhandle, Inc. and catered by Dos Caballeros. For reservations, call on or before 9 a.m. on the 22nd, 669-3241.

**21 - PAMPA NURSING CENTER** "Protecting Your Life Savings" at the First Bank Southwest from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Guest speaker Earl Davison, CFP, of Irving, Texas. Free to the public. For more information call Terri Witt, 669-2551.

**21 - PAMPA NURSING CENTER** is hosting a Continuing Education Seminar entitled "Helping the Elderly Qualify for Medicaid" by Earl Davison of Irving, Texas from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at First Bank Southwest. For more information contact Terri Witt, 669-2551.

**23 - PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD** regular meeting, 6:30 p.m. at PamCel Hall at Celanese. Visitors welcome. For more information, call 669-0568 or 665-4718.

**24 - NARCOTIC ANONYMOUS** will meet at 8 p.m. at the Highland Christian Church, 1615 N. Banks. For more information call 669-6700.

**25 - ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL** "Arts and Crafts Extravaganza" from 9 a.m. till 7 p.m. For more information call Jana Albracht, 665-5745.

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**25 - 4-H DISTRICT FASHION SHOW AND CONTEST** at the Pampa Middle School Auditorium. The public is invited to attend starting at 2:30 p.m. For more information contact Eileen Kludt, 669-4800.

**25 - PAMPA AREA SINGLES DANCE** North Folk Band, M. K. Brown Auditorium. Fingerfood 7:30 p.m. - Dance 8 pm.-11 p.m. No smoking and no alcohol.

**25 - ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH** "Big Z Barbeque and Silent Auction", in the Parrish Hall, 1200 Duncan from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Adult tickets \$7, \$8 at the door, children under 4 free and children 4 through 10 half price. For more information call 669-2774.

**27 - PARKINSON DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP** will meet at the Columbia Medical Center in the Second Floor Conference Room at 5:30 p.m. For more information contact Jo Bidwell, 800-687-5498.

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**27 - GRAY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 411 East 29th Ave. For more information contact Howard Graham, 665-1468.

**28 - PAMPA CHESS CLUB** will meet at the Coronado Inn at 7 p.m. for a simultaneous exhibition by one of the club's top players. Visitors are welcome! For more information contact James A. Shook, 669-0227.

**28 - PAMPA AREA FOUNDATION OUTDOOR ARTS** meeting at the home of Faucine Mack, North if the city at the intersection of Highway 70 and Loop 171, 5:30 p.m. For more information contact Darlene Birkes, 665-2913.

**28 - PAMPA AREA FOUNDATION OUTDOOR ARTS** meeting at the Lovett Memorial Library, 5:30 p.m.

**30 - CREATIVE ARTISANS NETWORK** "Spring Art Exhibit" at the Heritage Room of the M.K. Brown Auditorium from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. For more information contact Grant Johnson, 669-9887.

## Boom or bust, Thai's royal white elephants live good life

LAMPANG, Thailand (AP) — Banks go bust and just about every Thai's wallet shrinks. But even in these economically gloomy times, few regard the kingdom's 11 pampered albino elephants as "white elephants."

With at least four keepers assigned to each revered beast, their days are spent ambling through lush forests. An evening bath, then snacks of sugar cane and tamarind precede a snooze in immaculate, well-guarded pavilions.

This befits animals once held so sacred and powerful that wars were fought over them in Southeast Asia. Far from costly, useless possessions white elephants continue to be highly prized in tradition-rich Thailand.

Some traditions are being tailored in face of the financial constraints imposed by the Asian economic crisis that has hit Thailand hard.

"We want to preserve the white elephants but His Majesty would rather give the money to people in need. And I feel the same way," says the royal veterinarian, Phipphanachatr Diskul.

Thus, the elaborate induction ceremonies for newly found white elephants have been suspended until better times. And keepers keep a sharper eye on daily expenses.

Albino elephants aren't completely white, but rather have a whitish coloration of certain body parts. That alone isn't enough. So when a candidate surfaces, experts must delve into old texts to determine if the beast has the unique properties that make a "white elephant."

A mellifluous snore, beautiful tail, long trunk and even droppings that smell nice are among characteristics evaluated before an elephant can be presented to the king and an elaborate ceremony is staged.

Bhumibol Adulyadej, the much-loved king and a keen conservationist, decided to waive the custom of keeping white elephants near the monarch and began moving them to forest reserves in the mid-1980s.

Only one of the 11 still remains at Bangkok's Chitralada Palace, where all were once hand-fed and confined to a relatively small area.

Phipphanachatr recalls that when six of the pachyderms were brought to the Elephant Conservation Center in Lampang, 335 miles north of Bangkok, their legs trembled as they wobbled up hillsides and their trunks swung awkwardly as they tried to grab dinner off tree branches.

Now, they've adjusted, emerging from the forest each evening to roll around in an expansive reservoir like children in a bathtub. Each is assigned a stable, open on three sides and sur-

rounded by neatly manicured lawns.

These auspicious elephants are protected from the misfortune that has befallen their species.

Their natural habitat greatly reduced and their usefulness in transport and logging eroded, Thailand's elephant population has fallen dramatically. An estimated 100,000 domesticated animals were in use, with many more in the wild, at the turn of the century, compared to some 2,000 wild and 4,000 domesticated elephants today.

That's a major reason, Phipphanachatr says, why fewer white elephants are being found.

Revolutions, wars and modernization in Southeast Asia have taken their toll.

"Thailand is the last place where the customs of white elephants have been preserved," the royal vet says. "In Burma, Laos, Cambodia, they have vanished."

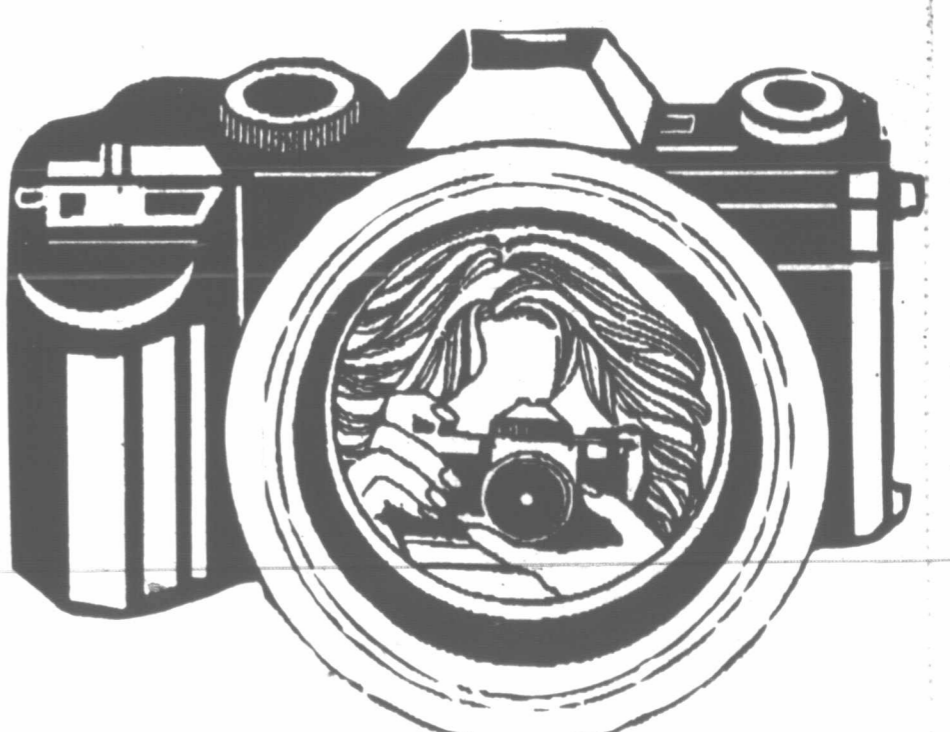


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# West Texas A&M lecture series goes country

CANYON — The West Texas A&M University Distinguished Lecture Series will take a country twist this year with special guests Naomi Judd and Gary Chapman. The dinner, lecture, concert combo will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 8 at the WTAMU Fieldhouse in Canyon.

Although a self-proclaimed country girl from humble beginnings, there is nothing simple or commonplace about Naomi Judd — not her vision, her faith or the music she and daughter Wynonna created as The Judds.

It has been seven years since The Judds' memorable Farewell Tour, which was prompted by a potentially life-threatening liver disease that ended Naomi's concert career and the duo's eight-year reign as country music superstars. But life off stage has not lessened Naomi's popularity. She was always much more to

the public than just an engaging performer; having been a registered nurse, waitress and clerk, the divorced, working mother came to represent "every woman."

The six-time Grammy Award winner now uses her creative talents as an inspirational speaker and author. Her autobiography "Love Can Build a Bridge" was a New York Times best seller and the basis for the critically acclaimed NBC mini-series of the same title. She has also hosted prime-time television specials and recently released her latest literary endeavor, "Naomi's Home Companion: A Treasury of Favorite Recipes, Food for Thought, and Kitchen Wit and Wisdom."

Her powerful message of faith and values, humor, common sense and belief in the mind-body-spirit connection, titled



Naomi Judd

"The Healing Journey," will be complemented by a concert performance by Gary Chapman and



Gary Chapman

his eight-member band. The 39-year-old Chapman hosts "Prime Time Country" on the TNN net-

work and has spent two decades as a respected singer, songwriter, musician and record producer, working and performing with some of the biggest names in country, pop and contemporary Christian circles.

The first performer to record a Chapman song was Amy Grant, who recorded "Father's Eyes" in 1979. It became a No. 1 hit for her, but more importantly, it introduced Chapman and Grant, who married in 1982, a year after his song, "Finally," performed by T.G. Sheppard, topped the charts.

In addition to his many behind-the-scenes talents, Chapman is an accomplished performer in his own right. His 1994 Reunion Records album, "The Light Inside," which served up hits such as "Treasure," "Sweet Jesus" and the No. 1 song, "Sweet Glow of Mercy," resulted in a Grammy nomination for Best Pop/Contemporary Gospel Album.

In 1996, he earned Dove awards from the Gospel Music Association for Inspirational Recorded Song of the Year ("Man After Your Own Heart") and Special Event Album of the Year ("My Utmost For His Highest"). He was also the surprised yet gracious winner of GMA's 1996 Male Vocalist of the Year award, quipping "... some people are humble. This baby's going on the hood of my car."

His latest album release, "Shelter" (1997), delivered current singles hits "One of Two" and "Anything's Possible" and

earned Chapman his second Grammy nomination in the Best Pop/Contemporary Gospel Album category.

The DeLeon, Texas, native has hosted a number of programs and television specials the last several years, allowing him to showcase his country-artist friends along with his contemporary Christian peers. In addition to serving as the permanent host for TNN's "Prime Time Country," he hosts a weekly contemporary Christian syndicated radio show, "CCM Countdown with Gary Chapman."

Judd and Chapman follow previous Distinguished Lecture Series guests Mary Malin and James Carville, Rowland Evans Jr. and Robert D. Novak, Lt. Gen. Thomas W. Kelly, Og Mandino, William Bennett, Barbara Jordan, Judge Robert Bork, Dr. Robert Schuller and John Naisbitt.

Tickets to the May 8 event, which starts with a dinner that features several items from Judd's recently published "cookbook," are \$150 per person. Corporate-table packages are also available. Proceeds beyond the dinner cost are tax deductible and will provide funding for WTAMU student scholarships and program support. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, and seating is limited. For ticket information, call (806) 651-2070.

The Distinguished Lecture Series is sponsored by West Texas A&M University and the Credit Bureau of Amarillo and the Panhandle.

## Youth create 'Kid Rio City' by recycling in museum exhibit

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Kid Rio City looks like one dumpy town. Old car parts are scattered throughout the town. Plastic clutter the streets and all kinds of creatures hang out by the river.

But it's supposed to be that way.

Kid Rio City is an interactive exhibit at the McAllen International Museum in which children and adults create a city by recycling old material. Kid Rio City is running in conjunction with the museum's "Hello Again! Recycled Art and Design" exhibit, which features couches, clothing and other goodies made from previously used items. Kid Rio City promotes both recycling and the use of the imagination.

"The idea is to get children to make items for the city with materials provided," said Suzanne Alvarez, director of education at the museum. "We want to think of items needed for the city."

Kid Rio City is located on an L-shaped, child-size table with a river running along the edge. It features the typical city trappings — office buildings, churches and telephone poles. But it also boasts some unique features. At one time, it had the Titanic.

The architects created the items from parts donated by Mervis Industries, a Foreign Trade Zone business that recycles scraps from maquiladoras. The doo-dads include car parts, computer gear, film canisters, plastic and wine corks.

Alvarez said boys seem more likely to make cars and tankers, while girls tend to create houses and items that beautify the city.

The Jorge brothers made "guy stuff" during a recent weekday afternoon visit.

Marcos, 9, made a crane. Mario, 11, produced a squid and 5-year-old Diego busily created a man.

"I think it's really cool, all this stuff, how they make it," Mario said.

"If you make something and it's really nice, you get to put it up there," Marcos said, pointing to the table.

The town also boasts its own version of the Almodome. The dome consists of a green plastic container. Film rolls cover the floor. The builder used a red plastic cone to make a basketball hoop. Another piece of plastic makes up the board. A wine cork was transformed into a basketball player.

The city also has a palm tree, with leaves made by cutting out parts of a compact disc.

Kid Rio City also boasts an unusual resident, with eyeglasses of plastic cord, and a hat made from a red cone with straw cord wrapped around it.

"Hello," his badge reads. "My name is El Spring Breaker."

"I'm amazed at some of the creations," Alvarez said.

The unusual items spark the children's minds, he said.

"There's never a wrong way to do this," Alvarez said.

"Imagination is really the key."

One key to the exhibit's success isn't the creation itself, but the actual process of making something unique. One family from New York visited the museum and stayed all day. Visitors use scissors, staplers and tape. Children especially like the glue guns.

"I had fun because this is the first time I haven't gotten burned by a hot glue gun," said Noonie Ausborn, 10, who made a car out of a green plastic container, film canisters and computer parts.

"Parents really get into it, too," Alvarez said.

Participants are encouraged to leave their items at the city, although they may take them home. Some items, such as the Titanic, are on display at Mervis Industries.

## TSCRA installs new officers

DALLAS — Members of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association elected officers for 1998-99 during the final session of its 121st annual convention held recently in Dallas.

C. Coney Burgess, of Amarillo, was re-elected president; J. Mark McLaughlin, San Angelo, first vice president; John E. Dudley, Comanche, second vice president; and Steve Munday, Fort Worth, executive vice president.

Helen Kleberg Groves of Baird and Rosemary Roach of Amarillo were named honorary vice presidents. Ed Huggins Jr., Junction; Joan Negley Kellher, San Antonio; and Wm. J. "Dub" Waldrip, Lubbock, were elevated to honorary director status.

New directors are Ian Chapman, Madill, Okla.; Thurman S. Clements Jr., Victoria; J.B. Daniel, Truscott; Joe Pat Hemphill, Coleman; Jim Parker, Byers; Clive Runnells III, Pierce; Frates Seeligson Jr., San Antonio; and Bob Wright, Fort Worth.

## Amarillo Symphony to present Palo Duro Canyon Pops in outdoor amphitheatre

AMARILLO — The Amarillo Symphony's second annual Palo Duro Canyon Pops, performing April 24 and 25, promise to be concerts of epic proportions, as the Amarillo Symphony plays romantic selections from the hit movie "Titanic," along with other pops favorites.

Held in the beautiful "TEXAS" Pioneer Amphitheatre, the concert will feature soloists Stella Zambalis, soprano, and Burr Cochran Phillips, bass-baritone. Music Director and Conductor James Setapen is touting the performance as "a perfect evening of romance under the stars."

"The excellent acoustics of the Pioneer Amphitheatre provide the ideal setting for this kind of music," Setapen said. "Our audience will be surrounded by the beauty of the Canyon in early evening as they listen to these lovely and romantic pieces."

Setapen went on to say that although this year's Palo Duro Canyon Pops centers around the "Titanic" musical offerings, music lovers will also enjoy selections from "Grease," music by the Beatles, a medley of music from "Miss Saigon" and Leonard Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from "West Side Story."

"Stella Zambalis and Burr Cochran Phillips are so very talented and expressive that they, along with the beautiful setting, will amplify the emotions inherent in these songs and bring them to a whole new level," Setapen said. "It should be an evening to remember."

On the first half, each vocalist will be introduced with a solo. On the second half, they will join the orchestra in two duets by George Gershwin, in honor of the 100th anniversary of Gershwin's birth.

Burr Cochran Phillips graduated from Tascosa High School and the University of North Texas at Denton. He has sung with the opera companies in Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Tulsa and Santa Fe. He first performed with the Amarillo Symphony in 1975 on piano in Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, as the winner of the Young Artists Award. In March 1989, he was a vocal soloist with the Symphony in Beethoven's

Opera Fidelio. He has also been the featured bass-baritone soloist with the Randel Chamber Orchestra.

Stella Zambalis is a regular guest of leading opera companies, including the Metropolitan Opera, the New York City Opera and Houston Grand Opera. In Europe, she has sung with the Deutsche Opera Berlin and the Festival of Two Worlds in Spoleto, Italy. A native of Cleveland who grew up in Florida, she currently resides in Georgia.

Concert sponsors for the Friday and Saturday night per-

formances are the Gilliland Family Foundation and NationsBank. The April 24 and 25 concerts will begin at 8 p.m. both evenings. Tickets are available by calling the Amarillo Symphony office at (806) 376-8782.

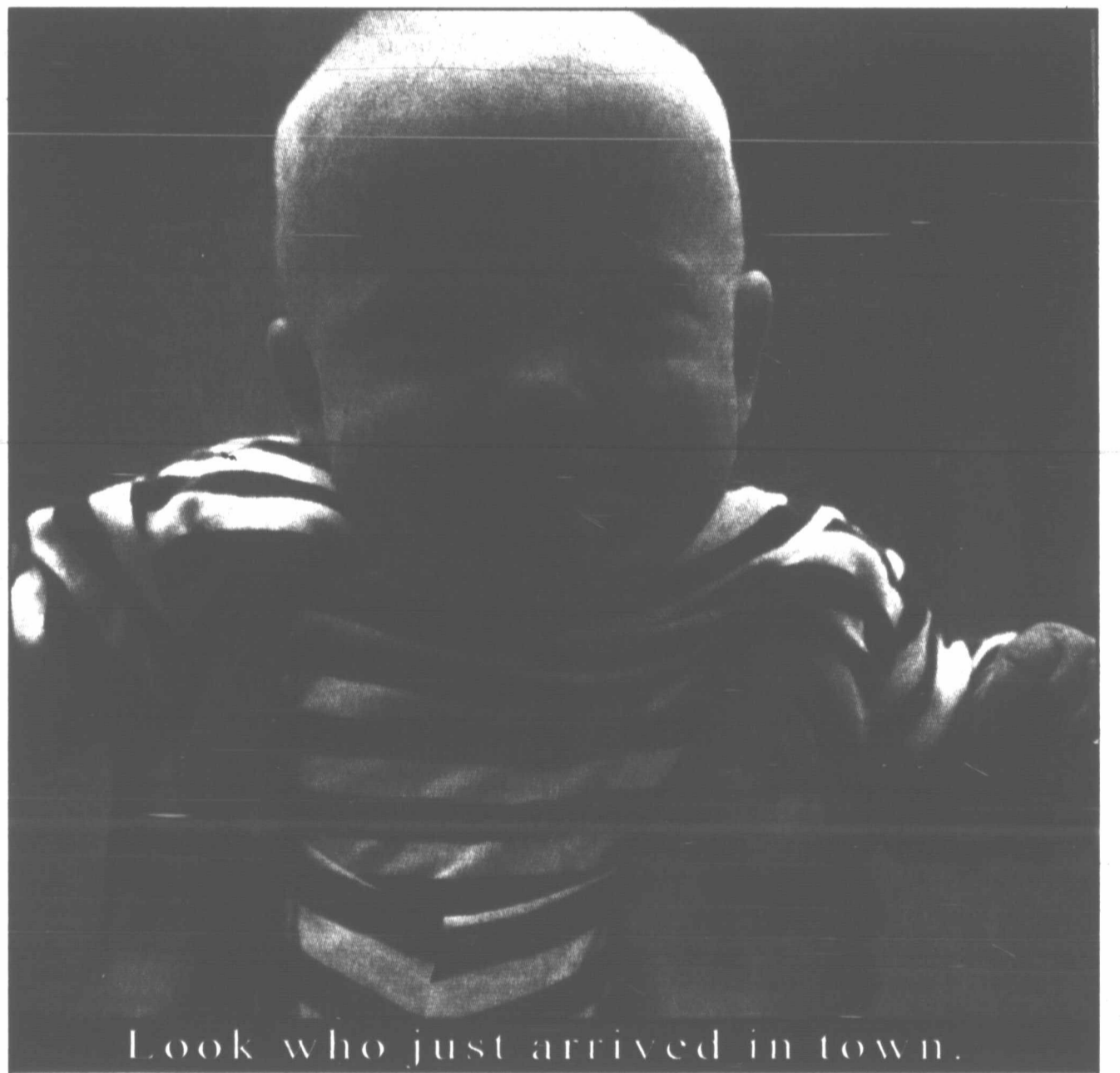
In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved to the WT Fieldhouse. The decision to move the concert will be made on the day of the performance after 4 p.m. Updated information will be available by calling the Symphony's Globe-News IN-Touch line at (806) 376-1000, ext. 1230.

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